Why ‘Mimeon’ curse words might all be in the head

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New York — McDonald’s swears up and down that the little yellow minions in its Happy Meals aren’t cursing. But parents who have reported hearing curse words many hear may be tied to how our brains develop.

Parents say the company may be right, and the company is now threatening to sue parents who have complained.

The company said it has seen reports of parents hearing curse words from the toy, which was introduced July 3.

A phrase like “WTF” was described as “WTF.” Another phrase sounded like it could be “I’m going to shoot you.”

By the Associated Press

A toy bought by The Associated Press made a sound that could be interpreted as the phrase often abbreviated as “WTF.” Another phrase sounded like it could be “I’ll be damned.” The sound quality of the toy is another question.

The little yellow Mimioon characters speak a non-sense language and McDonald’s Corp. said the Mimioon Carny man makes three sounds — “ha ha ha,” “parla and parla” and “beep beep” — that could be interpreted as “I’m going to shoot you.”

Nonsense speech will sometimes sound like a language, experts say, and people are wired to look for meaning in noise and images.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Home inspection class set for Tuesday

Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services will offer a home inspection class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Ithaca Marriott Hotel. The class is especially aimed at first-time home buyers.

The $35 class is for the cost of a licensed inspector to explain the ins and outs of home inspections. It is designed to help home buyers get a better understanding of what to expect when inspecting homes for sale, questions to ask and how to identify potential problems.

The class is $35 per person but is half price for anyone under age 21. Class size is limited to 10. Participants do not need to be a first-time buyer or a customer in the home-owner program to attend.

For information and to register, go to eventbrite.com. Contact Ann DiPetta, adipetta@intcas.org or (607) 277-4350, ext. 305 with questions.

Landlords group offers to Red Cross

The Landlord Association of Tompkins County selected the local chapter of the American Red Cross as the recipient of its annual charitable donation.

The association provided funds immediately after the Tompkins County Health Department issued a request last fall to assist the Red Cross in its efforts to relocate and attend to the needs of the victims of the fire that destroyed the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Stefanos.

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The association will be accepting donations to help with its efforts in the disaster.


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CPCU Credit Union gets A rating

Ithaca-based CPCU Credit Union has been named one of the top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions in America by Credit Union Journal.

This is the second year the credit union has made the list. The credit union is noted for its growth, financial stability and capitalization among other factors.

CPCU Credit Union members will be invited to a free health fair on Oct. 22, which is part of the credit union’s core belief of the health and well-being of its members.


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Panera will sell breakfast in Ithaca

Panera Bread Co. will be opening its first store in Ithaca in the former Source Coffee Roaster location this fall.

The Ithaca store will be among the first 100 Panera stores to offer the new service.

Panera is expanding its offering of conventional breakfast items such as eggs, chicken and eggs, omelets and veggie omelets. The chain will also offer fruit and yogurt parfaits and coffee and tea drinks.

The Ithaca store will offer a limited menu of breakfast items. The chain also offers a selection of salads, soups, buns and bagels, as well as coffee and tea drinks.

The chain’s first store in the Ithaca area will be located at 155 N. Cayuga St. in the former Source Coffee Roaster building.

The store will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and will be open seven days a week.

The store is expected to open in late October.

Panera Bread Co. is a national chain based in St. Louis that offers a variety of bakery goods, sandwiches and salads. It currently has 1,500 stores in the United States.

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