Malaria: Africa’s Worst Enemy
By Justin

In Africa, Malaria kills at least one million children a year. This deadly disease has spread throughout the majority of Africa. Malaria is an economic issue in regions such as Ghana, Kenya, and Mali and places near bodies of water. Since Africa is such a poor continent they can not afford the medication to help stop this deadly disease from spreading.

Malaria is a blood related virus that is contracted from mosquitoes. The female mosquito starts out as a larva and lives in an aquatic habitat. After the mosquito is fully developed, it seeks out food. When a mosquito bites an organism that has malaria, then the mosquito has contracted the disease and can pass it on to a human through their bite.

Malaria is a life threatening disease that causes burning fever, bone aching chills, nausea, splitting headaches and fatigue. If these symptoms are not treated, then the person who has contracted malaria will have a very unpleasant death. Sadly, most African children won’t live past the age of 6.

Malaria has done a lot of damage to Africa’s people and its children. In Africa at least one million children under the age of 5 will die every year from the disease. In 2007, 500 million

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The Effects of Bullying
By Alan

Though humanity continues to progress quite rapidly and becomes more civilized and technologically advanced, bullying is still quite prevalent in our modern world. In times past, when the field of psychology had yet to be explored, the general population failed to realize how bullying or repeated antagonism and harassment can lead to long-term issues. However, despite static human nature in our dynamic world, with so much in place to make our lives easier and more civilized, one might think we could properly stop such futile things as bullying and other forms of harassment. According to the National Youth Violence Pre-

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Student Work Program Update

Our next Application/Evaluation session will be end of April/beginning of May. The dates are as follows:

**Wednesday, April 22nd - Informational Meeting**
Held after the Community Meeting in the Big Gym

**Friday, April 24th - Application Deadline**
All new applications should be turned into Michelle Z. in the Art Room by 3pm.

**Monday, April 27th - Applicant Review**
Applications will be reviewed at the All Staff Meeting.

**Wednesday, April 29th - Interviews/Evaluations**
SWP Supervisors will conduct interviews and evaluations in the art room. The schedule will be posted in dorms, the staff room & classrooms.

**Thursday, April 30th - Notification Letters**
Letters will be delivered to base classes by 7th period.

**Monday, May 4th - Orientation/Training**
New employees will participate in an orientation from 3-5pm
Existing employees will participate in a training workshop from 3-5pm

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Timecards Due by Friday @ 3pm
- Remember to turn your time cards in on time.
- They are due every other Friday.

Three places you can deliver your timecard:
1. In Michelle Z.’s hand.
2. The Box that is labelled ‘timecards’ next to the Art Room Door
3. Michelle Z.’s mailbox in the front office.

Kitchen Update
Welcome Ellie! She is now coordinating the Kitchen Schedule and will be working with Michelle Z.

Kitchen staff are now required to attend a monthly meeting with John West, Ellie & Michelle on the first Wednesday of every month.

Kitchen Staff - Don’t forget to sign in and out on the new bulletin board.

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By Justin

people contracted malaria from mosquitoes.

This deadly disease has affected over half of Africa’s countries. Africa is a poor continent and the majority of Africa’s regions are in poverty. Even though the antibiotic costs only 10 dollars, the government still cannot provide its people with the medication they need to survive this disease. There still is hope in Africa, though, because different Nations have come up with alternatives to help solve this problem.

One of the solutions to solving malaria is an aerosol called DDT (Dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane). This drug was discovered in 1939 and has had long-term success in the campaign against malaria. Its main function was to kill malaria hot spots, but in 1960 DDT was discontinued because mosquitoes built up a resistance to the drug and DDT had a negative effect on human health. Researchers found that DDT is a carcinogen which means that it could cause cancer in humans.

Mosquito Nets have decreased the outbreaks of malaria by 44 percent. These nets only cost $1-$2 dollars each. Talk about getting your bang for your buck. Shockingly, according to a study published in 2007, mosquito nets have worked tenfold. These nets have obviously been beneficial in places like Kenya and other infested regions.

There is a fish called the Nile Tilapia that has an enormous effect on the campaign against malaria. This fish has consumed 80 percent of malaria infested mosquito larvae. Also this fish has really helped boost the farming industry. The Nile Tilapia is really productive for the food industry.

Malaria will always be an ongoing problem. As long as there are nations willing to help, however, there will always be hope for Africa and other places in need.

Human Trafficking

By Brooklyn

According to the Arizona Republic, from September to November last year, a 15-year-old girl was raped repeatedly and sold as a sex slave on the internet. Her captors hid the runaway in a hollowed-out box spring covered with a piece of wood and tucked underneath a bed in a small apartment complex adjacent to Interstate 17 in west Phoenix. Finally, local police rescued her after two months, at which time they suspected she was running out of oxygen.

“What we have is a broken 15-year-old girl who was alone and felt like her life was over,” said Sgt. Andy Hill of the Phoenix Police Department. “Thank God she’s alive. Look what she went through. It’s just unbelievable. I’ve never heard of anything so horrific done to a kid.”

Similarly, according to an investigation by a network called Al Jazeera, girls as young as 14 were being sold as sex slaves to men outside of brothels in Cambodia. To investigate, Al Jazeera would secretly film several Cambodian brothels, and at each one he would find the same thing: rooms full of women in their early twenties and several hundred teenage girls. “For my virginity, they gave me $200,” said Ya Da, a former Cambodian prostitute.

According to the New York Times, Ya Da lived in one of the Cambodian brothels that Al Jazeera had filmed. She had been a resident there for two years before she managed to run away. Now, she lives in a safe house with other former prostitutes and abused children. “There were just a few foreign customers [at the brothel],” she said. “I never slept with any, I only slept with Cambodian men.”

Men, children, and women like Ya Da are abducted-
ed everyday from around the world and sold as sex slaves to other people. This process is known as human trafficking, and it's an international problem that has been going on for decades. Basically, if one forcibly transports someone from one place to another, and they are used for sexual exploitation against their will, one is committing the international crime of human trafficking.

According to the United States Department of Justice, Long Island is reportedly the most prevalent area in the United States of America where human trafficking is present due to the fact that most trafficking victims are illegal immigrants. In 2005, the Justice Department awarded more than $1 million in grant money to fight against human trafficking in Nassau and Suffolk, two cities in Long Island.

Even with money and support coming from multiple places to fight human trafficking, it still occurs regularly in the world today. More than a year has gone by since the Long Island Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force was organized, and not one single trafficker operating on Long Island has been arrested. According to the Chicago Tribune, only one victim, a Chinese woman forced to work in a brothel disguised as a massage parlor, has been freed from the human trafficking chain.

Officials of the task force have continued to offer a variety of explanations for what they acknowledged were scarce results on Long Island. According to the task force officials, most of the time spent by the task force over the last year has gone to training police officers, sharing intelligence, and fine-tuning mechanisms for amassing evidence. "I do expect that there are big cases coming soon," said Demetri M. Jones, an assistant United States attorney and the chairwoman of the task force.

The Justice Department is not alone in the task force. In fact, the task force includes at least three other federal agencies: the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigrant and Customs Enforcement Division of the Homeland Security Department, the Labor Department, the State Department of Labor, the Nassau and Suffolk police departments and district attorney's offices, and two private organizations. Each county police department received $360,000 from the federal government last year for training alone.

Catholic Charities, a private organization that helps human trafficking victims gain legal residency and find jobs and housing, and Safe Horizon, another private organization that trains non-governmental agencies to assist human trafficking victims, both received grants totaling about $400,000 for their efforts. "We're cleaning up the community," said Captain Steven Skrynecki, the Nassau police representative on the task force. "And while we're doing that, a secondary motive is to look for and rescue the victims."

Along with illegal immigrants, the other group of people in our country that typically can become part of prostitution or a human trafficking chain are teenage girls who run away from home. Congress estimates that approximately 50,000 people are trafficked into the United States annually from places such as East Asia, Mexico, and Central America.

There are laws, however, that make human trafficking illegal in this country. According to the Thirteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, nobody in our country is allowed to be a victim of slavery or involuntary servitude. There is also the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (VTVPA) that outlaws human trafficking. Those who are found under violation of the VTVPA that identify themselves as traffickers are automatically subject to receive anywhere from twenty years to the rest of their life in prison, pay substantial fines to the government, provide full restitution to their victims, and sometimes receive forfeiture of their property.

If someone suspects that an individual has been trafficked, something can be done to help him or her. Call the Department of Health and Human Services at their sponsored, toll-free, 24-hour national hotline, which is 1-888-373-7888 or try to reach the Department of Justice at their sponsored, toll-free, 24-hour, Trafficking in Persons and Worker Exploitation Task Force Complaint Line, which is 1-888-428-7581.

The workers at the hotlines above will help the caller determine if he or she has encountered victims of human trafficking, will identify local resources available in the caller's community to help victims, and will help the caller coordinate with local social service organizations.
This has been a tough winter in Chicago and everyone has been suffering. Cars have been getting stuck in snow, heaters have blown out, and water heaters have been acting up. This has certainly been the case for the Orthogenic School where dormitories have had water build up in the shower heads, little pressure in some showers and too much pressure in others. Frank, from tech staff, explained that there is rust built up in the pipes as well in the shower heads and Jerry, the University Engineer, confirmed this problem.

We all know that the Orthogenic School is a very old building. While more modern buildings are heated by gas or central heating, the Orthogenic School is heated by steam. The school’s heating system is basically powered by hot water. Since it was very cold recently, the building had to borrow the hot water from the showers to heat up the rest of the building. This caused the showers to go from hot to cold.

Students in the school have expressed some frustration with the plumbing and the showers. The students haven’t been too happy about the water in the Orthogenic School. Take Derrick for instance, who says, “the water pressure isn’t efficient and the water pressure is very low and it also takes forever to warm up.” Felicia has had the same problem, but she says her, “bathroom roof is leaking yellowish-orange water and it makes it difficult to take a shower”.

Even the Starz dormitory showers have been acting up. Rachel says “the water in the showers is freezing cold and it makes it very unpleasant to take a shower.” Shelby thinks that the water pressure is really bad. The Minstrels water is not good, and students all report that the quiet room bathrooms need work, especially on the girl’s floor. Students have reported that the showering in the girl’s floor quiet room has been a pain, literally describing it as feeling like a bunch of needle heads hitting you at once.

There are many water and plumbing issues the Orthogenic School that need to be fixed including leaky roofs. The reason why the Orthogenic School has leaky roofs is because the roof needs a new tuck point. A tuck point is where the roof is glued with cement, and when you have an old building the cement starts to crack which causes leaking.

The Orthogenic School dormitory side was built in the 1930s and rebuilt in the 1960s, so it isn’t surprising that this building is overdue for repairs. The overall building has been serving students since 1912. Pete believes that the students deserve good plumbing, but for right now replacing all the pipes is just not feasible as replacing them will cost an estimated $150,000.00 to $200,000.00 dollars.

Capacity is another factor that prevents the pipes from getting fixed. There are nearly 60 students in the school and 150 staff. So it would be really difficult to fix the pipes in the school because there are that many people constantly needing to access the bathrooms.
Making the Yellow Door Chronicles

By Alan

The Yellow Door Chronicles has been, and still remains an integral part of the Orthogenic School. When it was started only four years ago, founded by Michelle Pegram and Michelle Zarrilli, it was initially more of a test project than a long-term periodical. However, after having run the course of a few volumes, it has remained a permanent and inseparable part of our school. As YDC advisor and overseer Michelle Pegram has said, "We decided to try it out as a summer class. It turned out to be quite successful. We realized that the only way to keep it going was to have a class within the school year. So that's how it's kind of evolved to where it is now." At the time, they did not realize just how much of an impact their decision to keep the class going would make.

Staff other than student reporters, include Michelle Zarrilli, the resident art teacher and expert who helps with the layout of the paper, Michelle Pegram, YDC Advisor, who earned a Master's degree for writing, Geoff Keegstra, chief editor for the YDC, an English major and English teacher at the Orthogenic School, and Jillian Swinford, a teacher's assistant and photography aid for the school newspaper. Together, they bring much-needed creativity and knowledge from all sorts of fields such as visual arts and journalistic writing. They contribute greatly to the quality of the paper and the writing ability of its reporters.

Aside from its initial creation, there is still much to do to make each individual issue of the Yellow Door Chronicles. Every reporter does an immense amount of research for their articles, which are then subject to heavy scrutiny, suggestions, editing, and other feedback. From there they undergo a rigorous editing process to ensure a high standard of quality for the final product, and are then laid out by the collective YDC team, with guidance from Michelle Zarrilli, and occasionally art teaching assistant Hague Williams and student Ryan K.

A typical issue of the Yellow Door Chronicles starts out with reporters finding various topics of news and interest to write about. From there, they lay out a bare-bones structure for their paper, finding basic information sources and answering basic questions about their article's subject. After the baseline for the article has been written, it is then overlooked and approved by staff advisors, from which point it is written out more elaborately for a first draft. The first draft is critiqued and edited by student editors, which builds teamwork and positive reinforcement skills crucial to having a successful newspaper. After students make their next draft utilizing suggestions from their peers, it is then edited by advisors and rewritten yet again to be improved once more.

After all the articles have been polished and the layout has been solidified, it is printed out, manually folded and stapled, and then distributed to approximately 200 people, which includes parents, teachers, students, other Orthogenic School staff, and independent subscribers. It is also available in digital form at the O'School's website, at oschool.org. Having a school newspaper not only boosts school morale and pride, but also benefits the students and staff involved as well. "It's exciting to see the growth in students' writing abilities and in the topics they choose, and the angles they take on those topics," says Geoff Keegstra. "It's very rewarding to work with students in the production of a newspaper, having a material item and having something to show for the students' progress. I also enjoy hearing the students' viewpoints on the topics they take and enjoy the challenge of discussing those topics as they write those articles."

Making a paper affects students very positively. Geoff stated that "...It will hopefully challenge them to open their minds to different viewpoints on different issues of their time. I think it's beneficial to help them with their writing and in learning how to communicate clearly their thoughts to other people, and it's also beneficial because they need to work as a group. Often, they will be around those they don't want to work with.

Geoff is not the only one who thinks there are benefits to having students work on a newspaper and voice their opinions through writing. Michelle Pegram said, "Writing is an important skill. The more you do it, the better you get at it. Even for someone who isn't good at writing, doing it on a regular basis will make them better. I think in addition to that, it gives students a chance to work and collaborate in a group to reach a common goal."

The YDC student staff also have a lot of good things to say about the paper they work on. "I like it because it's good practice to write or type up articles because it will be beneficial if you're in college and have to write papers, and the more practice you have writing papers or articles, the more successful you will be in college and in life," says student journalist and reporter Justin. "Also, it provides me with the opportunity to show my opinion on various subjects and it also shows students at the Orthogenic School what issues matter to me in the world and what should be done about them."

Others had good things to say as well. "It helped me to develop good writing skills for just regular, everyday papers, like a typical school paper. It looks good on one's college application, too," says Natalie, another student writer.

YDC readers have much to say about this local periodical. "I really enjoyed Alan's article on Toxoplasmosis, so much so that I successfully used it as an example in a paper I wrote for my Public Policy class, and I really believe that was the little extra that got me the A. My professor even mentioned how he liked how I added in the bit about crazy cat ladies. I really learned a lot from that article and it was very well written," says Constantina, a dormitory counselor at the Orthogenic School. James, a student who routinely reads and thoroughly enjoys the Yellow Door Chronicles, said that "it is very diverse and covers many areas of interest."
Pittsburgh Steelers Steal A Record 6th Superbowl Victory  
By James

Sunday, February 1st was a day that marked the calendars for football fans and commercial companies alike, not to mention the two teams battling head-on for the title of champion. Yes, that day was none other than Super Bowl Sunday. The challenge: win. The place: Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida. The kickoff time: 5:25 pm central time on Sunday February 1st, 2009. The prize: the coveted Vince Lombardi Trophy originally called the World Championship Game Trophy.

The Super Bowl is one of the most important sporting events in America. Super Bowl XLIII, those letters are read as 43 for the readers that aren’t familiar with Roman numerals, pitted the underdog team Arizona Cardinals against five time champions Pittsburgh Steelers. These two teams worked their way through bitter games, bitter weather, and massive amounts of training involving blood and sweat in order to be given their chance at the 43rd annual Super Bowl. Each team had their own reasons for playing in the Super Bowl. For the Cardinals it was the hope of finally winning a Super Bowl title, whereas the Steelers wanted to claim a historic 6th Super Bowl championship.

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Paws: An Inside Look at the Treatment of Sled Dogs  
By Brooklyn

Entering the Iditarod this year as a rookie is a new face. Weighing in at fifty pounds at the age of four, Crackle is an Alaskan husky that runs as the leader of the pack for Alaskan musher Ryan Redington. When asked what makes this dog so special, Redington said, “She is the smoothest trotting dog in the kennel. She is a very good leader, excellent gee-haw, and keeps the team moving at a good pace. Lots of drive.” According to the official Iditarod website though, the race, which starts on March 7, offers Crackle some pretty stiff competition this year if she wants to win. Take Bugs for example. The Dalmatian/husky mutt weighs in at fifty-five pounds at age five and is a leader for Ed Iten, another musher from Alaska. When asked why he chose to have Bugs be his leader this time, Iten responded, “Bugs is my ‘go to’ man in tough conditions. He’ll break deep trail until you tell him to stop. He will swim a team across deep overflow in lead, or drive over glare ice and into head winds. He’s a pleaser.”

The history of dog sled racing is one that goes back for at least six thousand years. As early as 1873, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police rode around on dog sleds, and around the same time, mail teams would deliver mail by means of dog sled in arctic areas. The first recorded dog sled race took place in Alaska in 1908 when they had the All Alaska Sweepstakes, a race that went all the way from Nome to Candle and back. The winning team belonged to musher John Hegness, with a total time of 119 hours, 15 minutes, and 12 seconds. By 1910, the sport of dog sled racing had been popularized. John “Iron Man” Johnson set a record that year that to this day remains unbroken with a total time of 74 hours.

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The history of dog sled racing has not always been an honorable one. For example, about 1,500 dogs start the Iditarod, the most famous sled dog race in Alaska, but over one-third of the dogs are flown home due to injuries, sickness, or exhaustion. The dogs are usually husky mutts, and they are tethered to 15 other dogs and tied up to 400-pound sleds. They must run about 125 miles per day, sometimes without stopping for up to six hours at a time, with just a few hours of sleep per day. Usually, mushers take anywhere from 9-14 days to finish the race. Paws become bloodied and bruised while running over rocks or ice, and they eventually become tired of running over all the ground that they have to cover. At least one or two dogs die every year from causes that range from strangulation in towlines, internal hemorrhaging, to being trampled by moose or suffering from liver injuries, heart failure, and pneumonia. Wolf, a 5-year old dog in musher Lance Mackey’s team, died when he regurgitated food and choked on it.

Even if dogs survive the race, they may die afterwards. Dr. Paula Kislik, president of the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, has stated, “With a buildup of lactic acid and other chemicals from muscle degradation as a result of extreme exercise, toxicity in the liver and kidneys may not cause death for days or weeks after a race.”

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The game was well played by both teams. The Steelers put the Cardinals to the test right from the start with a 3-0 lead in the first quarter and never relented in their fierce game play, ending the first half with a ten-point lead over the Cardinals at 17-7. The third quarter played a lot like the first with the Steelers refusing to let the Cardinals gain as little as one point. In the last quarter both teams called on their remaining strength for an amazing final round.

The final touchdown was an astounding play by No. 10, Santonio Holmes of the Pittsburgh Steelers with 35 seconds left on the clock. Needless to say, Holmes’ touchdown won him the title of Super Bowl MVP. The Cardinals didn’t let this upset waver their morale, and did their best to pull back. However, Pittsburgh regained possession of the ball with 5 seconds to spare when Cardinal No. 13, Kurt Warner fumbled. The final score was Steelers 27, Cardinals 23, sealing the Pittsburgh Steelers record-breaking 6th Super Bowl win.

A piece of advice for those teams that did not make it to this year’s Super Bowl, train hard and play well because next year two teams will battle it out in Miami, Florida. In addition, for those who are concerned about the economy as well as the Super Bowl, dig this: this year alone, businesses spent over $2.9 million dollars each, for just one 30 second commercial! The price of tickets to this year’s Super Bowl? The average was $900. Others went for as much as $1,000 while season tickets for Pittsburgh and Arizona fans were sold at $500.

Finally, here’s a bit of news to chew on: Santonio Holmes, MVP of Super Bowl XLIII, was recently fined $10,000 by the NFL for using the ball as a prop in his touchdown victory dance. Holmes apparently pretended to sprinkle powder on the ball and then proceeded to throw it in the air the way basketball star, LeBron James throws chalk dust. The NFL said that while Holmes’s performance did not receive a 15-yard penalty, it did cost him $10,000. Some Cardinals fans complain that Holmes’s violation deserved the 15-yard penalty and are upset that the penalty was not enforced; claiming that those 15 yards could have allowed Arizona to win the game.
Internet In the Sky
By:Kayla B.

If someone is on a plane, it isn’t always that easy to contact family and friends. Soon, certain United Airline customers are going to be able to access WiFi on the plane. This means passengers will be able to access the internet through laptops, iPhones, and blackberries.

According to Wisegeek.com, WiFi is also known as Wireless Fidelity. In order to access the Internet through WiFi you must be within 200ft of a router. The router is connected to the Internet cable. Sometimes Wireless Connections will show up on your computer but some of them are locked and need a password to unlock. Some areas will have WiFi all over with a very strong connection. This is called a WiFi hot spot.

According to howstuffworks.com “A computer’s...

Chicago Auto Show
Ushers in New Technology
By Alan

This year’s Auto Show has ushered in a new era of concepts for future cars. Emphasizing heavily on fuel efficiency and alternative sources of energy, many of the cars showcased in the McCormick Place included hybrids, electric cars, hydrogen-powered combustion engines, and lightweight cars, rather than the bulky, cumbersome, gas-guzzling SUVs of previous auto shows.

Some of the highlights of the auto show included the Chevy Volt, Honda Insight, Ford Fusion, Mini Cooper E, the Saturn Vue EV, and Flextreme Plug-In models. All of these cars are electric, and much more economical than hybrid or E85-powered vehicles. This might be due to Americans noticing our increasing dependency on foreign oil, and wanting to be independent. Also, the federal government raised the bar for the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE), which will require all auto manufacturers to produce cars that have an average of 35 miles per gallon if they are to be...
Credit cards, social security numbers, birth certificates, debit cards, pin numbers, and e-mail and social-networking site passwords are among the many things which today’s society takes for granted and believe are quite secure. However, little do people know just how easily identity thieves can obtain this information without their victims knowing about it until it’s too late.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), over 9.91 million Americans have fallen victim to identity thieves, with losses totaling over $52 billion. In this day and age, with technology advancing so rapidly, it has become infinitely easier to gain access to personal information, as the internet allows for the exchange of information much faster than any other way. Rather than simply dumpster diving like many identity thieves of generations past would to make their living, now there is a plethora of options for them which are much easier… and much more sanitary, too.

The tactics that identity thieves now employ include phishing, malware-based attacks, and Domain Name System (DNS)-based trickery. Inexperienced and uneducated identity thieves tend to stick with blunt methods such as phishing, which is pure deceit and requires conversational and coercive skills rather than technological prowess. Typically, it does not require much skill or knowledge, but is usually not effective either.

An example of phishing is when an identity thief e-mails someone, and posing as a bank employee, requests their bank information. They will usually say something along the lines of “we need you to verify your account; please submit its information to us so we can be sure you are the owner of this account.” Naive recipients have more of a predilection to cooperate and give up valuable information that can be used to steal their money and identity.

Malware-based theft includes a variety of methods. The three main ways of obtaining valuable information via malicious software are keystroke logging, cookie-reading, and packet interception. All of these are very easy to execute and are responsible for a large amount of identity theft, though it is hard to pinpoint an exact number, as identity theft is a very complex and widespread issue.

Keystroke loggers are programs that record the keyboard input of a person and then relay that information back to the program’s owner. Cookie-readers are programs that read a computer’s temporarily cached internet files saved by a browser, also known as “cookies.” From there, that information is submitted to the identity thief who has sent the cookie-reader to a victim. Packet interceptors intercept data packets, which are sent to and from a computer. The data contained within these packets can include a number of things, such as personal information that can compromise someone’s identity security.

Domain Name System (DNS)-based attacks occur when identity thieves create fraudulent websites that appear to be the same as legitimate ones. An example of this would be when people create fake bank websites, which tend to fool those who are less technologically-savvy into thinking they are their bank’s real website, then the thieves have their unknowing victims send their personal information to their server whereupon they use it for their malicious purposes. No matter how secure a network is, if the user makes the error of submitting information to the wrong places, their information is liable to be found and stolen.

Keeping all of this information in mind, it is important to take precautions to make sure one’s identity is safe. Many of these ways of having an identity stolen are easily avoidable using simple security protocols, but most are overlooked by the general population. Some easy things one can do to better protect their identity is to use secure browsers rather than operating-system defaults, use secure encryption algorithms for home wireless networks, install and utilize security software, and create secure and complex passwords for logins.

Many people have wireless networks so that they can roam about their homes on portable devices and laptops, using the internet freely, but many do not implement secure encryption types. Many fail to use any at all. It is possible to create a very secure home network using WPA2 or WPA-PSK encryption, but many people tend to use WEP encryption, a weaker, less secure algorithm, because of its higher amount of support for older hardware and ease of use. Even still, if someone knows the passkey to gain access to the network, they will be able to get on and intercept data sent from devices on the network to the wireless router,
marketed. Luckily, manufacturers who still produce gasoline-powered vehicles will have time to adapt to this new standard, which will take effect in 2020.

Not all of the concepts displayed at the Chicago Auto Show were as economical and environmentally-friendly as the aforementioned electric and hybrid concepts. Chevrolet has been making an effort to reintroduce “muscle”-esque sports cars back on the market, which is quite a rarity among Detroit’s many auto manufacturers. Chevy’s 2009 Camaro and Corvette Stingray concepts prove to be quite solid, more than just the typical concept car which will never ever make it into production.

The Corvette Stingray concept boasts quadruple exhaust pipes that produce raspy, vivid tunes which are quite satisfying to hear. It also has been given a much-needed visual revamp. The Stingray features a completely reworked body, which is not only more aesthetically pleasing, but also very aerodynamic, cutting down on drag and wind resistance, allowing for faster acceleration. Though Ferrari, Saleen Bugatti, Porsche, and other foreign manufacturers are reputed to have a much more vast array of sports cars in their lineup, they will definitely have some competition with the release of these new versions of old American classics.

Domestic manufacturers have been suffering lately due to the recession, but this decline could stop with the new, intriguing concepts that made their debut at the show. America’s economic situation can only get better from here.

**Internet In the Sky**

wireless adapter translates data into a radio signal and transmits it using an antenna. A wireless router receives the signal and decodes it. The router sends the information to the Internet using a physical, wired Ethernet connection.”

In 2005 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is allowing United Airlines and Airfone to install the technology needed for WiFi, which is making the airplane a WiFi hot spot so you can access internet from any location on the plane. United is planning on starting the WiFi on 13 planes, and the program is certain to start in the middle of the year.

One Issue for the planes is that whenever you use a public wireless network there is always a security warning. Some people can access what somebody else is accessing without their knowledge. Regardless of the security risk, Jen from the Minstrels dorm says it is a good idea to have WiFi because then you can complete business transactions if you are on a plane for business. Some people also may want it because they can talk to their friends.
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By: Alan

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unless the network’s owner takes other precautions, such as Service Set Identifier (SSID) hiding, TCP/IP port blocking or stealthing, and MAC Address filtering.

Most people fail to realize just how important network security is and do not bother taking the time to properly set one up. Those who are informed about the consequences of not doing so are usually more inclined to take extra security precautions. The problem is that most people are not aware of the fact that a bank may not necessarily compensate them for fraudulent charges or other transactions. Sometimes, it is hard for a bank to determine if a charge really was fraudulent or not, and thus they are less likely to reimburse identity theft victims if they have little basis or proof for their claims.

It is very hard for someone to gain their identity back once it is stolen. Ironically, many victims are often confused with identity thieves themselves. This is because they cannot sufficiently prove that they are themselves, whereas a more well-read identity thief can and will use all sorts of information and tactics to try as best they can to prove they are who they are victimizing, all at the cost of the real person involved.

Identity theft can also be a traumatic and disturbing experience which can often result in lessened trust of those close to someone, unwarranted paranoia, and other unnatural behavior. This is just another reason why people need to take the issue of network security more seriously.

The US Government does much to help aid those financially or otherwise hurt by identity thieves, and so do many other countries. The US imposes hefty fines and long jail sentences for people who steal the identities of others, typically having very long sentences without parole. It is, after all, a felony, and a very serious offense, so it should be treated accordingly.
Abortion is Wrong
By Kayla B.

California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, do not agree with the new abortion rule the government has added to the Abortion Law. The government decided that if a woman wants an abortion, the pharmacist and doctor both have the right to refuse to give the medication or procedure that they are asking for. This rule is great. Abortion should not be allowed at all because abortion is killing a child.

Abortion is a procedure that happens when a woman decides she does not want to have a baby. An abortion stops the pregnancy, but will also kill the fetus or, in other words, the baby. According to familydoctor.org, a surgical abortion is 100% effective, while a medical abortion is only 97% effective.

Most of the time abortion is a surgical procedure.

Some women however may not want to have a surgery, so they have an option to get a non-surgical abortion, which is a medication. The medication is called RU486; this is a Mifepristone, which is also known as the abortion pill. The abortion pill can obviously be taken in a pill form, but can also come

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Obama, The Best?
By Natalie

History was changed for America when Barack Obama was sworn in on Tuesday January 20th, 2009, but was it for the best? What is he going to do for America in this time of crisis? In some peoples’ opinions he is going to change it for the better and in other peoples’ opinions he is going to plummet America into a deeper crisis. Maybe his speech can give some insight.

In Obama’s inaugural speech he thanked former “President Bush for his service to the nation,” but, Obama was the one who said we need to fix what the people before us have ruined. It is clear that he was mostly speaking about Bush.

“The challenges we face are real, serious and many.” America has many issues. They are real, they are serious and there are many; but are Obama’s plans realistic and is he ready to take action immediately? I don’t think so; I think he’s too young and too naive to live up to his promises and people’s expectations. Obama has made so many promises that in 4 or 8 years he won’t be able to keep up with them. He has these big plans and the next president may not totally agree with all the new changes or ideas. He expects for all his work to get carried on after he is out of office.

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If a woman does not want their child, they should have to wait and go through the pregnancy, and later if they decide that they still don’t want the child, put it up for adoption. Adoption is so much better than killing an unborn child who never even got the chance to live in the world. Abortion is considered “killing” a baby because you are taking a medication or getting a surgical procedure to stop the pregnancy, which shouldn’t be allowed. Aside from the fact that killing is wrong, there are so many dangers in getting an abortion. According to ehealthforum.com, many of the side effects are related to psychological symptoms including flashbacks, nightmares and hallucinations related to the abortion. There are also some physical symptoms including miscarriages in later pregnancies and death. Many women today still die from abortions.

The Catholic religion, does not believe in abortion. Is Abortion Wrong? Carm.org states that “the Lord has said, “You shall not murder.” The life that is growing within the mother is a child.” If there was a two year old who got murdered by someone, they would go to jail. If a woman gets an abortion, she just murdered an infant. Just because the child wasn’t born yet does not mean that someone should have the right to kill the child.

Melanie Antuma, who lives in Arlington Heights, also does not believe in abortion. Melanie was the first person to get fired from Walgreen’s because she would not dispense the Day After Pill or “Plan B”. Ex-Governor Rod Blagojevich had put an emergency order that had said that pharmacists had no right of conscience and had to administer all contraceptives. This led to Melanie’s family not being able to see her that often because she had to work for Temp Service while she was fighting along with ACLJ (American Center for Law and Justice). Fortunately CVS offered Melanie a job, and Walgreens settled.

One controversy within abortion has to do with the rights of a rape victim. You may think that if a woman does get raped, that if they get an abortion everything will be easier. The woman might not want an abortion, but also doesn’t want the extra pain of carrying the child. If you get an abortion, then besides the fact of being raped, you would also have the guilt of killing a child. Yes it may be extra pain, but at the end of the pregnancy you have created a child that so many families wish they could have. Some women can never have children and if you have a baby that you don’t think you would be able to keep then put the baby up for adoption to a family who can take care of it. Don’t just “throw it away.”

Woman should not have the right to kill a unborn child, they should put it up for adoption and try to find a family who can take care of it instead of just killing it. God says that you shall not murder. If you get an abortion you just ended somebody’s life. Abortion is killing.

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He also says the government needs to help families find decent waged jobs, care they can afford and a good retirement plan. Recently big and small businesses have been going bankrupt and closing. When they do this, people have been losing jobs. To help this, Obama wants to keep jobs in America instead of sending them overseas. This is better than no job, but many people will take these jobs like oil drilling without the knowledge that these will probably be hard and dirty jobs with minimum wage pay.

He also said we will leave Iraq “and forge a hard earned peace.” I don’t believe Iraq will be able to take care or help themselves if we pull ourselves out too soon. Iraq can’t control their own country. They need us to restore peace. I would rather stay there longer than have another terrorist attack. We should slowly take ourselves out with a careful knowledgeable plan. Obama wants to create peace for America, but in his speech he said “our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken; you cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you.” I don’t get how he wants to create peace but is telling people don’t mess with us and is trying to scare them. In a way it seems like he is trying to provoke other countries to come after us.

Overall I think Obama is not fit to run our country because his ideas for America are too radical and unattainable.
vention Resource Center, nearly 30% of the youth in America are said to be involved in bullying in one or multiple roles as either a bully, a target of bullying, or a combination of the two.

Many people simply dismiss bullying and verbal or physical harassment among adolescents as being natural, and something that everyone is subject to, but many fail to realize the potential detriment to the mental or social health of a victim of such treatment. According to a Reuters Health publication, “Teenagers who are subjected to bullying and teasing are at risk of becoming depressed.” Students who are teased and taunted at school are usually more likely to drop out of school or be truant, and get involved in many socially isolative things that may result in self-induced harm from a variety of sources. Some examples of these include substance abuse, a lack of stimulation, which can lead to social ineptitude, and self-mutilation.

Even short-term bullying can lead to long-term problems, for both the bully and the target of bullying. The California Department of Education has stated that there is a definite link between bullying and later delinquent and criminal behavior in students. SafeYouth.org claims that approximately 60% of middle or high school bullies have had at least one criminal conviction by the age of 24. Those who engage in bullying are more likely to become criminals, and those who are victimized are more likely to fail in school. The Department of Education has said that bullying impedes learning progression in those who are bullied.

There are certain environments where bullying is more rampant than in others, such as in residential treatment programs, like The Orthogenic School. Often times, peers will facilitate and endorse bullying of others, creating niches and excluding those who they deem to be different and socially unacceptable. Some of the unwritten, yet implicitly requisite stipulations of being a dormitory member include having to endure hazing, bullying, abuse, neglect, or other forms of mistreatment without informing staff of those who have wronged them. Residential bullying is not exclusive to The Orthogenic School, however, and in fact, it happens minimally in this rare environment, unlike a majority of schools.

The Center for Children and Families in The Justice System has done much research on bullying in residential environments. They state “some of the warning signs [one] may see in residential settings when peer-to-peer aggression is occurring include injuries, ripped clothing, repeated and person-specific verbal and emotional teasing, avoidance of an activity, a person or a location, clinging to staff or behaving in ways that result in ‘arm’s length supervision,’ and somatic complaints.”

Poor hygiene, self-loathing, stolen or vandalized personal property, and seemingly unwarranted and extreme generosity, even
What was your favorite aspect of Black History Month and Why?

Food; I like to eat. - Aaron

The four-day visit weekend. - Mackenzie

I am happy to be learning how people can make a difference in a changing world. It gives hope for a better future. - Chris McGee

Learning new things. - Anonymous

Fried chicken, collared greens, black eyed peas, peach cobbler, and Kool-aid. - Anonymous

Fried chicken and Kool-aid; they are delicious. Harold’s chicken shack is the greatest. - Anonymous

It should be Denzel month! - Anonymous

The awesome videos we watch in history class. - Anonymous

Getting a soul food meal. It’s stereotyped but delicious! - Anonymous

The end because there’s no more stupid stuff in base class. - Anonymous

I liked to learn about famous African-Americans, such as Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King, Jackie Robinson, Barack Obama, and Malcom X. - Tommy

People are being creative in the O'School while to to think of ways to celebrate this awesome month! - Joe

The history I’ve learned about because I don’t know much. - Anonymous

I like how it pays homage to oppressed African-Americans and provides many with an opportunity to learn and explore other diverse, rich cultures they would otherwise not be exposed to. - Alan

I think every month is black history because I believe it shouldn’t really be celebrated. I don’t accept the shortest month of the year as black history month. It’s just a month the white man gave us to try and make up for 400 years of oppression. - Denzel

The knowledge that despite every challenge thrown their way, Africans and African Americans have pulled through. I like this aspect because I feel remorse for the wrongdoings of the white race to other races and cultures. - Andrew N.

I don’t know, it’s just great that we’ve come to this point in America. - Anonymous

I have no favorite aspect of black history month. - Anonymous

Being able to celebrate and discuss with everyone the equal rights that have been worked hard for and achieved. Everyone has come a long way from where we used to be, However, we still have a long way to go. - Felicia
February was Black History Month, and the O’School celebrated in style. Sarah and Lorrie pulled out all the stops, helping us to learn and grow during the month.

In keeping with the most recent first in black history, the first black president, Lorrie put together a display for the art case highlighting other great firsts for everyone to read about. Check it out when you get the chance.

In addition to this, the dynamic social studies team put together an essay contest and an art contest. The Argonauts, the winners of the art contest, put together an amazing piece, and it is being proudly displayed in the dining room.

Throughout the month, Lorrie and Sarah put together fact sheets to give to all of the base classrooms. The ultimate goal was a black history quiz to be completed collaboratively by each classroom. The classes took the quiz on February 26, and, although it was a close contest, the Professors took the prize of a pizza lunch. Congratulations to all students who participated and did some learning along the way.
Mushers also are commonly abusive to their dogs. For example, Frank Winkler, a veteran musher who ran in the Iditarod twice, was charged with 14 counts of animal cruelty after an animal control officer found out that he had possession of a crate containing a bunch of dead or dying puppies. According to Winkler, he said in court that he shot some of the dogs and was just following advice from his fellow mushers. Musher Lorraine Temple justified shooting dogs in a 1999 interview by saying, “They can’t keep a dog who is a mile an hour too slow.” At the largest tourist dog sledding operation in the U.S., Krabloonik Kennel in Aspen, Colorado, as many as 35 dogs have been killed annually by a gunshot to the head, according to a former employee.

John T. Hessert, a Montana musher, was charged recently with one felony count of aggravated animal assault and 33 counts of animal cruelty for abandoning 33 sled dogs. Hessert said that he had not seen the owner of the dogs for several days, and that they were emaciated and abused. He claimed that he tried to take them under his wing and care for them himself, but court reports proved that the dogs were more abused after Hessert had been reported caring for them. A veterinarian confirmed that the dogs were “well below normal health” and had not been fed enough. Court records say that one of the dogs had a collar embedded in its neck, and the other dogs had frostbite.

Even mushers who have chosen the career path devoted to animals don't always know how to properly do their job. Fortunately, there are several groups out there willing to house abused animals and nurse them back to a healthy state. One such group is the Sled Dog Action Coalition. They specialize in nursing abused sled dogs back to normal conditions, and they all seem pretty dedicated to what they do. Jon Saraceno, a member of the coalition once supported his activism by saying, “When humans start pulling the sleds, with dogs standing behind them barking out commands, then I’ll be impressed.”

The winner of the Iditarod last year experienced at least seven consecutive deaths of his dogs within days of each other, and it just goes to show that dog sledding is just a fancy way of saying “assisted suicide.” Dog sledding has many groups protesting it even today. One such group is called Mush With P.R.I.D.E., and their main focus is to have dog sledding banned internationally. They have appeared at every Iditarod, protesting the event ever since the beginning.