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Newsday Global Project

The Middle School Technology Class of 2009 has been hard at work completing the articles in this issue. They are part of a Global Newsletter which includes articles from Texas, Australia, Montana, New Zealand, and South Africa.

See page eight through thirteen for these articles.

The New Black By: Lauren

In Dallas, fashion is top priority for teen girls. To keep up with the constantly changing fashion trends, you need to be informed on the latest outfits, shoes, and accessories that have teens flocking to the malls. So, what is the new black in Dallas fashion? You're about to find out.

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Life at Trinity Christian Academy

By: Westin, Drue, Avery, and Megan

What is it like to attend Trinity Christian Academy Middle School in Dallas? Is it anything like school life at our Newsday Project partner schools in Minnesota, Australia, New Zealand, or South Africa? Newsday reporters from TCA want to take you on a tour around our school in Texas.

Campus & Student Life
Trinity Christian Academy, a private Christian school, is located in Addison, Texas,

which is a suburb in north Dallas. Our school provides a college-preparatory education to students from kindergarten all the way to the twelfth grade. Over 1,500 students are enrolled during the school year, but it is also busy in the summer because of the students who choose to attend classes in summer school. Ninety eight percent of TCA graduates go on to college. People come here for the great

education and the Christian surroundings. "TCA is a good school that helps me in my Christian walk," boasts Connor.

TCA is divided into three different buildings: the lower school, the middle

Landry football stadium, a great baseball stadium, softball and soccer fields, basketball courts, tennis courts and a wrestling room. Golf and swimming are offered off campus.

What is life like in the middle school? In the fifth grade wing, young students are just starting to become accustomed to life in middle school. In a separate hallway of this building, the sixth graders watch through glass doors at the slightly terrifying seventh and eighth graders.



Trinity Christian Academy in Addison

school, and the high school. The lower school is a huge, two-story building with a large playground and a big soccer field. The middle school is an older building with basketball courts, swings, a gym for sporting events, and even a soccer field. The high school building has a living materials center so older students can study animals, reptiles, and fish in the science wing. Top notch athletic facilities include Tom

ers. Students study History and English together in a combined curriculum, Math, Science, Literature, Latin, PE, Keyboarding, and Fine Arts. They also attend Bible classes and chapel. Trinity strives to keep the students busy, working hard, and to develop young men and women for the glory of God.

Missions

All grades have a mission project that helps them to

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School News

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Claymation Station

By Natalie T.

How many students in middle school can say that they have created an original claymation movie? Well, the Middle School Technology Class at Trinity Christian Academy can! Our study of claymation began by discussing Hollywood produced claymations including "Wallace and Gromit", "Chicken Run", and "James and the Giant Peach". After a great deal of planning, we created our own, ranging all the way from sports claymations to historical re-enactments. Our hardest project this year, by far, was the claymation project.

What is claymation? According to <http://dictionary.reference.com>, "claymation is an animation process in which clay figurines are manipulated and filmed to produce an image of lifelike movement".

To begin the claymation project, we were put into groups by Mrs.

Scott and we immediately went to work planning our stories. First, we had to make a storyboard of what we were going to do in our project. Then we made our backdrops out of brown boxes that we painted and decorated to go with our story.

One of the hardest parts of this project was making our clay people. We started out with pipe cleaners and wire to make the basic shape of our people. Then we used clay called "plasticine" that never dries out. This was the trial and error part of the project because we did not discover until later that their feet had to be huge for the characters to be able to stand up.

After we finished the backdrop and the clay people, each group took over 120 pictures with a digital camera, moving the characters less than one inch after each photo to create the illusion of movement. To combine the pictures to make a moving video, we downloaded the pictures into animation software to adjust the timing. We also added special effects, narration, and music, while following copy-right guidelines.

Our projects were very unique and creative. They acted out scenes from the Olympics, the Boston Tea Party, a Civil War battle, TV shows, and even the 2008 Presidential Elec-



The Claymation characters

tion. The technology class entered their projects in "The Texas Media Awards", a contest open to all public and private schools in Texas. Guess what?! Our claymation entries have been named as first place, third place, as well as three Honorable Mentions in the animation category! The final awards were announced in Houston, Texas, on April 2. Congratulations, TCA Technology class!

Classroom Around the World

By: Hayley Q.

At Trinity Christian Academy, the Upper School offers the wonderful opportunity for 9-12th graders to go to Europe for ten days during spring break. They go for educational reasons, and visit at least three countries. The group always goes to France, since the teacher who coordinates everything, Ms. Cox, is a French teacher. This year the cities and countries visited were Nice, France; Monaco; Florence, Pisa, Siena, San Gimignano, Assisi, and Rome in Italy, and the Vatican City.

While interviewing Ms. Cox this week, she told me what it is like to organize an international trip for the high school students. "After 9-11, it changed, and people were nervous about traveling." Any student in 9th-12th grade is eligible to go, and one adult sponsor goes for every six students. Once they fly to Europe, they use trains, electric trains, tour buses, and walking to get around. One day, they figured out they had walked five to seven miles. The TCA groups never visits the exact same places for several years so people can go all four years of high school and have new experiences. Next year they're going to London. They visit museums, castles, statues, and local attractions. The favorite part of the trip for Ms. Cox is seeing the students' faces and how happy they are when they get to experience Europe for the first time.

Ms. Cox really enjoys the trip, and so do the students who get the opportunity to go on this exciting trip, and visit the beautiful places. They experience new cultures, different types of transportation, and a wonderful time with friends.



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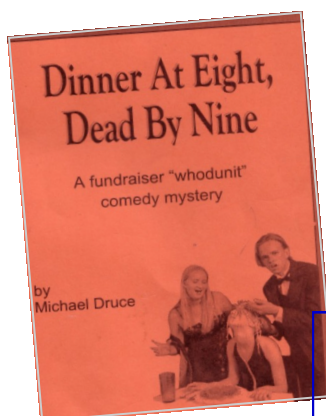
reach out to others less fortunate. Throughout the school year, TCA middle school sends their fifth through eighth graders on mission projects to help the poor and retired people around Texas. Fifth and sixth graders help with landscaping and cleaning at Wycliffe Bible Translators headquarters and clean cabins at Sky Ranch camp. Seventh grade helps out in the kitchen of a homeless shelter while eighth grade packs food and school supplies for families who have lost jobs, homes, or everything they own. One student said, "These mission trips are a good way to spread the message of the Holy Bible throughout the world."

Trinity Christian Academy provides great school facilities along with an excellent academic education. Texas is a great place to go to school no matter what age you are.

The Middle School Murder Mystery

By: Sarah K.

On April 30, 2009 at 7:00 pm, a play called Dinner at Eight, Dead by Nine will be performed by the Drama Two class at Trinity Christian Academy. This fascinating murder mystery performance will take place in the High School Commons where a delicious spaghetti dinner will accompany the show. On March 16, 2009, I interviewed the teacher/director of this show Mrs. Dawna Debter. This talented lady has worked at Trinity for a total of four years. Since her start here she has been the Middle School drama/speech teacher. To find out more scoop about the upcoming show, I went behind the scenes and did a personal interview with this amazing teacher. When starting the interview, I first asked Mrs. Debter how she decided to do this show. The Mid-



"Dinner at Eight, Dead by Nine" Playbill

dle School Drama Two class does a spring show every year, was her response. It's a great way for the outgoing eight graders to have their final time in the spotlight before heading off to high school. The script for this play was given to the students on February 27 and the class will have a total of two months to prepare for their final performance. Right now all of the actors are in the early stages of characterization (getting to know and understand their characters in a more "in depth" way).

There are thirteen students involved in this show. All have had a great time working on this large project. When asked what her hopes were for this show Ms. Debter replied, "My hope and dream is the show will be both delightful and satisfying to the cast and audience." This show will be most suited to families, but the class and Mrs. Debter think that everyone will enjoy it no matter what age. When choosing to do this show, Mrs. Debter considered many different positives and negatives. To her knowledge Trinity has never done a murder mystery as a dinner theater. Also, instead of auditioning kids for the roles, Mrs. Debter tries her best to find a show that includes roles to fit all of the class's personalities. This play in particular just seemed to fit. It is also fun, light, and just the kind of thing middle school students enjoy performing. The set for this show will be minimal, but one of Trinity's own seventh grade students will be handling all of the lighting and technical issues.

But not every show can be all fun and games. Here are some of the challenges that Mrs. Debter and her students have faced. In order to work with the eighth grader's schedules, the Commons (the place where the show is being performed) is only available two days a week. Even when the students are taking advantage of this rare time, it is not unusual for high school students to congregate in the back of the Commons and have rather loud conversations. This can be very distracting for the actors and their director.

Lastly I asked Mrs. Debter if she could sum up the play and its experience (so far) in one sentence: "I have had this particular group of kids for three years, and it's exciting for me as their teacher/director to see them develop as actors and to have the opportunity to shine on stage." Being an actress myself, interviewing Mrs. Debter to find out more about this play was a very exciting experience for me. I cannot wait to go and see my fellow students perform what seems to be a very promising play. I also hope that by reading this article you will come and see it too. The bigger the audience, the better!

Word Searches

Directions: Find all the words in the *Word Bank* for each word search. Then circle them in the word search and check your answers on page 10

Trinity Class Word Search

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Word Bank:

Art
Bible
Band
Choir

Drama
English
History
Keyboarding

Latin
Literature
Lunch
Math

Recess
Science
Study Hall
Technology

Texas Style Word Search

By Lauren

Word Bank:

Dallas	Trinity	School	Athletics
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Travel	Europe	Fashion	Gadgets
Constitution	Weather	Movie	Play
West	Claymation	Restaurant	

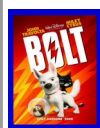
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What's Entertaining You

By Anna W. and Anna H.

Wondering what movies are in? Which plays will leave you dazzled? What type of music is popular these days? After much research online and school surveys, these results will help you 'be in the know' concerning music and movies in the seventh and eighth grade at Trinity Christian Academy.

Movies



One very popular movie is *Bolt* starring the popular Miley Cyrus and John Travolta. It came out in the year 2008 and received wonderful reviews from critics and the kids in the seventh and eighth grade. It is rated PG and definitely recommended. The story is about a dog named Bolt who stars in a science-fiction television show, but he believes it's real. So, he decides to go on an adventure of his own. Another great movie, *Bride Wars*, was a very exciting PG movie. This movie featured two brides whose weddings were mistakenly planned on the same day. One of them has to change the date, but who will it be? And finally, *Nim's Island*. This movie was exciting and breathtaking. A girl named Nim and her dad, a scientist, are living on an uncharted island. They live there to do research. A ship comes into sight that tries to use their island for a vacation spot. Nim's dad has gone on a trip for research, and she is all alone. How can she stop the ship and save her island?

Music



In music, the majority of students surveyed liked hip-hop music the best. Many girls have been listening to Taylor Swift's new CD *Fearless* which was released in 2008. Also, girls have been listening to Kelly Clarkson's new CD *All I Ever Wanted* which has her hit song "All I Ever Wanted." Most boys have been listening to mostly rap and hip-hop.

Plays



One of the most exciting things to do in Dallas is to go see Broadway shows. For example, *Wicked* was a very well-liked musical/play that got spectacular reviews from almost all students. *Wicked* is about what happened before *The Wizard of Oz*. Haven't you ever wondered what happened? Well, after watching this marvelous performance you will. Another breathtaking play to go see would be *The Lion King*. It is based on the movie, and features terrific dancing, singing, acting, and fabulous costumes. You won't regret going to see *The Lion King*. Finally, *Hairspray* was voted the #1 best musical to go to see in Dallas according to Trinity Christian's 7th and 8th graders. Hopefully, this gives you a good idea of all the "hip" entertainment out there. You are certain to enjoy watching and listening to these "in" movies, music, and plays. Well, thanks for reading, and hopefully this review is rated a thumbs up from you!

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The most popular shirts are graphic and logo tees from top designers. Hollister sells thin cut logo tees featuring their brand name in large print across the front for \$19.50. Abercrombie sells similar shirts with their brand name for \$25-\$30. Delia's has slim tees with bright graphics, usually with a popular saying, for \$25-\$30. For formal occasions, girls go to Limited Too for knee-length dresses with bright floral designs for \$30-\$43.

No outfit would be complete without the right shoes. At Juicy Couture, shoes with the brand name in large, eye-catching print include sneakers for \$75 and flip-flops for \$55. Coach also has sneakers with their logo or bright patterns for \$88-\$108, along with comfortable flats with the repeated logo for \$168-\$178. For those want-

Fashion is an important part of a teen girl's life
- Avery

ing a bit of a different style, Sperry has leather boat shoes with thick leather threading at the seams for \$80. In the cold winter months, Ugg shoes are extremely popular. They are tall, leather boots that are fur-lined on the inside for warmth and comfort and are available for \$140-\$180. When running for sports or simply walking long distances, tennis shoes are a must. Finish Line has basic running shoes that are great for track sprints for \$69-\$100. Asics has sleek running shoes with striking colors and gel insoles for comfort for \$50-\$180.

To give an outfit the finishing touch, it is important to have the right accessories. For jewelry, Juicy Couture has large necklaces and bracelets featuring nature, the brand name, and hearts for \$78-\$178. Juicy also has bright-colored bags with the brand name in large print on leather, canvas, or nylon for \$198. Vera Bradley has large, bright-colored totes with eye-popping patterns for \$30-\$130.

Armed with the knowledge of the latest fashion trends, you can now shop with the confidence that you will be getting the coolest clothes in Dallas. So be the envy of all your friends with the latest trends when you wear what is now the new black in Dallas.

Local News

The Jungle in the City

By Beth J.

Something tells me it's all happening at the zoo! At least that's true in Dallas, Texas. The Dallas Zoo is always an appealing site to visit while in town because of the rare and special species it contains of different kinds of animals and its pleasing outdoor décor. The Dallas Zoo welcomes visitors daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm except for Christmas. The Dallas Zoo has its land divided into four sections: the Wilds of Africa, the ZooNorth, the Children's Zoo, and the Entry Plaza. When you walk into the Dallas Zoo, you are greeted by the animated entry plaza with the Elephant Fountain, the Lemur Lookout, or the Endangered Species Carousel creating a thrilling environment from the beginning. The Wilds of Africa is an exciting spot for visitors because of its various territories consisting of the forest, the mountains, the deserts, the river, the woodland, and the bush. Each environment contains animals that would be found in the real habitat. Next, the ZooNorth also contains various animals from different settings such as the Australian Outback or the ExxonMobil Endangered Tiger Habitat. The ZooNorth also consists of buildings like the large Mammal Building, or the Bird and Reptile Building. The final section in this zoo is the Children's Zoo, which is home to The Farm, the Pony Trek, and The Underzone, which are all kid-friendly play areas where children can have enjoyable experiences learning about special kinds of animals.



Visitors can take a break at the Prime Meridian Food Court or the Ndebele Café. They offer a place to rest your feet and consume delicious burgers, salads, sandwiches, pizza, or smaller snacks such as fries, chips, or scrumptious ice cream. The Prime Meridian Food Court is located in ZooNorth, and the Ndebele Café is found in the Wilds of Africa.

In an effort to care for the environment, the Dallas Zoo is ensuring their employees follow all rules and regulations on recycling, and reaching out to citizens and businesses and encouraging them to help prevent pollution. In addition to their other work, they are collecting old or used cell phones through a program called ECO-CELL. By donating a cell phone, they are helping preserve a gorilla habitat. They also help keep our world clean in many other ways which are written in their environmental policy. Because of the importance of education, they have recently upgraded to a new level of viewing for their park with the Zoo Ranger™. During this two-hour tour, a Dallas Zoo employee will give you "A Closer Look" with their educational program to explain the behavior of the animals while you enjoy exciting trivia over each theme.

Since 1888, the Dallas Zoo has been an excellent way to spend your time while visiting Dallas.



Middle School Sports Report

By: Daniel G.

Attention all Middle School students, at Trinity Christian Academy we have very nice sports facilities and it is time to take a moment to be thankful for what we have been given. We also have great sports teams for our 08-09 school year. Football, soccer, basketball, tennis, and track are just a few of the sports we have to play. We are telling you this to let you know about TCA's wonderful sports' facilities, teams and our record of being a great sports school.

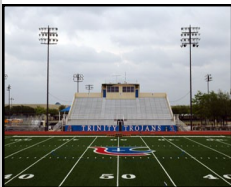
As you may know, our Middle School sports teams have had a great record throughout the season this school year. We have the opportunity to play in an amazing football stadium named after Tom Landry, the famous Dallas Cowboy's former coach. It is an impressive stadium where we not only play football but also soccer. Our field is made up of AstroTurf, which is a brand of carpet-like material made up of vinyl and nylon to resemble turf. We are very fortunate to have such nice turf in Tom Landry Stadium.

We also have a wonderful baseball field. This baseball field is very special because it was modeled off of the Texas Ranger's baseball field. It is a smaller version with not as many stands. It is a great field and makes us very unique because not many high schools have a great baseball field like we do at TCA.

Next we have two off campus school sports teams. These teams are our swimming and golf teams. Our swimming and golf teams have great records and excellent coaches. Although we don't have these sports competing on our school campus we still cheer them on.

Finally we have our four basketball courts and a wrestling room. In the wrestling room, we wrestle as well as play games and have P.E. classes with the Middle and Lower Schools. There is a wall in this room that we call the Century Club. In order to have your name and picture on this wall you have to accumulate 100 wins in your high school wrestling career. It is considered a very high honor to have your name and record on this wall.

We hope you now have a very new perspective of our incredible sports facilities at TCA. Thank you for joining us for our Middle School Sports Report.



Tom Landry Stadium

Crazy for Craig

By Mark W.

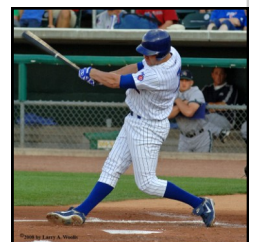
Matt Craig is an exceptional baseball player, and a persistent follower of Christ. Matt Craig is a professional baseball player who plays on the Chicago Cubs. I interviewed him over the phone after he was finished with spring training. Matt is twenty eight- years old, a very strong man, and a faithful Christian. Matt graduated in 1999 from Trinity Christian Academy. Mr. Craig was very nice and exciting during the interview.

Matt described to me what it is like to be in Major League Baseball, college baseball, and high school baseball. He explained to me that in high school, as an athlete, he was taught how to be an exceptional baseball player, a successful student, and a disciple of Christ. Also his coach, Jack Sharp, said that Matt was an exceptional person on and off the field. Surprisingly, he said that Matt was just an average player as a freshman, but as he got older he progressed rapidly. After his exciting high school career he entered the University of Richmond. Matt went to Richmond for three years before he was noticed by the Chicago Cubs. There he majored in finance and marketing. Matt said that it was one of the most rewarding moments of his life. Glad to leave for the majors, he was on a path to fun and fortune.

In the life of fame, he says you still have to work very hard to keep your spot on the field. Evidently, as Matt says he trains and practices for seven months out of the twelve. Before the season, Mr. Craig is in spring training with his fellow team mates. Matt arrives at the field at approximately nine o' clock in the morning and leaves at four o'clock. But he says it all pays off when you make a sharp play on the field. I questioned Matt on how it felt to play in front of thousands of people and he quoted "Indescribable, it's a blast!"

Off the baseball subject I discussed with him about his personal life. I was very curious if it was hard to stay a faithful disciple of God while in the major leagues. He said it can be hard at times when you have games on Sunday so you are not able to go to church. "A very important point is to always read a little bit of scripture every day," suggests Matt.

All in all, Matt Craig is a very intriguing person. He is very encouraging to young people who are looking to be successful in life. Thanks, Matt!



Matt Craig

New Zealand

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New Zealand



And Zorbball Saves The Day

by: Bertie
Cobham Intermediate,
Christchurch, New Zealand

Zorbball, it's fun, speedy and it's saving our children from laziness and obesity. Peter Clank and John Smith's work has finally paid off. They had both been disgusted by the amount of kids dropping out of sport and wanted to put an end to it which is exactly what they did. Zorbball was officially announced an actual sport on January 1st 2003 and kids aged 5-18 are loving it. There are waiting lists for most clubs already. Some schools like Turgo Intermediate are lucky enough to have the opportunity to have five 1 hour sessions of professional training. Zorbball is a game of speed. There is a total of nine players in each team: 8 players and one goalie. The aim of the game is to hit the target with the zorbball. Each player gets a catching disc and the goalie gets a slightly modified

disc to protect the raised goal which is one and a half metres off the ground. The actual zorbball itself is slightly smaller than a tennis ball and the only way you are allowed to catch it, is with the magnetic catching disc. Both the zorbball and the disc have a magnet not too strong or weak which allows the ball to be caught more easily. The goal also has the same magnet but it is not as strong.

Zorbball is a very fun game and it is increasing in popularity rapidly, both Clank and Smith think that Zorbball will become a world wide sport within a year or two and they hope there will be international competitions within the next four years.

All Dug Up

by: Beth

The grass of Cobham Intermediate School was once green and fresh, but now is brown and dusty. It used to be enjoyed by eager year 7 and 8 students, but not at this moment in time. The students are not even allowed to use the field for their own enjoyment or with their teachers during class. What is happening is that it is getting completely flipped over and redone for the second time in two years. A big red and green machine is munching up the green, green grass

and turning it into dirt. 24 people of room 19 were asked three questions by a surveyor. The results showed that having the field out of action affects 15 out of the 24 surveyed. But 23 out of the 24 surveyed can still find something to do during lunchtime even though they can not use the field. The survey also showed that 18 out of 24 prefer to do P.E on the field but there is only one little section of the field left. It is going to be a mad rush to get there, for the next little bit.

A year 8 student, Reah S. said, ' It is really annoying for our year group because they have done this two years in a row, and also just before Cross country so when we train we all trample on it and ruin it.' It will get back to normal soon but the wait will be a long one for the students.

Not so Fun Water Park at Cobham

by: Brendan

In the last couple of weeks at Cobham Intermediate School, waterblaster guys have been showering kids, decorating bikes with paint chips and competing with teachers at shouting contests while teachers are teaching. Nothing too bad eh? Some students think not.

They may be just waterblasting the roofs of classrooms so that

Cobham can have their roofs repainted but there have been complaints about them waterblasting at peak hour times. A number of kids have had to go homes with wet pants because their bike has been totally soaked from these waterblaster guys spraying their bikes. One sad-looking kid complained that he had to go home having an uncomfortable feeling in an embarrassing spot where people could see it. About half the people asked in Room 19 agreed that these waterblaster guys were waterblasting at an annoying time. Kyran Gray said he knows quite a few people affected by these waterblasters, not just having wet bike seats but being a bit wet on the shirt as well. Vincent Curd a member of Room 19 quoted, "Those waterblasters absolutely soaked my bike and when I looked at them they didn't seem to show any remorse". Ribu Dhakal, also a member in Room 19 does not think that these waterblaster guys were annoying. "They were just doing their job on relatively warm days so the water just dries up".

So there are two sides of Water Park thrill at Cobham but in a few days the waterblasters will be gone to cause chaos and stress at another building or buildings so kids shall be

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New Zealand and South Africa

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safe from waterblaster guys, for now.

Community Fearing For Safety of Children

By Georgia

After months of trials, on March the 1st, the wolf, guilty of attempted murder, has finally pleaded guilty. The kidnapping, hostage, and attempted murder charges have been laid on account of an incident which occurred in 2008. Local schoolgirl Little Red Riding-Hood was travelling to her grandmothers located on the west side of the woods.

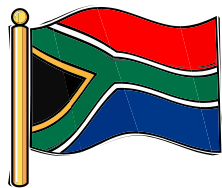
She was about a quarter of the way to her destination, when she came across the wolf, who asked her if she needed a lift. Riding-Hood refused. "I always warn her to be wary of stranger danger," says Susan Hood, Riding-Hood's mother. The wolf then followed Riding-Hood in his to car to her grandmother's house, where he kidnapped them both and kept them hostage for nearly 2 hours. Hood got doubtful as to her daughters whereabouts after she had not arrived home.

Residents of the local community are now skeptical about whether their small, quiet community is safe for their families. Many say they will not leave their houses on their own, and are prepared to pay money for a security system to be installed to their homes, which will hopefully lower the crime rate in the lowly populated town.

Police are still investigating whether Susan Hood is partly to blame for the incident, as she should not have let her daughter of only 7 years of age be allowed to travel through the woods alone. Riding-Hood and her grandmother are now receiving counseling to relieve emotional trauma from the crime.

SOUTH AFRICA

Kicking The Way To The 2010 World Cup!



By: Zoë, Samantha, and Abigail

It's time to kick your way to South Africa as the 2010 Soccer World Cup begins. Excitement is building as people living in Cape Town gear up for the many thousands of soccer fans that will arrive in a just one year's time. Not only will the tourists be thrilled by the world class soccer, but they are bound to be thrilled by events on the side-line. Mr. Andrew Russell, a Tour Operator and member of Soccer X and who is involved in the 2010 said "There's a lot of work being put in, but it will be worth it in the end!" Mr. Russell has many tours booked for 2010. The

most popular tourist destinations are Table Mountain, Kirstenbosch, Robben Island and the Waterfront.

Mr Russell has been following the progress of the building of the stadiums and transport planning. He has even come into give talks to the children at Micklefield School, Cape Town and to the Deputy Headmasters and Headmistresses of schools in the area. He told them that the main focus is that Cape Town wants to be the party capital of South Africa.

There will be 32 teams competing. The stadiums will be finished on the 4th of December 2009. The final game is going to be at Soccer City, Johannesburg. The first two games will be played at Soccer City and Greenpoint, Cape Town on the 11th of June 2010. The final game will be on Sunday the 11th of July 2010. SA has hosted many major sporting events like the 1995 Rugby World Cup (which South Africa won) and the 2003 Cricket World Cup. The Soccer world cup It takes place for 4 weeks, starting on the 9th of June 2010. They will be held at 10 stadiums around the country. Soccer City in Johannesburg will host the opening and final matches. The other stadiums are in Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria, Bloemfontein,

Rustenburg, Nelspruit and Polokwane.

There are 3 million tickets available. One million for SA fans, 1 million for international fans and 1 million for sponsors, teams and the "Fifa family". We are all excited about our country hosting this big event..and will particularly enjoy having time off school to go and watch the matches.

Tackling Traumatic Crime

By: Kayla, Olivia, and Charlotte

There were two brothers, the one killed the other brother and his family wanted him to be arrested because he had a mental problem and he was extremely violent. When Captain Tony Penso and another police officer went to arrest him, the brother was very violent and would not get into the police vehicle. Eventually they tricked him into fetching a new tyre from the back of the car because another tyre was "flat". He fell for it, and they pushed him in and closed the back of the car. They drove him back to the police station. They decided afterwards to sedate him. This is the scariest crime that Toney Penso Captain Detective of the Ronde-

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bosch Police Station has experienced!

Crime in South Africa is a big problem. There are people that do wrong such as theft, armed robberies, rape, murder, kidnapping, abduction and drug selling.

These things happen to men, woman and children. Police men and police women can help a lot.

Tony Penso is the captain detective of the Rondebosch Police Station, a suburb of Cape Town, where you will find Micklefield School. He has been working there for 42 years. He has handled all crimes except for very serious crimes like rapes and sexual crime. The most common crime he says is breaking into cars and stealing people's belongings. He says that his most exciting crime was a crime that happened in Johannesburg. There was a drug house and the people were selling drugs. But the police men had never caught

them in the act. So one night the police people decided to lie on the roof of the drug sellers' house. Tony stood up to shoot at the drug sellers, but as soon as he stood up, he fell through the roof. The drug sellers realized that the police were there, and ran away. But, luckily, the policemen shut down the drug shop.

Sometimes Tony gets really depressed when he sees what people do to one another. He does not enjoy his job all the time because he doesn't enjoy the pain people go through. He has seen people dying, a few people have died in his arms, and some have committed suicide. But when he has caught someone that has done wrong, he gets a extremely good feeling inside. This is the life in the line of duty for Tony Penso Captain Detective of Rondebosch Police station.

The police are very aware of how crime is affecting the ordinary people of Cape Town. Lyn a victim of a car hijacking says " My dad had a flat tyre and we were trying to put the spare tyre onto the car. A white golf drove past us twice. Then two men got out of the car and came towards us, they both had guns! They asked for the keys of the car else they will shoot us. I started shouting at them "How can you drive the car as it has a flat tyre?" Our neighbors heard me shouting at the men and phoned the police." When

this happened Lyn was outside a private house in Rondebosch. "They took my dad's wallet which had R150 in it as well as his credit card. I felt shaken but angry, they had frightened my dad badly." After the crime, Lyn was counseled by Lynne Wright at Rondebosch Police Station a couple of days later. The men looked and talked like two Nigerian men. One was very tall, wearing lots of gold jewelry with a white cotton shirt. The other was shorter and skinny. He had a blue shirt and jeans. They did not have beards or moustaches. Both men's hair was shaved off. Unfortunately, the men were not caught. Now you know what the crime in South Africa is like. Yes it is a severe problem that we have to live with every single day, but it is wonderful knowing that we have amazing Police, especially in our suburb of Rondebosch, that take such good care of us.

Riding to Success

By: Nabeelah, Amyh, and Amyb

Shannon is an instructor at Lane Stables and has had an interesting life with horses. She started riding at the age of 6. She started teaching at Lane Stables in 2007. Her favourite place to ride is at The Rathfelder in Cape Town because she loves the environment. Her favourite horse to ride at Lane Stables is Jedi

Knight because he is a beautiful horse and has a nice stride. She started teaching because she liked teaching people how to ride.

Danielle also has an interesting life at Lane Stables. Danielle is a beautiful, good student at Lane Stables. She started riding at the age of 9 and has been fascinated by horses from a young age. The first horse she road was Jedi Knight (the same horse that Shannon loves to ride). Her favourite horse is Sydney's Gold because it seems he understands her and her least favourite horse is Shadow because he bucks. She loves going on out rides on the Greenbelt in Constantia because she feels free.

Shannon is an advanced horse rider instructor and Danielle has experience riding at Lane Stables. Micklefield School has many horse riders and so they also have The Cart Horse Association Fund-raising Day. Daisy, a Cape Carhorse, was rescued from abuse by some Capetonians. The Capetonians decided to start Cart Horse Day. The Cart-horse Association helps to raise funds so that they can buy proper horse shoes, harnesses and horse feed to the cart-horses that work very long hours pulling heavy carts. So horses seem to be part of many of our lives here in Cape Town, South Africa, either it is riding for fun, taking lessons or caring for other carhorses!

James Cook Boys Technology High School in Kogarah, near Sydney



Thoughts & Prayers

The bushfires in Victoria have made headlines recently, and have warranted the title of the worst national disaster in Australian history. With hundreds of homes lost and a death toll of over 181, our school would like to express its sympathies to all who have been affected by this tragedy. It was announced by Mr. Hollywood that the school would be sending aid to help the relief effort.

Survive the Heat

With temperatures in the high 30s (Celsius) expected to continue throughout the rest of the summer, it is important to keep hydrated and keep cool. Facilities where students may remain indoors during lunchtimes include the computer room, music room and the library. If at any time a student feels unwell because of the heat, they are advised to visit the sick bay, which is located at the Science staff room.

Education Revolution Countdown

The promised program handing out laptops for students should be reaching James Cook in the second half of the year. In an exclusive interview,

Computer Coordinator, Mr. Oliver, said that if they arrive on time the program would probably initially start with year nine and then continue from there.

Also planned for the school this year is a connected classrooms program using video conferencing. The 'Education Revolution' was part of an election promise by PM Kevin Rudd in the 2007 election campaign.

Smartboard Installations

During the last few weeks "Smart Boards" have been collectively installed in all departments across the school. These boards are touch controlled screens that works with a projector and a computer. It hosts a myriad of applications from providing a means for mathematical calculations to displaying sampled essays for English, and even just replacing the current black and white boards as recorder and display of information.

Each Smart Board is an expensive fixture costing the school on the vicinities \$5 000. The money attained to buy the smart boards are grants from the Department of Education. Due to costs, only one Smart Board is available to each department. However many head teachers had acknowledged that the Smart Boards are effective ways of teaching and is a tri-

umph for contemporary teaching methods.

These vital pieces of teaching equipment are delicate and various teachers have requested that students should take care whilst around the boards as they are expensive to repair.

Six Period Woes

Last year, we used an eight-period timetable in James Cook Boys' Technology High. It worked very well with little complaints from students. This year, we have switched to a six-period timetable, with the help of an "odd" and "even" week system. Whilst the teaching staff may see some benefits to this, many of the other students are yet to reap the benefits of this system. With eight-periods, most subjects were double-periods. This means that we had approximately four subjects per day lasting eighty minutes each. In the new, six-period system, subjects are mainly single periods, fifty minutes each. Whilst two extra subjects may not seem like a big deal, there is a lot more to this than meets the eye.

To teach a class of students something new, and then make sure it has made a difference in their knowledge by practicing it in class; fifty minutes may not be enough at all. Ac-

ording to various studies, it takes approximately ten minutes for the average student to settle down, which leaves forty minutes for the students to learn something new. Generally, it takes five minutes just for students and teachers to get in the classroom, let alone embark on work, which means it's down to thirty-five minutes to mark the roll, check homework, send the usuals out of class, explain what work will be done in the next 'fifty minutes,' assign work, help students that were being ignorant and before question two has been attempted, the bell has rung for next period and the students begin to scatter out of the classroom.

The odd and even week system is probably composed of more holes than Swiss cheese. Although it lets us out ten minutes early and gives up fairer lunch times, compared to the simplistic older version this one may cause

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troubles. One notable problem is that it means students are carrying more to school in their backpacks. Certain students now have the trouble of carrying not only six thick exercise books, but also six thick textbooks to go with it. Now although carrying these heavy bricks may be good for student fitness, it has the potential to cause serious back problems in the future. The burden of this may lead to students taking another advantage in this system who may state that they have not brought their books due to Timetable reading difficulties.

One student, to my knowledge had built up the courage to ask the school's omnipotent figures about the benefits of this new system. A simple, ironic and repetitive answer was given, "To make the school a better place."

Dreadful Paint

As you may have noticed B block is getting repainted and the smell is killing us. There has

been inconveniences as to getting to class, students as well as teachers are getting head aches from the smells and make them dizzy. The stairs have been blocked off and the hallways have limited space. There is wet paint everywhere and although it will all be over soon most of us can't wait. It is already bad enough to stand the smell but Mr. Hollywood is getting all the other blocks repainted! Even though it is fixing the appearance of our school the side-effects are quite annoying to us all but sacrifices have to be made. Think of it as a good thing and for the better not for the worse. Hopefully it will all be over next term.

SPORT NEWS

Rugby Comp

James Cook Boys High has emerged victorious in two recent clashes played at home on the JC Oval. In the Uni Shield Rugby Competition played on the 17th of March, James Cook defeated Oatley in a very close game. After the first half James Cook was down by 10 points to 12 but some tremendous attacking play in the second half enabled the home side to storm away with the game, winning 28 points to 18. The Buckley Shield clash against Belmore also proved a close thing but the good guys won that too.

Swimming Carnival

On the 20th of February, James Cook had its first

competitors only swimming carnival. This resulted in less people attending the carnival but did it mean less fun? According to some of the boys who attended the swimming carnival, it was not as exciting as when you have a full school carnival, but the competition was tighter. Some suggests that the reason why many students do not attend the swimming carnival is because our school is not swimming based, we are more of an athletic school. It is believed that there are an adequate number of students attending the athletics carnival and we hope that this carnival remains compulsory.



Montana has a number of interesting facts. It entered the union, officially becoming a state November 8, 1889. It is bordered by Idaho on the west, Wyoming to the south, North Dakota and South Dakota to the east, and Canada along the state's northern border. Montana is known to be the 4th largest state in the United States. The "Treasure State" is Montana's state nickname. Its name "Montana" came from the Spanish word meaning "mountains." Montana is filled with 43 state parks and 25 scenic

byways. There are a total of 56 counties in Montana. The state's official animal is the grizzly bear. It is the home of the world's shortest river, the Roe River, located in Great Falls. Montana holds the record of the coldest temperature in the 48 contiguous states-on January 20, 1954, it was -70 degrees Fahrenheit in Roger's Pass, Montana. A temporary white house was created for President Teddy Roosevelt in Cinnabar, Montana, when he traveled in the state during 1902. Much of Montana's early history was concerned with mining, with copper, lead, zinc, silver, coal, and oil as principal products. Butte is the center of the area that once supplied half of the U.S. copper. Fields of grain cover much of Montana's plains. It ranks high among the states in wheat and barley, with rye, oats, flaxseed, sugar beets, and potatoes as other important crops. Sheep and cattle raising make significant contributions to the economy. Tourist attractions include hunting, fishing, skiing, and dude ranching. Glacier National Park, on the Continental Divide, has 60 glaciers, 200 lakes, and many streams with good trout fishing. I think that Montana's scenery is very interesting and many people should visit the scenic areas. My favorite fact about Montana is that we are the fourth largest state and we don't have a very big population.

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Popular Montana Recipes

According to the Montana official state travels site here are some popular recipes native to Montana . The native ingredients in the recipes below are huckleberries and rainbow trout. Huckleberries cost about \$25 to \$60 per pound, and are grown in the North West United States and Canada . They have a very sweet rich taste, and are very dangerous to pick because of the bear attacks. Rainbow trout is the number one game fish in Montana , the average size is 10 pounds. Most people believe the best eating ones are around 1 pound.

Melt-In-Your-Mouth-Huckleberry Cake

2 eggs, separated
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla

1 tsp. baking powder
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter

1 1/2 cup sifted flour
1/3 cup milk
1 1/2 cup fresh huckleberries

Beat 1/2 cup butter or margarine in large bowl until creamy; add 1 cup white sugar and beat until fluffy. Beat in egg yolks and vanilla until light and creamy. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with the milk. Fold in beaten egg whites. Fold in the fresh berries. Shake a little of the dry ingredients over the berries, before adding them to the mix so the berries won't sink to the bottom. Turn into a greased 8 by 8-inch pan. Sprinkle top of the batter lightly with granulated sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes. This recipe comes from Jean McGrath in the Butte Heritage

Word Search Answers

Trinity Class Word Search Answers

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Trinity Style Word Search Answers

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