



THE GRADE 6 INFORMER

THE SKY BREAKING TOWER OF THE CHALLENGE



Vancouver, BC - Do you remember the first challenge Mr. Shin gave us? Do you remember how tall your structure was? Do you remember how tall the winner's structure was? Do you remember when Mr. Shin told us the school record was 168 cm (set by Theodore Lim and some other guy)? Well, on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 a pair of boys went down the stairs to the science lab to try and make school history. "We just had to beat the school record" quoted one of the boys. By breaking the record by 12 cm (with 180 cm), they took the spot as the school record holders who made the tallest structure using 2 pieces of yellow paper (letter size) and 10 cm of tape (in about 25-30 min.)! Who were these boy you may ask (unless you already know), are none other than Herman Lam and David Liu! I will uncover part of the way they built it. They took the first piece of paper, and folded it in half for the base. They took the next sheet, cut it in half, folded it, etc. When they got near the end of the paper they did something that remains uncovered and gave the structure some more height. When it was proven that they had broken the record, Mr. Shin challenged them to beat his own personal record of 220 cm! The record may be broken, but only time can tell when this record will be broken again.

By Spencer Louie 6MA

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct.10- Early dismissal!
Oct.13-Thanksgiving-
No School
Oct.22-Grade 6 Soccer
Playday
Oct. 24- Mid-term
break
Oct. 31- Halloween!

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SCHOOL STUFF!!!

SOCCER 6 AND THE TERM AHEAD FOR THEM



Vancouver, BC - As soccer intervenes with volleyball club, some will have to choose between them both, Saints A, coached by Mr. Alford, have defeated rivals Collingwood on Thursday the 26th. There is also Team 1, coached by Mr. Byleveld, that also won Collingwood. During the term, the soccer teams will play several schools ending with a playday on October 22nd, 9:00 in the morning. There has been some changes made to the Grade 6 soccer teams since last year. For example, there are two equal teams, not an A or B team. Also, the teams aren't going to play a tournament. To see more information about the soccer program, look at the sports board downstairs, next to the cafeteria.

By Angus Boswell 6JU

GRADE 6 BAND



Vancouver BC - Band has started, and we all have your instruments. Old boys chose them in the spring, and all the new boys have chose them during the summer. The band program will continue throughout the whole school year. You will have to keep the instruments you have for Grade 7 band too, unless you have major problems playing your particular instrument. Every Wednesday, everyone in Grade 6 must come in 15 minutes early for Band Practice in the Gyms. Throughout the 2008 - 2009 school year, we will be playing at several main events, including the Ending Ceremony, which so many will look forward to.

"Music makes you smartest" -Anonymous (Mr. Murray???)

By Angus Boswell 6JU

SPORTS SECTION!!!!**Beijing Olympic Games 2008 Special Report**

Beijing, China - You could definitely argue that the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympic Games was the most intense and competitive, but on the other hand, a no competition. China basically pulled away in the gold medal count and there was absolutely no opportunity for U.S.A. to catch up to them, as in the end, they had 13 less than China. One of the major events in the Olympics was seeing the "Baltimore Bullet" (A.K.A. Michael Phelps) revealing he is invincible, capturing 8 gold medals, which is a world record surpassing the previous record, 7 with Mark Spitz. In addition, the "Lightning Bolt" (Usain Bolt) set an individual 100m world record with 9.69 sec, and an extraordinary 19.30 200m sprint. With those statistics, he is the 2nd runner in history to accomplish this feat. Our home-country Canada had a disappointing 14 medals, however, swimmer Ryan Cochrane's bronze medal in the 1500m freestyle was definitely a high-light in Canada's Olympic competition. As well, China's astonishing 100 medals and 51 gold medals was no doubt miraculous, as they were a country that was underrated. But wait until the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

Fast Fact: Mathematically, China's 51 Gold Medals is 17 times more than Canada (Canada had 3)

Top 8 Countries Medal Count				
Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
China	51	21	28	100
USA	38	36	36	110
Russia	23	21	28	72
UK	19	13	15	47
Germany	16	10	15	41
Australia	14	15	17	46
Korea	13	10	8	31
Japan	9	6	10	25

SPECIAL SPORTS REPORT

Vancouver, BC- On a peaceful and sunny day, Grade 6 football history was made. During the regular game at lunch recess, Dominic Bruce kicked the first field goal ever scored in the history of the St. George's Class of 2015. We don't have very detailed info on this historical event, but this is just to tell you that this happened. If you have some very exciting news you want on the Informer, make sure you tell Quinton, just like Dominic and his football buddies did.

By David Liu 6MA

BC News!!!**TERRACE STABBING GETS YOUNG MAN ARRESTED**

Terrace BC - Terrace RCMP arrested a young male connected with the death of a female who died of multiple wounds from stabbing on Saturday September 27th. Officers in this northern BC town next to Kitimat discovered the woman bleeding heavily from her injuries and rushed her to Emergency, but the doctors could not revive her. Police say that they have arrested a man who is not identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Investigators said that the young man and the woman knew each other well. The Terrace RCMP will remain on the scene as the investigation continues.

By Quinton Huang 6JU

"BALANCED CANUCKS"**BEAT SHARKS**

Pavol Demitra, Jason Krog, and Jannik Hansen scored goals to help the Vancouver Canucks stay undefeated in the pre-season with a 3-2 victory against the San Jose Sharks on Saturday September 27th.

Roberto Luongo stopped all 14 shots he faced in the first two periods. Cory Schneider gave way to both goals, but also made 21 saves.

Ryan Clowe and Patrick Marleau each scored for the Sharks. Clowe, Marleau and Joe Thornton played together for the first time with their line generating both goals. Marleau and Thornton both added assists.

Defenceman Rob Blake played for the first time with the Sharks. He was on the ice when the first two goals for Canucks were scored and both of the Sharks scores. He spent the last two years with the LA Kings and signed with the Sharks as a free agent in July.

Rick Rypien saw his first action with the Canucks. His highlight: drawing a five minute major for fighting with Sharks right wing Brad Staubitz.

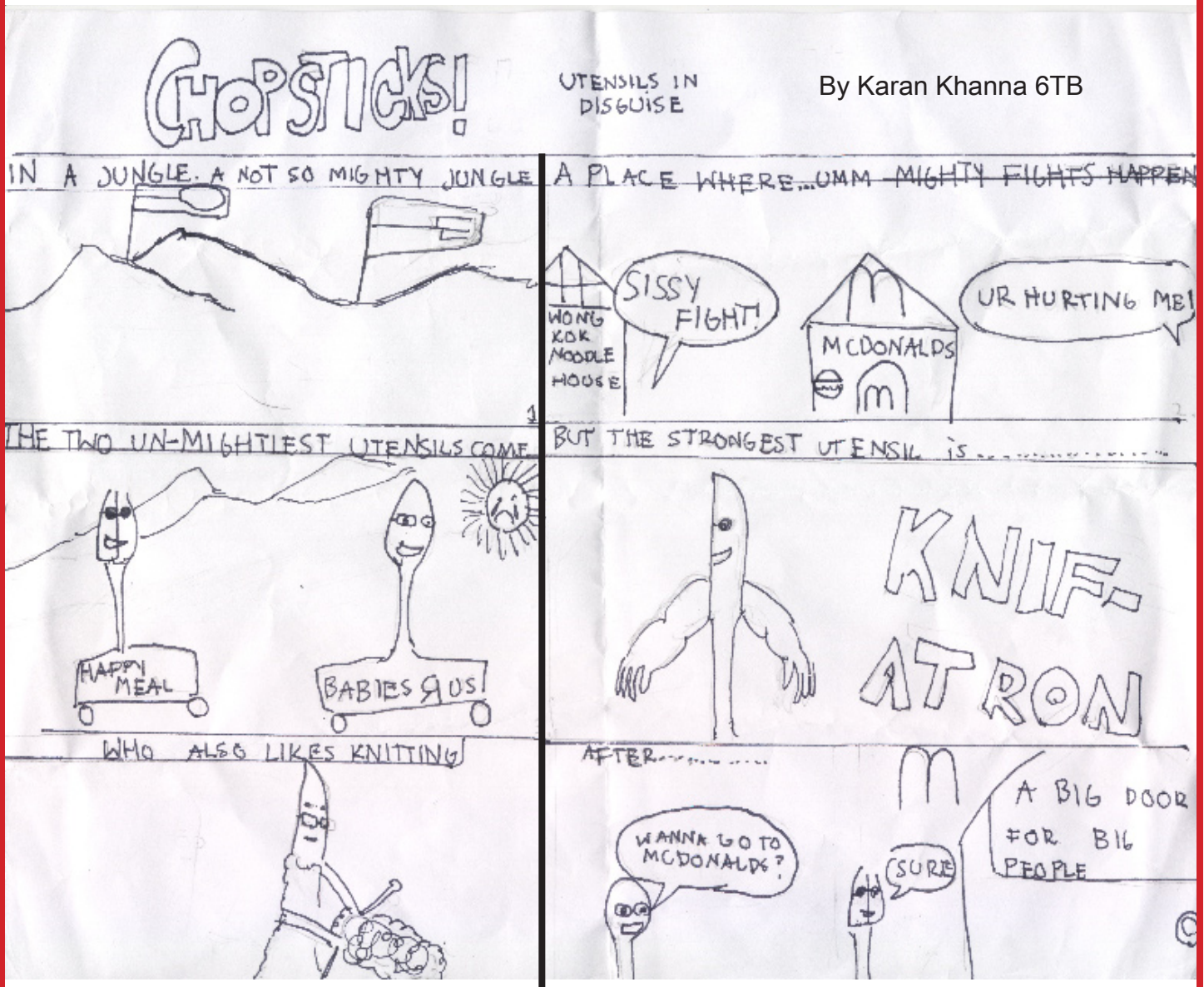
The Canucks, who were swept by the Sharks last season, are back in action in Anaheim on Sunday.

Article from CBC



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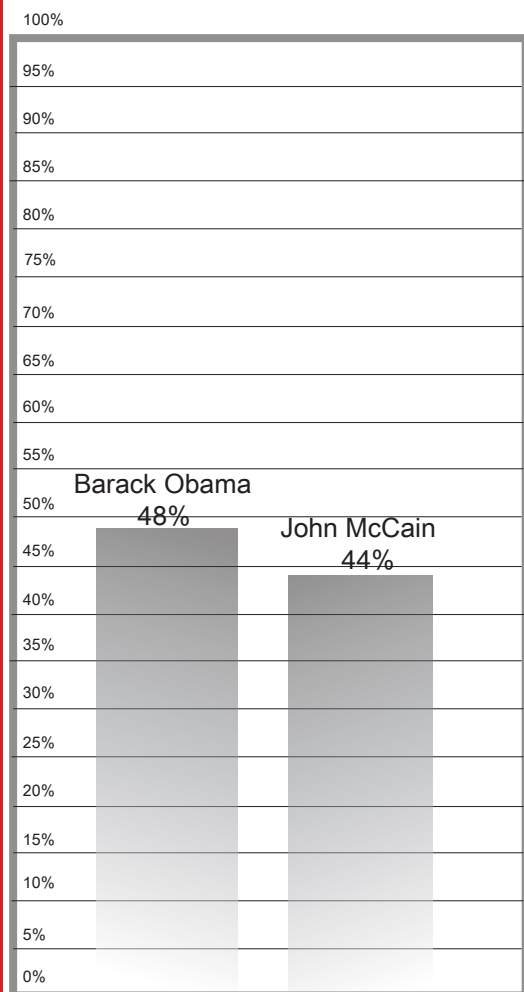
CHOPSTICKS, UTENSILS IN DISGUISE



All drawing, ideas, etc. come from Karan Khanna. If you have any suggestions on what should happen for the next episode, tell him!

AMERICAN POLITICS

CNN NATIONAL POLLS OF POLLS



All Info from CNN except for the article.



THE WHITE HOUSE RUNNING MATES

It's only a month from the beginning of the General Election, where America will have to choose their president for the next 4 (or maybe 8, or less) years. Their choices: Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain. All of the presidential candidates have chosen their running mates, too. Democratic VP is the White House veteran and former presidential candidate, Joe Biden, and Republican is the female junior governor of Alaska, Sarah Palin. For Barack Obama's choice, I think Biden reinforces Obama's weak points like foreign relations, White house experience, and reaching to some of the white and older population that favours McCain more. For John McCain's choice, Sarah Palin, I don't really know why the Republican Nominee would choose a woman almost 50 years younger than him for VP! Although the gigantic gap in ages, Palin would be good for reaching the Democratic Hillary Clinton supporters and other women, which would be a colossal boost to John McCain. Right now, if John McCain doesn't turn the race around with Sarah Palin, he may lose this election.

By David Liu 6MA

POLLS, GAMES, AND RIDDLES

SUDOKU!!

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If you wanna do Samurai Sudoku go to:
<http://www.samurai-sudoku.com/>

POLLS!!!

Polls: (Please send all results to any Informer member on FirstClass)

1. Tell us what the best online game is (your opinion) and why!
2. Do you think Grade 6 is easy, OK, or hard?

The results will be posted on the next issue.

RIDDLES!

1. What has fingers but can't type?
2. What has ears but can't hear?
3. What has arms but can't hug?
4. What has a head and a foot but no body?
5. When is a car not a car?
6. What has a mouth but never smiles?
7. What has a face but no head?
8. What has leaves but isn't a tree?
9. What has eyes but can't see?
10. What has legs but can't walk?

Answers at :
<http://www.justriddlesandmore.com/riddleanswers.html>

ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION**20 YEARS TILL WORLD DESTRUCTION**

Washington D.C. - For all those environmental skeptics out there this is a shocker! Exactly two decades after warning America about global warming, top NASA scientist said the situation has gotten so bad that the only way we can destroy this climate crisis is DRASTIC ACTION. James Hansen told Congress that the earth's atmosphere has zoomed far past the "dangerous level" for greenhouse gases and needs to get back to 1988 levels. He said that the Earth's Atmosphere can only stay this packed with man made greenhouse gases for a couple more decades without changes such as mass extinction, ecosystem collapse, and dramatic sea level rise. "We're toast if we don't get on a very different path," Hansen, director of the Goddard Institute of Space Sciences who is sometimes called the godfather of global warming, told the press. "This is the last chance." To cut emissions, Hansen said that coal fired power plants that don't capture carbon dioxide shouldn't be used in US by 2025, and should be eliminated in the whole world by 2030. That carbon capture technology is still being developed and not yet cost effective for power plants. Hansen, echoing the work of other scientists, said that in five to ten years, the Arctic will be free of sea ice in the summer. Longtime global warming skeptic Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., citing a recent poll, said, "Hansen, Gore, and the media have been trumpeting man made climate doom since the 80s. But nobody is buying it."

But Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., committee chairman, said, "Dr. Hansen was right. Twenty years later, we recognize him as a climate prophet."

Info from <http://www.earthlab.com/articles/nasalastchance.aspx>

By Quinton Huang 6JU

**8 WAYS TO START BEING GREEN**

Vancouver BC - Most people who just become believers in the Green Revolution want to know HOW TO START, WHAT TO DO, AND HOW TO DO IT. So I made this list of EIGHT THINGS YOU CAN DO TO START BEING GREEN.

- 1) Go to Earthlab.com and check your carbon footprint. After that you may want to start an account there or not. If you don't start an account there, you will still get the results for your test and compare it to the Canadian Average (10 tons). If you choose to have an account, you can find out how you can reduce your carbon footprint.
- 2) Read about the crises we have like water quality, global warming, etc.
- 3) Have a professional auditor check your home and follow their suggestions.
- 4) Use the rebates that the government offers for green choices.
- 5) Go to a local farmers market near you and feel the need to buy locally instead of getting apples from Chile.
- 6) Go to the City of Vancouver website and find the Engineering link to find other ways to be green.
- 7) Download Snap Co2 Screen Saver on your PC to cut down energy wasted. If you have a Mac, they already can be configured by clicking on the Energy Saver Icon.
- 8) Borrow the book Go Green, Live Rich by David Bach to see that you can save money with being green.

By Quinton Huang 6JU

THESE PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
MAKING THIS E-NEWSLETTER.

ABOUT US

The Saints Informer has been running a newspaper organized and owned by Locomotor FA (est. 2005) and has been doing so for 6 months. We have an array of subjects to cover, and add new ones every issue, so stay informed!

If you have any feedback about the Informer, email any of the contributors by Firstclass.

This year, we are proud to present the new website for the Saints Informer, www.informer.synthasite.com

If there are changes/updates it will be posted on the website.

Also, you can use the website as your online "prep book"! We have sections for Math, French, Social Studies, Language Arts, exam dates, etc (be careful not to just use this instead of your prep book....it may not be up to date with sometimes)!

There's a chat room where you can chat online with other Grade 6s. As of now, the website isn't really quite ready so the academic sections may be empty. However, don't try to open the Member's page because it's password protected. If you're a member and you don't know or forget the password, ask any other member.

If you have any suggestions for the website, tell Spencer Louie or Donovan Zhao. Anything else, just ask anybody in the Informer.

Lastly, we are pleased to announce that we have 5 new members, Donovan, Angus, Daniel, Grayden, and Warren (a.k.a. Skippy)!

Informer Crew

P.S. we'll be watching you guys...

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