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Why Hate America?

Miranda Byrne
Staff Writer

September 11 is a day full of images, images that were replayed over and over again until they were engraved in our minds. Of those images the one that is probably the most enraging and disheartening is that of the people of Palestine rejoicing in the streets upon hearing the news of our nation's misfortune.

Why? Why would these people dislike us so much? What reason would they have to feel that way? The truth of the matter is, there may be several reasons. Sadly enough, the people of Palestine are not the only ones that feel this way. Many other countries in the Middle East and around the



world share these negative feelings towards the U.S, and even more sadly they actually have reasons to feel this way.

The first reason the Middle East doesn't like America is because of our support for Israel. "They resent the United States for its alliance with Israel, which they see as vital to Israel's ability to continue occupying Palestine," said Eric Black, a reporter for the Star Tribune who writes regularly about the Middle East. The United States gives Israel more money than any other country in the world -- around one million dollars a year.

The way many Palestinians see it, Israel has been creating terrorism on Palestine for awhile now in a quest to racially purify Israel. So naturally you can see why Palestinians would form some kind of grudge against the US.

So why do we keep on supporting Israel
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What Do You Think?

Student Reactions to Sept. 11

Alyssa Albrecht
Staff Writer

What happened on Tuesday September 11 can ruin lives, and some people may never feel the same again. St. Paul Open School students had various reactions.

I think it's last week's news, but it's still sad," said 10th grader Allie Costello.

I didn't know much about it but once I found out more it seemed really sad," said 8th grader Chelsea Jane.

Some thought it was horrible and are still scared, or worried.

"I'm still shook up and feel bad for all the people who died and were injured," said 10th grader Michelle Ekdahl.

I am scared and I cry because of all the people who died in the attack," said 12th grader Monica Downey.

Almost everyone I talked to wants a war,

or thinks one is going to happen.

"Either we will find the people and lock them up in jail for the rest of their lives, or we will have a world war," said Kristi Todd. America may have a war, but there is still the possibility that we will not.

The terror that this act put in Americans will stay there for awhile, but it will fade some time or another. Whoever did this had a plan good enough to scare us, and take away a national landmark, but not good enough to take away our pride or dignity. This act has conquered the World Trade Center, but has not conquered America. Guess what,

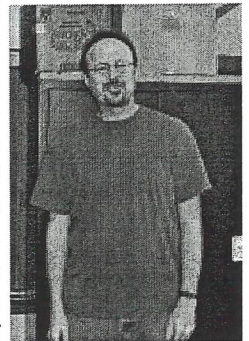
"... Our Flag Was Still There..."◇

Curl Me Surprised

Adrian Gorder
Staff Writer

"Looking for a lead guitar, bass, and drummer for serious fun." Does that tickle your rock n' roll jam bone? Well it did for the original members of the local rock juggernauts Superman Curl. One of those band mates has descended here on the playing field that is Open School.

They call him Joel Reiss, the brand new math teacher with a not-so-expected social life. He has played guitar for 16 long years and hails from this very city. "I love the music scene here. It has a close-knit group of musicians you can always book shows with and two major American cities so your fan base is ever growing and ever changing." Superman Curl hit the streets in 1994, when Joel put an ad in *The City Pages* looking for a lead guitar, bass and drums. Soon after their debut self-titled album was released, they hit the bars like a Canadian Hockey Team
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Different Perspectives on September 11:

-Lucy thinks peace is the answer

-Brady feels war is necessary

-Cameron likes airplanes



Bridget's advisory reads a poem on Peace Day

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The Play's The Thing

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This year's fall's play is "Love Rides the Rails or Will the Mail train Run Tonight?" student teacher Pam Larson and drama teacher Bridget Martin will direct it.

"I've been wanting to do this play for awhile now, and both Pam and I have done it before. But, mainly I wanted something that was fall and family oriented" Said Bridget.

Both Pam and Bridget are hoping the play will take you back in time, and give you a feel of how it was in the old days. The play is from a specific genre of American Theater.

It's a melodrama. You know, the Hero, Truman Pendenis (Sierra



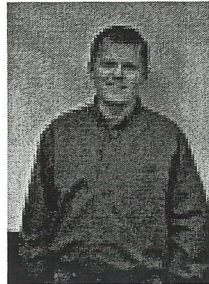
Oh Canada . . .

Jessica Revoir
Staff Writer

There's a new guy in the computer lab, but he is not a teacher; he's a Technical Super Technician. This Canadian's name is Mark Stouffer, and he was born and raised in Brandon, Manitoba.

Mark hasn't always been a computer guy. He once worked as a pharmacist at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, where he had to use computers a lot. He became very interested so he decided to go back to school at Century College in White Bear Lake. He finished his internship in June, applied, got interviewed at Open and Como High School, and chose Open. "I feel that Open School is very unique and I like being able to work with all different ages," said Mark.

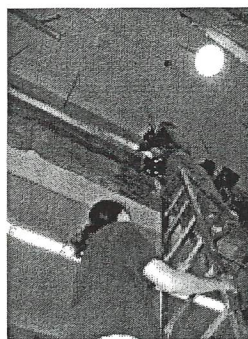
He feels that having him around in the computer lab full time must be a big change for students, but he is there to fix the equipment and help whoever needs it. ♦



Blakely) and his sidekick, Herald Standfast (AJ Harrison) rescue the young heroine, Prudence Hopewell (Anna Karl) from the villain Simon Darkway (Jason Kobett) and his sidekick Dirk Sneeth (Heather Raiter).

"Love Rides the Rails" will have a slightly different routine from plays Open has performed in the past. Open School's plays usually go something like this: as the audience is arriving there is cheese cake and coffee being sold, and Nina's music group is performing for the audience, while the actors are upstairs warming up.

The play this year holds all kinds of new and exciting entertainment. The play is going to be presented as if the actors were in a traveling theater company. Which means there is going to be audience and cast interaction before as well as during the play. The performance dates are November 15, 16 and 17 at 6 pm. "The fun begins at 6:00 and the play begins at 7:00" said director Bridget Martin. ♦



Y= Alex Ford

Ananda Wold
Staff Writer

A lot of you may have noticed a few new faces in the math department. One of those new faces is Alex Ford. Alex is the new teacher aide for Joel and Susan.

Alex is a recent graduate of Grinnell College in Iowa. He majored in math. During his last semester he worked at an elementary school with a first grade special needs student. Before college, Alex attended Highland Senior High School.

In addition to helping students with math, Alex is going to coach a junior high math team as well as an ELC D.I. team.

When Alex came to Open, he could tell that Open was different for "obvious" reasons. "I felt like I'd fit in here better than any where else," said Alex.

Alex likes it a lot at Open, especially students. Throughout the year Alex hopes to have the "opportunity to help with the math curriculum." Although Alex is overall impressed with the teaching curriculum at Open, he believes, a few things need some work.

As for hopes and goals for the year, Alex hadn't really thought about it but he hopes "that students will take math more seriously," and he hopes in a way that he is a part in that.. ♦



Peace Day

From September 24 through the 29 Open School helped in celebrating the International Week of Peace. The festivities ended on Thursday with the ELC and SLC Peace Ceremonies. Each advisory was supposed to do something to help celebrate. The SLC Ceremony made us laugh with senior Chris McLean singing "One" by U2, or made us get a little teary eyed with small speeches by Jon Sherman and Matt Baumgartner. All in all the week was a success. ♦

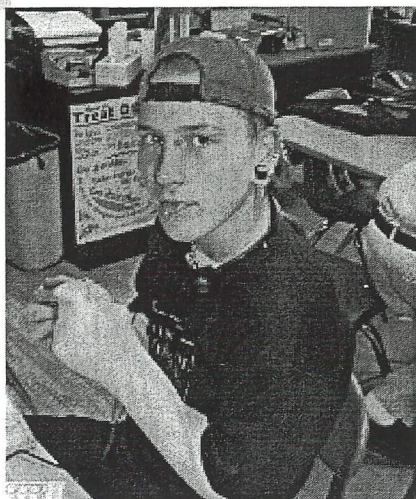


Left, Alyssa Albrecht reading a poem; right, Chris McLean singing "One" by U2



Senior Profile

Derick Swertel



1. How long have you been at Open?

4 years

2. If you could be an animal what kind would you be?

A sloth, because they're cute and slow and stupid.

3. What is your favorite color?

Black and Blood Red

4. What will you miss most about Open School?

Some teachers and lots of kids.

5. What do you want to do when you grow up?

A musician or a body artist.

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when it makes so many other countries upset? Well, one of the main reasons is of course oil, but also, by keeping our forces in Israel we are keeping our influence in the Middle East. Basically Israel acts as our link into the Middle East.

This leads to the next reason why Middle Easterners dislike America. They don't like the influence we have on their people.

"We have come to represent a culture that is materialistic, privatized, consumerist, narcissistic, self absorbed, self-indulgent and seemingly indifferent to the rest of the world," said Benjamin Barber, author of "Jihad vs. McWorld."

While this so called McWorld culture, of fast food, violent movies, and MTV is not necessarily hated by all people, it does seem antagonistic to some other cultures. "And the terrorists, of course, feed off that," said Barber.

A third reason for dislike towards the United States is because it has sort of been engraved into the Islam culture that the U.S. is the enemy of Islam. The Arab government is a repressive government and is not very fair to its people. The U.S. supports the Arab government, so when people feel like they are being repressed by their government, as many do, then they also feel like they are being repressed by the U.S. Since most Arab countries are not allowed freedom of speech they are not allowed to speak out against their government or disagree with them in any way shape or form. This rule only leaves the U.S. to blame. We are the perfect target and scapegoat. Barbara Frey, director of the

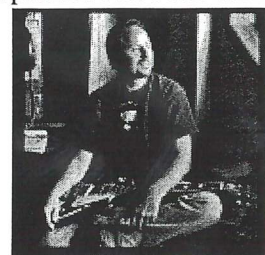
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in town for victory. They turned out such well known venues as the Turf Club, Terminal Bar, Mayslacks, Cabooze, 7th Street Entry and 1st Ave., blazed the stage with such artists as Gleurustles, House of Large Sizes, Fig Dish and Filter. In between all that they still found time to pump out the critically acclaimed album Soundcheck.

Joel describes his brand of harsh rock as: "Garage Pop. I made that up. The way I see it labels scare people off. Like if I was to say we are punk, some will think that it is too hard and if I was to say we're pop punk people will think of Green Day or something. So to appeal to all, I made a name up." The band has gone through changes over their 7-year span, but at this very time the band consists of: Joel on lead guitar and vocals, his buddy Chris B. (the only other original member of S.C.) bends out chunky bass riffs and sings as well, the backbone beat has been bashed by Chris S. Since 1995 and starting in 1997 Ted has handled the keys and shared lead guitar and vocals. You've probably noticed that many things are shared in this group, such as the vocals

and lead guitar. As for who the lead singer is: "Well, Chris B., Ted and I." Lead guitarist? "Me and Ted." So much rock to go around everyone gets a hyped up piece of the pie "The way we see it is that you are always more excited about a song you bring in than your band mates are, so you have to share things and that way we stay fresh and everyone feels good because we all get our input in every song."

What is to come for Superman Curl? Well in the early part of next year they are going to release a 5-song EP and are playing shows at Mayslacks the 20th of October and the Turf Club in November (Students stay home, these shows are for 21 and up). You can catch Joel in your Connected Math class and you will pick up Superman Curl's self-titled CD and the second CD, Soundcheck, at your local Cheapo or Best Buy. ♦



University of Minnesota's Human Rights Program put it nicely when she said, "The United States is the only remaining superpower and there is always resentment against whomever is on top."

Now keep in mind that these are just some reasons and explanations as to why people dislike the U.S. These are not justifications for the attacks or acceptable reasons for them to attack us. I should also make it clear

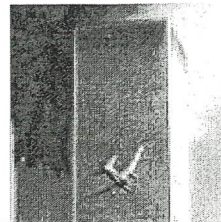
that it is really only a very small percent that wish actual harm upon the U.S. To give you some idea, about 5 % want to see the "down fall" of the U.S., 50% just don't really like the U.S. and then the remaining 45% either don't really care or like the U.S.

If you think about it, the way they feel about America is in some ways no different than the way Americans feel about them. ♦

The Current Issues Page:

Commentary on the Events

of September 11



Why Can't We All Just Get Along?

We all know what happened on September 11th. The nation was turned upside down when terrorists attacked, leaving us shocked and scared. No one knew what to think or believe and the only people to turn to for comfort were government officials, who were just as scared as everybody else. A huge tragedy had struck and left our country wounded and it seemed there was nothing to do besides let anger take over. It's only natural that people would want revenge of some sort, but some people go too far and direct their anger at all of the wrong people.

Two days after the "Attack on America" I was watching the news coverage and I saw that CBS had conducted a poll over the Internet asking if people thought that



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Staff Columnist

America should retaliate against Afghanistan, even if it meant that innocent civilians would be hurt or killed and 80% of the people polled said yes. That really scared me. I couldn't believe that such a large number of people would be willing to see innocent people die for our country's pride.

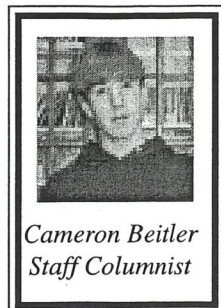
I can understand wanting to get revenge on the terrorists and I can even understand that as a country we need to show the rest of the world that we are strong and that sometimes certain measures need to be taken to achieve that goal. However, I really cannot understand how so many people could see attacking innocent people in Afghanistan, people who had nothing to do with the hijacking at all, as the right thing to do. How does that make us any better than the terrorists that we hate so much?

People are people whether they are American citizens or not. The tragedy that struck our country should not be taken lightly, but

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Terror in the Air: The Aviation Perspective

When the United and American Airlines planes crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a deserted field outside of Pittsburgh, the question on everyone's minds was how did they do it?



Cameron Beidler
Staff Columnist

It had been ten years since a commercial hijacking and now there were four in one day. Now, people will have to deal with serious changes in air travel as we know it today.

First, let's look at what happened. The people on board the planes that crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon had no idea what was going to happen until it did. However, the people on the plane that crashed in the field near Pittsburgh had already heard of what happened from cell phone calls from their loved ones and thought they were next. Reportedly, they fought back and ended up crashing the plane.

Reports also claimed that the terrorists killed all or some of the crew on each of the planes, then flew the planes themselves into the targets. This is a fairly difficult task to do. Flying a plane into a building may seem easy, but it really isn't. The planes that they crashed were full-sized commercial jetliners.

It takes a qualified pilot to have a clue as to what he or she is doing, because there are many controls used just to keep the plane in the air, let alone steer it into a building. That means at least one of the hijackers on each plane was a qualified pilot who took flight classes at different schools around the country.

Since these hijackings, new security measures are being taken at all major airports in the country, such as checking bags more thoroughly. This means if you are flying anytime soon, allow plenty of extra time. In addition to restrictions made by the Federal Aviation Association (FAA), Bush has called

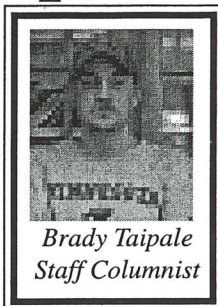
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Wake Up, Weenies!

Like most Americans, my rage still remains strong after the morning of September 11 when we all watched the deadliest attack on our nation unfold.

My rage was fueled further by footage of Palestinians and Iraqis celebrating in the streets. Vendors are selling posters that show the ugly smirk of that scrawny, towel-wearing, bearded Saudi goon that pulled this off. Osama Bin Laden thinks he can keep hiding in caves, but we're coming to get him. We should have done something about this parasite after the embassy bombings in Africa three years ago, or after the attack on the U.S.S. Cole. He is a prime suspect in both incidents. This guy won't be happy until he kills every American, Jew, and Christian in the world.

I say we go all out on these animals that



Brady Taipale
Staff Columnist

think they can mess with the United States. We have to hit every training camp, and every base of the Taliban regime, who are currently hiding Bin Laden and refusing to give him up.

Under the Taliban, men can be arrested if their beard is not long enough, you will be arrested for owning a T.V., women are beaten for speaking in public, and this is a start. What kind of government is this? We shouldn't stop until we crush Bin Laden, the Taliban regime, and Bin Laden's entire "Al Queda" organization of thugs. It's about time.

From now on I say we cut off all funding to the dusty countries that support "Al Queda" and let them sit in the sand where they belong. Don't these America haters know that without us they have nothing? We are their largest source of food and aid. Without us they only have sand. Lots and lots of sand.

And to all of you pacifists out there; wake

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Opinions 'n' Staff

Blast Off With BB2

Chris McLean
Staff Critic

The TV show "Big Brother 2" met much criticism during its 3-month run. Stuff like, "It's stupid," and "Hey, isn't this show for idiots?" Well, A: Of course it's stupid, and B: Words hurt, and just because someone likes BB2 doesn't mean they don't have a soul. Well, in most cases at least.



But really, I think there's one key to enjoying Big Brother: Don't bloody take it seriously. If you go into this show thinking, "I think this will be a valuable investment in my reality TV watching portfolio, I hope quality is abound," then buzz off grandma. Go read *The New Yorker*. You sure as sugar are not going to enjoy this. On the other hand, if you watch it thinking, "Man, I can't wait to see Bunky make an ass of himself

on live TV," then don't buzz off and don't read *The New Yorker*. You could really get into this show and worry about strategies and who deserves to win, but that's boring. There are better shows for crap like that, like the Nickelodeon classic "Wild and Crazy Kids."

Ingredients for one of the best shows on TV are all here: Mike's hard-core street raps you just know Aaron Carter wishes he had thought up, Hardy's sneaky ways and, well, Will.

I mean, what other TV show has something as funny as an egotistical doctor who thinks of himself as "Half-man, half-amazing!" and plans to spend his winnings on "Gold Chains and Jet Skis!" when everyone else wants to be all charitable with their money? Not the Drew Carey Show, that's for sure. All you'll find there is Drew Carey making jokes about his overweight secre-
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Hot Child in the City of Spin: Michael J. Is Back... But For How Long?

Liam Shramko
Staff Critic

When you first saw the commercial for the season premiere of "Spin City" you saw Michael J. Fox and you were like "Now I don't have to watch old episodes of Family Ties and Spin City to see how great Michael J. Fox is!!!!" But you were wrong.

Fox isn't going to star as the lovable deputy mayor known as Mike. He's the executive producer of the show. But he'll still appear in some episodes including the season premiere. Fox left two years ago because of his disease which prevented him from acting. The next year Charlie Sheen took over Fox's job.

A little bit of Michael is better than none. Putting him in the season premiere was a smart move for



the show because now all the crazy Michael fans are going to tune in so they can tape the episodes he's in and go to their Michael J. Fox shrine in their closet and put the tapes with all their "Family Ties" and "Spin City" tapes, not to mention all the movies he has been in like "Atlantis," "Teen Wolf 1," and 2, "Back To The Future" 1, 2, and 3.

In the season cliffhanger Charlie (Charlie Sheen) is hit with a stray bullet, landing him in the hospital. Charlie takes advantage of the situation and tries to get as much attention as possible from Caitlin (Heather Locklear). She cancels her romantic getaway with Tim (Scott Wolf) so she can stay with Charlie.

The first year of Spin City was okay. Then it just got better and better. It peaked the edge of success when Heather Locklear was on the show and before Michael J. Fox
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Tune In With New TV

Arielle Weiler
Staff Critic

This fall's crop of new TV shows holds a lot of variety. There are the good shows and the bad ones, involving everything from college to lawyers to wolf-people.

No matter who you are, you ought to be able to find a new series that will fit neatly into your weekly rotation.

...And now, without further ado, I give you... Television 2001!

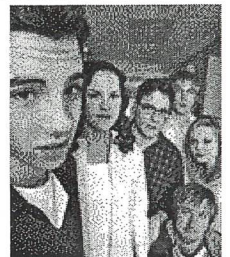
Undeclared (Tuesday at 7:30 on FOX)

A comedy about growing up, new experiences and promiscuous sex, "Undeclared" follows the lives of six freshman-year college students at the University of North Eastern California.

What works: "That 70's Show" like characters and antics.

What doesn't: Steven Karp's (the main character) Dad hangs out around the dorm like he's "just one of the guys."

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The Guardian (Tuesday at 8:00 on CBS)

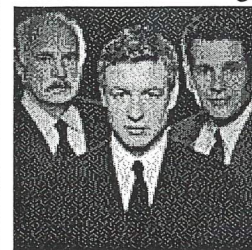
Nick Fallon is a hotshot attorney working toward a partnership at his father's firm when he gets busted for drug use and is sentenced to 1,500 hours of community service. He's now a part time child advocate, a job he soon finds is taking up far too much time for his 24/7 cut-throat career.

What works: Fallon's growing relationship with his first client, a young boy who recently witnessed the murder of his mother by his father.

What doesn't: It seems a little unbelievable that a judge would allow, let alone sentence a person arrested for drug abuse to have such an important influence on the future of children's lives.

★★★★☆

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Tech time with Shmuel



The Computer Staff Columnist

Open School's tech department has gone through a number of changes since last year, ranging from new staff to hardware changes.

One thing that has changed is that we now have an official tech person.

His name is Mark Stouffer, and, although he was originally trained to work on PCs, he is making great progress towards completely understanding the Macs that we've got in the lab. According to Mark, the main difference between Macs and PCs is "the use of keyboard commands, instead of right-click menus."

Unfortunately, we still have those darned

I-Macs, but at least we have lots of external floppy drives for them (although they aren't all currently hooked up.)

And remember all those derelicts that were just sitting around? Well, now they are either being repaired or sent in for recycling.

And, for anyone in drafting, those computers from Greg's room that broke will be replaced with systems freshly assembled from parts that were previously just sitting around.

Also, the computers in the lab are now sorted by type, rather than having I-Macs mixed in with G3s. The main reason for this change is that it makes the room look neater and more well organized.◊

The Purple Press Likes Pandas and Cats: Because They Are Very, Very Cute **Don't Hunt Manhunt**

Tony Cavanaugh
Staff Critic

All right, I bet all of you are sick and tired of all of the stupid reality TV shows out there today, and I have found another one for you: "Manhunt."

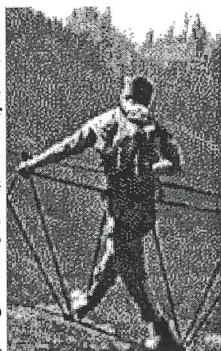
Thirteen middle-aged men and women navigate their way through an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, with a chance at winning \$250,000. The contestants must stay together as a group at all times. They are being hunted by three trained professionals, specializing in tactics, marksmanship, explosives, traps, and tracking. Each hunter has an air-powered marker rifle, with three paint ball shots per attack. Three hits eliminate a contestant from the game.

Each day the contestants must find their way across Hunters Island to a Safe Zone. This is the only place they can rest for the night without being hunted. Any other areas are fair game. At the end of each day, the group votes one of their members into the Gauntlet. That member must run a 50-yard course while being fired at by the hunters and return with a flag. If they are hit once during that time, they are eliminated from the game. Sounds cool enough, right? **WRONG.**

What you really see is three actors (also called hunters) trying to look good for the camera, while thirteen complete idiots read from a script and try to make their way through a closed set, probably located somewhere in Hollywood. The plants look fake, and the surroundings change each time they enter another Safe Zone. One minute it's the deep woods, the next it's rocky outback. What islands are like that? Other than islands that aren't islands, but are located in Hollywood, that is.

Take your pick, all of today's 'reality' T.V. shows have that element of surviving. But as proven in "Survivor 2," when producers admitted that parts of the show were scripted and filmed again, it's not really surviving. It's only so long before "Big Brother," "Manhunt," and "Fear Factor" producers come out and let us know how fake their shows are.

While nowhere near as shallow as "Murder In Small Town X," this show was never worth watching. ◊



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Enterprise (Wednesday at 7:00 on UPN)

The latest series in the Star Trek saga, Enterprise takes a new spin on things. The show starts from the beginning, before the Prime Directive, comm-badges and the Federation.

This show is fun to watch if you've had previous Star Trek experience, but I'm afraid that novelty will soon wear off.

What works: The pre-Kirk plot line and an adorable ship mascot, the captain's beagle "Prothos."

What doesn't: Bad acting on the part of Scott Bakula (captain Archer) as well as the annoying Angelina Jolie/Seven of Nine wannabe T'Pol, the ship's resident Vulcan. ★★☆☆☆



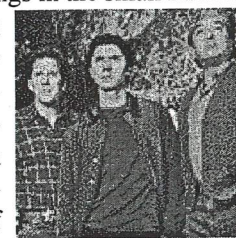
Wolf Lake (Wednesday at 9:00 on CBS)

John Kanin is a Seattle cop investigating the strange happenings in the small Pacific Northwestern town of Wolf Lake. Many of the town's residents are shape-shifters - they can "move at will between the world of the wolves and the world of the humans."

What works: Lou Diamond Phillips's performance as a curious and open-minded investigator seems to be carrying the show at present.

What doesn't: The wolf-centered premise would work as an episode of "The X-Files," but to base an entire series on it is stretching it a little thin.

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Pasadena (Friday at 8:00 on FOX)

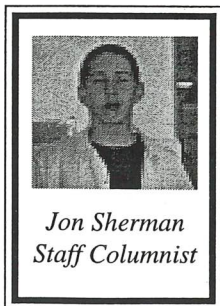
Lily McAllister is living the high life in her family's mansion in upper-class Southern California. But when a mysterious suicide occurs just a room away and her family is all too eager on keeping it under wraps, Lily is prompted to investigate the secrets of her family's shady past.

What works: Alison Lohman's character, Lily, has a spunky attitude and seems a great choice for the show.

What doesn't: If the writers aren't careful, Pasadena could quickly slip into just another trashy prime time soap.

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Where Were You On September 11?



Jon Sherman
Staff Columnist

We all know now, and most of us with great detail, of the catastrophes that took place on September 11, 2001: the day the World Trade Center's Twin Towers came tumbling down, along with the

bombing of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

While some hurried busily in their suits and expensive briefcases across the downtown streets of the Twin Cities, there were several men in the skies above our nation on a mission to kill, both themselves and others. I remember hearing, "Didn't you hear about the airplane crashing into the World Trade Center in New York? And another just crashed into the Pentagon." My fellow students asked with a smile of laughter on their face. I responded in a way that could best be described by saying, "and..."

Airplanes crash everyday. Hadn't an airplane crashed into the White House a few short years ago? Nobody was harmed, were they? I can't remember, so it obviously must not have been that large of an event. Didn't sometime after the E.S. building was erected, a plane ran into, then stuck directly out of the building's side, "as if it were a movie prop" my aunty recalls? What struck me was the coincidence of the two crashes. My first class got out. I wandered throughout the halls for a good two to three minutes before noticing small crowds gathering in rooms, which is unusual. Open School students going to class and all-eagerly at that. Something was wrong.

So I headed toward Julie Doble's room. She had the television on, and the minute I walked in, the first words I hear on the television are a woman saying, "Oh my God, oh my God, here comes another one." Another airplane struck the second tower of the World Trade Center, and when the camera panned out for a skyline-view of New York City, I thought that this was the end of the world. It literally looked like a Hollywood movie show, the plane crashing into this large structure, New York in smoke. I was near breaking into tears for fear of my life, as were others in this country.

At around 8:50 that morning 10th grader Savanthia Moore walked into Leo's room

Attack on America By The Numbers

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The Terrorist attacks on Tuesday September 11th, have shaken the nation and it may be weeks before we know the total number casualties. The tragedy began at 8:45 a.m. when Flight 11 slammed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, killing the 92 passengers and crew on board. Many thought the crash was an accident until the second plane, Flight 175, crashed into the South Tower at 9:03 a.m. killing the 65 passengers and crew. It was around 9:43 a.m. when Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon killing the 64 passengers and crew on board. Around 10:00 a.m., the 44 passengers on Flight 93 learned of the terrorist attacks, by cell phone and tried to stop them from crashing into other important buildings. The plane crashed 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Their were no survivors.

At full capacity, The World Trade Center Towers contain 25,000 people each. Luckily most people escaped the towers before they collapsed. The North Tower fell at 10:09 a.m., followed by the South Tower at 10:30 a.m. At the site, over 279 people have been confirmed dead with 2,250 wounded and over 5,960 are missing but presumed dead. Although that number may go down because many family members may have reported the same person missing.

After this much time the chance that any of the 6,400 people buried under the rubble are still alive is next to nothing. At the Pentagon 125 are believed dead with 77 wounded. These figures do not include those killed on planes, just the ones killed in the buildings.

The plane that hit the Pentagon, Flight 77 was believed to have been intended for the White House, but the building is very hard to spot from the air because it's surrounded by trees and buildings. The plane flew over the white house. It is believed that when the plane missed the White House then it headed for the Pentagon because it is easy so see from the air and the plane could be shot down by Stinger missiles from the White House roof before completing a second pass.

The death-toll from this attack could easily surpass the 2,000 deaths at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941, or the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19th, 1995 that left 168 dead. For now the nation watches and waits for what's to come. ♦

asking if he could hook up Julie Doble's television. According to Leo, She said she wanted to see all the dead people. She most likely didn't know the extent of this tragedy. Hall monitor Christina Mauricio was in the office speaking to Mary Kay. This must have been eight-something. Mary Kay insisted Christina come to the television. She was shocked.

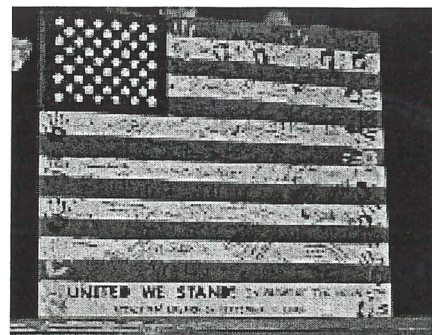
Christina arrived in the office shortly before the second tower collapsed. Since then, Christina said she has felt bad about this predicament, especially for the kids and parents, both lost and surviving the lost. Christina also expressed concern for attendance liaison Rashonda Shanklin, who has family in Washington D.C. "It's got to be scary to hear your workers and family are down there, and you're left wondering if they're OK or not, but luckily for Rashonda they are," said Christina.

Christina also thinks that the while the news coverage of this situation is a bit overdone, it makes it easier for people to talk about the tragedy.

Spencer Folson, grade 11, was coincidentally late for school that morning. He woke

up at home around 8:00 only to see the tragedies unfolding in a live broadcast on the CBS morning show. "I don't want you to go to school today Spencer," said his mom, Goldie Folson of St. Paul. "They're (the news) saying it might be terrorism, but aren't sure."

Some lived, some died, everybody else has an opinion. I find it very funny, because two weeks ago, if you were to ask someone what their culture is, they typically wouldn't care. Now we are greeted with good old American pride. This has definitely changed America. This is the generation's JFK Where were you on September 11th, 2001?



US flag signed by Open School students

The Run-Off Page! The Run-Off Page! The Run-Off Page!

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tary, apparently oblivious to the fact he's just as damn fat as she is. God, I hate that show. And they have writers and stuff to produce crap like that. The hilarity on Big Brother 2 is all real, friend.

I'm not saying the show was perfect, either. If there was an episode without Will's madcap antics or something like that, yeah, it'd be pretty boring. In fact, upon watching the first episode, I thought the show was gonna suck. I'm glad I stuck it out, because I was rewarded. It was like there was a reality TV gold rush, and I found some coal, but it later turned out to be diamonds, and the coal was just a clever ruse. If it were a bad episode, it'd turn back into coal, but it'd always turn back into diamonds later. Do you get what I'm saying? The key words were Gold Rush and RUSE.

So, I think that you rubes (Not ruse) should get off your high horses and enjoy reality shows like Big Brother 2 for a change. However, if this article changed your mind about BB2, I guess you're out of luck: the season finale's already aired. Oh well, at least you'll be ready for Big Brother 3.♦

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left.

Now that Charlie Sheen has taken over, it's better than Spin City first year, but not as good as the rest, especially Michael's last year.

On the series premiere Charlie is making advances toward Caitlin.

When Mike shows up at the door it foils his plans. The Mayor is having problems. After being told to express his feelings to his girlfriend he makes out with her on national TV.

But it turns out that this woman is married because the husband didn't sign divorce papers. In between all of this Mike is going to propose to his girlfriend when he realizes that he loves his work too much to quit.

I'd honestly say this was the best episode of Spin City I've ever seen. Not only does it have Charlie trying to score with Caitlin time after time but it has Mike who is so funny and Stewart and the rest of the gang. I have high expectations for the show. This season will surpass them all.♦

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we can't blame people who had nothing to do with the attack. That achieves nothing. It only creates more anger and hatred and stirs up more tension - especially for Muslim-Americans. If people start associating the Muslim community in the United States with the terrorists, then we have a big problem.

Already, there have been incidents of harassment and violent confrontation from ignorant people who think that anyone of Middle Eastern descent is the enemy. In wake of the attack, students at Abraham Lincoln High School in Minneapolis (a high school for immigrants and people of Muslim descent) have been warned to avoid confrontation at all costs and to keep mostly to themselves.

That's one of the saddest things that I've ever heard. They had nothing at all to do

AVIATION from 4

in help from the National Guard. Around 5,000 troops will be assisting airport security at 420 commercial airports across the U.S., including Twin Cities International.

US Air Force planes are also on alert at all major airports and Air Force bases in the U.S., in case of another attempt to attack America. If there is another attempted attack using commercial aircraft, two Air force generals will be ready to give the difficult order to shoot the plane down.

These hijackings have caused major losses for all airlines. Northwest has had to cut back 20 percent of all flights. They are losing millions of dollars a day. Other airlines are also taking blows, such as United, which has had to cut 20,000 jobs around the country.

The Star Tribune compared all major airlines in the US to see which one could last

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up you weenies, we are at war. Talking to Bin Laden about his feelings is not going to help. He wants us all dead. Why don't you all show some pride and support for your country for once instead of insulting it. This can't be ignored, almost 7,000 people were killed by this greaseball.

And finally, if you are not flying an American flag on your house, the only excuse you

with the attack and yet they live in fear of people who think they are to blame. That makes me really sad. Why should anyone have to swallow their pride if they didn't even do anything?

I heard this story on TV about a woman who was grocery shopping and there was a Middle Eastern man behind the counter and he wouldn't look at anyone in the line. So finally when it was the woman's turn to pay she handed him the money but held on to it so he would have to look up at her. When she said hi to him and asked him how his day was going he was so moved he started crying.

It's hard at a time like this because on one hand, our country is finally coming together but on the other hand, the patriotism that comes from anger can sometimes be dangerous. We need to remember that we're all equal and war solves nothing.♦

the longest in a situation like this. Northwest ranked third in the country behind Southwest and Alaska Airlines. Airline CEO's have had to ask for help from the government; on September 24, the senate signed a bill giving them 15 billion dollars in relief.

Some people think it will never be safe to fly again, but more plans are being put into process. The FAA has said that they want to make it possible to fly a plane from the control towers at all major airports around the country. This would not allow terrorists to fly planes into targets like the ones hit on the September 11. Instead, pilots in the control tower would be able to land the plane at the closest airport. While the country, and air travelers specifically, may have been shaken by the events of September 11, it has never been safer to fly, if you can put up with the hassle.♦

should have is that you can't find one. Everyone should be showing as much support as you can for our country, our freedom, and the victims of this attack. Bin Laden thought this would break up America, but in these past few weeks I have never seen Americans more united in my life. Let's show the rest of the world that we will fight hard and pull through. No one will bring down my country.♦