



**MICHAEL SCOTT, PLAYED** by Steve Carell is the regional manager of Dunder Mifflin. Season four will bring many memorable tongue-in-cheek moments from *The Office* cast. The fourth season will also bring answers to questions that have been percolating in viewer's heads since season one.

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## 'This is going to be a very good year' *The Office* launches fourth season

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**Q**uestions will be answered. Speculations will be made. Yes, there will be laughter. And yes, there will be tears. *The Office* is back and better than ever.

Starting September 27, NBC kicked off its critically acclaimed comedy with a one-hour special premier. In following weeks of the long-awaited premier will be an additional three one-hour episodes that are sure to be filled with pranks, drama, and laughter.

What better way to kick off the season than with Michael abruptly hitting Meredith with his company car within the first ten seconds of the show?

"Yeah, it's only Meredith, thank God. But did you see the way they looked at me? Like I was a murderer or something," said Michael Scott (**Steve Carell**).

It seemed as though throughout last season, and the ones before it, producer **B.J. Novak** always kept something from the audience, be it Jan and Michael, Dwight and Angela, or Jim and Pam.

"I sat down to watch the premier thinking that nothing was going to change. I didn't expect Jim and Pam to just admit they were together," said **Kaitlin Burt**, 10.

This season, however, it appears as though no questions have gone unanswered. Yes, Jim and Pam have openly admitted that they are dating, and Dwight and Angela have officially "broken up," seeing as he killed her cat.

In the first episode of the season, appropriately labeled "Fun Run," Michael hits Meredith with his car while pulling into the parking lot at Dunder-Mifflin Scranton. Meredith is then driven to the emergency room, where

she is treated for a fractured pelvis. Adding more humor to the scenario, Creed enters the scene, stealing Meredith's heavy pain medications, and reasserting himself as the office creep.

While in the hospital, Meredith is diagnosed with rabies, said to have been obtained from a bat that Dwight "bagged" on her head in season three. As a result of this diagnosis, Michael sponsors a "Run for the Cure of Rabies" out of guilt and denial from hitting Meredith, and so, as usual, the plot unfolds.

"The beginning of this season really surprised me. It was hilarious. I couldn't believe the first episode would be that funny, they better keep up the good work," said **Samantha Hunter**, 12.

Watch *The Office* on Thursdays at nine o'clock on NBC.

## *The Poe Shadow* Shedding light on mysterious death

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I first picked up *The Poe Shadow* by Matthew Pearl at a local book store, as the cover and title caught my eye. I have enjoyed many of **Edgar Allen Poe's** poems and short stories, so I was intrigued by the mystery surrounding his death.

The international and *New York Times* bestseller begins in Baltimore in 1849 and is loosely based on the events leading up to Poe's death.

Quentin Clark witnesses Poe's funeral from afar and is struck by the fact that only a few men attended. He becomes enthralled by the rumors that alcohol had caused Poe's death, so Clark sets out to clear the writer's name and reputation, while putting his own life on the line.

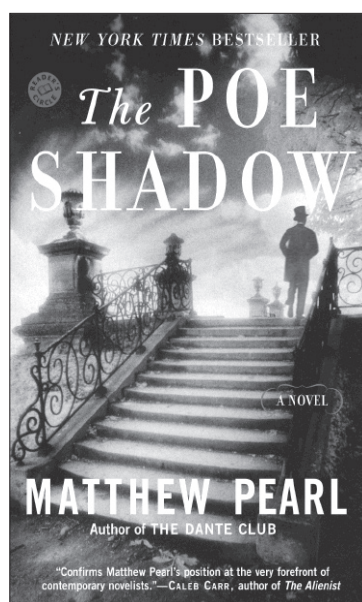
Preoccupied with this puzzle, Clark's reputation as a successful lawyer is slowly being destroyed, and his engagement to an enchanting Hattie Blum is crumbling as well.

He cannot escape the curiosity gnawing at him, so Clark travels to Paris to find the man who was supposedly the inspiration for one of his most legendary detectives, Chevalier Auguste Dupin. Clark hopes to enlist him Dupin his hunt for the truth, and together they discover the many different theories about Poe's death.

As they delve deeper into this mystery, the plot takes many interesting twists and turns involving assassins, undercover political agents, and unjust slave trading.

Most of the novel consisted their search for answers, which can get a little boring, but after that small portion the rest was full of thrilling twists and turns.

Full of action and suspense, *The Poe Shadow* is a must read for all fans of Poe, mystery, or historical fiction. Fans of this book may also be interested in reading Pearl's other novel, *The Dante Club*.



**THE POE SHADOW** uses a combination of suspense and mystery to engage its readers. Once reading one is very likely to not be able to put it down. The front cover of this book alone draws the attention of many.

## Pacific Moon Outlet for groups and individuals

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Looking for great oriental food? Try Pacific Moon. It is located in Kentucky at Newport on the Levee. They offer amazing Chinese, Vietnamese, and Thai food.

"I could eat there any day," **Ariel Grubbs**, 10.

One of the many great things about eating at Pacific Moon is that the atmosphere is different than many other Chinese restaurants. Prompt seating is ultimately a stand out feature of this restaurant along with their outstanding capacity of serving to people of all ages and even to hefty groups.

Some cons for eating at Pacific moon is that the service, unlike the seating, is not always prompt with orders and sometimes get mixed up.

"It gets pretty expensive," **Jessica Brown**, 11.

This is true; the prices at Pacific Moon can be pretty bulky. In a group prices can get very expen-

sive, higher than the usual Chinese food, but service is a great deal better than most places.

"Sometimes I just go there to meet friends," **Billy Symons**, 11.

Pacific Moon also hosts masses of events, such as Monday nights, they host a live jazz concert.

Pacific Moon is a great place to relax, have a meal, or just meet friends. The atmosphere is enjoyable, and the location is pretty easy to find. And best of all, the food is delicious and has many choices for vegetarians and carnivores alike.

### Location

Newport on the Levee

### Hours

Fri through Sat 11am-11 pm

Sun through Thur 11 am-10pm

### Food Style

Vietnamese

Chinese

Thai