

# HEART BEAT

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## *Central Parks Hidden Treasures*

By Angelica Martuscello, 8

Geordy Noppe-Blandon is a camper from creative arts. For his pick at one, he did Archeological Digs. In Archeological Digs, the class goes to Central Park to find things from the Central Park land. Let me tell you a little about Central Park. Central Park was designed in 1858 by Fredrick Law Olmsted and Calver Vaux. Much of the soil in the park was brought from other parts of the city, as well as Long Island. Therefore, you can often find old pieces of glass and pottery on the ground if you look carefully. Geordy went to

Central Park for that class. On the first day, he found a liberty dime made in 1916! I asked Geordy some questions.

Geordy said that he found the dime in Central Park's East Meadow, and he found the dime looking closely on the ground. He said that he's impressed with what he found, but he could probably find something better. He once found red sea glass, but not in Central Park. He also found glass when he went to Central Park.

## Matt's Movie Reviews: *The Dark Knight*

Matt Geline, 15

On Friday, July 18, *The Dark Knight*, the new Batman film, was released. Directed by Christopher Nolan, the film is a sequel to 2005's *Batman Begins*. Batman/Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale) is back, and he's still trying to rid Gotham City of its crime lords. Only this time around, he has a little help, and it's not just Lieutenant Gordon (Gary Oldman) his butler Alfred (Michael Caine), and Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman) the CEO of Wayne Enterprises. The newly-elected District Attorney, Harvey Dent (Aaron



Eckhart), is cracking down on crime. It seems that he may even render Batman obsolete. He's even dating Bruce's old flame from *Batman Begins*, Rachel Dawes (Maggie Gyllenhaal). But his presence pales in comparison to the rise of The Joker (the late Heath Ledger), a new criminal mastermind who lives on the "funny" side of life. But he's not in it for the money. He just wants to introduce chaos into the streets of Gotham.

*The Dark Knight* is a masterpiece. It is possibly the greatest superhero movie ever made. While it is considerably darker than the first film, it only benefits from this. All of the performances were masterfully done, but Heath Ledger definitely steals the show, with his new, darker iteration of the Joker. He nails everything: the voice, the makeup, the clothes, and the laugh. Heath gives his best performance ever, and it can be said that he went out in style. Everyone should see *The Dark Knight*, the greatest movie of the summer.

### Interview with Sara

By Rose Farah, 10

R: What do you do in your free time?

S: I like to cook, listen to music, go shopping, go on the internet, and hang out with my friends.

R: What do you do?

S: I'm a teacher.

R: What's your favorite class?

S: All my art classes.

R: How long have you been working here?

S: This is my first year.

R: Are you going to play in the volleyball game?

S: I will definitely try.

R: On a scale from 1-10 where would you put volleyball and why?

S: I would give it a 6 because it's fun. If I had other options I would pick those but I do like volleyball.

R: Thanks!

## The Junior Staff

By Sophia Philip, 14

As you all know the Juniors are those adorable little campers we see running around the halls. But what makes the Junior Program tick? On July 17, 2008, I went out to interview the people who make help keep the Junior program going.

First, I met up with Jake Reed. Jake is a Junior CIT who teaches art, sports, tae kwon do, dance, and the Junior musical. He was actually a camper for three years, and this is his second year as a CIT. During the year Jake attends LaGuardia High School where he studies visual art which explains why one of his favorite classes to teach is art He loves art because it is an "excellent form of creativity" and a "way to express yourself." Jake also enjoys cycling and his little brother, Jeff Reed, is a camper here.

Another important Junior staff member is Pete O'Connell. Pete is the co-coordinator of the Junior program and he teaches the gym class. He has been here for two years. Outside of camp he is a St. David's gym teacher. Pete loves to work with kids which explains why his work is mostly focused on teaching them. He also loves to fish and play golf.

### CA's Preferred Sodas

By Max Ardito, 13.0 and Allegra Simon, 12.5

We interviewed about 100 CA campers to find out what kind of sodas they preferred. It was interesting that a lot of the younger campers (especially juniors) preferred fruit flavored sodas like Shirley Temples, grape and orange sodas. The older kids preferred caffeinated sodas like Coke and Dr. Pepper. A surprising amount of people didn't like soda, and some even preferred seltzer. We found this interview to be extremely fun and exciting.

Here are the results:

Coke - 22  
Don't Like Soda - 22  
Don't Have Soda - 12  
Dr. Pepper - 10  
Fruit Flav'd - 9  
Sprite - 8  
Cream Soda - 5  
Ginger Ale - 4  
Root Beer - 3  
Flav. Coke - 2  
China Cola - 2



Logo by Juliet Bader

## ELLA ENCHANTED

Book review by Ally Kriss, 9

When Ella is born she is charmed with an unusual gift. Ella is charmed with the gift of obedience. What will happen to Ella if anybody (even her darkest enemies) can order her around? Ella Enchanted brings the whole family fun and puts excitement into reading. Ella Enchanted also has a good vocabulary which makes the book a bit difficult for young readers. Ella Enchanted has 240 or 288 (depending which version) pages. You do not realize how many pages there are in Ella Enchanted because time flies by! If I were to rate Ella Enchanted in a one to ten scale I would rate it a ten. Now I am going to pretend to go and interview Ella. This is what she might say...

Ally – What was the scariest part of the book or movie?

Ella – Well...this is hard...a lot of things but most of all when I didn't do what I was told and something happened to me.

Ally – What was your most heart braking moment in the book or movie?

Ella – When my friend ordered me to lose a race.

Ally – It sounds like you do not enjoy your gift. But if you had to choose, what do you think the positives of your gift are?

Ella – When I was a baby, my mother was able to make me be quiet and to make me eat. Not that my family used it against me.

Ally – Why do you wish you did not have 'the gift'?

Ella – Because I want to be normal, and I feel that I am not normal because everybody uses me for their own good.

Ally – Do you wish you had a sibling or cousin?

Ella – Well, after certain parts of the book or movie, yes, but I will not give away too much.

Ally – Well I do not want to reveal too much, but were some of the creatures scary or frightening where you wished you were not at that place right at that moment?

Ella – Yes; again I will not reveal too much but some fairy tale creatures are extremely scary and when Prince Charming doesn't come and save you in a Cin-

derella story you get really freaked out.

Ally – How do you bond with the other characters in such a short amount of time?

Ella – Well I live in a fairy tale world where you are always known and it is hard not to know people. It is kind of like when you say it is a small world if you meet someone you know somewhere unexpected. But we are all friends and get bonding time off-set.

Ally – If you were to come on a vacation to New York, what would you do first?

Ella – Probably go see my movie or read my book, or maybe even meet Gail Carson Levine.

Ally – If you were to go to camp at CA what would your schedule look like?

Ella – My schedule would probably say something like silent reading, or Ready, Set, Act. Well, all the classes sound fun so I cannot choose beyond that.

## HIDEO KOJIMA (PART 2)

By Brance Peña

Commonly overlooked, Kojima's gameplay ideas were repeatedly snubbed because of his failures in his initial years at Konami. At one point, Mr. Kojima considered leaving, but he continued to work for Konami. In 1987, Hideo released his first game of the series known as Metal Gear (not to be mistaken with Metal Gear Solid), and in 1990, he released Metal Gear 2: Solid Snake. Finally on September 3, 1998, Hideo's style began to express itself with the use of 3-D graphics—this was the release of Metal Gear Solid, a third person action game, without the same mechanics as the original series. Kojima didn't just work on the game's looks; every character was drawn by the man himself. Hideo also released a comic series for Metal Gear Solid in September 2004. His style involves realistic sketching and high detail in the human body. The characters are drawn in motion to increase the liveliness in every frame. So far I can safely say no one can duplicate Mr. Kojima's style.



## HAIKU HAICOUT

Typing my haiku  
I notice my monitor  
Is slightly bigger.  
-Weston Gerlach, 14

the arts section

## Animal Crossing Review

Chrissy Habian, age 8.6

*Animal Crossing Wild World* for the Nintendo DS is a fun game that includes the following: education, fun, bug catching, fish catching, paying off your house loan, interior decorating, shopping, using common sense and much more! It also teaches you how to small talk. You also get to learn all about investments at the town hall like saving money, using good judgments on money, and how to mail a letter. On animal crossing you learn how to save the world and help the environment. Paying off your loan is fun to. Just keep selling stuff to get money and sooner or later when all of you loan is paid off you will have a bigger house. Keep doing that and you will end up with a giant mansion! Kids, don't think that this game is boring just because it is educational. I have a great time on it! If you are an animal lover also get this game for the Nintendo DS. I forgot to tell you about the shops on this game. There are two shops on *Animal Crossing*. One of them is the Abel Sisters. There you can design your own clothes and patterns and shop till you drop on clothes, hats and glasses and accessories! The other shop is called Tom Nook. Tom Nook's store sells furniture to decorate your house, nets and fishing rods for catching bugs and fish, wallpaper and carpets, and medicine if you get sick or stung by bees. Anyway, the game is fun because it is like life, except it is digital.



## Interview with Chloe Roske

By Chloe Kenet, 8

CK: What is your favorite book?

CR: Main Street books and the P.S Longer Letter Later Series.

CK: What is your favorite animal?

CR: Cats.

CK: What is your favorite food?

CR: Melons.

CK: What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

CR: Chocolate fudge brownie.

CK: What is your favorite movie?

CR: Freaky Friday and Parent Trap.

CK: Do you like CA?

CR: YES!!!!

CK: What do you like about CA?

CR: EVERYTHING!!!!

## Chocolate Fondue

By Julia Zbarsky, 10.8

### Ingredients:

½ an ounce of milk chocolate chips (or dark chocolate)

¼ cup of milk (for dark chocolate ½ cup milk)  
Strawberries, bananas, marshmallows rice crispy treats, etc.



### Steps:

1. Leave chocolate on a fondue machine or on the stove for 2-3 minutes

2. Add the milk to the melted chocolate.

3. Dip the strawberries, bananas, marshmallows, etc. in the fondue

4. Let them cool for 2 minutes or eat them right away!

### Suzanne Says:

#### *Don't Forget...*

Don't forget to remind your parents about tomorrow's benefit, The Evening Noontime Show!

A reception to follow at the Convent of the Sacred Heart.

Tickets are sold at the front desk.

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