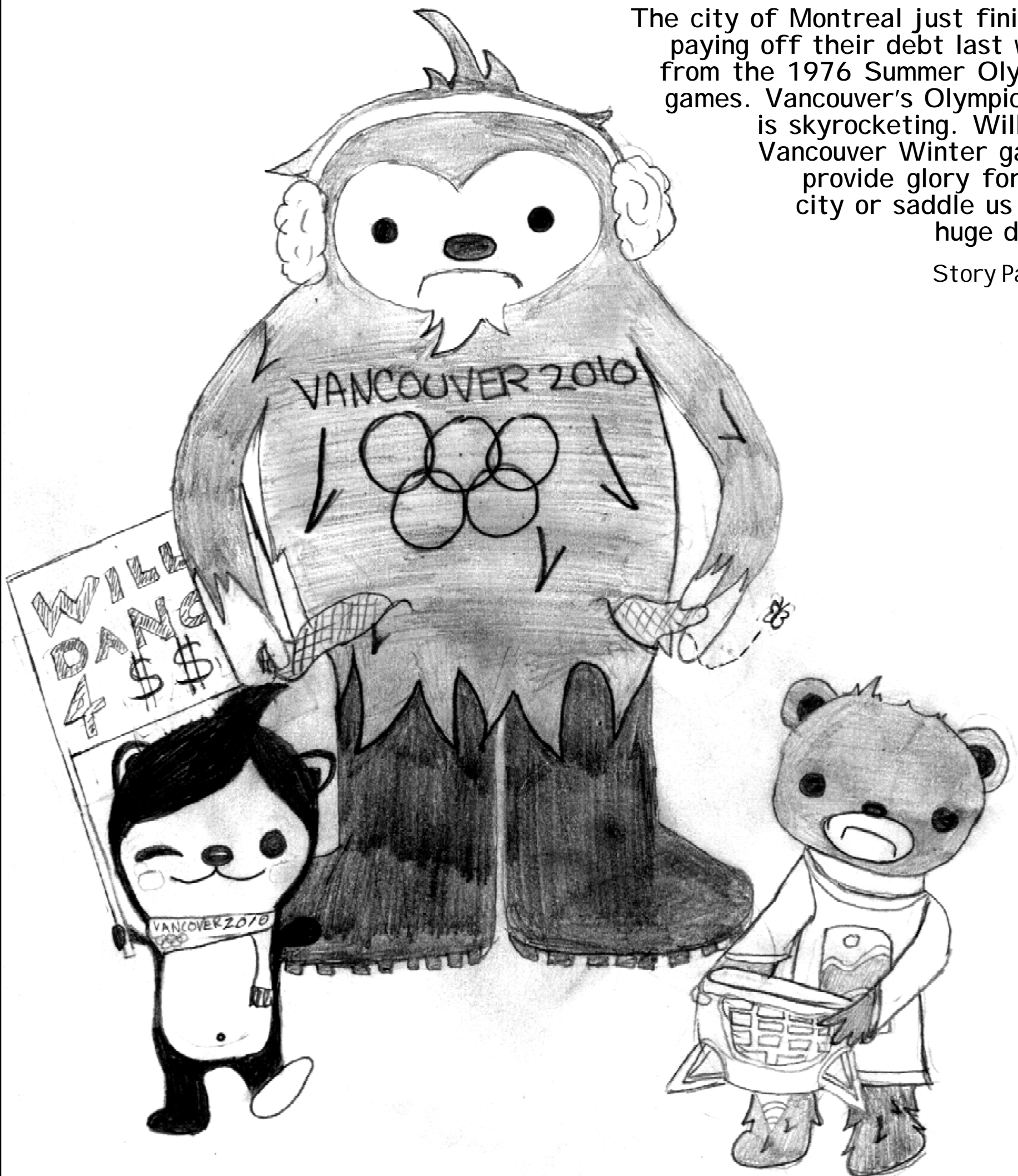


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The Decade's Delight or Decades of Debt?

The city of Montreal just finished paying off their debt last week from the 1976 Summer Olympic games. Vancouver's Olympic tab is skyrocketing. Will the Vancouver Winter games provide glory for the city or saddle us with huge debt?

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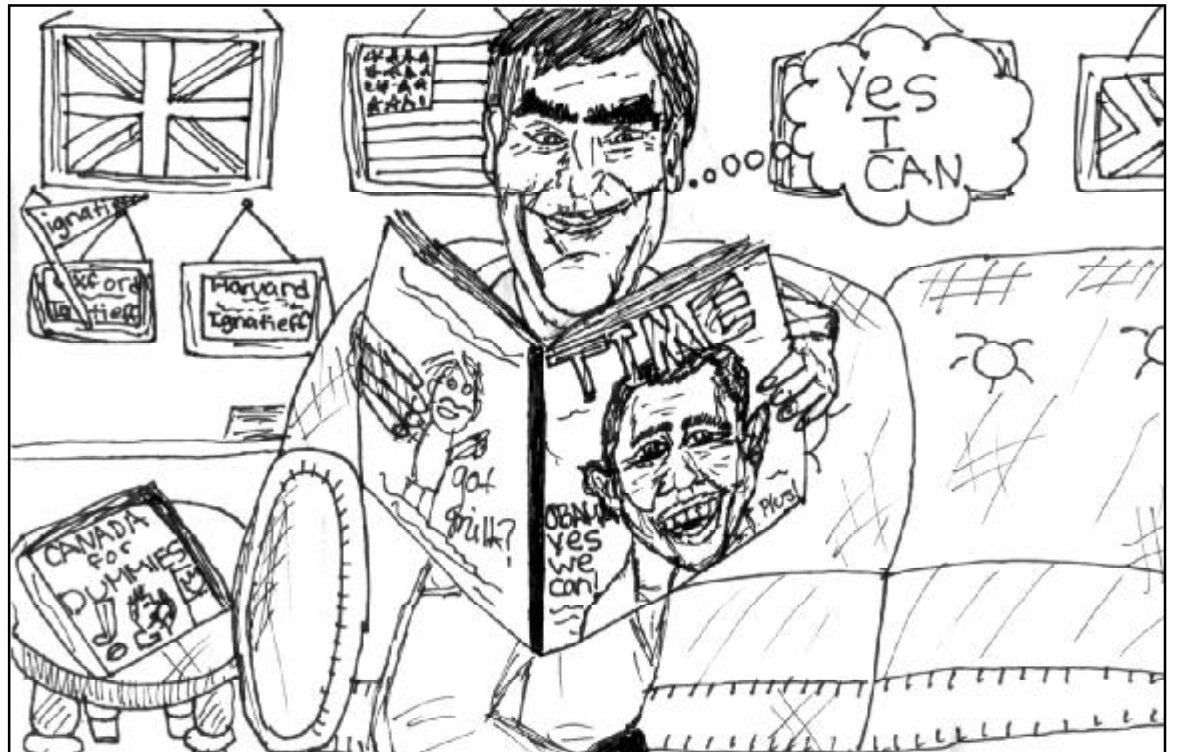
Who's that new guy?

Michael Ignatieff seems to be the opposite of the average Canadian politician (and on the opposition!) Being the envy of Canadian politicians, Ignatieff is described as a public intellectual, having been a historian, a celebrated author with 16 published books, a broadcaster, professor, documentary filmmaker and a journalist. Recently, he added politician to his impressive résumé when he was named the interim leader of the Liberal Party of Canada when Stéphane Dion stepped down in December, 2008. From 1978 to 2000, he was a professor at the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford in the UK, and then from 2000 to 2005, he was a professor at Harvard University. He has also studied at most of these schools, and has received his PhD in History at Harvard. Ignatieff controversially spent a substantial 27 years outside of Canada, until he came back in 2005 to teach at the University of Toronto and then became an elected Member of Parliament.

Understandably, some critics and many Canadians have made Ignatieff's sudden return Canada, potentially overturning the Conservatives, and taking Stephen Harper's place as the Prime Minister, an issue. He goes globetrotting everywhere, *except* Canada, until he comes back and decides to run for the leader of the Liberal Party, opening him up for, potentially, a position as Prime Minister of Canada. Has he had enough experience? Is he really even Canadian anymore? These are questions that continue to fly amongst the minds of many Canadians alike. Maybe it's that we're not used to such a distinguished icon in our politics, one who reached international celebrity status in the 1990's for his documentary film work, and his 16 published books, translated into 12 different languages. He's even had a cover on GQ magazine, joining the ranks of everyone from Robert Downey, Jr, Brad Pitt, Kanye West, and even Barack Obama himself.

Canada has also been in the shadow of American politics for quite some time. Compared to controversial figures like Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Dick Cheney (remember him shooting his hunting partner because he mistook him for a quail?) and now President Barack Obama, Canadian politicians seem to be as entertaining as an episode of *Corner Gas* (in case readers didn't know, comparing *Corner Gas* to anything is *not* a compliment.) But Michael Ignatieff seems to be changing the course of monotonous Canadian politics, even if that means having some scandalous views on certain things. For example, saying he supported the Iraq War, which seems to be a very un-Canadian thing to say amongst politicians here, or anyone who is not a Republican.

Regardless of what anybody's opinion is on Michael Ignatieff, or the coalition government between the Liberals, Bloc Québécois, and the New Democratic Party (NDP), politics is a popularity contest, and Ignatieff is winning.



Cartoon/F.Masoodi

POINT COUNTER POINT

Youth don't have it so bad



KONRAD SPUREK
COLUMNIST

To most people, it would seem like kids and teenagers today have it much harder than their parents when they were the same age. After all, today we have a lot of problems to deal with that our parents didn't have, such as keeping up with ever-changing technologies and having to balance school with work and social lives. But if you look at the big picture, you'll realize just how hard it was for most parents growing up, and how today's problems for youth can be viewed as opportunities.

Perhaps the most well known "pressure" that seems to affect today's youth is having to keep up with evolving technology. But really, if you ask anyone about what pressures them the most, very few teenagers will say technology. We have more important things to worry about, like school and work, and our mp3 players and laptops provide a welcome escape from those things every once in a while. If anything, today's technology helps to reduce the pressure for youths.

Today, teens don't just have the opportunity to get a job, they are encouraged to by schools and employers. Not only did our parents not have this many job opportunities when they were younger, they had to work harder (due to the lack of technology) and for less money.

But if you really compare our teen

years with that of our parents, you'll realize how technology and social life pressures seem quite trivial. Many of us who have immigrant parents probably know what a tough upbringing some of them had. Many had to grow up in communism and be drafted into armies, and still find a way to come to Canada and make life better for their children, us. They had to work harder (due to the lack of technology) and for less money than we do today.

Sure, we have pressures that our parents had to deal with, but many parents had problems that we never have to deal with, and hopefully never will. So the next time your computer breaks down or you're running late for work, try to remember that every generation had a tough time growing up, not just us.

"Back when I was your age..."



AMY-SUE BROWN
COLUMNIST

Each generation has had to put up with the constant nagging and mocking from elders about how easy they have it compared to their parents' childhoods. The words "When I was your age..." have been used time and time again to put down a generation that often has its accomplishments and struggles overlooked. It's about time that adults started looking past their own trials and tribulations and tried to understand what teen's lives are like now-a-days.

Unlike generations past, kids and teens today are under more

pressure than ever to get jobs. While baby-sitting in twelfth grade or a paper route in high school sufficed 15 years ago, today's generation has kids as young as middle school looking for work. Working itself is not bad, but it can be harmful when society and parents are expecting teenagers to address work, school and their personal well being all at once before they've had a chance to grow up completely.

It's often argued that the intelligence of today's generation is lacking, yet in the same breathe many of these same people complain that their children know more about technology than they do. Teenagers have to keep up with a rapidly evolving world; and that doesn't just begin and end with how to use a cell phone. World issues are constantly being thrust on teen's shoulders; information is streaming into their

lives at an alarming rate. The education system is far from letting children "slack" in school. As years go on, more curriculum is added to courses and kids are expected to know more than their parents did.

Perhaps one of the most distressing differences of all is the home life of children. Divorce rates have practically doubled in the last 20 years resulting in a lot more children in broken homes. As a consequence, teenagers have had to grow up and mature faster to deal with today's society.

Teenagers are not perfect, but neither is the human race. Instead of trying to win a trophy for having the worst childhood, we should be appreciating each generation's struggles, triumphs and sacrifices. Who knows, it might even make it easier for people of different age groups to relate to each other.

Setting it straight

The Eddy would like to apologize for errors in the spellings of names from the December 9th issue.

Here are the corrections:

Page 3 - Kyleigh Francks, Alyssa Megyesi, Dakota Meredith, Marek Markowski, Jenny Wang and Meghan Lui.
Page 6 - Devin Kim instead of Devin Lee.

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Beyond the Hurt and Leadership help heal

Laura Munroe - staff reporter

Beyond the Hurt is a bully prevention program that the Red Cross offers to Youth organizations. Schools normally pay \$1200 to get this program; although at Riverside Secondary school it was offered for free last March. **Beyond the Hurt** was organized at Riverside by Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Blaxland as well as the leadership students.

Youth organizations, schools, sports and community groups are in touch with **Beyond the Hurt** and respond to bullying and harassment in this widespread prevention program. **Beyond the Hurt's** goal is to impress upon children the seriousness of bullying and leave them with the importance of how to deal with the effects of bullying. "I think this program is very powerful. The students are going to learn new ways to identify bullying, try to stop it, bring awareness to the problem, and help those who have



Courtesy of Mrs. Blaxland

Leadership student, Andrew Haydock, working with students of Kilmer the for **Beyond the Hurt** program.

been affected by it," said Chittenden.

The Leadership students have gone to the Southside elementary schools, and are going to more

elementary schools in January, such as Kilmer Elementary. The ages of the students are from kindergarten to grade three (five to eight years of age). The

Leadership Students played a variety of games and participated with the children in many activities such as video clips of different scenarios where students are

being bullied. Two facilitators trained ten Riverside students to teach the younger students about bullying, sexual and physical harassment and how children can recognize and prevent it.

"We tried to teach bully prevention by looking at identifying the different types of bullying," said Chittenden. The different types of bullying include physical, verbal, relational, and cyber. Teaching the children how to recognize the different types of bullying is a good way to realize the difference between respect and disrespect.

Also, **Beyond the Hurt** has had an important effect on the Leadership students. "This program has had a big impact on the student facilitators in that it has forced them to reflect on their own experiences with bullying, either being bullied or being the bully; they will help other victims to develop coping skills and strategies to deal with bullying," said Blaxland.

Students represent Riverside at public speaking finals

Susana Martinez -staff reporter

On December 1st, 2008, the School District Public Speaking Festival was hosted by Riverside Secondary in the school's cafeteria. Riverside student, Vanessa Wattamaniuk was the MC at the festival along with scorekeeper Jill Reid, a staff development coordinator.

Students were awarded based on the Performance Standards Criteria then on a ranking system.

Our four students did a great job at representing Riverside.

Madison Collingwood was awarded Silver with her speech on Westboro Baptist Church and how it is not recognized by the regular Baptist church. Robyn Vondrasek was awarded Silver presenting a speech on Legalizing Prostitution, that looked at how other countries control, regulate, and sometimes tax it as an actual job. Ishan Virk



K.Shong/The Eddy

Ishan Virk, Madison Collingwood, Robyn Vondrasek, and Stephen Hoyle represented Riverside at the public speaking finals.

was awarded Bronze with his speech titled *Our Unusual World*, which looked at different food customs in various countries.

Awarded Bronze was Stephen Hoyle with his speech on Idioms, which are phrases that have

meanings in the figurative sense instead of a literal definition, such as 'raining cats and dogs'.

The adjudicators at the festival came from many places and were: Mike Mitzel, a retired Coquitlam English teacher, Assistant

Results

Gold winners

Cody Pugh - Terry Fox
Anthony Bruno - Terry Fox

Bronze winners

Ishan Virk - Riverside
Stephen Hoyle - Riverside

Silver winners

Vanessa Smith - Terry Fox
Fatima Hewaidi - Pinetree
Madison Collingwood - Riverside
Maggi Li - Pinetree
Emily Lunde - Terry Fox
Keyanna Cheesbrough - CAFE
Robyn Vondrasek - Riverside



Superintendents Sylvia Russell and Julia Pearce, and John Stockdale, a SFU faculty Associate.

They did a great job at judging, and gave the students an opportunity to meet with them after

the speeches for individual feedback.

Riverside has been hosting the public speaking festival consecutively for 3 years and hopefully it will continue to be a tradition for the years to come.

Riverside makes a new tradition

Iris Jong and Crystal Chui - staff reporters

Flashing lights, food, jewelry, and people. That can only mean one thing: a night market. Riverside's first Christmas night market, held on December 12th, 2008, was a big success.

The night market was the brainchild of Ms. Catherine Yamamoto and her Japanese classes and clubs who were very passionate about the idea. When Yamamoto asked her students whether they should have a small night market with some of her Japanese students, they chose to share it with the whole school.

The place was alive with people while music played and delicious food, such as soba, gyoza and

sushi, was being served. The multicultural event was held to help bring students closer to each other. "It was a great opportunity to bring together International and ESL students," said Yamamoto. Also, she declared that she wanted to show the meaning of night market. She defined the night market as a place where people mill around and that always has an active atmosphere. "I liked the food, people, and the bustle. However, the thing I liked the most was the faces of the students; seeing how intent and serious they were," said Yamamoto.

There were school supplies for sale, food to eat, a fortune-teller, Anime caricatures being drawn, accessories, antiques, origami being made, and hats which you

could decorate. Also, Kendo, a modern Japanese martial art of sword-fighting, was performed by Tsuyoshi Hamanaka and Misato Hamanaka and Taekwondo demonstrations performed by Johnson Do and Ken Do. The musical and dance performers were Corina Voon, Chelsea Salindong, Kushboo Shah, Elizabeth Boey, Eric Tham, Emily Nickason, Andrew Seo, Corey Nightingale, Hans Seo, and Joseph Ohiobo. The band, Area, composed of Devin Kim, Nathan Gee, Daniel Jung, Ryan Sandrin, and Jack Briscoe.

Organizing the event was a huge commitment for all who were involved, and the success of the night market will hopefully result in it being a tradition for years to come of Riverside.



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Chelsea Salindong and Corina Voon serving gyoza dumplings.



Problems plague Olympic buildup



Courtesy of Google



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Top Left: The 2010 Olympics logo, nicknamed Ilanaaq, the Inuktitut word for friend.

Top Right: Cranes tower over the construction of the Olympic Village.

Bottom Left: The Olympic mascots, named Sumi, Quatchi, and Miga.

Bottom Right: Protestors pose with the stolen Olympic flag.



Courtesy of Flickr



Courtesy of Wikipedia

Konrad Spurek - staff reporter

In February, 2010, Vancouver will play host to the world, but what the world will see is still unknown. Will visitors leave Vancouver with memories of gold medals, high-tech arenas, and beautiful scenery? Or will their memories be filled with images of homelessness and protests? Much of that depends on the next 12 months. Will new mayor Gregor Robertson deliver on his promise of helping the homeless and reviewing Olympic spending? Will tax payers be forced to pay the \$875 million (and growing) bill for the Olympic Village? These are all questions that need to be answered in the next year, and as evidenced by the 1976 Montreal Olympics (Montreal just finished paying off its Olympic debt), BC residents will be living with the

consequences of these decisions for many years to come.

On July 2nd, 2003, Vancouver won the privilege of hosting the 2010 Winter Olympics, beating out PyeongChang, South Korea, and Salzburg, Austria. Almost immediately after winning the bid, VANOC (the Vancouver Organizing Committee) began fundraising and planning for construction of much needed venues. There will be at least 5 new facilities and building expansions which will be built and designed specifically for the 2010 games. An upgrade of the Sea-to-Sky Highway and an already needed Sky-Train expansion are being built to accommodate for extra traffic during the Olympics. These buildings and expansions are all expected to add to Vancouver's Olympic legacy, but not everyone is as excited as the organizers.

There have been many protests surrounding the games, ranging from anger over diverting funds from low income housing to the Olympics, to environmental protests concerning the upgrade of the Sea-to-Sky Highway, particularly around the Eagleridge Bluffs. Protestors have gone as far as vandalizing the Olympic clock, trashing the downtown offices of VANOC, and even stealing the official Olympic flag from city hall. The main point of concern, however, is the fact that the tax-payers are paying for an event that not everyone wanted a part of, including two lower mainland mayors.

New Vancouver mayor Robertson ran on a platform of helping the homeless and reviewing Olympic spending, but he's already facing major problems. The \$875 million Olympic village, that was supposed to be privately funded, may end up having

to be paid for by the BC tax payers.

But the Olympics aren't all protests and scandals. The Olympics are supposed to be about one thing and one thing only, the athletes. In 2010, Canadian athletes will have the chance to do something that no Canadian has ever done, win a gold medal on Canadian soil. Programs like **Own the Podium**, however, are allowing Canadian athletes to set their sights much higher. The Canadian Olympic Committee has set a goal to win more medals than any other nation in 2010, a vast improvement over their fifth place finish in 2006 in Turin, Italy.

So on February 12th, 2010, Vancouver will welcome the world. What the world will see is, as said before, uncertain. But by then the financial controversies should be worked out, and visitors will be welcomed with open arms, smiling faces, and glowing hearts.

Barack Obama takes oath and gives world hope

Farnaz Masoodi - staff reporter

Washington is known for its cold winter weather, but on January 20th it was a hot destination for the monumental influx of visitors who prepared to watch President Barack Obama be sworn in as the 44th president of the United States. The inaugural ceremonies took place just a few weeks shy of the 200th anniversary of former American president Abraham Lincoln's birth. Fitting, since the theme of Barack Obama's inauguration was "A New Birth of Freedom," which was a line from Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address, one of the most quoted speeches in American history.

On January 18, just a day before Martin Luther King Jr Day, and 2 days before the swearing-in,



Barack Obama giving his inaugural address.

Courtesy of CBC

Barack Obama and Joe Biden sat behind bullet proof glass, and celebrities made appearances between the pillars of the Lincoln memorial for performances and speeches. Perhaps the most touching part of it all was that in 1963, on the exact same steps, Martin Luther King Jr delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech where now, his dream, and the dream of

countless other Americans has finally come true. Under the dignified eye of Abraham Lincoln, performances from Stevie Wonder, to Bruce Springsteen, and Beyonce rocked throughout the frigid Washington winter air, building up the promise of change for many people alike. Concertgoers in their parkas and scarves also traveled long distances,

making camp the night before. When it was all over, they left with feelings of elation, some were even said to have been running down the streets of Washington singing songs.

So when the day came for Obama to be sworn into office, the sense of pride on all faces of Americans, including those of past presidents, and Obama himself were palpable. Looking into the crowd, there were indicators of hope for the future among the estimated 2 million faces, ones reminiscent of change, and feelings of anticipation. All of this lead up to the words in the oath that President Obama would utter, creating his own legacy with one hand on the bible of Abraham Lincoln. Not only were Americans tuned into the televised inaugural events, but people everywhere, from the big city of Berlin, to a small

village in Kenya also tuned in, making it the most watched televised event in history.

A moment in history has no price, but at a time when Americans are in a recession and are trying to overcome troubled times, this may have been just the thing they needed: unity. The turmoil that Americans have been going through for years was, even if only for a moment, forgotten. Though the celebrations are now over, and Obama is starting his first few days of work, memories of the events, celebrations, balls and the swearing-in will be enough to provide the perfect unity that Americans didn't have before. So whether the attendee was a celebrity, a person with a 9 to 5 job or no job at all, this historical event will be one for them to remember for many years to come.



Down By the Riverside



What is your New Year's resolution?



Stephanie Croteau, Grade 12

"To eat healthier and have a daily exercise routine."



Jasmine Polnicky, Grade 9

"To be more organized."



Bonnie, Youth Worker

"To be the very best that I can be."



Tessa Quayle, Grade 11

"To get good grades and develop better study habits."



Ashley Bell, Grade 12

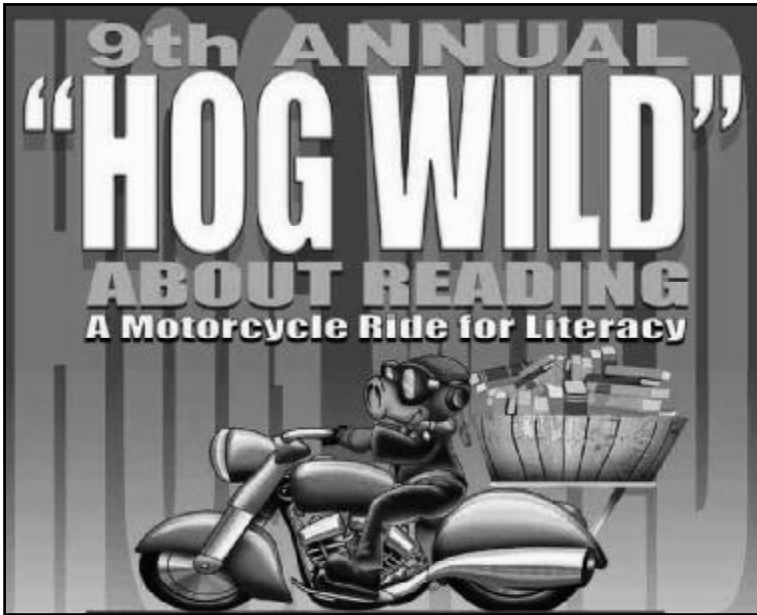
"To not take my family for granted."

Are you Hogwild About Reading?

Sarah Wahedi - staff reporter

The ninth annual "Hogwild About Reading" fundraiser surpassed their goal of raising 26,000 dollars in the past year for the many schools across Coquitlam and Port Moody that have an insufficient amount of books and resources in their libraries. The fundraiser is known for having a large amount of supporters and participants because of the great cause that they are trying to pursue. Many teachers and school faculty members are also getting on board. The motorcycle ride for literacy happens only once a year and the route begins in Port Moody and ends at Harrison Hot Springs.

"It's a great ride that isn't very far and we're able to come back home by the end of the day," says Mr. Clarkson. "All we're trying to do is create awareness about the



Courtesy of www2.sd43.bc.ca/hogwild

The poster for the 9th annual Hog Wild ride for literacy.

importance of literacy."

The "Hogwild about reading" fundraiser began in September 1989 and was created by the

principal of Scott Creek middle school, Mr. Ross Davidson. When the first race was being organized, the schools in District 43 were

own library, yet a decision still hasn't been made as to what the money should be spent on. "It would be a great help if students could make some suggestions on what kinds of resources we should get to help our library," said Mrs. Kilpatrick, who also believes that the small town fundraisers make the most difference in our schools. The Coquitlam School District believes that it is extremely important to schools that literacy issues are dealt with. With the winter Olympics soon arriving here in British Columbia, the government is trying to do its part to help out with literacy. Premier Gordon Campbell hopes to make British Columbia the most literate province by 2010. With this in mind, the 'Hogwild about reading' campaign is just doing its part to make a difference in our libraries.

Riverside has also benefited greatly from the 'Hogwild About Reading' campaign. The school had received 350 dollars on behalf of the ride to buy resources for our

own library, yet a decision still hasn't been made as to what the money should be spent on.

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Choir shines on Secondary Choral night

Amy-Sue Brown- staff reporter

Riverside Secondary Choir played host to eight high school choirs in the Coquitlam district on December 15th for Secondary Choral night. The purpose of Secondary Choral night is for high schools to sing and share Christmas songs to celebrate music. The event was open to the public and the night included several carols that allowed for audience participation.

To determine position, school names are drawn at random. Riverside closed the night with their performance of *Jingle Bell Rock*, *Rondo A la Christmas* and *Jing-ga-lye-ya*. The first was a simple and fun jazz arrangement of the Christmas classic, while the second was a more challenging and interesting piece, breaking from traditional Christmas songs to satirize the struggles of the holiday. Riverside Choir really shone in their performance of *Jing-ga-lye-ya*, a demanding, non-sensical musical piece with mixed metre.



A. Brown/The Eddy

Riverside Choir stands in the back listening to Pinetree perform.

"This was the best performance by a Riverside choir, in all of the years that I have been at Riverside," said choir director Carol Sirianni, "several other choir teachers remarked on how impressed they were with the difficulty of the music, the complexity of the metre and the high expectations that we have for choral and instrumental students at Riverside."

For choral teacher Mrs. Sirianni, the event isn't only about the

music. "It's important that the perception of Riverside Secondary for other choral students in the district is that it is an open, inviting, socially responsible secondary school that appreciates and values music education and diversity," said Mrs. Sirianni.

In comparison to the music sang at the last concert, the choir has shown definite improvement in their abilities as singers and music students.

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A Tournament for Emily at Riverside Secondary

Alaina Kuipers
-staff reporter

The Riverside senior girl's basketball team was inspired by Emily Inglis, an active young girl that died from cancer, by naming her the honoree of the tournament for Emily.

The tournament for Emily was held on the weekend of Dec. 12th to remember Emily and to think about the kids that have had cancer, or who have it now. Three years ago this tournament used to be named CPR box car classic. The main sponsor for both of the tournaments has been the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The donations will be given charities such as, "Make a Wish," "Canuck Place," and to The Children's Hospital. Emily Inglis was born on Feb. 19, 1990 and had a normal childhood in Port Coquitlam where she lived and



Shong/The Eddy

Donations for the Tournament for Emily were given to several different charities.

went to school. She was known for her bubbly personality and enthusiasm. In August of 1999, Emily was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, which is a form of childhood cancer. Neuroblastoma

is a tumor arising from any neural crest element of the sympathetic nervous system and is the cause of 15% of cancer deaths in children. She was soon receiving intensive radiation and

chemotherapy and making friends at the B.C. children's hospital. Emily fought her cancer for almost three years until she passed away on June 1, 2002 at Canuck place. Even after six years,

her family, friends, and fellow students are still remembering the great but short life of Emily.

The senior girl's basketball team at Riverside Secondary wanted to request Emily's tournament to help our community and to think of others with cancer. In first place was Elgin Park Orcas (Surrey), and close behind them in second was Riverside Rapids (Port Coquitlam), and in third place is Argyle Pipers (North Vancouver). The tournament did not have an entry fee but admission by donations. The school teams that participated are: SpringBank, Western Canada, Heritage Park, Argyle, Chilliwack, Elgin Park, Heritage Park, Penticton, and Riverside. Cancer affects every one in some way, and The Tournament for Emily has given an opportunity for many people to help and think about people in these difficult times.

In Your Face !



Name: Kaitlyn Anderson

Grade: 10

If you were stuck on a deserted island, what kind of music would you have to have?

Hip Hop is a need for me.

If you could date any celebrity past or present, who would it be?

DaveDays from YouTube, check it out!

What's your favorite sport?

Hockey.

What's your favorite hobby?

Hanging out with friends

Are you named after anyone?

Yes, I'm named after a girl from the 90's hit show, Degrassi.

What song do you usually sing in the shower?

"No One" by Alicia Keys.

What is your favorite holiday?

Christmas, because it's a big deal for me and my family.

Community dinner was a Success

Chifundo Phiri
-staff reporter

Christmas is a time for caring and sharing and so Riverside gladly offered some Christmas cheer at the Christmas Community Dinner on Thursday Dec. 18, 2008 in the school Cafeteria.

In accordance with Riverside tradition, a Christmas dinner was hosted for those who are less fortunate, and the school is honored to be able to do this. Over the last few years, Judy Catherwood used to be the main organizer of this event, but due to her retirement, she no longer organizes the Christmas Community Dinner. That gave Ms. Chittenden and Mrs. Blaxland, along with the Green Shirts and the Leadership class, the chance to take over in organizing the annual event.

It is something that has always been a good thing to support the community, said Ms. Chittenden. On that day, the Green Shirts and the Leadership Class all volunteered their hours to help out in decorating and setting up the Christmas Dinner, and to make it a Christmas Dinner to remember. The Leadership Class provided some craft games, toys and lots of other wonderful gifts. Some Riverside teachers also gave their own time and participated in the event, such as Mr. Rao, who was the Santa Clause for the event, and Mr. Brown as his elf helper. Ms. Chittenden said the procedure this year was slightly different than the past years in terms of the invitation to the Christmas Dinner.

The Southside principals helped to determine who in the community to invite; they gave invitations to some Central School



Courtesy of Ms. Chittenden

Mr. Rao and Mr. Brown were handing out gifts at Riverside.

children and some local families as well. In total, 120 invitations were handed out. Kendra Lee, a Culinary Art student who was one of the volunteers involved, said she enjoyed helping and serving at the community Christmas dinner

and that she finds the event very rewarding. "We get a really good turnout and the people who attend are so appreciative," said Mrs. Blaxland. Leadership and Ms. Chittenden upheld Ms. Catherwood's tradition.

Riverside has a new shed for Recyclables

Natasha Bjarnason
-staff reporter

Patrick Hay and Jon Potter are two students that built a shed to accommodate our recyclables. Hay and Potter spent a month and two days building a shed for our school.

The School Board asked Mr. Collett, a Tech Ed teacher, to make something for the storage and management of the school's recyclables. Hay and Potter were part of a House Construction course and took on the construction of the shed as their main project. For Hay and Potter, the most difficult aspect building the shed was the roof because there were many different angles, and there were only two of them working on it. The House Construction course is about "learning all aspects of building

houses, from foundations to roof framing and everything in between," said Collett. Although they had some problems with the math involved and working in the rain, both Hay and Potter felt successful and now they have a good understanding of how to construct a house.

Joinery and Carpentry is the ministry name for a wood working Course, which includes carpentry, cabinetry, and furniture making. Besides skills, the main goal in this class is to teach patience, tenacity and cooperation. "What stood out about Pat and Jon is that they never give up; they always seem to maintain a good attitude and achieve success," said Collett.

The shed, now completed, is going to stay in the automotive compound where it will soon be used for our recyclables. Riverside and the Coquitlam School District



Shong/The Eddy

Hay and Potter are working on their shed outside the school.

have a very good trades program for students interested in courses such as the House Construction one. During the summer, Hay took an electrician apprenticeship. He spent two months over the summer setting up lights in newly

built condos in Pitt Meadows. Any students interested in the trades programs offered can visit the Transitions 12 link from the school website, or contact Frank Gigliotti, the district coordinator for placing students in apprentice programs.



Scott Fitzgerald's classic story comes to the big screen

Tori Dove -
staff reporter

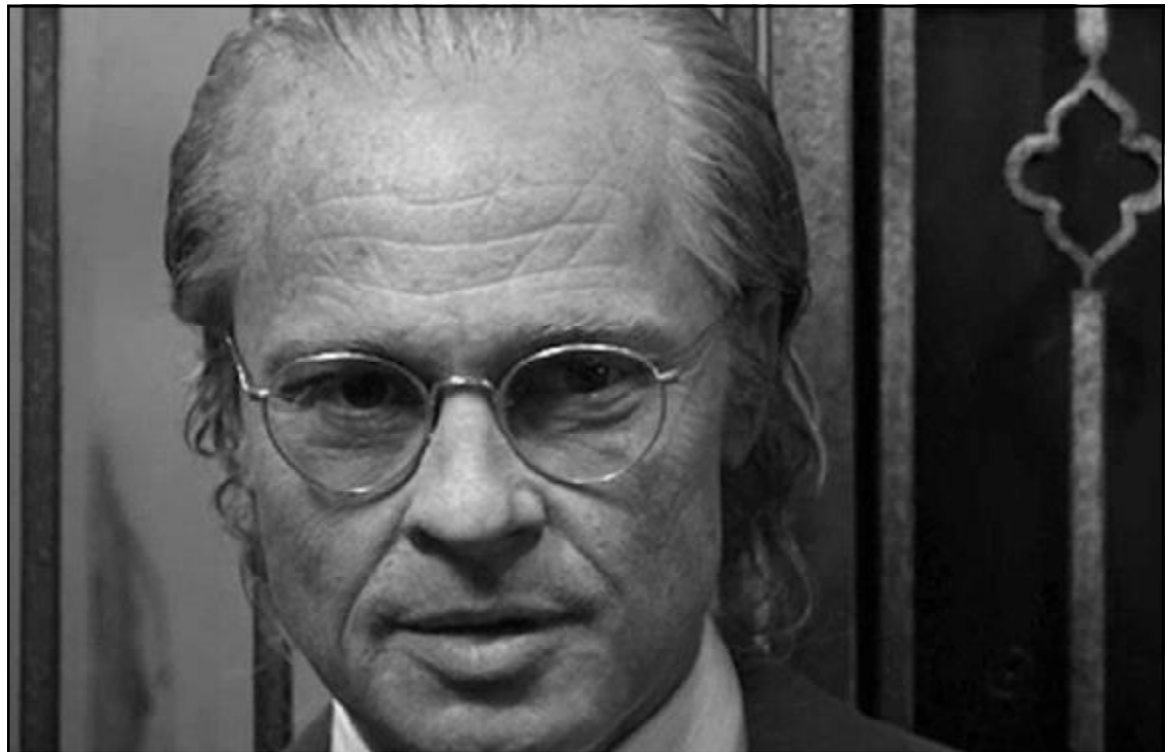
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button is an odd, epic tale full of death, loss, loneliness and love. The main character, Benjamin Button, (Brad Pitt) ages backwards while everyone he loves is aging forward without him. "My name is Benjamin Button, and I was born under unusual circumstances. While, everyone else was aging, I was getting younger... all alone" - Benjamin Button

Button starts life in the body of a small child but with the medical conditions of an eighty year old. Button's biological father abandoned him after his mother died during child birth, and was found by Queenie, (Taraji P. Henson) an aid at an old folks home in Louisiana. Although Button seems withered and old on the outside, his spirit and heart reflects his true age of a child. Button meets a young girl Daisy (Cate Blanchette), who is visiting her grandmother at the home for

the summer. Daisy knows Button is different but looks past his exterior and they become unlikely best friends. As Button grows older, his physical appearance grows younger. Button eventually leaves his home to seek adventure and to experience the world. Button joins a tugboat crew that fights in the war against the Japanese. Button experiences war, death and passion, but feels his life is still missing something.

When he returns home, Daisy is waiting for him and realizes that they have always loved each other. In the end Button is forced to face the reality of his condition while keeping a normal relationship with Daisy. Button's physical appearance is growing astronomically younger while Daisy is growing older. "It's a funny thing coming home. Nothing changes. Everything looks the same, feels the same, even smells the same. You realize what's changed, is you." - Benjamin Button

This film has some of the finest



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Brad Pitt with aging makeup to play the role of Benjamin Button

use of visual effects our movie industry has ever seen. The aging effects used on Pitt makes the movie unique and will surely win

the movie many awards. Pitt and Blanchette's acting is heart wrenching and believable. It is some of their best work yet.

Benjamin Button reveals to the audience valuable lessons on life and shows us just how precious the little things are.

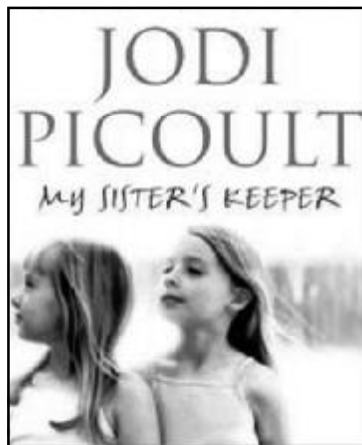
My Sister's Keeper, a book for the ages

Sarah Wahedi - staff reporter

Many people spend their lives trying to understand why they were brought to this planet. Thirteen-year-old Anna Fitzgerald, the protagonist of Jodi Picoult's New York Times bestseller *My Sister's Keeper*, has never for a moment questioned hers: genetically a perfect "match", she was brought into the world to keep her leukemia-stricken sister, Kate, alive. Physically and emotionally weakened from life because of the task she is to deal with in her near future, she is stuck in the shadow of her sister's illness. The strong-willed Anna lashes back at the parents who brought her to this world out of desperation, not desire, so she ultimately sues them

for the medical rights to her own body.

My Sister's Keeper, soon to be a movie starring Cameron Diaz and Alec Baldwin, revolves around Anna and the life-altering consequences of her very mature decisions that she is presented with. As the novel begins, the courageous teenager seeks the legal assistance of Campbell Alexander who soon serves the subpoena that breaks the Fitzgerald family apart. With the trial date drawing near, and Kate on the midst of kidney failure, Anna balances on an emotional tightrope. At the hospital, Anna comes and sleeps in Kate's bed saying "I didn't come to see Kate because it would make me feel better, I came because without her,



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It's hard to remember who I am."

Jodi Picoult has made us question the very ethics of the medical system and has made us question the meaning of 'family'. In conclusion, Jodi Picoult truly asks this primary question: is it morally correct to do whatever it takes to save a child's life...even if that means trespassing upon the rights of another? *My Sister's Keeper* is a thought-provoking book that will have you thinking about it long after you finish it.

French Mini Opera

Jordan Barone - staff reporter

The school was rocking on December 10th when Mr. Larivee's communications class performed their French mini operas in front of friends and family. From the beginning of the year, Larivee's grade 11 and 12 students have worked on their mini operas very hard. Sometimes they were at school until five on a Friday. The passion and commitment that went into these skits was great. When they got on the stage, no one forgot any lines. One of the crowd's favorites was *C'est Edmond*. It starts with a teenager coming home, and he is upset because he has no friends, he is un-cool, and out of nowhere superheroes pop up and explain to him that he just needs to be himself. Another crowd favorite was *Recherchées Mortes Ou Vivants*. Teenagers from all over the place ended up in the same jail cell, but they did not get along because everyone has different personalities. Finally, they work together, solve their problems, and break out.

La Famille was a skit that many people enjoyed watching because of all the arguments. The plot was about a family waiting for money from a dead relative, and everyone wanted the money for themselves. Even the parents that did not speak French had fun watching the well-put together choreography and the songs. Everyone was supportive and happy to watch a spectacular event. That was not the last performance for the students; they will be performing the operas sometime in March for Pitt River and Kway middle school.

Laura Munroe and Cassie Allen

present...

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Loud music in cars

Sure, everyone has their own taste in music, but you don't need to play it so loud that people from five blocks away can sing along. It's even worse when all you can hear is the thumping bass and not any of the music. How can you actually enjoy something if your ears are practically getting blown apart by how loud it is? They always make it painfully obvious that they like that music; rolling down all the windows and the sunroof when possible. It's like they don't even notice how annoying that really is. And sometimes it's not even rap or techno that's being played (I've heard someone drive by blasting country!). Some people just have no consideration these days; how would they like it if we pumped Martin Gaye or O-Town with relentless force? Not so much, I'd think.

Chatty classmates

Paying attention in class is hard enough without trying to ignore the constant chatter of the people behind you. If they want to fail the class, let that be their business! They already aren't doing their work, why don't they just pick up and leave so the people who actually want to get a passing grade can? I don't understand why their conversation can't wait for five minutes when the teacher is done talking; is it really that important? It's even worse when their cell phone is vibrating like crazy on their desk and they think that no one can hear it. It's like trying to ignore a screaming baby; it can't be done! It doesn't do wonders for the teacher, either. In most cases, the teachers bubble up with frustration that we are left with half a lesson and no way to do the homework, all because someone had to talk about the "awesome" party they had last weekend.



Pulling the cord on the bus

After a long and boring day, we want to get home using the bus as soon as we can, but it always seems like some people have different plans. The cord on the bus is used so we don't have to scream our lungs out that our stop is next and so the bus driver doesn't have to stop at every bus stop on the route, but the hooligans in the back think it's funny to constantly pull it and waste our precious, precious time. Not to mention it gets the bus driver so angry that he or she refuses to move the bus at all and causes the other riders to start screaming bloody murder at each other, which makes the whole situation that much more painful. It's like the people that pull the cord don't think that the other 30 people might need to get somewhere. It's not as funny or clever as you think it is.



Senior Girls hoping to repeat last year's performance

Rebecca Tipper-staff reporter

The senior girls basketball season is off to a great start. On November 28th, their first exhibition games started, and they have been in four different tournaments since then and are currently placed third in the BC AAA Girls Basketball with a record of thirteen wins and four losses. Last year, five of the seniors on the team graduated, leaving the team this year to be a younger team that has not played together very long. Another change from last year is the addition of Fiona Beals, a grade eight student from Pitt River Middle School; the rest of the team consists of girls from grades eleven and twelve. Since the team is younger, the girls have had to play a different style of game. Previously the team relied on their height; however, this year they are developing with their quickness to



Karla Josefson and Fiona Beals defending against Gleneagle at a recent game.

R.Tipper/The Eddy

win games. The girls are getting ready for some big tournaments coming up in February: the District Tournament and the Fraser Valleys. After that, the Provincials start in

March, and Kristina Collins, one of the team captains, truly believes that the team will make it to Provincials again this year and play very well in them. "I am very confi-

dent in our abilities to compete with the top teams this year at provincials," said Collins. Some of the top teams are Elgin Park and Handsworth and in order to be able

to compete against them the girls will have to put in a lot of team effort. "This year we can compete with anyone in the province as long as we work together," said Collins of the team. The other two captains, Taryn Buchannon, and Karla Josefson, along with Collins, Gabby Alvero and Hayley Dwyer are the five remaining seniors on the team this year who will be graduating and leaving high school basketball behind them. Some of them are planning on continuing to play basketball after high school and are looking forward to that, but at the same time, are sad to be leaving Riverside behind. "I will miss being at Riverside...there is also another part of me that is excited for next year and the seasons to come where I will get the opportunity to play basketball in the Canadian interuniversity league," said Collins.

Taekwando, more than just a sport

Jordan Barone and Crystal Chui - staff reporters

This past fall on November 22nd and 23rd, Melanie Phan went to Winnipeg, Manitoba to compete in a Taekwondo tournament with five other people from her Taekwondo club, and she was the one who came back home as a Taekwondo champion. To prepare for this tournament and others like it, she has been practicing for the last 8 years with her Taekwondo coach, Master Lim, to become a black belt. She went into the tournament as a first degree black belt. This is not her first time competing. Melanie went to the 2007 and 2008 Junior Nationals. In 2007, she placed 2nd and in the 2008 world championships, she placed in the top 10. Each time she competes, she is excited to have another chance at becoming a champion and, of course, have fun. Melanie also believes that in Taekwondo,



Courtesy of Melanie Phan

Melanie Phan during a Taekwondo tournament.

one does not just learn Taekwondo or how to kihap (a spiritual taekwondo cry), one learns things about life. One of the life skills learned is to not be disrespectful to anyone and to never start a fight. Marital Arts is all about defending yourself. Melanie has also acquired focus and concentration skills. "You can't just go to a tour-

namment without practicing or without any concentration. When you go to a tournament you have to be focused, and you can't goof off because you don't want to distract any one else that is competing in front of the judges or seem disrespectful like you're mocking them," said Phan.

Sporty Shorts

Sr. Boys Basketball.

- Jan 6th Rapids vs. Charles Best 88 - 49 win.
- Jan 8th Rapids vs. Maple Ridge 48 - 39 win.
- Jan 14th Rapids vs. Pinetree 85 - 76 loss



Sr. Girls Basketball.

- Jan 1st Rapids vs. Maple Ridge 64 - 42 win
- Jan 12th Rapids vs. 72 - 46 win
- Jan 14th Rapids vs. Argyle 86 - 41 win



Gr. 10 Girls Basketball.

- Dec 10th Rapids vs. Port Moody 66 - 27 win
- Dec 15th Rapids vs. Yorke House 47 - 33 win
- Dec 18th Rapids vs. Charles Best 59 - 26 win

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Too many people dying to ski

Cassie Allen- staff reporter

170 centimeters of fresh, untouched snow. Sounds alluring, doesn't it? But just this winter alone, 24 British Columbians have died because of the choices they made. Because of the record snowfall, ski and snowboard resorts such as Whistler, Blackcomb, and Seymour have had to close many popular runs. But this doesn't stop people from going into the out-of-bounds areas when the new snow is calling their names. Due to this risky decision, a large amount of people have died because of avalanches in marked "danger zones".

"You'd have to have your head buried over the last couple weeks to not understand that avalanche risk is ubiquitous across our province," said Chris Dagenais, director of communications at



Courtesy of Google

A search and rescue team out searching for an out of bounds skier.

Grouse Mountain, as quoted by CBC. The skier's and snowboarder's controversial choices to go out of bounds and into dangerous areas can cost thousands of dollars because of the forced rescue that the ski patrol has to do. Four men even lost their season passes, were fined \$1800 for costs, and banned for life from

Grouse Mountain because they ignored a ski patrol's warning to not duck under the rope. The men defended their actions by saying that they were aware of the dangers and prepared for the risks. Regardless of how much fun skiing or snowboarding out of bounds seems, it's extremely dangerous and can cost people their lives.