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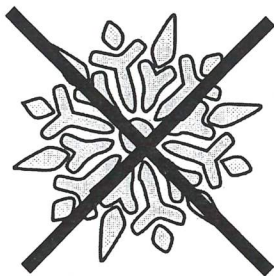
Snow Days dance postponed

Meme Thao and Sonah Yang
Staff Writers

The Snow Days dance, usually held on Valentines Day, was postponed. "It's been a tradition here for as long as I've been here, and it's been 10 years," said retired teacher Bridget Martin.

Every year, Spirit Week activities include the Snow Days Dance, candy, cupcakes, chocolates, dress up days, and coronation. But now many traditions are being questioned.

We have a new administrator who is cracking down on students about the school's test scores. Next year, we can no longer sell candies, cupcakes, or chocolates, according to Student Government Advisor, Jody Holmstrom.



Many students who have been here since kindergarten say they're really mad because the traditional Open School is being changed too much. "Every once in a while, I'd like to get crunk and take all the pressure off from school," said 11th grader Kamieka Livingston. "We already have a lot of things happening at the end of the year, so why would we put the dance there too. Moving it is just a bad idea," said 11th grader Jessie Bielder.

Several staff members said they postponed the dance for the sake of the kids because they need to prepare for the MCA'S. "We would normally have the dance during

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Sea Cows resurface for another year of Ultimate

Laura Cefalu
Staff Writer

Last year if you stayed after school on a Thursday, you would see a bunch of guys in red shirts running around with a Frisbee. You would hear the roaring fans cheering for their team. You would smell the crisp grass and dirt mixed with sweat. You would feel the rush of excitement for the team, the Manatees. Will there be a team you can cheer for this year? The answer is yes.



Manatee team member cooling off after a game

The Manatees were Open School's first official team to compete

against other schools. The team was made up of players who normally played at recess. Open School alumni Liam Shramko and fellow players decided to form a team. "I decided sometime in the summer before my final year, or maybe it was during my junior year. Either way, I wanted to play Frisbee so I emailed the head of the UPA (Ultimate Players Association)" said former team captain Liam.

After asking around, and after many a phone calls they had their coach, Josh Plocher. The final team

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Seeing Double

Molly Salzberger
Staff Read-alot-er

Most kids don't ask for "total abandonment" for their thirteenth birthday, but that's what Bethany Cole in Margaret Peterson Haddix's *Double Identity* gets. Haddix is a veteran of YA suspense, and that's exactly what this book aims for. It's fast-paced, and short enough that it'd make for a couple of entertaining days.

To begin with, Bethany's parents take her on an all-night car ride, and leave her with a woman she's never met or heard of who they call her aunt, without an address to find them at or a phone number with which to reach them. Bethany is understandably upset. Her parent's erratic behavior--her mother's hysterical crying in particular--quickly inform the reader that something is just not right. As if that isn't big enough of a clue, the "aunt's" reaction to seeing Bethany is very telling. The

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**It's a bird! It's a plane!
It's a spy satellite?**

Anquette Kennedy
Staff Writer

Watch out, something weighing 5,000 pounds could fall on you any minute!

There is a spy satellite falling to Earth from space according to the U.S. Government. The satellite is a satellite that has been used to spy on other countries around the world by the United States.

The satellite is expected to hit Earth by late February, early March, but no one knows quite where it will land. It's a possibility that it could land on North America. There's also a possibility that it could land in one of the oceans, but it's more probable that it will land on land. "We're aware that this satellite is out there," Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart said. "We're aware that it's a fairly substantial size. Also, we know there is at least some percentage that it could land on the ground as opposed to in the water."

The Department Of Defense was the main reason for releasing the satellite. It was sent out in December 2006. Video images of this satellite have been taken by a British amateur satellite watcher, John Locker. "It's at an altitude of 173 miles above Earth's atmosphere. It is dropping at 1,640 feet a day," says Locker. The size of the satellite by the time it gets to Earth depends on how much of it doesn't burn in the re-

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Open Bounds Out (Word!)

Daniel Mauleon
Staff Writer

Students will be bounding off to Redmond, Oregon for six days of dirty service work during interim. For about the last 20 years Open School has been sending students to Outward Bound base camps all around the country. While there the students will do a variety of work that the camp asks for about 5 of the days. In the past they have painted buildings, cleaned, uprooted many a plant, but they don't know what they are doing till they go there this year. Alongside working they will spend one day doing fun activities. In some previous years the activities have been rappelling down rock walls or taking on a challenging rope course.

The group of students has been fundraising since the start of the year and this last January they held their newly formatted service auction. They have also sold merchandise from catalogs including shirts and calendars. "The staff have been very supportive," said science teacher Megan Hall. Megan is the advisor of

Open's Outward Bound group. The group has one big fundraiser left, the almighty plant sale. How much they rack in on the sale of greens will determine how many students will be able to go.

With the exception of three boys the group is made up mostly of girls. This is also the first year for seven of the kids. "I am looking forward to go into the wild and helping out in whatever I can," Said new timer Sallie Brusseau, an 11th grader. For 11th grader Jessie Biedler this will be her third year going, "[The best part] is bonding with people you normally don't hang out with." Tina Dahn 11th grader and five time Outward Bounder expressed her favorite part as "Being able to help out people, who can't do things by themselves."

For chaperones they will be joined by Open graduates. So far only Veronica Beaty and Liam Shramko have responded in showing interest in this year's trip. ❄

Hot Off The Press

Welcome to a new addition to the Purple Press tiny little briefs about the goings on of Open. It also is a great way to fill up an empty space when your issue starts to fall apart.

- Rehearsal for Open's spring plays "Driving Miss Daisy" and "Maggie Magalita" have begun.
- The second Open School family night was successful. With food by students and a bounce castle how could have anything gone wrong?
- Purple Press falls behind schedule. Adult to blame rumored to be on vacation.
- All 10 teams that participated in History Day this year received awards, 2 honorable mentions and 8 finalists going to state. This years theme is Conflict and Compromise.

Natalie Iwaszek

How many years have you been at Open?
13 years.

What are you planning on doing next year?

Go to Art School in Chicago.

Favorite Book, Movie, or T.V. show?

Ideal T.V. Show: If Francine from Arthur were on How do I Look.

Favorite class in high school?

Poetry.

Last concert you went to/Album you bought?

Bright Eyes in Chicago.

Job you would like?

Fashion Designer.



Big Moves

Jaime Avila

Staff Jock

The month of February saw major trades that had championship implications in two different sports. There were big moves in the NBA; there were big men, as well as guards that got traded to championship caliber teams. In baseball the long awaited trade of Johan Santana happened.

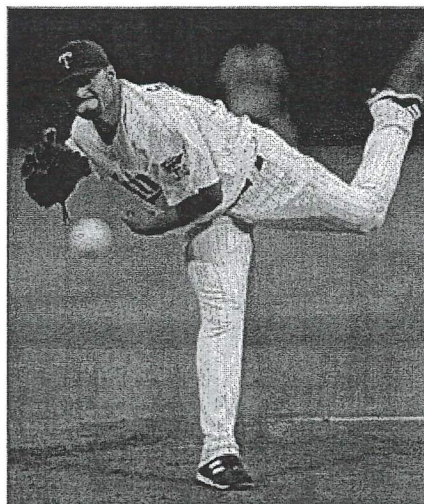
The Los Angeles Lakers began the season with expectations of just getting into the playoffs, but they quickly became a contender with the rise of young center Andrew Bynum. Bynum went down with a knee injury on January 13th, and if he hadn't gone down the Lakers wouldn't have pursued Pau Gasol of the Memphis Grizzlies. With Gasol the Lakers have one of the best lineups in the NBA, especially their frontcourt when Bynum returns. The Lakers did give up two first round picks one in '08 and another in '10, but they also got rid of some excess weight in Kwame Brown.

Five days after the Lakers got Gasol, the Phoenix Suns made a huge

trade that brought Shaquille O'Neal

back to the west. The Miami Heat go forward Shawn Marion and guard Marcus Banks. The Suns have finally figured it out

that you can't win a championship through the west with that style of play. The Suns will have to find a way to play with O'Neal, who is not a fast break



Johan Santana throwing a pitch for the Twins

player like Marion. He does give them a solid big man, and this might help Amare Stoudemire stay out of foul trouble. O'Neal will benefit greatly from this because he will end up being maybe the fourth option for them in the offense. The Heat will also improve since in won't be Dwayne Wade putting up all the points anymore. Marion will relieve some of the offensive burden that O'Neal

couldn't, and he will bring some of the Suns' style of play with him.

On February 19th the Dallas Mavericks decided that they had to make a trade which involved nine players, to compete with the more improved west. They brought back point guard Jason Kidd who should help move the ball more on offense.

They did give up the very fast point guard Devin Harris, **Sadtana continued on 6**

That's What She Said!

Vox populi of Open

Juno

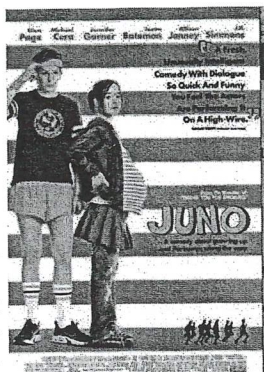
Khadijah Parris
Staff Writer

"She was like extremely beautiful but really mean, like Dianna Ross," said Juno played by Ellen Page. Juno was named after a Roman goddess when her father went through an obsessive stage with Greek Mythology.

Jason Reitman and Diablo Cody directed and wrote this movie about a pregnant teenager's struggle to have her child and make sure it has a safe, loving home. Juno decides to give her baby up for adoption to a married couple she found in the penny saver. The movie takes place in Minnesota. It starts off with Juno standing in her front yard drinking a gallon of Sunny D, looking on to a recliner. She walks to a local drug store to take one more of the three pregnancy tests to be positive she is pregnant.

First she tells her best

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Jumper

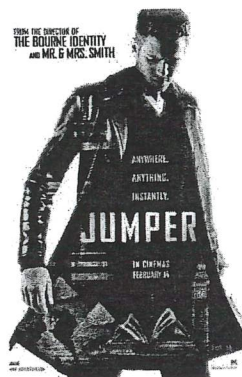
Alex Yang
Staff Writer

When I was going to see the movie "Jumper", I thought it would be a cool movie. But it disappointed me somehow, but I don't know how. Although the action starts early, it seems to get boring later on.

One scene that I like was when the two "Jumpers" were driving the car and teleporting while driving. The two Jumpers teleport them to Tokyo and steal one car from one of the car shop. They are driving and one of the Jumpers starts teleporting the car so they won't have to wait in traffic. That was the scene I liked best in the movie.

The movie was directed by Doug Liman. The movie stars Hayden Christensen as David Rice, who is a Jumper and the main character of the movie. Jamie Bell is Griffin, who's also a Jumper. Rachel Bilson is Mille Harris, who is David's friend and lover. Then Samuel L. Jack-

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Virtua Fighter 5

Zong Xiong
Staff Writer

You are an old guy name Lau Chan. You see your health bar on the top of the screen with half of your life gone and the time is getting close to zero. You then do a left, right combo on the enemy and hit him three times. He tries to hit you back, but you block him and gave him a big punch right in the face. Your health is still half and the enemy is two to four hits from getting killed. You try to do a combo again, but you miss and the enemy hits you two times. You do a counter attack and get him in the body. You still have half a life and he never sees you again.

The above scene is from Virtua Fighter 5, and Lau Chan won the fight. The game is for the PS3 and the Xbox 360. The cost for the game is 60 dollars

for both PS3 and Xbox 306. Virtua Fighter 5 came out February 20, 2007 for PS3 and in October 2007 it came out for the Xbox 360. There are two new characters in the game, El Blaze, he is a lucha libre wrestler who wishes to defeat a guy name Wolf Hawkfield, and Eileen, a young girl who uses monkey kung fu to fight.

The object of the game is to fight in a tournament that includes the 17 best fighters in the world. J6 is the people who made the tournament and



they
are creating a top secret fighting ma-

chine name Dural. The 17 fighters don't know anything about the J6 fighting machine and they don't know that their DNA might be in put in the machine. That means a move you create could be use against you. The J6 people are using the 17 fighters' skills, like their fighting style and how to move around the place. Then they put it into the machine and the machine can use any move from the 17 fighters. You can choose one character and fight your way to Dural.

The graphics of the game are very good and it looks real. When you fight you see clear, like real life and the backgrounds are also nice looking. There is a ring you are in and the back might have a big waterfall with plants everywhere. You can see their clothes move when they are fighting and you see their hair move. The audio is good too because it goes nice with the backgrounds and you can hear the music well.

Virtua

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Take a look and find a book

Sarah Plonski
Staff Writer

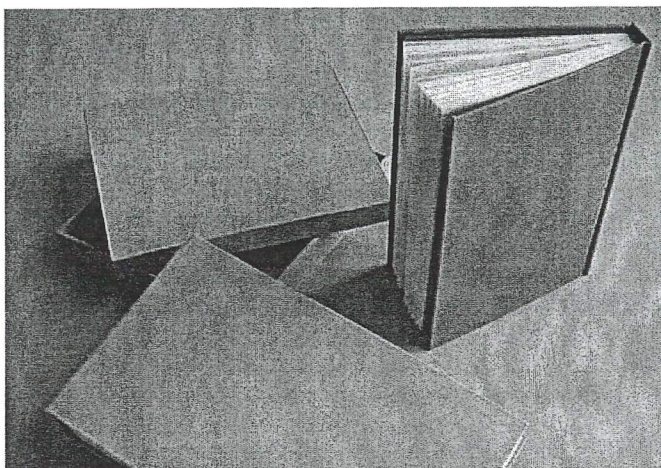
Over the course of my short existence, I've read hundreds of books (probably). Unfortunately, there are many people who haven't read nearly as many, and it's usually a result of just not knowing where to find them. So I've composed this handy guide (don't you hate that word combination? "Handy guide") of where to find the best books. Quality, price and selection are also taken into account.

#1. The Plonski house:

One of the reasons I've read so many books is that our house is full of them. We have a huge number of books from varying genres, from V for Vendetta to the Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time. The best books are in my room, which is in the attic. That's where most of our Calvin and Hobbes books are. There are even books that I haven't read (but they're probably boring. Dutch Painting? Come on).

#2. Barnes and Noble: Of course, if you ever just walked to our house and asked to borrow a book, I'd probably lock the door or at least sic our cat on you. So the next best thing is Barnes and Noble booksellers. They sell

all different kinds of books, and they always have stuff on sale. There are also little people you can talk to if you want to find a specific book. Unfortunately, their graphic novel section has almost nothing but Japanese manga. I guess



that's okay, if you're into that sort of thing. "Barnes and Noble suck. They kill all the little community bookstores. I haven't taken a breath in a Barnes and Noble in over six years!" said pagemaster John Knapp. He just wanted me to add that...

#3. A used book store: Used book stores are a great place to get both

books and kittens for as little as 50 cents. The selection usually isn't very good, but most people will be able to find a book that they like, as long as you're not looking for a specific one.

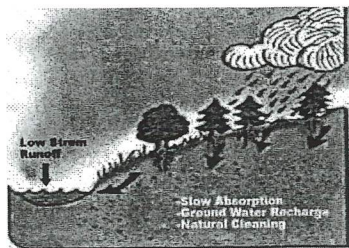
#4. A library: Libraries are a good place to borrow books for free, and we even have one in our school. However, one problem that I have with libraries (which most people might not have) is that I always lose my library books somewhere in our house. In fact, I'm currently reading a copy of The Fellowship of the Ring that used to belong to Leo (now that the secret's out, I'll give it back when I'm done, Leo).

#5. Leo's classroom:

While I don't recommend looking for a book in Leo's room (because of the small selection and the fact that most of his books are really lame), it's okay if there's an emergency and you have to read a book or you'll have a mental breakdown. Also, Leo's room is where I found Flowers for Algernon. But that was a very rare occurrence.

Okay, so I guess that's all the places that I know of. Good luck. ✱





Plocher from 1

was created. The manatees did really well for their first year. They went 6-1 over all (one of the games the other team forfeited); they were all amazed in how well they did. "It was a fine start for a team who had never had an organized Frisbee team," said 10th grader John Knapp.

"In the normal season we trounced!" said 11th grader Damien Bullis.

Their first game against team Spinferno was stupendous to watch, they won 15-7. Yet their score was the game against White Bear. The outcome of the score was 15-1. They were in awe when the game ended. "John and I showed up late, but by the time we got there the game was almost over!" said 11th grader Danny Mauleon. Though at the tournament, they didn't do so well. They lost all four of their games. "Our season was great, but during the tournament we

didn't do well at all. I was disappointed," said 12th grader Jaime Avila

With captain Griffin Larson the manatees are coming back! While they are still forming the team, veteran players are very excited for Frisbee season to begin. Josh Plocher will again be the coach, Griffin will be captain, Damien will be second in command, and Jaime and John as the defensive and offensive coordinators. The season will begin in April.

Having lost about 4 players, they are looking to replace about 6 or 7 players. "When Frisbee season starts up just show up to a practice, we are always glad to have fresh meat." Some advice from second in command Damien Bullis. If you want to become a manatee talk to either Griffin Larson, John Knapp, Jaime Avila, or Damien Bullis. Try outs will be held around early April.

"Manatee's what is your profession?"

"FRISBEE!" ❄️

Sadtana from 3

and a solid center in DeSagana Diop. This trade will greatly help the Mavericks for the next couple of years, and the New Jersey Nets have a good young point guard to build around in the future.

On the last day of the deadline February 21st there was a trade that included three teams the Cleveland Cavaliers, Seattle Sonics, and the Chicago Bulls. The Bulls gained guard Larry Hughes and young power forward Drew Gooden, and should give the Bulls some more offense along with the offensive rebounds that Gooden will give them. I don't see why the Cavaliers gave up a good guard and a young big man for the offensively challenged Ben Wallace. He will help them on defense, but that's pretty much all he's good for now, which will put an even bigger burden on LeBron James. The Sonics were in the trade to have a more room under the salary cap next year.



The biggest story aside from the Mitchell Report during baseball's off-season was where former two-time Cy Young winner Johan Santana would end up. On February 2nd Santana was traded to the New York Mets for four prospects. Soon after he signed a six-year deal worth \$137.5 million dollars. This move has made the Mets into the favorites in the NL. As for the Minnesota Twins, um yeah good luck.

The month of February had many trades, and there will be a very good battle in the west to see who goes to the championship. I feel like the Lakers, Suns, and the Mavericks will really benefit from the trades that they all made and go deep into the playoffs. I think that the Cavaliers made a stupid trade that will hurt them in the playoffs. I feel like the Mets made a good trade that will probably take them to the championship since they are in the National league. Overall this was a good month for a lot of teams except for the Twins. ❄️

Chilly from 1

Spirit Week, but because of the Long Advisory being postponed, staff wanted to postpone the dance because they think the kids are going to lose too much academic class before the MCA," said Principal Todd Bartholomay. Long Advisory took place on the last day of Spirit Week.

"Between moving Long Advisory and moving the dance, and switching the fundamental, that makes Open School not Open School. I don't know that the teachers expect but it's stressing to the students," said Kamioka.

Many students are saying that it's Todd's fault that we're not having the dance, but is it really? "Advisories didn't want the dance to be on Friday with Long Advisory because it's going to be hard to advisors that are going off campus," said Todd.

We would have the dance after school, but due to middle schoolers, there is a problem with transportation. "We can't set the dance after school because of transportation," said Jody.

"There has been a lot of a change this year," said Jody. So is the dance being postponed a good or bad thing? ❄️

Karate Chop from 2

Fighter 5 is a great game and graphics are very good. I think the 17 characters are cool looking people and each has a different type of fighting style. This game is different from others because the 17 fighters fight differently and they don't have same fighting style. Also, in the game you can change their clothes into what you want them to wear. The bad thing about the game is that you can't unlock new people to play and you can't have two characters when you are fighting. The game can't have unlimited time and you have to know how to press what button to be good.

The game is a very good game and I recommend the game to my friends or anybody. The game is 60 dollars right now but it is worth buying it and later on the price will drop. The people who will like the game is people who like fighting games and the game Tekken. ❄️

Sunny D from 4

friend about this mistake she has made, and then she decides to tell the father of the child Paulie Bleeker, played by Michael Cera. He is kind of skeptical about this but he accepts it because he loves her. She then decides to terminate the pregnancy but when she gets there she just can't because of a nervous fit she has.

Once she gets around to telling her parents. She has them sit down in the living room to tell them. They are shocked thinking "she was in trouble or hard drugs." She goes with her dad to meet the couple that wants to adopt her unborn child Vanessa (Jennifer Garner) and Mark (Jason Bateman) she likes them so she goes through with it. Once she shows up unexpectedly to drop off an ultrasound when Vanessa isn't there. Mark tells her his plans to leave his wife to be alone, that he isn't ready to be a dad. She leaves in a fit of rage.

This movie won multiple awards for the Best Original Screenplay. It won the 80th Academy Award, BAFTA, and Writers Guild of America Award. Diablo Cody won the Best writer and Best comedy from the Critics Choice Awards.

One thing that makes this a great movie is the reality of the movie. I like the fact that it is like it could really happen to someone. I think this movie was great because it tells about how thing would go in this type of situation. I think the plot was very believable. It was a nice movie to go see with family or someone you love. I like this movie I would defiantly recommend this movie to someone who liked "Superbad" or "The Office." I would go to see this movie many more times or maybe even buy it. I give it 5 out 5 stars. ✨

Vader from 4

son is Roland Cox, who is the leader of an organization called "Paladin," who kills Jumpers.

The movie starts out when David falls into the water and is drowning. Then all of sudden he teleports, or "Jumps" as they call it in the movie, to a library. After he find out he can do this, he leaves his hometown and go to New York City. After he jumps to New York City, he robs a bank vault without opening a door because of his power. Then after eight years, David lives a rich life and he can Jump to different

places by looking at a picture of the place. But when he comes back to his apartment he sees Roland, who has been tracking him down for eight years.

After the fight with Roland, David escapes and jumps back to his hometown. When he gets back to his hometown, he tracks down where Mille is and goes to see her. He talks with Mille and he gets in to a fight with his old bully, Mark. While they are fighting, David jumps Mark to the bank vault that he robbed eight years ago. Then he jumps back to where Mille is. He talks with Mille and asks her to go with him to Rome. When they are in Rome they visit the Colosseum. At the Coliseum, David meet Griffin, but he also meets two other Paladins who were tracking him down. David and Griffin fight the Paladins and kill them.

After the fight with the Paladins, Griffin takes one of the dead Paladin and jumps. David is able to follow him through Griffin's "Jump Scar" (something, like a portal where the Jumper can come and go through). But Griffin tell him to go back. So David jumps back to where Mille is. When they left the Coliseum David is arrested for trespassing in the Coliseum. While David is in custody, David's mother visits him and tells him to run before the Paladin kills him. After David escapes, he tell Mille to go back and that he can't go with her. He remembers Griffin told him that the Paladin would kill anyone who knows him, friends or family. So David jumps to his hometown only to discover that his dad has been killed.

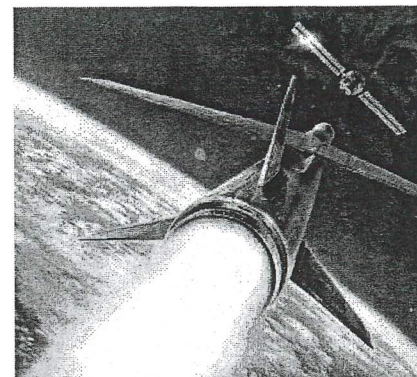
After he saw his dad dead, he went to Griffin's hideout and asked him to help him kill Roland. So Griffin decides that he will help David. David told him that Mille plane was arriving soon, but it already landed and doesn't know where Mille was. If you want to know about the ending then watch the movie.

Overall I think this movie is cool, but it kind of gets boring later on to the end of the movie. One thing I don't like about the movie is the camera work. Because while in the movie the camera keeps moving a lot like it was filming document movie or show. The second is the acting. Though I think the acting was good, but I think they could done it better. ✨

Satellfright from 2

entering of the atmosphere. Some officials have said that about 5,000 pounds of the spacecraft is expected to survive through the atmosphere.

Its original size is about 13-16.5 feet across. It could actually take years for the satellite to re-enter the atmosphere, but it's predicted that it will come much sooner than later. Not many people really know about the satellite and this is world news so I wanted to know how people felt about



it. "Huh! I guess it's nothing I can do about it," stated 9th Grader Khadijah Parris!

In the past 50 years about 17,000 manmade objects have re-entered the Earth's atmosphere, mostly satellites. A lot of these satellites contain a colorless, fuming, corrosive, hygroscopic liquid, N₂MNH₂, called hydrazine. "Yeah, it's really toxic. It's toxic in high level, so small amounts might just be unhealthy. But it's really toxic in high doses and/or long exposure," said Science Teacher Megan. Hydrazine, the fuel used for the satellite, is another safety hazard of the satellite falling, because it can be dangerous to anyone who comes in contact with it.

"Appropriate government agencies are monitoring the situation," said Gordon Johnaroe, a spokesman for The National Security Council. "We won't be able to predict where it will hit until it falls to about 59 miles above the Earth and its atmosphere." But it's been mentioned that the U.S Department Of Defense plans on shooting the satellite down with a missile. Where will it land?! ✨

Eight girls one trophy

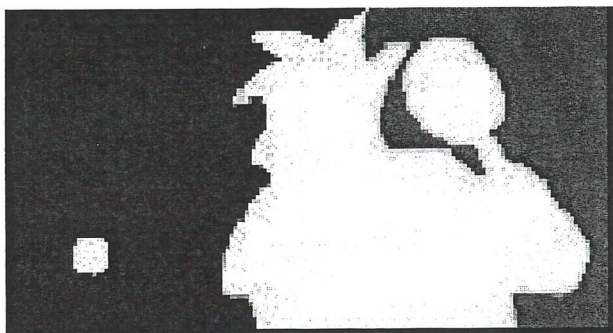
John Knapp

Fraquetball Commissioner

As the 2008 girls' fraquetball season wraps up only a few teams, from a league of 8, are left contending for the championship. With four teams making the playoffs in the girl's league, the competition is just now getting started. With the regular season showing as much surprise as it did, all hope to see the same twists and turns in the playoffs.

In the Mediterranean division the teams The Fraquett's, science teachers Megan Hall and Anna Butler, who went 3-4, and 16 Candles, 11th graders Alicia Martinez and Jessie Biedler, who finished 7-0, have clinched their playoff spots. These two teams will play a best two out of three series to see who will advance to the championship.

From the other division in the girls league, the Sub-



Saharan, of the total four teams, only Los Lentes De Sol, 8th grader Laura Cefalu and 9th grader Ginger Falksen, and No Brand Girls, 9th graders Mai See Lee and Jennifer Lor, have received playoff berth. These two teams will play for their conferences spot in the championship. With Los Lentes De Sol finishing with a 6-1 record, second best in the league, they will benefit from home court advantage.

With many of these teams having no playoff experience some wonder if they will be able to perform as well as they have throughout the season. "I see Los Lentes De Sol losing, in a close one, but I see them losing," said well respected fraquetball expert Jaime Avila. With such upsets being predicted many are curious to see the outcome of this highly anticipated

series. Recently Jennifer has been on a tear. In her last victory against The Fraquett's she shot an amazing 7-8. Mai Cee has had consistent back D all season; finishing 3rd in the league in saves. However, you can't count out skill. Laura Cefalu has a DYN-O-MITE shot, when she's on. With the combination of her skill and her drive to win, Los Lentes De Sol could be a very hard team to beat. I predict them to win in the minimum two games, 7-3, and 7-4.

On the other side of the bracket, The Fraquett's go in as huge underdogs to the undefeated 16 Candles. "With Megan having so much experience anything could happen," said the Fraquetball Holy Spirit, Liam Shramko. The key to this team's success will be fraquetball IQ. If they notice

recurring shot patterns that appear so much in the play of 16 Candles, they have a good chance of an early upset. This is not to say I would discount 16 Candles. Finishing with a perfect 7-0 record,

they become only the third team in fraquetball history to have an undefeated season. They have looked strong on both sides of the ball all season long. If they continue that caliber of play no one will be able to stop this bus, sorry Keanu. I see 16 Candles winning in two, 7-3, and 7-5. This will all come down to weather or not Megan and Anna bring their A game.

In the championship I see it coming down to the two top ranked teams in the league, Los Lentes De Sol and 16 Candles. In the one match that these teams played in the regular season, entertainment and amazement triumphed in the eyes of those who witnessed the game. When all was said and done 16 Candles walked away victoriously. Having never looked back

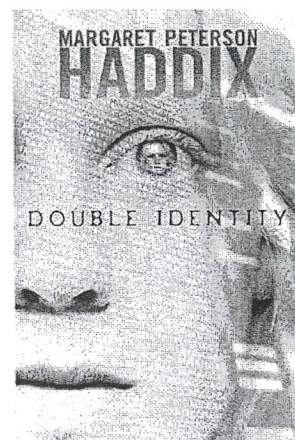
Haddix from 1 book title itself makes the plot pretty easy to guess. And when Bethany hears her father say "She doesn't know anything about Elizabeth," she and the reader have a place to start on the mystery. I won't tell you any more about it, though, because it's impossible to do with out spoiling the whole thing.

The book is probably aimed toward a younger set of readers, or at least

someone who hasn't read as many of Haddix's books as I have.

The plot wraps itself up neatly, if a bit predictably. Bethany has her moments

of almost-teenage realism, and her perception of the adult characters and the world around her is convincing. The futuristic elements Haddix wrote in aren't, so much. There's no way to tell when this was written--as opposed to published--so they may have seemed to fit at the time, but now it's just a bit jarring. They're not enough to make it a bad book, though. *Double Identity* is very good for long boring bus rides, but if you're looking for something a bit more involved, or harder to guess, Haddix's other books are a better bet. ❀



from that loss, Los Lentes De Sol completed the regular season allowing only five goals in the remaining three games. "We are going to stay optimistic. I think our chances are good," said Laura. The championship will be one for the ages with the ferocity of these two squads. ❀