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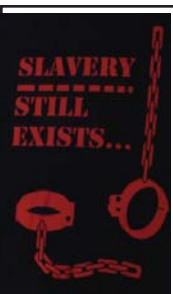
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WONDROUS IN WONDERLAND

by Miranda Akins



Alice (Hannah Nedrud) having a nice tea with the Mad Hatter (Hannah Brenton)

Actors are needed for theatre, but what are they but people up on stage without a costume and set; thanks to Alli's mom, morphing into another character was easier. The actors are truly indebted to her for making them look good and the audience is indebted to her for helping expand their imagination. Thankfully Mrs. Livingston didn't come across any hardships but she commented, "The complications now are mostly having the hats stay on the head and imagining animals from that time period." Jordan Severin said, "They were all really good, better than we've had them before. I think the costumes get better every year."

Building the creative set was fun because there was music playing and lots of laughter filling the air from happy and relaxed friends. When asked about the finished set



Tweedledee and Tweedledum

distracting."

With long hours put in to pulling the play together we reached our first day of production. This was for the Calvin Christian

Blaine and Edina campuses. It was exciting to hear their laughter. The first day had a few mishaps, but it is always expected. The third and final day held high emotions because you are happy that it is over, but sad for that same reason. As tradition holds, Mr. Schaap presented a well deserved rose to our one and only senior in the play. We certainly will miss Hannah Brenton next year. Another tradition is to present bouquets and cards; this year Mr. Schaap and Mrs.

Livingston were the ones honored. The cast proudly thanks both for their long hours put into making this play come together and turn out really well. Hats off to the cast and crew of Alice in Wonderland, you all did really well and you all earned the praise received! 🐾



"Can you play croquet?"

Spring Formal

by Jordan Severin

In two weeks, Calvin Christian High School will be having their very first spring formal. The Student Council has some very fun things planned for it. There are some new things that we are going to do this year as well.

If you remember the Valentine's Formal last year, you would probably remember that we were not allowed to bring guests who did not go to school at Calvin. Students have been pretty excited this year though, because we are allowed to bring guests from other schools to the formal. It doesn't have to be a date, just bring a friend.

For the formal, girls can choose to wear any type of dress that they want. Some people are wearing formal dresses while others may be wearing prom-like dresses, or semi-formal dresses.

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Chapel in the Spotlight

By Vito Sauro

Chapel. Some would say it's the one thing that brings us together every week. It seems simple, but behind each Friday morning are weeks of planning through a thought-over system.

I had the opportunity to sit in on the chapel committee to see the inter-workings of this well-oiled machine. When asked what holds their group together, the vote was unanimous "All of us. We hold hands. It's a group effort. We're a committee."

The group told us to especially look forward to the senior-led chapel as well as a message on empathy from our very own Jemma Storbakken. When the committee was asked if they thought they were doing a good job, Hannah Brenton replied, "We've had a very good year. Some chapels come out very well

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NEWS: WORLD, COUNTRY, CALVIN

by Casey Teunissen

World

Lemon Cola

In a Norwegian church a baby was baptized with lemon flavored cola. The priest, Paal Dale said to the daily newspaper Vaart Land "All the taps were frozen and the lemon flavored cola was flat". The family was not informed of the last second switch in liquid. The priest only told the family about it because they were confused with the lingering lemon smell. They were asked by the daily newspaper if they were mad but didn't say much. It didn't seem like they even cared.

Earthquake

There was an earthquake recently in the town of L'Aquila in Italy's mountainous Abruzzo region killing at least one hundred and fifty people, leaving thousands homeless. Most survivors had to leave their homes in the middle of the night and left with nothing more than their pajamas. Over four thousand people helped with the rescue and they have recovered most of the bodies. Survivors watched as they pulled bodies out of the rubble. Almost every building was reported damaged in the historic town of L'Aquila.

U.S.

Gay Marriage

In Burlington Vermont a bill was proposed to legalize gay marriage. A month ago the State Senate overwhelmingly approved similar bills. It is expected to pass the House because Governor Jim Douglas has promised a veto if the bill gets less than the minimum of 100 votes. Supporters argue the legislation needs to move forward Vermont's first in the nations gay marriage laws while opponents argue marriage should remain between a man and a woman.

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This is a formal event, so please do not wear jeans.

The Student Council has been planning other activities like games, as well as some dancing. We will also be having a yummy dinner. So remember not to eat before you come. Don't forget to get your tickets by Wednesday, because we are going to have an awesome time! 🐾



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but, some not so much.

We really value feedback from the student body." I also managed to get my hands on a copy of the committee's mission statement. "The vision of the chapel committee is to develop a worshipping community wherein

people draw near to God, pray for one another, and are encouraged to grow in their faith." When looking at their group I couldn't help but think they've done a fine, fine job. 🐾



Obama's plan

Barack Obama has passed his economic stimulus plan. The total cost of this plan will be 775 billion dollars over the next two years. \$300 of this bill will be for tax cuts; companies will be able to write off losses from 2008 and 2009. They can also write off other expenses up to 250,000 dollars in 2009 and 2010. This plan will create up to 3 million new jobs. Stimulus funds will be used to invest in infrastructure around the country including transportation, roads, healthcare, and education.



Getting the teapot ready to make its trip to the High School

Calvin

A Raisin in the Sun

On March 19th Calvin Christian High School had a community building day. For this community building day the whole school got dressed up and went to go see a play at the Guthrie theater downtown. We saw the play *A Raisin in the Sun*, a story about an African American family and their struggles with segregation and poverty. After the play many students stayed afterwards and the actors came out to discuss the play with the audience.

Lock In

On March 20th student council held a lock in at school for all of the students. It started at nine o'clock and ended at eight in the morning. During the lock in, students played games in the gym like basketball and dodge ball. They also played Halo and Guitar Hero upstairs. There was pizza and other snack food in the lunch room. Most of the people made it all night without sleeping but there were some people who fell asleep.

Tea Pot

Over spring break student volunteers helped with set construction. They went over to the Blaine campus to work on set construction for the upcoming play *Alice in Wonderland*. While they were there they built sets, painted sets, and paper mache sets. At the end of the week they noticed they had a problem. The paper mache tea pot they made was too big to be easily transported over to the high school. Somehow they managed to maneuver it and the set was moved on the Saturday before the play. 🐾

The Lunch Buffet Special

by Micah Clipperton

For those of you who do not know, Mr. Koppendraye is now teaching an IBU course on the subject of China. For this course, Mr. K has decided to take the class on a field trip to an authentic Chinese restaurant during lunch. While they were there, they ate yummy food, had pleasant conversation and had the rare opportunity to talk on the phone with someone who was actually in china. We had the honor of asking him questions about china and got some pretty interesting answers. The questions ranged from the common misconceptions of Chinese food to Chinese Politics. Even Rush Limbawl was brought up. They talked to him for quite a while during their meal. The class decided to order the lunch buffet which consisted of many different kinds of meats and vegetables. The whole trip went from the end of reading writing workshop to the end of committees and clubs. Unfortunately, as soon as they returned from their meal, the freshmen and sophomores of that class had P.E. Running is hard after you just ingested all that rice and meat. Always remember to wait 30 minutes before entering the pool, or field rather. 🐾

"Don't forget to get your tickets by Wednesday..."



Student Highlights



ALLI LIVINGSTON

Birth date: December 27

Favorite Movie: *Newsies*—everyone has to watch it!

Favorite Music Artist: Taylor Swift

Biggest Fear: getting stuck in a little tunnel or a well

What are you looking forward to at CCHS? Starting a new independent project and the spring formal

What is your worst injury or accident? I broke my finger but nobody would believe it was broken. I had to make my own splint with a Popsicle stick because my mom wouldn't take me to the doctor.

What is your favorite quote? "The life of every designer is a fight. A fight against the ugliness."—Massimo Vignelli

If you were stranded on an island, what three things would you want with you?

- 1) A fully staffed cruise ship to get me home
- 2) The people on Food Network to feed me
- 3) All the people here at Calvin!

What super power would you like to have and why? I would like to fly because then I could go wherever I want.

If there was a movie about you, what genre would it be? Why? I would be a musical and there would be lots of dancing and Georgie Henley would play me.



NATHAN MCCORMICK

Birth date: February 1, 1993

Favorite Movie: unknown

Favorite Music Artist: probably Weird Al

Biggest Fear: unsure

What are you looking forward to at CCHS? Fun upcoming events throughout the years

What is your worst injury or accident? I fractured my arm.

What is your favorite quote? "I thought my son took the cake on stupidity, but you don't stole it from him and ate it."

If you were stranded on an island, what three things would you want with you? Food & water, some other people (male and female), and entertainment stuff

What super power would you like to have and why? All of them combined because that's the way I role.

If there was a movie about you, what genre would it be? Why? A comedy-action movie because I would be a stud and hilarious.



KERRI MULDER

Birth date: January 29, 1994

Favorite Movie: *The Italian Job*

Favorite Music Artist: I don't have a favorite...but I like Taylor Swift, Metro Station and Hello-goodbye

Biggest Fear: Getting in a plane crash

What are you looking forward to at CCHS? Advisory trips and graduation!

What is your worst injury or accident? I broke my thumb, that's it

What is your favorite quote? "Go through life one step at a time"

If you were stranded on an island, what three things would you want with you? My bed, a 4 wheeler, to travel around the island with, and matches, to start a fire

What super power would you like to have and why? Flying. It would definitely be an easy way to travel

If there was a movie about you, what genre would it be? Why? It would be a comedy. I have lots of funny moments in my life.

DISC GOLF

by Brian Estrem

Do you play disc golf? Do you even know what it is? Well disc golf is a game where individual players throw an individual disc at a target. Or as the Professional Disc Golf Association said, "The object of the game is to traverse a course from beginning to end in the fewest number of throws of the disc." Tom Brenton, a freshman, says his favorite part of disc golf was, "teaching the people the sport and watching [disc golf] grow, and of course [Tom loves his] anhyzers." Tom may intimidate you, but disc golf can even be enjoyed by people that aren't so good. Joanna, another freshman, said, "I like it because you can play it even if you aren't good like me!" This year the disc golf team is hoping to get to play against teams that are in our conference. So far their have been two teams that have expressed interest in competing against us. Those two teams are Shattuck St. Mary's and Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf. Mr.V., the coach of the disc golf team, is still trying to figure it all out and is waiting to get a reply from the other teams in our conference. He also expressed the possibility of competing against teams that may be outside of our conference. I get the feeling that this first year of the disc golf team will be enjoyed by all of its participants no matter what the skill level may be. 🐾

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EXTRAS

What's Not Worth Buying....Is Worth Stealing?

Response by Brian Estrem

Below is a conversation that Matt Bonnema had about downloading music illegally.

Brian: I believe that downloading music illegally is a bad thing because it is stealing. But if I went the other route and bought all of my songs that I wanted for a dollar each I would be flat out broke. I mean it is so easy to download music and the law really does not enforce it so why can't I download

music. I think that I would stop downloading music illegally if the law started enforcing it. Let's say that you pay for every song that you download illegally then I would stop downloading.

Matt: I understand what you mean, why should I pay for something that I can get for free? And if the law isn't enforced, then what is stopping me? Personally I could care less about what the law says about this, I just feel that I would have a hard time calling myself a fan of a band that I steal from. If you know me, you know that I don't just listen to mu-



sic and not care about who plays it. Most of the bands I listen to I have seen in concert at least once, and I wear their t-shirts to school every day. I don't just listen to the bands, I support them.

Brian: Well I think it depends on what type of band you support. If you are trying to support an independent band by buying their CD I think that I more then likely would rather buy their CD's and T-shirt just because they are not signed by the record company. But if I looked at the main bands in our culture I don't think I would ever pay for any of their

stuff because they are all signed by major record labels so I think that the band really does not need anymore help earning money.

Matt: Actually, even signed bands don't make as much as you would think. I'm not going to go into the percentages right now, but they are really getting screwed. I also don't think that it is your decision whether or not they need help earning money; the point is that the money is rightfully theirs and if you actually care about the band you shouldn't steal from them.

Brian: Good point, but I still like free stuff. 🐾

Buy a Shirt; Save a Life!

by Melissa Kirk

27 million: the number of people that are enslaved in the world today, which is twice as many as there were when slavery was legal. In the 1800's, slaves cost about \$40,000; today they cost about \$30. Human trafficking is the third largest illegal moneymaker in the world under drugs and weapons. There are an estimated 2 million slaves alone caught in sex slavery and sexual exploitation. This trade is estimated to make over \$32 billion yearly.

There are about 17,500 people trafficked into America every year. It isn't far away! On July 6th, 2007, two Minneapolis police officers went undercover into a brothel that was disguised as Method Sports Fitness Center. They were both offered sex for money after paying for a massage. Several women were hiding when Minneapolis police and officers from

the state's Metro Gang Strike Force staged the raid. In an article done by the Star Tribune they stated this: "While trafficking exists in every major U.S. city, the Twin Cities has been targeted by traffickers because its large immigrant populations create a demand for prostitutes of similar ethnicities," said Sgt. Grant Snyder. "We hope this will send a shock wave through the community," he said. Are you awake, yet? Do you realize what is happening around you? Organizations like: Love 146, World Vision, and International Justice Mission are dedicated to freeing slaves legally, by finding Brothels, and proving to courts that illegal sexual activity has been happening. They do not buy slaves to free them; it is illegal.

"... Seek justice, rescue the oppressed ..." ~Isaiah 1:17.

"The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern." ~Proverbs 28:7.

"Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right." ~Psalm 106:3.

God has called us to do something. You can make a difference; will you make the decision? Buy a Love146 t-shirt, and save a life! To find out more, talk to Melissa Kirk. 🐾



Movie Reviews



Bride Wars

by Rachel Mulder

Do you dream about planning your wedding? If you're a guy, probably not, but if you're a girl, maybe you like to think about that.

Bride Wars begins with two girls, Liv (Kate Hudson) and Emma (Anne Hathaway), who are best friends forever and it seems like it will stay that way. Since very early on, it had been both girls' dream to have their weddings at the plaza, so as soon as they were both engaged they had weddings to plan! Together, they went to the plaza, together they search for wedding dresses; every part of the process they did together, until...their weddings were scheduled on the same day! Now what are they going to do?! That one question is basically what the rest of the movie was about; everything from best friends, to weddings, to revenge. Each girl had to figure out how to plan their wedding and stop the other at the same time. There is never a slow moment in this movie; it's always busy and I found it sometimes hard to keep up with the characters. Plus, the ending is very predictable as well.

If you're really into chick flicks, this is a good movie for you, but it's not one that I would recommend to others. So, for those of you who are about to get married, and even those who aren't, Bride Wars is a movie that will make you laugh-out-loud.

I give this a 3 out of 5 star rating!



Knowing

by Claire Hinrichs

In 1958, a school asks their students to draw pictures to put in a time capsule as part of the dedication of the school. Fifty years later, a new class opens the capsule. One of the students, a boy named Caleb Koester (Chandler Canterbury), gets a paper filled with what seems to be random numbers written by a girl in the class fifty years ago. Caleb's father, John Koestler (Nicolas Cage), finds the paper and realizes that the numbers have a meaning. The numbers are an arranged message that tells the dates, death tolls, and coordinates of major disasters in the past fifty years. John does everything in his power to stop the future tragedies from coming true.

The acting in the movie was good and believable, but at times the plot and how things connected to each other were a little hard to follow. Some events in the movie completely surprised me and were not what I was expecting. I would recommend this movie to people because it was a clean movie without any inappropriate scenes.

I give this a 3 out of 5 star rating!

