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## Election

By Rebecca

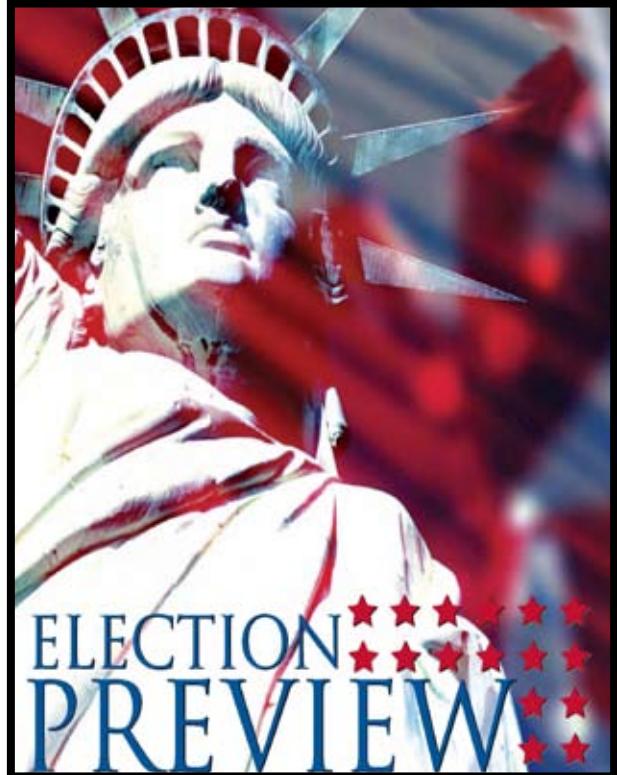
The time for our country to elect a new leader is not all that far away. The Presidential Election is less than a year-and-a-half away, and the Primaries will take place in about nine months. Since our current president, George W. Bush, is now serving his second term in office, he cannot be re-elected next year. This means that the citizens of the United States will have the opportunity next November to put someone new into an office that is often considered to be the most powerful in the world.

Although not explicitly bipartisan, elections in this country tend to be competitions between the two most powerful political parties, the Democrats and the Republicans. Both parties have several different people

running for president every four years. The Primary Elections occur in order for voters to choose one candidate from each party to run in the main election, which takes place in November.

This year there are several people running from both the Democratic and Republican parties. Democrats who are running are Joseph Biden, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Mike Gravel, Dennis Kucinich, Barack Obama, and Bill Richardson. Republi

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## Pirating Music

By Jerry

Did you know that in China you can buy a CD from a corner store for the equivalent of four dollars? Most people who go to these stores don't even realize that they aren't buying real CD's. It turns out that these pirated CD's sold in the corner stores in China, are almost identical to their originals. Even the CD cases are made almost perfectly. It is important to know that buying legitimate CD's is much more convenient and safe than pirating music. When you buy a legitimate CD, you know there are no viruses along with it and you have the original copy to burn it to your computer. Pirating is the illegal transfer of software or music from one person to another without paying.

A lot of foreign countries are starting to ignore the pirating of music, movies, games,

and programs, and even support it. Another country that is well known for pirating is Venezuela. In Venezuela, you can buy a pirated game for *Playstation 2* for about a dollar. China and Venezuela aren't the only countries who are well known for pirating; the US is also in this category. It isn't legal to sell pirated things in the US, so we just share them with each other by means of internet.

There are programs called P2P File Sharing Programs, that you can download anywhere on the internet for free, that allow you to download anything that other users have. P2P stands for "Person to Person," and literally their programs depend on their users sharing the files they have and adding more to them. Doesn't that sound nice?

Well, there is a catch to it that very few know about until it's too late. Most of the P2P programs out there have vi

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## Owen Wyatt

By David

The Orthogenic School for many years has been a place of inspiration for the youth, but even the staff get to inspire as well as be inspired. I was very fortunate to get the opportunity to speak to a very influential staff, Owen Wyatt, a man with a lot of patience as well as a lot of silly puns to lighten up the sometimes-tough dorm life. He has been able to take a leading role in a dorm in which many staff left over a period of time, and has become a good friend and loyal counselor to all who know him.

I was able to get to sit down and talk to Owen, well at least rush him with an interview as he helped take charge in the afternoon summer fun activity. Owen's a man who is dedicated in whatever he does. Not many people know that Owen was pre

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# iPhone

By David

Friday June 30th, may or may not have been the day you had been waiting for; the release of the \$500-600 dollar mp3 player/cell phone, the iPhone. By that weekend, all of the people willing to rake out the cash were definitely either bragging about how amazing the iPhone is, or complaining about it being overpriced and overrated. We should be hearing enough in magazines and newspapers about whether it is a worthy investment.

I, personally, am tired of all the news coverage on the iPhone. My reasons for loathing the news on the iPhone have to be that I don't have \$600 to spend on a phone, and I also don't currently have a working iPod. Everything I buy from Apple is cursed. In the past 5 years, I've gone through at least 10 iPods. Many of my old iPods mysteriously stopped functioning. One was hooked up to speakers and fell in the bathroom toilet, but I don't think I would worry about my phone falling in the toilet as much as the unknown errors and other glitches.

A little info for those who don't know about the iPhone is that it is basically a typical cell phone on steroids, functioning like an iPod, digital organizer, and as an internet port. It has been incredibly hyped for months and been discussed online in forums



and in newspapers. As always, though, when new technology is released to the market it will have the issue of bugs and glitches, which will be worked out in later versions. Just lower the price by half and release the iPhone version 1.1, having fixed the issues in the old version, and I'll consider buying one.

I decided to involve some consumer math skills into my evaluation since many of you are probably curious about the expenses. I took the price of the least expensive iPhone, \$499.99, and the plan, that is cheapest, \$59.99, and the first year of payment for your new piece of technology will run you approximately \$1219.87. Expensive huh? If you decide to continue investing in the iPhone, after another year you'd still spend a huge \$719.00 in fees. All summed up, you're paying \$1938.87 for two years. In general, the plans run between

\$59.99 to \$79.99 for 450 to 1350 minutes 200 text messages, and access to an internet browser. All the iPhone features are similar to those of other smart phones but the iPhone can do everything by the stroke of a finger due to touch screen technology.

According to msnbc.com, out of 6 people who were asked if they would purchase an iPhone, only two even considered purchasing one because it is new to the market and the bugs haven't been worked out yet. They felt that eventually Apple would release a cheaper model with better capabilities.

Buying an iPhone all depends on the person's perspective and wallet size. If the person is willing to spend \$500 to \$600 dollars on the phone, and at least an additional \$60 per month on the plan, they should have no complaints. One thing is for sure though, no matter what it costs, it will definitely sell.

# iPhone

By Sarah

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Technology is in continuous evolution. Cell phones, iPod's, flatscreen TV's; people seem to have them all. However, on January 9th of this year, Apple Inc. announced a new product that will likely reshape many technology crazed fans across the world. Say hello to the iPhone.

The iPhone is the first of its kind. Its functions include a built in camera, multimedia player, phone, and WIFI Internet access. The phone itself has a full touch screen. There is no keypad for dialing or typing. Also, since Apple Inc. created it, the iPhone has a complete version of OS X software, which is used in all Mac computers.

The iPhone plays music and video, and sports a nice 3.5 inch screen. Some people are worried about the touch screen, because it is a whole new science. The touch screen is only responsive to bare skin and features a unique unlocking system where the user must slide a finger from left to right at the bottom of the screen, thus making it virtually impossible for the iPhone to do unwanted things while being in your bag or pocket.

The camera in the phone is different than most other mobile phones. The user will be able to zoom in and out, and instead of losing nicely taken pictures on your phone, you will now be able to send them to your Mac computer and keep them on iPhoto.



The WiFi internet, which is built into the phone, will give you the real web page instead of a boring simplified version like most other phones. Also included is Bluetooth technology that will connect to wireless earpieces. Apple has even come to an agreement with Google, giving the iPhone a modified version of Google Maps, which makes finding places a lot easier.

The iPhone is expected to be released to the U.S public in June of this year. The price for a 4 GB model will be \$499 and an 8GB will be \$599. An agreement made in 2005 made Cingular Wireless the sole carrier of the iPhone until at least 2009. To purchase one, you must commit to a two-year service plan through them. So, if you want an iPhone you better like Cingular!

# Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows

By Lizzy

The Harry Potter craze is nothing to laugh about. Over 325 million copies of the books in the Harry Potter series, by J.K. Rowling, have been sold, and the books have been translated into 63 different languages. People all over the world, in every shape and size, have come together over a love of Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, and Ronald Weasley. With the fifth movie and seventh book just coming out, the Harry Potter fans are going crazy with the excitement.

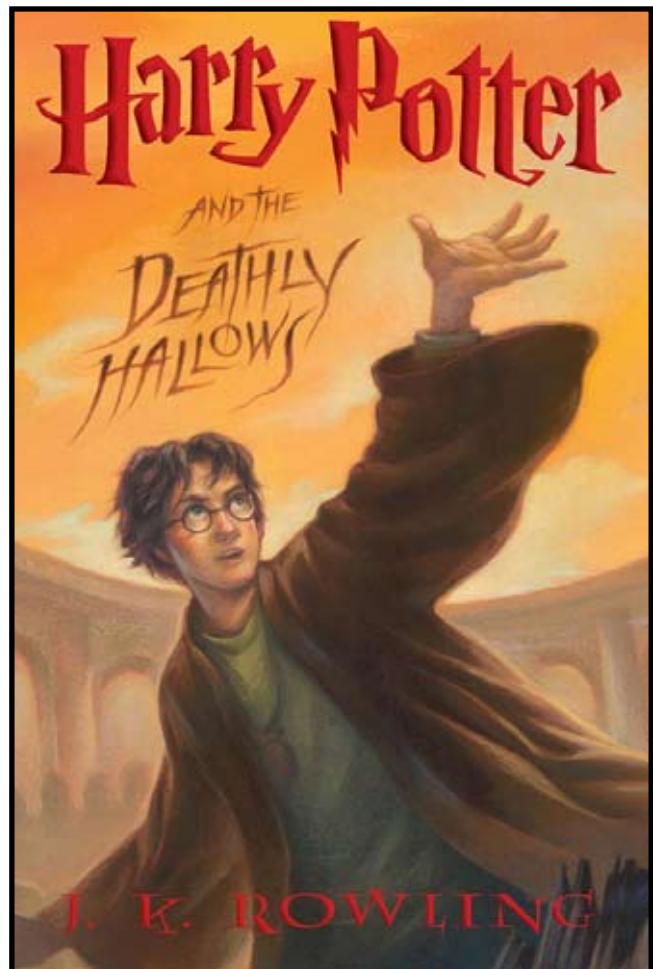
The name of the final Harry Potter book, the seventh book in the series, is *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. The question is, what does J.K. Rowling mean by "Deathly Hallows?" According to Mugglenet.com's book, *What will happen in Harry Potter 7*, the Deathly Hallows is a connection to the Four Hallows of the Holy Grail, associated with King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

In the Arthurian legend the four sacred relics are: The Holy Grail, The Broken Sword, The Stone (also known as the Dish or the Pentacle), and the Spear of Destiny. The Spear of Destiny is also known as the Lance of Longinus, which was the weapon used to pierce Christ's side while he hung on the cross. The Holy Grail is the cup that was used at the Last Supper, where Jesus said his farewell to his Twelve Disciples. The cup was later used to catch Jesus' blood by Joseph of Arimathea as he was buried, then the cup became the cup of plenty, giving unlimited food and drink.

In the legend of King Arthur, Arthur set out on a quest with the Knights of the

Round Table to acquire the Holy Grail to prove themselves worthy of it. The legend says that one of Arthur's knights, Galahad, also known as Perceval or Gawain, depending on the version of the legend, came across a castle in the middle of a wasteland, which was guarded by the Fisher King. This castle also held the other three Hallows. In the story the Fisher King was horribly injured. Only when the one truly worthy of the Grail came to his land would he be healed and his wasteland of a Kingdom be revived.

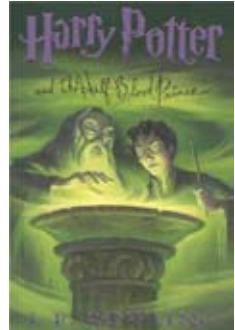
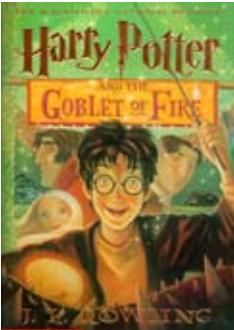
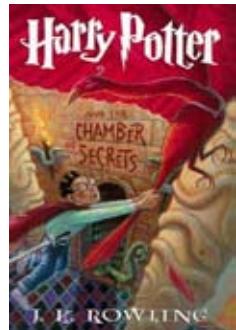
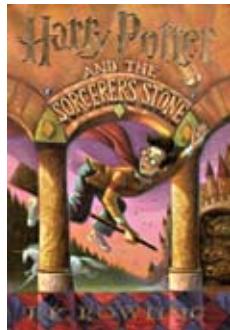
These ancient legends are significant to the final Harry Potter book because the relics are synonymous to the Hallows of the Fisher King. The Hallows that J.K. Rowling uses are relics that belonged to the four founders of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The founders were Helga Hufflepuff, Godric Gryffindor, Salazar Slytherin, and Rowena Ravenclaw. The relics of each of these witches and wizards were: Hufflepuff's Cup, which symbolizes the Holy Grail, Gryffindor's sword, which symbolizes the Broken Sword, Slytherin's locket which represents the Stone, and, it is believed by Mugglenet.com, that the final relic is Raven-



claw's wand, which is the Spear of Destiny. The books have not mentioned that Ravenclaw's wand as a relic so far in the series.

Lord Voldemort, the evil wizard also known as the Dark Lord has tried to acquire all of these relics to make his Horcruxes. Harry must defeat him to save the wizarding community from his evil reign to restore peace. Voldemort did not acquire any relic of Gryffindor's. The only known, to us, relic of Gryffindor's is a ruby encrusted sword, which we know from the second book, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. Voldemort had not ac-

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# Lollapalooza

By Ashley

Whether you jam out to reggae, hip-hop, everything alternative, pop, hardcore metal, grunge, or experimental British techno, Lollapalooza will have what you want. Lollapalooza 2007 is scheduled to take place at the beginning of August, in Grant Park. The event will start on Friday, August third, and finish on Sunday, August fifth.

The first Lollapalooza took place in 1991, after Jane's Addiction front man, Perry Farrell, presented the idea. The tour was aimed at introducing young adults to newly emerging Rock/Grunge/Alternative music culture. The first Lollapalooza featured, among others, Jane's Addiction, Nine Inch Nails, Henry Rollins Band, Living Color, The Violent Femmes, and Ice T's Body Count. The festival traveled across the United States, hitting major venues.

Since Lollapalooza started in 1991, it has become more mainstream, but it has also become one of the biggest music events in the country, with people coming from all over who are willing to pay hundreds of dollars just to see one or two bands play. In the festival's 16-year history, the 1994 Lollapalooza has been listed as the most successful year yet. Lollapalooza '94 had a gross income profit of over \$24 million, according to multiple sources, and the total attendance was estimated to be over 50,000

people. Nirvana was scheduled to headline, but due to Kurt Cobain's suicide in April of that year, the band could not attend. Despite the Festival's setback, it still ended up being a huge hit.

Between 1995 and 2004, Lollapalooza went downhill. The 1996, 1998, and 2004 Shows were cancelled due to low-ticket sales. Lollapalooza 2003 earned only \$13.7 million and Lollapalooza 1997 only earned \$7.4 million. In 2005, Perry Farrell sold Lollapalooza to Capitol Sports & Entertainment, the company that owns the Austin City Limits Music Festival. Lollapalooza grew into a two-day festival that took place in one location, Chicago's Grant Park. The first year that Capitol Sports & Entertainment owned Lollapalooza, the fest hosted around 70 musical acts on five different stages. Over 60,000 people attended the event.

Although Lollapalooza was originally intended to attract crowds of mostly young adults, since the festival was bought by Capitol Sports & Entertainment, the company has tried to at-



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tract crowds of all ages. Lollapalooza still focuses mainly on underground or less-heard-of musicians, but there are also usually more mainstream artists at the show.

This year over 200 bands have been invited to play at the venue. A few of the bands that are headlining this year are: Pearl Jam, Daft Punk, Ben Harper, Muse, Iggy & The Stooges, Modest Mouse, Interpol, My Morning Jacket, Satellite Party, The Yeah Yeah Yeahs, and Snow Patrol.

The Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Park District have been collaborating with Capitol Sports & Entertainment since autumn of last year, to put together Lollapalooza 2007. There will be many improvements since the last Lollapalooza, and one of the biggest changes is that Lollapalooza 2007 will be taking over all of Grant Park, instead of just a small portion. They

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# Old School Vs. New School Music

By Jordan

There are many great songs that are enjoyable to listen to. Most of songs make situations fun and better. There are two categories in music that are interesting to think about; Old School and New School.

There are a lot of songs that are Old School, that are the best songs that were ever written and played. They came out in the late 1970's and went to the early 1980's. One main and lead DJ is called LL Cool J. His songs are called: *I Shot*



*Ya, Doin' It, Momma Said Knock You Out, I Can't Live Without My Radio, I Need Love, I'm Bad, and Boomin System.* There are also other DJs who play hip-hop Old School songs, who are called Captain Rapp, DJ Flash, and Run DMC.

DJ Flash plays songs called the *Classic Collection, The Original 2 Live Crew, and Cold as Ever.* Captain Rapp sings and plays *Bad Times(I Can't Stand It.)* All of those Old School songs are about certain situations and relationships with dif-

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# Online Society

By Alice

Facebook and myspace are online profile sites for people to communicate with each other. Myspace and facebook have been competing both in popularity and negative publicity. Both have ways in which they draw people in such as music, friends and e-mail. Both also have some major flaws in their programs, though. How do you know who is friend or who is foe?

Myspace is a hotbed for sexual predators. Even though the myspace owner, News Corporation, has a plan to crack down on the sexual predators, they still have teens who fake their age and who put themselves at risk for sexual predators. However, myspace puts limits on young adults such as who they are allowed to have as friends. People need to know their e-mail address or full name. Teens under the age of fourteen are not allowed to have a myspace at all. If myspace

gets wind of them having an account, because they put their real age or someone reports them, they will delete it. If you are between the ages of 14-15 your account is set to private, which means people who aren't your friends can't see your profile.

Schools have gone to the extreme as well, banning myspace from school grounds. Even usage at home can cause a great stir, and is banned from some schools. Schools have gone as far as expelling students for pictures including drugs and underage drinking. Schools have based this on trying to keep their students safe from sexual predators. The police use myspace to incriminate people when they post things like themselves drinking and using other forms of illegal substances.



## Myspace Blogging

By Casey

In this day and age, if you don't know what myspace is, some might say you live under a rock. Some might say this even if you know, but don't have a page. Myspace has become a very popular way to network and keep in touch with friends and distant family. It's gotten to the point where it's almost a standard now.

Myspace has many positive aspects. It's a huge network; if you're looking to meet people or find people, it is the place to start. A lot of people have a myspace account, so finding family members or friends, or even finding new friends is simple with myspace. You can use email, blogs, instant messaging, forums, bulletins and groups which allow you to keep in touch with all your friends and family.

Myspace also has a lot of multimedia capabilities. Using easy tools, you can add videos, music, and pictures on your myspace site, all for free. You can even put them on your page using HTML scripting; you can add even more using HTML and JavaScript in your page. HTML is a sort of coding used for designing many websites. It's very popular because it's easy to learn and use. JavaScript is a sort of coding that can be used to make applications, as well as enhance websites

As always, along with all these pros, there have to be some cons. Myspace does have a few flaws that make it either unsafe or difficult to use.

First of all, there is no easy editor. Although you can add things to your page through HTML and JavaScript, there is nothing

Myspace has much more to offer, though, other than the pesky perverts. They have music, videos, instant messaging, comedy, chat, and other fun things. On myspace you can also make a profile with color and pictures. Every day, myspace has over 230,000 people joining.

There is another program that has similar attributes, which is facebook. Facebook is an online networking site, which is open for communications with different people around the world. Various schools that make a network for their students, usually for schoolwork, can set

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ing that tells you how. There is no specialized editor to change the HTML of your page, and not everyone knows how to use HTML scripts and JavaScript. To get the fullest out of myspace, you need a good bit of



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# Gay Pride Festivities

By Casey

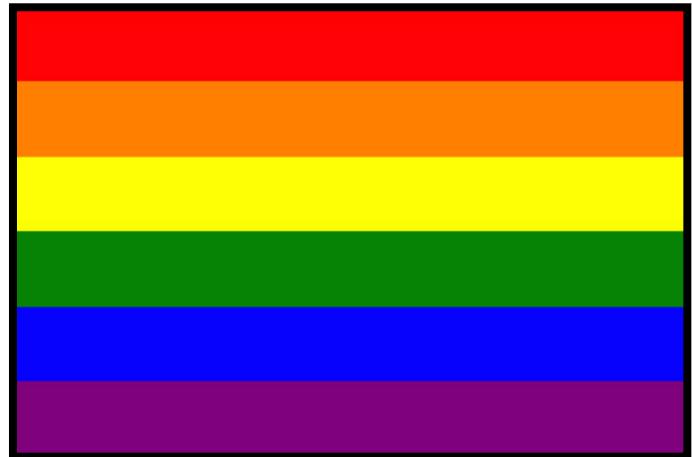
Many gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) people have a ton of trouble identifying, and being proud of their true identity. They hide their true self as a GLBT or questioning GLBT, because they are afraid, and sometimes even ashamed. There is a lot of support for them in modern day America, sometimes taking the form of some good old modern day festivities, commonly known as Gay Pride Parades.

The Gay Pride Parade is a celebration aimed at helping people to accept gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, as well as help them to accept themselves. It preaches that everyone is equal and should be proud of themselves for who they are. It shows off people who are proud of their sexuality as an example. It focuses on teaching GLBT people to have pride in their sexuality, and who they are as people.

Gay Pride Parades usually take place on busy city streets, such as New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Mexico

City, and more. Other countries also have held Gay Pride Parades, such as Australia, Canada, and even Israel.

Chicago is lucky enough to have one of its very own. The Chicago gay pride parade on Sunday, June 24, was highly successful and embraced by many Chicagoans. Some busy roads were blocked off for the purpose of this parade, and many people attended, including not-so-famous NBA player, John Amaechi. He is the first former NBA player to acknowledge that he is gay. The Parade was highly successful, managing to pull in 250,000 registered entries to attend the parade, representing those from all areas of life, including businesses, community organizations, and even people from the po-



lice force and military. It was a great success with many supporters and participants.

The first Gay Pride Parade took place in 1969, and was known as the march of Stonewall. It was less of a Parade and more of a riot to protest discrimination and violence against gays in New York. Many people, gay and straight alike, saw this as a just cause, and hopped on board

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# Fuels of the Future

By Jerry

Are you sick of paying nearly four dollars per gallon for gas every time you want to drive? Scientist's are hard at work trying to find alternative ways to power our cars that would be efficient. Biofuels are one of the alternatives to our everyday gasoline.

Biofuels, or biodiesel, are variations and types of fuels made from renewable sources such as vegetable oils and animal fats. Biofuels come in very different variations and types. In general, biofuels can be any form of matter that branches off of biomass. Biomass is a generalized term for any power source that is renewable such as plants.

One of the many reasons for using biofuels is to save money. They also majorly reduce the greenhouse effects, and preserve our limited supplies of gasoline. Some of the many forms of biofuels include vegetable oil, biodiesel, ethanol, butanol, methanol, alcohols, and biogas. Most

of these variations of biofuel are burned when being used as a source of gasoline.

There are some drawbacks from Biofuels such as cost, efficiency, and consistency, but Corn ethanol has the most prominent drawbacks. Corn ethanol is not a very efficient source of energy. According to Wikipedia, "Production of 5 billion gallons ethanol from corn would release 5.2 million tons nitrogen and 600,000 tons phosphorus into the water stream and would result in erosion of 1776 million tons of soil all over the US."

There are three main steps to make biofuels/biodiesels according to the National Biodiesel Board. First they extract the fats and oil from the plant, then the fats and oil have a reaction with alcohol, which produces glycerine and biodiesel. Also according to the National Biodiesel Board, the process input levels are equal to the process output levels and therefore no materials and substanc-



es are wasted during the making of the fuel.

Surprisingly, the first biofuel was put into use or demonstrated at the World Exhibition in Paris around the 1900's. The man that did this went by the name of Rudolph Diesel. He did not get to see his idea put fully into effect while alive, as he died in 1913. His idea was not in vain, though, and it has been modified and put into good use today to help us save money and our environment.

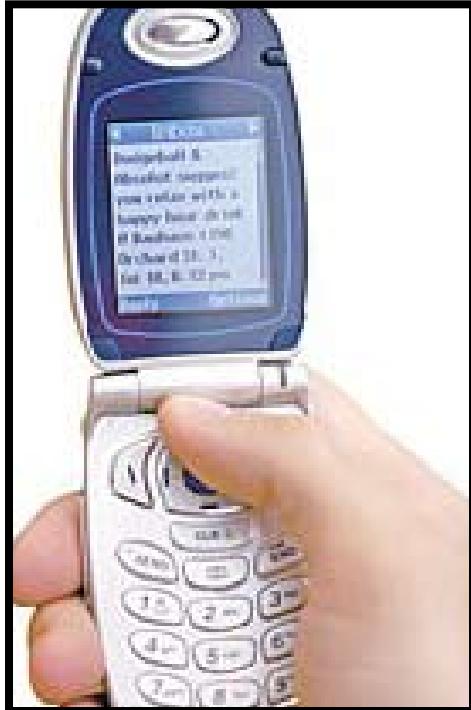
# The Internet, cell phones... and the demise of the English language

By Rebecca

A New Zealand couple recently got into a dispute with authorities over the right to give their newborn son the name “4real.” New Zealand authorities say that this name is unacceptable because it begins with a number.

The couple, Patrick and Sheena Wheaton, decided that they wanted to name their baby “4real” after having an ultrasound and being struck by the fact that the child was “for real.” According to United Press International (UPI), “The couple said they chose the spelling “4real” because it was the clearest and simplest way of writing it down.” This is just one example of the many ways in which instant messaging, e-mail, and text messaging are affecting the language of today’s society.

Instant messages and text messages are very popular because they allow people to communicate quickly and easily in all the hustle and bustle of present-day society. Text messages are sent from one cell phone to another, and are typed using the phone’s keypad. Instant messages, more commonly known as IMs, are sent over the internet, but



they are much quicker than e-mail and allow people to have conversations in real time.

Because there is such a desire for

speed, an entirely new language has developed for those using text and instant messages. This “IM language” uses normal English words but is almost entirely comprised of acronyms, phonetically spelled words, and words with the vowels removed. This type of lingo is used most by people under thirty years of age, because these are the people who grew up using the internet. For many people, especially those of the younger generations, e-mail, instant messaging, and text messaging is, and always has been, a normal part of everyday life.

Unfortunately, this “internet lingo” is having a deleterious effect on the English language. Many young English speakers may often be found using this type of language in everything from casual conversations to academic essays. According to an article on the ABC News website, Sara Goodman, a high school English and journalism teacher, worries that this new type of language is interfering with her students’ skills in writing and communication. “Most of these kids started using IM when they

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## Family TV

By Jordan

There are many TV shows that are on TV that are great for families to watch together. These include: *The Cosby Show*, *Growing Pains*, *Full House*, *The Brady Bunch*, *Family Ties*, *Seventh Heaven*, and *Who’s The Boss*. There are also two other cartoons that compare to the best family cartoon on TV called the *Simpsons*. They are called *The Flintstones* and *Jetsons*.

Television that is family TV is what it is for many reasons. Some of those reasons are as follows. It is because of the place or home that the setting takes place in. It also is what it is because of the extremely fun and enjoyable characters that are in the shows. Family TV also is what it is because of the

writers who created each of the scripts for each episode. They make sure that the story can be enjoyed by all ages.

Family TV is so very important because of a few reasons. One of those reasons is that it is very fun to laugh at all of the characters funny role play. Another reason that TV is so important is because of the fact that it is so wonderful. TV is also so important because it sometimes helps people jump on great ideas and gives families something to do together. It is also funny because it is extremely pleasant and fun to watch.



The reasons those ten TV shows are the best family TV shows is because of where they take place, their content, how they were written and created, the actors and actresses and their personalities. Most of those best family TV shows were first aired on the TV stations ABC and NBC. Also, now they can be purchased on DVD in stores where electronics are sold. They are considered to be comedic and are enjoyed more by children than adults, but the whole family can watch together.

# WEDNESDAY, JULY 25TH

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# Election

By Rebecca

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cans who are running for president are Sam Brownback, Jim Gilmore, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, and Tommy Thompson.

Although they have not officially announced their candidacy, some possibilities for third-party/independent office seekers are Ralph Nader and current Mayor of New York, Michael Bloomberg. Some other candidates who have not announced their candidacy, but who people would like to see run for president, are former Vice President of the United States Al Gore (Democrat), former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (Republican), and actor Fred Thompson (Republican).

The Democratic frontrunners are United States Senator Hillary Clinton (New York), former United States Senator John Edwards, and Senator Barack Obama (Illinois). The leaders in the Republican race are former Mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani, United States Senator John McCain (Arizona), and Mitt Romney.

Each presidential candidate is running on a different platform. There are some important issues in this election that every candidate is attempting to address in some manner. The most important issue in the 2008 elections is probably the war in Iraq. The war has been going on for over six years and has become a topic of much controversy. Some of the other issues that the presidential candidates are talking about are global warming and national security.

All of the candidates have something to say about the war in Iraq. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, the two Democratic frontrunners, are both against the war. Obama, who was an opponent of the war from the very beginning, is already working on a plan to move forward in Iraq and end the U.S. occupation as soon as possible. Although Clinton initially voted for the invasion of Iraq, she has since changed her opinion and is now a proponent of a safe and speedy withdrawal from Iraq.

John McCain and Rudy Giuliani, the two Republican frontrunners, have different



opinions on the war. McCain believes that it is necessary for the United States to stay in Iraq until the war is "won," saying that it is the only way to ensure the safety and security of America. Giuliani is of the opinion that our troops must stay in Iraq in order to continue the war on terror and is against setting a timetable for withdrawal.

Another issue being discussed by candidates is that of protecting our environment and fighting global warming. Clinton would like to help our country lessen its dependence on foreign oil and find more independent, eco-friendly sources of energy. McCain is committed to keeping our environment clean and is a leader in the movement to take action against global warming. Obama has introduced many bills to Congress with the goal of energy independence for our country, and advocates the use of renewable fuels and clean coal.

Another significant topic in the 2008 presidential race is that of national security. Giuliani believes that it is necessary for the United States to take the offensive, including sending our troops to various other countries to fight the war on terror. McCain's strat-

egy for national security includes making our armed forces more flexible and adapting them to suit our changing world. Obama would like to increase funding to allow the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to be put into place. He advocates improving the security of the country's public transportation systems, chemical plants, airports and seaports.

The presidential elections of 2008 are going to be extremely significant. There are many good candidates running from both the Republican and the Democratic Party. There is also a plethora of important issues being discussed and debated by the various presidential hopefuls, and each contender has a different take on each topic. However, out of all the people running for president, the ones to really watch for are Republicans, Rudy Giuliani and Senator John McCain, and Democrats, Senator Barack Obama and Senator Hillary Clinton. As time goes on, the presidential race is likely to become even more interesting and exciting.

# Pirating Music

By Jerry

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ruses, adware, spyware, and trojan's hidden within them. One of the most popular P2P programs called Limewire can be very harmful to your computer and you.

There are some programs out there that are safe to use but aren't as convenient as P2P programs. For example, Bit Torrent is a very well known and commonly used program. The file system they use is called Torrent and is made up of small portions of files that are downloaded at the speed of the person who is hosting the file. The portions of the files are so small that nothing harmful could possibly be attached to them or hidden in them. File sharing over the internet illegally is not only impairing your computer's safety though, it is also not ethical.

According to usatoday.com, "The International Federation of Phonographic Industry, which tracks music copyright issues world-

wide, figures that 95% of music sales in China are of pirated copies." Not much is being done about pirating at the moment, and not much can be done. If they continue to let pirating be allowed in China, soon musicians won't be able to make a living, and will be forced to step down from their passions.

In the US it is illegal to pirate anything. There are laws against it, and punishments for doing so. It isn't easy to crack down on people illegally downloading, without invading people's privacy, though.

There are a lot of issues with pirating music, software, movies, and other things. It



is not only illegal to do, but it is also damaging to you, the musicians, the workers who produce the CD's, and the people who record the music. Do you think that pirating \$100.00 worth of music and movies is worth it if your \$1,200 computer breaks?

# Old School Vs. New School Music

By Jordan

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at her son and telling him to be angry with her. Those are the best old school songs.

Some of the best songs of all time are new school songs by Beyonce, Destiny's Child, Kelly Clarkson, Nelly Furtado, Avril Lavigne, Christina Aguilera, Justin Timberlake, O-Town, All American Rejects, and Mandy Moore. They are all very fun to

dance to and to sing along with. These songs that they sing are new school music and include: *Irreplacable, Survivor, Breakaway, Like a Bird, Turn off the light, Girlfriend, Summer Love, The Sweet Escape, Ain't No Other Man, All For Love, Liquid Dreams, Move Along, and Dirty Little Secret*. They are played on more than one radio station.

This is all about Old School and New School music. The old school music is different from the new school music because old school music's style is considered hip-hop and rap. The new school music is considered popular and rock. They are also different because of what the lyrics describe in each of the songs.

# Lollapalooza

By Ashley

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are helping make Lollapalooza more of a community and cultural experience. The Chicago Police Department is in charge of security at the festival, and there will hundreds of officers throughout the venue. There will also be trained medical staff throughout the site.

The City of Chicago and The Chicago Park District are also hosting a program at Lollapalooza that encourages recycling and taking care of our environment. There will be a booth at which you can pick up a spe-

cially marked garbage bag, at certain times, and if you return the bag full, you can receive a limited edition t-shirt from the festival.

Lollapalooza 2007 is for all ages. There are many programs and events being set up for children. One of the main advantages for children and parents at Lollapalooza is that children under the age of 10 are FREE, if accompanied by an adult ticket-holder. There is no limit of children that get in free per adult ticket-holder. There will be booths and tents with games and activities for children, such as a Hip-Hop Workshop, a Rock-And-

Roll Petting Zoo, Face Painting/Make-Up/Hair-Styling, a Dance Floor just for kids, a mobile Recording Studio, Tatooz by Small Paul, who does temporary-but-personalized tattoos, School of Rock Jam Tent, Photo Shootz and many more activities just for kids!

Between 1991 and 2007, Lollapalooza has had many changes, most of them for the better. Lollapalooza, over the past 16 years, has become a world famous festival that attracts an extremely diverse crowd. So, whether you're into Indie-Rock music, or whatever's on the radio, when Lollapalooza comes around this August, make sure you check it out!

# Spirit Week Activities

By Lizzy

Spirit week was packed with fun activities this year, starting with the Art Fair, and ending with the recognition ceremony. The Art Fair was put together by Michelle Z. and Hague. They took art from students in all of the art classes and put it up on display in the little gym for everyone to admire. Students got to leave their classrooms and walk through and appreciate all of the wonderful art that our students have done. They also had food and drink.

Kerri put together a wonderful Cultural Fair for us on Tuesday of spirit week. She had a number of students do research and projects to present for the rest of the school. Students did projects on everything from Liberia to Islam. The gym was set up in a circle, so students could go from booth to booth and see what other students had presented. The students that participated brought in food and made posters and power points. Everyone learned a lot about different cultures that day.

The Seneke West African Drummers came the afternoon of the Cultural Fair. Seneke means, “to cultivate” and they definitely cultivated us with their song and dance. Student Council paid for the wonderful entertainment that furthered our knowledge on other cultures.

The drummers and dancers played music from Guinea, Mali, Senegal, and the Ivory Coast. Two types of drums were used, the jembe and the bass. The jembe is native to the Malinke people and was played for us by Mike and Sekou Conde, the founder of the group. The bass, which is the mother drum, was played by Jason and is made up of the sangbon, the dunumba, and the klenkeni. The dancers were Mezi and Brittany.

The drums were originally used as a means of communication, and when they are played, it is as though people are talking to each other. It is polyrhythmic, and there are bells attached to the jembe drums to add to the sound. Kassa is a Malinke song that was played while farming, the song that is sung with it goes, “Get up, get the hoe to feed us with.” Not only did the troop play for us, but they also taught us how to dance like African tribal dancers. It was a lot of fun.

Wednesday was a pizza day, and student council gave us T-shirts that Hague made that said “Old School” on them.

Finally, Thursday was prom! The girls went and got their hair done all day, and came back looking beautiful. Geoff’s wife,



Adri, who is a make up artist did the make up for many of the girls and made them look fabulous! DJ Suave worked prom again, and he really got the crowd going. The dance was catered, and the theme was “O’School Goes Old school.” Vintage prom dresses, records, and disco balls adorned the gym, and transformed the O’School into a magical place. It was definitely a night to remember.

The last day of spirit week was the recognition ceremony, where students were awarded and recognized for the wonderful work that they had done during the school year. All of the groups and organizations that students had participated in were recognized, and then students were awarded for outstanding work in different subjects. It is very nice to be recognized for the hard work that you do, and was a great way to end spirit week.

# Britain, Presented by Tom & Keith

By Lizzy

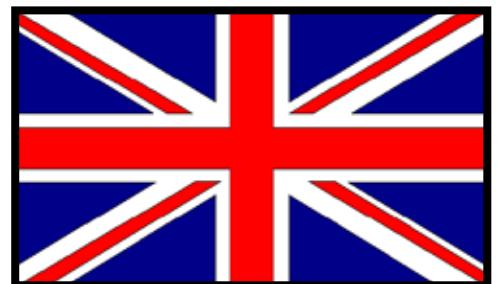
Tom and Keith covered Great Britain, and they had a lot of interesting information. Tom is from Yorkshire. Did you know that in Britain they do not play American football, but instead play the football which we know as soccer. Other sports that are popular in Britain are rugby and cricket. Rugby is a game that is similar to American football, but it is played with a differently shaped ball and the players do not wear pads. There are also some differences in line up and positions as well.

The largest store in London is Harrods. It is very popular and very well known. Popular TV shows include, *Wallace and Grommet*, which has carried over

to the U.S. and has become very popular here as well, *The Office*, but the British version, not the American, *Monty Python’s Flying Circus*, which is also popular in the states, and *The Mighty Boosh*, another British comedy group. There are also a lot of concerts in England in the summer, just like in America. Tom goes back every summer to see concerts in the city of Leeds.

On all the stamps and coins in Britain there is the Queen’s face. The Monarchy does not have very much power anymore, but they are still a staple in England. The people feel love for their beloved royal family.

Food also has different names in



Britain than it does in America. Chips are called drisks, cookies are biscuits, cola is litt, and juice is ribena. There are also fun things that the British do with language called rhyming slang. Instead of saying “answer the phone,” they might say something that rhymes with it instead, for example, “go answer the dog and bone.” It rhymes and is a trick of the mind, and you have to think to find out what you are being asked to do.

# Liberia, Presented by Darling and the Conquerors

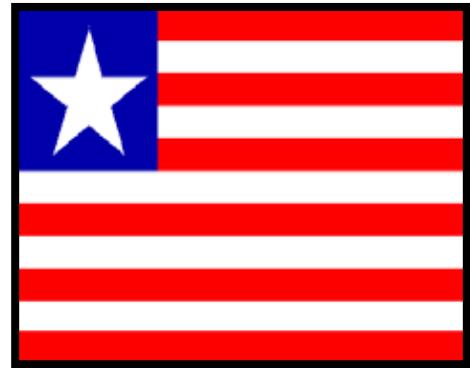
By Lizzy

Darling and the Conquerors did a project on Liberia for the Cultural Fair. Darling is from Liberia, which is a country in Africa. Liberia means freedom, and the country was founded by free slaves from New York, who set all of the people free and made them equal.

The country was founded in 1822, and in 1847 gained independence from American slavery. Liberia was the first all

African run state, and African people came from all over the west coast of Africa to be a part of the free country.

The population of Liberia is 1,413,000 people, and they have a female president, Ellen Johnson. Liberia has over 20 tribal languages, but the official language of Liberia is English. Liberia also has a lot of resources; they have tropical rainforests, iron ore, diamonds, and gold.



# Islam, Presented by Sarah

By Lizzy

Sarah presented on Islam, a monotheistic religion that is the second largest in the world, next to Christianity. God in Islam is called Allah, and they follow the word of the Prophet Muhammad. The followers are called Muslims, which is literally translated to “the one who submits [to Allah].”

The Five Pillars of Islam are: Shahadah, Salah, Zakat, Swam, and Hajj. Shahadah is the prayer that is most important to Muslims. Non-Muslims wanting to convert must recite the prayer to a

witness at a mosque to become Muslim. In English the prayer goes, “I testify that there is no god but Allah and I testify that Muhammad was his slave and messenger.”

Salah is very important because it tells Muslims that they must pray five times a day, facing Mecca (East). This is intended to focus the mind towards Allah.

Zakat is the practice of tithing. Tithing is when you donate a percentage of the money that you earn in a year to the poor or to a mosque, to give back to the community and to be humble.

Swam is the ritual fasting done during the month of Ramadan. During Ramadan you may only eat after sundown, and during that time you are to focus on your sins and express gratitude to Allah. You must strictly follow the teachings of Islam; no gossip, violence, or harsh language.

Hajj is the pilgrimage that every Muslim must take to Mecca in their lifetime.

The five pillars hold the people together and unify them, as the 10 com-

# myspace Blogging

By Casey

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HTML knowledge, which few people have.

One of the most mentionable cons of myspace, and one of the most controversial ones, is that anyone can contact you. In its more innocent form, this has to do with getting friend requests and emails and such things from people you don't know and don't want to know. You can make your page private, but then no one can see it outside of your friends.

The more sinister version of this is obvious. If you put too much personal information on your page, such as your full name, address, phone number, or school, you are a sitting duck to predators. It's been shown that many college women have been caught in this web, and bad things have happened because they were found on myspace. This is also a danger for younger people who are too innocent to understand this risk. Of course, there is one way to avoid this risk; do not put personal information on your myspace page.

Another way to put yourself out there on the web is by using blogs. Myspace has its own blog system as well, in which each person's myspace has its own blog attached to it, and other myspace members can subscribe to each other's pages. Blogs are used to make personalized smaller websites with things you've posted put in chronological order. People can post information and news, as well as things on everyday life on a blog. Many of these blogs are dedicated to politics, and many businesses and politicians use them to increase their popularity. Blogs are a great way to share information and ideas easily.

Since their release in the early 90's, blogs have become increasingly popular at a very fast rate. It is estimated that there are approximately 100 million actively maintained blogs on the internet from all sorts of different countries. It is also shown that blog development is slowing down since 2007, capping the number where it's at, because people who were really into blogs have mostly abandoned their creations out of boredom. It is estimated that roughly 200 million former bloggers have ceased operation of their blogs.



Blogs are easy to access. They can be found using search engines that search what is known as "The Blogosphere," or the network of blogs. Information on specific blogs can range from nothing to everything. Many people use their pages to exchange ideas, or just post updates on their everyday life. One can probably find a blog about anything by searching The Blogosphere using the specialized search engines, such as <http://www.blogsearchengine.com>, which has a very creative name as well.

Blogs are becoming very influential nowadays. Some well-designed pages are becoming well known around the internet. Some political blogs have become very popular. In general, some types of blogs and specifically single pages, are gaining a lot of hits and popularity.

It's also important to know which host site the blogs belong to. There are many hosts, most of which are free. Host sites are the sites that carry all the information for each blog in their database. Typically, you sign up for your blog on the host site, and then you are provided tools to easily make your own page. Most free host sites are set up so that you have a sub-page, so if your blog is known as "Politics," your site's URL would look something like this; <http://blogspot.politics.com>. However, some are more popular than others. For example, an increasingly popular site to host on is

Blogspot. This site is very popular, in part because it is run by Google. Another example of a popular blog host is Xanga.

There are also blog hosting sites that you have to pay for to use. These sites are not expensive, and are all over the web. They run about 2-4 dollars a month, and are more customizable and have more space for your posts than free-based hosts. These are also sometimes harder to use as the tools are more open so that greater customization can be achieved.

The internet is now fully equipped with tools for proper networking for a good long while. With Blogs, information is circulated easily and quickly. People can share their ideas, hobbies, and everyday experiences. With myspace, the exchange of people and their friendships is made much easier. Old friends or new, you can find them. The extent of modern information technology has gotten incredible, and it's just getting better and better.



"Can I write about you writing about me in your column in my column?"

# Online Society

By Alice

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up networking. The students must be invited in order to stop people from joining a network that they should not be in.

Facebook also has a rule on age. The age limit is 13 and up, and they ask that children under 13 do not even register or send them their information because they will just deny them. If underage applicants do get a users account, facebook will delete it as soon as possible. Facebook is battling problems because they were set up originally for college students to use, and now they have made it easier for high school users to get on without a school e-mail address. High school students can pose as college level students, and access their sites.

They had their first known sexual predator when a 23 year old made an account as a teen-age girl with an interest in

having sex with a teenage boy. He made a 15-year-old boy believe that he was meeting a teenage girl looking for sexual actions, and lured him to the man's home.

People who use myspace and facebook are going to be at risk even though there are rules and guidelines in place. There are still major gaps in the structure of rules. On myspace you have to be 14-15 to have a private profile already set in place, but what about 16-18 year olds? They are still underage. Why not have them on private too? Just because they are a little older, doesn't mean that they are safe from online creeps.

Myspace and facebook have great prospects if you know how to be safe. You just need to know how to be safe on both. Some all round safety tips for both sites are: don't talk to strangers, even if they know one of your friends, because they could still be

lying. Don't put up suggestive pictures of yourself, because they make you more prone for a bad response or negative attention. Do not put lots of information about where you live, where you go to school, contact information, or your instant messaging screen name on your page. If someone starts to ask you to personal questions, there is contact information for facebook, [info@facebook.com](mailto:info@facebook.com), and for myspace, <http://www.myspace.com/tom>.

Myspace has some really cool programs, like music. Most major artists have a music profile, which means that they are able to put their music out for people to listen to, and update their concerts on their profiles. Not only major artists have a music profile, but the less known musicians also have their spot on myspace music. Myspace also has videos where people can upload their videos and clips.

Facebook has lots of new applications including, where have you gone, mood application, videos, and gifts. Most applications have no meaning; they are just for fun. On facebook you have everything you need to access school events and you can even create your own events page and have your friends join.

Both myspace and facebook have a lot to offer if you are looking for different things. For more music go to myspace because they have lots more to offer in that area. If you're looking for a place to have conversations with your friends through a school based website, go to facebook.

Myspace and facebook are where most kids can be themselves, express their musical talents, and chat with friends. They are easy ways to find out what is going on in someone's life. Facebook and myspace are great ways to stay connected to the world, as long as you know how to be safe.

## New Bikes!

By Lizzy

Coach ordered ten new beach bikes for the Orthogenic School students. The bikes that had been sitting in the shed before were rusting and were badly taken care of. All of the old bikes were thrown out, and Coach built the new bikes with the help of Nathan.

Eight of the bikes are dark blue, standard 24-inch bikes, and two of them are light blue, 26-inch women's bikes.

The bikes are beach cruisers, and are not built for jumping or lifting of any kind. They are for riding along the beach and enjoying the beautiful summer days.

Coach is very attached to the new bikes, and he named all of them. Their names all have the word "blue" in them, and they have names like, "moody blue." All of the bikes have blue names, except for two, named Jake and Elwood, after the Blues Brothers.

We are all very excited to have such nice new bikes, thank you Coach!



# The Internet, cell phones.... and the demise of the English language

By Rebecca

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were between the ages of 8 and 10. So they learned it when they were learning the other grammar rules." (ABC News.com). This means that "internet lingo" becomes ingrained in kids' writing and speaking skills at an early age. Because most teens and pre-teens spend much more time chatting with friends than they do writing academic papers, "IM speak" becomes their default method of communication.

Many companies and firms are starting to notice the effect that instant messaging is having on their young employees. Many young workers, rather than walking over to their boss's office, will just send an IM when they need to talk. Many of the older professionals are not able to understand the "cryptic" messages sent by their young coworkers. Another problem that online communication creates in the workplace is that it leads to poor conversational and non-verbal skills in the new recruits.

## Gay Pride Festivities

By Casey

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the protest. This, in turn, caused it to become a sort of tradition. More and more people came to every protest, and eventually created the annual Gay Pride Parade. The Parade has now come to include many thousands of gay and gay-supporting participants, as well as tons of spectators. It is estimated that roughly 200,000 to 450,000 people show up at each one of these parades.

One of the most commonly thought of symbols of gay pride is the rainbow flag.

## A Taste of The Taste

By Jerry

The Taste of Chicago is a well-known festival that was originally held on the fourth of July. It was formed by a group of people who approached the Mayor Harold Washington in 1980 about a food festival for the fourth. It now runs a full seven days with more than just food.

The Taste features live music, games, rides, and of course great food. It isn't

As well as frustrating older businessmen, this kind behavior can be seriously off-putting to a company's long-time clients.

It seems that the negative impact of instant messaging and text messaging will probably only worsen with time. The first generation of "internet lingo" users is now entering the workforce, and they are bringing with them their entire vocabulary of abbreviations and acronyms used in text and instant messages. At the same time, children continue to learn "IM speak" at a very young age, and the writing and communication skills of teenagers continue to be impacted by their constant use of this "new" language.

It is important for parents and teachers to work at trying to curb the use of "internet lingo" in young children as much as possible. The best thing that parents and educators can do is to try to catch kids using this type of language in their speech and writing as early

This flag was designed by Gilbert Baker, and made its first appearance at the 1978 San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade. It represents acceptance for all, and being



all that cheap, though. A strip of tickets, which is eleven, is \$7.00. Food and beverage prices run to be about 3-10 tickets. For one 20 Oz. bottle of soda, it's four tickets, and for a "Taste" portion of something it is about 3-5 tickets.

The food and entertainment is a definite plus, but the crowds are a definite minus. All over the Taste you are back to back with people when walking around. There is no long waiting for food or drinks usually, but there is human traffic in the streets.



as possible, and to correct these mistakes. It is also important to teach children and teenagers correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation at an early age in order for kids to grow up having the ability to speak and write properly and appropriately. This is really the only way to stop the language used in instant messaging and text messaging from completely taking over the English language.

proud of your true self and who you really are.

The Parades are not without their non-supporters, however. Recently about 2,500 gay pride activists marched down the streets of Jerusalem, while extreme Orthodox Jewish people held a counterdemonstration all over the city, burning tires in the name of anti-gay and chanting against the parade. They believed that it was a "profanity" to the Holy City of Jerusalem.

Discrimination may never go away, but people can always count on the gay pride parades as a place to be themselves, and show their true colors. Gay Pride parades are on a roll, and aren't slowing down anytime soon.

The Taste is not complete without the corn on the cob. That is one of the main attractions every year. The food variety ranges from fried dough with powdered sugar on top, to pork filled banana dumplings. I wasn't too attracted to the name of the banana dumpling, but you never know how it will taste until you try. There is something to eat or drink at the Taste for everyone, no matter how picky you are.

# Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows

By Lizzy

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quired Slytherin's relics and Hufflepuff's.

Voldemort uses each of these relics to make Horcruxes. It is said in the book that you can create a Horcrux by killing someone and tearing out a part of your soul and placing it in an object to make yourself immortal. Harry cannot kill and defeat Voldemort until he has found and destroyed all of the Horcruxes. It is believed that Voldemort has split his soul into seven pieces, because he states that seven is the most powerful magical number, and Voldemort is obsessed with power.

It is only believed though that Voldemort has created six Horcruxes, unless he accidentally made Harry a Horcrux when trying to kill him on Halloween when he was only one year old. There is no proof that this is true.

Voldemort's first Horcrux was made while he was still at Hogwarts, in his sixth year. He opened the Chamber of Secrets and released the Basilisk, a horrible serpent whose gaze will kill you, into the school. The serpent killed a girl named Myrtle, and he used her death to put a part of his soul into a diary so he could live on and open the Chamber of Secrets through another person after leaving Hogwarts. He did this through Ginny Weasley, Ron's younger sister, in the second book, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, which is Harry and Ron's second year at Hogwarts. Harry destroyed the diary, thus destroying the first of the six Horcruxes.

All of the Horcruxes that Voldemort made were made from significant deaths, and were put into objects of significance to him. The Horcruxes are not just lying around either, they are hidden and

guarded heavily in places of significance to Voldemort. We know from the books that the Horcruxes are Riddle's Diary, two of Slytherin's relics, his ring and his locket, Hufflepuff's cup, and Nagini his faithful snake.

Dumbledore destroyed the ring over the summer before the sixth book, *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*, begins, and Harry destroyed the diary. Harry and Dumbledore set out together to find the other Slytherin relic, the locket, but it had already been taken and is missing. We do not know where the locket is now, but there was a note inside the fake locket left in the original's place which read, "To the Dark Lord, I know that I will be dead long before you read this but I want you to know that it was I who discovered your secret. I have stolen the real Horcrux and intend to destroy it as soon as I can. I face death in the hope that when you meet your match, you will be mortal once more.-R.A.B"

Mugglenet.com believes that R.A.B is Sirius Black's, Harry's Godfather's, brother Regulus Black, who was a death eater; the name given to one of Lord Voldemort's followers. In the fifth book, *Harry Potter And The Order Of The Phoenix*, Harry is at Sirius' house before the start of term, and they find a locket that no one can open, presumably, Slytherin's locket. If that is the locket Horcrux, it has not been destroyed, and Harry must get it from the Black household and destroy it.

Nagini is Voldemort's snake. Voldemort is a parseltongue, and can talk to snakes. Harry also has this power. Voldemort has a surprising amount of power over the snake, and can possess her and make her do things. He makes his final Horcrux when he kills the caretaker of the house that he inhabits before he returns to his body at the beginning of the fourth book, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, and places part of his soul into Nagini. This is according to Dumbledore when he tells Harry about the Horcruxes in book six.

If Harry is a Horcrux he will have to kill himself, to kill the Horcrux inside of him, to make Voldemort mortal so he can be defeated. But, according to Mugglenet.com,



Wormtail, the nickname of Peter Pettigrew, the man who betrayed Harry's parents resulting in their deaths and the temporary loss of Voldemort's powers, will prevent this.

Voldemort lost his powers when he tried to kill Harry and gave him the lightning bolt scar on his head. Harry is the only person in the world who has ever survived the killing curse, which is why he is famous in the wizarding world; we learn this in book one, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

In book three, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, Harry saves Wormtail's life by not letting his Godfather and his friend, Professor Lupin, kill him for betraying Harry's parents. This act creates a life debt between Harry and Wormtail, and means that Wormtail must save Harry's life in return. Mugglenet.com believes that he will do this by telling Harry how to remove the Horcrux within himself without having to die in the process.

There are a lot of loose ends that need to be tied up in the seventh and final book in the Harry Potter series. J.K. Rowling leaves clues about what is to come throughout all of the books, but never directly tells us what is going to happen next. Everyone is eagerly anticipating the final book, and can't wait to know if Harry dies in the process of killing Voldemort to save the world and restore peace once and for all.



# Gun Control

By Ashley

During the first five years of the War in Iraq, between 2001 and 2006, twenty-one times more children in Chicago were killed due to gun violence than Chicago soldiers fighting in Iraq. Between September 2001 and July 2006, five Chicago soldiers were killed during combat in Iraq. In the same amount of time, around 105 children in Chicago were killed due to gun related incidents. In an eight-year period, between 1998 and 2006, 190 students from the Chicago Public School District were killed due to gun violence. In just seven months, since this year has started, 47 students have been killed, all due to gun violence.

Most people would agree that it's sickening that more children are being killed consistently in their hometowns than soldiers who are fighting an offensive war in a foreign country. It's alarming to think that in some parts of our country, children can't even walk to school without worrying about being killed or seriously hurt.

Over the past few decades, the increasing rate of gun violence has become overwhelming. In many large cities throughout the world, lawmakers are fighting to ban firearms for the general population, and only make guns legal for law-enforcement to carry or use. Although the fourth amendment in the United States Constitution is the right to bear arms, the steadily increasing homicide rate around

the country, has made firearms a primary concern to national and local leaders. Our political leaders and lawmakers have been fighting for years to take steps towards safer and more restrictive gun laws.

United States law states that you must be 21 years old in order to buy a handgun or ammunition, and at least 18 years old to buy a rifle or a shotgun from a shop. It is illegal in all states to provide a handgun or ammunition to minors. Each state has their own individual laws pertaining to firearms. Some states' laws are stricter than others.

For example, New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut all have a ban on assault weapons, such as the AK47, which is an automatic, menacing, concealable, machine gun.

In Chicago, Illinois, it is illegal to own and/or carry a handgun; it is also illegal to conceal any type of firearm. In the suburbs of Chicago, and currently almost every other city and state in the U.S., it is quite easy to buy a gun, as long as you are of age, or you know where to go. The state in which it is easiest to buy a gun is Virginia.

Unfortunately, only about 60% of gun and ammunition sales are attributed to licensed firearms dealers, even with the plethora of laws that have been put in place to impede illegal gun sales. In other words, only 3 out of every 5 people who acquire a



gun, go through the legal process, such as background checks, and making sure they are at least 18. That means that thousands of criminals, children, and other people who absolutely should not have their hands on any type of weapon, get their own firearm illegally. Altogether, counting illegal and legal, law enforcement and everyday citizens, there are about 84 firearms in the United States for about every 100 citizens.

According to the Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, there has been a very high increase in gun violence over the past few years. From 1999-2004, guns killed 6,999 Illinois residents. In just 2004, guns were used in 387 suicides in Illinois. In 2005, a Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey, surveying grades 9-12 in Chicago, found that 7% of Chicago High School students reported carrying a gun in school. In 2005, across the United States, 69,825 Americans

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## World View

By Ashley

Over the past few decades, the increasing rate of gun violence has become overwhelming.

Thanks to the hard work of our leaders, international leaders from many countries of each continent have been inspired. Some of the most impoverished, war-torn countries in the world are starting to change. Areas like Rwanda, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Sudan, and The Democratic Republic of The Congo have been able to start to mend and recover from

the agony, suffering, cruelty, and genocide they have had to endure. On average, about 25 people die every single day due to a gun related incident in the country of South Africa, which is the third most dangerous country in the world.

In most countries in Africa, there is no certain age required in order to own or carry a gun. In the countries that do have an age requirement, the age is most often 16 years old.

In many countries in Africa, there are civil wars being fought every day, about numerous different issues. The issue can

be as common as race, or religion, or as controversial as politics or ethics. Wars are also started pretty commonly about private issues such as property, employment, or a longstanding family conflict.

In the past, when most of these wars have broken out, guerilla groups have formed among the "offensive" and "defensive" sides. About 15-100 young men getting together usually form the rebel groups, and once their group is formed, that is usually the point where things start to get out of control.

# Gun Control

By Ashley

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were treated in hospitals for non-fatal gun-shot wounds. From 1999-2004, 1,039 children in Illinois were killed from guns. In a two year period, from 2004-2006, the rate of homicide and aggravated assault with a firearm both increased by 10%. Everyday in the United States, 19 children die because of a gun related incident.

A major problem law enforcement faces is the high amount of uncontrollable, illegal gun sales and possession. According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the licensed dealer that armed the Washington D.C. Sniper a few years ago, is also attached to a string of firearms dealers on the east coast who are known for being the “suppliers of the suppliers,” and who funnel the weapons to some of our nations most vicious criminals. The firearms shop is still open even after the federal charges that were pressed a few years ago. The same shop recently was unable to account for 238 guns. They also cannot say whether those 238 weapons were lost, stolen, or sold, or, if they were bought, whether or not their buyers underwent federal background checks.

Americans for Gun Safety released a report within the past few years that stated the following information: 20 out of the 22 current national gun laws are not consistently enforced. Between 2000 and 2002, only 2% of federal gun



crimes were actually prosecuted. 85% of cases prosecuted relate to street criminals in possession of firearms. Ignored are laws intended to punish illegal gun trafficking, firearm theft, corrupt gun dealers, lying on a criminal background check form, obliterating firearm serial numbers, selling guns to minors, and possessing a gun in a school zone.

Over the past decade a countless number of people have been injured and many innocent

lives have been lost all because of a lack of gun control. Gun control is one of the only issues that both Democrats and Republicans can agree upon, despite how controversial the issue may seem, or at times, be. National and International leaders are beginning to realize how important gun control is, and how much gun violence influences our lives.

# Hot Topic: What's your favorite food?

By jordan

food – Summer

Italian – Corissa

My favorite kind of food would be Korean. Korean beef known s Bulgogi is the best.  
– Chris

SUSHI – David

My favorite foods are hot dogs and fries. – Alice

Steak – Ethan

Salvadorian Puposas! (food from el Salvador) - Sarah

Chocolate covered popcorn – Julie

Chinese Food – Jordan

Granola mixed with moist chocolate cake, a teaspoon of Smuckers peanut butter served with a tall glass of chilled vanilla soy milk.  
– Anonymous

Mexican Food – Leo

Fettucini Alfredo & Beef Wellington – Randi

Thai Food – John

My favorite food is pizza. – Isaiah

Water – Shelby



Chinese all the way! – Nick

Pizza – Ricky

My favorite is cheerios without milk. – Kaitlin

Pizza (cheese only) – Rebecca

## Teen Idols & the Example they Set

By Alice

Role models today have been the celebrities who are pretty, and who some teens think are well rounded. Who are the good role models and who are the bad, and why? Picking a role model should be done for all the good things heard about them, not for the bad publicity.

For some people, Katherine Heigl is a role model. Katherine is one of the stars of the hit series *Grey's Anatomy*. She is a person who you never hear much about, mostly because she doesn't have much gossip about her. She is not like the celebrities that think that partying every night is a good idea. Katherine has learned that you have to be in a good place to get behind the wheel.

Katherine's older brother died in a car accident when she was young, and it changed her life. When her brother was hurt in the accident they made the choice to donate his organs. She has been a person who advocates for organ donations because of what happened to her older brother.

Katherine was a child star and model. As a child star you never really heard about her lifestyle, but what you did hear was that she was a talented actress with a booming career. When you compare Katherine Heigl to Paris Hilton and Haley

Joel Osment (*The Sixth Sense*), you wonder how we have two such different types of celebrities.

Paris is an heir to the Hilton hotels. She is a party girl who lives a life of fortune and who thinks it is OK to drink and drive, given her record. She has been arrested for DUI, which is driving under the influence, on multiple occasions. She was even driving on a suspended license because of her previous DUI. Paris was sent to jail for violating probation.

Haley Joel Osment was a famous kid from age four. He was on commercials and started his movie career. Last year, he was driving home after a concert. He lost control of his car and smashed it into a mailbox. On impact, the car flipped over. After the accident, he was charged with possession of marijuana and driving under the influence.

When you're underage and you get caught for a DUI, it's a lot worse than when you're over 21. For people under the age of 21, there are much more severe consequences. For the 1<sup>st</sup> conviction, there



is a minimum sentence of the driver's license being revoked for at least 2 years. You might have to spend up to a year in jail and pay up to \$2,500. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> conviction, the driver's license can be revoked for at least 5 years, or until the age of 21, and you might have to spend 5 days in jail or serve 30 hours of community service time. If

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## Owen Wyatt

By David

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viously a counselor in the Titans dorm before taking time to pursue becoming a certified welder in order to create sculpture.

Owen returned to our school, a year after traveling to India, when he was inspired to work with children again. Owen enjoys the great group of students and staff at our school. He particularly enjoys hanging out and laughing with everyone. He has impacted the students in the Adventurers greatly according to Chris, who dubs Owen the master of puns. "Owen has encouraged the humor in the dorm to his liking," explained Chris.

Owen has been an influence on the staff he works with also. Maggie calls Owen awesome and insightful, and Nikloay says "Owen is dedicated and effective in his position as the dorm's supervisor."

Owen has learned from the school and from every student he works with here. He has learned and been inspired by all the students he works with to various degrees, and his advice for new counselors is "to prepare themselves to work with an inspiring and phenomenal population of students." He also recommends requesting Marshall's Arnold Schwarzenegger impression.

Even though it seems like the counselors live at the school in the locked corridors where students can't see them until they're working their next shift, even they have lives outside of work. When Owen isn't at the O'School, he likes to take it easy. He enjoys reading, watching movies, and riding his bike, but it's not all about relaxing. The dishes and laundry won't clean themselves.

I'm glad to have had the opportunity to interview Owen. I hope this has given you some insight on how important a role

counselors play, and that they aren't robots without emotions or real lives. Counselors can't truly become experienced without learning from the people they work with.



# Summer Fun!



July 24 - The Boys are headed to a movie and the Girls are headed to a Water Park!

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July 31 - Lincoln Park Zoo or The Field Museum

August 2 - O'School Carnival!!!!

August 7 - Make Your Own Sushi or Anti Cruelty Society

August 9 - Shedd Aquarium

August 14 - Botanical Garden or Hyde Park Tour

August 16 - Adler Planetarium

August 21 - Brookfield Zoo

August 23 - Children's Museum

August 28 - Trolley Tour

August 30 - Medieval Times

Make sure to thank all of your counselors & the Summer Fun Committee for making such a great schedule!

## Teen Idols

By Alice

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your offense was within 5 years of your first DUI, you could end up in jail for up to 1 year and be fined up to \$2,500. The 3<sup>rd</sup> conviction would mean loss of driving privileges for a minimum of ten years, 10 days to 3 years in prison, and 60 days of community service. The fine goes up to a possible \$25,000.

When teens see or hear about their favorite role models drinking and driving, it sends them the wrong message. It tells them that it is OK to behave the same way. It makes you famous, after all. Alcohol is one of the number one killers in the United States today. Today's youth is very influenced by the events of drinking and driving that they see or hear about. When some teens look at the light sentences their role models get, they might think that it is OK. It's not. Just ask Katherine Heigl.

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