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Julie Down for the Count

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Many of you may have noticed in room 313 where you usually expect to see a red-headed female science teacher, you instead see a fair-faced blonde male named Tim.

Why you may ask well I'm about to tell you. It all started with a typical visit to the doctor. On January 22, Julie was heading to the doctor where she was going to receive a routine colonoscopy. During the procedure the doctors thought something was wrong, so they sent her home.

When Julie got home she began to feel

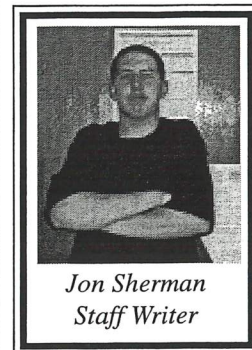


sharp pains in her arm and chest. She knew that something was wrong, so she asked her husband to take her to the hospital. When she arrived at the emergency room the doctors found that she had a hole in her colon. This condition if untreated can kill you.

Julie remained in the hospital for 5 days. She returned home with her husband on January 26th. Julie returned to the hospital in the evening on January 28th. She was tired and worn out after having been released ear-

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El Niño Strikes Again



Jon Sherman
Staff Writer

You'll never guess what I did this summer. I watched The Weather Channel, all summer long, just as I do when I come home from school, and before I depart in the morning. Anyhow, I've

been getting a lot of questions lately about why the weather's been acting up. Record highs one week, extreme lows the next. What's the deal Neil? Also, there hasn't been more than, probably, two-three inches of precipitation this winter. The 2002 Weather Review claims that by Christmas, we'd only seen 21 tenths of an inch of precip, when on average we should've had a good 20 inches by the end of December. There has GOT to be a prob Rob.

But, as a matter of fact, everything is great Jake. This is said to be completely normal
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DNR Class Emphasizes Safety

Antonio Rosario
Staff Writer

Can I have your attention please...? Attention, there are guns in the school. I repeat, there are guns in the school. Well, not really. There's a new class in the school of Open, and that is none other than a Youth DNR class, Firearm Safety. This class is instructed by former hall monitor Jim Hillman, an experienced hunter.

This class uses a number of resources to instruct safety and logic, including a student handbook which is about 100 pages, movies, speakers (including a game warden) and of course, Jim. There is a test at the end of the course that determines if you pass or not. You also need to put in a number of hours into the class. People who pass the class gets a permit that allows them to hunt small game with a small game firearm. They also get an endorsement on their drivers license.

"People don't need to take this class if they don't want to. It's not for everyone," Jim said. "This class isn't about teaching just how to use firearms, but logic and safety with firearms."

This is a required course to take before you can hunt legally, and if you pass the class, you get a permit. This course teaches students about how to handle a firearm safely and a number of hunting techniques. It also includes a parent-supervised trip to the shooting range. This course has also lowered the numbers of injuries and fatalities related to hunting, according to Jim and the student handbook.

"I think it's a good thing that they are teaching safety, but I also think that they're teaching kids more than they need to know," said Lora Lund, parent of a student who's in the firearm safety class.

"I was very surprised to see it here," said Marcos Richardson, junior and student in the class. "I think it's a good idea," said Andy Titel, student and TA of Youth DNR.

"I think it's good and it's meant for people who want to hunt, not people who just want to pack guns," said Eileen Keetly, physical education teacher. ♦

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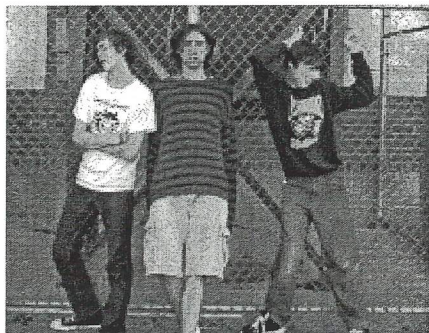
Leo Bickelhaupt

Steg X to Play Show

Open School's own Stegosaurus X will be playing a free show at Eclipse Records on Grand Avenue on Friday, February 7.

Sean Keith, Geoff Freeman and Gus Olsen will play an hour long set and they plan to incorporate "Sonic Team," the rap combo made up of Gus and LiaMC Shramko.

The show starts at 7:00pm and everyone is welcome.◊



Senior Corner

*Brady Taipale is applying to the University of Montana and Montana State.

*Robin Steinmetz is applying to Augsburg in Minneapolis

*David Stewart is applying to Digipen Institute of Technology

*Jessica Revoir is applying to the University of Minnesota, Duluth

*Cara Fazio is applying to Evergreen in Washington state, Unity in Maine, and the University of Minnesota, Duluth.◊

Antiwar Students Plan Walkout

Leo's room was packed during second hour on Wednesday, January 29 with SLC students opposed to the war on Iraq. Senior Liz Hoover and tenth grader Jessica Gardner organized the meeting to plan a school walkout for the day following the predicted U.S. bombings on Iraq.

Spokespersons for the University of Minnesota Coalition Against the War on Iraq (CAWI,) Nathan Paulsan and Vanda Smrkouski, spoke to the group of about thirty five students about the reasons to be against war and the plans for the walkout. A rally will take place at the Northrup Plaza at noon the day after the predicted bombings, followed by teach-ins and a student march.

Another meeting is being planned for the day after the potential attacks, during 2nd hour in Leo's room, before students walk out at 10:30. The student march is scheduled to begin at 4:30pm, starting at the U of M and marching to the Federal Building to join with the Community Emergency Response Protest.

Many other Saint Paul schools are joining in; the Arts High School, Como, Central and more have already contacted the CAWI and are planning identical walkouts.

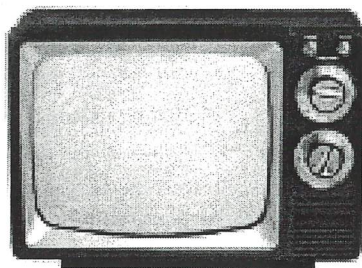
"We've got to get out the message that they're [messing] with the wrong generation; we're not going to take this," Paulsan told the students.◊

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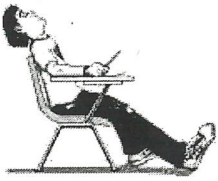
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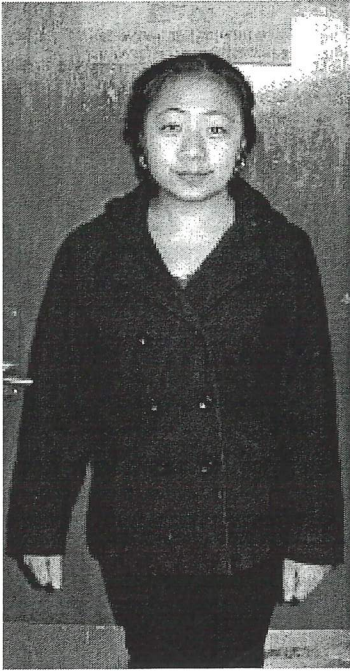


Mai Thao

Years at Open: 6 years

Extra-curricular activities: History Day, DI, Student Government- vice president in '01-'02, Spain Trip and Outward Bound

Senior Profile



What are you planning to do next year?

Planning to go to college, possibly at St. Paul Tech.

What will you miss most about Open?

I'll miss the people; the friends and the staff.

What is your favorite book, movie, or T.V. show?

"Passions"

What is your favorite class in high school?

American History

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

I would love to fly.

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

I'm thinking about going into accounting.

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

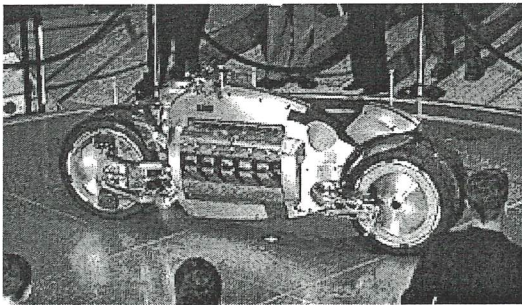
I would meet my passed-away family members.

I Want a Dodge Tomahawk

*Robin Stienmetz
Staff Writer*

On January 6th at the Detroit auto show, Chrysler introduced a new concept motorcycle that will make just about any ones jaw drop. When I first saw this thing, I was in awe, I couldn't take my eyes off it. I had to print a picture just so I could carry it around and look at it when ever I wanted to, which was about every five minutes. The first thing I thought was that they stole this out of Terminator because this is what it would look like if he had one. And the name was fitting too, the Dodge Tomahawk.

Just seeing this thing got me excited but when I read what it's capable of I was just like I have to have one. It has an 8.3 liter V-10, which is the same thing used Dodge Viper and the biggest engine ever used in a motorcycle. With it's 500 horsepower it can go 0-60 in 2.5 seconds and has a top speed



of almost 400 miles per hour. All this power and you can still get about twenty miles per gallon. Each wheel has two tires on it, so you don't have to keep your balance and probably wouldn't be able to otherwise because this thing looks like it weighs a ton.

It looks very futuristic but classy as well. It is all silver colored looks kind of like a bullet. The big V-10 is visible from the sides because it's basically the whole bike. While your riding the bike, you're pretty much laying down on it and the bike is longer and wider then you, so you can imagine why they put four wheels on it.

I have always liked motorcycles but there has never been one that I truly wanted. This is the bike I have been waiting for since I was five. I just hope they make this concept vehicle a reality so I can buy one some day.◊

Donut Dump

4,800 glazed donuts were delivered to Open School last Friday for the Krispy Kreme fund-raiser. "The fund-raiser benefits student government, graduation, prom, in-school dances, the Extravaganza and Snow Daze," said student government advisor Jeff Caulum who organized the event.

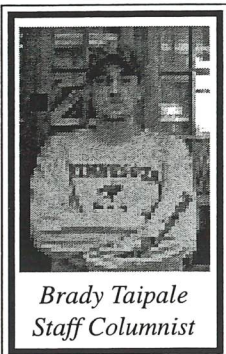
Eighth grader Cameron Christian from Bridget's advisory was the top seller, with 32 dozen donuts sold. Bridget's advisory also won a free box of donuts for the most donuts sold by an advisory: 73 dozen.

Another Krispy Kreme sale is scheduled for early April, their goal is to sell 500 dozen.◊



Opinions 'n' Stuff

Big Brother: Don't Watch Us



Brady Taipale
Staff Columnist

Are we really willing to be watched constantly in the name of public safety? I don't know about the rest of you, but to me some of this new "homeland security" crap goes too far.

The thing that freaks me out the most is what the feds call the Total Information Awareness project. It is only a proposal, but it would be a giant network that would contain every bit of information about every American. I mean checking accounts, e-mail, phone records, you name it. Every one of us would be treated like a criminal.

Creating a bigger more intrusive government should never be the answer. The old, boring, dead guys that invented this country knew this. Those boys were smart. No wonder we don't learn about them in school anymore. Anyway, I would rather listen to them than some pinhead in a suit telling me that a big government is here to

protect me. I may not be sophisticated like some socialist pinko dork at a green party rally, but I still know a load of bull when I smell it.

Besides, none of this will stop any nut ball terrorists. Maybe if the INS actually did their job and kept track of who was let in the country and who overstayed their visas thing might be different. But wait, It's not hard to sneak in here. The border patrol is so incompetent that ordinary citizens are starting to defend the border in the southwest since nobody else will.

The only thing this Total Information Awareness project will do is harass honest Americans that didn't do anything wrong. This is not a power that the government should have. It's hard to get more unconstitutional than this.

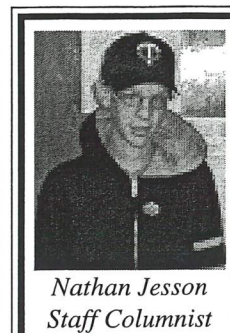
You want to know what would really scare off any terrorists? Bubba with his rifle, that's what. Yeah, yeah, I know it's not politically correct. But trust me.

A big brother government won't protect us. Taking away more of our freedoms won't help. Neither will a federally funded snitch

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Who's Next?

A Look Into the 2004 Election



Nathan Jesson
Staff Columnist

Although 2003 just started, and the 2004 Presidential election is almost 2 years away, Democratic candidates are already fighting for their party's nomination. In this article I'll tell you who's running and who's not. And who I would choose to be our next President.

Who's Not? Al Gore. He made his decision public in December on 60 Minutes. Gore appeared to be the front-runner for the nomination. Although Gore won the popular vote in 2000 it looked like Gore would lose. Tom Daschle. Still the Senate Minority leader, Daschle surprised many when he announced he would not run. Hillary Clinton. Clinton announced she would not run in 2004. She was almost polling as high as Gore, but she promised the New York voter's she would serve a full term.

Who's in? Joe Biden, Howard Dean, John Edwards, Dick Gephardt, Bob Graham, John Kerrey, Joe Lieberman, and Al Sharpton.

Joe Biden. A Senator from Delaware, Biden has been a Senator since he was 29. Biden did vote yes on banning partial birth abortions, but he voted no on maintaining abortion bans overseas. My opinion on Biden is that he would be a good choice, but not the best choice, I give him a 7 out of 10. Howard Dean. A Governor from Vermont, Dean is one of the more liberal candidates. He signed a bill into law that made same-sex marriages legal in Vermont. But Dean is more conservative on the issue of Gun Control. Dean gets an 8 out of 10. John Edwards. A Senator from North Carolina, Edwards is considered one of the more likely to get the nomination, but he is too close to conservative to get a good rating from me, also he has only been a Senator since 1998. I give him a 6. Dick Gephardt. *ELECTION '04 Continued on 7*



John Kerry

Cat in the Hat, Come Back

Emmanuel Mauleon
Staff Writer

In this era of war, drugs, and the war against drugs, it's hard to remember what life is really about. You look on the T.V. and everything is blurry and complicated. Kids are getting life lessons from talking Pokemon for Christ sake! Hey kids, quick question, "Pika chu chu pika?" What, I didn't understand... is it possible I couldn't comprehend it because it makes no damn sense! That's why we need friendly reminders of the good old days, when children read for fun! When this man, this great man made books about Horton and Sneetch, and Flub-Glub and Yertle. Dr. Seuss.

You may ask, why now? Why Dr. Seuss



at this time? (Isn't that right Leo, can't let me do my article in my own way... huh!) Well I'm talking about the great Dr. Suave, and anytime is Suess time!

Dr. Seuss was born Theodor Geisel in Springfield, Massachusetts in the beautiful day of March 2, in the year 1904. He probably did something for the first twenty years of his life (but so far no sources to confirm this). Then he graduated from Dartmouth College, and moved on to get his Master's at the prestigious, yet fruity, Oxford College in England.

Now, the only good thing that came out of his time there was his wife (oh, and his

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Joe Millionaire's Secret

Angie Hausladen
Staff Writer

Reality and romance finally collide as 20 women compete with each other for the attention of the supposed millionaire, 28 year-old Evan Marriot. The women travel to France and begin to build a relationship with Evan, who they know absolutely nothing about, except that he's worth millions. Or so they think!

The 20 women were told that Evan is worth over \$50 million dollars. But the catch is that he doesn't have anywhere near that much money. He is actually a construction worker and part time male model who earns \$19,000 dollars annually.

Joe Millionaire premiered on Fox, Monday, January 6, and will continue to air on Mondays at 8:00pm central time on Fox. The premier itself pulled in 18.6 million viewers, now holding the title of highest-rated series kickoff of all the networks during the 2002-2003 season. It even outdid the origi-

nal *Survivor* which premiered back in May 2000.

The actual shooting of the series was done way before the premier. This was done to make sure that the women would not find out the secret. The only people that actually



knew about the real show were less than a half dozen Fox executives. The show was shot under the code name "The Big Choice" for even more security. Even the people filming the show didn't even know the whole story.

"We had to keep it unbelievably secret, if the participants knew (the twist) then you're screwed" said Mike Darnell, the Fox reality programming chief. Darnell also said that if their competitors would have found out, then the girls would know too. If the girls knew what would be the point of the show?

Even though the series seems popular so
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A Broken Hearted Goodbye

Devlin Byrne
Staff Columnist

My heart is broken, and my mind is numb, the world swirls around me in colors of black and blue. I feel like a disembodied spirit watching an extremely handsome young man go about his daily routine. Probably the only reason I'm not curled up in the fetal position, crying, is because of my strict routine. (Wake up at noon, play video games, watch TV, and more sleep.) But I don't know how much longer I can keep this up, pretend that every thing is okay, because every thing's not okay. Something terrible has happened, something unimaginable.

My dear friends, people I hate, people who hate me, and people I don't know, Stephanie March is leaving *Law & Order: SVU*. That's right, the sexy vixen that wormed her way into our hearts with her incredible beauty and hotness will be leaving the show that rocketed her to stardom. I don't ever want to feel like I did that day, take me to the place I love, take me all the way. I pray she doesn't go into Broadway, because that's somewhere

in New York, and isn't broad casted nation wide. Steph left the show to "pursue further career options," such as her new movie, *Head Of State* with Chris Rock, coming out this spring. So it looks like she will start doing movies, not theater.

I don't see why she couldn't start doing movies and stay on the show. Sure, it would be hard, but it was hard for me when the Viet Cong ambushed my party on a regular patrol, and I didn't leave my hit TV show! I don't know what I'll do with out my weekly fix of startling beauty and wicked hotness, but I'll figger
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Chicago

Chelsea Jane
Staff Writer

The movie *Chicago*, to me, was pretty good. It was fast paced and lively with lots of music and extravagant scenery. It really reminded me of *Moulin Rouge*, except there's no romance. When I went to see this movie, I honestly had no clue what it was about. However, it turned out to have a cool plot and some really talented actors such as: Rene Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere, Queen Latifah, and John C. Reilly. (There's also a small appearance by Lucy Liu.)

This story is about a young performer-wannabe named Roxie Hart, (Renne Zellweger) She is having an affair with a man who promises to break her into show biz, but when he brakes his promise, Roxy shoots him. She is then sent to jail for his murder, where she met her ex-star idol, (Catherine Zeta-Jones) who is also in for murder. She turns out to be a jerk, so the two kind of become enemies.

Soon Roxie gets a lawyer, Bill (Richard Gere) who has never lost a women's case because he's a good liar. The two make up a story that she's a good girl from down south,
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Gangs of New York

Chelsea Jane
Staff Writer

Gangs of New York was a pretty good movie. The plot was well written and intriguing, the scenery was cool, and the actors were also very good. However, it was almost three hours long, and some parts seemed to kind of drag.

Gangs of New York is a movie set in New York, during the years 1840-1863. It stars Leonardo Dicaprio as a young man named Amsterdam. Early in the movie, his father is killed in a great battle of Irish Immigrants against the Americans. After sixteen years, Amsterdam goes about seeking revenge for the death of his father.

Daniel-Day Lewis plays Bill "The Butcher" Poole, the mean, nasty gang leader who killed Dicaprio's dad. He is probably my favorite character from the movie, and he has a pretty cool mustache.

Cameron Diaz is also in this movie, playing pickpocket Jenny Everdeane, and love interest to Amsterdam. Every movie needs a little romance. Throughout most of this
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CGUs Create CGI & FX

Shmuel Blyly-Strauss
Staff Writer

Most people think that the use of digital editing for special effects in movies is a very recent development. In some ways, this is true. Recently, there have been many movies that use computer technology to essentially make the movie possible. *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* and *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones* are but two very notable examples.

However, computer technology has been in use, to a limited degree, for far longer than most people realize. There were some very primitive sound and picture editors used in the creation of the original *Star Wars* trilogy, over twenty years ago. I, however, will be focusing on the newer developments in computer editing technology.

One fairly major development was *Star Wars: Episode I*. 95 percent of the shots in the entire movie had some type of digital enhancement or modification. Another key stepping stone was *Star Wars: Episode II*, which was filmed using only a digital video camera through the entire film. "With high definition video, there's absolutely no doubt about what the lens has captured," said *Attack of the Clones* director of photography

David Tattersall about the digital cameras.

Then there is, of course, *The Lord of the Rings* series. They used computer technology fairly heavily, especially in the Helm's Deep scene in *The Two Towers*, where each orc, human, and elf was given its own computer-generated personality and would respond uniquely in the simulated 'combat.' I didn't find many specific details, but my guess would be that, basically, you start with one base AI for orcs, one for elves, and one for humans. You then make a list of variables, such as 'this orc is really aggressive' or 'this elf is really good with a bow.' You then assign a random number for each of many variables and have a computer program randomly assign one or two variables per combatant, giving each warrior a slightly unique feel. Anyway, that's how I'd do it. The result of the battle: an overall stunning scene, with thousands of arrow shafts flying in all directions. You can even see the path of arrows being altered by the wind! Anyway, at the rate computer tech is being improved these days, we'll get a real treat in *Return of the King*.◊

Star Wars: Bounty Hunter

Dan Skelly
Staff Writer

In the video game *Star Wars Bounty Hunter* you take on the role of Jango Fett from *Episode 2: Attack of the Clones*. However the game itself takes place before *The Phantom Menace*. Count Dooku Dark Jedi of *Attack of the Clones* is looking for a template for the clone army and he also must deal with a powerful criminal organization called Bando Gora. Dooku figures he can kill two birds with one stone. He places a bounty of five million on the head of the Bando Gora's leader and invites only the best bounty hunters in the galaxy.

Jango gets on the case. Fight through out a series of missions as Jango figures out how to even find his target. In every mission there's 5 to 15 secondary bounties worth

from five hundred to five thousand a head. Finding them is the hard part as you must switch to your tracking helmet to ID them, making you a sitting duck. Chances are



you'll never get all the secondary bounties in a mission. If your being shot at by ten nasty aliens, you can't pause to figure it out. Most bounties offer more for a living bounty than a dead one, which means you have to subdue them with your spring loaded rope. A few rare bounties only offer money if they're dead or sometimes no money if they're alive. One last note: the target must be alive for you to ID them; you can't shoot first and ask questions later.

The graphics are good, I don't care what
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Two Towers

David Stewart
Staff Writer

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers was a very good movie, one of the best I've seen, however there were several differences between the book and the movie. Some were minor and unimportant but some things were cut from the movie that are major plot points. This article will try to explain the key differences between the book and the movie.

First off, and my major complaint against the movie is Gimli's transformation into comic relief. I know they needed a character to lighten the mood of the movie but a dwarf is not exactly the embodiment of humor. In the book Gimli was far more serious. He never made jokes, or sarcastic remarks.

There were two other characters with discrepancies between their movie and book personalities, Smégol and Faramir. Smégol did not suck up to Frodo and Sam quite as much in the book as he did in the movie.

He resented, if not loathed Sam and he barely tolerated Frodo. He was plotting



against Frodo from the start. In the book he almost attacked Frodo in his sleep. The Smégol portrayed in the movie seemed far too nice for me.

Faramir was not as mean to Frodo and Sam in the book as he was in the movie. He let them go before he returned to Gondor. Faramir also questioned Frodo far more in the book. He was going to torture Smégol in the book but Frodo intervened and wouldn't allow it. He only let Frodo and Sam go after they told the story of Boromir's death, a story they didn't know in the movie.

Now, concerning the Ents, there were two things cut from the movie, one of which was a major plot point. Entwash, a magical water that, in the book, was given to Merry and Pippin did not make an appearance in the movie. That may not seem important, but it is. Entwash makes people grow, and by the end of the book those two were about 4 feet tall, close to 4 inches taller than when they set out from the Shire. That may not be very important as yet, but in *Return of the King*, there are numerous comments and jokes
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Master's... I guess), Helen Palmer, whom he married in 1927.

Theodor started his writing career by writing funny editorial and political cartoons for such magazines as "Judge," "Life," "Vanity Fair," and of course "Liberty," (okay, so he wrote for obscure papers! Big deal!) In 1936 he wrote and illustrated his first book: "And to Think that I Saw it On Mulberry Street." Later that year, while in service at war, he won an Oscar for a cartoon entitled "Gerald McBoing-Boing." In 1954, "Life" published an article stating that an increasing number of child illiteracy was occurring, and that children were having a hard time reading because they were bored with the material. Theodor's publisher gave him a list of 400 words that schools felt were important to learn, and using 220 of those words, Theodor created "The Cat in the Hat."

Since this point, Theodor has been known best by his Nam-de-plum, Dr. Seuss, and has written more than 46 books. Even after his death on September 24, 1991, his last book,



"The Places You'll Go" is still a best-seller on the children's list.

So now the times are different but we all still love the man, the doctor... Dr. Seuss.

"One time my Grandma sent me the present of her reading 'The Birthday Book' on VHS... If it hadn't been written by Dr.

Seuss, that present would've been bad," said Anonymous, (he shows up a lot in my articles.)

"He's possibly the best author in the entire history of the world," said ninth grader Devlin Byrne with a tear in his eye.

"Dr. Seuss is a literary mastermind," said tenth grader Sean Keith. That he is Sean, that he is.

And "what?" you say, does it really help kids read better?

"It really depends on the kid, but I guess," said Jaminie Kellogg, then continued to read "Cat in the Hat."

So to bid a final farewell, good-bye Dr. Seuss, we'll miss you, and just so you know... "I do like green eggs and ham, I do! I like them, Sam I Am!"

ELECTION '04 From 4

The former House minority leader, Gephardt is one of the more well known candidates. He is going to run for President again. He also ran in 1992. However, the last person to win the Presidency that came from the House was James Garfield in 1880. Does the word retire mean anything to this guy? I give him a 5. Bob Graham. A senator from Florida, and largely regarded as a Centrist with no charisma, the only thing that Graham has got going for him is that he comes from a state that the Democrats need to win. I give him a 4. John Kerrey. A senator from Massachusetts, Kerrey is one of the more liberal candidates. Liberal on issues such as abortion and gay rights. I give him an 8. Joe Lieberman. Gore's running mate in 2000,

the Senator from Connecticut, he is probably the best known candidate. He is closer to the center than I like, and I'm tired of seeing conservacrats (conservative Democrats) running for political office. He voted no on a gay rights bill recently, and the Democrats need to establish themselves as different from the Republicans. What America doesn't need is two parties who don't represent most of the populations interest. I give him a 6. Al Sharpton. A reverend from New York, he is the only African American candidate listed here, and he is unique in many other ways. I might vote for him, if he had any political experience. I give him a 3. My favorite candidate is either Kerrey or Dean, but hey I've got 600 days to decide.

TWO TOWERS From 6

about Merry and Pippin still being kids because they were still growing.

The other omission was the council of the Ents, although that would have been very drawn out and most likely would have put everyone to sleep.

Many things about Helm's Deep were changed, mainly during the battle but they also cut a unimportant, in terms of the plot, conversation that Gimli had with Legolas in the caves of Helm's Deep. The battle,

however, was altered significantly. First and foremost Gimli had them destroy the bridge that led into the keep before the battle even started in the book. Also, Aragorn took much more of a leadership role in the book than in the movie.

The last thing is that the movie was cut short, by two chapters to be exact. I'm not going into what exactly was cut for people that haven't read the book. If you want to know, read it and find out for yourself.

PINHEADS IN SUITS From 4

program or anything else these politicians can cook up. Bubba and the other gun totin' good ol' boys have the right idea. Osama is shaking in his turban just thinking about it. You know, I bet the politicians are shaking too.

THE HOT ONE From 5

somen' out. I hope her replacements just as hot (which will be hard to do), or I'll still watch the show, because it has Ice-T. Wait, what if her replacement's is a dude? I'm not sure I could deal with that.

Recently, some colleagues tried to convince me that Steph is, In fact, not hot. This of course outraged me. I will personally select photos that will prove other wise! All though some may be taken out, too sexy for the paper.

Bed wetting is a sign of a potential serial killer.

CHICAGO From 5

whose parents died when she was young, and she was sent to a convent school. To top it all off, they also say she's pregnant. This makes people sympathize with her, and love her. Soon, the imprisoned Roxie becomes more famous than she'd ever dreamed, and in the end, she is ruled innocent and set free. However, her 15 minutes of fame are up, when Bill and the people find a new young criminal to focus on.

I'd have to say the actors for this movie did a great job. Not only because of the acting itself, but also because they all had to sing and dance. I know the music and choreography must've taken a lot of hard work. For that I'd have to give this movie about 3 out of 4 stars, but I really only recommend it to people who can stand musicals, because almost every three minutes, someone breaks into some sort of song.



CRAZY WEATHER From 1

and we owe it all to a little weather phenomenon called El Niño (as if you didn't know that). We blame everything on El Niño.

Every three to seven years, El Niño occurs in the Pacific Ocean. El Niño means "the (Christ) Child" because it commonly appears at Christmas time.

"El Niño is the disruption of the entire oceanic-atmospheric system in the tropical Pacific Ocean," reads The Weather Channel's weather.Com. So, when this happens, you better believe it boy, because it really happens. This may cause a significant

increase or decrease in temperature and precipitation. In our case, a cold dry winter. It also depends on the jet stream, or trade winds, or some other gibberish. But hey, I'm not a meteorologist.

The point is that El Niño is not solely responsible for anything. Yet, I intend to implicate it as responsible for the "hit and run" of beautiful weather.

Why just last night a report came in from the Weather Center saying every state but Florida and Hawaii was below freezing.

JOE MONEY BAGS From 5

far, there are people who dislike the whole point of the show and the idea behind it very much.

Admitting that she gets pretty heated up about the subject of reality shows, Elizabeth Lehman, the art teacher, agreed to comment, saying, "the whole thing about misleading people, isn't good at all. Also what is love really? Being with someone for money?"

Sophomore Nicole Downey agrees, "It's sad because of what they will find out in the end and, of course, they all want him for the money."

With just a slightly different opinion was Junior, Jessa Squire, "Man that sounds like a pimp song. I think it sounds like a funny show but I wouldn't ever go on a show like

JULIE From 1

lier than doctors expected. Julie is a very healthy person so recovery should be quick, but it is still a long process she must go through.

When Julie does return it will only be part time, and when Outward Bound gets ready

Well, 48 out of 50 ain't bad. That way, we get hypothermia together.

El Niño has a rather large impact on global weather patterns during Winter. It leaves the same trace of evidence at every scene-altered currents that move storms from west to east. It is armed and dangerous, with intentions to fuel the race fight between

"It is armed and dangerous, with intentions to fuel the race fight between warmth and cold weather."

Spring upon us.

Therefore, I propose, "The Great Drought of '03". May the lack of precip lead us to a summer of drought? Bet bave. Oh yeah. What are we going to do?

My conclusion: We the victims of El Niño itself, in order to fight after being discriminated, left in the cold after getting our hopes up, we will tell this thing- NO MORE, unless it sticks around to keep us warm; it may not enjoy the blessings of liberty, do ordain and establish this for the victims of El Niño.◇

that, even for the money."

"Sounds like a dumb TV show, that's meant to be entertaining but not thought about very much" said Spanish teacher Tim Leone-Getten.

Maybe that's all it is supposed to be, entertaining. That's just one of the wide range of opinions of this show, and the idea behind it.

Either way, the ratings speak for themselves. A total of 18.6 million viewers watched the very first episode. Seeing that alone, producers at Fox, must have done something right with this series. They have made a series that has caused a lot of controversy already. Like the old saying goes, no publicity is bad publicity.◇

for their trip to Colorado this spring they will be leaving without her.

Julie will be missed, but students have welcomed her sub Tim, who will be with us for 2 to 3 weeks.◇

BOUNTY HUNTER From 6

the critics say, so are the voice overs. The game play is hard. Jango may have a jet pack, but there is a limit to the time he can spend in the air. The enemies come in numbers and will dive for cover. Unlike the movies, they can aim even from faraway. They are, however, stupid and will use a missile or grenade when your standing next to them. Luckily, Jango has a wide assortment of weapons. He has twin blaster pistols from the movie, a flame thrower for taking down a swarm of bad guys, and the deadly poison dart that takes most enemies in a single hit. Of course he gets some bombs to missiles that launch from his jet pack and grenades.

Jango is not alone in his endeavor. He later hooks up with Zam Wesell who appears to be a human female, but is in actuality a shape shifter, though Jango doesn't know it at the time. Zam Wesell was the bounty hunter who was assisting Jango in the movie. Helping him with information at many times is Rozatta, a female Toydarian. Just think of Watto as a girl on second thought better you not. She also wants Jango to find something to live for other than the money or the hunt.

The game is often very frustrating. Most of the puzzles consist of jumping and jet-packing your way to the next area, possibly while avoiding laser fire. The best method being jump forward and jet pack off before you start to fall to gain the extra distance and height.

I've almost beaten this game and I likely will have by the time this story is published. All in all, out of five stars I give it a three. It's the most fun and the most infuriating *Star Wars* game I've played. It's out for all three major platforms.◇

GANGS From 5

movie, Bill "The Butcher" doesn't recognize Amsterdam, and takes him under his wing. But by the end, Dicaprio's true identity is released, and the two engage in an all out war.

Overall, this movie wasn't bad. If you like action, violence, and a little slice of history, this would probably be a good movie for you. Out of 4 stars, I'd probably give *Gangs of New York* 2 1/2.◇

