



# The Great Bay Buzzi

## Upcoming Events:

April 22nd: Earth Day  
May 4th: Great Bay Services' "A New Hope Gala"  
May 17th: Great Bay Services' "Spring Fling"

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## Hey Reader!

Welcome back! These two months are going by in a blur. In this edition we're bringing in some new sections that are bound to entertain and delight. Plus stick around until the end for a surprise! As always, we look forward to having you as one of our dear readers. Please sit back and enjoy!

- Elizabeth Guillemette (newsletter editor)



**\$10.00**

**Great Bay Services**  
*Spring Fling with DJ Terri*

Date: May 17th, 2024    Place: VFW 1 Hutchinson Street, Sanford, Maine 04073    Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

## What's Up With Great Bay?

### Special Olympics Basketball:

Our Great Bay Services Unified Basketball Team did a spectacular job at the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament last month. This is thanks to their drive and dedication to training for the games, along with our staff and volunteer coaches who took the time to mentor them.



### Moon Run Tree Tapping:

Last month, at Moon Run Farm in North Berwick, some members got to learn first hand how to tap maple trees for their sweet sap! They also got to watch the sap turn into maple syrup, which they turned into delicious maple candies! This experience was a thank you from the farm to our members, who volunteer their time by helping clean the barn, and treating the horses there.

## Out in the Community!

### AIN'T NO BUILDING LIKE COOKIE BUILDING BY JAKE ROUSSEAU

Many who know me know that I love different kinds of food. And just recently, I was able to take a trip over to a new place in the Fox Run Mall in Portsmouth, N.H. called Build-a-Cookie. I really love to be creative with my food, making all kinds of crazy yet edible combinations, even dating back to my middle school years. So this place was perfect for a dazzling mind like mine. I ended up building what I officially dub "Cookie Sandwich Supreme." Here's how it was made: Start off with sandwiching cream cheese frosting between two oatmeal cookies, add another layer of cream cheese frosting on top, this time colored blue for a little variety; add bits of cookie dough, cookies and cream crumbles, then finally white chocolate minis. If that doesn't sound appetizing, then trust me, I don't know what will. As for the finished product? 10 out of 10 in both uniqueness and bombardment of flavors. If you're ever in the Fox Run area, I most highly recommend giving it a go. When I went there, there was a pretty good line, but it was most certainly worth the wait!



Jake's "Cookie Sandwich Supreme,"  
courtesy of Jake Rousseau

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THE ULTIMATE COOKIE EXPERIENCE



**BRING OUT THE COOKIE  
MONSTER IN YOU**

## Great Bay Loves Giving Back!

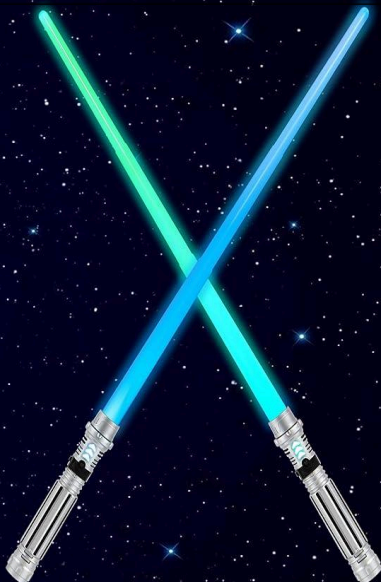


### Second Annual Earth Day Cleanup:

We had a great time celebrating Earth Day last year, as we got to take care of our environment by picking up loose trash we found outdoors. We look forward to another fun cleanup day on April 22nd, thanks to our sponsor Northland.

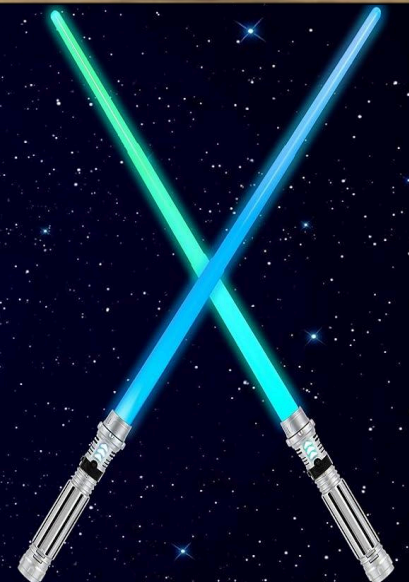
### Curtis Lake's Weekly Food Drive:

Once a week, our members put together boxes of food to help families in need. They do this at Curtis Lake Church in Sanford, which facilitates the food drive.



GREAT BAY SERVICES  
**A NEW  
HOPE  
GALA**  
70 YEARS OF EMPOWERMENT

COMING SOON  
MAY 4TH 2024  
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# Just To Entertain!

## Weird History: The Curse of The Colonel.

By Patrick Johnson

For as long as there have been professional sports, there have been sports curses. Teams met with long droughts of constant failure will often have their fans blaming the supernatural for their teams woes, instead of the far more likely culprits such as lackluster ownership and poor recruiting. The Red Sox had the "Curse of The Bambino" that kept them from a World Series title until 2004, the Chicago Cubs had the "Curse of The Billy Goat" that saw them falling short until 2016. But by far the strangest sports curse takes us all the way to the Land of The Rising Sun, with the "Curse of The Colonel" that plagued the Hanshin Tigers from 1985 to just last year.

Our story begins with the Nippon Pro Baseball League's 1985 Japan Series, tantamount to the American MLB World Series. The NPB's eternal underdog team, the Hanshin Tigers, had long struggled to claim championship glory due to sharing a division with the NPBs Tokyo Yomiuri Giants, Japan's equivalent to the New York Yankees. But luck shone upon this long suffering team that night as the Tigers managed to defeat the Seibu Lions and take the 1985 Japan Series 4-2, stunning the Japanese Baseball world. The Tiger's fanbase then proceeded to lose their collective minds. The Tiger's struggles had caused their fanbase to become quite the devoted bunch, so you can imagine seeing their team finally claim a championship was pretty huge. One fan being interviewed even stated he was quote "Too happy to cheer." If you know devoted sports fans, you know that with a big win like this it was time to celebrate. Some sports fans have odd traditions, such as Buffalo Bills fans smashing each other into tables, Detroit Red Wings fans throwing live squids onto the ice, Vancouver Canucks fans rioting in the streets whenever they lose the Stanley Cup to other teams. The Hanshin Tigers fans had a more unique celebration in mind, however.

Fans would crowd around the Ebisu Bridge in Dōtonbori, Osaka and call out the names of the players of their beloved team. After which, a fan who most resembled the player called would jump off the bridge into the waiting waters below. A bit odd, but harmless fun, right? Well, things went smoothly until they came up to team MVP Randy Bass, an American. Obviously, this group of Asian fans didn't exactly have a bearded white guy on hand, but they couldn't exactly skip over the man that many credited with turning their teams fortunes around either. So if they didn't have a Bass look alike on hand, maybe a statue would serve just as well? Maybe one of, say, Kentucky Fried Chicken's founder and mascot Colonel Sanders? In Japan, it's common for KFC locations to place a statue of the Colonel outside their restaurants to this day, with some locations even going as far as to dress their beloved mascot up in fun costumes. Randy and the Colonel aren't exactly twins, but one bearded white guy is as good as any, right?

So, excited Hanshin Tigers fans ripped the statue from its foundation, carried it to the Ebisu Bridge, then tossed it into the murky depths all while patting themselves on the back for being so clever. Unfortunately for these plucky baseball fans they had just unknowingly awoken the Kentucky Fried Wrath of Colonel Sanders, cursing their beloved baseball team for close to forty years. What would follow was a 38 year title drought, plus an eighteen year losing streak for the Hanshin Tigers during that time. The Colonel made certain from beyond the grave that not only those darn Tigers didn't make the Japan Series, but would languish in last or second to last through most of those eighteen years, only getting short lived reprieves in 1992 and 1999. They still never came close to any postseason, let alone a championship. Sharing a division with the Yomiuri Giants, of course, didn't help either.

Things changed in 2003 when the Tigers got lucky as their hated rivals in Tokyo found their star player, Hideki Matsui, poached by, go figure, the New York Yankees. As a bonus, The Tigers regained star pitcher Hideki Irabu from the Texas Rangers. What resulted was a hot streak for the Tigers and they soon found themselves finally in the playoffs. This resulted in the Hanshin Tigers fans to once again overreact and self-destructively celebrate like madmen. As per tradition, fans hurled themselves off the Ebisu bridge as worried KFC managers hurriedly brought their beloved Colonel statues inside to save them from another dip into the canal. Unfortunately, this round of bridge jumping resulted in something much worse than a statue being stolen. 24-year-old Tigers fan Masaya Shitababa drowned during the celebrations after being shoved into the canal by fans. This tragedy led to the bridge being renovated in such a way as to prevent people from jumping off of it, and signs were put up nearby to warn people not to jump into the canal. By the way, the Tigers got eliminated from the tournament shortly afterwards, keeping the curse of the Colonel alive and reminding Tigers fans why they can't have nice things.



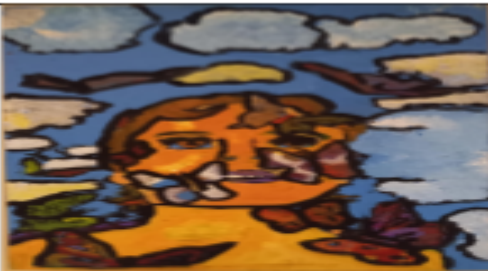
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Eventually, in 2009, the statue was finally recovered from the canal after so many previous failed attempts. Well, most of it was at least, as its glasses and left hand remain lost to this day. The KFC location it had originally hailed from had long since been closed at that point so the statue now sits at a KFC location near the Tiger's home in Koshien Stadium, with a replacement hand and glasses provided by the restaurant chain. Before you ask, no, the Colonel's recovery didn't help the Tigers at all. As they would go 67-73 that year and would continue to miss the playoffs for the next fourteen years. Many fans believed that his still missing hand and glasses were the keys to finally lifting the curse.

However, for those who like happy endings, the Tigers would eventually break the Curse of the Colonel in 2023, by winning the Japan Series against the Orix Buffaloes in Game 7, 7-1. After almost forty years of suffering, the Tigers were finally champions once again, no glasses or hand required. The long suffering Hanshin Tigers fans celebrated the win and end to this nearly forty year curse in the only way they knew how, of course by tossing a Colonel Sanders cosplayer into the canal. Truly, we have learned absolutely nothing from this whole ordeal

## Creative Corner!

These are only some of the many pieces of artwork that our members have created, as part of our art program.



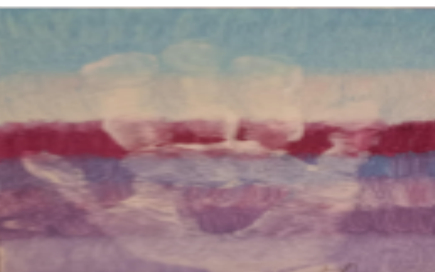
By Maggie



By Matt L.



By Amanda L.



By Lisa



By Courtney K.

# HAPPY LATE APRIL FOOLS, OUR FELLOW FRANKSTERS!

As a little late April Fools treat, the Great Bay Buzz brings you a very special article about one of the greatest video game pranks of all time! We would also like to give a huge shoutout to one of our writers, Jake Rousseau, for making this surprise happen.

Fun fact: The two clown statues pictured in this section's banner are owned by the editor Elizabeth. Pictured left to right, their names are Frank and Bob!

## THE STORY OF SHENG LONG

By Jake Rousseau

Seeing as it's the month of April, and April Fools' Day was this month, I thought I'd talk to you all about my all-time favorite April Fools' joke. It was the one that Electronic Gaming Monthly magazine pulled in 1992. It had nearly every video gamer bamboozled by making them think that the iconic game "Street Fighter 2" had an unlockable boss character you could obtain. The one in question is known as "Sheng Long." This came about due to a translation error in one of Ryu's quotes. He states, "you must defeat Sheng Long to stand a chance." instead of the intended quote "If you cannot overcome the Rising Dragon Punch, you cannot win!" This inspired the boys over at E.G.M. to take the ball and run with it, publishing a full-on article about how to obtain said Sheng Long. According to the magazine, if a player went through the game's arcade mode as Ryu without taking any damage, then beat the final boss M. Bison without taking any damage, Sheng would appear. He would toss M. Bison off his stage, and proceed to fight Ryu. Also, according to the article, Sheng Long would have the ability to copy other fighters' moves. Well, you can just imagine the surprise, outrage, and pretty much among other things, a little bit of apathy when the hoax was finally revealed in the December '92 issue of E.G.M., citing that Sheng was indeed NOT a character in Street Fighter 2. Sheng would however become Street Fighter lore after this, as even though he hasn't been playable in ANY of the iterations of the Street Fighter franchise, he would still be mentioned as a mentor to Ryu and his training partner, Ken. More than 30 years after this hoax first came about, it still ranks up there as one of the greatest April Fools' jokes of all time, and without a doubt, my all time favorite.



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TO STAND A CHANCE.

