

Synergy: Science Fair 2010

By Valaria



*A Science Fair Display Board.
Photo by YDC Staff*

The atmosphere of the March 25th science fair at the O'School could be captured in a phrase that wove its way throughout the presentations: "Energy cannot be created or destroyed, it can only change from one form to another." The melding of education

and recreation was not simply a freak occurrence, but was instead created by all the participants themselves. Most of the high school students were involved in the affair, including one of the elementary school Conquerors, Isaiah. All of them represented

the main theme, energy, not simply in the context of the hard sciences.

A network of sub-themes wove its way throughout the over thirty project fair. Many of them took the culinary branch of chemistry and ran with it, including the very popular "Chemistry of Ice Cream" exhibit by Angie, who provided freshly made ice cream for first time (and only first time) passersby.

Nearly a third of the exhibits were tied to the environment, climate change, or alternative energy, which is a hot button issue on the global politi-

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The Growth of the 3D Movie

By Angie

The thrill, the action and the excitement are the draws to watching a movie in 3D in theaters. Why are all of the movies now in 3D? Movie theaters weren't getting enough customers because of all the new technology, such as home theaters, On-Demand, Netflix, Blue-rays and, DVD, so they hope that 3D movies will bring the viewer back.

3D movies have been around for a long time and because of the recent push for 3D movies they keep getting bigger. The first 3D movie ever made was *Power of Love*. It premiered at the Ambassador Hotel Theater, Los Angeles, on September 27, 1922. They've been around for a while.

Disney and Pixar are two of the biggest movie producers who have decided to produce most of their movies in 3D now, and some of the biggest movies that are out in 3D



*3-D Movies are gaining popularity.
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are *Avatar*, which was released on December 18th 2009, and, *Alice in Wonderland*, which was released on March 5th 2010.

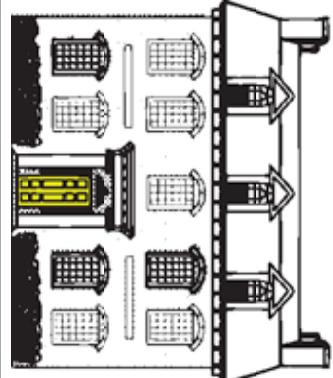
Of course most of the 3D movie theaters have been doing well. According to the IMAX Corporations website, the first IMAX

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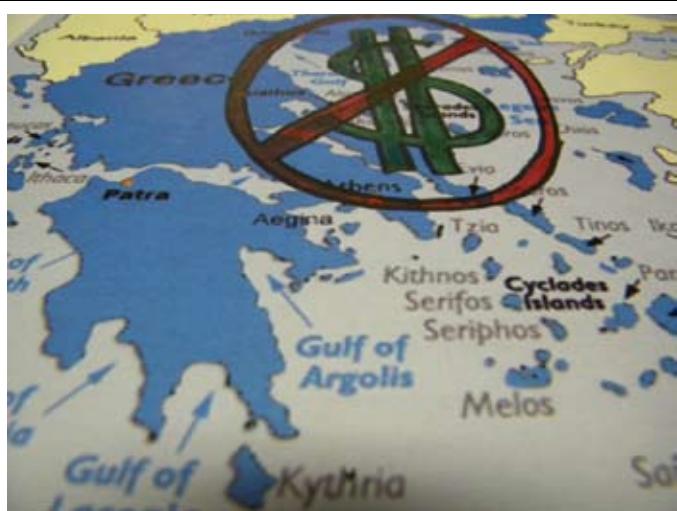
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PIIGS: European Sovereign Debt Crisis

By Kyle



Greece is experiencing an economic crisis.
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Greece is currently embroiled in an alarming sovereign debt crisis due to years of spending beyond its means. The government has borrowed too much money and is in risk of defaulting on its loans. Greece has a

debt of about 300 billion euros (\$419bn; 259bn pounds). Greece joined the euro in 2001 and which gave it access to international markets, but its current debt is threatening to destabilize the euro. Greece needs to refinance a

large portion of its debt or risk defaulting on its loans, which would threaten the credibility of the eurozone economy.

Greece is not the only country with financial problems. At least four other countries are in a considerably worsening position that's threatening the stability of the euro. This group consists of Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece, and Spain which has led some analysts to refer to them with the unflattering acronym, PIIGS, with each of the letters standing in for the respective countries listed above. Greece however, has the most dire situation of the five countries.

The other countries of the so-called PIIGS are still a rising danger to the euro that needs to be addressed. On March 24, Portugal's credit

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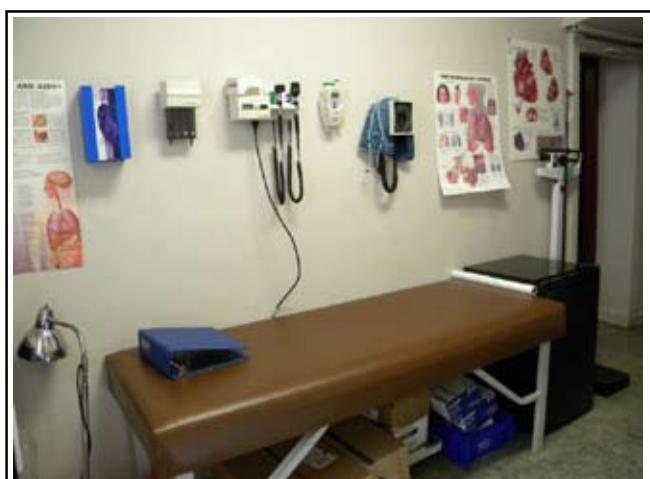
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Health Care Reform

By Casey

The Healthcare Reform Bill is one of the most controversial things to come out of the White House in the history of large expensive legislature. Some people compare it to the scale of social security in terms of the impact on the United States, as well as the controversy it provides with it. There is much debate over whether the bill is good or bad, so here are some of the things it promises to United States citizens, and you can decide what you like or don't like about the bill in question. All of the benefits are taken and condensed for better understanding from Congress' healthcare bill summary.

The bill is supposed to provide Americans with affordable healthcare comparable to the quality that a generally healthy person under the old plan might have received. Part of this plan is to provide information citizens might need to make informed decisions on their insurance. The bill is claiming to make it easier for small



Healthcare in the United States is undergoing a big change.
Photo by Molly, YDC Staff

businesses to afford and acquire healthcare for their employees in what they call, "Insurance exchanges."

The plan is supposed to provide those in immediate

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Dangerous Earthquakes Shatter Communities

By Casimir



The occurrence of earthquakes has risen around the world.

Photo by Molly, YDC Staff

There were five major earthquakes recently. They took place in Haiti, Chile, Japan, Taiwan and Vanuatu. While places like Japan and Chile are prepared for major earthquakes because of their

building codes, places like Haiti are not. This is a potential factor for the major devastation in Haiti.

These earthquakes have been extremely powerful and there have been many casualties. According to *Science Fair*, a division of *USA-Today*, the scales of the earthquakes were 7.0 in Haiti, 8.8 in Chile, 7.0 in Japan, 6.4 in Taiwan and another 6.4 in Vanuatu. According to the U.S. Geological Survey (or the USGS), even though the Richter scale has no upper limit, these earthquakes were very powerful.

The two 7.0 quakes both hit countries partially on the North American Plate. This might mean that the North American Plate is starting to move. The recent earthquake near Chicago further reinforces the possibility that the North American Plate is moving. The earthquake near Chicago scored a 3.8 on the Richter scale.

Scientists do not believe that these earthquakes are related, due to the distances between them. According to Paul Caruso, a geophysicist for the U.S. Geological Survey, in an interview for *Science Fair*, "We've had quite a few quakes in the past few months, but not more than average."

The earthquakes have attracted so much attention because they have hit heavily populated areas. According to Mail Online, in Haiti, at the epicenter of Port-au-Prince in just one tent city there are over 60,000 homeless people.

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By Kyle

rating was downgraded from AA to AA- by credit rating agency Fitch. The downgrade highlighted the problems that the other countries have in front of them and the ever present danger of the fact that their economies would widen the scope of the sovereign debt crisis.

The Greek dangers to the euro are due to the fact that since 16 countries share the same currency, one's country's economic troubles affect the rest. Out of the 5 countries whose economy is threatening the eurozone, Greece is the main one that is actually a current threat to the euro because it has the highest deficit among the PIIGS with 12.7% which is more 4 times what the EU rules allow which is 3%.

Greece has attempted to cut down on its debts by approving several austerity measures to save 4.8bn euros. It had planned to freeze public sector workers' pay, raise taxes, and also raise gas prices. On March 29, Greece raised 5bn euros by a sale of government bonds to secure

more funds to help its debt.

The Greek population's response to the crisis has not been so strong. There has been some violence on the streets of Athens after a period of mild protests. However, it has gotten a bit better with the locals tampering down a bit in the past week. Katie Swinford, the sister of one of the staff of the Yellow Door Chronicles, lives in Greece every summer. She said that, "as an outsider (she) has not noticed much effect from the crisis on her life except for her grocery bill."

Greece has asked for help from the U.S. in stomping down on speculators that it blames for exacerbating its financial system. "Unprincipled speculators are making billions every day by betting on a Greek default," said the prime minister of Greece, George Papandreou.

In response Hillary Clinton said that the US wanted to help other nations to reform the "unregulated financial market that globally moves money at the

speed of sound, if not light, and leaves in its wake all kinds of consequences that governments have to contend with."

Germany plays a sort-of-leading role in the aid to Greece as its economy is the best in Europe, and Germany's chancellor, Angela Merkel, spearheads the attempt. Greece has finally received a sort of bail-out plan which was approved by the 16 members of the eurozone, and just needs approval from the remaining members of the 27-member EU. If Greece cannot borrow from markets, the eurozone countries and IMF will provide loans totaling about 22 billion euros.

The IMF will provide 1/3rd of the loans, and the rest will be by EU. The decision to execute the mechanism will be based on an assessment by the European Commission and European Central Bank. However, the plan is still only roughly a fifteenth of Greece's debts as of right now. Greece will still have to pay the majority of its debt on its own.

Tea Party Protests Government

By Casimir

The Obama Administration is being challenged by the *Tea Party Patriots*, a rapidly growing movement of Americans against the Obama Administration and the government in general that was formed a year ago in response to the stimulus packages. At this point there has been no response from the government. Will the government stand up against their challenge or will the "Very Conservative" Tea Partiers triumph?

According to a recent *New York Times/CBS News Poll*, the eighteen percent of the people who call themselves members of the Tea Party tend to be Republican, white, male, married, and older than 45. Almost 9 in 10 Tea Partiers condemn President Obama's way of handling his job in general.

Some of their goals, as stated in their mission statement are fiscal responsibility, limited government and free markets. They are opposed to the Obama admin-

istration, supposedly because of his policies on health care, the economy and the federal deficit. Their view on President Obama, according to the same poll, is that 80% of Tea Partiers view the president adversely compared to 52% polled overall. Also, the number of people who view the president positively is currently 11% in the Tea Party and 36% overall, with 11% undecided.

Though to some of us they may seem eccentric, they actually have a lot in common with us. They are just regular people using protests and demonstrations to make a point- they're very mad at the government. They feel that the government is not representing their views and needs. The tea partiers are not only mad at the government they feel it is intervening far too much in their daily lives.

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financial turmoil with some sort of relief should they require medical attention and are without insurance. Under the new bill, the health department would be allowed to intervene if "Unjustified, egregious premiums arise."

More people will be eligible for Medicaid for all non-elderly Americans by raising the cutoff point to 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which means you don't have to be dirt poor to be eligible for Medicaid. This also means more money from the government to supply these people with Medicaid insurance. Also, to help give more doctors incentives to be primary care doctors in the Medicaid range, payments to said doctors have been increased, which is, once again, more money from the government.

The goal and predicted result of all

of this is to provide healthcare to 32 million more Americans, which would put the total at 94% of all Americans. It is going to be entirely forced if you are eligible to get health insurance, which some see as good and some see as bad, especially when issues of affordability come into play.

So if you recall, it was noted that a lot of the money is to come from the government to provide these things. Well, the CBO (Congressional Budget Office) predicts this plan will actually reduce the deficit of the government by \$143 billion over the next ten years, and by \$1.2 trillion over the following ten years. There are a few reasons why this may be true. However, one thing that is most definitely true, is that your taxes will be raised in order to fund these new programs. Similar to

Social Security, you will be paying a little extra out of your taxes to support the new Medicaid and health-care reforms. Most of the tax raises

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Many Americans struggle with health insurance
Photo, YDC Staff
Poster by Casey

hot topic

What is your favorite animal and why?

"Kangaroos. I love them!" - Aaron

"Hippos. They're cute and chubby." -Josh B.

"Kittens and puppies, no reason." - Nick T.

"Dogs because, nothing." - Leo

"Wolves because I love, well, everything." - Brandon

"Narwhal. It's a whale with a horn." - Kevin P.

"Ahh! Baby ducks. They are pretty dang adorable and they waddle and they quack and they are fuzzy and they pick at the ground and are the perfect animal ever." - Danica

"Wolves. I don't know why." -Lane

"Sloth because it's slow." - Jessica W.

"Wolves, white tigers, and panthers because they're beautiful creatures. Foxes because they're cunning and tricky. Dogs just because." - James Ni.

"Donkeys because they are so cute." - Molly

"Skunks because I think they're really pretty." -Brooklyn

"Koala bears because they're cute." -JR

"My dog because he's cute and gorillas because they look like humans." -Mackenzie

"Dolphins, because there friendly." -Jacob

"Puppies because they are playful and fun." - Thomas

"All animals, because I love them all." -Shyra

"Chinchillas and jelly fish because they're such cute and loving animals." - Brittney

"Lobster because it's long and has claws." -Michael

"Dogs, because." -Shelby

"Alligators because my favorite cartoon character is Wally Gator." -Tommy

" Pikachu!" -Nick A.

"Tiger because they're awesome." -Joe

"Dogs because they will always be there for you." -Alexa

"Unicorns because I used to be fascinated with them, read books about them all the time and they are hard to spot." -Valaria

"Tigers because they're awesome." - Chandler

"Pig – it's pink." - Meggie

"Wolves." - Sebastian

"Birds because they're so free." - India

"Cats – cute and fluffy." - Casmir

"Chameleons – interesting and change colors." - Tyler

"Jaguar – sharp teeth." - Mikey

"Dogs because they're fun and I have six of them." - Matt N

"A rabbit because they're cute and snuggly." - Billy

Dogs because they make good pets." - Ryan

"Dogs – cute and you can do stuff with them." - Sky

"Cats, athletic and playful." - Isaiah

"Elephants because I love Dumbo and they're so cute!" - Angie

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will come out of the pockets of the wealthy (\$200,000+ a year in income), as per Obama's original plan of taxing the wealthy heavily over taxing the middle class and lower class as much, according to the healthcare bill summary from congress.

Like it or not, the healthcare bill is here and going into effect, so be sure to prepare for both the possible ben-

efits and the possible drawbacks, as both may change your life substantially. It isn't just a black and white thing, and you can see healthcare however you want, but hopefully you will live in healthcare bill America more informed.

Hoops for Help

By Kyle

Hoops for Help was a charity event organized by the O'School Community Service Group to raise money for victims of recent natural disasters, in particular, victims of the Haitian, Chilean, and Turkish earthquakes with the main focus on Haiti. Participants shot baskets, hula-hopped, and jump/skipped the hula-hoop as much as they could for 2 minutes from 2:15-3:00 pm and TLC (the Transitional Living Center) ran a lemonade stand for 30 minutes. In addition to donations for this, there was \$200 donated from Student Council. Altogether, the event raised precisely \$1203.

On January 12, 2010, there was a 7.0 earthquake which struck Haiti and had its epicenter a couple of miles from Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital. The earthquake devastated the

city and the surrounding area killing approximately 230,000 people and leaving over two million people homeless. The earthquake is said to have affected over 3 million people.

Other recipients of the money will be the victims of other earthquakes that took place including the one in Chile which took place on February 28, and killed around 900 people, and the one in Turkey, which killed 51 people.

The Haitian earthquake was so destructive in particular because of the fact that Haiti is a very poor country in general and much of the population lived in poorly constructed housing that would not withstand an earthquake. Chile, on the other hand suffered an 8.8 earthquake which is a far more powerful than 7.0 but it only killed 900 as compared to



*A special thanks to all who contributed to the Hoops for Help Fundraiser
Photo, YDC Staff*

Haiti's 230,000 because Chile has a history of more frequent and powerful earthquakes that have better prepared them for earthquakes and it has architecture that is designed to withstand those types of disasters. A

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cal stage. Brooklyn, who studied "The Carbon Footprint of a Cheeseburger," brought it down to a personal level, very relatable to her audience, while Natalie, with an exhibit on "Irradiated Foods" tried to repel people from her subject as much as possible. "[Irradiated food] is gross. I'd never eat it, ever."

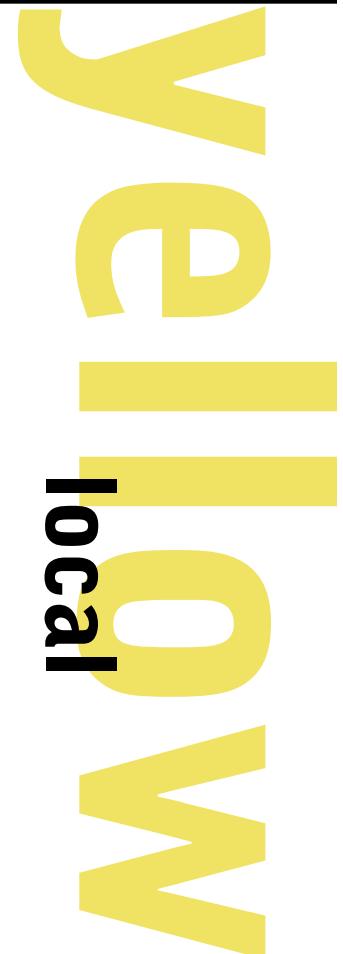
So why the science fair anyway? Why not a math fair? Why does Newton trump Napoleon? According to Linda, it wasn't so much about war between the subjects, as harnessing students' enthusiasm for the subject. Besides that, Linda continues, "[The Science Fair] is good for emotional development." which is understandable. It gives students a sense of accomplishment, while developing interpersonal relationships.

One such connection, which showed itself prominently, was family. More than just a few students' parents decided to stop by and pay the O'School Science Fair a visit, such as Jessica, whose mother arrived later

in the afternoon to see her daughter's, and others', presentations. Although for some students, their parents were unable to attend, with mothers and fathers from as far away as California.

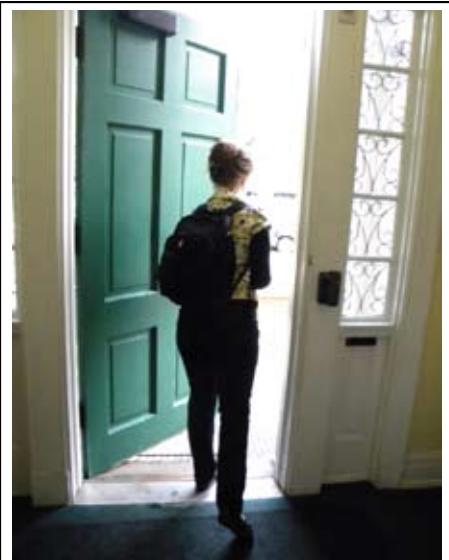
Several students enjoyed the science fair primarily for their family, such as Olivia, who chose her project because her father was an engineer. "I wanted to be close to my dad," she said. Danica agreed with that sentiment, mastering "How Your Body Obtains Energy," because her brother is a physical therapy major. On top of that, Olivia added, "It was a good time to chill and just work on a project."

Ultimately, the science fair was a smash hit, where students, faculty, and parents could come together around one common bond, covalent or otherwise.



Visits at the O'School: What They Are

By Matt N.



*Students exit out of the front door for home visits.
Photo, YDC Staff*

Weekends at the O school are a time to relax and take a break from school. However, every other weekend holds something a tad different. The weekend visit! These are week-

ends that you go take two days to spend time at home. Believe it or not, there are more factors that contribute to visits than one could imagine. Rules, expectations and conditions make visits one of the biggest topics at the O'School.

When you first arrive at the O' School, You must stay here for at least 4 weeks without going on a visit, although the amount of time differs in terms of behavior and the student's situation. If you are doing really well, your parents can visit you here and see how you are doing. Once that month is up, or, more importantly, your dorm manager gives the ok, you are able to go home every other weekend!

Even though you have been given the gift of visits, dorm managers and counselors can nullify your ability to go home if behavior at school

or home is very bad. After residing at the O'School for a long while, if you are doing a super job with your treatment, and discuss the topic at your quarterly, you can start working towards visits every weekend. This is one of the more advanced privileges.

There are quite a few conditions that can increase and decrease the visit duration. First off, there are many holidays that take place in the middle of the week that students normally have off. They move those holidays to Friday and Monday because school days in the middle of the week are complicated if only a few people are here. That brings up the next condition; since some students here are from California, they have less consistent visits. There are also day visits, which are special occasions where you go home for a few hours and return later in the day, like

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Hoops for Help

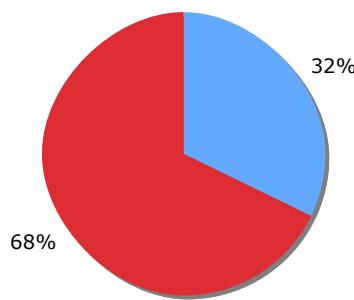
By Kyle

strong precedent was the earthquake that occurred near Chile in May of 1965. The magnitude was recorded as that of 9.5, which is the most powerful earthquake on record in history.

Hoops for Help took place on March 29, 2010, and was located in the Big Gym. 28 people participated, with mostly students involved. The "hooping" part took place from 2:15 to 3:00. Mirielle Craven and Megan Harlow organized and orchestrated the event. This event was the O-school's charity response to Haiti. If they did an event of this nature again, Mirielle said that she would like to do it somewhere off campus, maybe somewhere near the Ratner to make it a bigger deal.

The American Red Cross has raised \$409 million for Haiti as of their 3 month progress report. They also have handed out tarps, tents and toolkits to nearly 373, 000 people, provided relief items for 400,000 people, distributed 60 million liters of clean drinking water, built more than 1,300 latrines, and registered more than 28,400 people with missing loved ones on its family linking web site. The money contributed to this will go towards continuing these efforts and everyone who participated had fun!

Did you participate in hoops for help?



■ Yes ■ No

Why We Have Community Meeting

By Angie

It's Wednesday afternoon, you just got done with group therapy and it's time for community meeting. You're tired and just want to go back to your dorm and be done with it. You hear people complain and say, "why do we even have to go to this," or "what is it even for?" The community meetings are in our weekly schedules to keep us updated on what is going on in the school, both during the academic and residential portion of our day.

During the community meetings we usually discuss the upcoming events, when student's birthdays are, if there's going to be a new student and any concerns about the school. Some of the topics that are brought up within the meetings are reoccurring issues such as the broken soda machines, the smells coming from the old pipes, the defects of the old building and, the rules about and condition of electronics.

Since the community meetings were designed for the students, the people in charge of the community meetings recently moved the time of the meeting to 2:25 to 3:00pm so that the Day Schoolers could be a part of the entire meeting.

In the community meetings the students play a big role. For example, there's a group picked to be the voice of the student body and that group is called the Student Council. They are in charge of certain portions of the meeting.

JR, who is the Rhetoricians representative in Student Council, said, "We tell the community what is going



*Ellie gives announcements to students during community meetings.
Photo by Molly, YDC Staff*

on school wise for all the kids. Olivia makes announcements along with Natalie to give the community an idea of what is going to happen and future plans of what we are working on."

Olivia, who is the President of Student Council, said, "I think Student Council has a role in the community meeting, more so for connecting with the students. Otherwise I think community meeting is convenient space for student council to share their announcements with everyone."

Once all of the students are settled at the meeting, El-
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going to church on a non-visit Sunday or when you have a family occasion to attend to. For questions about day visits, ask your dorm manager.

There are many special occasions when students are unable to go on visits. Some students are under certain conditions set by their families and dorm manager that cause them to have fewer visits than usual. Then there is the case of California students. Since California students are far away from their homes, their vis-

its mostly take place during the three big breaks.

As for students who don't go home regularly and California students, don't be put down. Since most of the students are gone on visit weekends it gives you more opportunities to go on preferred outings and hang out with staff.

There are also the three big times throughout the year, summer, spring, and winter where we have extended breaks. Since these breaks are a week

to two weeks long, the following visit weekend is skipped. Visits are often skipped due to a few O'School events throughout the year as well.

Visits at the O'School can be quite confusing at first, but as time progresses it becomes a normal routine. Visits are a good way to stay in touch with family and show your progress here. Just imagine if there were no visits.

Dorm Outing Guide: Let's Get Creative!

By Molly

Do you ever get sick of doing the same dorm outings over and over again, such as shopping, getting food, or just walking around the Hyde Park area? Many people would agree that sometimes dorms here at the O School are not very creative or explorative with the outings that they choose. A lot of times students say things like, "There is nothing to do around here." Well, in all actuality there are a lot of fun things to do in Hyde Park and in the city of Chicago and even in the surrounding suburbs. People just might not know what there is to do because of a lack of knowledge.

Hyde Park, as we all know, is an area off of the Southside of Chicago that is well known for being the home of the very prestigious University of Chicago. Hyde Park is also known for its architectural accomplishments and has some amazing houses and buildings built by famous architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright. Hyde Park is also known for being a fairly calm and safe neighborhood to many families, such as the Obama's. Many people also flock to Hyde Park because of its closeness to and beautiful view

of Lake Michigan. There are many things to do in the area.

*Visit Jackson Park, which is a popular attraction in Hyde Park. Fredrick Law Olmsted who also designed the famous Central Park in New York City built Jackson Park. Jackson Park has lagoons and a beautiful Japanese garden. Jackson Park was built in 1890 when Chicago was chosen as the location for the Worlds Columbian Exposition. The Park is still in the same place and is now a perfect place to go for a walk or play Frisbee.

*Visit Doc Films, which plays mostly independent and documentary films. There are shows daily during the school year and you can check an online calendar to see which movies play when. The cost per person is only \$5.

*If you like architecture visit The Robie house built by Frank Lloyd Wright. Many tourists travel far distances to see Frank Lloyd Wright houses/buildings, and fortunately we don't have to travel far. We can see this great architectural accom-

plishment by just walking a couple of blocks.

*The Court Theater is a professional theater that is located at The University of Chicago campus. The shows at the court theater are critically acclaimed. According to its website, The Court Theater was named "the most consistently excellent theater company in America," by The Wall Street Journal. You can check online to see when and what plays are going to be preformed.

*There are also a couple of museums in the Hyde Park area. Perhaps one of the most famous in the Chicagoland area is just right down the street from us. This would be The Museum of Science and Industry, which has dozens of amazing attractions. Another Museum that is in Hyde Park is the Oriental Institute Museum. This museum has exhibits about the history, art, and archeology of the ancient East. Both of these museums are world renowned and would be a great educational experience for the dorms

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lie, the one who runs the meetings, starts by announcing her agenda. Once the announcements are done she asks the students if they have any topics and answers about 2 or 3 student's questions or complaints about each topic that they covered during the meeting. Once that is done, she calls the dorms up for snacks that are placed out on the table in the front of the gym. She calls the Day Schoolers first because they have to head

home directly after they get their snack.

Almost all of the students here at the O'School hate community meetings but if we didn't have them we, as the students of the O'School, wouldn't be able to be such a big part of the O'School community.

Lil' Wayne Goes To Jail

By Molly

As of February 9th, 2010, Dwayne Carter, who is more commonly known as Lil Wayne, will be serving a year of jail time at Rikers Island Prison in New York. The sentence is the result of charges from a raid on Lil Wayne's tour bus in 2007 in Manhattan, New York. After a concert, authorities raided Lil Wayne's tour bus after they thought they smelled marijuana, and while searching the bus they found unregistered guns that belonged to Lil Wayne.

Lil Wayne is one of today's most successful and well-known rappers. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 27, 1982. He grew up in the infamous neighborhood of Holly Grove. While growing up he got straight As in school, had a passion for rap at an early age, and was discovered by Cash Money Records when he was just 11 years old.

For the past 5 years Lil Wayne has become increasingly popular. His jail sentence will come at the peak of his rapping career. According to *Rolling Stone Magazine*, while in prison, Lil Wayne will continue to write raps



Sign protesting the jail sentence of rapper Lil' Wayne, commonly known as "Weezy".

Photo by Molly, YDC Staff

and when he gets out he says that he will have a lot of new songs for his fans.

Lil Wayne's jail sentence has been delayed two times already. Once for an emergency dental appointment that Lil Wayne needed to attend and again because of a small fire in the Manhattan courthouse.

On February 9th, 2010, the sentence could no longer be delayed. While fans were

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The Growth of the 3D Movie

By Angie

Cinema was built in Ontario Cinesp- heara, Toronto, in 1971, and they continue to go strong. The IMAX Cinemas worldwide box office total for the film Avatar climbed \$220 million since its launch in December.

Since 3D movies are getting bigger so are 3D electronics. Sony and Samsung are launching a whole new way to watch TV in the comfort of your own home sometime during June 2010. Along with the 3D TVs coming out in June, there will be a Playstation gaming system that will work with the 3D TVs and also be in 3D. Some of the advantages of owning a Samsung 3D TV are that it comes with a built-in 3D processor that can convert 2D, movies and photos into 3D with the push of a button. Some of the Disadvantages are the cost of a 3D

TV and the fact that there aren't that many 3D electronics right now out in the market.

Tommy, one of the students from the Gryphons said that he likes to watch 3D movies a little bit more than he likes to watch them in 2D. He feels they are definitely worth the extra money to get into one too. His favorite part about watching 3D movies is that, "It pops out of the screen!"

Olivia however said, "Yes, they're fun but hurt my eyes after a while." She doesn't feel as though 3D movies are worth the extra 2 or 3 dollars to watch them. Her favorite movie in 3D is *Spy Kids*. She likes 3D movies if they are short and not unnecessarily all in 3D.

Lorrie, the teaching assistant in the Archaeologists, is not sure if 3D mov-

ies are worth the extra 2-3 dollars. "It depends on what the movie is, if it's an action movie then, yes," she said. What makes a good 3D movie to Lorrie is when there is action and if the movie really pops out at you. Lorrie's favorite 3D movie is *Alice In Wonderland* although it is the only 3D movie she has ever seen.

3D movies are racking up the money for the theaters this year. Although not everyone feels like 3D movies are necessary, they are helping the business. Out of the 127 general market films this year just four 3D films captured 33% of the dollar. 3D movies are growing fast and are continuing to be a part of newer and newer electronics and inventions.

Spring Training Fuels Start for Regular Season

By Matt N.

As the snow melts, and the Superbowl is completed, baseball starts anew. After three months of nothing but cold weather, baseball arrives to heat things up for the months to come. After the Yankees won the World Series in October, baseball has taken a five-month break in order give players a rest. Now that spring is around the corner, its time to start again with spring training!

Spring training is a one-month period in March where all teams play exhibition games to help players to get a spot on the roster. An example would be Tyler Colvin, a 25-year-old rookie who showed great promise in spring training, earning him a roster spot. A good way to spot these players is the fact that their jersey numbers are usually really high, like 50 or higher.

Since spring training games take place starting in early March, many teams have their games held in warmer climates. Most teams have their games in Arizona, but some teams practice in Nevada and California as well.



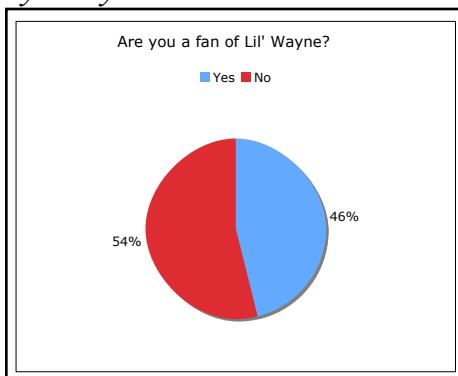
*2010 Spring Training is underway!
Photo by Molly, YDC Staff*

This is mainly because many areas in the east are still too cold and teams can play in appropriate regular sea-

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Lil' Wayne Goes To Jail

By Molly



screaming phrases like "Free Weezy," and "Keep your head up Weezy," he was escorted to Rikers Island Prison.

According to a *People Magazine* interview with one of the Rikers Island Guards, while serving his sentence Lil Wayne will be living among the general population of inmates. He will not be treated differently than the inmates he will be living with. The only difference between Lil Wayne and the rest of the inmates is that he will have a low level of special security because of his

high public profile. This low level security will basically be a guard who will escort Lil Wayne to places throughout the jail.

Lil Wayne will still have time to just be alone or with other inmates, with whom he will share the same daily routine. At Rikers Island Prison, they follow a pretty strict schedule. Breakfast is served at 4 a.m. and dinner at 3 p.m. Lil Wayne will be allowed to have 2 visits from friends or family every week. He will not be allowed to have an iPod while in prison but can purchase a transistor radio.

If Lil Wayne can follow these rules and show good behavior, he may be released in just 8 months. Regardless, Lil Wayne will probably have some adjusting to do for this new lifestyle that will be immensely different from the one that he has been living for the last decade.

Many previous stars have been con-

victed of crimes or sent to prison for various things but it always seemed to be that they had some sort of special treatment or leeway in their sentencing or while serving their time.

According to *People Magazine*, when Paris Hilton was arrested in 2007 for an alcohol related driving charge, she served a 23-day sentence and once she was released the press found out that she might have had special treatment while serving her sentence. For one thing there was speculation that she had her own special cordless phone so she did not have to wait in line to use the pay-phone.

Some stars don't even serve a sentence for things that many people say "normal" people would have to do time for. Nicole Richie, who was also arrested in 2007 on a drunk driving charge, was in a holding cell for only 83 minutes before being released. These examples of celebrities who have received special treatment in regards to

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National Hockey League Begins Playoffs

By Casey

With the regular NHL season coming to a close, each team makes a final rush to secure a playoff spot in order to get a chance at the coveted Stanley Cup. Imagine the excitement brewing, the hats thrown to the floor, the chest pumps after that game clinching goal, all with one thing in mind: The Stanley Cup. Rivalries continue to brew, and new ones start to surface, but who will take the 16 playoff spots?

We Chicago sports fans will be pleased to know that the Blackhawks are a shoe-in for the playoffs, and possibly for the number one spot in the western conference. In first in the western conference are the San Jose Sharks with a great cast of players including all star Goal-tender Evgeni Nabokov. The mighty



NHL Playoffs have begun!

Photo by Molly, YDC Staff

Blackhawks are up to second, with 99 points, lead by Jonathan Toews and one of the most effective scoring teams out there, as well as some

serious defensive power. Though the Coyotes were not expected to do well, they are in 4th place behind the Vancouver Canucks.

Over in the eastern conference, the Washington Capitals led by leading goal and point scorer in the current season Alexander Ovechkin, backed up by fellow heavy scorer Alexander Semin (Seh-min) are in first place, clinching both a playoff spot and division spot at this point, with the highest in the league at 110. In the 2nd slot, also clinching their playoff spot, are the Buffalo Sabres, carried by one of the best goaltenders in the league, and team USA starting goaltender, Ryan Miller. The next cannon of a team are the Pittsburgh Penguins, clinching a spot with the help of all stars Sidney Crosby and

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son weather. This has given spring training its nickname the "Cactus League. This also makes traveling between ballparks faster. Some teams share the same ballpark. So, if you want to go a spring training game, you're going to need to travel south or southwest.

The two Chicago teams, the Cubs and the White Sox, have specific goals in mind this spring training. According to their official respective websites, The White Sox main focus was based around getting faster players and making sure veteran players are at full health. A goal for the Cubs is to keep Zambrano healthy and keep his temper under control, as well as improving Fukudome's batting.

If you are at a spring training game, you will probably notice they are more open than regular season games. This means that there are more opportunities and activities available. One example is that at spring training games, you have more opportunities to talk to and

get autographs from your favorite players. James Norris, who traveled to Arizona for White Sox games, was able to talk a lot with the players. One of James' friends, Matt Zeleski, 21, had been trying out for the Whitesox. "One of the greatest things about spring training is the perfect weather," said James. "As well as being the best times to get autographs."

Spring training is meant as a transition time for players to get ready for the regular season. It's basically a month of practice so players aren't rusty in April, as well as something for fans to get excited about. Since spring training games are rarely on TV, it is quite difficult to know what's going on. You're best bet is to check a teams website in order to get a good understanding on what's happening. If you are a fan of baseball, you don't need to know everything that happens in spring training to understand the regular season.

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Evgeni Malkin, and backup Team Canada goaltender, Marc-Andre Fleury.

Last but not least of the 4 clinching teams in the east are the New Jersey Devils, of course led by the most esteemed goaltender of all time, Martin Brodeur, who holds every major goalie record available.

Other teams currently in playoff contention are, in the west: the Vancouver Canucks, Nashville Predators, Detroit Red Wings, Los Angeles Kings, and the Colorado Avalanche, listed in order of placing. In the east: The Ottawa Senators, Philadelphia Flyers, Montreal Canadiens, and the Boston Bruins, also listed in order of placing. All of these teams have a realistic chance of making it far into the playoffs, heavily dependent on who they play against first.

There are some teams as well that could still make it into the playoffs with a bit of hard work and possibly stacking losses of the teams above them in the playoffs. Teams in this scenario include the Calgary Flames and the St. Louis Blues, trying to overtake the Colorado Avalanche in the west, and the Atlanta Thrashers are battling the Bruins for the 8th slot in the east

Currently speaking, the Kings would play the Blackhawks in the first round of the playoffs, which has Blackhawks domination written all over it if it were to mirror their regular season games. However, if the Kings played another team, they may do better and potentially move on.

The most likely candidates to make it all the way to the Stanley Cup finals are the Chicago Blackhawks and the Washington Capitals. Well, most would say the slight edge would go to the Washington Capitals. The only true evidence of this is the conference crossover game between the Capitals and the Blackhawks, which the Capitals won. There are also the statistics to show that the Capitals have the highest goals in the league. The Blackhawks goals for and goals against are in the top 5 in the league.

However, there's something to be said about the teams the Capitals are going up against in the eastern conference. If one were to look at the point totals, you would notice that the Capitals have 110 while the rest of the teams go no higher than 96, and the lowest point total in the playoffs is 82, whereas in the

western conference, it is 89, and the points are far more spread out. This could lead one to infer that by and large, most of the teams in the western conference are stronger due to the fact that most games are challenges for all western conference team. Also, historically, the western conference has been stronger than the eastern conference by most comparisons. This comes together to say that maybe the Capitals aren't AS good as everyone thinks, they are, they were just facing less competition in the east. Same goes for the Penguins and Sabres.

If the Hawks don't make it to the final round, the next most likely to take it all from the western conference are the San Jose Sharks, followed by the newly healthy Detroit Red Wings. If Washington doesn't make it, consider either the Buffalo Sabres or the Pittsburgh Penguins. The New Jersey Devils have a chance, but it's a lot less likely.

Even though we can predict Stanley Cup favorites all day, the real proof is in the actual playoffs. If a team is in the playoffs, they've got a legit chance at the cup. So everyone, make sure to tune into the Stanley... Cup... FINALS!

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By Molly

the law are only two on a long list of others. This is why the law has been cracking down on celebrities who think that they can live above the law.

Unfortunately Lil Wayne is one of the celebrities out of whom they decided to make an example. Lil Wayne will serve his time like the rest of the inmates at Rikers Island and he seems to be fine with this sentence and understands that he will serve it like anyone else.

"This is Lil Wayne going to jail. Nobody I can talk to can

tell me what that's like. I just say I'm looking forward to it," he said in a recent *Rolling Stone* interview. Lil Wayne also told *Rolling Stone Magazine*, "I look at things as 'Everything is meant to be.' I know it's an experience that I need to have if God's putting me through it."

It's Just Another Health Care Bill, America

By Valaria

With the momentous passage of House Resolution 3590, or the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, President Obama will assuredly go down in history as one of the great reformers of our time. After over a year of heated debate, the legislative branch delivered a comprehensive set of regulations and programs to patch the holes of the private health insurance industry. Two of the key provisions are a public mandate that most Americans are to purchase insurance and the prohibition of refusal to sell policies based on a preexisting condition.

Of course, the Republican opposition choruses “socialism,” “death panels” and the like. According to their respective websites, conservative congressmen (Mr.) Lindsey Graham and John McCain’s biggest complaint is that the “sleazy” healthcare bill will (further) flood the American economy in red ink, sending the country into an inflationary spiral. The concerns of the Alaskan Tea Party Patriots and the American Medical Association lie in thinking that the private healthcare market will grind to a screeching halt.

While not citing the Glenn Beck show, one can wander to a much more joyful side of the Congressional aisle. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, one of the masterminds behind the bill, says “[Healthcare legislation] will provide consumers with more protection and choice... and reduce the federal deficit by \$143 billion in the first ten years in law.” Many Democrats who support the bill compare it to the success and popularity of Medicare and Medicaid, two of the most profound progressive reforms of the twentieth century, which soon became budgetary nightmares.

Barack Obama declared in



*Healthcare in America is getting a big makeover.
Photo by YDC Staff*

confidence after the congressional vote, “Tonight we proved that this government still works for the people.” I’m sorry Mr. President, but I respectfully disagree. What was instead proven was that the rift between the American Democratic Party any real liberal agenda is growing, instead of shrinking, with control of the executive and legislative branches.

While Obama preached a mantra of bipartisanship, inviting Republicans and moderates to the table, he was met with a stonewall of diversionary tactics. While attempting to engage with reformation opponents, key provisions were lost in the shuffle, such as strong regulation of the private sector, covering over forty-five million uninsured, creating a wide, functioning risk pool, a strong line of funds to properly pay for the program, and most importantly, real bargaining power on the part of consumer.

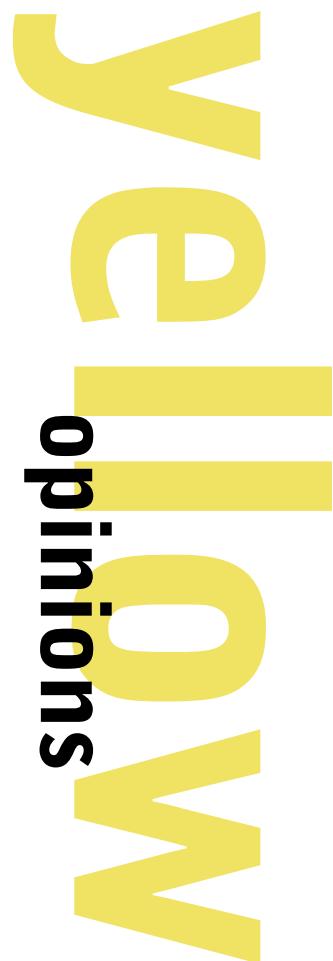
Way back in 2009, there was a means to remedy this situation, to solve many of the ills of the destabilizing insurance industry while remaining budget-friendly. That, my friends, was the public option, may she rest in peace.

A public option is simply a

government run insurance company which could not deny people on the basis pre-existing conditions, could not be run for any type of profit, and would provide competition between the public and private sector. The way this functions outside of the public policy vacuum is that people buy into the public plan, just like they would any other. However, after months of being watered-down and chipped away at by opposition, the Democrats surcame to pressure and abandoned the program in its entirety.

An obvious question is then raised; “If it isn’t run for profit, how will the private insurance companies compete?” Remember now that one of the major flaws of the current health care bill is that it uses the same actors that started this mess in the first place, the very same private insurance companies that prey upon the sick in our country for capital gain.

Any type of meaningful reform needs to reign in the private sector. Without being run for profit, the government will still be able to pay hospitals adequately, proper salaries for doctors, and provide quality care for patients, according to Nobel Prize Winning Economist Paul



Krugman.

Here also is where one of the dirtiest phrases in the English language come into play; “big government.” The over-riding fear of government involvement does not impede its inevitability, but only its success. After the Progressive Era, government regulation and involvement in the form of the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Department of Education, and many, many more such programs is an advancement of democracy, something that Western Europe, and our northern neighbor understand all too well. The philosophy that other accelerating democracies are subscribing to is simple. Make the government work for the people. In this world, it’s the only thing that will.

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