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Boylan's Finest Walk

Recently, many students have seen various teachers power walking throughout the hallways. But what many don't realize is that their power walking is a part of an extensive six week fitness program. Teachers are divided into four teams, Team Trailblazers, Team Extraordinary, Team Awe-Inspiring, and Team Motor Movers (notice that the first letter of each team spells out "team"). Teachers can earn their team points by reaching weekly goals. At the end of each week, the individuals with the highest weekly point total are given prizes. For example, one prize awarded to Mr. Gaskin was a pedometer. This program consists of four main objectives. The first is to get regular aerobic exercise. For every 30 minutes of exercise completed each day, two points are awarded. Suggested methods of exercise include roller-blading, bicycling, cross-country skiing, and running. Some teachers' favorites include walking for Mr. Gaskin, swimming for Mrs. Walls, playing basketball for Mr. Fagan, and playing tennis and "walking the hood" for Mr. Lindstedt.

The second objective is to work on strength and weight training, which is another favorite of Mr. Fagan. The goal for weight training is 20 minutes two days a week or 10 minutes three days a week. The third objective is to improve nutrition habits. At the beginning of each week, the teachers set nutrition goals for themselves. Some prefer to keep the same goal from week to week, such as Mr. Fagan and Mr. Gaskin, whereas others prefer to mix it up, such as Mrs. Walls and Mr. Lindstedt. They are rewarded a point for every day that they follow their goal. The last objective is to determine a weight goal, which is optional. This objective is given the least amount of emphasis. Since so many teachers found the program to be successful, a second session will be starting soon, with more teachers joining. Although the idea of winning prizes is motivation for many, as Mr. Lindstedt said, "The real prize is knowing that your health and wellness has improved."

Rachel Doherty and Brooke Javurek

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Boylan's Afterglo Proves to be One Dazzling Night

On March 24, 2007, the 18th Annual Afterglo was held under the theme B-Dazzled: A Magic Carpet Ride. One of Cliffbreaker's biggest ballrooms was transformed into a Middle Eastern palace for the night. The first clue that the 520 guests who attended the event this year were entering another land was the life-size cutout of a belly-dancer which was beckoning each guest into a gossamer covered bazaar. Once inside, the elegantly decorated tables, large central dance floor, and tables full of auctions items ready to be bid upon assured the guests that they were in for a magical night.

Two major aspects of the night were the live and silent auctions. Pam Marher, who is married to a 1988 Boylan alum, said, "(The

silent auction) really spans the gamut of (items for) people who have kids versus people who don't have kids..." In particular, she had her eye on a silk floral arrangement donated by ALMAR the Florist. The live auction was conducted by Auctioneer Sue Robinson and included items such as a dinner prepared and served by Boylan's own Principal McGuire, front-row graduation seats, and "A Day with Mayor Morrissey." In fact, Mayor Morrissey was in attendance, giving support to the school that he credits with laying the foundation for his faith and success. He was seated at the table of honor with Bishop Thomas Doran and other dignitaries.

All in attendance dined on a dinner straight from *The Thousand and One Nights*. The dinner was prepared by Chef Forcioli, former owner

and head chef of Café Patou. The night ended with dancing to music provided by Boylan Alumna Patte Armato Lund, and her band, "Cocktail Party." Armato Lund also tapped into the theme of the evening with a traditional Middle Eastern headdress with a sea foam green twist.

The evening was not only enjoyable, but a huge success as well. At the beginning of the night, Boylan was still 162,000 dollars in debt for the Arts and Science Complex. Therefore, the announcement that the debt would be retired by June 30, 2007 was met with thunderous applause. The evening was summed up in the words of Christine Moynihan, "I'm B-Dazzled."

Katy Telfer

Sophomores Prepare for Careers

There are several efforts at Boylan that try to guide students in their choice of future careers. Back in October, the class of 2009 met in their assigned classrooms to take the PLAN test. One section of this test included numerous questions about which careers students were interested in. Based on how these questions were answered, students' career compatibilities were presented in the results. At the beginning of March, each sophomore received a list of careers and were asked to mark their top three choices. Career Day was held on March 28th, and based on their previous choices, students attended two presentations given by Boylan alumni who worked in the designated fields students were interested in. From these presenters, students learned specifics involved in pursuing their particular careers of choice. Topics for each speech included educational requirements, typical salaries, and the challenges and rewards of the job. Matthew Kaney and Eric Anderson, who both attended the lawyer speech, each received a packet and resource information about becoming a lawyer. Eric remarked, "Though I enjoyed the presentation, I would really like to see a speaker on economics in the future. A good speaker on this topic could spark a lot of interests in the subject which could lead to a number of fascinating jobs." Kim Caron went to the nursing presentation. She enjoyed it because the presenter said that she sees many miracles, but also an occasional tragedy, which makes her job more intense and rewarding. Career Day had a profound effect on many sophomores. Some found their career plans re-enforced while others left school that day with a complete change of heart.

Grace Cormier



nFACTOR's In

We see the posters in the hallway, we get the free t-shirts at lunch, but do we really know what the nFACTOR is? According to the official web site, the nFACTOR is a youth movement that focuses on high school teens being nCHARGE of their lives. Membership in the organization offers monthly youth nEVENTS and community service opportunities. You may have seen sophomore William O'Mally handing out nFACTOR information. He says, "The nFACTOR is a group of teens who get together in fun places to hang out. These activities are not very expensive and help teens meet new people in a drug and alcohol free environment. The nFACTOR is all about having fun." Many kids at school feel the pressure to use alcohol and drugs and the nFACTOR offers alternatives where kids won't, and don't, feel that pressure. During 2007, the nFACTOR is sponsoring a broad range of activities including: a night at the CoCo Key Water Resort, Latin dancing at the Clock Tower, and a number of other dances around town. Participation in nFACTOR events is not limited to students at Boylan. There is citywide inclusion for high school aged teens who enjoy hanging out in safe, substance free environments. William O'Mally got involved by talking to some of his friends. "John Mann, Natalie Paternchak, and John Lieb told me it would be fun," said O'Mally. He attended the CoCo Key event and thought it was a blast. To get involved in upcoming events visit www.the-n-factor.com, or talk to someone who is already involved.

Grace Cormier

Here's Looking at You, Natural Helpers

This year's spring session of the Natural Helpers Retreat was held on the weekend of March 24 and 25. Thirty six students along with six staff members attended the Spring 2007 session of the retreat. Boylan's Natural Helpers program was started in 1985 after Ms. Jule Popanz attended a conference called "Here's Looking At You II" in Seattle, Washington. At the conference she learned about CHEF, the Comprehensive Help Education Foundation. Ms. Popanz decided to bring what she learned back to Boylan by starting Natural Helpers. Boylan was the first school in the Midwest to have the program.

Many are unsure of how to be selected for the program and wonder what they can do to join. The truth is, students and staff are elected by the their own peers, co-workers, students, and teachers. The top vote getters are then taken to Principal McGuire who chooses a number of students for both the spring and fall session of that year. When tallying the votes, the four top vote getters in the school are also recorded. These four students (not necessarily seniors) are then chosen to return to the retreat as leaders. In the most recent session, the four top vote getters were Emily LaLoggia, Tricia Land, Kyle Schnoor, and Isaac Weickert. The teachers who attended this session were Mr. Fabaz, Mr. Gaskin, Mr. Lindstedt, Mrs. Walls, Miss Yagle, and of course the coordinator herself, Ms. Popanz.

Ms. Popanz stated that the goal or purpose of Natural Helpers is to train students to help their peers solve their own problems through listening and communication. She said, "A strength of this past group was that they got the concept of reflective listening very well."

The gifts of compassion and listening are strong qualities clearly evident at Boylan. Natural Helpers are assets in the school community and help others to see other options.

Brooke Javurek

Boylan Players Present *Crazy For You*

Crazy For You is a high-energy musical full of exciting dance numbers, beautiful music, and funny dialogue. Amanda Clement, who played the role of Polly Baker, said that *Crazy For You* was fun because it was filled with a constant energy. "It's a show where you can just have fun. Then the audience can have fun with you," said Steven Johnson, who played the role of Bobby Child. "The tap dancing and colorful sets and costumes make this show different from all the shows I've done before," senior Greg Potts said. Most of the cast agreed with Potts in that *Crazy For You* was very different from previous shows they have been involved in.

Crazy For You opened on Broadway in 1992 with Boylan Alumna Jodi Benson playing the role of Polly. It is a collection of music written by George and Ira Gershwin. *Crazy For You* won the Tony Award

for Best Musical in 1992. The one thing that helped set *Crazy For You* apart from other shows was the tap dancing. When asked what the most difficult part of the rehearsal process was, Ryan Bernsten replied, "Tap dancing... enough said." It was clear that, for almost the entire cast, learning the tap dances was the most difficult thing to overcome. Another difficult part of the rehearsal process was the amount of time the students had to put in to it. Katie Barker slightly exaggerated when she claimed she put 40 million hours into this production. Britta Shold corrected Katie by saying they put roughly 25 hours a week into the rehearsal process alone. The actors have to work a certain amount of tech. hours on the weekends also. Whether onstage or off it was evident that everyone involved with *Crazy For You* truly enjoyed it. Stage Manager and Assistant Director Ashley Peters said her

favorite part of *Crazy For You* was the whole experience. David Potts loves the professionalism and devotion of everyone involved in the production. The cast and crew became one family said Johnny Fandel, and nearly everyone agreed.

Rachael Gass and Caitlin Lanis

To view photos of the show, visit www.boylan.org and click on photo gallery.

What did *YOU* do this Spring Break?

Compiled by Erin Daly

Number of classrooms polled: eight (two from each grade level)

Number of students polled: 194

-45% (87 students) were hanging out with their friends all break.

-22% (42 students) were going somewhere warm where there's a beach.

-15% (30 students) were staying home all break.

-12% (23 students) chose "other."

-4% (8 students) were going outside the country.

-less than 1% (4 students) were going somewhere to do some sightseeing.

*Note that totals add up to more than 100% and 194 students because some people chose more than one answer.

Mothers and Sons Dance the Night Away in Vegas

The annual Mother-Son Dance was held on March 10 this year. The theme of the dance was Viva Las Vegas, and the gym and hallways were decorated with everything from playing cards to roulette wheels. The DJ played a variety of music; classic songs from the 70's and 80's for the moms and some contemporary songs for the students. There were multiple card tables set up on the sides of the dance floor. This allowed the guests at the tables to play some fun card games

while taking a break from dancing. There were cookies and punch available to help replenish the couples' energy. During the night, there were a few dance contests held which included the twist, swing, and polka. At the conclusion of the evening, even those who didn't win the contests were able to go home with the best prize of all, memories of a wonderful night.

Ryan Loos

"Name the Newspaper"
Contest Winner:

Brett Pearson

Q: Why did you pick the Titan Tribune as your submission?

A: "I always thought it was a cool name and it just flows together."

Q: "Are you planning on reading the newspaper?"

A: "Yeah it'll be cool to know what's going on."

What Goes Up, Must Come Down

Any competent, educated, experienced person would tell you that economics are constantly changing. It is a field with never ending dynamics, shaping decisions which inevitably affect each and everyone's life in some way or another. Countries may fail, maintain equilibrium or prosper economically. Most countries go through all three phases in their existence. This happens because leaders and governments all create unique policies in order to achieve economic power amidst a world of competing countries. Since 1980, the leaders of China have made considerable changes to their economic tactics and ideals. Fortunately for China, these adopted policies have led to the country's immense success and international growth. However, as China's leaders are optimistic on matching America's industrial power, many indicators show a future fall-out for China's record-breaking stock market.

Pre-1980's China was dependent upon its agriculture as their major source of revenue. At this time, cities were expanding substantially with new highways and buildings being constructed at an extremely fast rate. These new developments substantially lessened agriculture's former economic influence and sparked the Chinese Industrial Revolution. The government recognized the new developments and resourcefully began to make internal changes to accommodate. After various reforms, China established themselves as a major contributor to the global economy by allowing foreign investors to capitalize on the cheap wages

harbored in China. Externally, this may sound very beneficial to China's population. One can easily assume that the new industries opened mass amounts of new jobs to the natives. Yes, many new opportunities for the Chinese were taken advantage of, but in all actuality China has struggled greatly under the weight of many problems. These include state-owned company lay offs, poor treatment of workers along with illogically cheap wages, economic corruption and crimes, as well as a very serious problem with environmental damage (air pollution, noise pollution and soil erosion). All of these complications are directly related to the social problems and rapid transformations. China's economy has also been enhanced with heightened levels of technology supplied by investing nations like Japan and the United States. China's willingness to accept and manipulate these advances has also quickened their economic boost. However, these gifts have only encouraged the Chinese to steal technological advancements and create off-brand versions of well-known products and sell them for half the price. Within this new field of pirating are CD's, DVD's, plasma screen televisions, DVD players, and even motor operated vehicles such as motorcycles. In fact, half of all motorcycles sold in China are direct rip offs of Honda and Yamaha models.

This is exactly why this now super-powered economy poses such a threat to our already weak economy and to many others invested deeply in China. Approximately one month ago, the Shanghai stock market suffered and dropped a decent amount. Somewhat immediately, our stock market began to fall as well. This event showcased the amount of dependency and importance we, as a nation, have placed upon the shoulders of such an unstable economy. Fareed Zakaria of Newsweek magazine recently wrote "When a market has gone up 150 percent since 2006, as Shanghai's had, one doesn't need to

search for grand explanations to recognize that it's bound to retreat as some point" Zakaria is exactly right. China has moved too fast, too soon, as have the United States. Currently, massive amounts of American corporations have invested into Chinese industries for cheap wages among other monetary schemes. Most importantly, China is exporting much more domestic product than they are importing while America does exactly the opposite. This only widens our national trade deficit and will allow China to eventually overtake America as the industrial super-power, not to mention the fact that once the Chinese stock markets experience a great fall, our nation will also suffer. It's honestly too bad when so much emphasis is placed on anything with such temporary gains and very plausible and serious risks. Chuck D said it best – "Don't believe the hype."

Phillip Sudderberg

Graduation Information:

May 21 and 22– Practice

May 23– Senior Awards
Ceremony

1:00 pm
Main Gym

May 23– Baccalaureate
Mass

7:00 pm
Main Gym

May 24– Graduation

3:00 pm
Main Gym

Wikipedia Controversy

It is a late night. Your homework assignment due tomorrow requires an alternate source of information besides what you can find in the textbook. Most of us would not take the time to dust off Grandpa's old leather bound copy of the 1989 edition, flip through countless bible-thin pages, and come up with an answer. Most of us would rather go to the nearest computer, open up a search engine, and look for the answer in one of several online encyclopedias. In today's fast-paced society, more and more students are choosing to use online reference sites. Wikipedia, launched January 15, 2001, has steadily risen in popularity and currently ranks among the top ten most-visited websites worldwide. Okay, so Wikipedia's great, what else is new? Well, here's where we get into the controversial part. Critics have often questioned Wikipedia's reliability and accuracy and Boylan teachers are beginning to as well.

"Wikipedia", according to Wikipedia, is simply defined as a multilingual, web-based, free content encyclopedia project. It is written collaboratively by volunteers, but its articles can be edited by anyone with access to the website. This is probably the main reason

why Boylan students are no longer allowed to access the site from school and most teachers have banned the use of it for homework assignments. Even though one can edit a page and change information about Wikipedia's articles if they really wanted to, the website is heavily guarded and constantly checked by experts in their respective fields. Here's how. The maintenance tasks are performed by a group of volunteers, several developers, and other trusted users with various permission levels including "steward", "bureaucrat", and "administrator". Stewards and bureaucrats are able to promote or demote users to different permission levels. Administrators are the largest group of specially privileged users, and have the ability to delete pages, prevent articles from being edited, or block users from editing.

Funding for this organization currently relies heavily on private donations, but also holds regular fundraisers. The January 2007 fundraiser raised just over \$1 million. Wikipedia contains approximately seven million articles in 251 languages, 1.7 million of which are in the English edition. As of 2007, Wikipedia's English edition is the largest encyclopedia ever assembled, eclipsing even the Yongle

Encyclopedia (1407), which held the record for nearly 600 years. In our opinion, Wikipedia is an incredible tool for online research because it is fast, easy to use, and contains a vast range of topics.

Teresa Borowski, Caroline Kaszycki
Administrator's Note:

The Boylan administration and faculty have blocked access to Wikipedia at school and do not consider Wikipedia to be a valid source of information. The decision was reached because of the concern about the reliability of the site. According to Mr. Hiemenz, "One of the major problems with using the internet in general and Wikipedia in particular is determining the accuracy, reliability and validity of the information. It is difficult to discover the credentials or educational background of the author. It is important to know who wrote the information so that the researcher could have confidence that the author has the expertise to be considered a reliable source. Wikipedia allows virtually anyone to write or edit articles. Recently, Wikipedia admitted that one of its "Administrators" had in fact fabricated his credentials and was a college dropout after his sophomore year. Students are much better served by using internet sources that have a reputation for accuracy or to rely on their teacher to suggest reliable internet sources."

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Building a New Cheer Squad

Varsity Cheerleading tryouts were held the week of March 19. This year, the tryout process consisted of two days of workshops followed by one evaluation day. During the workshop days, the girls learned a new cheer and dance which they performed in front of a panel of judges on the last night of tryouts. Overall scores were based on performance and participation in workshops, evaluations by the judges, approval of faculty, demerit evaluations, and a personal interview. Cheerleading tryouts are certainly a stressful week for all involved and are bound to bring out



The Boylan Titans had an exciting season this year as they became champions of the NIC-9, but the excitement did not end there. The Titans proceeded to crush Dekalb and Burlington Central in order to become Regional Champions. The team continued their winning streak during the Sectional Tournament, defeating Guilford and Rock Falls. Team members Matt Martenson and Adam Gwardys, both seniors, agree that their favorite team moment was beating these teams. The Titans then advanced to Super Sectionals in which they defeated Hoffman Estates (Conant). The team qualified for State where they lost in the Quarter Finals to Stevenson. Regardless of the disappointing loss, it had been ten years since Boylan made it to State, that is until this dream team came along.

Joy Schaefer

nerves. When asked what the most nerve-racking part of tryouts was, sophomore Lauren Hambel said, "It's the suspense in waiting to find out if you made it after tryouts are over." Amanda Gray, also a sophomore, said, "For me, it's seeing the judge's reactions on their faces after you've done your cheer and dance."

The 2007-08 Boylan Varsity Cheerleading Squad will consist of twenty-one girls. The girls' season will include cheering for football and basketball games, as well as working on their own competition team. The squad has high hopes for their competition team, but will certainly miss their graduat-

ing seniors, Nikki Gendron and Kelli Hall. Upcoming senior Sarah Flaningam says, "I know we have a talented squad and we can do great." No doubt about it, the girls will be pushed to their full potential by Mrs. Patricia Arnold, Boylan's Varsity Cheerleading coach of three years. When asked about her feelings regarding the team and upcoming season, Arnold said, "I'm very excited! There is a lot of talent on the 2007-08 squad, and I am looking forward to a fabulous season, maybe even getting into post season competition."

Kate Deckard

Everyone Roots for the Underdog

Every year around the middle of March millions of people across the country fill out a bracket for the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament. From Selection Sunday to the Thursday the tournament starts, one topic of conversation can be heard reverberating in corner offices and homerooms everywhere, "Who's in your Final Four?"

What makes the tournament enjoyable to most casual fans is that every year, every game, there is a better than average chance that the preverbal David will beat Goliath. Evidenced by George Mason University making it to the Final Four just last year, the best teams don't always win the game. For example, Notre Dame football has a history of being overrated and not being able to win big games. So when I saw that Notre Dame's basketball team was playing relatively unknown Winthrop in the first round and was seeded higher, I felt compelled to pick the underdog-Winthrop. Sure enough, the Fighting Irish took a page out of their football counterpart's playbook and

choked like it was a bowl game. This year the tournament's paradigm shifted and you saw higher seeded teams narrowly pull out a win in the end. Number one Ohio State was nearly beat by Xavier and then again by Tennessee en route to losing in the National Championship game to the number one overall seed- Florida. This year the best team won more often than not.

Chris Thoms, a senior who won his bracket, had this to say about how he chose his teams, "Most people pick a Cinderella team they like and when they loose you're burned. Me, I picked a lot of high seeded teams in the Final Four because that's who you usually see there."

While everyone has their favorite tournament memories, perhaps it's George Mason's or Illinois's magical run to the Final Four, Chris Thom's might be this year, I know mine would be.

Chris Long

Teacher Feature

Mrs. Ludeke

Many times as we walk our Boylan hallways, unfamiliar faces cross our paths. Obviously, none of us will meet every member of the faculty and staff during our time at Boylan. The goal of this column is to allow all of us the ability to put a name with the face we see. Unless you've gone through the art program, chances are you don't know much about one Boylan's finest art teachers- Mrs. Ludeke.

Q: How long have you been teaching at Boylan?

A: "I've been here for 9 years now."

Q: Do you have a favorite junk food?

A: "Yes. I like Oberweis Butter-Pecan ice cream."

Q: Did you have a family nickname growing up?

A: "Oh no! [smiles] Yes....it was Chunky."

Q: What is one of your favorite hobbies or pastimes?

A: "Well, I like to paint and go shopping."

Q: Do you have a favorite TV show?

A: "I have a few, but I would probably have to say Desperate Housewives."

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: "I hate losing things. Oh, and when people chew gum in church."

Q: I know you've traveled around quite a bit. What would you label as your favorite place?

A: "That's hard. I would say London because of all the great museums!"

Q: What first sparked your interest in art?

A: "I drew constantly. All the time. When I was little I drew horses a lot. Then I just continued after that-- non-stop."

Q: If you don't mind sharing, what's your most embarrassing moment?

A: "When I was trying out for the

cheerleading squad my sophomore year in high school, [laughs] I did a back walk over and fell on my head. Then I got up and tried again, but I fell on my head again. It was in front of the whole school."

Q: What is something you would like to accomplish before you die?

A: "Oh! Run a marathon."

Q: Do you have a favorite poem, quote, or saying?

A: "Start by doing that which is necessary, then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."
-St. Francis of Assisi

Column by Kate Deckard

Wisdom from the "Trib"

Q: I have two best friends. One of them has been my best friend since freshman year and the other, I just met this year. It was always awkward for me to choose between them because they really didn't ever get along and one would always get mad when I would hang out with the other. It was always extremely hard to split my time equally between them, so I decided to introduce them so I could be with both of them at the same time and not worry about dividing my time anymore. For awhile the three of us got along great and we would always do everything together. All three of us were best friends. After awhile though, the two of them started to leave me out of things and they started to hang out with each other. I want to tell them how I feel left out, but I don't know how to bring it up without them thinking I am over-reacting. What should I do?

A: If you feel that your friends are leaving you out, the best thing to do is to talk to them together, but without sounding over-bearing. Show them that you really do care about your friendship with both of them, and explain how you feel like you are being left out. Stay positive, and acknowledge that you miss spending time with them. If they continue to leave you out, then it might be

time to start branching out to other friends. Know that sometimes friends go their separate ways and there isn't be much that can be done about it. Your best friends have chosen to act this way, and you can't control that. Just remember to stay true to yourself, and try to find other friends that treat you better.

A: For you to be the bigger person and try to bring the two of them together really says something about you. Their friendship is based off of you and they won't forget you for that. Them leaving you out is bound to happen in and odd number of friends, and it is probably only a bump in the friendship. Sitting down and laying your feelings on the table will help immensely. If they are truly the type of friends you want behind you, then they won't think you are over-reacting. I know it's easier said than done, but talking to them will make you feel a lot better and might change the way they act. These temporary hard times will only make the good times seem that much better.

A: I can see the conflict that you are caught in. I think you are happy that your friends have grown to enjoy each other, but now are worried that you are being left out of plans. I would address each friend privately and bring to their attention that you feel left out of plans. If they realize the problem and include you, great! However, if you are still left out, perhaps you can organize plans with the two of them. If you still don't feel like they are accepting you, then maybe it is time to seek out other friends that will include you.

Do you need wisdom from "The Trib"? If so, bring your questions, problems, or concerns to the Main Office.

Seeing Double— Get to Know Some Titan Twins

Freshmen

Mason and Mitchell

The Faulk Twins

Clubs or sports:

Mason: Golf, Basketball, Tennis, and Key Club

Mitchell: Cross Country, Varsity Swimming, Tennis, Key Club, and Rockford Marlins Swim Club

Have you ever switched places?

No

Did your mom dress you alike?

Yes, until we were three

Which one of you is older?

Mason: I am

Mitchell: I am

Favorite food:

Mason: Pizza

Mitchell: Italian beef

Favorite movie:

Mason: *Die Hard*

Mitchell: *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*

Biggest pet peeve:

Mason: People who call me Mitchell

Mitchell: People who use bad grammar

Favorite vacation:

Mason: Bermuda

Mitchell: London

Favorite T.V. show:

Mason: Myth Busters

Mitchell: Friends

Three things you could not live without:

Mason: N/A

Mitchell: A pool, my family, my contacts

What is the 1st thing you would do if you won \$1 million?

Both: Invest it

Sophomores

Amanda and Ashley

The Gray Twins

Clubs or sports:

Amanda: Cheerleading and Pit Orchestra

Ashley: Swimming

Have you ever switched places?

No, we look nothing alike

Did your mom dress you alike?

Yes, until kindergarten

Which one of you is older?

Ashley by one minute

Favorite food:

Amanda: Spaghetti

Ashley: Pickles

Favorite movie:

Amanda: *Moulin Rouge*

Ashley: *V for Vendetta*

Biggest pet peeve:

Amanda: People who smack their lips when they chew

Ashley: N/A

Favorite vacation:

Amanda: Disney World

Ashley: San Diego, California

Favorite T.V. show:

Amanda: *Arrested Development*

Ashley: *Lost*

What is the 1st thing you would do if you won \$1 million?

Amanda: N/A

Ashley: Buy a car

Juniors

Emily and Tricia

The Basile Twins

Clubs or sports:

Emily: Track

Tricia: Track

Have you ever switched places?

Nope...that's way too complicated

Did your mom dress you alike?

Emily: Yes, until six but only on holidays

Tricia: Yes, until we were old enough to tell her we did not want to

Which one of you is older?

Emily

Summer job? Where?

Both: Lifeguard at Magic Waters

Favorite food:

Emily: French fries

Tricia: Peanut butter chocolate chip sandwiches

Favorite movie:

Both: *Armageddon*

Favorite vacation:

Both: Gulf Shore, Alabama

Favorite T.V. show:

Both: *Gilmore Girls*

Three things you could not live without:

Emily: Cell phone, gum, and my car

Tricia: Internet, Gatorade, and my car

What is the 1st thing you would do if you won \$1 million?

Emily: Buy a new car

Tricia: Travel to Europe

Seniors

David and Greg

The Potts Twins

Clubs or sports:

David: Theatre, Concert Choir, Octaves, Those 5 Guys, Scholastic Bowl, NHS, Math Team, and Natural Helpers

Greg: Theater, Octaves, NHS, Scholastic Bowl, T5G a capella group, fencing, and Concert Choir

Have you ever switched places?

Several Times

Did your mom dress you alike?

Yes, until age two or three

Which one of you is older?

Greg, by two minutes

Summer job? Where?

Both: Hopefully Cannoli Café

Favorite food:

David: Pasta/salad

Greg: Pasta/fried rice

Favorite movie:

David: *Pride and Prejudice* and *The Sting*

Greg: *The Count of Monte Cristo* and *Good Night and Good Luck*

Favorite vacation:

David: New England

Greg: Montreal and Quebec City

Favorite T.V. show:

David: *Lost*

Greg: *Home Improvement*

Three things you could not live without:

Both: Friends, books, and music/theater

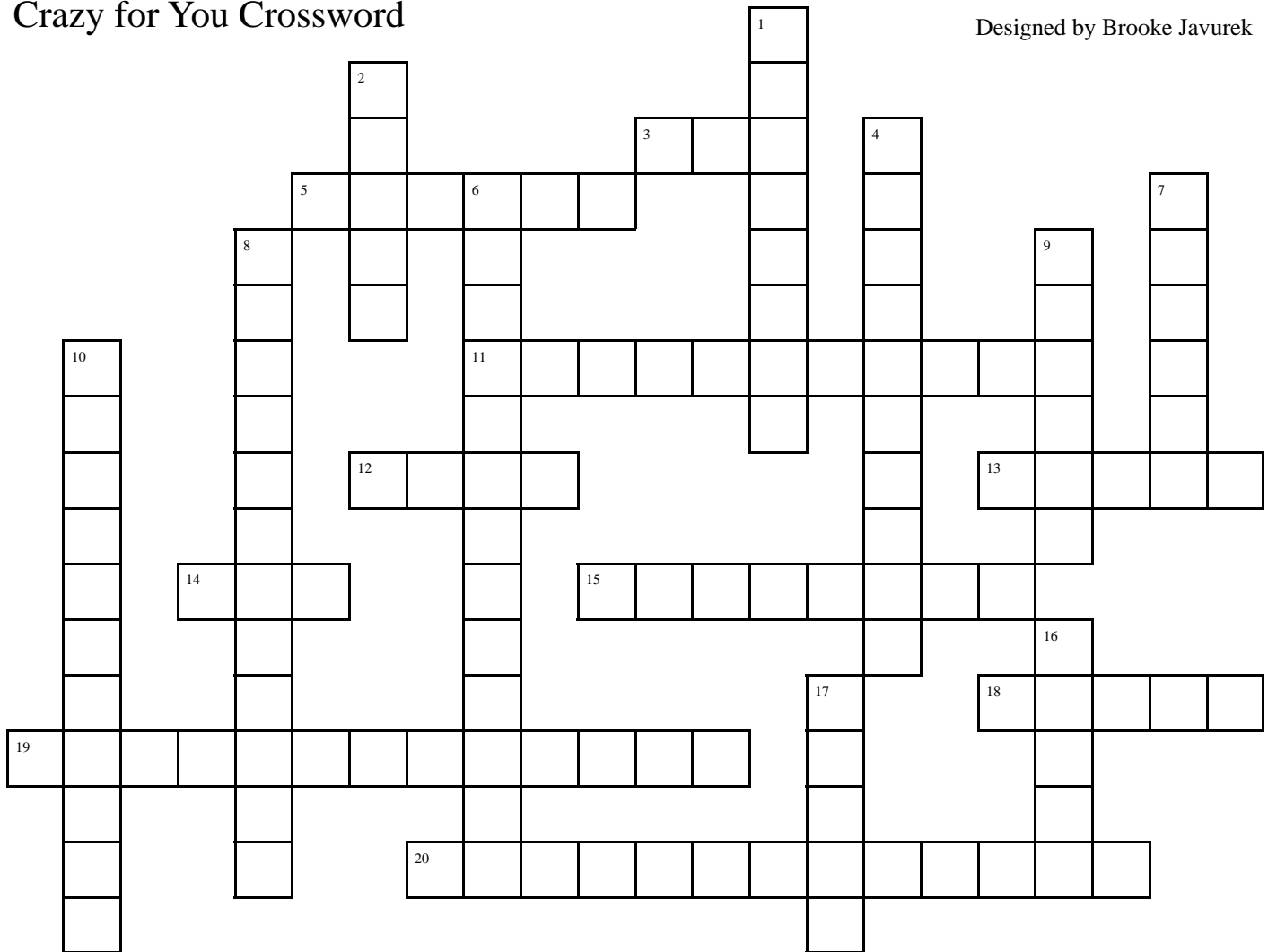
What is the 1st thing you would do if you won \$1 million?

Both: Pay for college

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Crazy for You Crossword

Designed by Brooke Javurek



ACROSS

3. The musical accompaniment for Boylan's production of *Crazy for You*.
5. "Who would come to _____ to gamble?" - Lank Hawkins
11. The song sung by Irene to her newfound love interest, Lank.
12. "Learn to Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, _____ that Bass!"
13. The number of Tony Awards gained by the 1991-1992 Broadway season.
14. _____ Sleger / The artistic director of the Boylan production of *Crazy for You*.
15. "So which is it, Bobby? Me...or _____?" - Irene
18. "Who would like to audition...to be in show...to work with _____?" - Bobby as Zangler
19. The name of the old theater in Deadrock, Nevada.
20. The Boylan sophomore who played the lead male role struggling for a big break while trying to win the heart of Polly Baker.

DOWN

1. The Boylan senior who played the part of Bobby's girlfriend who wants to settle down but ends up falling for Lank Hawkins.
2. "No, no, no, no...not my _____ your _____." - Patsy
4. Boylan alum who played the part of Polly in 1991 at Broadway's Shubert Theatre.
6. The Boylan junior who played the role of the lead girl who fell in love with Bobby Child.
7. "I am _____ myself." - Bella Zangler
8. The Boylan freshman who played the part of a famous theater owner from New York.
9. "I got _____, I got music, I got my man, who could ask for anything more?" - Polly Baker
10. "Embrace me, you sweet _____ you." - Polly Baker
16. "Although, so love may not inspire my _____, still it's making my heart go Bango!Bingo! - Bobby Child
17. "You're close to an _____." - Lank Hawkins



Music Review: *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone*

Explosions in the Sky – *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone*. Explosions in the Sky, the four-piece instrumental band from Austin, Texas are back with their fifth studio album. *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone* is the most complex of their records, and quite possibly their most captivating. Though it was released all the way back in February, Explosions in the Sky's most recent album is definitely one you need. The climaxes are just as powerful as ever, coupled with their signature quiet-loud-quiet dynamics, making them known as one of the most influential post-rock/instrumental bands out there.

Other Recommended Albums:

Feist – *The Reminder*

Kings of Leon – *Because of the Times*

!!! (chk chk chk) – *Myth Takes Modest Mouse* – *We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank*

Clint Mansell (feat. Kronos Quartet and Mogwai) – *The Fountain OST*

Emily Day

Restaurant Review: Hachi Hachi

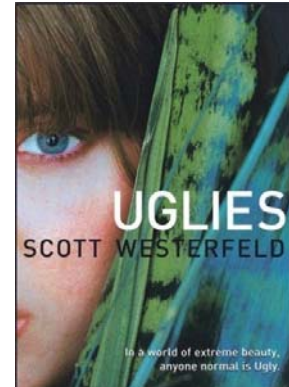
Anyone up for Japanese food? If so, Hachi Hachi might be just the place to visit. Conveniently located at 6516 East Riverside Boulevard, it offers a casual family friendly environment, not to mention good food. After walking in the door, one is immediately greeted in Japanese by an enthusiastic, service-ready staff. An easy to read menu is posted with a multitude of options. Once you decide what you want, you can order, pick up your drink, and sit down. Everything from the classic chicken fried rice to an elegant salmon dish are available. Hachi Hachi has a clean space with reasonable prices and great music. Karley Goral, a sophomore, recently went to Hachi Hachi and ordered the hibachi chicken. She said, "It was very delicious. It came with rice and vegetables, which was also good; however, the chicken was my favorite." When asked about portion sizes she replied, "They were well sized and I was pleasantly filled afterwards." Peter Cormier, a senior, who has visited Hachi Hachi many times, highly recommends the hibachi shrimp and scallops, tempura, or a volcano roll. Hachi Hachi is a wonderful option for a quick lunch, relaxing dinner, or a meal at home which can be delivered to your house.

Grace Cormier

Man on the Street

What is the strangest thing you put on your food?

1. Mustard on peanut-butter and jelly: Sam Hutmacher (10)
2. Syrup in salsa: Josh Campbell (11)
3. Vegamite on toast and eggs: Pete Trapini (9)



Book Review: *Uglies*

Uglies, by Scott Westerfeld, takes place in a world where being normal is considered to be ugly and your sixteenth birthday marks the day that you get a surgical operation to make you 'pretty'. However, protagonist Tally Youngblood's new friend Shay tries to escape it all. She runs away with the mysterious David to a place of runaway uglies, and Tally has to suffer the consequences. Special Circumstances, a group that tries to keep everyone in the city in and everyone who doesn't belong out, goes to Tally and gives her an interesting choice; betray Shay or stay ugly forever.

The characters of this book are a great part of the overall reading experience of *Uglies*. They are strong, clear-cut, and very believable. Each character has strong opinions and views. It is almost impossible to believe that they are just words on the page and not living beings.

Furthermore, Westerfeld has an original plot line, and he expresses it through his well developed characters. Westerfeld's major themes of loyalty versus personal desires and personal views versus society's views intertwine seamlessly. The book also brings up important questions about our society and its morals. It challenges and defies the way that society pictures "prettiness". Westerfeld goes outside the boundaries and makes a book all his own.

Lauren Deutsch

Dear Readers,

On behalf of the entire Tribune staff, I would like to send our heartfelt thanks to all of you for supporting this exciting new chapter in Boylan student life. In your hands you are holding the product of months of hard work and dedication.

Though we began forming our staff in November of 2006, work on the creation of this newsmagazine started at the beginning of last summer. Even though my coeditor, Yuri Korchak, and I have been fostering this idea since Jr. High, it wasn't until the end of our freshman year that we got together a dynamic team made up of most of the current editorial board. Over summer vacation, we worked to develop proposition folders and a prototype of the newsmagazine that we hoped would become a reality.

After an initial meeting with Principal McGuire at the beginning of this school year, the idea was pitched to the school board, and was approved. Then came the hard part, finding a moderator. It almost seemed hopeless until Mr. Hiemenz, one of Boylan's assistant principals and head of curriculum affairs and schedules, stepped up to the plate. He has proven to be a great advocate for our cause, and has made many details fall right into place. We could not have asked for a better staff either. Their ideas and personalities have made this publication what we always hoped it would be- a unification of the student body and a tool to expand the awareness of all.

And now it is up to you to make sure that is what this newsmagazine remains. We encourage you to share your advice, ideas, and constructive criticism with us. As our mission statement says, we strive to be thorough and accurate, and to do this we need your help. And once again, thank you for being a part of this new aspect of Boylan, we hope you enjoy reading our work as much as we enjoy producing it.

Sincerely,
Kaylen B. Ralph
Executive Editor

Two years, eight excited editors, and one goal, to have a school newspaper. A perfect mix of great writing talent, determination, and a commitment to revive an old forgotten tradition, this process has been a long bumpy road. The editors and I really hope you enjoy the newspaper. From now on, this paper isn't just ours anymore, but it is yours too. We will be taking new people for our staff next year, so you keep your eye on the announcements next September. So enjoy this first, but not last, exciting issue of "The Titan Tribune."

Sincerely,
Yuri Korchak
Executive Editor

***Titan Tribune* Mission Statement:**

The *Titan Tribune* seeks to promote interest in scholastic and extracurricular activities. Our aim above all is to expand the awareness of issues on a local, national, and world level, and to promote programs which are beneficial to the school and community. The *Titan Tribune* will strive to be thorough and accurate, and will be held to the highest ethical standards.



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