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Balanced calendar

by Curtis Moody

Cobb County School Board has changed the start and end dates for next year's school calendar.

This year, school started on August 10. Next year's calendar will start on August 2.

Each school year will begin the first week of August and end the Friday prior to Memorial Day in May. This first semester of each school year will conclude before the winter holidays in December.

In September, Superintendent Fred Sanderson wanted different calendar options for the Board. In the month of October, many different groups presented plans for start dates of school and holiday breaks.

Surveys went out on the Cobb County website about the calendar change for the 2010-2011 school year.

More than 8,400 Cobb County teachers and employees responded to the district survey asking which calendar option they preferred. Teachers and employees voted more than 50 percent in favor of the balanced calendar option.

Cobb County Schools still hasn't determined conference weeks and early release days for the approved calendars. Those days will be determined later.

For the change of the calendar, the district used their automated calling system to notify 63,000 students' households about the calendar change. The district also notified 24,000 community members about the calendar change through an e-mail newsletter. The 180-day balanced calendar includes a one-week mid-term break for teachers and students in September and February and a full week of Thanksgiving holidays. The first semester of each school year will conclude before the winter holidays.

2010-2011 School Holidays at a glance

August 2 - School Starts
September 20-24- Fall Break
November 22-26- Thanksgiving
December 20-31- Holiday Break
February 21-25- Winter Break
April 4-8- Spring Break
May 27- School Ends

Coach McClure - 25 years of class

by Raya Tobler

Randy McClure has been a well-respected coach and educator at Campbell for 25 years. McClure's role as coach of the Lady Spartan girls basketball team has reaped many successes, but in an interview with the Spartan Chronicles, McClure revealed things about his life and career that many did not know.

On his basketball background: While he did play growing up, Coach McClure did not play in high school or college.

"I was the quarterback of the high school football team and that was my total focus," McClure said.

When he began coaching during the 86-87 school year, he was on the football and track & field coaching staffs. When he was asked to coach girls' basketball, McClure was not really interested.

"Coach Sheryl Fowler (the previous girls' basketball coach) had set such a high level of success at Campbell that I did not want to follow the legend."

McClure considered the position and after some careful thinking, he decided to take the job in 1990.

On coaching his daughter: It is common knowledge that McClure's daughter, senior Monica McClure, is one of the star players on the girls' basketball team. However, what many do not know is that, at first, McClure was against his daughter playing in high school at all.

"I [didn't want] any problems heaped onto her because I was the coach and her father," McClure explained.

Monica, of course, joined anyway. She is the only four-year starter in the program. Furthermore, she was voted one of the captains by her teammates.

"It's been a blessing in disguise," ad-



Shalonda Thompson

Mr. Randy McClure in his classroom.

mits McClure. "In the gym, I get onto her just like I do everyone else and at home, I'm just Dad."

On his basketball heroes:

Former head coach of University of North Carolina (McClure's alma mater) Dean Smith: "He taught the game, and he taught young men how to be winners the right way."

Los Angeles Laker and NBA hall-of-famer James Worthy:

"He played against my high school in

the first round of the North Carolina high school state tournament. He also played for UNC. He represented his community really well on and off the court."

Finally Michael Jordan:

"He also played at UNC for Dean Smith and helped him win his first national championship. He had an unmatched work ethic that allowed him to become the greatest basketball player of all time."

On his key to success: McClure attrib-

utes his success to the hard work of the talented young women athletes he coaches.

"Some seasons weren't as successful as others, but I didn't coach any less, or practice less, or run different plays or defenses. The difference is the kids, their level of commitment and their belief in the program objectives and our goals."

Senior spotlight: Kelli Richardson

by Tre Erica Wallace

While she may seem like a quiet and shy girl, Campbell High School senior, Kelli Richardson sets the example of staying involved in her school and her actions speak loudly.

Kelli is a part of the REAL Majority, SGA, and Peer Mediation. Clubs that set standards and have community involvement, Kelli takes pride in being a part. These days, it is hard to continuously make the right decisions. Kelli seems to succeed.

During Kelli's junior year of high school after having taken one of Mrs. Russel's classes and at the insistence of one of her friends, joined Distributive

Education Clubs of America, also known as DECA. Skeptical at first, Kelli attended a meeting. There, she realized how interesting the club was and how being part of DECA could prepare her for a future career in marketing.

Participating in DECA, Kelli has learned so many things and has gotten so many great opportunities. One of which was a trip to New York in December where she and the other DECA members toured the NBC studio, the financial district, and the infamous Ground Zero. The members of DECA managed to go by paying a few fees and attending all the meetings in New York. (continued on page 4)



Abigail Monteiro

Senior Kelli Richardson stays involved and positive.

2000-2009: a decade in review

by Lucy Archibong

September 11, 2001

Al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden claimed responsibility for the terrorist attack on America at the World Trade Center Towers in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington.

The Asian Tsunami December 26, 2004

The tsunami killed more than 200,000 people in 13 countries. At least 128,000 people died in Indonesia alone. Many months later, bodies were still being discovered in some countries.

Death of Michael Jackson June 25, 2009

Entertainer Michael Jackson suffered cardiac arrest and died after a lethal dose of the anesthesia Propofol given by his personal physician shortly before he launched a comeback concert.

The Election of Barack Obama November 5, 2008

Obama's national margin in the popular vote was close to ten million winning by the largest margin for a non-incumbent candidate for president since Eisenhower in 1952. Polls also show that two-thirds of the immense youth vote went to Obama.

Launch of social media

Linked In in 2003, Facebook in 2004 and Twitter in 2006 coincides with collapse of print newspaper nationwide (2008-09).

Major League Baseball institutes random testing for steroids and penalizing players (2004)

With some of its biggest stars under suspicion and lawmakers demanding action, Major League Baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program that includes fines, banishments and year-round random testing.

Genocide in Sudan, Darfur 2003-2009

Since February 2003, the Sudanese government in Khartoum and the government-sponsored Jan-

jaweed militia have used rape, displacement, organized starvation, threats against aid workers and mass murder. Violence, disease and displacement continue to kill thousands of innocent Darfurians every month.

Enron scandal results in the largest bankruptcy in American history (2001)

Enron Corporation (former NYSE ticker symbol ENE) was an American energy company based in Houston, Texas. Before its bankruptcy in late 2001, Enron employed approximately 22,000 and was one of the world's leading electricity, natural gas, pulp and paper, and communications companies, with claimed revenues of nearly \$101 billion in 2000.

First season of CBS's "Survivor" airs and triggers a new generation of television (2000)

In the summer of 2000, Survivor burst onto the television screen with a format that changed the nature of television programming. Combining elements of game shows and the Real World, Survivor introduced the genre which were relatively inexpensive to produce.

Deployment of U.S. troops, funds and resources in Iraq War (2003-09)

First, it was the allegations of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and then the accusation that Saddam Hussein was harboring Al-Qaeda. Regardless of how we got there, the United States spent more than a quarter of a trillion dollars during the first three years in Iraq, and more than \$50 billion of it has gone to private contractors hired to guard bases, drive trucks, feed and shelter the troops and rebuild the country. Billions of dollars are unaccounted for, there are widespread allegations of waste, fraud and war profiteering.

Collapse of the housing market (2007)

Declining home sales and rising inventories caused the collapse in the housing market. The secondary story was inflated home prices and a shoddy mortgage industry. Housing-related employment has stalled in recent months and could continue over the next 18 months.

If the culprits are Muslim, they have twisted the teachings of Islam. Whoever performed, or is behind, the terrorist attacks in the United States of America does not represent Islam. God is not behind assassins. --Muhammad Ali on 9/11



Tamara Beckwith

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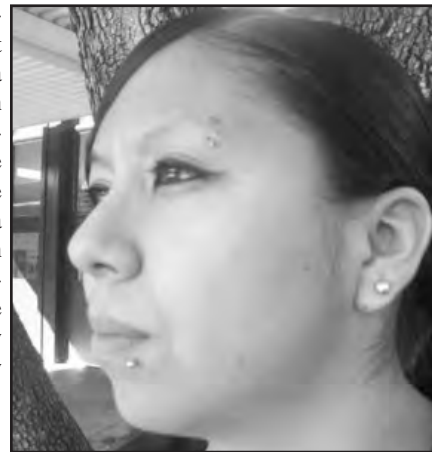
The history of body piercings

by Emily Harrison

communicate with the gods.

Nose Piercing

Nose piercing was first recorded in the Middle East approximately four thousand years ago. In the bible in Genesis 24:22 Abraham requested his oldest servant found Rebekah, and as a gift he gave her a "golden earring" which is a Hebrew word for "nose ring." In the 1970s, nose piercings were seen as a symbol of rebellion against conservative values. Currently, nose piercings are gradually becoming more socially acceptable.



Shalonda Thompson

Tongue Piercing

Tongue piercing were practiced in ritual form by the ancient Aztecs, Mayas of Central America and the Haida, Kwakiutu, and Tinglit tribes of the American Northwest. They pierced the tongue to draw blood to propitiate the gods, and also to create an altered state of consciousness so that the priest or shaman could

Lip Piercing
The piercing of the lip for the insertion of objects into them is very widely practiced throughout the world, however two tribes pierce the lip with a ring, the Dogon tribe of Mali, and the Neba of Ethiopia. According to the Dogon, it has religious significance. Wood, ivory, metal, or even sometimes quartz crystals are used in the lip piercing. In Central America and South America the piercing are stretched to extremely large proportions, and large wooden or clay plates are inserted.

Navel Piercing

Navel piercing are a modern invention and has never been recorded in primitive cultures; however the navel has long been recognized as an erogenous zone, because of the difference between a man and woman's stomachs.

Campbell "Best of" lunch poll results

by Abigail Monteiro

Ms. Monroe's class passed out a great many surveys during lunch polling CHS students on a variety of topics. Here are the results from that survey.

Best Song of 2009

1. "You Belong to Me" by Taylor Swift
2. "Turn it Up" by Drake
3. "Money to Blow" by Drake, Birdman & Lil Wayne

Best video of 2009

1. New Moon Soundtrack- various artists' videos
2. "Single Ladies" by Beyonce
3. "Video Phone" by Beyonce & Lady Gaga

Best food of 2009

1. pizza
2. chicken
3. nachos

Best of fashion

1. skinny jeans
2. scarves
3. boots and Dickies (Tie)

Best teachers of 2009

1. Mr. Carson
2. Ms. Yoder & Ms. Kidd (tie)
3. Ms. Monroe & Mr. Locke (tie)

Best TV Show of 2009

1. Glee
2. House
3. Family Guy

Best Student

1. T.J Whitt
2. Julio Martinez
3. Linzi Hickman

(Not shown in picture George, and Montana)



Ms. Lisa Monroe

Ms. Monroe's class. Jenny, Shakemia, Feliciano, Julio, Miguel,

Coffee House 2009

by Chelsea Kilborn

This years coffee house can be summed up with two words: Complete SUCCESS.

Each year Campbell High School hosts a talent showcase of sorts that is known as Coffee House. Campbell students are encouraged to audition and display their unique talents.

Family, friends and peers of the performing Campbell students gathered in the auditorium to view "songologues," poems, play and music excerpts, monologues, dances and original songs.

Hosted by Winnie Brice and Shane Woods, Coffee House 2009 was one of the best coffee house performances ever. Drama teacher, and sponsor, Mrs. Piotrowski, said simply that Coffee House 2009 was "[A] great show. [A] great audience. [A] great time."

The show was jam packed with a plethora of different, enjoyable and diverse acts.

Here are some of the highlights:

-Brandi Willis, lyrical dance, "Up Against the

Wind"

-Hjazi Smith and Daven Cook, song, "Sweet Intoxication"

-Jordan Miller, original poems, "The Note/Susie's Story" and "Meadows"

-Daven Cook and Alex Downtain, music, "Guitar Battle"

-Anna Fuller, Raven Major and Cheyenne Wyley, song, "Sweet Dream"

-Chelsea Kilborn, original poem, "A Poem for my Favorite Distraction"

-Courtney Caldwell and Brandon Brantley, scene, "Spaghetti Overturn"

-Jordan Jones and Raven Major, song, "No Air"

-Jesse Lockridge and Rodger Lamb, original songs, "The Constant" and "Awaiting You"

-Kia Williams, Jalea Gray, Calib Lanier and Damian Smith, dance, "Legacy"

-Demetrius Lewis, piano/original song, "Love"

-Cheyenne Wyley, Emma Smith, Aisha Moss, Winnie Brice, Joryn Hebert, and Anna Fuller, dance, "Cell Block Tango" from Chicago

-Tai Faro, original poem, "Untitled"

International Festival

by Jasmine McCoy

"This is one Campbell High School event that is fantastic. And it really does separate our school from other schools," enthused ESOL teacher Mr. Gene Eybalman, master of ceremonies and co-coordinator along with Ms. Debra White, social studies teacher.

Eybalman's comments kicked off the seventeenth annual International Festival.

First up, the parade of nations where all the participants marched proudly, displaying their flags and sporting cultural dress. Three talented students led off the program with the romantic song "Right Here." Next, a group of artistic dancers demonstrated Caribbean dancing. Ms. Gorenstein's class performed next with a compilation of decades of dance.

Jordan Jones then sang an Italian love song, "Cru Dele Sebben." Che la bella canzone!

One new addition to the show was an exposition of Quinceañera dresses. The Quinceañera is a celebration of a Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday. It is a formal affair attended by invitees wearing glamorous floor-length ball gowns.

Later in the program, three Latin dances- the Bachata, Salsa, and Meringue- were presented.

The continent of Africa was well represented with a selection of dance and a regal fashion show of students wearing flowing robes, dashikis, kaftans, djellabas, kanzus, and boubous topped with kufis, fez hats, turbans and colorful headscarves.

The step team brought fast-paced talent and entertainment to the agenda. They burst onto the

scene stating they were crazy, backing it up with wild and zany hairstyles, dance moves and outfits. They quickly showed they were not, as they clapped, stomped and swayed in syncopated, intricate precision.

Kehinde Fan and Naiara de Souza brought down the house with their soulful rendition of



Quinceañeras escorted by Campbell High School students

Shalonda Thompson

"How to touch a girl."

This was followed by the dance duo, Legacy-Jallea Gray and Calib Lanier, who showed Campbell their awesome hip hop moves in a seductive dance story.

The program moved to the content of Asia for a selection of spicy and rhythmically nimble In-

dian dances. The crowd was astounded at the difficulty of the dance and impressed with the beauty of the multihued, bejeweled and vibrant saris worn by the dancers.

Another showstopper was the Japanese Culture Club's trilogy. First, a fashion show- everything from martial arts gees, Japanese schoolgirl uniforms, and the kimonos of days gone by. Then, some Japanese dancing. The crowd came alive when the circulating Ninjas spun and twisted. Mr. John Moale, Japanese teacher and club sponsor, in kimono, kept time with Japanese drumsticks tapping out a staccato rhythm as his club members performed.

Next was the Asian Club's fashion show, a voyeuristic skit of rejection skirmishes. Boys mimed, pleading acceptance by girls in beautiful Asian dress. They were pushed, shoved, tripped and cast away. We laughed and felt a little dirty for doing so.

The show always includes some homegrown talent and the band, Box Car Rock Stars, did not disappoint. As they expressively sang their original song, "The Constant," the crowd erupted. If this were the 1970's, the gym would have been lit with disposable lighters to demand an encore. Instead, the crowd did "the wave."

Ms. Gorenstein's dancers performing a medley of dances for the grand finale, this time from around the world including a dance set to the Indian song "Jai Ho." More Latin dancing closed the show with Ms. Gorenstein and Mr. Eybalman joining in for some couples dancing.

The festival ended in the cafeteria with tables displaying artifacts, wares and food from various countries.

Campbell news 2009

by Sadarius Parks

During 2009, Campbell High School students have contributed scholastically, athletically, in performing arts and community service. Here are only some of the highlights:

- Starting in January, 2009, DECA made it to the regional competition.
- In February, Campbell held a Battle of the Bands.
- In March, the Drama Department performed the play "Sweeney Todd."
- In Spring, 2009, Campbell received the Overall Award for Most Points scored, at the KSU Model UN competition. In addition, Campbell seniors were accepted at over forty prestigious colleges and universities.
- During June, the Campbell football team selected its new coach T. K. Dodd.
- In August, Campbell began the school year with a new principal, Dr. Grant Rivera.
- In September, Campbell was notified that we passed AYP from the state of Georgia.
- The McDaniel Stadium Press Box was dedicated to Coach Alan Nicely on September 11, 2009.
- In October, Campbell was chosen as a "Cool

School" by CBS Atlanta and filmed on location.

•On November 7, the Campbell High School Marching Band performed at half-time at Georgia Tech Band Day.

•On November 17, the 17th Annual International Festival celebrated school cultures.

•On November 30, members of the National Honor Society, Beta and Anchors Club attended the "Smyrna Coming Home for the Holidays" celebration.

•In November, the Campbell High School Raider Team received the highest recognition ever at the National JROTC Raider Challenge Championships.

•In November and December, vocational classes continued to shine. The Horticulture classes had plant sales, Culinary Arts had a holiday luncheon and sold casseroles, and DECA studied marketing in New York City.

•On December 2nd, Campbell had a College Financial Night

•On December 4th, Mr. Stroud's band students attended TUBACHRISTMAS.

•On December 7th, the Multicultural Literature class presented special shoe boxes to Calvary Children's home, the Horticulture class provided plants and the Anchor Club decorated pots for parents who worked with the children.

Afghanistan update

by Jamie Knox

Engines revving, the clack of a charging handle slamming shut, and the sounds of soldiers marching. These are common sounds in our nation's military bases but the noise level's are rapidly increasing with President Barack Obama's administration's new deployment plan.

President Obama expects to send 30,000 more marines to Afghanistan early next year, with 1,000 trainers for Afghani police forces close behind. In the meantime, Obama already has increased attacks by pilotless Predator drone aircraft against Taliban and Al Qaeda militants in Afghanistan and Pakistan's tribal areas.

Here are some of the president's remarks as he accepted the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize on December 11, 2009: "I understand why war is not popular, but I also know this: The belief that peace is desirable is rarely enough to achieve it. Peace requires responsibility. Peace entails

sacrifice."

Many politicians oppose the plan, and public opinion is falling quickly. At the beginning of the September 2009, the Washington Post/ABC News polls showed that 51% of respondents felt that the war had not been worth its costs. Only 26% actually backed the increased troop levels. Forty-two respondents expressed that the troop levels should decline. Forty-eight percent felt that the US needed to win the war while 45% felt that victory was not critical, bringing home the troops was more important. This is a large dip from the 89% that agreed when we first started Operation Enduring Freedom. The last nine years have sapped us of our thirst for battle.

Most Americans sided with the government when the war started because of the recent September 11th attacks. With the memory of the Twin Towers burning and crumbling starting to fade, many Americans are all for ending it.

Our concern is currently training the Afghani's to fend for themselves, and prepar-

Meet the Drama Geeks

by Jacquola Colbert

The Drama Geeks are what you call members of Campbell High School's drama club. They simply describe themselves as "Theater Enthusiasts".

"I love being a Drama Geek, its fun. It keeps you on your toes," said senior Tanner Mitchell, who has been associated with the Drama Geeks for four years.

The Drama Geeks hosts improv groups, which are a group of people who put on a show with no scripts. It is all based on the performer's imagination.

According to students who are Drama Geeks, improv is most exciting. They go to Coffee House, Campbell's talent show. The most recent one was held on Friday November 13, 2009. They also participate in Battle of the Bands and Campbell Idol. Battle of the Bands is a competition where different bands compete for best band in Smyrna and Campbell Idol is a singing competition based on American Idol. The Drama Geeks participate in these events to support the department.

There are several upcoming events that the Drama Geeks have planned for the holiday season. There will be a production of Red Herring in Ms. Piotrowski's fourth block in December. They are also doing a production of Charlotte's Web the first week of December. There will also be an improv show Friday November 20, 2009. Improve shows are open to anyone but they are not free, the shows are \$5.00.

"Seems like fun. You get to be on stage and make people laugh," said senior Caleb Lanier, as a reason to be a Drama Geek.

Any student who would like to be a Drama Geek should attend the meeting on the first Friday of every month in the Drama room. There are no requirements; students should just show up. Every Wednesday and Friday they hold improv rehearsals which are open to anyone who would like to attend.

"Being a Drama Geek has shown me to never judge people before getting to know them. It has allowed me to be more open and helped me to be more outgoing," Tanner Mitchell.



Ms. Aughey

Freshmen Drama Geeks Mackenzie Taylor and Jamie Keathley

ing for the eventual date of our withdrawal. The problem is that this is not going as quickly as we could have hoped. Our early estimates were that it would take just under two years to get the government up, running, and a further four years to get the police forces up to a level where they could keep control of their country. This has turned into eight years with another two to four to finish with the preparation of the Afghani police force.

We have many troops over there defending our country. They are devoted and are dying everyday. We cannot just give up on them, even if we are losing money and lives. They believe in their cause and we should believe in

them. With the deployment of these soldiers, it is our duty to them to support them. They need supplies, mail and most of all a safe, stable and peaceful country to come home to. If you know any service men and women send them a letter, anything to show you care especially during the holidays. When you see a man or woman in uniform, thank them. Show them you appreciate them. If you would like to send a message of support to a military member via e-mail, here is a safe website- www.OperationDearAbby.net. The military is not accepting generic mail to "any service member" due to security concerns.

Ebonic plague and slang flu

by Tai Faro

"Bruh, breh, brah!" If you did not recognize this, those are the different variations of the word "bro," short for "brother" brought to you by teens and young adults in their use of slang and the unfortunate use of Ebonics.

In addition, familiar colloquialisms include "neva!" "I ain't know that" and the ever-so-popular but the ever-so-ignorant "no homo!" and "that's gay!"

With these terms and popular phrases, it is made apparent that our youth has acquired and is now suffering from the slang flu and the Ebonic plague, the widespread, and transmittable verbal and mental epidemics of today's society.

What we fail to realize is that though these phrases have become part of our everyday terminology, we do not consider their derivatives and how insulting they are amongst others and ourselves. We also fail to realize how the use of slang and Ebonics diminish our intelligence, and increase the levels of ignorance.

For example, although the word "nigga" is a common word popularized by African Americans, it is also highly controversial and vulgar. It originates from the word "nigger" which is a variant form of the word "Negro" meaning "black person." However, "nigger" is an ethnic slur, and more so, an extremely offensive name referring to those of the black race. The irony to this fact is that some blacks find it justifiable to greet others of their race or even outside of their complexion with a jargoned twist - Phrases like "What's up, my nigga?" and "That nigga" have become widely used expressions to acknowledge friends. Through an observational perspective, it is almost inconceivable to think that they believe the slang term "nigga" is more appropriate than the word "nigger" is

Could this word have materialized from what we have perceived from the mainstream media? Certainly. Artists of the rap industry have nonchalantly thrown out such a derogatory word in lyrics. 50 cent's song, "In Da Club" (in which the title itself exemplifies slang use) uses the word "nigga" 9 times. Rapper Lil Wayne's song "My Nigga" uses the term at a whopping 27 times, including in the title.

If you look at it from society's standpoint, the word "nigga" presents a double negative and an obvious taboo in that non-blacks are prohibited from its use. But why? The word itself should be retired from the human language, and use by African Americans should not be an exception.

Possibly the most distasteful and blatantly ignorant forms of slang associated with homosexuality, is "no homo" and "that's gay." For instance, "That's so gay how I failed my test" should not pertain to the test score being homosexual, for that is

not in the least bit possible. So why is the phrase used if the context is not only offensive to the gay community, but also fails to make any kind of sense, universally? Coined by the rapper, Juelz Santana, the phrase "no homo" raises verbal epidemic factors, also. It is usually used amongst individuals as a disclaimer to clarify that they are not gay when saying such things to same-sex friends like, "I love you, no homo." But, of course, such a phrase should not substantiate a reason for its use, by any means.

What also seems to accommodate the slang flu is the use of the word "retard," which contains many aspects of discrimination towards the mentally challenged. That factor, however, is not usually acknowledged. Throughout history, the word "retard" was defined as someone who was lacking in mental, emotional or physical development. In this new era, people use the word extensively towards certain people that lag in supposed common sense, and situations that lack likeability and understanding. Sayings such as, "This class is retarded" or "You're retarded" have now been socially acceptable and are perceived to be harmless, though it is evidently hurtful. Moreover, we should ask ourselves again, is it right to continue to use this word, or should we let it cease and debase?

Living in a conformed society, slang and Ebonics are the "everyday thing." Yet, they are considered an ordeal to the ones who have found that their use contribute to verbal sicknesses detrimental to our learning and thinking. We should ask, why do we choose to use slang and speak Ebonics? The answer could lie in the mindset of our surroundings. It is what and whom we have been accustomed to, such as the media, peers and family influences. The possibility that stereotypes can form and even contribute to the spread of slang.

With all due respect, "those partners of mine" sounds better than "my patna dem," although such correct grammar may be looked down upon if we have succumbed to improper syntax. Moreover, "I ain't going" could be easily and accurately turned into "I'm not going." So now, we should ask ourselves, what IS the treatment of this pandemic? Proper grammar is the cure.

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Are tattoos professional?

Are tattoos professional? Will tattoos ruin your chance of getting a good, high paying job? Can you be successful with a tattoo?

Tattoos don't determine what kind of worker that you are. You can be an ineffective and ineffectual worker without any tattoos at all. You can be an inspired, hard-working visionary with them.

Many students' parents' would probably react the way my mom did. She really believed that if I got a tattoo I would be unable to have a good career.

Since that day we had the conversation, I took a step back from tattoos and have gotten into piercings. My dad doesn't particularly care for my piercings because he feels like it can hold me back from getting a job in the same way my mom feels about tattoos.

I've explained to them both that



by Emily Harrison

tattoos and piercings are a means of expression not something that can alter your life.

In some people's homes, it is not such a big deal to come home with tattoos all over your body. And it isn't that big of a deal to people to see piercings and tattoos at school.

I hardly ever notice when someone has a tattoo because it looks natural to me.

My dad said that the reason tattoos are taboo is because they were unthinkable back in previous generations. Not many people had them; the people who got them were sometimes of dubious reputation; and because they didn't have the high quality tattooing materials that they do now.

Many business establishments still have dress codes requiring tattoos to be covered and piercings to be removed in the workplace.

Yet, in today's world, with piercings so common and tattoos so artistically rendered, shouldn't we reevaluate our stance on this issue? I stand by what I say when I say that tattoos don't make you any less professional. (Image from tribal-tattoos-design.com)

Best of the blogs

"Stupidity isn't a crime", or is it?

There is nothing that I hate more than stupid people. It has nothing to do with intelligence, but I mean people who are just plain ignorant. It is as if they have little microorganisms of stupid feeding on their little pea brains. Senselessly, they are repetitive in the same unexplainable things, for absolutely no reason, whatsoever.

Then when they get caught in the act, they act as if they did not do anything or get loud as if they were right. Sometimes the "stupid" spreads from one person to the next, then you get a crowd of infected dummies.

It seems like an airborne disease or something, and there is no cure. It is like having the common cold staring at you, pointing in your face saying "ha ha ha".

Why act out for attention? Why would you act fiendishly for negative attention?

Then, when people start treating you like some type of dummy, they want to act as if they are a victim and



by Shalonda Thompson

want somebody to feel bad for them. No.

It is not going to happen. Do not come this way with that mess; you put it on yourself.

I remember when my mom brought a shirt that says "Stupidity is not a crime." At the time, I completely agreed with it and even thought the

shirt's saying was funny.

Now I feel as though some people act foolishly on purpose, as if they have an itch to be completely and utterly stupid.

Officer, Arrest them!
Sigh.

Some things to think about-

-1 in 10 American male high school dropouts is either in prison or in juvenile detention. Among young black male HS dropouts, 22.9 percent are incarcerated.

-In 2008, among young black dropouts, the unemployment rate was 79 percent, compared to 54 percent for whites and 47 percent for Hispanics.

-In California, "if the child isn't reading on 4th grade level when tested they will plan to budget building another jail cell." Paul Schwartz, a Coalition "Principal in Residence" at the U. S. Department of Education (Childtrends Data Bank)

A letter from the editor

by Tai Faro

Change, change, change, but have we ever asked ourselves if there is any room for improvement? I tend to question the motives of others, especially those who attend my high school. As this year comes to a close, some of us evaluate ourselves and whatever accomplishments (or failures) we've had. You could face adversity, or have experienced the taste of success, but does it really make a difference? As we enter the new year, it's always a chance to improve on what we have wished for and what we hope to acquire. To work on insecurities, our self-esteem, and just to make goals that attribute to success and a sense of fulfillment. This brings a whole new level of optimism, hope, and patience. What will you do reach that? What will you do to improve?

From Page 1- Senior spotlight Kelli Richardson

The highlight of Kelli's trip was the Rockettes at Radio Music Hall. She found them awe inspiring in their performance and was simply amazed by their unison.

Guiding Kelli through her life are her mother and her grandmother who she looks up to a great bit. "They both showed me that hard work is something you should not fear," said Kelli.

Kelli was taught that from hard work comes admirable qualities and these would get her far in life.

Succeeding in life is something that Kelli was taught to do, and will accomplish by hopefully attending Spelman or Mississippi State University. At one of those well-known colleges, Kelli would like to major in Environmental Science or Biomedical Engineering. Kelli would like to have a Law degree or a PHD in Biomedical Engineering. As with most of Kelli's peers, her major could change and she is still unsure of her future. At this time, Kelli just wants to graduate high school with honors and be accepted into one of her two college choices. To Kelli, completing high school is the stepping-stone to the rest of her life.

Something that Kelli would always want to remember is the diversity she experienced here at Campbell High School. To Kelli, no other school in the county has as much diversity as Campbell. Only at Campbell can you have the opportunity to eat lunch with people from India, Nigeria, Great Britain and South Africa. It is definitely a memorable aspect of Campbell to all of its students.

"If you wash pots for a living be the best pot washer in the state" is Kelli's motto of life.

Spartans speak

Opposite day

by Jorge Santander

If today we partook in childish activities
And spoke in opposites and "not's",
I might have had a piece of mind
To tell you what I thought.

To constantly brush the hair
Off your beautiful face,
To genuinely say "I love you"
As we go from place to place

And through't all you wouldn't know,
The day'd pass bit by bit.
To tell you truly how I feel,
And have no meaning to it.

Disney's first black princess

by Lauren Brown

In a tradition that includes an Asian, a Native American, and an Arabic princess, why has it taken so long for one of the largest minority groups in America, African-Americans, to be represented?

The answer is in the controversy. The princess cannot just have brown skin, but she must be 'culturally' black also, although not stereotypical. This is a fine line to walk. The name Tiana, a name designated for black girls, replaced Maddie, which bloggers complained was 'a poor person's name'. Her work—first she was a maid, but this caused an uproar in the black community. (Why does the black girl have to be a maid?! No matter that Cinderella spent quite a lot of time scrubbing floors.) The mandatory fairy-woman is old Mama Odie, who kisses snakes and speaks in an almost indecipherable accent. It took more than seventy years of animation to create a black princess because racism is still too touchy to confront. The struggle to make an acceptable, inoffensive black princess has revealed that the issue of race runs deeper than we can understand; stereotypes are so strong and pervasive that they cannot be shaken; and we as a country are nowhere near colorblind.

BOOM! "You still there?"

by Jade Clemons

Talking on your cell phone while driving is not that big of a deal, or is it? It is so dangerous, in fact, that most states have a law that bans talking and driving. Many wrecks are caused by people talking away on their cell phones.

Another common danger is that people are so focused on their cell phones that they run straight through red lights.

Phones are just a HUGE distraction. Have you ever been on your cell phone and then you "accidentally" miss your turn? Maybe you should think about putting that phone down!

According to the Human Factors quarterly journal, "Cell phone distraction causes 2,600 deaths and 330,000 injuries in the United States every year" (2005). This research was released four years ago, just imagine what the statistics are today.

Another little thing that teenagers might be worried about is misspelled text messages. Some people care so much about it that they actually try to correct their spelling while already performing a dangerous maneuver, texting while driving. The main thing people should do is put down the phone and drive!

Happy Holidays from the Spartan Chronicles

"Nothing says holidays, like a cheese log." Ellen DeGeneres

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man." Benjamin Franklin



Trials and errors by Tai Faro

Who is to say that anyone of Middle Eastern descent and Islamic faith is a terrorist?

That the wearing of a hijab signifies radical ideas and violent means of destruction.

While living in a world with diverse traditions and different ethnic backgrounds, hostility and discrimination always tends to arise. Without a doubt, some of us object to unfamiliar or new ideas and buy into the stereotypes as seen in the world today.

But is it right?

Has society and our environment helped us to build this blatantly ignorant mindset?

"It has, because people are afraid and confused by what they don't understand," said freshman Destiny Randolph.

One bias presents multiple false generalizations. For example, when the September 11th attacks occurred in 2001, some Americans viewed the few self-proclaimed terrorists who committed this heinous crime as one large whole. Relatively speaking, the entire Muslim population, or individuals who "appeared" to fit this description based on traditional principles of the dress or the discrimination of skin color, was accused of subscribing to the 9/11 terrorist's views.

When asked about what he thought of Muslims and terrorism, Mr. Davis* said, "I don't trust any of them. You never know which one is going to stab you in the back."

Unfortunately, those who add to



From top left: Aya Abdellatif, Ishrat Mannan, and Mehreen Karim.

the stereotypes are often adults. If an adult, such as a teacher or parent, perceives Muslims as terrorists, the biased belief can be passed on to the younger generation through either active statements and behaviors or tacit acceptance of prejudiced ideas.

In a Campbell High School poll, 80% of the 54 students surveyed believe that parents help shape a child's perception of different typecasts, such as those involving terrorism.

"The worst thing is that when something goes wrong, it seems they (Muslims) are the first to be blamed," says junior Amber Smith.

Though we have raised speculation and leveled harsh criticism, why have we not wondered how do Muslims feel?

While some of us are so busy trying to build ourselves a fortress of protection from danger and trouble,

those of Middle Eastern descent and Islamic practices are ostracized.

"Everywhere you go, people will stare at you. Without my hijab, I am treated differently", said freshman Aya Abdellatif.

This can only raise hostility and lead to tension amongst students against Muslim students by the ones who categorize them into one negative group of people. Sadly, there are students who go out of their way to leave Islamic kids susceptible to unfair treatment and bullying.

Muslims are human just like anyone else, so why should they be differentiated from the rest of us based on whatever past or current events have occurred? Not all of them have the same intentions. Thus, no one should stereotype, especially when these assumptions are based on the small amount of information to which he or she has been exposed. If people are misinformed, it is their responsibility to seek the truth and to not be so influenced by the ill-formed ideas of today's society.

"Being a Muslim is like any religion. It is based on a society and where you were raised. Misinformation contributes to a weak mindset and the media," said Mrs. Soheyla Sadeghiani, Campbell High teacher. She then finished with a few, simple words of wisdom.

"If you don't know anything, don't judge."

*The interviewee chose to have his real name shielded.

Gossip guys

by Raya Tobler

"Guys don't care about drama"

If there is a more misleading statement, I do not think I have ever heard it before. But, I hear this one all the time. The ironic thing is that the statement is not usually uttered by the gender it describes. Instead, it is the opposite gender that perpetuates the misconception, and usually when they are annoyed with the oh-so-complicated dynamics of Girl World.

In case the topic has not become clear, let me clarify. Guys, in fact, do gossip as much as, if not more than girls. In fact, the Social Issues Research Center in Britain commissioned a study on the role of gossip in society and their findings said just that. Kate Fox reported in "Evolution, Alienation and Gossip: The role of mobile telecommunications in the 21st century" that gossip is "not a

trivial pastime: it is essential to human social, psychological and even physical well-being (2009).

You are still not convinced? According to the study, thirty-three percent of men indulge in gossip on their cell phone through talk or text every day or almost every day, compared with twenty-six percent of women.

Yet, male gossiping is more subtle. It is not obvious to the wandering eye. Boys do not gossip the way girls do, loudly, at lunch tables, in bathrooms, in hallways or wherever there is spare space or time.

Instead, boys gossip discreetly in their usual places where they all meet to exchange their ideas. This can include the locker room, the weight room, at practice, pretty much any place girls aren't. It is safe to say that anything personal you have ever told a guy friend, most of it has been

shared in these places. That could you had that was actually mono? They already know about it. Your best friend's boyfriend and his other girlfriend? They know about that, too, not to mention your best friend's other boyfriend. They know about it all. What do you think they are laughing about in the hallway? It is not the latest episode of The Hills.

Now, don't over react. This information is not meant to inspire paranoia, just caution. Ladies, a word of advice. Stop spreading the misconception that guys do not gossip. You are just making it easier for them to get away with it. Perhaps it is best to understand what gossip is and is not, first.

According to Tracy Wilson in "How Gossip Works," "when two people talk about a third, absent person and the conversation includes undertones of judgment or secrecy, it is gossip" (2006). It is also important to know the difference between gossiping and rumormongering. Rumors and gossip have similar connotations, but researchers disagree about whether they are the same thing.

"Rumors apply to a specific type of gossip. Gossip is based on fact, but rumors are based in hypotheses. Gossip is a tool for maintaining social order, but rumor is a tool for explain-

ing things that people do not understand. Gossip relates something people believe has happened, but rumors express what people hope or fear will happen" (Wilson 2006).

Notice how "social order" snuck in there. Gossiping and spreading rumors might be rude, bad manners, and hurtful but it can be beneficial. What?

Robin Dunbar, author of "Grooming, Gossip and the Evolution of Language," theorizes that gossip works in human societies the same way grooming does in primate societies, but more efficiently (1996). Gossip could have evolved as a way for early humans to learn about their neighbors and determine who they could trust, making it a tool for survival. Another example is that gossip encourages social bonding. The people you gossip with become part of a group -- everyone else is outside of your group.

However, most know that gossiping is harmful. Most religions caution against it.

Why do people gossip? Let's get back to the research. It is girls more than guys.

Many people gossip out of a desire to harm others or as a guilty pleasure. It is like a bizarre "hobby." Others enjoy feelings of superiority, arro-

gance, justification or schadenfreude - which is pleasure gained from the misfortunes of others. People also spread negative gossip to increase their own social status at the expense of other people's.

Truth be told, not all of the blame can be put on the boys. Who tells them these things in the first place? Guys can only tell as much as they know. If they do not know anything, they cannot say anything (unless they are spreading rumors, but that is a whole other article).

Let us be honest, letting loose and sharing secrets is always fun, but be careful what you share. It is okay to share frivolous stuff, but keep the serious things to yourself. Putting it frankly, if you would not want it to be locker room gossip, then do not blab it to the guys. And don't put it on your wall on Facebook!

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Lady Spartan Erica Norwood

by Jacquola Colbert and Abigail Monteiro

AAU National Champion. She has already received an offer from Georgia State. She reached the quarterfinals of the Class AAAAA state playoffs in 2008 and made the All County second team.

Mark Lewis who blogs at Hoopgurlz said: "Her constant movement and aggressive attack with the ball in her hands makes her a difficult match up for any defender. Add to that the legitimate threat she poses from 3-point range and she's going to create opportunities for both herself and her teammates. Her ballhandling and passing skills are effective weapons and move the ball with ease."

"Extremely tough competitor on the court," says Lady Spartans Head Coach Randy McClure.

She is Campbell High junior and basketball phenom Erica Norwood.

She has been playing basketball for ten years and her experience shows on the court. Her brothers and friends introduced basketball to her. It was a good thing because she is very talented.

Only 5'4", Erica does not let her height stop her from being victorious. Her exceptional ball handling and remarkable skills are going to create opportunities for her and her teammates.

"Good. Great. Fantastic" sums up how Erica feels knowing that she helped bring the team to their major tournament victories last season. She anticipates success this year, as well.

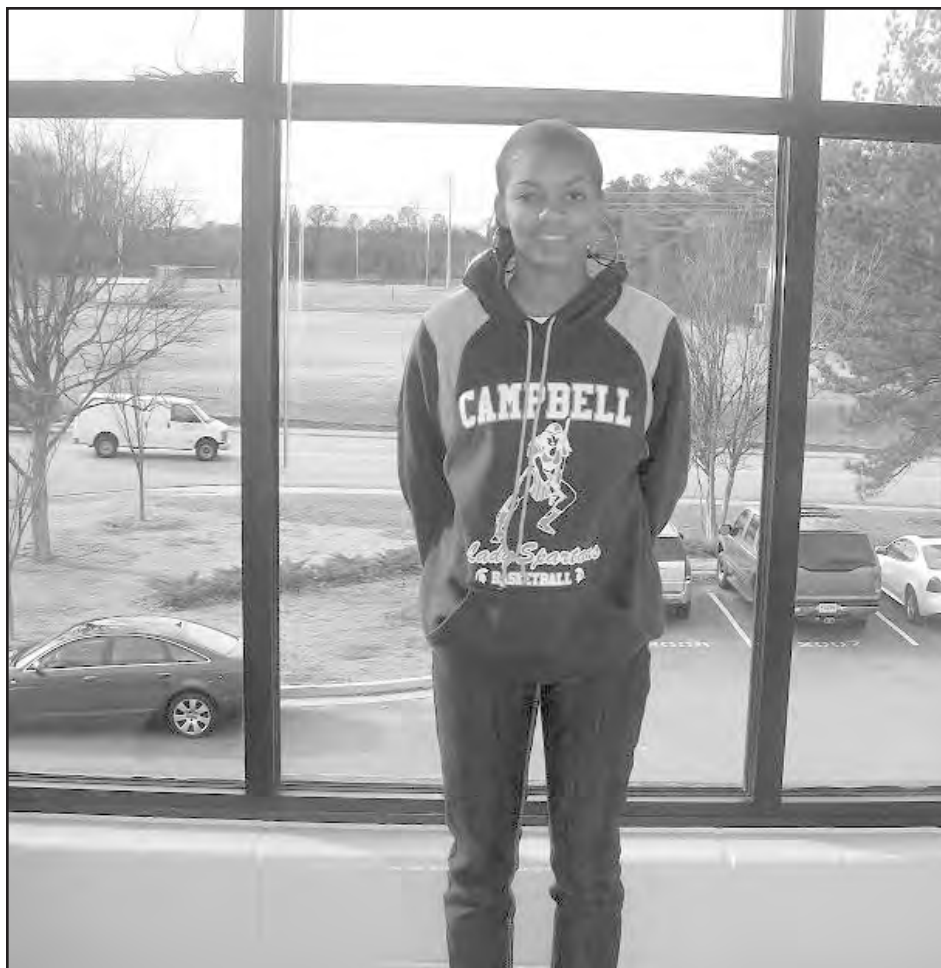
In the future, Erica plans to be a CEO of a company, even though she is still unclear on the college she plans to attend. She knows basketball will help her get into a good one.

In her spare time, she likes to hang with the team. She enjoys eating fruit and her music interests are Trey Songz, Gucci Mane, Waka Floca Flame and Travis Porter.

Coach McClure said Erica is a "good person and still growing."

Come out to cheer on the Lady Spartans at these upcoming basketball games:

Dec. 19 Sat	South Cobb	Campbell
6:00/7:30pm		
Dec. 20-23 Sat.	Bear Brawl in Warner Robbins Ga.	
Dec. 27 Sat.	Campbell Tournament	
Campbell TBA		
Dec. 29 Mon.	Campbell Tournament	
Campbell 6:00/7:30pm		
Dec. 30 Tues.	Campbell Tournament	
Campbell 6:00/7:30pm		



Shalonda Thompson

Erica Norwood in her basketball attire.

Crosschecking with girls and boys lacrosse

by Keli Fulgencio

As you may know there are many different sports here at Campbell that you can join.

We have football, ultimate Frisbee, soccer, and everything in between. What you may not know is that in the last year we added to that list.

In the 08'-09' school year, a girl's lacrosse team was added to the list of sports available here at Campbell.

Lacrosse is a sport that has been around for centuries and is quite common at high schools and colleges today, so it is no surprise that Campbell has now added its own team. Not only does Campbell have a girls lacrosse team but this year, we have added a boys lacrosse team.

After many inquiries from boys at our school, Coach Ron Weldon has now decided to coach the

boy's team and Coach Jordanna Jones now coaches the girl's team.

Lacrosse is a fun experience and a way to get more involved in our school. The season starts in February and if you are interested in joining then speak to coach Weldon or coach Jones for more information.

Its time to gear up and get out there!

Interesting Facts about Lacrosse-

--Lacrosse began as a sport played by Native American Indians in preparation for war.

--Lacrosse is a true American sport as one of the first sports to ever be played in America. French missionaries who saw that the stick, which is used in the game, was similar to the holy cross first gave the name. From that, they derived the name Lacrosse, which means the cross.

Star swimmer Nuwan Perera

by Sadarius Parks

Tell us a little about yourself.

I am a senior in the IB program. I love to read, watch sports a lot on tv, and I like rock and rap. Even though coach would kill me if I ate it during swim season, I love pizza.

What is your swimming background?

Basically I have swam all my life. I have been on the Smyrna Sharks at Tolleson Park since I was six, and that is really where my love for swimming grew. I enjoy the 100 back and 50 free. 100 Back because it challenges me and 50 free because it is the marquee sprint event, and usually our relay has a chance of winning.

How has the sport changed?

Michael Phelps has been great for swimming, because it really doesn't get exposure except for the Olympics. New swimsuits have become an issue, and I think at some

point you have to set boundaries so that prior records are not just thrown away and to level the playing field.

How do you balance everything?

It is really hard, but it all comes down to what you do with your time. If you work hard when you are supposed to, you get to play hard with the rest of your time.

Who are your heroes?

My father is my main hero in my life because of all the sacrifices he has made in order to give me a better life. We often take for granted what our parents do for us, but I try not to.

Tell us about your coach.

Coach Laird is a great coach. He always tries to get the best from you, but he isn't one of those coaches who only cares about winning. What is important to him is that you try your very best, and he will do everything he can to help you get there. This year especially, people are getting personal records and making state left and right, and it's because of the work that we put in, both as swimmers and Coach Laird and Curran.

Wrestling team wrestles with young players

by Javien Smith

Meet social studies teacher Mr. Shawn Slenczka, Campbell High's wrestling coach

How has the season gone so far?

Our season has been full of ups and downs. We started out by placing five people at the Walton J.V. tournament. Dillon Winders 2nd place, Morgan Ford 3rd place, Darion Ruckers, Marquis McGee, and Derek Cathey all took 4th place. Our varsity schedule has proved much tougher as we ran into some top-notch competition in the likes of Pope, Harrison and Lassiter.

Do you have any standout moments?

Our stand out moment as a team was defeating Lithia Springs in a tiebreaker. We had 6 pins during the meet. The most memorable match was watching Anthony Lopez technical fall his opponent from Walton. (That means beating his opponent by 15 points)

As coach, what is your vision for the team? What is your coaching philosophy?

This year we have a very young team. We are led by

a group of upperclassmen in Dean Rivera, Dillon Winders and Darion Ruckers but the majority of our wrestlers are freshman and sophomores. My vision is to build this team up over the long run. I believe we have some good young pieces in place such as fresh-

men Naggi Bey, John Beasley, Jose Briceno, Jamiel Kohler, Anthony Lopez, Jordan Samples and Samir Usman. We also have a good crop of sophomores in Roderick Carter, Derek Cathey, Morgan Ford and Marquis McGee. My philosophy this year is to teach them the fundamentals of wrestling and drive them to become better wrestlers. I am not focusing very much on win-loss record this year. The wins will come with time.

Do you have a good quote or team motto that inspires you?

Our team quote is "Amat Victoria Curam" This means "victory favors those who take pains" in Latin. This is the same slogan that can be found on our bracelets. We are still selling bracelets through the end of the semester for \$1 each. Proceeds go to buying new equipment (hopefully a digital scale). You can purchase bracelets from any wrestler or from Coach Slenczka in room 924.

A special thanks to the parents of John Beasley, Marquis McGee and Dean Rivera for being there to support the Spartan Wrestling, day in and day out.



The wrestling team's motto



Basketball season is here!



December 2009

“THE BEST OF 2009” SURVEY RESULTS

Top 3 Most Used Words

1. Neva
2. Chill
3. Watch Out

- ## BEST Cafeteria Food
1. NACHOS
 2. PIZZA
 3. SUBS

Most Overrated Things To Go To In Smyrna

1. Campbell High
2. Cumberland Mall
3. Moe's Restaurant

BEST YOUTUBE VIDEOS

2. SHANE DAWSON
1. BONQUQUI
3. HORSE KICKING GIRL IN FACE

BEST FREE THING TO DO IN SMYRNA

1. SLEEP
2. COMMUNITY CENTER
3. HANG W/ FRIENDS

Best Fast Food Places

1. ChikFilA
2. McDonalds
3. Burger King

- ## Best place to spend \$100
1. The Mall
 2. POLO FACTORY
 3. FOREVER

Best Place To Take a Date

1. **Movies**

- 2. Dave & Busters
- 3. Dinner

Funniest Moment at CHS 09

1. **Kidnapping**

- 2. Rivera Getting Pied
- 3. The Pep Rally

Best Fashion Accessory

- 2. Necklaces
- 3. Scarves

Biggest Scandal of 09

- 1. **Kayne & Taylor Swift**
- 2. Rihanna & Chris Brown
- 3. John & Kate Gosselin

1. **G-Shocks**

Most Overrated Celeb

1. **Kanye West**

- 2. Lady Gaga
- 3. Miley Cyrus

Best Comeback of 09

1. **Jay-Z**

- 2. Maxwell
- 3. Whitney Houston

Most Played Song on Your iPod

1. **Invented Sex - Trey Songz**

2. **No Ceilings - Lil Wayne**

3. **All Tha Way Turnt Up - Travis Porter**

Holiday shoutouts!

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- Javelin SW d/b/a Gordy Tire
- Jubilee Family Chiropractic
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- Kool Smiles (Dental Office)
- MacEntyres Bakery
- Regions Bank
- Rev Coffee
- SPSU
- Sylvan Learning Center
- US Army
- Walmart
- Walton Communities

To my boyfriend Ike Erege. Happy Holidays! ily
- Jasmine Fillmore

Kia is the best
- Kia Williams

Tradell the Queen would like to give a shout to the princess Julekha Ismail and the duchess Raven Major
- Tradell, the queen

I wanna thank God for everything that He has done for me this year, and I love my family and friends esp. to Alitha Doh, Pam Bam Gogo.
- Tai Faro

I wanna shout out to my track team.. We are going to state and bringing home a medal!
-Aryielle Stiger

Tre'Erica, I love you more than I love ...
IDK lol Happy Holidays

Chels

To all of my friends who have been there for me whenever I needed them
- Jemila Mitchell

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-Breanna

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- Tremaine Williams

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- Tre'Erica Wallace

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- Curtis Moody

Heyy, Brianna Young, Merry Christmas girl and Happy New Years.
- Love Yache'

I want to shout out to Promote Positive! I love my family.
- Bishop

Hey Dr. Rivera- Great work with your first year at Campbell!
- The Faculty

To Sadarius Parks Happy Holidays! God Bless!
-Jennifer Kindle

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- Tre'Erica Wallace

Hey Tre'Erica my bestie gotta lotta luv 4 her.
- Jacquola Colbert

Have an awesome break to my yearbook staff crew! (HP, LS,

TP, ST, HB, JN, MP)
- Justin Jackson

Brittney, Deborah and Casey, I love you guys and I hope you have a great break!!
-Kelli Richardson

Happy Holidays to all of my friends at Campbell High School! Be safe over the break
- Tenae Henderson

Hey all my Campbell friends just want to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Years
- Jacquola Colbert

Shout out to the whole 1st block table: Tre'Erica, Dammy, Malikah, Khabrea, Debbie
- Jessica

Happy Holidays to my ESOL students! I have enjoyed teaching you this semester! You are terrific, interesting and fun! Your Romeo and Juliet videos were awesome! Thanks for the memories!
- Love Ms. Aughey

Jacquola is my best friend Merry Christmas hun!!
-Tre'Erica Wallace

Here is a shout out to the parents! Thanks for sending your best to us here at Campbell High!

Shout out to my bestie, Cadarius! Shout outs to the first block table: Dammy, Khabrea, Treca, Jessica, and Debbz!
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-Priscila Garcia

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- Ms. Stocking

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Hey everyone have a great holiday and keep cool!
- Brittney Starks

Jasmine, Gabby and Pablo Congrats on graduating from high school.
- Mrs. Gabriel

Trent Houston, it's life :)
- Treca

I give a shout out to my friends, Valeria, Francisco and Arlene and Gabriel thanks for being there.
- Lorena Carmona

love you Lorena Carmona, Scarlett, Marlene Mojica, and all my friends bye
- Arlene Avita

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-Tre'Erica Wallace

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- Reggie Turner

Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo! ¡Gracias a todos los estudiantes, padres y miembros de la comunidad que forman parte de Campbell High School!

To Britnee Johnson Happy Holidays! I love you
-Nafi Camara

To my Special Ed Dept! Have a great vacation and holiday! You guys deserve it
- Lisa Monroe

I live to give a shout out to my best friend Fatima Ismail, Alex Brooks ... and my love Bria B who is moving, love you guys!
- Kenny Faro

I love Gabriel
- Monica Perez

Bria and Breanna ily guys, can't wait to move in :)
- Big sister

Keyonna and Heaven, Merry Xmas and I love you.
- Anonymous

Crutches are fun
-Chance Jones

Merry Christmas to patna patna dem... lol ily, ily
- Jayla Coleman

I wanna wish all my besties a very Merry Christmas, including the awesome Coco
- Ashley Mcglathay

Hey Shakeira, Yhari, Dehaven, Daniel, Angii, and Melissa Love you always
- Cairo Cumberlander

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- Tre'Erica Wallace

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- Ashya Mathis

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-Hetal Bhatt

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-Tola A.

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- Ayshia

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- Devante Hawkins

To squire and Mikey Don't suck
- The Tenor Line

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To all the seniors graduating this December Good luck!!
- Jasmine Fillmore

Jordan Miller - Merry Christmas Love!
- Chelsea K.

I wanna wish everyone Happy Holidays love you, Abi, Eric, Dora, Alex, Priscila ... oh and Happy New Year
- Briseida Trujillo

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- Tre'Erica Wallace

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Spartan Chronicles Staff



IB well rounded

by Taylor Martez Avery

All-nighters, heavy book bags, caffeine addictions, cramming for tests during lunch, and occasional mental breakdowns are things that every IB student experiences at some point in their high school career, well, almost every student.

Since Campbell's implementation of the International Baccalaureate Program in 1997, students have worked hard to succeed in such an academically rigorous magnet program. None of their hard work, however, has gone to waste.

Under the current leadership of Dr. Judy Romanchuk and English teacher Max Jones, the IB program has been extremely successful, especially in terms of IB exam scores. Campbell's average IB exam score is a 5.30 in comparison to an average score of 4.79 world-wide.

Along with the program's reputation of academic excellence, the students in the IB program also hold reputations for certain characteristics, or, rather, are infamous for various stereotypes.

For example, many perceive Campbell's "IB kids" to be the students walking (or speed-walking, rather) to class with humongous book bags yet still, for some reason, carrying a pile of books in hand. Also, they are known for their seemingly endless focus on academic subjects even outside of the educational realm, thus their inability to just "chill". For instance, IB students are thought of as the ones studying during lunch hour as opposed to socializing with friends, or, they are even more infamous for their references to schoolwork on social networking sites such as



Picture taken by Taylor Martez Avery

Above are Campbell IB seniors (left to right), Kyana White, Angelica Brasfield, Justin Glasgow, Mary Michael O'Sullivan, Shoshana Cabral, Melissa Guo, Adanna Ryce, Edgar Trejo, and Alice Mello.

Facebook (which may vary in content from witty allusions to a literary work or merely complaining about an upcoming test). In addition to having an insatiable academic appetite, IB students are commonly viewed as having impaired social lives, or, a lack thereof.

Though there may be some truth to many of these stereotypes, they do not apply to all students in the International Baccalaureate Program. In fact, there are a select few that break the stereotype of the typical IB kid.

IB seniors, Justin Haffad and Mary Michael O'Sullivan, exemplify the image of the unconventional IB student. Not only do they succeed academically, but both have exceptional popularity among their peers, play pivotal roles in their extra-curricular activities, and still manage to maintain a healthy social life.

When asked how he is able to distinguish himself from the IB stereotypes, Haffad said, "I take pride in making myself a well-rounded person. I've been taught to balance my time well." And,

it seems as though he has certainly found the right balance as he spends countless hours in the gym to augment his basketball game, yet still has a GPA of 4.3.

Similarly, Mary Michael O'Sullivan is able to maintain her status as cheer captain while, at the same time, a scholar. She, like Haffad, asserts that time-management is the key to her success.

What shows remind you of your childhood?

by Gabriel Sanchez

"Rugrats- I loved how Chucky was always afraid." Jessica Cortez, senior

"Sesame Street- Ernie because he was always beating up on Bert." Mrs. Gabriel, teacher

"Hey Arnold - I loved his football head!" Dominga Perez, junior

"Gullah Gullah Island and The Big Comfy Couch- It was funny how she had the doll. I loved clean up time. It's how I learned how to tell time and also liked the dust bunnies." Jazmine Jordan, senior

"All That- It was funny." Ally Gonzalez, sophomore

"Captain Planet- I woke up at 7 a.m. and watched it until 11 a.m." Daniel Jackson, senior

"Captain Hero" Brenda Cortez, senior

"Elmo- I liked Elmo, he made me laugh and I liked his voice." Lisbette Perdigon, sophomore

"Rugrats- Funny and I liked the characters." Kent Childs, senior

"The Fresh Prince of Bel Air- I used to stay up late every night watching that show, I love it!" Yureli Ramirez, freshman

"Out Of the Box- I liked the song at the end and that they played in a box." Jasmine Jackson, senior

"Dexter's Laboratory- I Loved Dee Dee!" Joyce Aleman, senior

"Johnny Bravo- Sexy guys like Johnny don't exist LOL!" Jackie Mauricio, sophomore

"Teletubbies- Loved that they looked like big, stuffed animals." Maritza Garcia, sophomore

"Looney Tunes - Loved Bugs Bunny." Chris Louis, junior

"X-Men - Wolverine was cool as s**t." Rhys Lopez, senior

"Mickey Mouse - I liked the characters in the cartoon." Gabby Melendez, senior

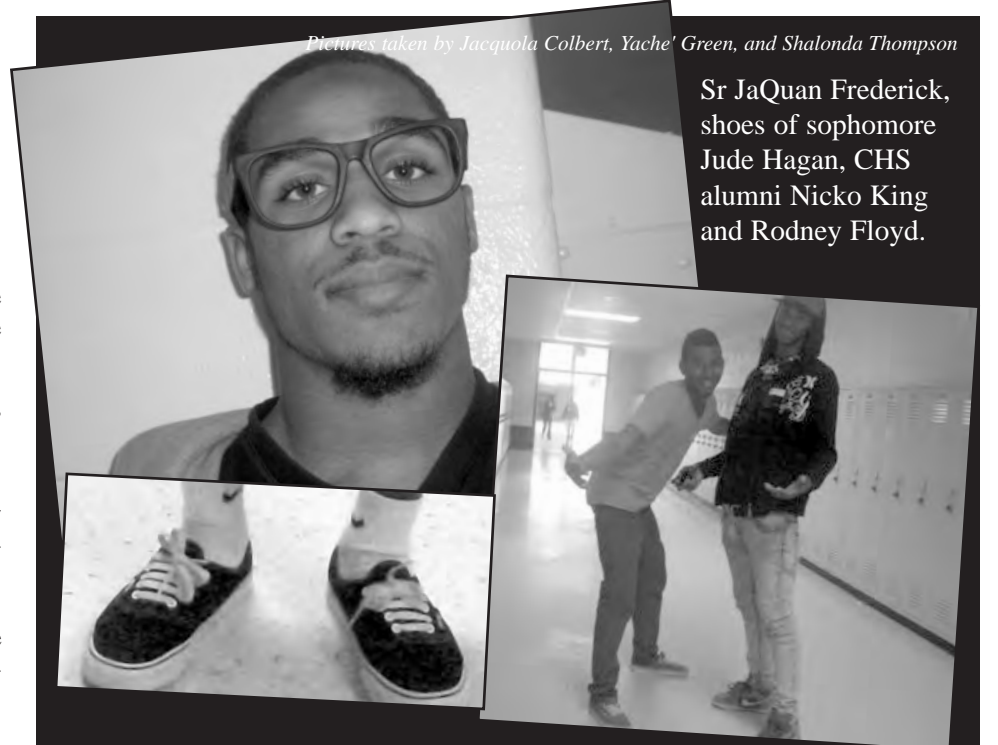
"Superman - I liked his powers." Steve Agyemon, junior

"Justice League - All the heroes were cool." Mr. Allen, teacher

"Sailor Moon" Tradell The Queen Gary, senior

"Animaniacs It was silly." A.J. Maimouni

"Johnny Bravo- I loved how he used to get beat up every time he tried to talk to a girl." Deenecia Peeples, senior



Sr JaQuan Frederick, shoes of sophomore Jude Hagan, CHS alumni Nicko King and Rodney Floyd.

Fashion trends

by Emily Harrison

In these past few years people have been bringing back styles of clothing from different decades.

Lately, if you look around Campbell High School, you see plenty of people "rocking" skinnies.

Skiny jeans are jeans that are noticeably tapered to fit the leg with a very slim cut cuff that hugs the ankles. Since the 1950s, skiny jeans have been in and out of style but right now they are very much in.

Also, many people are bringing the shoe brand Vans back. People began wearing the patterned skater sneakers in 1976.

Another trend that people have been sporting

is the high top hairstyle. A flat top is a type of very short hairstyle similar to the crew cut, with the exception that the hair on the top of the head is deliberately styled to stand up and is cut to be flat, resulting in a haircut that is square in shape. Some additional styles that have graced the halls are the "Mohawk" and the "faux hawk."

Finally, another trend is personality glasses. Personality glasses are glasses that people wear for looks instead of for prescriptive vision.

These are just a few of the trends that we see everyday but could be growing extinct as we approach the new year.

Creative cooking and crafty cuisines

By Jacquola Colbert and Shalonda Thompson

"The kitchen caught on fire and the smoke detector went off because I was not paying attention. I remember it like it was yesterday like two years ago on Thanksgiving I burned the turkey and the dressing," said senior Denzel Bates, about his at home cooking experience.

Taking the Culinary Arts class at Campbell could be beneficial to anyone who plans to become a future chef. Holiday accidents like the one above can be avoided with the lessons and experiences learned in the Campbell High kitchens. After high school graduation, culinary arts students can immediately apply for a cooking position in the restaurant industry.



Senior Nadia Thomas

The Culinary Arts program features three pathway classes -Introduction to Culinary Arts, Culinary Arts I and Culinary Arts II. The program is available to sophomores, juniors and seniors as an elective class. There is no additional cost towards the program; the school covers all expenses.

"She's cool," said sophomore Kenny Kirby, about the instructor.

Mrs. Meredith Moore is the director of the Culinary Arts program at Campbell. Mrs. Moore is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. She has also been a sous chef and has run a catering business.

"I like to cook everything, but if I had to name one thing I would say lasagna. I just love to cook for people and watch them enjoy it," said Moore about her favorite cooking experience.

Moore was inspired to do a luncheon for the teachers, bake muffins for the bus drivers and



picture taken by Deborah Aughey

Above are Jerod Lowe and Ryan Turner working in their uniforms.

bake cookies for the firefighters because of her belief that food is a way to make people feel good and show appreciation.

"It's good because we give back to the community," said junior Vante Gregory.

The Culinary Arts program was featured on CBS Atlanta's "Cool Schools." The TV program spotlighted innovative Campbell High School

Programs. One of the highlights of the television coverage is when CBS reporter Mike Brooks threw the students' fresh baked cookies into the Spartan stands for the students who showed up at 5:00 AM to be filmed for the show.

Students may say they take the class because they thought it might be an easy grade, but find out it is not. Even though they have to work for

their grade, they gain valuable cooking experiences."

"I would like students to use the knowledge that they can in these classes to help them to find employment and further their education," said Mrs. Moore.

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Beyoncé- several magazines named her artist of the decade. (Image from <http://bit.ly/7LQInk>)

Best music of the decade



Coldplay has sold over 50 million albums. (<http://www.coldplay.com/>)



Images for collages above and below from artists' respective websites and fan sites (creative commons)

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Celebrity babies 2009



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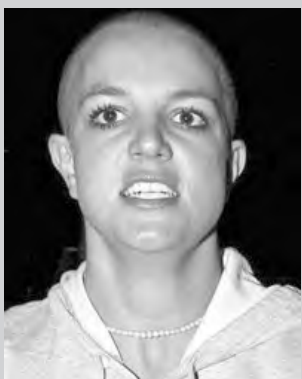
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by Tenae Henderson

This decade has been hit with so many great albums and artists. But, the best are right here!

1. Sufjan Stevens- Illinois (2005)
2. Wilco- Yankee Hotel Foxtrot (2002)
3. Arcade Fire- Funeral (2004)
4. Radiohead- Kid A (2000)
5. Bright Eyes- I'm Wide Awake (2005)
6. The White Stripes- Elephant (2003)
7. Gillian Welch- Time (2001)
8. Outkast- Stankonia (2000)
9. B2K- Pandemonium (2002)
10. Bjork- Vespertine (2001)
11. Libertines- Up The Bracket (2002)
12. Lil Wayne- The Carter 3 (2008)
13. Arctic Monkeys- Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not (2006)
14. Once- Music (2007)
15. Radiohead- In Rainbows (2007)
16. The Jayhawks- Rainy Day (2003)
17. Robin Thicke- Evolution of Robin Thicke (2006)
18. Jay-Z- The Blueprint (2001)
19. LCD Soundsystem- Sound of Silver (2007)
20. TV on the Radio- Return To Cookie Mountain (2006)
21. Kanye West- The College Dropout (2004)
22. Amy Winehouse- Back To Black (2007)
23. Coldplay- A Rush Of Blood To The Head (2002)
24. 50 Cent- Get Rich or Die Tryin' (2003)
25. The Game- The Documentary (2005)
26. Eminem- 8 Mile (2002)
27. Alicia Keys- Songs In the Mirror (2003)
28. Ciara- Goodies (2005)
29. Aaliyah- Aaliyah (2001)
30. Fergie- The Dutchess (2006)
31. Jonas Brothers- It's About Time (2006)
32. Beyoncé- B'Day (2006)
33. Bow Wow- Beware of the Dog (2000)
34. Rihanna- Good Girl Gone Bad (2007)
35. Chris Brown- Chris Brown (2005)
36. Taylor Swift- Fearless (2008)
37. N'Sync- No Strings Attached (2000)
38. BackStreet Boys- Black and Blue (2005)
39. Britney- Oops I Did It Again (2000)
40. Chris Daughtry- Daughtry (2006)
41. Carri Underwood- Carnival Ride (2007)
42. Fantasia- Free Yourself (2004)
43. Gwen Stefani- Love. Angel. Music. Baby. (2004)
44. Justin Timberlake- FutureSex/LoveSounds (2006)
45. Maroon 5- Songs About Jane (2002)
46. Keyshia Cole- Just Like You (2007)
47. All American Rejects- Move Along (2005)
48. The Fray- How To Save A Life (2006)
49. Trey Songz- Ready (2009)
50. T.I- King (2006)

Compiled from Paste Magazine, Popeater.com, Rollingstone Magazine, and Spin.com)



The meltdown (Image from People.com 2/19/07)



The comeback (Image from britneyspears.com)

Britney Spears- she did it again 2009

by Gabriel Sanchez

Britney Spears emerged as a teen star in 1998 when she released her first single "Baby One More Time." Since then, she has been considered the queen of pop. Everything was going well for Britney. She had notable VMA performances including one with a live snake and a memorable shared kiss with Madonna. In 2004, Britney married one of her back up dancers after a disastrous first marriage. Spears filed for divorce in November 2006. From that point on, the pop singer shaved her head; was seen clubbing nightly; was photographed without panties and was seen driv-

ing with her infant baby on her lap. She was reportedly also on drugs. After stints in rehab and mental facilities a couple of times, Miss Britney Spears had officially hit rock bottom. Spears attempted a widely criticized comeback at the 2007 VMAs. She since then has released three albums and just wrapped up a tour. In 2009, she performed a total of 97 times worldwide. She is back. No more drugs, clubs or scandalous things. She is focused on her career and her two sons.

HOLLYWOOD HIGHLIGHTS

2009



Taylor Swift and Kanye West
 "Yo Taylor, I'm really happy for you, I'll let you finish ..."



Lady Gaga
 "P-p-p-poker face, p-p-poker face"



Beyoncé
 "Cause if you like it then you shoulda put a ring on it"

The Vent

by Taylor Martez Avery

"I'm so tired of everyone talking about Tiger Woods!"
 -Angelica Brasfield

"Lady Gaga is way too much, she's just trying to hard. She needs to tone it down a bit."
 -Kyana White

"I can't stand Beyoncé, she's not that great. She needs to calm that down."
 -Shoshana Cabral

"I'm tired of those love reality shows like Rock of Love and For the Love of Ray J. They're getting old!"
 -Karina Martinez

"Rihanna needs to get it together, I'm so sick of her whiney voice!"
 -Anonymous

"I really can't stand the shows with current event commentators. They blow every situation out of proportion."
 -Mrs. Smith

"No more Twilight!"
 -Michael T.

"The music video with Beyoncé and Lady Gaga is ridiculous. I don't think I like that collaboration."
 -Anonymous

"I hate Tyler Perry's House of Payne. Worst show ever!"
 -Raven Major

"Dear Jay-Z, you are not God!"
 -Anonymous

"MTV is supposed to be a music network. Can we get some more music please?"
 -Raven Major

"I will scream if I hear one more thing about Kanye West or Taylor Swift!"
 -Anonymous

(All images are from the official websites of the respective entertainers or award shows.)



Twilight
 "What if I'm the bad guy?"



Transformers
 Optimus Prime: "Autobots, Roll out!"



Drake
 "Baby you my everything you all I ever wanted."

Alternative music- a discovery

TCV, Phoenix and MGMT

by Jordyn Hebert

What do you get when you put John Paul Jones of Led Zeppelin, Dave Grohl of Nirvana and Foo Fighters, and Josh Homme of Queens of the Stone Age in a room together and tell them to make music? A wicked album that pays homage to both the past and the future.

Them Crooked Vultures' self-titled album was released November 2009 and its garnering critical reviews. The song "New Fang" makes a regular appearance on Atlanta's 99X's set list and is a compilation of the different sounds that these three musicians bring to the table.

It's easy to see the different influences throughout the album. The gui-

tar riffs in "Mind Eraser; No Chaser" have an obvious Jimmy Page influence and "Warsaw or the First Breath You Take After You Get Up" sounds like The Doors and Iron Butterfly got together and had a baby. Them Crooked Vultures is one of the many very talented bands that are making alternative music so popular.

Another band that has people talking is Phoenix. These French musicians have made quite a splash in the States with their 2009 album Wolfgang Amadeus. First heard at Bonnaroo 2009, this band has been very contagious. Heard on the radio, now in a Cadillac commercial, "1901" has catchy lyrics and rhythm that kinda makes you want to dance.



Dustin Rabin <http://www.themcrookedvultures.com/us/official-photo>
John Paul Jones, Josh Homme and Dave Grohl

An ode to their idol, composer/piano virtuoso Franz Liszt, "Liztomania" is an album favorite that has been playing in H&M stores since October.

Another Bonnaroo veteran, the trippy MGMT (sometimes pronounced "Management") has been all over the indie music scene. Their album Oracular Spectacular was first released in 2007, but they didn't really gain any attention until 2008, when iTunes put their song "Time to Pretend" as single of the week. They have been unstoppable since. Oracular Spectacular is a powerhouse of amazing songs. The David Bowie influence is clear in "The

Youth" and the 70's groove of "Electric Feel". With lyrics like "Let's make some music, make some money, find some models for wives", they successfully poke fun of their own success. Not to mention that artists like Ben Lee, The Kooks, and Chiddy Bang have covered their songs. Compared to the Flaming Lip's acid rock sound and Modest Mouse's lyricism and sound, MGMT has us eagerly anticipating a new album.

These bands are three of many talented bands in the Indie/Alternative music scene that are more than just music.

Making music his own way

by Jacquola Colbert

"My musical influences are those who go out and do their own thing ... who never depend on anybody else to make their dream happen."

Greg "Chi McFly" Foster, a Campbell senior, was introduced to music through his family. At some point, each member has been involved in music including his maternal grandfather who plays trumpet for BB King's band.

Chi for "Chicago," began performing music in the fourth grade. His teacher, Mr. Henly, was so impressed that he signed him up for a talent show.

"I performed the song 'Why Do Fools Fall in Love' by Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers and I won first place," said Chi.

The help he received from his family and his music teacher gave him the courage to pursue music full time.

Chi uses social networking sites such as Facebook, Youtube and Myspace to promote himself. He has teamed with Elgin Bridges of Is Production and Tone

Grapez of Brainless Club for production and collaboration.

"Record labels leave rappers and singers in debt. I'm making the first steps now to establish my own record label with my good friend Elgin Bridges, who produces 98% of my material. Since today's musical consumers download, I think artists and labels have to find ways to gain wealth through other means of distributing music," said Chi.

"Where will I be in 5 to 10 years? I will never answer because [murdered rapper] Biggie was asked that question, and everybody knows that story," said Chi.

Check out Chi McFly at: Myspace.com/chimcfly; Facebook: Chi McFly; Youtube.com/chimcfly, chimcfly.blogspot.com or Skype search: Chi McFly. Download some of his music visitorsshare.net/chimcfly.



Chi McFly's Facebook wall photos

Greg "Chi McFly" Foster

Celeb notorious

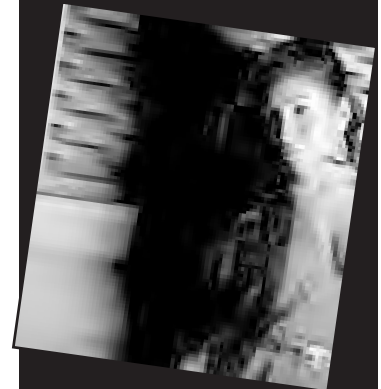
Most overrated celeb



by Breanna Martin

Miley Ray Cyrus, actor, songwriter and singer, is the most overrated celeb for this year despite her rank on "Celebrity 100" list improving to #29 in 2009.

Most popular newest celeb



Melanie Fiona, R & B singer and songwriter, released her debut album "The Bridge" in the summer of 2009 and already charted the Billboard 100 and earned herself a Grammy Nomination.

Most famous Latin celeb



Top Latin celeb is Jennifer Lopez, also known as J.Lo. She is an actress, dancer, singer, record producer, fashion designer, and a recent new mom of twins.

Most famous rock star



Kurt Cobain, the frontman and creative force behind the most memorable and influential band of the 1990's, died before most Campbell students took their first step.

Movie reviews

"Armored" and "Brothers"

1. "Armored" - This thriller, action packed film is about a group of officers who work at an armored security firm. They put their lives in danger when they board on extreme crime against their company. The men arrange a "fool-proof" plan, but the plan briskly sorts out and all action is off.



2. "Brothers" - If you like drama, war-related movies, check this out! When a renovated Marine goes missing overseas, his disgraceful younger brother cares for his wife and children at home --with repercussion that will shake the ground of the entire family.

"Breaking Point" and "Everybody's Fine"

3. Breaking Point: "Breaking Point" is a dramatic fable of crime and self-realization, in which a man has to defeat a deep seeded treason and his own delayed past in order to acquire redemption.



4. Everybody's Fine: This movie follows a widower who recognized that his association with his family was through his wife. So, he goes on a spontaneous road expedition to meet again with his grown children.

"Transylmania" and "Avatar"

5. Transylmania: In this deceptive horror, a group of college students do a semester traveling in Romania and realize that if the partying doesn't kill them, the vampires just might!

6. Avatar: Hitting theaters on December 18, 2009, this action/thriller packed film introduces an assembly of humans. These humans are set up in a battle against a faraway planet's alienated population.



by Tenae Henderson



Japanese Culture Club

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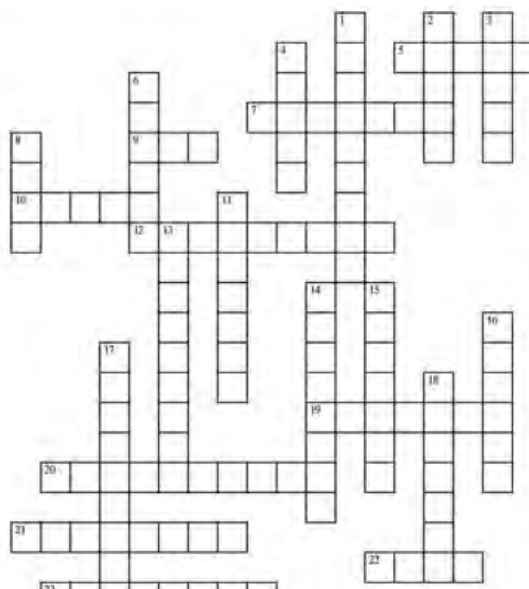
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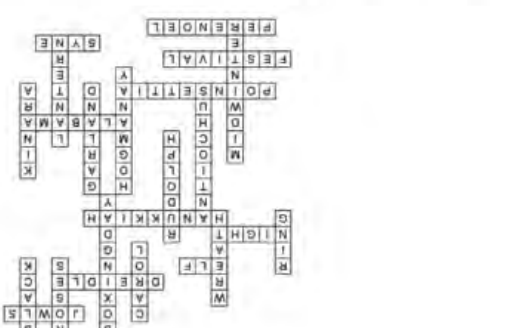


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- A four-sided top
- Santa's helper
- Twas the _____ Before Christmas
- 9 branched candelabra
- 1st State to declare Christmas a legal holiday
- Flower of the Holy Night
- _____ of Lights
- "Auld Lang _____"
- Aka Santa Claus (2 Words)

DOWN

- Canadian holiday
- Tournament of _____ Parade
- _____ Friday
- Christmas song
- Symbol of welcome
- _____ in the New Year
- Famous reindeer
- Maccabee foe
- New Year's Eve celebration of Scotland
- Tree decoration
- Kwanzaa candle holder
- Winter Solstice
- Chinese _____ Festival



Sudoku

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