



By Sarah Capp

BP Oil Spill

by Alex Weylman

On April 23, a BP oil rig floating in the Gulf of Mexico exploded in a plume of smoke and flame. Workers panicked as the smoke overcame them, but soon a rescue helicopter was able to lift them off the flaming platform of the boat, and towards safety. Unfortunately, 11 workers weren't so lucky, and disappeared during the chaos. BP set out on a 3-day search for those workers, but they had no success, and the workers were presumed dead. A few weeks later though, on May 19, the real chaos broke loose. Also known as the Deepwater Horizon spill, the gulf oil spill really started when the rig was ruptured sometime during or after the explosion, and loads of petroleum spilled into the Gulf. It is currently the largest offshore U.S. oil spill ever, even larger than the famed Exxon Valdez spill of 1989. It has hurt many of the economies in the area, including tourism and fishing, which are very important to the area, with its many beaches. It has killed off so much wildlife, there are questions if the Gulf can ever recover. And to top it all off, over 45,000 gallons spill into the gulf each day, covering about 6,500 square miles, and BP has only removed about 28,000,000 gallons of the many hundred millions of gallons in the gulf. Many people have accused BP of holding bag information of the true proportion of the spill, and over 200 lawsuits have been filed against BP, many coming from residents of Louisiana, and people in the fishing industry, proving that it is affecting more than just the wildlife; it's affecting citizens too.

The residents of CRCAP also have opinions on the issue: Jon Tarutis said "*I think that they should have had a plan, in case something like this happened. If they had a plan back then, the spill would have never blown out of proportion.*"

Steve the counselor said "*It's one of the saddest things that's ever happened.*"

Third Grade

By Betsy Soloway-Aizley!

This is the first year that I am excited for the next grade, and I am a little scared. When I went to fly-up day, the third grade teachers said that sometimes they will say "zap-mode," and that means if you do something bad you will have to stay in for recess and talk to the teachers about what you did, and why you did it. But I am really excited about third grade! I can't wait until third grade because in second grade, my teacher left and went to fourth grade, but then she moved to third grade and I get to have her as a teacher! So that is another good thing about third grade! But a sad thing about third grade is that it is the last year the students get to play the violin. And I loved second grade so great I don't think any year could beat that year!

Welcome new campers

By Lillian McIntyre

So it's the second day of camp and I know I'm really looking forward to a whole summer of it! Now it's back to the camp ways, and I'm still getting used to it. How many of you are used to the camp ways instead of the home/school ways? I know I'm not. Wow, the day is going by so fast, it's already almost the end of the day! Welcome back old campers too. . .

Poll: Who's your favorite singer?

By Rachel Patten

Lady Gaga – 2

Justin Bieber – 1

Beyoncé – 3

Journey – 4

The Arizona Immigration Law

By Jon Tarutis

The new Arizona immigration law, SB 1070, has sparked lots of controversy lately. Let's review the facts.

The law's goal is to identify, prosecute, and deport illegal immigrants. The law states that anybody can be asked, under reasonable suspicion, by a police officer to prove you are a legal U.S. citizen. That could mean a birth certificate, license, or ID. If you cannot, you will be taken into custody and prosecuted. If it turns out that you are an illegal alien, you will be deported.

This law may lead to racial profiling, because if most illegals are Hispanic, who are they going to stop? They'll stop Hispanic people, who may or may not be citizens. It is unfortunate that this may lead to racial profiling, but we need to stop these illegals because they are here illegally. If you want to become an American citizen, there is a system you can go through. You can become a citizen, can get a driver's license, buy a house, start a family, get health insurance, and eventually, get Social Security. You can become a legal citizen, and there are many advantages. What is unfair is that good people who go through the immigration system to become citizens have to wait, when these illegal aliens can sneak right across the border.

But what if the illegal alien has a baby? That baby will be a U.S. citizen. Should those babies be deported with their parents? Or should the parents be able to stay with the baby to raise him or her?

I am a liberal democrat. I'm a tree-hugging hippie. But in this case I'm with the conservative Republicans. I think that illegal immigration is a problem that needs fixing. I support this law because illegals are taking jobs from citizens. Also, being illegal is, well, illegal. We should also build walls along our border, and put National Guard troops there to secure our borders to make sure no drugs or illegal immigrants get into our country.

The Millionth Time

Part One: The Discovery of Magic

By Noa Vineberg

One day a princess was born; her name was Charlotte. About 15 years later, she was walking past her aunt's room when she heard a strange noise coming from the room. It was... like a high-pitched scream with some low mutterings in the background. "Aunty?" Charlotte called. "AUNTY!"

"Don't worry, Charlotte, I'm okay. If you want you can come in."

Charlotte burst into the room only to find that her aunt was helping her mother up, saying, "You're all done, now go do something useful."

"You're a witch," Charlotte gasped.

"Yes, darling," her aunt replied, "and so are you. That's why all the witches of the community think you are green, because you have a green aura. And I think I know what your power is."

"What, aunty?" asked Charlotte.

"Charlotte," said her aunt, "I think you are a time traveler."



To be continued...

Andrew's Puzzles!!

By Andrew Mikula

Easy

0, 5, 3, 8, 6, 11, 9, 14, 12, 17, 15, 20, 18, 23, 21, _____ . What's the next number in the pattern?

Harder

Mrs. Jones and her two twin boys need to cross a river. The boat can only hold 200 pounds. Mrs. Jones weighs 150 pounds, and her twin boys each weigh 100. How do they all get across the river?

Insane!!!

Caitlyn is 10 years old. George is 3 times as old as Henry, and Henry is 8 years older than Allison. Allison's Uncle Tom is 5 times as old as Allison, and he is 30 years older than Caitlyn. How old is George?

Look for the answers in the near future!

Art Room Needs

- Newspaper
- Fashion magazines
- Textural material (like bubble wrap, onion bags, light bulb packages)
- Cardboard
- Large yogurt containers

Thank you!

The Movie: *Babies*

By Max Krieger

The movie *Babies* is all about babies that live in different countries and how they live every day. These babies include Ponijao, from Opuwo, Namibia who likes to eat dirt, Mari, from Tokyo, Japan, who plays with CDs, Bayar, from Bayanchandami, Mongolia, who lives on a farm, and Hatti, from San Francisco, USA, who has environmentally responsible, vegetarian parents.

The movie is rated PG because of nude (naked) people. But that is weird, because that is how some people live if they can't afford clothes.

The Story of the Talking Fridge

By Cecelia Murphy

Once, a girl walked to her fridge to get an apple. Do not open me! the fridge said. The girl took an apple anyway.

That is the weird end.

New movie: *Despicable Me*

By Sam Trust Litchman

On July 9th the movie *Despicable Me* is coming out in the theaters. Some of the cast are:

- Steve Carell
- Miranda Cosgrove
- Will Arnett
- Ken Jeong
- Kristen Wiig
- Danny McBride

The movie is rated PG. Also, it is 3D but also playing in 2D.

How to draw a dog
By: Toni A. & Caroline A.



There once was a man with no arms who was being chased by 6 bees. So, he jumped into a lake.



His mum & dad and his grandma & grandpa jumped in too.



There wasn't enough room, so they all jumped into a bigger lake & made 2 big splashes!

The Fall of *SpongeBob Squarepants*, part 1

By Max J. Schapiro

The year was 2004 when I sat down on my family room couch, saturated with eagerness for the upcoming episode of my favorite show. With my eyes wide with wonder and locked onto the TV screen, I partook in one of the grandest laughing fits I can remember to this day as “The Camping Episode” of the popular TV show *SpongeBob SquarePants* was exposed to my young mind for the very first time. It was a funny show back then, but not just goofy-funny. Dare I say it, at one point *SpongeBob Squarepants* was an *intelligently* funny show. The jokes weren’t just bathroom humor or simplistic garbage, as you see in the children’s shows of the more recent years. The best jokes were clever, and some even adults could get a laugh out of. It really was the prime example of a good cartoon, which is why it is my favorite show of all time.

Unfortunately, when I say “it is my favorite show of all time,” I am only talking about episodes ranging from its start in 1999 to the time before the motion picture, 2004. In that case, what of the episodes from after the movie, beginning in 2005 and extending to the current day? To put it as bluntly as possible, the vast majority of *SpongeBob* episodes released over the last 5 years have been so unsophisticatedly unfunny, crude, irritating, and simply awful that I cannot help changing the channel and shaking my head sadly every time a newer episode begins to air. My inner child has shed many tears as I have watched my absolute favorite show brutally brought down to a level as entertaining as playing tag in an active sawmill.

Why would I say such strong things against a show I once cherished? For reasons I don’t know the answer to, the show has changed for the worse in that it has been greatly dumbed-down, as if it gave up its appeal for adults and instead decided to only pursue the attention of very small toddlers. The color palette, once darker with shading and more noticeable detail, has been made much brighter and less detailed in the newer episodes, like the art directors wanted to make the visuals more bright and simple to appeal to the youngest generation. *SpongeBob*’s personality, which once made him a cheery, loveable ball of energy with his occasional moments of obliviousness, has been trashed for a new personality which entails the yellow sponge always being completely oblivious to his surroundings and dumb as a stump, nearly always with this blank, empty, smiling face that nearly never changes.

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Behind the Scenes: Daily Double

By Mikki Janower

I walk into the Daily Double room for the first time and the only thing on my mind is “Is this the place for me?” I’m new here. I recently switched my second period elective with a friend of mine and I’m wondering if I made the right choice. I’ve already come up with a good idea for my article: *Eclipse*, the latest movie release. One problem: I haven’t seen it yet. There goes my idea, and I enter the room inspiration-less. But as soon as I get my first glimpse of the room I’ll be working in, I know it won’t be hard to get ideas.

It’s hot, but not stuffy, and a few friendly-looking girls are sitting comfortably around the small table. Computers and charts take up most of the wall space. We talk about the theme briefly. Apparently each week a theme is picked for the Daily Double, but this week a different class got to choose it. They decided on diving and facial hair.

Nope. I can’t write about that either.

It takes a while to power up the computers, but when they’re all turned on, the room is hushed and busy, with the occasional whisper and the click-clack of the keys. Lots of thinking space and opportunity, but none of it is right for me. Let’s see: What do I love? Music, of course. My current favorites are “Love the Way you Lie” by Eminem featuring Rihanna, and “Cooler than Me” by Mike Posner. I guess I could write about a day in my life, but most of that day is at camp, and most of us reading this know what that’s like already. I could always do an illustration; a hopefully-soon-to-be-fashion-designer like me is always ready to design something for everyone to see. But what’s there to draw? The room?

And that’s when I got it. I’d write about the thinking process at the Daily Double, and the room itself, the feeling of the newspaper-writing elective in general. It sounded like the perfect way to top off a newspaper, and to give the world a first impression of my journalism. But don’t worry; I’ll still write you that review on *Eclipse*.

What is better than school?

By Cecelia Murphy

- _____ A. CRCAP
- _____ B. Doing nothing
- _____ C. Watching TV all day