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ENTERTAINMENT

VIDEO GAMEOLOGY

By: John H. and Harrison G.

Video Gameology, the study of video games. Here, among the students of Trinity Christian Academy the Xbox 360 is the leading console. Other popular systems are the Wii, and the iPhone 3G.

First is the Xbox 360, made by Microsoft Gaming Studios. There are three types of Xbox's: the Arcade, the PRO, and the Elite. The #1 selling Xbox is the PRO. It comes with 60GB hard drive, two free games and a headset/mic sold for \$299.99. "The Xbox 360 owns all!" says John H. The Elite is for extreme gamers only with an extreme price of \$399.99. The last one is the Arcade, a great family system priced at \$199.99.



Now a popular game for the Xbox 360 is Madden 09. This football game is a major hit among TCA students and usually costs between \$45 and \$50.

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Did you know the iPhone has games? The iPhone is priced at \$199.99 and comes with many cool Applications. It comes in 8GB or 16GB memory. The most popular feature is the App Store, which has over 25,000 Application and it offers many fun games for iPhone users, some of which are free. It was released in the iPhone OS 2.0, and coming summer 2009, iPhone OS 3.0 will be released publicly to all iPhones. The iPhone is easy to use and is compatible with all com-

based games. In the past years the only small changes, like some ferent players, but now all that is pletely different game having over 08. Increased play call allows player players. The graph-

puters with iTunes. It is also an iPod so you



can sync music to it and listen or dance to it anytime.

If you have a Wii system, a great game for you is Mario Kart. The new version is better with all new motion controls and online play. Nintendo has leaped forward in the Mario Kart series by adding new characters, new bikes, and new maps. This game is a hit world-wide and will continue to take off in sales. Now you can even use your Mii to race against the classic Mario Kart characters. For anyone with a Wii or anyone that has played any past Mario Kart games this is the perfect game for you.

The Xbox, Wii, and iPhone are all amazingly fun. John and Harrison usually spend around 1 1/2 hours each day of hard core gaming. Our parents sometimes want us to stop and do chores and all of that good stuff. And of course we always play with our friends on Xbox LIVE and Nintendo W.F.C. We can actually play with around 16 friends at once. When you add buddies you can also talk to them and find out what they are up to. It is always fun to play, and who knows, we may see each other on Xbox LIVE and Nintendo W.F.C.

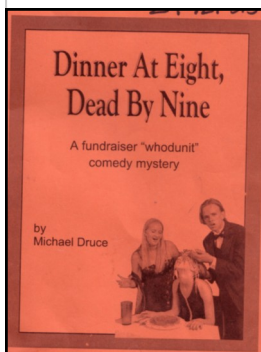
All of these gadgets are fun to use and can be your entertainment for a long time. There is just one question for you... Will you get the Xbox 360, Wii, iPhone, Madden, or Mario Kart? The choice is yours!



SCHOOL NEWS

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 Middle 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!

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 G.

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

LIFE AT TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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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. 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.

Uniforms

At our school, we have to wear uniforms Monday through Thursday. Most of the girls wear plaid skirts and a white or blue oxford top. The boys have a choice between grey shorts and pants with a belt. They also wear white or blue polo shirts. Most of the girls wear Sperry Boat Shoes and Birkenstocks, while boys wear any kind of tennis shoes. "It's good because you don't have to figure out what you are going to wear in the morning," reported an 8th grade student." On Fridays, we are allowed to wear jeans and an official Trinity shirt or sweatshirt. If we do not follow these guidelines, we can get in trouble, and may even get a detention. The students say it is easier to get dressed in the morning, but they wish they could wear whatever they want to show their own style and express themselves.

Missions

All grades have a mission project that helps them to 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.

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 copyright 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 Election. 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!



LOCAL NEWS

WACKY TEXAS WEATHER

By Matthew M.

Tornadoes, hurricanes, ice and heat: Texas has it all! In Dallas, Texas we don't just have rain, or storms, or heat. We are exposed to severe drought, downpours of rain, and dangerous Texas storms. Typically we have a temperature around 70, but we have been experiencing temperatures that were near 90 and then the next day 40. That is why people say, "You never know what to expect in Texas." They also say, "If you don't like the weather just wait a minute. It will change.

During the spring we can be faced with the matter of life or death. Some of the storms turn for the worse. When the Texas heat mixes with a cold front it will produce nasty rotating thunderstorms that will produce some scary sights. When I mean scary sights I mean tornadoes. The nastiest part of spring is when the tornadoes or even just high winds affect the Dallas/Fort Worth area. People are always glued to the radio or TV. to find out what is heading their way.

In the summer we are hit with overpowering droughts and deadly heat. The temperatures usually get anywhere from 95- 105. When some people lose their air conditioner and then it becomes a problem. The droughts also effect the growing of crops for farmers and then the prices start to go up on food items. When summer comes around Texans don't know what to expect.



The middle of summer to the end we go through hurricane season. We aren't really that effected, but we might get some rain from the system. To begin fall our temperature start to fall to 80 and 70. It becomes much nicer than summer. People start to rake leaves, go for a walk at night, and do other activities. In the winter sleet, snow, and ice return to Texas. Snow and sleet happen sometimes, but down here we usually are accustomed to ice. Texas is a state where weather always

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 enjoy-

able 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.





SPORTS

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

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A PRO?

By John R.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a professional athlete? I had the privilege of interviewing Kevin Joseph, a Trinity Christian Academy graduate who played six seasons of professional baseball. Kevin was drafted to the San Francisco Giants in 1997 (in the sixth round) and was traded in 2002 to the St. Louis Cardinals where he would later end his career. He was very determined (as all professional baseball players must be) and worked incredibly hard to make it as a pro.

Kevin Joseph started playing baseball, or t-ball really, at the age of five. He practiced in his backyard and played catch with his dad. Kevin's dad and Nolan Ryan were the people who inspired him to become a pro. His father encouraged him and helped him practice, while Nolan Ryan (an ex-star pitcher for the Texas Rangers) demonstrated hard work and set the bar for Kevin.

Following the College World Series, Kevin received a call from the San Francisco Giants as a junior at Rice University and was extremely excited. This was his chance to make it as a big leaguer. Although he only spent a small portion of his career in the major league, Kevin pitched for a long time in the minors. Kevin enjoyed his professional career but it was very tough on him and his family. He and his wife moved an incredible 14 times.

Making it as a pro is much harder than it seems. With only 30 teams and 25 spots per team, you can imagine the great amount of talent that gets cut. In the middle of his career, Kevin was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals for Jason Christiansen.

Today Kevin works for a real estate company. He has three kids whom he loves playing baseball with and still follows some of his professional baseball friends. His favorite Bible verse is Colossians 3:23 which says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."



FASHION

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.

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. Forever 21 has slim tees with dim designs, along with thin cut tank tops featuring solid or patterned designs for \$8-\$20. 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. Juicy also features gladiator style sandals for \$238. 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 wanting 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 paisley or floral 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.



Hollister Logo Tee for \$19.50



Sperry Boat Shoe for \$80

FASHION DIMENSION

By: Amanda

In Dallas, the fashion ranges from styles resembling the 80s where some are stuck in the world of neon sweat suits, to the youth who are always into the newest designers on the block and always have the newest trends. The prices range from one dollar t-shirts to thousand dollar dresses. For the spring fashion of 2009, here's a secret to the in's and out's of the day, popular places to shop, and the newest shoes and styles. I am a Middle School student crazy about the world of fashion.

This spring, stripes on colorful shorts are the new look. Baggy pants with a layered tank complimented by gladiator sandals can double for a coffee run or a date with friends. For more comfortable days, wear torn up jeans that send a message to your peers that you want a comfortable, yet in, look.

Abstract graphics on any material or style of clothing is in. If you don't like the spring look and feel it is not your look, throw a metallic mini skirt on to add some edge and to show spring fashion your own way. For more casual outfit, wear torn up jeans that send a message to your peers that you want a comfortable, yet stylish, look. For a party dress, older teens wear a strapless blue dress with bright shoes and accessorized with the same colored necklace.

Prices can be totally a hit or miss with designers. Sunshine & Shadow tops sell for \$302 and shorts go for \$257. You can wear DKNY baggy pants for \$175 or American Eagle Outfitters jeans for only \$50.



Most people today shop at the mall, but also hit other small boutiques. At the malls, many people shop at Nordstrom's, Forever Twenty-One, and Hollister.

The fashion of Dallas, can vary, but style is a form of expression for the individual. With so many choices available in Dallas, people can choose whatever style fits their own personality.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JAMES COOK BOYS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL KOGARAH, AUSTRALIA

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 triumph 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.

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 an 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.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

AUSTRALIA IS ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

By Natalie F.
Trinity Christian Academy, Texas, USA

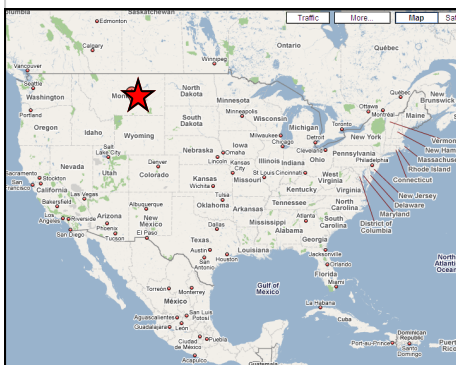
How true is this statement- "Music is a universal language"? Australians listen to genres such as opera, folk, jazz, pop, rock, country, classical, and rhythm and blues. They listen to all of the American artists that we do such as Chris Brown, Rihanna, Taylor Swift, and Coldplay. The people in Australia are also very up to date on their American celebrity drama. They know all about the dispute between Rihanna and Chris Brown, which is the most recent thing that is talked about today all over the news and TV.

Australians have always had a great passion for Orchestra and Opera music. They have built several elaborate and creative music halls such as the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the very famous Sydney Opera House. Most of the time, it is only very well-known and famous people who perform in the music halls like this. The types of music that are performed in these amazing performance halls are Classical, Opera, and occasional performances of other types of music.

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ust like the well-known American show, American Idol, Australians have their own version of that called Australian Idol. The three judges of this show are former recording executive, Ian Dickson, singer, Marcia Hines, and radio presenter, Kyle Sandilands. The hosts of this show are Andrew G, James Mathison, and Ricki-Lee Coulter. This show airs on Sunday and Monday nights. This show began in the United Kingdom in 2001 and came to Australia in 2003. The people in Australia get really involved in Australian Idol just like the people in America get really involved in American Idol. Australians have their own taste of music as well as listening to the music that we listen to here in America. Therefore, music is truly a universal language.

BILLINGS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BILLINGS, MONTANA, U.S.A.



Popular Montana Recipes

Mandy 7th Grade

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 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup butter
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cup sifted flour
1 tsp. baking powder
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 Cookbook.

Pan-Fried Trout (for camp or kitchen)

To prepare fresh brook or other pan-sized trout, clean and scale if necessary, soak in salted water for 1/2 hour to remove film from fish. Rinse thoroughly and remove head (optional). Dry. Dip in beaten egg and roll in rich cracker crumbs sprinkled with seasoning salt. Fry in hot fat. When golden brown on one side, turn and brown on the other. Turn only once.

These are especially good, fresh caught, cooked over a campfire in a heavy skillet, using the grease from fried bacon strips. Fire should be hot but not flaming so fish will not cook too fast or burn. Cook only until they flake easily when tested. Top with crisp bacon.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

RIDING TO SUCCESS SOUTH AFRICA

By Nabeelah, Amyh and Amyb
Micklefield Girls School, Rondebosch, CapeTown, South Africa

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.

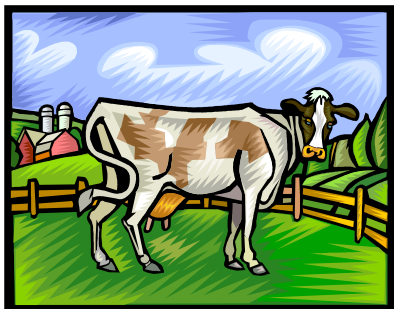
Shannon is an advanced horse rider instructor and Danielle has experience riding at Lane Stables. Amy B, a 10 year old living in Cape Town, says "I like horses because I think they are the greatest animals you can ride. I have always wanted a horse since I started riding which was 5 years ago at Lanes. I rode my first horse 6 years ago."

Amy H, another horse lover from Cape Town, says "I love horses because they are beautiful creatures and I have wanted a horse since I experienced riding them which was 5 years ago at my great aunt's farm. I started riding at Lane 2 years ago."

Micklefield School in Rondebosch, Cape Town, South Africa has many horse riders and so they also have The Cart Horse Association Fundraising Day. Daisy, a Cape Carthorse, was rescued from abuse by some Capetonians. The Capetonians decided to start Cart Horse Day. The Carthorse Association helps to raise funds so that they can buy proper horse shoes, harnesses and horse feed to the carthorses that work very long hours pulling heavy carts. They also make sure that the horses are not pulling carts on the streets that are too heavy to pull.

On Thursday the 12th of March some people were riding a cart in Rondebosch and police were driving past. The people looked suspicious so the police stopped them and the people jumped out of the cart. When the police looked in the cart they saw T.V. sets, handbags and purses the police are still looking for them and they contacted the Cart Horse Association. The carthorse was taken to the Cart Horse Association to be cared for.

ORBIT - ACHIEVING COW REVEALS ALL AND ARRESTED NEW ZEALAND



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The cow that jumped over the moon revealed his secrets last Friday. He said, "The secret of epic jumping is to eat like mad." The farmer that owns the cow said this: "3 nights ago, my paddock was perfect, and the very next morning, it was unusable because all the grass was missing."

An eyewitness report from the dish says this: "While running my race, I saw a cow moving about the town, eating all the grass like there was no tomorrow." The cow is now being honoured as a pioneer of unassisted space flight, but was arrested recently for large scale defoliation and will face the jury on the 3rd of March.