



LA CANADA TOWN CENTER

by Morgan Devaud
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La Canada has just been hit with its latest project of building the La Canada Flintridge Town Center which will be completed by July of 2008.

The new hang out is going to be filled with quick-serve and sit down restaurants, plus several boutiques. This attraction will make our little suburb a changed city. After school, we will no longer meet up at Juice It Up, but instead at this unique place.

The location is very convenient for everyone who lives in LCF because it's on our main street. It's located on Foothill Blvd. off the Los Angeles Crest Highway across from Sport Chalet. It is approximately 11 acres, and will have ten buildings along with a rooftop parking lot! It's going to include today's restaurants, Taylor's, the Sport Chalet Office, a preschool, and much more. The architecture of the buildings are going to be distinctive because the set up is for every structure to look different from one another, while still blending in with our city.

Not only does it look appealing from the outside, but also you can come and enjoy all of the things it has to offer inside. For

example, there are two types of places that you can choose to eat from! The several sit down and quick-serve restaurants are always an option at the Town Center. In the sit down, you have table services and can place a reservation. On the other hand, quick-serves offer a walk-in fast food atmosphere. Also, it will include a park that people can enjoy.

Next time you have a shopping craving, always know that the Town Center will have a wide selection of boutiques. It will have stores that include options ranging from the little ones all the way to the newlyweds and elderly.

"I want to have a Town Center that everyone wants to hang out in. I recognize that LCF has a younger demographic than it has in the past, and we are trying to find the retailed mix," says Darren Mattix, the owner of Mattix Development Partners, who is the developer of this project. To sum it up, Mr. Mattix wants a Town Center that can appeal to people of all ages. The Groundbreaking Ceremony kicked off the construction of the La Canada Flintridge Towns Center which took place on Saturday, March 10th, 2007.

Now that the mission of building this project has begun, our city will now have many benefits, though disadvantages as well. Our city might suffer from more traffic on Foothill Blvd. Also, parking will be limited because we only have one parking lot. So, if you want a spot, you better hurry up!

All in all, this new project will help our little town because we will now have a place to shop that is convenient because it's near our home, and tax dollars will now be kept in LCF. If this becomes a success, other retailers could buy out some of the vacant buildings and make them useful by starting businesses of their own. So, if you are looking for a brand new place to eat, shop, or even chill out with friends, the La Canada Towns Center is the right place to go! The grand opening is in July of 2008.

THE FUTURE OF THE EARTH

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Global Warming is becoming a big threat to our society and planet. It is caused when the inhabitants of this planet release too much carbon-dioxide into the atmosphere per year. By doing this, this the atmosphere thickens, thus trapping more heat from the sun. When the atmosphere traps in heat from the sun is what scientists call the butterfly effect. Since the atmosphere traps in more heat, the entire world is getting warmer. This is causing the polar ice caps to melt which (if they melt fully) will raise the water level six feet. You may not think six feet is a big change of sea level, but in flat, coastal areas like New Jersey, high tide raises the water by 3-6 feet. If you add another six feet to the high tide, then all of New Jersey will be underwater.

More changes that global warming is causing is that the number of hurricanes has increased over 30 years, and heat waves will be more frequent and intense. Also, the rain patterns in Africa, Asia, and Europe will change causing areas of high rain to have little rain and the deserts will experience more rain. Droughts and wildfires will occur more frequently and over one million species of animals will become extinct in 2050.

Fortunately, there are actions to lower the amount of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere, but it will soon be too late to stop the effects of global warming. These actions are simple, household ways that can reduce the amount of carbon dioxide you release into the atmosphere. Some of these actions include replacing a regular light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb, or by turning your thermostat up 2 degrees in the summer, and down 2 degrees in the winter. By doing these two things, you can prevent thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere. You can also find more ways to save the environment by going to www.climatecrisis.org. If you are still confused about global warming, then watch An Inconvenient Truth. In this movie, Al Gore describes what global warming is, and the catastrophic changes it will make to this world. It is not my world or your world, it is our world and we all have to help to make a difference.



The bulldozer tears down the building to make space for the Town Center.

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NEWS

THE HAMBURGLER

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On February 14 the McDonalds in La Canada was robbed around 8pm.

Two men put a semi-automatic pistol to the cashier's stomach and told him to empty the cash register taking an undisclosed amount of money. No one was killed or injured but, most witness were shaken. Some students felt glad that it was robbed.

"I'm glad McDonalds was robbed," said 7th grader Eleanor Cardell, "it's a sick and place, which makes While other voice concerns that is not as nice as they scared La Canada is as it was anymore." Ashley Ha said The was not very full at and according to one manger was actually quite calm. The police report said that there were two African American men one looking 5'4 and the other 5'10.

An undisclosed amount of money was taken and police are investigating the crime. Lisa Colvin was eating at McDonald's while the robbery took place. "I heard a small scream and I thought someone had dropped something but, then it got really quite and I turned around and one of the two robbers was standing next to me and I just put my head in my hands. It also seemed the men took it as a joke and were laughing when they left".

McDonalds seems unshaken and will continue to serve the general public. The robbers are currently at large.

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La Canada is not as
safe as it was..."
--Ashley Ha

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THE SHADY DEATH OF ANNA NICOLE SMITH

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On Thursday February 8th, 2007, Anna Nicole Smith was found unconscious in her hotel room and later died at a South Florida hospital.

Smith had been a model for Guess Jeans as well as a model for other major companies and magazines. She was extremely famous around the world for her modeling contributions.

What affected Smith the most was her son Daniel's untimely death. He was said to be suffering from stomach pains while visiting Anna Nicole in the maternity ward. Daniel died soon afterward, a fact that his mother just couldn't grasp without having to be calmed with depression medicine.

Anna Nicole was a guest on many entertainment shows soon after her son's death. Many of the hosts asked personal questions about touchy subjects. One show asked Anna if she would have a room for Daniel in her new house, which caused the former model to burst into tears. Smith was in depression until she died, because she never had the chance to get over the loss of her son Daniel. She was so under the influence of her depression medicine that every word she spoke was slurred.

Daniel had visited Anna when she gave birth to Dannielynn Hope. There are more updates about the custody battle over Dannielynn that continually stir up the media. Even though Anna has passed away, she is still famous perhaps even more since the "Battle over the Body and the Baby."

Anna Nicole Smith made differences in the world, and she will always be known for her unique contributions.

PROFITS OF THE DINNER SHOW

by Terese Rutkowski
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At the North Gym on Saturday February 3rd, the Dinner Show was hosted in order to raise money for all of the music programs at the Jr. High and High School.

The fundraiser will be a main source of financing for all of the music programs at La Canada High School. The Dinner Show was as equally successful as last year. "There were new kids, new parents, new people involved so we were worried if we were going to make it but it turned out beautifully", said Mrs. Hamre, band teacher.

At the Dinner Show band member parents were given the chance to eat, enjoy the music provided by various music groups at the school, and bid on silent auction items. After performing, performers could head

to the Cafeteria where they could enjoy games and food. Tickets for food and games were sold by band members. Overall the Dinner Show was an event that greatly benefited band and orchestra.

Illustration by May Lynn Forsen



SPORTS

THE 7/8 GIRLS SOCCER TEAM IS ON FIRE!

by Emma Persson
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On Tuesday, February 13th, the 7/8 girls soccer team had their first game of the season. Even, though they didn't win their first game (2-1), they've had a strong season by winning most of their other games. Coaching them this year is Jim Kambe, Dave Parker, and Rob Fuelling. Because of their strong coaching techniques and support, the girls have been on a roll. In their second game, versus Clifton, Lisa Lim scored a goal and the girls won their game. As the girls continue to play, LCHS is cheering them on!



Kate Brown swiftly passes by the defender headed toward the goal.

NCAA MARCH MADNESS

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March Madness is a time for... well, madness! National College Athletic Association (NCAA) March Madness is where college basketball teams go into the playoffs. The top 64 teams in the nation battle it out until two are left in the championship game. Along with the playoffs, there are also a three-point shootout and a dunk contest. In the dunk contest, the best dunker out of two rounds (a first round and a final round) will be declared the winner, get cash, and receive a gold trophy. The three-point contest has the same rules except the participants are timed one minute per round to shoot as many three-pointers as they can, and the one with the most wins.

The favorite team ranked by ESPN coming into March Madness is the Wisconsin Badgers, who are number one in the nation. Some even predict the Florida Gators might win again, like last year. Others even argue the UCLA Bruins will win it this year, considering they have the same lineup as last year, when they made it to the final game, but lost to Florida. Many teams in the top fifteen have very similar season records, which might culminate in a surprising victory for a team besides the Gators, Bruins, or Badgers. All of the events will be broadcasted live from Atlanta, Georgia. On March 15th, the 64 team bracket will be announced as well as the Slam Dunk Contest.

March 17th and 18th are the opening round games and the three-point shootout. March 22nd- April 2nd is when the real madness starts because that's when the Sweet 16 (when there are 16 teams left), Elite 8 (when there are 8 teams left), Final Four (when there are four teams left), and the championship games will be held. These events will be on ESPN programs and CBS. Watch out for the unexpected and tune in!

LCHS BOYS SOCCER UNDEFEATED!

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After a win on March 16th, 2007 against Huntington, the 7/8 Spartan soccer team cruised to a 3-0 record. Their season opener was a very convincing win, since they scored a 7-0 victory with help from Cameron Meeker and Matthew Canata scoring two goals each. Carlos Ruano assisted the overall effort with a goal while Aram Bagramyan and Nick Tourani also contributed two goals. Although their offense was stellar, their defense was twice as

strong anchored by keeper Jack Hale. While the keeper play was great, the ball was barely on the defensive end with a great play conducted by the midfielders. In game two, the Spartans pulled out a win in a tight 2-1 victory. Again, effective defensive performance and goals by Aram Bagramyan and Brian Blumenfeld were the reason for this victory. In game three, the Spartans continued their dominance with a 2-1 victory extending there winning streak to three and their record to 3-0. Cameron Meeker, the Spartans' star striker, contributed with a goal, and Arash Mahboubi also scored. It was close with the Spartans falling to a 1-0 deficit before climbing back to win.



Nick Tourani defends against Clifton Middle School player.

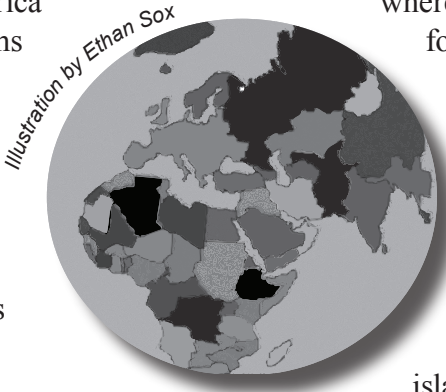
CULTURE

COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD

by Terese Rutkowski
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There are hundreds of countries in the world with many different cultures. Six countries that are rarely ever heard of are the Philippines, Cyprus, Honduras, Malta, Benin, and Papua New Guinea.

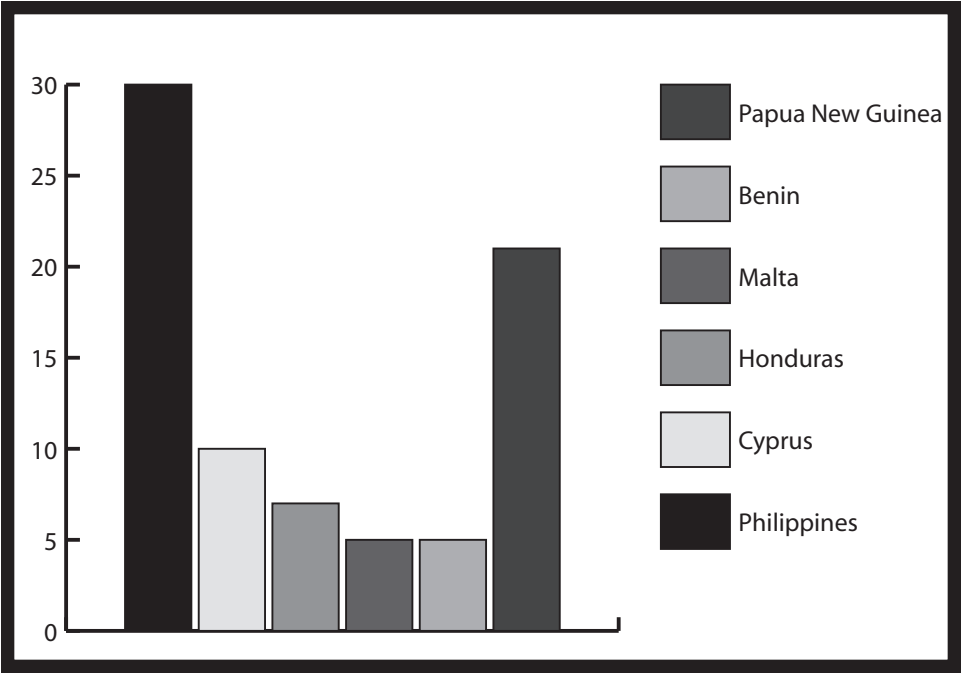
The Philippines is an island nation made up of 7,107 small islands. The Roman Catholic Church is the dominant religion and the main languages are Tagalog and English. The government is the unitary presidential constitutional republic that includes a president. Currently the president is Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the 2nd female president and 14th president of the Philippines. In 2003 the literacy rate was 96%. The Philippines is the poorest country in the world and exports many things to America where Americans can purchase the items for very little due to the cheap labor in the Philippines. Ferdinand Marcos was the 2nd most corrupt president of the Philippines. The Philippines is ranked at #4 for the most hours spent reading per day.



Cyprus is an island nation that is in between Europe and Asia. Th third largest island in the Mediteranian Sea; dwellers of Cyprus speak mainly Greek and Turkish.97.6% of the population over 15 can read and write.

Honduras is a country stretched between North and South America. Mainly spoken there is Spanish. “Honduras is considered one of the most violent countries in Central America. At one point, murders reached a ratio of 154 per 100,000 inhabitants, compared to the USA which has the still high rate of 4.8 per 100,000,” wrote wikipedia.com. Food from Honduras uses an extensive amount of cocounut in various sweet and piquant dishes.

Malta is an island nation that is located in Europe and comprimises of seven islands. Maltese and English are the main languages spoken there. Although the country practices freedom of relgion the country states that Roman Catholicism is the state religion. In the European Union Malta is the counry with the most holidays. Benin is a country. Papua New Guinea is a country.
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Top row: Rebecca Whalen, Clara Johnson, Meghan Fuelling
Bottom row: Daniel Wyatt, Ivana Tasic

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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In February we honor all the African Americans who helped form the diversity of America by celebrating Black History month. Martin Luther King Jr., Frederick Douglas, Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, and Harriet Tubman are just a few people who helped this cause. These people fought for civil rights. Muhammad Ali opposed to the Vietnam War and refused to participate in it.

One of the most important people was Harriet Tubman. She helped African slaves run away to freedom to the North. In the night, she would take people to underground railroads, which helped hide the slaves who wanted freedom.

More people who contributed to the revolts and speeches against slavery and segregation were Frederick Doulglas, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr., who is famous for his “I Have A Dream” speech. All of these actions that these activists did were for the good of others and not just themselves. They were unselfish people, who risked their lives and careers to stand up for their belief that all people should be free and justice should be everywhere.

CULTURE

DIFFERENT PACKAGES

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“Wong Brothers Laundry Service – Two Wongs Can Make It White!” This was the slogan for T-shirt that Abercrombie & Fitch had released five years ago.

This T-shirt featured small faces with slanting eyes and rice- paddy hats. Instead of what Carney—the designer of this shirt—had expected, this shirt offended most Asian consumers. This is one out of many examples of stereotypes.

Stereotypes are ideas that many people believe, which are often untrue or only partly true. For example, right in our campus, there is one major stereotype that we all believe in—geeks, normal groups, and the popular kids. Each group is “divided” into one of these categories. Students in these “groups,” are not able to socialize well with the others. When new students enter a school, they have a fear of choosing the right “group.” Therefore, this separates the students from each other.

Another example of a stereotype is that all Asians work hard to get into Harvard, or at least an Ivy League college, and have a dream to become a doctor. Truthfully, these people don’t feel this way. Every person has a different dream, and stereotypes should not construct them.

This has to stop. America is now blended with many cultures, and we have to accept them. Stereotypes cannot separate us. They only make more conflicts between different ethnic groups. Stereotypes...don’t fall for them!



MULTI-CULTURAL WEEK

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“It was a beautiful site watching the flags of the 14 countries wave from the balconies of the 7/8 building,” said seventh grader Michael Choi. Countries that were represented this year were Armenia, China, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Greece, India, Israel, Korea, Japan, Nicaragua, Sweden, and Switzerland. The first day of Multi-Cultural Week was February 26th. Clothes were worn by students to represent their countries ranging from shoes to jerseys. Later, the PTA handed out beach ball globes to students who wore their country’s colors.

“It was a good variety of food that was different from out normal diet,” commented Ethan Sox. On Wednesday, many parents represented their countries by serving cultural food. A crowd was busy sampling the many different kinds of food. There was drumming near the Korean booth. Students had a lot to say about the delicious food. On Thursday, many people prepared for the assembly. On Friday, an assembly marked the end of Multi-Cultural Week which occurred from February 26th to March 2nd. As a result, the Multi-Cultural week was a wonderful time for everyone to experience the variety of cultures.



BAKLAVA, ANYONE?

By Denise Morillo

Imagine that crispy sweetness crunching on your tongue, as a bit of honey drizzles down the side of your mouth. Now, doesn’t *that* sound mouthwatering? Well, this is baklava. Baklava is a Middle Eastern pastry made of many layers of paper-thin dough, with a filling of ground nuts, bakes, and then drenched in syrup of honey, and sometimes orange blossom water. Now, you will learn how to make this tasty treat!!!

The Actual Sweet:

A Box of “Filo” (paper-thin dough)
2 Sticks of butter (non-salted)
2 lbs of Walnuts
1 Teaspoon of Orange Blossom Water
1 Cup of Sugar
2 Teaspoons of Cinnamon
Cooking Spray

The Homemade Syrup

2 Cups of Sugar
1 Cup of Water
1 Teaspoon of Lemon Juice

Preparing the Syrup:

Boil the sugar, water and lemon juice altogether in a pot until the mixture is slightly thick. Let it cool.

How to Make It:

Preheat the oven to 375 Fahrenheit. Spray the bottom of a 16” by 12” pan with cooking spray. Next, melt the two sticks of butter. Divide the box of “Filo,” one by one, and layer them onto the pan. Make sure to brush each layer of “Filo” with the melted butter, lightly, until half of the box is finished. Now, crush the walnuts into fine parts, and mix them with the sugar and cinnamon. Mix the sugar, cinnamon and chopped walnuts with the Orange Blossom Water. Spread this mixture evenly onto the “Filo” that is placed in the pan. Take the remaining “Filo” one by one, and layer them on top of the walnut mixture. Once again, brush each layer lightly with butter. Now, with a sharp knife, cut the unbaked Baklava into diamond shapes. After cutting this, pour the remaining butter on the surface of the “Filo.” Place the pan in the oven for 30-40 minutes, until it turns goldish-brown. Take the pan out of the oven, and add the Homemade Syrup to the Baklava while it is still hot. Let it cool, and enjoy!

ENTERTAINMENT

THE I-PHONE

by Chaeyeon Kim
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On January 9th, 2007 at the Macworld Conference & Expo, Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduced the new iPhone. The iPhone has touch screen and many other entertaining features. These include, a camera, web browsing, and a media player. The iPhone will be avalibale purchase in Apple and Cingular Wireless stores in June 2007. 4GB phones are 499 dollars and 8GB phones are 599 dollars. Steve Jobs also announced that Apple is planning to make 3GB phones at a lower price. This brand new iPhone can be the opening door to a new technology era.



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MULTICULTURAL WORD SEARCH

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CEREMONY
CLOTHES
COUNTRY
CULTURE
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BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA: PLOT SPOILER INCLUDED

by David Belcher
Staff Writer

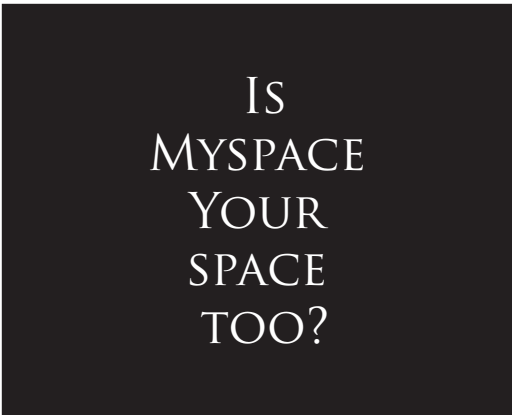
Bridge to Terabithia is so bad it was funny. From the moment they started imagining trolls, the movie was hysterical. The two kids talked about “the magical world of Terabithia” like it was a real place. As they have many adventures the boy develops a crush on the girl and was trying to ask her out everyday. He never had the chance because she is always vanquishing sinister Squogers with her magical staff (beating up unsuspecting squirrels with a stick.). When the boy finally builds up the courage to ask out the girl, his creepy teacher asks him to go to a museum. He accepts and has a day of “fun” with his teacher. When he returns home, he finds out that the girl has hit her head on a rock in Terabithia and drowned in “the magical river.” His reaction was so incredibly hilarious. I wanted to buy the DVD of the movie just so I can watch him freak out over and over again. I suggest you see Bridge to Terabithia because it is the funniest movie ever.

OPINION

AGAINST IT

By Kathryn Champ
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All around school, I hear kids asking, “Do you have a MySpace?” but MySpace should really be only yours, not other people’s. It seems like kids have different opinions when it comes to websites. YouTube, addicting games, and all of those other websites are commonly used by kids. The biggest one is MySpace. MySpace is a website that allows kids to meet friends, to meet your friend’s friends, and even your friend’s friends from another country. Meeting all of these people can be both good and bad, but there are more bad points than good points. MySpace lets kids communicate with each other, but there are some kids and people who are unwanted on others’ site. Predators of every kind are lurking everywhere in every corner of the Internet, especially on MySpace. There are identity thieves and other predators watching over you, so if you are on MySpace, you should keep an eye out. They say passwords, screen names, and filters protect you from these thieves, but not always. MySpace is a total waste of time. There are predators everywhere... watch out!



FOR IT

By Denise Morillo
Staff Writer

There are many reasons why people look at the *bad* sides of MySpace, but why not look at the *good* sides? MySpace is a social networking website offering an interactive, user-submitted network of friends, personal profiles, blogs, groups, photos, music, and videos. There are *many* positive sides of MySpace that people should consider. First, MySpace has an age limit. The site will now start to restrict how users over 18 can contact those aged 14 and 15. Older users sending a message asking to become friends with younger users will have to enter the recipients’ actual first and last names, or their e-mail addresses rather than simply their user names. MySpace will also start to allow all members to designate their profiles as private, and thus only available only to their named list of friends. MySpace has allowed and encouraged those under 16 to set their profiles to be private, but profiles of anyone older than that have been available for any visitor to the site to read, but this has changed. MySpace is often blamed for child abductions and even *worse* things, but it is not the site’s fault. It is the users’ own responsibility to keep their profile safe for themselves. MySpace is my responsibility.

IRAQ- WHERE DID WE GO WRONG??

by Tripp Frank
Staff Writers

Before 9/11, Iraq was a medium size Middle East country that know one really cared about. Back then it was ran by a Dictator called Saddam Hussein to whom the US supplied weapons to fight the Iranian anti-American Government in the 1980’s. On September 11, 2001 the twin towers were attacked by Al Qaeda agents. Everyone was caught up in a patriotic wave which led us to believe that Iraq and 9/11 were connected. On March 20, 2003 we invaded Iraq and then declared on May 1st that we had won. Later President Bush said there was no tie between Iraq and 9/11 and that’s when the trail of lies began to be exposed. Now almost 4 years later we are still fighting a war that we have not won. There have been three different generals in charge of Iraq and now are 147,000 coalition troops going to Baghdad. So far over 300,000+ Iraqi citizens have been killed due to now “sectarian violence” which is what the Bush Administration has stated has actually spilled over into a civil war between Sunnis and Shiites. Now it has cost the U.S. 3,155 dead soldiers. Bush has lied to us over and over and has spent all our money the Iraq war has cost us 367 trillion dollars. Our British allies have decided to start pulling out. Most Americans are now getting mad over the war; 52% of Americans polled in a Washington Post survey said they did not feel safe invading Iraq. If we are to fix the huge problem we’ve created we have to first end the civil war between Sunnis and Shiites. Then we must establish a competent government and then we can slowly pull of Iraq and give more control to the Iraqis. It will be a long mission, but I believe that with effort and maybe wiping the board clean we can have a second chance to establish a free Iraq.

GIVE THEM FREEDOM

by Tripp Frank
Staff Writer

The United States Senate has passed a law to build a 700-mile wall on the US-Mexico border, with much protest from the Latino community in the US Southwest. Many ideas have been suggested our immigration problems. One idea is to pump money into third world countries until they are no longer at a poverty levels, therefore people living in poor countries will not find it necessary to come to the US. Another suggestion was just to give freedom to these immigrants and citizenship so that they can be full functioning citizen. This plan would help the government gain money from about 20 million people, which could help pay off the national debt. Finally people are saying that we should round up illegal immigrants and send them back to their countries and tighten up border security by following through with the idea of building a 700-mile wall on the US-Mexico border. I wish we would pump money into these third world countries, but with the US knee-deep in debt, that option is not available. I think that it won’t help to basically alienate all the illegal immigrants since it would cost billion of dollars to round up all of the 20 million people, send them back to there original county, and have are 700 mile long wall keep them out. However we must toughen our border security so that in 30 years we don’t have overpopulation problems. I also believe we must give these people freedom, which would put them on the way to US citizenship. You also may have heard of President Bush’s Guest Worker program, which will allow illegal immigrants jobs that no Americans want to do; they will be given freedom for three years and will be able to reply for the program again if they have a full time job. They also will be given a card, which will allow them to travel from their home country and the US without being detained. We must remember that this country is made up of immigrants and people from all walks of life have shaped our culture and history. To just now say that we don’t want them and that the American Dream isn’t open to every person is not right. Our founding fathers wanted every on equal rights for everybody; just because there not here legally shouldn’t change anything.

INTERESTS

A LOOK AT SAINT PATRICK’S DAY

by *Kuan-Yew Clive*
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On Saturday, March 17th, Saint Patrick’s Day was celebrated throughout La Canada as everyone wore green clothes to avoid getting pinched. We celebrate this green holiday in honor of Saint Patrick for introducing Christianity to Ireland.

When Saint Patrick was sixteen years old, he was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family’s estate. They took him to Ireland where he spent the next six years of his life in jail. During this time, he worked as a shepherd, away from people. Being lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for comfort. Finally, he escaped from being a prisoner and began a religious training course which lasted for 15 years. After his ordination as a priest, he became a preacher to Christians already living in Ireland and began to convert the Irish. After 200 years of Saint Patrick’s arrival to Ireland, it became almost completely

Christianized. This holiday began in the US for a very valid reason. We celebrate it because after the first celebration of this holiday in the US in 1762, Irish immigrants started the rising of so-called “Irish Aid” societies (societies that spread the knowledge of Irish culture). Eventually, these societies started to form and gain popularity. Americans wanted to start up a holiday relating to Irish culture. These “Irish Aid” societies helped make St. Patrick’s Day a recognized holiday.

Saint Patrick’s Day is celebrated with several Irish symbols to remember that this is an Irish holiday. The shamrock in the Irish culture symbolizes the rebirth of spring. The leprechaun is a symbol that is celebrated because leprechauns were known for their trickery, which twhey often used to protect their much-fabled treasure. Saint Patrick’s Day is an Irish holiday started

by the Irish saint, St. Patrick

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY



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GUESS THE TEACHER

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WHO AM I?

- I am a HUGE cheesehead!!!
- I am currently single.
- My favorite color is green.
- I am male.
- Bill Nye is my hero.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM???

The first 15 students to come to room 722 with the correct answer will win a prize.



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