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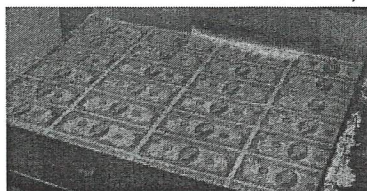
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Open slated for renovations

Jon Sherman
Staff Writer

Could you use a million dollars? I could too, and believe it or not so could Open School. Now that the one million-dollar school renovation project has been approved, it's up to students and staff to brainstorm ideas of what renovations they think should be made.

While some can agree on important matters, a lot of people have their own suggestions of how to spend the money. Social Studies teacher Susanne Hollingsworth said she would like to renovate her room. "I would like some storage room and a sink, something where I can put all of my stuff. I have all of these projects going on all the time that need a sink to clean up after them," said Susanne. She also mentioned that if she did have a sink, there wouldn't be



so much paint on the hallway floor. Science teacher Julie Doble thinks the whole school needs new window screens and shades, "because it looks tacky and the screens all have holes in them and then the wasps come in," stated Julie. "On the Harrison side, on the boulevard where it's

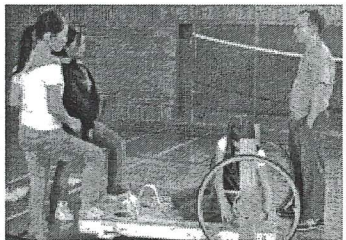
just a mud pit, we should pave that with bricks." Another of her ideas included an automatic door, triggered by the press of a button to be added on the Sturgis side of the school, adjacent to the wheelchair ramp. She said that currently, if you're in a wheelchair, you could never get in [the building] by yourself. She'd also like to see something done with the library so it would be more of a focal point instead
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Three teams head to State

Maggie Karl and Nicole Downey
Staff Writers

"The best thing about DI is the fun... and how everyone gets along," said eighth grader Shaeng Yang. The outcome for Destination Imagination was great this year, and it had a positive impact on the students as well.

The regional DI competition on March 5th went really well for most students. This year three Open School teams won first place, which means that they will be going on to compete in the state competition. Bridget



Martin's senior improv team was one of them. The people on the team are eleventh graders Devlin Byrne, Doug Anderson, Nathan Jesson, and Chelsea Jane, and senior Jon Sherman. Tom Totushek and Susanne

Hollingsworth's middle level Designing Bridges made it to State, too. The people on the team are sixth grader Emmett Ruff, and eighth graders Griffin Larson, Nou Thao, Shaeng Yang, Danny Mauleon, Tou Nhia Khang, and Taeng Yang. Mark Pechmann and James Iliff's team also went on. The people on that team are ninth grader Natalie Iwasek, tenth graders Alex Johnson, Cameron Christiantian, and Courtney Sjoquist, as well as eighth grader Alex Plonski.

"Tom's and my teams did great," said Susanne Hollingsworth. "One finished first and the other was a very close second. Kids
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Tupac's poetry

Shalonda Jones
Staff Writer

This book, The Rose That Grew From Concrete, isn't about guns, bling, or hoochies, or other things of that sort. Instead it's a collection of passionate, heartfelt, and sometimes angry poems from Tupac Shakur. The book shows a side of Tupac not too many are familiar with. In the title poem, "The Rose That Grew From Concrete," Tupac refers to a rose growing from concrete, proving nature's laws wrong. "It learned to walk without having feet," reads a line from the poem. He uses it as a metaphor about overcoming obstacles.

The book has a preface by his mother Afeni Shakur. Then a foreword by poet Nikki Giovanni, who is fond of his poetry. There is also an introduction by Tupac's manager and friend Leila Stienburg. "It is Tupac before his fame," says Ms. Stienburg, who also ran the writing groups in which Tupac participated. The poetry in the book was written between 1989 and 1991. This was when
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had fun and worked hard.”

First time coach James Iliff thought his team did a good job, too. “The competition went a’ight. It was chaos at the time, being my first year, but we all survived,” he said. Most coaches are confident that their teams will do well at State, but they say it really depends on the other teams. Students also said that they think they will do well at State. “I think state will be a blast, but the competition is stiff, so I hear,” said James.

Last year, four teams went to State, but none of them advanced to the global competition. “[My improv team] had a very difficult problem, and the team didn’t really buy into it,” said Bridget Martin. Students did a good job last year, and their spirits were up.

This year is also the first year that Open School has done DI without Greg Adams, who retired last year. “He was always such a solid presence. But we’re doing OK and Susanne is doing very well at keeping us all on task,” said Bridget. “He did all the paperwork! That is not my forte,” said Susanne.

This year, DI has been a positive experience for everyone, and the students and coaches are looking forward to the state competition, which will be this Saturday.

“I think everyone will do great and we will all go to Globals,” said Shaeng.

“Kids love [DI]. You get a chance to see them at their creative best, and you get to see them do something they didn’t even know they could do,” said Susanne.

“I like all the fun things and meeting new people... you get a sign-off and you eat pizza,” said 8th grader Nou Thao.

State competition will be on April 16 in Eden Prairie. The global competition will from May 25-28 at the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville, TN.◊

Prom to be at the caves

Mai Ka Moua and Angie Hausladen

Staff Writers

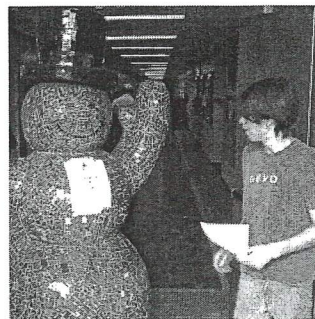
This year’s prom is going to be located at the Wabasha Street Caves where it was held two years ago. The cost this year will be \$25, but the student government is actually losing a lot of money because the caves cost a lot more than other places. Many people have said that they loved having prom at the caves and that it was really fun for them. Xiong Pao Thao, a 12th grader who went to the caves two years ago, said “It had a little section where you could dim the lights, so it was romantic”.

This year’s prom is going to be May 6th, a little bit later than last year’s. They are still planning on the food and theme of this year’s prom. Marianna Sullivan, Counselor said she hopes that this year’s prom is exactly like last year’s, except she is looking forward to being at the caves, because

she heard that they were really fun and wants to check them out.

Last year’s prom was on April 30th at the Kelly Inn. It had a couple new things in it than the other prom’s have had in the past. The prom lasted from 8 pm to midnight, which seemed to work really well for everyone. The tickets cost \$20/per person ahead of time, then later on it was \$25. At last year’s prom they served Asian food, which had not been done before, and everyone who went said that it was great. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. Marianna went to the prom last year and had many good things to say about it: “It was the best prom, I’ve ever been to because it was comfortable, unique, and the atmosphere was really accepting of kids coming alone, together, and in groups.”◊

Sparkle!!!!



Liam with Sparkle, Open’s newest attraction



Janitor Dave helping unload Sparkle

Sparkle, the snow man statue, is Open School’s newest attraction. Principal Ruth Pechmann acquired the snow man via e-mail sent by the district’s Tech Department, asking whether the school would be interested in hosting one of the many statues. The new addition has found a resting place at the front entry way of the school.

The approximate six foot tall work of art is covered in what can best be described as broken pieces of mirrors. Located just near the front entrance of the school, Sparkle is sponsored by the Target Corporation as part of the 2002-2003 Minnesota Winter Wander. So far, Sparkle’s presence has not gone unnoticed. Some think he’s scary, some think he’s friendly.

Sparkle’s sharp edges might be a cause for concern. Although Ruth said she was a little bit worried about the younger elementary students, she asserts that those who use common sense shouldn’t need to worry. As for the lone injury attributed to Sparkle, an SLC student who shall remain nameless, we can only scratch our heads.

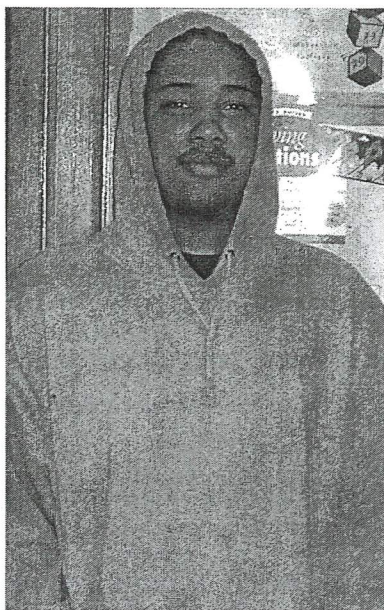


Dmitris Sallis

How long have you been at Open School? 8 years

Extracurricular Activities: Chess Club

Senior Profile



What are your plans for next year?

I'm going to college. I don't know where yet.

What are you going to miss most about Open?

I'm going to miss the people.

What was your favorite class at Open?

SDL

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite T.V. shows are The Simpsons and Family Guy.

What is one super power you wish you had?

It would be x-ray vision.

What is one job you would like to have as an adult?

I would like any job where you get to play games and watch movies.

Who is one person you would like to meet?

I would like to meet Einstein.

Rapper quarrels and other hip hop news

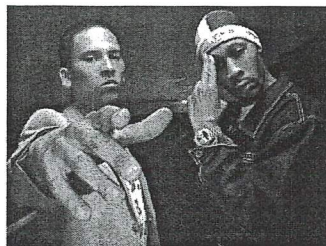
Christina Costello
Staff Writer

Some of ya'll probably wonderin' what the hell this is doin' in the Purple Press. Well, I thought this would give Open School a little flava. And if you're wondering what this is, it's a little bit of rumors and a little bit of gossip, but completely Hip Hop. Shout out to Cutecumber, and her advice column.

Moving right along to business... When rapper, Nas, "God's son" himself, released his album, *Stillmatic*, back in 2001, everybody was a little bit puzzled about the song "Destroy and Rebuild" on which he disses rapper, Prodigy, of the Infamous Mobb Deep. Soon after Nas released *Stillmatic*, he strongly denied any beef. But recently on a track bluntly titled, "R.I.P. Nas", Prodigy spits fire at Nas in the third verse, stating "...pretty boy rappers wanna be gangsta / wanna try and fit in my timbs and talk like it's danger / but they walk like they just been f*@\$ed / that's word up / we didn't even see them dudes when we was going out / where's all that BRAVEHEART s**t you was yappin' 'bout? / where's all that

king of New York s**t you was screaming out?". I think somebody has issues, but what's it really about? Nobody seems to know, they're both just looking for something to fight about.

All those Wu-Tang Clan fans, cover your ears because you won't like this. Wu-Tang members, U-God and the RZA (pronounced Riza) are clashing. U-God recently stated the RZA was at the center of the Wu problems. U-God claims his experience with the clan was like slavery and members often snitched on each other. He also claims RZA made other members and himself feel inferior. RZA, on the other hand, denies the allegations. RZA claims he and his company gave U-God a million and a half dollars in promotions and advances, and that U-God



always got 50%. But on a good note, there is talk between Dr.Dre and RZA that the Clan might head towards Dre's Aftermath label.

Okay, now this is probably the most disgusting gossip I've heard recently... Now everybody knows rapper Lil' Kim is known for being vulgar, obscene, and just straight scandalous, but home girl has stooped to a new low. While performing at the Canal Room Night club, Lil' Kim appeared to be rockin' the mic hard, but nobody was paying attention to her performance, or the rather cute, slinky, pink dress she was wearing. They were paying attention to the fact she "forgot" her panties!! Come on, was that really an accident? Or was it a publicity stunt? Okay Kimmy, here's what you do, you put one leg in at a time, then pull them up! It's that easy!

Now everybody's heard the song "Goodies" a time or two. Who could forget..."...my goodies, My goodies, My goodies, Not my goodies.....!" but anyway word (or should I

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Opinions 'n' Stuff

Cool Hand Luke: a classic

Jim Witt
Staff Writer

"What we have here is a failure to communicate."

So says the captain about the inmate called Cool Hand Luke in the film of the same name. In the movie, Paul Newman plays a man who lives in a small town. Having nothing to do and no friends, Luke (Newman) decides to do a little drinking while cutting the heads off of parking meters. When confronted by the police, Luke acts like he is drunk and finds his way into prison. Once in



prison, Luke joins a chain gang. All goes well and even though he has a rough start, the inmates start to like him. He even makes friends with Dragline, an illiterate man played by George Kennedy. Luke is just about to get out of prison, when fate deals him a bad hand. Luke learns of his mother's death. In his sorrow, Luke breaks out of prison, only to be caught. He escapes again

only to be caught and beaten. Then, he takes a prison truck and escapes along with Dragline, although I don't want to spoil the ending so I'll just leave it at that.

In the beginning of the film, Luke is a loner who considers rules and regulations, as he puts it in the scene with the famous "Night in the Box" speech, "nothin' worth listen' to." As he lives on in the prison, his attitude of "I don't need you" frustrates the prison officials, who try to "get his mind right" repeatedly. They persist in doing this, despite its lack of effectiveness, to the point where they beat Luke. Luke fights them at every turn. They lie and beat him, showing this most sadistically in a scene where they tell Luke to get his dirt out of the captain's ditch.

They make him get the dirt out, then complain about the unavoidable effect of having that dirt on the lawn when he is done. He has to put the dirt right back in. Right after that, he is forced to take the dirt back out again. This cycle continues until Luke reaches the point where he attacks one of
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Scoundrel

Kamieka Livingston
Staff Writer

"Rhythmic contractions of her hot liquid core." What more could be said about our Tender Scoundrel? Linda Bartell has her way with our hearts and fiery loins in this book of raging lust and unknown devotion. It is a sweeping tale of Devin, man about town, and Meredyth, a shy church girl, facing the challenges life and love throw at them. True to its title, Tender Scoundrel tenderly caresses our minds.

"He was a foolish Irish bastard, with a pocketful of dreams that were even more foolish." Devon Chandler, (a.k.a. Devil Chandler), starts out a prisoner of a hellish Newgate Prison. Devin, a man of the world, is accused of treason. The South Caribbean is no place to be found guilty of a crime. His sentence: to be hanged. There is only one way out of this formidable situation. Protect the daughter of the Earl of Somerset. Somerset is a great nation, to not obey the Earl's command would be a great disrespect. The young beauty in question is Lady Meredyth St. Andrew. Deciding that he might as well go along with this plan he travels halfway around the world to find her. When he and his manservant Bakamu do find her, she is a shell of a human being, withered away by the winds of lost love.

"Meredyth watched Devin approach their table, an anxious expression on her face." Lady Meredyth knew what it was to love and lose. So when beautiful Devin comes to port in search of her, she does not want to let him go. She decides to leave her monastery and travel to the seedy underground of Port Royal, but being the genius that we all know she is, she goes dressed as a boy.

"Devin drained his rum-laced drink and reached to the ewer for more." Meredyth was in Port Royal and was in trouble again. She had met up with a notorious pedophile, Aaron Davies. So Devin decides to send his trusty whore, Maddy, to save her. Maddy decides to save Meredyth as a favor to Devin. As a reward for saving for her life, Meredyth decided to invite Devin and his manservant Bakamu, and Maddy to a ball. Little do they know, it was going to be a night of ardor.

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Old school video games

Danny Mauleon & John Knapp
Staff Critics

Back when video games were teething, and when Micheal Jackson was still black, they were still swell. Now they are forgotten and a new age is here. Thankfully we're here to bring back good old memories and funny stories, similar to what your mom says to your girlfriend about when you were a kid. Aw shucks.

Below is a list of games. We've included what we like about them and what some adult authorities have to say too.

Galaga

1980, Namco.

A classic arcade shooter with amazing



sound effects and nice graphics. Spawned from its predecessor Galaxian. The goal is to shoot all of the enemy ships attacking you. You have only three lives to go as far as possible.

John Knapp: Galaga is an extremely addicting game that's better than Space Invaders mostly because of its great maneuvering controls and sounds.

Danny Mauleon: An epic tale of a space ship trying to rid the world of evil aliens and smallpox. Similar to Space Invaders, except you have no shield to protect you. It also has killer sound.

Pac-man / Ms. Pac-man

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Rubber Soul rocks

Nathan Jesson
Guest Writer

Perhaps you have heard the Beatles newest album, **Rubber Soul**. If you haven't, I am ever so sorry. Their latest work easily surpasses their previous efforts. Before, they were a good pop group, albeit overrated. Now, they are the best thing to happen to rock music since Chuck Berry. Indeed, this album is superior to even the great Chuck Berry. This is undoubtedly, the greatest rock album of all time.

Those of you that have not heard it, probably think I'm crazy. Surely, you say, it isn't better than the Rolling Stones most recent record. But I assure you, this album, is on another plane of music.

The first track is something you might expect from the Beatles earlier work. "Drive My Car", is a nice, cute song, but admittedly, nothing out of the ordinary. Regular solid work from Paul McCartney. The next song however, is when you enter the next age of music. "Norwegian Wood, (This Bird Has Flown)" is one of the best songs of this decade. A story of an affair, this song shows that a story, can be one heck of a song. This shows John Lennons pro-



gression as a songwriter. It shows that he is more than just a teeny bopper. "You Won't See Me" is another example of Paul's ability to crank out a solid song. The vocal arrangement is something new for the Fab Four. The next song, is the best that the Beatles have put forth yet. "Nowhere Man" is a blast from the future. This work is the first social commentary the Beatles have made. It was released as a single, and has currently peaked at number three.

"Think for Yourself" is the guitarist's song. George Harrison has wrote a song with the Beatles since. Whereas "Don't Bother Me" was a song of little consequence, "Think for Yourself" shows that this is not a two man band. Indeed, the theme of Harrison's songs are all the same, this song shows the versatility that the Beatles have. The next noteworthy song is "Michelle." Its a love ballad, soft and sweet. Its like a Hershey's bar, except white chocolate. Man, I wish Hershey's had a white chocolate candy bar. This is a song that your mother should know. Your mother should
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Quin's music news

Quin Miller
Staff Writer

What up to all you ninjas and ninjaettes out there. This is the Q-Funk bringing you that hot stuff your mom dreams about. First and foremost, I wanna give major props to the underground, because that's where the dead sleep. Back on topic, the news is hitting America of the greatest thing since women's panties. The almighty tour of Psychopathic All-Stars. Straight up. If you don't know, now you know.

From the Underground, four faces rise to ride this country till it's all out of funk juice. From East to West, North to South, they will party with the crazy. The Psychopathics, Anybody Killa, Blaze Ya Dead Homie, Esham, and return of the Ninja Master, Jumpsteady, are bringing you the black magic we call music, so they can pop our ear drums like a fat girl on a balloon. So all

haters need to back up off this and go get your wig split because they were here too. If you got something to say, come say it at the line to the show. Who knows, you might get a special surprise from the freaks we call family.

If you are not a hater, then you're straight up G-money to me, baby. The tour started March 9th, and got here April 4th, so you missed a big party, homie. But I'm sure they will be back like a vertebrae. If you got the tickets, then you had best have put on some hatchet gear son, or you stood out like Gary Coleman in G unit.

Now, if you did go to this concert, and feel the way the beat sways ya, then you might want to be interested in the portable music, which we now call CDs if you are an
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Real Spit

Tony Cavanaugh, Emmanuel Mauleon,
Jon Sherman
Staff Writers

We used to have a lot of cool kids in this school, and they used to write stories together. We will now attempt to recreate the past. Back to the future, motherlover.

TAKE FIVE

Jon- So check this out, how 'bout those new "Take 5" candy bars. I heard they're pretty good. Although I've yet to try one, I doubt they have the satisfaction of a Snicker bar.

Tony- Take 5, uh, keeps it live. With a wonderful, no, amazing combination of peanuts, pretzel, chocolate, caramel, and peanut butter. It's about as good as wood.

Fresh Kid- Word. The pretzels are the truly unique blend in this chocolatey temptation. Except it was a bit unappetizing at first, cause every time I think of chocolate covered pretzels I think of that scene from Mallrats. And that's about as appetizing as the old new girl. The beast... Oooh oooh oooh oooh ohh. In the words of the immortal "Violent Norman," me and the homies stay tight like a noose. And if homies meant candy bars, he'd be on the money.
3 of 5 stars

THE NEW GIRL

Tony- If she needs a soldier, well she's got it. I'm the hottest around. And you know when you see me riding Impalas around. Her name is Meredith, she used to go to Central and now she goes here. And she's friends with Alix Nichols, a friend of mine who also used to go here that goes to Central now. So I guess you could basically say that we're like best friends by now.

Jon- Well, although she's no "Meredith Baxter," the one from Family Ties and all those must-see "Lifetime" movies, she's nevertheless a girl who dresses to impress. Now I haven't committed my first homicide yet, but I'm 90% sure that the victim will be a female, however there is no correlation between that statistic and the new girl.

Fresh kid- It sucks to be the new chick in a town full of a bunch of dumb kids. I mean,
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Reality TV face off

Chistina McGee
Staff Writer

Who is stronger? Men or women? Who is smarter? Who would win in a challenge between the two? You had the chance to find that out in *Battle of the Sexes*. You had the chance to find out who was stronger between *Road Rules* and *Real World* in the Real World/Road Rules Challenge. And you've found it out over and over again since then. You found out which *Real World* and *Road Rules* seasons had the strongest team in the Battle of the Seasons and now you will find out who'll get burned for the second time in the Inferno 2.

Some background information might be needed here. MTV found success with the reality T.V. show *The Real World* in the early 90's. The idea was to have seven strangers live in a house together and have it be taped and aired on MTV. After they found success with *The Real World*, they created a spin off show called *Road Rules*. On *Road Rules*, a group of three guys and three girls travel to different parts of a country in an RV and compete in various challenges to win the "hand-some reward" (money). During one of the seasons of the *Real World*, the cast members of *Road Rules* (who were also filming at the same time) had a mission to retrieve something from the *Real World* house. After the Road Rulers successfully completed the mis-

sion, the Real Worlders wanted to retaliate. After both of these shows had been airing on MTV for a while and that episode turned out to be successful, the producers at MTV created the Real World/Road Rules Challenge. In the challenge, *Real World* and *Road Rules* cast mates compete against each other (Real Worlders against Road Rulers) for prize money. Since then, numerous other Challenges have followed. They include; The Real World/Road Rules Challenge 1998, 2000, Extreme Challenge in 2001, Battle of the Seasons in 2002, Battle of the Sexes in 2003, The Gauntlet in 2003, The Inferno in 2004, The Battle of the Sexes 2 in 2004 and finally, now the Inferno 2. In 2004, viewers saw who got burned the first time in The Inferno, now viewers will get to see if good guys finish last on Real World / Road Rules The Inferno 2: Good Guys vs. Bad Asses.

Twenty former *Real World* and *Road Rules* cast mates have come together in *Manzanillo Mexico* to compete for 300,000 dollars. Hosted by Dave Mirra, The Inferno 2 has promises to be the most dramatic and amusing challenge yet. Like other challenges after each mission, one member from each team will go into the Inferno. The Inferno is **REAL WORLD Continued on 9**

NBA forecast: who can win

Jaime Avila
Staff Sports Critic

I think that there are only four teams with a real chance of winning the NBA championship. Those teams are the San Antonio Spurs, the Miami Heat, the Detroit Pistons, and the Phoenix Suns.

The Spurs have as of the beginning of April a 52 and 18 record, and they are not at the top of the list in scoring, but are the number one defensive team when it comes to scoring. I think that the Spurs are going to win it all because they are the most complete team, and they are probably the best defensive team in the league they have only allowed five teams go over a 100 points in a game. They have the best record, scoring 100 points and only losing one game, which means that they can score and still have enough defense to stop the opposing team from scoring.

Miami has a 58 and 18 record to begin April and is fourth in the league in scoring and also have a good defense. I think that



the Miami Heat will win the Eastern Conference and make to the finals to meet the Spurs. They are a great team now because they have Shaquille O'Neal, the most dominant force in the NBA. They will probably win the most games because they are in the Eastern Conference, but I don't think that they will beat

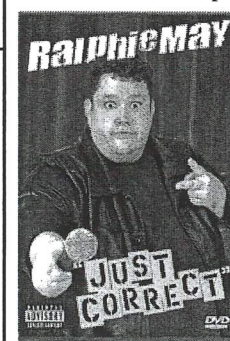
the Spurs, who are more complete as an all around team. The Heat are a great offensive **NBA Continued on 7**

Celebrities square off

Angie Hausladen
Staff Writer

Would you like to go on a national television show where you are weighed every episode in front of judges, and then again on a giant scale with your teammates? Well that's exactly what's happening in the VH1 series, *Celebrity Fit Club*, a part of VH1's celebrealty theme. There are eight different celebrities who have declared that they need help with their weight. They will face a 14 week period full of weigh-ins every 2 weeks as well as weight loss goals. They will also be trained by one of the toughest drill instructors. All to see who can lose the most weight.

The eight celebrities on the show are Mia Tyler, model, and also the daughter of Aerosmith's Stephen Tyler. Mia is on the show so she can live a healthier life. Next is Biz Markie, rapper, who is most known for his single "Just a Friend" which was a top ten pop single. His goal is to get into shape. Daniel Baldwin is an actor most known for being a Baldwin brother and was seen in *Paparazzi* and *Irish Eyes*. Daniel says he just wants to weigh under 220. Then there's "The Snapple Lady", Wendy Kaufman, an actress, who is the official cheerleader of the cast. Also, Joe Gannascoli is an actor who was seen in *The Sopranos*. He wants to win



the celebrity fit club competition as a team. Actress Kim Coles, who you may have seen in *Living Single*, wants to be healthier. Next there's funny man Ralphie May, who has the most weight to lose in this competition. He is a

comedian and was on Comedy Central's Last Comic Standing competition. He wants to be able to do something he's never been able to do before, ride a bicycle with his girlfriend, also he would love to learn how to surf. Then there's the judge, Judge Maybelene, who you can find making her rulings in *Divorce Court*. She wants to be a slimmer, fitter, Judge Maybelene. There it is, the cast of *Celebrity Fit Club*.

When the cast first came to the show, they had to do before pictures and weigh-ins, which they would use throughout the show's running. Mia came in at 210, Biz 344, Daniel **FIT CLUB Continued on 9**

Cher: an unsolved mystery

Katie Hurley
Staff Writer

After numerous farewell tours and dozens of breaks from the public eye, Cher has been quite quiet lately. I was sitting at home when I realized this. I was all "CHER?! What the hell happened to her?!" I may or may not have been referring to her face, but I still noticed it has been a long time since I heard about an "all new" farewell tour. Where has she been? Did all her mechanical parts finally explode? What I also want to know is if she believes in love after love?

There was Sonny and Cher. Sonny died and Cher went solo. Releasing many CDs. 30 to be exact. My counting includes international releases. Yeah, like, the European releases have one extra track!!!! YEAH!!!! And now she's on a lovely farewell tour. *cough*

On April 16th she will be appearing, for the millionth time, in Chicago. She has been quite busy buying new wigs. If you are as excited as I am about seeing her new wigs, then you better be at that show in Chicago. As I am writing this, Cher is somewhere in Australia. Probably trying to skin a kangaroo to make an all new wig. I am starting to

think that she's bald... or hiding the fact that she is a cyborg.

I kinda wonder why the hell she is on tour even though she hasn't released a new CD since 2002. The year is 2005, Cher. Make a new CD and then have a "farewell" tour! We need a farewell CD to go with the "farewell" tour. NEW WIGS!!!!

Speaking of a new CD. Her new...est CD kinda sucks. I didn't buy it, but on her site I can listen to it. None of the songs are nearly as good as "Believe." You can still have a mad crunk *cough* rave to it. If you want a hella' rad rave, then get Prodigy. I will fall asleep at either one, but I will sleep better at the Cher rave. PACIFIER!!!!

After her last *cough* farewell tour, she plans to go into acting. Her movie "In the Pink" is in preproduction. This movie is supposed to be a comedy, but I doubt I'll be laughing, but probably puking! This movie will also have Britney Spears and Tim Allen in it. YAY!!! Go crappy casting!!!!

So, Cher is still alive... probably moving on to 300. I am pretty sure she has new wigs. Yes, she still believes in love after love.◊

NBA From 6

team that can score in the paint and have good perimeter shooters that can make big shots when they need to, especially the three pointers. They do have a good defense, but allow teams to score 100 points, unlike the Spurs.

The Pistons have a 43 and 27 record. They aren't that good at scoring but the second best defensive team in the league. I think that the other team that could maybe win the championship is the Pistons, who are last year's champs. They are one of the best defensive teams in the league. They don't allow that many teams to go over 100 points, but when they do they lose. They will probably meet the Heat in the conference finals and that is a team that can score, so I don't think that they will win the championship.

The Suns have the highest scoring average in the league as they score 110.61 points per game, but they also allow the most points in the league. The Suns are the other team that can win the championship, because they have the best offensive game in the league. This team has scored 100 points in a game more than anyone else, but because of their bad defense they have allowed the most 100

point games. With the defenses that they have to face, they will falter so I predict that they lose in the conference finals.

I think that the San Antonio Spurs will beat the Miami Heat in the NBA finals four games to two. It will be a great show to watch, because there will be two teams that can score and also have good defense. I predict that Tim Duncan, the forward for the Spurs, will get the MVP, getting 20 points a game and 11 rebounds a game.

The Minnesota Timberwolves are team that disappointed from going to the conference finals last year and they won't even make the playoffs this year. They have the players to win but they just can't close if they have the lead. This team has been plagued with injuries the whole season especially the one to Sam Casell who has missed a lot of the season. Kevin Garnett's has been good but nobody else has stepped up and he can't do it all by him self so they will end up missing the playoffs this year with a 40 and 42 record.◊

MILLION DOLLARS From 1

of "a place where nobody goes."

Julie isn't the only one who wants to improve upon the library. English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt suggested revamping and expanding the library, possibly relocating it to the room that is currently the ELC science room. "We should make it far superior, larger, more appealing, and open. I think if people came in and they saw an open, nice, well-organized, well thought out library, they'd be more likely to send their kids here," said Leo, whose ideal design for the library includes a big soccer mural.

Even senior Paul Wilkening agrees that something should be done with the library, considering even the library in his old elementary school was bigger than that of Open School's present. Even though he's graduated, he would recommend something be done with the computer lab. "The Mac OS (Macintosh Operating System) is not used in the business world. There should be at least a number of computers run on Windows so students can get accustomed to using PC's in the future; this would also streamline bringing documents from a home PC," said Paul.

ELC teachers Jack Mills and Kevin Cooper agree that there should be some kind of focus put on the school's entry way. Jack says that the school should somehow be made brighter to reflect a homey environment and showcase top-notch work. Kevin thinks the entire office area should be opened up, "where a visitor can be greeted or be told to put away the gun." Kevin has also thought about a gym. The school does not currently have a full-size basketball court. To keep up with ELC gym class and intramural basketball leagues, Kevin says this may be something to consider. Central High School recently built a new gym for approximately \$750,000 according to Kevin.

"I think it's going to take more than one million dollars to beautify the school," said Math teacher Tom Totushek. He thinks that there are more functional things that we need than just things that would beautify the school. He gave an example of storage for the custodians. "A real effort is trying to be made so that we can keep that million dollars away from other things we can get the district to pay for, like lights for the theater. The acoustics and the lights in the theater are atrocious for a theater program that's as exceptional as ours." According to Tom, something needs to be done when twenty percent of the kids in the school are in the

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HIP HOP From 3

say rumor) spread that the Princess of Crunk&B, Ciara was infact a transvestite or a he/she. And her goodies were something other then what we thought! Let me say this loud and clear... Ciara is 100% female, that means she's aalllllllll woman, baby!

I don't know how many of ya'll were filled with as much confusion and disgust as me, the first time I found out the greatest hypeman, Flava Flav was in "love" with Brigitte Nielson or the first time you watched "Strange Love" on VH1. I do believe they need to change the name of the show to "Broken Hearted" because Brigitte went off and married her Italian fiancée. Flav can't be too heartbroken, because after all he knew she was engaged. But what we really wanna know is, when Public Enemy is coming back with an album?

I think Mr. Big Willy done got a little too "jiggy wit it!" Will Smith's been caught kissing beautiful actress, Eva Mendez, on numerous occasions and in many different locations. So what's the deal with Will's wife Jada? We all know she's from the 'hood, and we know she got the Vaseline and straight razors in her purse. So what's really happening? Well it's reported that Will and Jada have an open marriage. Now that's love! (sarcastically)

Does anybody care that A.J., from BET's 106th and Park, is headed to the alter with

his anonymous boo-boo? That explains why he's not on Free's (co-star of 106th and Park) jock anymore!

There's a beef kindling between R&B superstar, Usher and rapper Lil' Jon (of the EastSide Boyz). On a free concert for Showtime, Ush had rapper Fat Joe (of Terror squad), R&B superstar, Beyoncé, and rapper, Ludacris on stage, but not Mr. OKAY! himself. Usher even sang Jon's part, on his smash hit "YEAH!" and there were no scheduling conflicts because Jon was seen at a Miami nightclub while the concert was going on. What's going on? Can't we all be "Lovers and Friends?"

Now here's the juice... 50 cent.... 50 cent! That man is living LIVE! He's got his group G-Unit, his G-Unit clothing line (both mens' and womans' lines), G-Unit shoes, his newest album The Massacre, and beef with everybody and their grandma! First things first, the beef with G-Unit member, the Game, is officially smashed thanks to hip hop mogul, Russell Simmons! 50 and Game "peacefully" (well almost) dropped everything at a recent press conference. For those of you who don't know, 50 was dropping Game out of G-Unit because Game refused to take-up 50's beef with fellow rappers, Fat Joe (of Terror Squad) and Jadakiss (of D-Block/Ruff Ryders), both of whom Game is friends with. But both rappers respect each others creative differences and are cool again. The

biggest beef with 50 is with rapper and fellow New Yorker, Jadakiss. Word has it Jada wants 50 in a \$1 million pay-per-view battle. Jada's also dissed 50, in what he calls his left jab. Now, in boxing a right handed boxer usually puts out the left jab to set up the right handed K.O.. Jada has also made it known that he has five disses ready and waiting for 50's comebacks. Here's a little taste of what Jada's got..."Me without them things ringin' / 'pa is like 50 goin' on stage without singin like Ja / and the steroids are gettin' at him / how he the king of New York when he livin' in Connecticut / these n***as strapped with fake guns / I made real songs wit Biggie / this n***a made fake ones / when I come through wit the mack n***as bodies hit the floor / this n***a talkin reckless wit the whole precinct next door." Talk about a heavy hitter!! 50 has yet to release his comeback.

Now rapper Game, has problems of his own, with rapper Joe Budden. No one's sure how the feud came about, but Game came at Budden hard with blaze like "You had Pump It Up / that was a cool song / You sold 10 records n***a / now move on!" Budden of course retaliates, but not at Game, but at 50 cent. Saying "You're only known for your Five Heartbeat hooks / and gettin' popped at / 50 stop sendin' your little wack ass pawns / and come holla at a real n***a!" The heat in the kitchen must mean there's a fire. So who's gonna blow it out?

Okay, that's all for this issue. Hopefully there will be more Rumors & Gossip coming your way in future publishings. So keep your ear to the street, keep your radio tuned, and just keep dancing 'cuz I'll be back soon!◇

COOL HAND From 4

the guards, only to be beaten until he falls into the ditch. He comes back out, wrapping his arms around the nearest guard, crying about how his mind is now right. The movie ends climactically with a scene in a church. No, don't ask for more, I've already said too much!

What really makes this movie a classic are the famous lines, and great actors, without them this would just be your average prison drama, not even worth noting.

-After Luke learns of his mother's death:

Cap'n Kean: We find that most men get rabbit in their blood when they find out a family member's died, want to pay their respects. So today, instead of working, your gonna spend the day in the box.

Boss Paul: (putting toilet bucket into the box) Sorry Luke. I'm just doing my job. You gotta appreciate that.

Luke: Nah, calling it your job don't make it right, Boss.

-When Luke first enters prison:

Carr: Them clothes got laundry numbers

on them. You remember your number and always wear the ones that has your number. Any man forgets his number spends a night in the box. These here spoons you keep with you. Any man loses his spoon spends a night in the box. . .

. . . You got questions, you come to me. I'm Carr, the floor walker. I'm responsible for order in here. Any man don't keep order spends a night in. . .

Luke: . . . The box.

Carr: I hopen you ain't gonna be a hard case.

Most notable scenes are the sexy blond chick whose washing her car in order to arouse the poor prisoners, "She knows exactly what she's doing, driving us nuts and loving every minute of it." -Dragline.

Another scene is the boiled eggs meal where Luke eats 50 eggs!

Luke: I can eat fifty eggs.

Dragline: Nobody can eat fifty eggs.

Convict: You just said he could eat anything.

Dragline: Did you ever eat fifty eggs?

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theatre program and we've got lights from the seventies. Tom continued, "You can barely hear the actors on the stage, not because they're not projecting, but because of the acoustics." He explained that a wide variety of things are going to be discussed between a committee with parents, architects, and students. Although Tom is not going to be a part of the committee, he recognizes that there are certain limitations on the money, "A million dollars isn't as much as it used to be. I think that if we have extremely high expectations for a million dollars, then we'll be very disappointed. But I think that if we made truly targeted improvements, then we can do things that'll really make this school better."◇

NINJA From 1

idiot. Jumpsteady has just recently released his new flava, called Master of the Flying Guillotine, which will flip your mind like a pancake, having you shaking on the floor with seizures.

All right, now to those of you who are new to this, let me inform you. These rappers/psychopaths are from the underground. If you don't know what the underground is, then you need to be slapped with a bat. They are artists who are strictly under Psychopathic records, a Detroit record label, and always will be. It is true that they are some of the most hated people on Earth. They have grown to be evil in the eyes of the mainstream, and people would find it much better with them not around. But they have many powers that surpass normal people, the powers called Juggalos. They aren't new to this game of funk neither. All these artist have put out two albums, and have appeared on hundreds of tracks. Anybody Killa has put out the phat Flava Hatchet Warrior and Dirty History. Blaze has dropped One less G in the Hood and The Undying. Esham put out Repentance and A1 Yola, and Jumpsteady spit out Morton's List and Master of the Flying Guillotine. They know a thing or two about rocking your cranium using the beat.

Every artist on this tour was born and raised in Detroit, and lived on the mean streets. They slowly came up in rapping, running into one another like a perfect puzzle. It was hard to start up again after a history of crime and broke. They were shot down and thrown out before they came to Psychopathic Records and were accepted greatly to a life of hatred. Now they all rap together and make the music that your mom hates. In her face!

If interested in, check out Anybody Killa's website at www.hatchetwarrior.com. It tells all the phat news about this wicked family of crazies. Also, like I said before, you need the gear to mack out on. So check out www.hatchetgear.com. They got clothes of every artist, CD's, and other crazy things that you might want to throw down for.

So if I was you, starring blankly at this with those big dumb eyes, you might want to say to yourself "the Psychopaths are dope and I need some hatchet gear." If not, then you be thinking "Q-funk is dope, so I should give him lots of money." Anyways, that's all from this funk magician. So from West 2 East, peace from the funkster.◊

REAL WORLD From 6

a challenge between two cast members from opposite teams to see who will be sent home. Whoever wins the inferno challenge will stay and the loser will go home. The only difference is on this mission, instead of a team voting their own team member into the inferno, the opposing team votes their team member into the inferno. Before the inferno there is another mission, and if the person going into the inferno wins the Life Shield in that mission, they must choose another player from their team to compete in the inferno. If someone who is not going into the inferno wins the Life Shield, they can sacrifice themselves and compete in the inferno, but will they? The Life Shield is a token that they win for performing the best in that day's mission. Someone can win the Life Shield if they have the lowest time in a mission or if they perform the best in some other way. Who are these people anyway?

The Good Guys team consists of Real Worlders Brad, Jamie, Jon, Julie, Landon, Mike, Robin, Shavonda and the Road Rulers Darrell and Jodi. The Bad *%&\$s consist of Real Worlders Beth, CT, Dan, Karamo, and Tonya. The Road Rulers on the Bad *%&\$s team are Abram, Derrick, Rachel, Tina, and Veronica. While most of these people have already competed in previous challenges; Beth, CT, Dan, Tonya, Abram, Derrick, Rachel, Tina, Veronica, Brad, Julie,



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264, Wendy 245, Joe 302, Kim 220, Ralphie 481, and last but not least Judge Maybelene at 208. After the first episode they were given a weight loss goal and were expected to lose that much in the next two weeks. At the end of the episode they have to go in front of three people, trainer Harvey Walden, health expert Dr. David Katz, and hypnotherapist Marissa Peer, who will tell them if they did well or poorly in the couple of weeks after the original weigh-in. After that, they are put on a huge scale with their teammates to see which team lost the most weight in the previous weeks.

This show isn't all serious; the cast has a lot of good times together, such as in the episode called The Boxing Workout, where Daniel and his team resort to dirty tricks when they send a box of chocolate to Kim.

Mike, Robin, Darrell, and Jon, there are some "newbies" (as they call them on the show) they are; Karamo, Jamie, Landon, Shavonda, and Jodi.

On the premiere episode, the two teams competed in their first mission, militant exercises complete with wheelbarrows, leg lifts and log pulling. After that mission the Bad *%&\$s decided to vote off one of the Good Guys' strongest players, Mike, while the Good Guys decided to vote off one of the Bad *%&\$s' seemingly weakest players, Dan. On the second episode, they competed in their next mission and Mike won the Life Shield, meaning he could not compete in the Inferno. Luckily, one of the other Good Guys team members, Jon, sacrificed himself into the Inferno, but he lost and has gone home. In one of the episodes, Tonya becomes angry with Beth for spreading rumors about her and throws her clothes into the pool. There's more drama in the upcoming episodes.

Overall, in relation to other Challenges previously on MTV, this one seems like it will be interesting. It's not specifically like any other reality tv show on TV. Although there have been a lot of previous challenges on MTV, there's a new mix of people on this one, and it may make it interesting. But that could also have the opposite effect and become sickening because it has been done before. People have seen this numerous times before, just in a different format, in a different place, with some different people. In the end, I think this challenge will end up being a good one, if not for the actual challenges themselves, for the drama that they'll create.◊

Later on in the show, during the boxing activity, they were told to imagine someone they hate as the dummy. Biz chose George W. himself, Mia chose the trainer Harvey.

In another one of the episodes, called Elementary Olympics, at the weigh-in at the end of the episode Daniel Baldwin is M.I.A. They start without him, not knowing if it has become too much for him and he's decided to quit. Daniel's team is very furious at him for not showing up.

Then there is the final episode where we find out who lost the most weight, (Biz Markie), and to see the final results of all the other contestants. In this episode, Dr. Katz shows the cast how much they have really lost when he brings in a visual aid to help. The celebrities are very surprised to

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CLASSICS From 4 1980's, Midway

The only game to date about a yellow guy (or girl) eating dots and avoiding ghosts while twisting and turning down narrow paths. It has created a major series of Pac-man games, most now barely featuring 2d mazes.

JK: What are you eating? I hope it's healthy, not some sort of old lady sandwich. But I guess you get the fruit.

DM: What could be better than a game about eating...pretty much everything. But when you throw in ghosts and women, you have a classic on your hand. Mmm, dots.

Leo Bickelhaupt, English Teacher: I personally have the strongest connection with Pac-Man. I learned a pattern in ninth grade that could get me to the third key. That meant I could play for almost an hour on a quarter. That was tight.

Tetris

1988, Sega

The blockiest part of video game history comes from Tetris, a puzzle game where you must fit shapes together without over-piling them.

JK: A classic puzzle game that requires quick thinking will be appreciated throughout the ages.

DM: The best part about Tetris is the music. I don't care if I can't beat level 7, I just like to listen to the tune. Do do do do do do do.

Pole Position

1982, Namco

The first arcade racing game ever made,

and quite possibly the hardest. It is the grandfather of all racing games to date.

JK: The best racing game (from the 80's). Its very hard because when you get off the track, you can't get back. (Hey, that rhymes).

DM: Quite possibly the hardest racing game out there. You feel like throwing your controller, but seeing as its an arcade game, that just doesn't work out too well.

Asteroids

1979, Atari

One of the simplest shooters ever, it features a space ship in an asteroid field trying to shatter the asteroids before they shatter you. This is also the first game to feature a continuing screen, where if you go off one end you appear on the other. That's hyper-space, cadet.

JK: Why don't the asteroids in Asteroids blow up in one shot? It's so darn hard. You have to move around and shoot. Move and shoot, move and shoot. It's impossible.

DM: Although extremely easy. It's insanely addicting. Especially the feeling of having no gravity.

Donkey Kong

1981, Nintendo

If a big ape stole your girlfriend, would you jump over flaming barrels, fiery pits, and spiked trampolines? You would if you're Mario, America's favorite plumber.



JK: One of the best games featuring a

plumber rescuing a princess from a big ape. You must defeat Donkey Kong

DM: What could be better than smashing barrels with a hammer or hanging on the edge of construction sites all to save your girlfriend from a ...Donkey Kong? (I still have no idea what that is).

Luke Leba, Social Studies Teacher : A game you could play for a long time.

Dig Dug

1982, Namco

Who would've thought about making a game about a guy with a big head and a pump that can dig through dirt in over thousands of levels? NAMCO would.

JK: The worst game ever of the classics. A game about about eating dirt and blowing up monsters. I'd prefer that not be my life.

DM: Every time I play this, I think about the seven dwarfs mining. Except with a pumping gun and not a pick axe .

Frogger

1981, Konami

What could simulate the life of a frog better than Frogger, the game of dodging traffic, jumping on logs, and going to home sweet home?

JK: A great game. As classic as Pac-Man, but more fun. Run Costanza, run.

DM: Frogs being run over by cars, drowning in water and walking into walls and they rate the game E for everyone. With all these random acts of violence, I would rate it Ao (adult only) and I'm sure the P.E.T.A. would agree with me.

If you wish to play these games you can go to almost any game store and buy new collection games varying from about \$20-40 featuring the classics we've shown above. So now gamers, it's time to go grab some quarters and head down to the old arcade and check these out. Halo can wait.◊

ing is the celebrities admitting that they have a problem, and would like help to fix it. You don't see that very often. This show has everything for drama to comedy and you get to know the celebrities in a completely different way. You can see what their weaknesses are, and what they have trouble with.◊

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see how much they have lost. One thing the celebrities are not that happy about is that Daniel is a no show yet again. They continue on and in the final weigh in it turns out that that the team, Three Fat Bastards and a Black Bitch, which includes Joe, Ralphie, Wendy and Kim, were the winners of the competition and not only do they have better bodies to show off they are rewarded with many prizes.

Now what really happened to Daniel. Celebrity Fit Club caught up with him two months after the show was over. Daniel told the cameras that his back had been bother-

ing him a lot and he had started taking medication for it. He went on to say that he started to take more then what was good for him. While he was doing this he said that he would pass out and not wake up until the next day. He also says that after the pain pills he moved onto narcotics and that's when it really went downhill. In the interview he says he went to a sober house and that he had been sober for 67 days.

This reality show is not like the other ones out there. It has celebrities, which always make things a little more interesting. One of the things that makes this show interest-

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hell, people are keeping score at how many times they've macked on the new girl. It might take some of the heat off the other girls who have had to be dealing with all the head jokes and such. She used to be friends with my friend Alex, so I'm not sure I should say anything inappropriate. I guess thanks for bringing the ratio back to 1 girl per 100 guys.

Tony- I'd like to thank you for making the ratio "One hot girl per entire school."

Jon- I'd like to close by saying that when I was in eighth grade I didn't have very many opportunities to, what do you call it, "spit game", so would it really be so wrong to take advantage of the opportunities I have now? How come those girls are so young?

Fresh Kid- I can't be hooking up with a ninth grader, it won't look good on my record next to drunk driving and Mexican prison time. Kilos of coke, scorpions on top.
5 of 5 stars

Visions of Ninth Grade Groupies

Fresh Kid- Now I won't say the swingset don't sway, but I'm not giving **Visions of Elevations** five mics. Mostly because the Source has that on lock, and Antonio slaughtered the Spanish language on a track. But props on getting a bunch of eighth and ninth grade groupies. Which still isn't illegal. Watch out for that, like I mentioned before. Really.

Tony- **Vision of Elevation**, more like Visions of Jello Hatians. Orikal is back, and better than ever with his ninth studio release. A more than satisfactory follow-up to his previous album, entitled **Crunk Juice**. "Get Down" is the hottest track on the CD.

Jon- I think it's a terrific sophomore effort. I like using that term.

Fresh Kid- The songs are hot fire, but really son, next time call up Fanta to sing in the Spanish hooks. He's such a slacker son, it's ridiculous. Fanta needs to get kicked out of the crew.

7 of 5 Stars, and Half a moon.

Energy Drinks

Tony- Rockstar is the way to go. As in the energy drink, but it also might be made by

the game company. Anyway, sixteen ounces of raw, uncut energy. That's a pound.

Fresh Kid- I drank some of that Shockwave stuff, it gave me a headache and chattering teeth, and since I drank it I have had a craving for it. That's like crack. And I'm going to overindulge like a crack pipe. I mean, a cracked pipe. Don't do drugs.

Jon- Energy drinks are bad for your health. However, whatever is on sale at the local grocery store is what you (the student body) will purchase, from me.

Tony- If you're ever feeling down, drop a shot of "milk" in a cup of Red Bull and chug, it's the only rush I have found that can compare to heroin.

Fresh Kid- Three cheers for legal highs.
Two shaking fists of energy

Fifty

Fresh Kid- Fifty Cent just came out with a beautiful sophomore release on on G-Unit/Shady/Aftermath/Interscope/Hitler Records. It is entitled **The Massacre**. Now I'm going to say that I enjoyed the fine tunes on this disc, but 50 is taking beef like a fat kid at a barbeque. Jadakiss and The Game to name a few. (Although this was patched up I'm sure, because 50 has teeth like a horse and realizes The Game is gonna be funding his stay at the Old G's Retirement Hospital). But he has beef with Jadakiss, and if you ain't heard... Jada gave him the kiss of death. So 50, humpty dump onto Dre, Slim and Game's back while your album blows over. And "The Candy Shop" is just "Magic Stick" on retarded kid's spinal fluid. "You should just sell clothes and sneakers, 'cause out the whole camp your flows the weakest."

Jon- He sure do look like a horse. So check this out, I don't really care too much about 50 Cents. He bit MC Eight's "Jeyahhh" like finger nails. And doesn't he wear pink? How are you gonna be a gangsta when your colors are bright...

Fresh Kid- And match a little girl's lunch box...

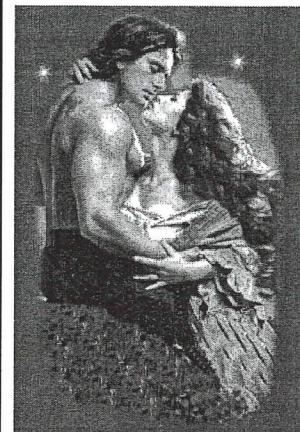
Jon- But on that new album there's a good song about Heroine. (Disclaimer: "heroine"
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SCOUNDREL From 4

"Devin, she cried softly, a thousand tiny pulses throbbing through her body with her ultimate physical rapture." The night had been magical, they danced and chatted and started to one another better. It was that night that they both realized they were in love. As the night lingered on they rapture they felt swelled to shards of sensual joy. "He went rigid and his seed's burst forth."

"Her kiss was all the answer he needed, her mouth opening and offering him all that she was and all that she would ever be." Knowing they would be together forever, Devin and Meredyth were able to weather any threat or attack that came their way. Their love was all the protection that would ever need. Bakamu, Devin, Meredyth together forever.

In a world were love just doesn't cut it and celebrities are divorcing (Brad Pitt and Jennifer Anniston) at the speed of light, it's nice to know that there is at least one bea-



con of hope left in this world.

This is a true romance novel, filled with passion, and joy, and steamy moments of love. I have been told that I must compare this book to something else in order to prove its worth. This book is like the Jesus of romance novels.

This book is everything I could have wanted and more. I cried, I laughed, I became firm. There are so few romance novels that truly bring out the best in yourself. This story challenged me and gave me hope. I never knew a love so deep.

For those lonely starlit nights when you're home alone and need something to fill that hole in your heart, pick up Tender Scoundrel it will leave you exhilarated.

Linda Bartell is wonderful at what she does. She can weave words of sapience along with words of devotion. She write with a rare elegance that is hard to come by these days.

If you enjoy Tender Scoundrel, try some of Linda Lang Bartell's other books. Tender Rogue, Tender Marauder, Tender Warrior, and Tender Pirate. I would recommend each and every one personally.◊

REAL SPIT From 11

as in a female hero). Haha. And guess what 50 Cent's son's name is? 25 Cents.

Tony- Fifty Cent's first CD was good. I haven't heard much of his new CD, but if he tries to mess with D-Block he might end up with his face in his lap. "F*** ridin' the beat nigga", I parallel park on the track." Fifty out of Fifty. If Jada doesn't slap you, you'll be good to go.

Eric B. and Rakim

Fresh Kid- "I was a fiend/ before I became a teen/ I used to melt microphones instead of cones of ice cream."

Tony- Funk Eric B... let's have Abilities as president sucka'. I think he should sit this one out.

Jon- Those guys are kind of like my heroes.

Fresh Kid- Me too.

20 stars for the heroes of modern day rhymes.

That's a wrap.◇

COOL HAND From 8

Luke: Nobody ever eat fifty eggs.

Convict: Hey, Babalugats, we got a bet here.

One of my favorite scenes is Luke's second escape. He says that he's "caught short." The boss says he understands, and tells him, "Now you just go behind that little bush there and keep shaking it to let us know you're there." Luke goes behind the bush and ties a long string to it so that he can shake it from a distance. Fooling the guards into thinking he's there while making his escape.

The cast is top notch: Newman is perfectly suited to this kind of role and his acting career shows it, with movies under his belt like: "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," and "The Towering Inferno." He really makes the character of Luke unforgettable, with George Kennedy in his Oscar winning role as the prison's tough guy who befriends Luke. Also look for a young Dennis Hopper as one of the inmates. This movie can unquestionably be called a classic, because of the awesome dialogue and the actors that I've mentioned above, and a great story that has been loved by all for many years. A must see for classic movie fans.◇

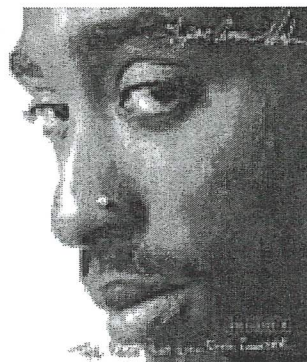
THE ROSE From 1

Tupac was 18-20 years old and not yet famous. Most of the poetry has a typed text version and on the other page a handwritten version from the originals. The book is complete with corrections, leaving his spelling intact, and drawings. The book is split into four sections: "The Rose that grew from concrete", "nothing can come between us", "Just a Breath of freedom", and "liberty needs glasses". In the sections the poetry focuses on poverty, struggle, politics, love.

Poems like, "Jada" (4 Jada), "Fallen Star" (Marilyn Monroe), among others are uncharacteristic of the Tupac depicted by the media. but with poems like "Government assistance Or my soul", and "Liberty needs glasses",

Tupac expresses insight and passion on a subject he was all too familiar with. Some of the most powerful poems were about his mother, a black panther whose impression on her child is clear in poems such as "A River That Flows Forever," and "When Your Hero Falls".

"In the Event of My Demise", the last poem, Tupac writes about something he kind



of obsessed about during his life/career, his own death. In this poem he acknowledged that he would die before his time. He wrote the poem so that it could be read to his closest friends and family when he died.

I liked this book because it shows that Tupac wasn't just a rapper, but a poet. The book doesn't make him look like a gangster just good for throwing up West Side, and beefing with crips.

He attended Baltimore School of Performing Arts. Shortly after graduating he released his first album, *2pacalypse now*. Shortly after that, he starred in a movie called *Poetic Justice* with Janet Jackson.

His career cut short by his death. Tupac was killed in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sept. 6

1996.

I would strongly recommend this book to any Tupac fan. Even if you aren't a fan of his, I'm sure you'll still enjoy this poetry. The book does give you a peek into the thoughts and feelings of the well known entertainer that his fans are still missing nearly 10 years after his death. R.I.P. legacy Tupac Shakur.◇

BEATLES From 5

know. "What Goes On" is a Lennon/McCartney song, but lead vocals belong Richard Starkey, the band's drummer. His voice fits the song perfectly. A combination of country and rock, with lyrics matching the music with stunning excellence. "Girl" is another Lennon piece of art. With harsh lyrics towards a woman Lennon hates yet loves, it's another rabbit pulled out of John Lennon's ever so deep hat. "In My Life" is a Lennon love song, which will surely be a classic in the years to come. "Wait" is a song out of the Beatles' earlier work. And while it would highlight one of their earlier albums, here it's nothing out of the ordinary. "If I Needed Someone" is another Harrison song. In it Harrison says, "Carve your number on my wall, and maybe you will get a call from me. If I needed someone."

But how long will this band last? They are constantly touring, and when they're not touring, they're in the studio. I give them one more year before they completely fall apart. But in the meantime, I'll enjoy music that may never be equaled.◇

Marmaduke

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