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Greg is happy to be back

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Greg Adams, the wood shop teacher, is back for now and seems pretty happy about it. He took a medical leave after the first trimester started, returning after second trimester. During his break he took a trip for two months down to Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina to be with his wife, who has taken a job down there.

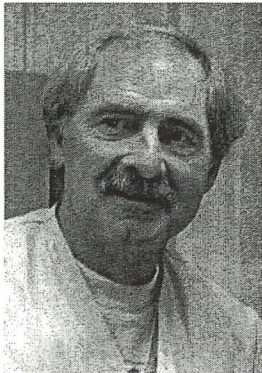
He says he is smarter about his health and he will be taking small breaks to avoid wearing himself down. "I feel okay, I mean I don't feel like I did five years ago, but I shouldn't."

He says his health seems to be improving and he is gaining strength. He is also going to take a break to go to his daughter's wedding on April 24th in a small town outside of the Dallas/Fort Worth area. He says he is getting to a point where he is enjoying helping the kids with all their

projects and he is really going to miss them all.

He is going to move down to North Carolina in June or July, but he doesn't feel too bad about leaving Minnesota because "It's pretty nice down there." He had bought a brand new house and is going to sell his old one. He is planning on doing some volunteer work for "Make a Wish Foundation" and is going to enjoy the outdoors by fishing.

As for replacing Greg, it will be hard, but we will try. "You will replace me, but you will not replace me with another Greg." He wants us to be able to find someone who will be willing to come down here and work individually with all the students because that's what he thinks we need.◊



Hmong fried rice is a hit

Soua Yang
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"Mov" means rice and "kib" means fried, so "mov kib" is rice, fried. We eat a lot of rice, I mean a lot a lot. I can't imagine life without it. Of course I can't imagine life without ice cream either, but one can't survive on ice cream. Rice means a lot in the Hmong culture. In Thailand or Laos, if you have a lot of rice, you're considered very wealthy.

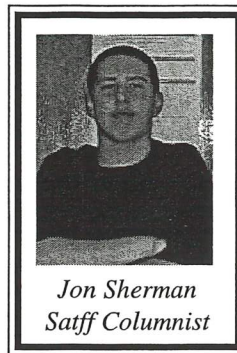
Hmong fried rice with beef and fixings of scallions, cilantro, peas, and stir fry vegetables, plus dinner rolls, pineapple tidbits, and ice cream sandwiches was the school lunch on Wednesday, March 10th. It is the first authentic Hmong mother's recipe ever used in the St. Paul Schools, and hopefully

it won't be the last.

"There was a lot of preparation," said Alice, one of our cooks. Let me explain: first of all, the rice and eggs have to be cooked, the beef has to be put in the oven, then everything has to be mixed together. There's also the vegetables and toppings to prepare. When I have fried rice I don't usually have it with any type of meat so I'll explain the way I make it, or the usual way we Hmong make it at home. First I fry the eggs, I like it well done, then I add the cooked rice and mix it under medium heat until all the lumps are out, I add the fried vegetables, then I throw in the sauce, the

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Bus Strike



Jon Sherman
Staff Columnist

If you haven't heard, the metropolitan transit system is on strike. Do you know why? Some may say, "Yeah, sure, it has something to do with lazy overpaid whiny union workers that think they don't get enough

benefits." Depending whether or not you are a union worker, this may be an appropriate summarization. But in my investigation, I ventured a little deeper than just making assumptions, I stumbled upon the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1005's web site. There was to be a rally at the University of Minnesota, March 12th, at the West Bank in Minneapolis. My mother wouldn't approve of me going into the killing fields of Minneapolis unarmed, but at the expense of my own safety, and in the

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Writing test

One hundred percent of Open School tenth graders passed the basic skills writing test. The results were published over spring break.

The basic skills writing test is one of four tests everyone has to pass in order to graduate high school. If you don't pass the writing test you must take it again in 11th or 12th grade. You get a prompt, such as your dream job, or where would the best place to live be. This year the prompt was, "If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?" Students have to provide an introduction, explanation, and an ending. The test is scored on a 1-6 scale, and you must earn a 3 or higher to pass.

Open School principal Ruth Pechmann says that in her time at Open School she has never seen a 100% passing rate on the writing test.

"I was so happy! I was the happiest principal in the world!" ♦

Spring is in the air; so is the frisbee

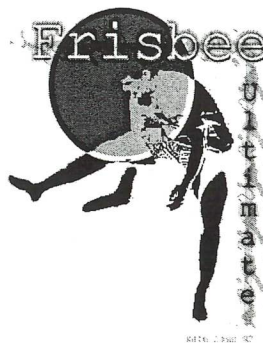
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Have you noticed that the narrow hallway by the elevator on the third floor is a little bit quieter than before? Did you ever stop to realize there is no longer the constant drone of Devlin's voice, or shouts coming from that now desolate tundra leading to the elevator? Well, if you did notice, congratulations! You are a very observant person. So, where did all of the fraquetball players go? Florida or something? I hate gators, and Eagle pencils.

In the spring, everything is new. Doug wakes up from hibernation, and everyone has a better attitude about the outdoors. Again the question "where did all of the fraquetball players go?" A new "season" of ultimate frisbee has started. Again, you will see the same old people outside during lunch, and the same old frisbee (Discus Airbournus, disk, pigskin) being tossed to and fro. Yep, the somewhat organized, temporary games of frisbee have brought many bored lunch times to a sudden halt. Frisbee is also what some fraquetball players wait for all winter.

Frisbee and Fraquetball, two words that start with "F". If you noticed, that is a similarity, but people like frisbee for different reasons. "I play frisbee because spinning objects fascinate me," said 10th grader Devlin Byrne. Frisbee is also healthy. Example: Doug throws plates, and frisbee is a healthy alternative. Whether playing for health, or just having fun, frisbee is a good sport. You have the concept of football, and the action of soccer, but I am glad it is not like baseball. Running around in a circle is not appealing. ♦



Outward Bound

Alex Johnson

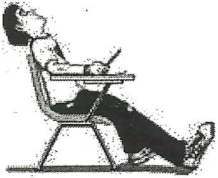
Staff Writer

This year's Outward Bound trip has gone through a lot of transformations. The plans have changed three times, and now are finally set. Students will be in Washington state from May 16 to May 21.

After a few meetings Utah was said to be the destination with Colorado as a backup. Utah did in fact cancel, so Julie turned to Colorado, only to find that they too did not need help. Julie then contacted Washington. Many messages were left, but there was no reply. The Outward Bound group was getting nervous. If a reply was not received, Julie would contact Ely. Luckily, a reply was received and Julie will be accompanying about 15 energetic Open School students on a plane to Washington.

Washington will have many tasks for the students, including: packing camping equipment, first aid kits, and prepping dorm rooms. In return for the service work, a few days will be set aside for some outdoor fun. Last year, students had a blast on Colorado's high ropes course and went on an amazing rock climbing trip.

Fundraising this year started off with a Humanitees sale and then moved on to two taste tests and a plant sale. The Humanitees sales went well this year and a few students raised a lot of money. The group ended up having two taste tests after the first was cancelled. The second taste test was a little hectic. The group came very close to not getting the 120 people needed to get full payment. Luckily, a group came in at the very last minute to reach 102, the minimum amount needed to have them come back next year. Orders for the plant sale are now coming through and Julie is hopeful. So after four fundraisers, and four planned destinations, Outward Bound Students are ready to head out for a memorable trip. ♦



Aaron Izaksonas-Smith

Years at Open: 5

Extracurricular activities: Drama

Senior Profile



What are you planning to do next year?

Go to Morris and get a BFA. (He said, punching at the ground and making explosion noises)

What will you miss most about Open?

The way the flourescent lights reflect on to the tile floors.

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

My favorite TV show is *H is for Homicide*, the faux *Sesame Street*, and the *NYPD Blue* spin-off from *Family Guy*.

What is your favorite class in high school?

Upper Class

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

I'd be Optomis Prime

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

I'd like to be the secretary for the Justice League, taking all of the important phone calls.

If you could meet one person dead or alive, who would it be?

Jim Morrison and Marilyn Monroe. One is a good singer, and the other is hot. You make the decision.

SLC meeting energizes student body

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Staff Writer

The All-SLC meeting that took place on March 23rd was a success. Students talked about the hall monitor, student behavior, hallway conduct, and new class ideas. The meeting was headed by SLC Student Government President Sean Keith and Vice President Sierra Blakely. Around 50-60 students showed up, and about 20-30 people talked during the meeting.

The meeting started off with Marianna discussing hallway behavior. She brought up issues such as rowdiness and swearing.

"I mean, it's kind of embarrassing when I bring in someone who wants to come to this school, and there's kids out in the hall swear-

ing or whatever. That's why I'm always cautious about when I bring them on the tour of our school," said Marianna.

After that, Sean and Sierra took over. They talked about suggested classes and how we'd make them possible. Classes suggested were Physics, Music Production, Engineering/Blacksmithing and Auto Body.

"I have a degree in Physics, but there's no

open time for me to do it, unless I do it on my prep, which will NOT happen," stated math teacher Tom Totushek.

"We're not necessarily saying that they'd be available at this school, but somewhere that kids could go to take the classes within partnership of our school," said Si-

erra.

"With a group consisting of everyone that

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Prince inducted into hall

Emmanuel Mauleon
Staff Writer

"I'm not your woman, I'm not your man. I am something you will never understand."

Understand... Maybe not, but admire, most definitely. Prince, or the "Artist formally known as Prince," was inducted into the Rock and Roll hall of fame on March 15th. He walked up to the stage, dressed in a white suit reminiscent of John Travolta's in *Saturday Night fever*, looking like a million bucks. I wouldn't personally know what a million bucks looks like, but I imagine if I did know they would look very much like Prince. Anyway...

Prince rocked out with some of the classics, performing "Let's Go Crazy," "Sign O' the Times" and "Kiss." The crowd attending the induction ceremony, which was rather dull and boring, was moved to their feet by the 80's prince of funk.

Prince started off his career as a virtual one-man band, rocking an estimated 23 instruments on his first release **For You**, way

back in 1978. Critics claimed that this particular album was too busy, not finding the right sound, as a nineteen-year-old Prince (born Prince Rogers Nelson) had experimented with styles from acoustic rock to

R&B. Although his music style may not have been focused yet, lyrically, Prince was already primed to become a king.

Then, in 1979, Prince put together a band and started performing shows in his hometown Minneapolis, under the name "Prince and the Revolution." His earlier shows were more mainstream, a bit more conservative, but eventually Prince began strutting

around in ***less pants and would perform singing into a microphone while humping an onstage bed. He began to make some notoriety, and then released the hit self titled album **Prince**, which had the hit single "I Wanna Be Your Lover." This record began *PRINCE Continued on 9*



NHL gets tough on violence

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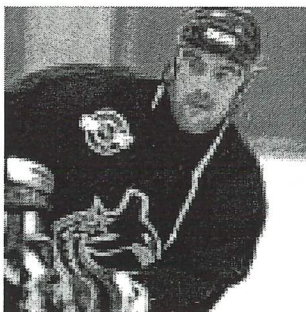
"That kid's a piece of (garbage)," spat Todd Bertuzzi, All Star Right Winger for the Vancouver Canucks. "No way that puck will be in their lineup in March." 'Their' being the Colorado Avalanche, 'That Kid' being rookie Steve Moore, who on February 16, checked Canucks' captain Markus Naslund in the neutral zone. Naslund suffered a concussion and two cuts. He missed three games, and the Canucks' labeled the check 'dirty.' In the true spirit of hockey, they planned retribution. Both teams were warned not to retaliate.

The Avalanche visited the Canucks on March 8, and the Canucks had their chance. Bertuzzi, not wanting all that trash talk to be in vain, skated up behind Moore and slugged him. Decked him. Sucker punched, what have you. He drove Moore to the ice,

leaving him lying unconscious on the rink, in a pool of his own blood. He was taken to the hospital with a broken neck, a concussion, and severe facial cuts. Moore will be out for the rest of the season.

"This is not a part of our game, it has no place in our game, and it will not be tolerated in our game," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said of the attack in a press conference announcing Bertuzzi's punishment. The course of action was to suspend Bertuzzi for the remainder of the regular season and entire postseason. The suspension is open-ended until a meeting in September. In addition, the Vancouver police are putting together an assault charge against Bertuzzi, the second time in four years they have charged an NHL player with assault.

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CD burners

Quinlan Miller
Staff Writer

Lets all be honest, there are a lot of people out there that love to burn their own CD's, but why? Lets go down the list of reasons. First off, it's cheap, probably the best reason to burn them instead of buying them, right? Then you get to pick which songs you want on the CD. But it's not all cheap and easy. CD burners can get quite pricey. It's where you look that counts.

Sure, there are a lot of places to look if you want a CD burner, but how do you make the right choice? It all depends on how much money you are willing to spend. I did my own research on this, and the results were just as I thought they would be. If you are interested in getting a CD burner, check out some of these sites.

My first stop was www.bestbuy.com. Best buy would be the best place to look right? The store is practically dedicated to computers. I was wrong. It took a while but I finally found a CD burner, and it was expensive. This would be more for a person who wants a lot out of their CD burner. The Pioneer 4x External was equipped with not only a CD burner, but also a DVD burner. This one had a price of \$249.99, definitely not for the low spender. I moved on to the next site.

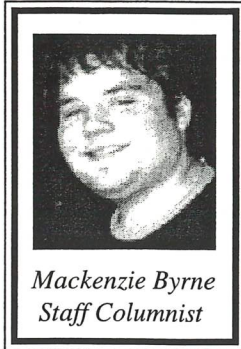
Next stop was www.circuitcity.com. I was expecting a cheaper price, and this time I was dead on. It was simple to find what I was looking for, and it was a fair price. The Sony 52x32x52 internal was set at the price of \$89.99, and it was also hooked up with the DVD burner. I was amazed, seeing the price was really low, so I expected it was not much in quality. But it is definitely a choice for the low spender.

There were no more big businesses to search, so I searched Google, and found www.tigerdirect.com. Once I entered the site, I was overwhelmed with CD burners. They had at least 25 or more that were priced from \$50 to \$190. This site is recommended to at least look at, because there is a 100% chance you will find something you like or are interested in.

I thought I had enough, but I decided to find one more, which ended up being www.cdrecordingsoftware.com. This site was a lot like the previous, but a little *CD BURNERS Continued on 12*

Opinions 'n' Stuff

Gay couples deserve rights



Mackenzie Byrne
Staff Columnist

I was going to write an opinion piece about the issue of gay marriage that has been getting a lot of press recently. But I can't. It would be too short. Here it is: H o m o s e x u a l couples should be

able to get married under the law because the fact that they can't is just plain discrimination. There that's it. Any argument against would be bigoted garbage.

President Bush wants a constitutional amendment to prohibit gay marriage, to "protect" marriage in America. Protect it from what? How would letting people of the same gender get married damage marriage? It wouldn't. Conservative groups called it a strong boost to traditional values. I call it scary. It's not like us straight folk are doing such a great job with marriage to begin with.

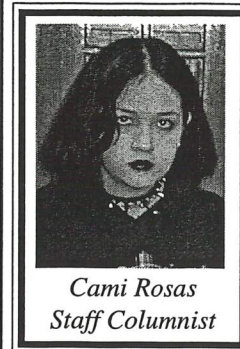
Some dumb, frightened, pathetic people say that gay people shouldn't get married because they can't make babies, and that's the only reason that people should get mar-

ried, to make babies. Is that why you say we should deny them marriage? Okay, if that's the way it should be, then infertile couples can't get hitched as well as couples that don't plan on having kids. They aren't allowed to love each other either. Marriage means a lot of different things and has throughout history. Modern marriage can be a lot of things, from a religious ceremony with friends and family, to a drunken two-day Brittany Spears Vegas wedding. Babies can have nothing to do with it and no one complains. And furthermore, it's not like all the straight people in the world will stop making babies if homosexual marriage is allowed, we're good at it. Why stop? The world isn't overcrowded to the breaking point just yet.

Then there is the issue of raising children. If gay people get married, then they can adopt kids and is that kind of home (one with two mommies or daddies) the right environment for youngsters? Yes, it would be fine. First, because gay couples can't make them on their own, they would have to adopt, therefore they would have to be qualified parents, because adoption agencies don't give children to just anyone, they have to be up to snuff. Heck, a gay couple's home

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80's Rock!!!



Cami Rosas
Staff Columnist

Okay peeps, I know I usually give you something new to read about, but this issue is strictly about one thing...The 80s! I won't touch so much on the awesome, neon, tackiness or the not-so-awesome tackiness

such as valley girls, huge, crimped hair, and of course, the lone, sparkling glove of Michael Jackson. Since I specialize in rock music, I will do nothing more than take you all back in time...to the rockin' 80s!!!

This is a mere tribute to all of those bands we never really listen to anymore. What's that you say? "Duh. that was two decades ago. Welcome to the 90s?" Well I've got two words for you, buddy... David Bowie! I know I keep track of the Bowie news, but this isn't about news. Yeah, it's a newspaper but bear with me folks.

Let's all pause and take a moment to remember a little movie called Labyrinth. I mean, David Bowie in a freegin' glam-

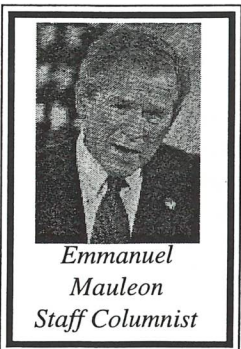
mullet, singing with all sorts of goblins. He truly is the goblin king. If I were Sarah I would've traded that ogre of a baby for an eternity with David Bowie in a second! "You have no power over me?" Wrong answer, lady. For those of you who have no idea what I'm talking about, go rent it or something because...dang. You're missing out.

Now I'd like to give a little recognition to a few bands buried deep within the depths of the 80s rock. First off, let me tell you about a band called Rough Cutt. Now, before I tell you anything about them, let me inform you just how much their legacy has evaporated over the course of 20 years. They are so unknown that I'm probably one of two people, in this entire state, who knows who they are.

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Secrets of spring slacking



Emmanuel
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Spring has sprung, or is currently springing. It's not the fact the the trees are beginning to smell kind of like rotting leaves, moldy mildewy stench, or the fact that humidity levels make the contrast of the winter air feel

like you're breathing in a swimming pool. No, my friend, spring has sprung, and this means the attention of all us hardworking student likes is going to slowly diminish, and eventually completely drift away.

It's amazing, it's the third year I have experienced what I like to refer to as "Open

School Spring." The first time you experience it, you really have no idea what it is that hit you. Look closely. I realized something, there are children, outside, all the time. In fact, eighth grade provided me with much time outside, after community service, after lunch, after advisory, pretty much anytime I could get away with it.

In fact, I remember lazily sitting around underneath a tree listening to John Thurn and Chris McClean drone on about some sort of dinosaurs, and then I heard the sweet sound of the tornado drill. Teachers, children, rushing to put their heads between their legs up against a wall, butts sticking into the air. Three minutes into the alarm, I slowly paroosed into the building, saw that everyone was in brace mode, took a drink of wa-

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'Window' hides a twist

Katie Hurley
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Secret Window is based on a Stephen King novel about a writer, by the name of Mort Rainey (Johnny Depp), who's going through a divorce and is really depressed and spends most of his days sleeping and attempting to write. Suddenly an unexpected visitor appears at his front door. It's a hick from Mississippi, John Shooter (John Turturro). He claims that Rainey stole his story, also by the name of Secret Window. Rainey denies that and tells Shooter that he wrote it two years before he did and it's in a magazine from 1997. The magazine is at his soon-to-be ex-wife's house.

Now, Rainey has to get it in the next 3 days or he dies.

During the three days, Shooter does some bad things, such as killing Rainey's dog, Chico, with a screwdriver and one more person dies that way. Everyone and everything that could save Rainey, Shooter destroys. Shooter also burns down Rainey's ex-

wife's house so he can't get proof he wrote it. Shooter makes his life a living hell!! Seriously! But wow, there's an awesome twist at the end.

I might have missed some things, but it seems like a decent movie. It was worth the five dollars I spent. But whatever you do, don't buy food unless you have a strong stomach, because sometimes screwdrivers,



killers, and skulls just don't mix too well. Fans of Johnny Depp and Stephen King will like this movie, and so will people who like mysteries and killer movies.

The acting was pretty good. Other than the fact that Mort Rainey was a depressed man, Johnny Depp did pretty well. I'm not going to say this was his best film, but certainly not his worst. And John Turturro's character was um.... just a little creepy, but it's okay cause that was the point of his character. So just take it as

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Taking Lives misses mark

Chloe Taipale
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Angelina Jolie stars in *Taking Lives*, a not-really-scary-but-tries-to-be-anyway movie that just ends up boring one to death.

Taking Lives is about Illeana Scott (Jolie), an FBI agent-y chick in Canadaaaah who's investigating a case about some maniac killer guy named Martin who murders folks then takes their identities. Then there's supposed to be all this suspense about who the real killer is, but anybody with half of a brain stem can see who it is right away.

That, my friends, is about all I collected from this movie. During the lone sex scene in the movie (that allowed my young eyes to see waaay too much of Angelina Jolie than I'm comfortable with), my comrades and I started a rip-roaring rock-paper-scissors battle, and when we finally pulled ourselves away, there was some car chase thing going on. Man, was I confused.

In the end we find out who the real killer

is (as I said before, most of us already knew), and we get to see a pregnant Jolie get stabbed in the stomach (which ends up being a let-down, too). This movie honestly dragged on way too long, my friends. When the end credits finally rolled, I let out a sigh of relief. Just when you think you find a scene that's suitable to end the movie with, you have to endure 20 more excruciatingly painful minutes of pointless crap (i.e., the many meaningless scenes that I will go on to explain).



Another thing that made me mad (and this isn't the movie's fault, but mine), was that my nice round head was turned every time they unearthed a dead body, or one fell from the ceiling or something. Every. Single. Time. I would be talking to my el-friend-o (that's friend if you couldn't understand my fluent Spanish) then there'd be some screaming,

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Hot singles

Tony Cavanaugh
Staff Writer

So I was sitting there thinking of newspaper story ideas and I thought "I wish I could hate on/ make fun of Lil Jon, and write a newspaper story to make Leo happy." So I concluded that by reviewing popular songs, not only could I hate on Lil Jon, but also all of the other stupid people involved with the music industry. All of the following songs were chosen by their position on the billboard charts and by how much I liked or disliked them. This may be a reoccurring thing, or it may be just this once, we'll have to see.

Song: "Yeah!," By Usher Featuring Lil Jon & Ludacris

Current position on the billboard charts: 1

Producer: Lil Jon

Album: Confessions

Best Line: "We want a lady in the street but a freak in the bed."

Lets just say this song isn't horrible, but let me warn you that it is produced by Lil Jon, so you can expect his beautiful voice (like that of a dying hippopotamus) blurting out phrases such as "OKAY!," and "WHAT!," all throughout the song, as well as on the hook. The beat is pretty hot, but the song's main redeeming quality is the verse by Ludacris in the end, where he shows us that not only Twista can do triplets.

Song: "One Call Away," Chingy Featuring J. Weav

Current position on the billboard charts: 2

Producer: Trak Starz

Album: Jackpot

Best Line: "We can kick it and go puff on a blunt/ Oh you don't smoke? Grab a pint of Hen' then we can get drunk."

Chingy came on to the scene at just the right time, and he knows how to make lots of money. His appropriately titled album, Jackpot, is evidence of this. That said, this song is cool because it features Marcus from the TV show "Smart Guy" singing, and because the video stars a very grown up Keshia Pulliam, who played Rudy on "The Cosby Show."

Song: "Slow Jamz," Twista Featuring Kanye West & Jamie Foxx

Current position on the billboard charts: 3

Producer: Kanye West

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'Queer Eye' finally spoofed

Angie Hausladen
Staff Writer

We all knew it would happen. The new popular makeover show *Queer Eye For The Straight Guy* was finally spoofed. It's the new Comedy Central show *Straight Plan For The Gay Man*. This show deals with four extremely straight men going to a gay man's house and completely redoing everything about him so that he can see what it's like to live one day in the life of a straight man.

Straight Plan stars four comics, Curtis Gwinn, the environment guy, Billy Merrit, the appearance guy, Kyle Grooms, the information guy, and Rob Riggle, the culture guy. They call themselves the Flab Four not to be confused with *Queer Eye's* Fab Five. The Flab Four go around and try to show the gay man of the day all the secrets that straight men should know, so if only for one day they can see what life would've been like if they were straight. They redo their houses to look more straight, and give them the manners of a true straight man. Also they give them a new fashion sense, which they usually pick up from the salvation army, and

they teach them how to have an overdeveloped ego. At the end of each episode, the flab four take the gay guy they are "making over" and see if he can pass the tests to prove he's a real straight man. Once they played basketball, and another time the Flab Four and their gay guy all tried out for jobs then asked the guy hiring if he could tell who was they gay man out of the group, and it ended up that he guessed one of the Flab Four and NOT the gay man.

A spokeswoman from NBC and Bravo said the networks were aware of this new show that debuted in February but had no comment about it. So it doesn't look like the Fab Five were too angry about being spoofed. Another Comedy Central show, *South Park*, already spoofed it earlier this year.

One of the episodes featured a gay man named Jonathan, a fashion executive with a beautiful house just the way he wanted it. He then became a manly meatpacker with a plaid covered bachelor pad thanks to the Flab Four. *STRAIGHT PLAN Continued On 9*

80's ROCK From 5

Let's change that, shall we?

Rough Cutt is a band that used something in a way that was extremely ahead of their time. Their guitarist, Amir Derakh (who, oddly enough, also, had a glam-mullet) was a synth scientist and he found out how to use it with distortion to make an epic sound that would rock the world for many years. At that time, traditional rockers frowned upon his ingenious work like it was a disgrace to music. But, he did it anyways and continues to. I think the world will end before that synth sinner conforms.

Here's another band you've probably never heard about, Alma Malloy Saves. Singer Alma Malloy was French, but grew up in Germany. Their music was gloomed up the ying-yang and had certain touches of The Cure. What made them stand out (not enough, apparently) was the keyboards. These keyboards were like sonic bubble gum and made a song, with the most depressing lyrics sound like a rainbow of

happy synths. The culprit was the infamous (and un-famous) Madrid Malloy. Yes, it was a sister band... They're dead now.

Anyways, now onto a happier subject. A GAY subject, if you will... Boy George! Do you really want to hurt him? Do you really want to make him cry? I know I do. Lately



the only thing making him cry is probably the unsuccessful debut of his Broadway show, Taboo. But let us try and always remember him as he was in the good old days. Back when he used make-up to look like a girl and not to hide his aging, facial features. Back when he first came out with songs like "Karma Chameleon." What's funny is that I always used to think he was saying "Come on Camilia." It was my special song. Tee hee.

Speaking of special songs, I think it's pretty mandatory that I give a mention to "Safety Dance." You can dance. You can dance. Everybody...look at your pants. Come

80's ROCK Continued on 11

Magic time

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"Yu-Gi-Oh! is for nancies!" You've all heard that before, or at least if you've been in the room when I happened to walk in on people playing Yu-Gi-Oh! around the school. It's no secret that I really hate Yu-Gi-Oh! a whole lot. Initially, it was because it took the spotlight off my former long-time favorite game, Magic: The Gathering. It was invented by a math Ph.D. and his buddy in Renton, Washington in 1993. In the game play, you and your opponent take on the roles of wizards dueling for control over a magical plane, using fantastic creatures and powerful spells to thwart each other and do your bidding. But mostly it's become fat, sweaty, greasy nerds spouting jargon back and forth while looking angry/deep in thought.

Seriously, it was Hellafun when I started playing it back in 1997-98 (thereabouts, can't remember exactly), and it seemed to be getting progressively better. Then there was a set called Mercadian Masques which was mediocre at best. Shortly thereafter, Hasbro bought Wizards of the Coast (the company that produces Magic, Pokemon, Dungeons & Dragons and the like), forming a company I affectionately refer to as Hazards of the Coast. And of course by affection, I mean contempt, spite, and irritation. I know that the ultimate goal of a company is to make large amounts of money, but Wizards of the Coast was originally founded to be a game company that catered to the people who play their games. When Hasbro buys them, they begin churning out the trendy mass-marketed stuff, especially to little kids.

When it comes to pretty much anything, little kids mean lots of cash. Well, credit cards, really. They have their parents who want to shut them up so they buy them whatever they want. Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon, Magic, whatever. No matter the price, parents will buy it for their kids. Unless they're responsible parents, in which case they'll make them work for it, but who's got parents that are that square? *me*

I asked some friends on my Magic message board about the changes and they were gracious enough to post their feedback on the subject of Magic's present and possible future.◊



FOOD From 1

green onions and some cilantro. All that stirring really gets your arm tired.

Most people I asked liked the school's version. From the enthusiastic "Delicious" Elizabeth and Leo responses to the more subdued response, like "It was good," said by Xiong Pao Thao. We had all the right toppings but the problem was that people didn't know how to use them. I mean no offense, but take my advice. When eating fried rice, put all the toppings on. The hot sauce is the most important part in putting flavor on your fried rice, then there's the vegetables, peas, soy sauce, and if you want, the scallions and cilantro. Someone anonymous complained that his fried rice was bitter because of the uncooked scallions. I could understand, I didn't put cilantro or scallions on mine, because we usually like it cooked along with the fried rice. Even Jeff, who has lived in Asia, and is "picky" about Asian foods, stated "I loved it." A person, who remains anonymous, said "It was too white, too chunky, too dry, and not salty enough." That was the only obvious complaint we had. "It

STRIKE From 1

comforting whiskey-stirred words of Johnny Cash, I Walked The Line.

For those who may be unfamiliar with the strike issues, here's what they look like: on one side, the ATU Local 1005 is asking the Metropolitan Council (the board of operations for Metro Transit), for more reasonable health and retirement benefits. While on the other hand, Met Council says the requests are irrational given the tight budget. The two groups haven't met as frequently as some would think providing these issues are going to be resolved sometime soon.

Friday came, and by noon, I was battling to get across traffic at Oak and University. I was now on the other side of the tracks, across the wa-



ter, in the turf of our nasty neighbor to the West. A "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" propane barbecue grill designed as a steam locomotive adorned the small foothill that lay before the Gateway Building, property of retired Metro Transit driver Byron Jasperson's wife, who never uses it and doesn't know why she bought it. It bore the sign, "Peter Bell's Idea of Light Rail Transit". Peter Bell is the chairman of the Met Council and the

was great... I felt comfortable, like at home," said Mai Her. I thought that was one of the best complements.

I personally, and others agreed, would have preferred egg rolls, but that would have required a lot more time to prepare, most Hmong recipes do. There are a lot of good Hmong recipes that I would like everyone to try, like curry soup, that's my favorite Asian food, and also papaya salad. But I'm glad the fried rice was such a success. The majority of people in the school would like to have it again, sometime soon. Hopefully we will, and this time, include all the toppings!◇

strikers' foe. And while Jasperson had attempted to prolong his career by trying out to be a driver on the LRT Hiawatha Line; he flunked the test.

Then there's Marlyn Roberts, on the job for 11 1/2 years, who called Metro Transit just yesterday only to find out that he could not retire because they're on strike. He's driven many routes, but lately, the ten, 22, and the infamous five line. "I think it sucks," said Roberts, then referring to Bell's statement, "In our negotiations with ATU Local 1005, we have asked the union to work with us in designing a new plan that would make coverage more affordable," Roberts went on to tell, "No it's not true. We offered to work until July 1st of

2004. The mediation had voted in, but the Metro Council was clueless."

Part-time bus driver Nona Woods takes whatever positions are available. "Think about it. I'm a female and every morning, there is always a drunk on the bus, at 7:00 A.M. I usually work three, three and a half hour shifts with NO bathroom break. And I'm sorry for being a woman, but when it's that time of the month, you can't help it.

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SLC From 3

showed up to the meeting, being that big, we could get almost anything accomplished if everyone worked their hardest," said Geoff Freeman, Junior.

Then students talked about Pat Dosset, Open School's Hall Monitor. They discussed issues that students have with her and about what her job is.

"It seems like all she does is play favorites with people. Like, she'll go down the hall and not yell at a certain kid about being in the hall, and then she sees me and she's on my case," said Junior Angie Hausladen.

"Pat doesn't say anything to me," stated junior Aaron Schujter. "She's never bothered me and never had a problem with me. I just go about my business and that's all I have to do."

Students also talked about the history of Open School, and how it doesn't exist anymore. Then we talked about off-campus lunch and the possibilities of that, such as a release form. One of the biggest issues is that this gives kids more opportunities to ditch school.

"If you're gonna ditch, you're gonna ditch," stated, junior Geoff Freeman.

Then they talked about the issue of not being able to be on the first or second floor during lunch time. The issue is that the SLC can not be on the first or second floor during their lunch because they disturb the ELC classes by being too noisy.

"Not everyone wants to hang out in the lunchroom, cause that sucks. If this was going to be an issue then why don't we just go back to our old lunch schedule. We never had a problem with this in the past when the ELC went to lunch before us," said Geoff.◇

DEPP From 6

he played his role very well. But the one person on the cast that really bothered me was Maria Bello (Amy Rainey), just because she over acted. Anyway that's how I feel and if you disagree that's to bad because this is my story and my opinion so HA!

This movie got a little confusing at the end, but that's okay cause if you don't get a little confused you should probably pay more attention. I thought I had mental problems. I really did!! But really it was a good movie. The only real problems were that it got confusing and Depp's character spent 60% of the time on the couch because he was depressed. So some parts got boring. And the man would take 5-hour naps then eat then sleep for another 3 hours then go to bed. Whoa! What a life!! NOT!◇

PRINCE From 4

to put Prince up on the chart, and his name began to spread across the black demographic. But Prince was not content, he wanted to cement his name as a Rock and Roll icon.

Then, in 1982 Prince released a double album now-classic, by the name of **1999**, expanding his fan base and blowing up the charts. Prince's music began to be appreciated as the gem it really was. The two biggest hits off this album were the sexy and melodic "Little Red Corvette," and the more fast paced funk-pop of the title track.

Soon, other bands around Minneapolis with apparent Prince influence began to make a name for themselves, most notably "Morris Day and the Time." (For those of you who don't know who that is, Jay of 'Jay and Silent Bob' fame sings his song at the beginning of the movie "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back!" Remember? 'My jungle love/ oweeowweeow/ I think I want to get to know ya!') His role involving these bands was shown to the world in the semi-autobiographical film, "Purple Rain" (June 1984),

for which he won an Oscar.

This hit movie propelled Prince to the top, showing that he was a shy, sensitive, and sexy singer, and soon his Edwardian wear became all the rage. The record by the same name ended up selling over 17 million copies included the hits "When Doves Cry," "Let's Go Crazy," "Purple Rain," (My personal favorite) and "I Would Die 4 U." He received two Grammys for this album, but the real acknowledgment came from the fans.

Prince would go on to release album after album over the next ten years, but none had the same impact, except for maybe the single "Kiss," from the 1987 release "Sign O' the Times."

Throughout this time, however, Prince continued to play sold out arena tours, and his fan base continually grew, spreading generational boundaries. He also starred in another movie, "Graffiti Bridge," which sadly flopped, and opened his own record

label and studio, "Paisley Park." He even changed his name to a symbol, which had originally been put in place because of legal issues in his contract.

Then, in 1996, he released the triple CD **Emancipation**, in which he proclaimed his freedom after separating with his Warner Brothers long time contract. He then released two albums on his own in 1998, **Crystal Ball**.

Prince has set three dates for his "Musicology Tour," which is following the release of the album by the same name. This is apparently his last tour,

which was originally a one date stop at the Xcel, but the tickets sold out so quickly that a second then third show were added. To get some (if there are any left) contact www.ticketmaster.com.

Prince is a musical legend, I'm sad I'm going to miss the last performance, I hope he rocks out. I only want to see you laughing in the purple rain.◊



JOLIE From 6

and I'd look up and Angelina Jolie's ugly, bulbous lips would be hogging the screen again. I think that means that a corpse popped out somewhere, but who knows, maybe the audience shared my opinion on Angelina Jolie's looks (I'm sorry, but I really don't think she's pretty).

But this review isn't just about insulting people who have way more money than me. Through the intense popcorn fights (even more fun with extra butter) and boredom-fueled church dancing (you know; the spirit-fingers, "Hallelujah!", running through church kind of dancing) I collected a reason or two why this movie sucks so much.

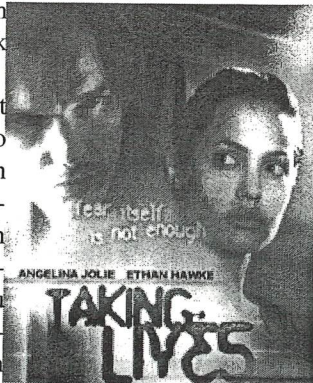
The plot has the potential to be really interesting and cool. The idea of a murder taking the identity of his victims would be really neat, and then right when you think you know who the killer is WHAM! It turns out

to be somebody else...Woo! Sadly, that's not how this movie works. They jam-packed it with pointless scenes. Why are they in a car chase? Why are they sitting in a bar? Why are they making sweet, sweet love amidst

piles of pictures of murder victims? These things don't have anything to do with the movie, so why are they there? The world may never know. Granted, I wasn't paying attention, but my point is, I don't know these things.

I give Taking Lives 1 star. I just really fudgin' boring and a big waste of time. Don't see it, I beg of you. I actually slipped in to the Passion of the Christ to save my sanity afterwards, but there were subtitles and since nobody goes to the movies to read, I left.

On one last note, I would like to apologize to our fellow moviegoers in Taking Lives for my "crew's" obnoxiousness. It was the slushies talking, we swear.◊



STRAIGHT PLAN From 7

Four. Also on the episode, "Info guy" Kyle shows Jonathan how to drink beer and have a good time. On another episode the Flab Four dealt with a gay Broadway dancer, Steven, who they turn into a lady killer with an animal-based house. In another episode, the Flab Four turned Roger, a gay hipster, into a basketball-playing straight man. Curtis celebrates his latest find for Roger's new and improved house from, where else, but out of the garbage, where Curtis loves to look for new home improvement items.

I think that even if you are sick of all the new makeover shows, you should at least give this one a chance. It just makes you laugh at all they gay and straight stereotypes it throws out. I would recommend this show to everybody. You can see Straight Plan For The Gay Man on Comedy Central on Mondays at 9:00pm.◊

SLACKING From 5

ter, and walked back outside to my fresh, warm aired, sun soaked heaven.

So, children, here are a couple of delicious treats to keep you trucking during these warm months, so, if you please, keep your eyes to this paper, these tips will help you throughout your long classes.

1. First and foremost, still do your work. I don't care what you say about this, you need to keep up a steady stream of work if you're going to slack off. But wait a minute Kid Delicious, what's the point of slacking off if all you're going to do is work. Well, I've got you covered, just look at number two.

2. Your work does not need to be relevant. All it needs to be is a bit flashy. Here's an example:

'My Research About the History of Rap Music'

(Use big words at the beginning, no teacher ever reads through it all.)

Throughout my research directed towards the topic of the exceptional musical movement known to the mainstream American world as 'rap' turned up a great deal of evidence supporting my thesis about my earlier conclusion. (See, the big words sound smart, and believe me, with the teachers we have in this school, there definitely won't any contest. Then, after this first sentence

LOVE From 5

would be better than some straight couple's. We let any straight people have babies, even the psycho-killers and child rapists. Just because they can make a baby doesn't mean they should. Also traditional families aren't the only way to raise a kid. Single parents and divorced parents can do just fine. Wouldn't having two parents, never mind their gender, be better than one?

The only foreseeable problem with gay couples raising kids is the discrimination the child would face from other people for having gay parents. But any parent worth their salt would prepare their kids for that, tell them, "what they are saying about you is more a reflection of them and their insecurities it has nothing to do with you." Also, once a gay couple's kind of family becomes more common, the school yard discrimination would drop. I am told that once upon a time children of interracial couples were given a really hard time, now no one even notices.

or two, begin the slacking.)

Chingy is tight. Fo' sho. He is my favorite rapper. I think maybe Snoop Dogg started off the game, 50 Cent is awesome, shout out to Tupac.

3. You need to be in the first five minutes of class. Always. And answer a lot of questions, volunteer your brain. Thus, you will fulfill all your teachers needs quickly, and then head to the 'bathroom.' Hey, some of us still refer to our primitive instincts. Of course we're going to go outside...

4. You are your own teacher. This is the basis of our school right? Right! So you know what, we're going to do a lot of self directed learning, if you catch my drift.

5. Food. Now, this is a bit harder for me to accomplish this year, seeing as the cheap cheap candy store isn't around anymore. I can't have a tab on the candy machine. And believe me, that tab is what kept me alive during third trimester. Thank you Adrian, Azeneth and Manila. But for real, all you need to do is bring food from home. Not only is it delicious, (especially those little cookies with caramel and chocolate, known to most people as Twix, to me as relief), but if a teacher asks you something if you didn't make it out of class after five minutes (see 3) then just say "Sorry, this candy wrapper is really hard to get open, can you repeat the question?" Free save. Score one for me.◊

Then there's the argument that being gay is a sin and the government shouldn't "ok" it. You know what I say to that? "Shut up!" Being gay is not a sin and it is not morally reprehensible. Gay people are not made. They can't be made gay by their upbringing. They are born that way. For your information humans are not the only animals to display homosexual behavior. It has been documented in many other species. They are not sick, they are just different from us straight folk. Sure, it's a little weird, but hey, what people want to do with each other in their bedrooms is none of my business, and not the government's either.

On a final note, gay people are already getting married. No one can or should stop them. That these people aren't getting the same rights under the law is just plain wrong. What is it that Bush and the other conservatives are so afraid of? I don't know, but they are and it is sad because it hurts people.◊

STRIKE From 8

They (Metro Transit) says you can pull over, but if you do, you're late to the next stop, that person bitches, and what do they do? They call you in and you get reprimanded. We're doing this to benefit everybody for an equal life. If no one stands up, who will?" ranted Woods.

Keith Johnston, also a bus driver insisted, "If you guys don't wake up and smell the coffee, you'll be pickin' chicken (expletive). Just like my old man fought for his kids' kids' kids. He clubbed heads right there on University." When the 40 hours a week labor law came into effect, Johnston said they used to make his father work a full 40 hours, two days straight, but not after work control. Johnston's brother-in-law did carpentry work for 30 years and as he put it, "Poundin' nails with no benefits," He didn't belong to a union. "It's up to you young people to get Pawlenty out of here and get out of the Bushes," Johnston finished by stating his dislikes for Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty and President George Bush.

Signs began to wave over the heads of picketers, slightly reminiscent of last April's antiwar rally also at the U. One read, "Who the hell is Peter Bell? His ideas can go to hell!" Yet another sign inventively asked the question, "What's the difference between God and Peter Bell? God doesn't think he's Peter Bell."

Meanwhile, I hadn't moved from my location next to "Peter Bell's idea of LRT (light rail transit)" when a heavily bundled woman walked past with an ice cream bucket filled to the rim with twenty dollar bills and in magic marker labeled, "Donations." U of M campus busses, operated by Laidlaw Transportation, crowded the right lane of University Ave. The union workers had encircled me uttering dirty things of the campus bus drivers, all awaiting a chance to share their thoughts on the enemy.

That's when I chatted with Jory Ackerman, who has held his job since 1990, and in 1995 was a full time bus driver on the five line. I hadn't heard of the five line until that day, but all drivers were able to agree that the five line was, is, and will be the worst bus line ever. At Franklin and Chicago, Ackerman let somebody off the bus, when they turned around to shoot him in the face from only a short two feet away. It was a blank. He'd taken a month off to recover and said he'll never be the same since this happened. "Even in Brookdale, somebody called in to report a rider on the

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STRIKE From 10

bus carrying a gun, then the police stormed the bus with guns drawn. But these are just some risks you take with the job," He also deals with gang violence and race friction, "The blacks have never really liked the Native-Americans, but now it's the blacks and the Somalians."

Ackerman doesn't like the fact that management (maintenance, etc.) took a 5.1% pay increase last year, but Met Council wants to cut benefits for drivers putting their life on the line; this brings a feeling of possible discrimination amongst drivers.

"Metro Transit used to pay 2/3 the cost of health care, but now with part time medical at 200 %, if you subtract PT wages, you're left with two weeks pay every month," Ackerman figured.

Wages would only rise 1% in Met Council's final offer. Metro Transit is made up of 2,200 drivers and mechanics, and according to Peter Bell, has the second highest paying transit system in the United States, next to Seattle. The ATU Local 1005 and Met Council were scheduled to meet again March 22nd to renegotiate terms. After an all day "mediation process", Metro Transit General Manager Mike Setzer had had enough, criticizing the Union's efforts to

start negotiating and sent them a letter, received by the Union on March 25th. The Union then replied to Setzer's letter of disapproval with an April 26th letter which read,

"You are critical of the Union's proposal, but have failed to make a proposal of your own. In fact, you make it quite clear that you do not intend to make a proposal. It takes little creativity or courage to hurl insults and criticism. It takes great creativity and courage to introduce meaningful ideas."

Also at the March 22nd meeting, the Union had reduced its final proposal to the Met Council from 3% down to 2.5%, a point well made in the reply letter to Setzer. And in the first week of April, the Union had asked the public to slow to minimum speeds on metro interstates to show support for workers. Many see this as a safety risk, especially during rush hours.

No new meetings between Met Council and ATU Local 1005 are scheduled. However, Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Ryback has suggested that neutral parties help resolve the strike and that the two groups could possibly come together at a "neutral place" away from journalists. Already, this has been the longest transit strike in Minnesota's history.◇

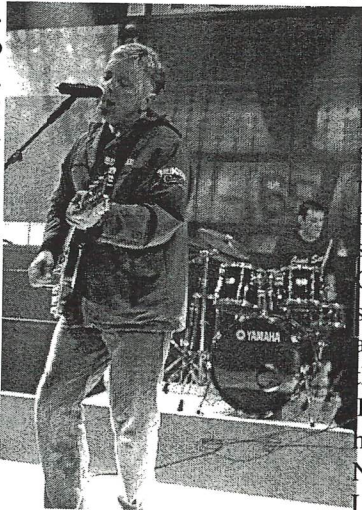
80's Rock From 7

on... Eileen, that is. "Come On Eileen" was a near perfect song as well. I kind of wish someone would remake it again... I'm on it!!!

But before I do that, let me finish my 80s flashback. Okay, I'm thinking of something blue. No, not Robert Smith. Although, I'll be getting to him later. Something blue. Give up? Booo, you lose! Okay, it's "Blue Monday" by New Order! A divine song. No, a tasty song! How does it feel? I'll tell ya how it feels!... It feels great! Every time I listen to it I can just imagine an army of wind-up robots marching up a hill. But, pretty much any song of theirs is bound to knock your leg-warmers off. You listen to them and see what you can see! Or else...I kill you!

And if you like-a the New Order already and want something reminiscent of it that's a little more recent and modern, then it would be a good, wait, a gnarly idea (I don't care what Drew Barrymore says, gnarly

means good in my book) if you checked out Julien-K on their website. Pretty simple to remember: www.julien-k.com. You'll be crazed and amazed to find that it's only two guys running the whole show. But, they are most non, non, non heinous.



Alright, now about that Robert Smith guy. He was really great in The Smiths... I'm kidding. He was the singer for The Cure. You may have seen him before: black-lined eyes, red lipstick, crazy black hair. The Cure is a band that really shined in the 80s. They really are the cure...for everything. Feeling sad? Listen to The Cure! Feeling overly-happy? Listen to The Cure! Need excellent study music? Listen to The Cure! Need excellent "study" music" Listen...TO... THE CURE!!!

Now for all the crazy peeps that listen to, and enjoy the music of The Darkness, I'd be very surprised if you didn't like Queen,

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RAP SINGLES From 6

Album: The College Dropout/ Kamikaze
Best Line: "Let me get your sheets wet listenin' to Keith Sweat."

This ode to the ladies features a very repetitive sample of Gladys Knight, and it shows a sensitive side to Twista, Kanye and Foxx. The beat is amazing, but then again that is to be expected when Kanye West is producing. The man can't go wrong, and with Jamie Foxx's melodic voice and Twista's fast rapping prowess, this song is great.

Song: "Topsy," J-Kwon

Current position on the billboard charts: 4

Producer: Jermaine Dupri

Album: Hood Hop

Best Line: "Teen drinking is very bad, I got a fake ID though."

I'm really sick of these talentless mainstream rappers popping up like dandelions. J-Kwon is one of them. First of all, his name is stupid. Couldn't you think of a better one, buddy? Second of all, this song is not good, but I know that J-Kwon set out to make a club hit, so I can respect it. Jermaine Dupri's beats are falling off. He stole the drum pattern from "Grindin'" for this song. If you ever see either of these people, shoot them.

Song: "Hotel," Cassidy Featuring R. Kelly

Current position on the billboard charts: 5

Producer: Swizz Beats

Album: Split Personality

Best Line: There isn't one, because this song sucks.

This song is possibly the worst song on the countdown. Half of the lines are stolen from the Sugarhill Gang's Rapper's Delight, and the song is about giving girls the key to your hotel room, so you can meet them there later on. With that said this song doesn't deserve to be reviewed, so I'm done.

Song: "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris

Current position on the billboard charts: 6

Album: Chicken -N- Beer

Best Line: "Purchase a nasty flick, wrap up and tie her quick, know how to drive a stick?"

I'm gonna start this off by saying that the rest of the new Ludacris album is off the chains. This song, however, is not. I don't believe it shows the Ludacris that we all have grown to love. I wouldn't even really consider this rapping, because the damned annoying voice laced into the beat that screams

RAP SNIGLES Continued on 12

RAP SINGLES From 11

"make love to me," every four bars restricts Luda from breaking us off with his patented flow.

Song: "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z

Current position on the billboard charts: 8

Producer: Timbaland

Album: The Black Album

Best Line: "Ladies is pimps too, go on brush your shoulders off."

I really like Jay-Z, and I really like Timbaland. So them coming together is a cool thing. This beat is amazing, just like every other beat by Timbaland, and the song in general is good stuff. After listening to The Black Album there's no doubt in my mind why Jay-Z is the greatest rapper alive, and I hope that he isn't actually ending his rap career. If it says Jay-Z on it, go purchase i.◇

Song: "Salt Shaker," Ying Yang Twins

Featuring Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz

Current position on the billboard charts:

17

Producer: Lil Jon

Album: Kings of Crunk

Best Line: "Shake it like a salt shaker."

As much as I hate him, I've got to hand it to Lil Jon, he is a great business man. One day he thought to himself, "YEAH! I should find some kids from the ghetto of Atlanta. OKAY! and then I should write and produce fourteen songs that are all the same. WHAT! And then film the ghetto kids singing them, and then take mainstream America by storm. OKAY!!" Once again, this song was made with the goal of getting people crazy in clubs across the world, and it is doing just that. But the only good hip hop to ever come out of Atlanta is Outkast and Ludacris, period.◇

NHL VIOLENCE From 4

The Canucks' were fined \$250,000 by Colin Campbell, NHL VP of hockey operations, because the team had the chance and the responsibility to 'turn down the heat.' The NHL want their decision to show that violence of this degree will not be tolerated in the NHL.

Nothing, however, is likely to change. At a game a few nights earlier, the Philadelphia Flyers and the Ottawa Senators made history with the most penalty minutes in a game, 419. There were five separate fights in the final 2 minutes of the game, and 16 players were ejected. Flyers players left the ice to cheers, and were greeted with high-fives by teammates who had already been ejected.

"It was exciting for hockey and for our fans," said Flyers goaltender Robert Esche. In 1975, Minnesota hockey legend and North Star Henry Boucha had his career tragically end when Boston Bruin Dave Forbes jammed a stick into his right eye. Both players had just left the penalty box. Boucha was only 26, and in his third season. Boucha has double vision and impaired depth perception. The blow shattered his cheekbone, damaged his eye, and ended his career. Forbes received a ten game suspension.

"I think Canadians feel there is a problem with hockey. There's a problem with violence in sports and that it should be dealt with," Canadian Prime Minister Paul Mar-

tin said. I agree. If you've ever been to a hockey game you must have noticed how every time a fight breaks out people jump up, start hooting and hollering, and turning red in the face. The players respond to this and pick more fights, the crowd in turn gets excited, and you get a shower of spit and rage as fans can't seem to control their saliva glands, or their tempers. A few fans will throw punches at imaginary victims, or occasionally even throw something on the rink. For those who haven't been to hockey game, I know how idiotic this must sound. Yes, people do get this worked up over guys on ice skates, with helmets on, beating each other up.

What about the sport? The game of hockey? The one with the puck, nets, sticks and skates. It's a great game. It's thrilling and fast-paced without the fights. I think most of you will agree that the fights are not worth the havoc. Who knows what kind of mark Henry Boucha would've made if he'd been able to play past the young age of 26. Think of how the Canucks' will suffer without one of their best players this postseason. If you can't disagree with the violence in hockey because it's primitive, then think of how it hurts the sport itself. Fans of hockey do not agree with violence in their sport. Fighting in hockey is garbage, so take that Bertuzzi.◇

CD BURNERS From 5

more expensive products. It would be a fairly good place to shop for your CD burner needs.

One topic that keeps rising for me, which is probably the most important topic, is CD burning legal? There is a thin line between legal and illegal with CD burning. It all depends on what you're burning or how you're burning it. But to be honest, nobody follows the rules.

All the people I asked who had CD burners said it should be legal. "It is in some situations unethical, but impossible to stop," said Math teacher Joel Reiss.

The possibility that they will stop trying to stop CD burning is small, but you don't have to worry, it is very easy to get away with it.◇

80's ROCK From 11

as well. They WILL rock you! They ARE the champions! And, uh...Bohemian RHAPSODY, man!!! Fear it! No...hear it. It's brilliant, they're brilliant. Freddy Mercury's operatic vibrato is INTENSE and, oh my gawd! The guitar solos! Duuuuuuude!

Okay, I know I'll get lynched by a certain someone if I leave out a very important band. A strange band. A band only one word can describe... STATION! That's right, I'm talkin' 'bout Faith No More. They were a one-of-a-kind band. They had such a wide variety of song styles. It could be funk, it could be metal, it could be jazz, and it could be just flat out confusing. Bit it rocked. All of the band members contributed to this buffet of sounds, but I think their singer, Mike Patton, was the main reason why they were so (reaches for a word) bathroom. No, that's not the right word. Radical! That's the word! They made a lot of great songs and were probably one of the best bands to come out of the 80s.◇