

# Eye on Edna

Written By the Students of Edna Maguire Elementary



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Dear Friends and Families of Edna Maguire, Each day that I'm privileged to work with these amazing kids I find myself in a conversation with them about things they find important. Thus, a student newspaper came to mind; a venue for students to share their ideas and interests. Different students will be contributing each month as "free-lance" writers. This edition is brought to you with ideas from the Student Council and various 4th and 5th graders. I hope you enjoy the outcome! Ms. Zimmer

## Looking For Something Fun to Do?

### Try Fort Baker!

By: Gracie Salcuni

I'm going to tell you about a fun and great thing you can do over the weekend in nearby Sausalito. On a boring Sunday afternoon my mom said, "We have to get out of the house!" We then took a ride down underneath the golden Gate Bridge. There is a pier where you can see seals. I even found a starfish! When you walk out on the pier you see beautiful scenery, the Golden Gate Bridge, the San Francisco city skyline, the seabirds flying and the waves crashing and smashing on the big rocks. We ended up having a great day and I think you and your family will too!



## THE AMERICAN FLAG ETIQUETTE

By: Fergus Campbell

It is Student Council's job to raise the American Flag in the morning, and lower it before school ends. Of course, there could be some times when they forget to complete this duty, but they should all be reminded of the Flag Etiquette, as well as the students at Edna Maguire. The U.S. Flag Code was founded on Flag Day, June 14, 1923 to make rules on how to use and proceed with the flag.

First of all, when you lower the flag, it cannot touch the ground or any object, it can only be held by people. The flag can never be used for advertising, drapery, covers, costumes, and cannot have anything attached or on it, like logos, numbers, drawings, or stuff like that. Also, a flag has to be burned when it is worn so much that it cannot represent the country. If you leave it in the rain, or it gets torn, or anything like that, that's when it should be burned.

When the flag is burned, it happens on Flag Day, June 14th. Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Girl Scout Troops take part in the burning as well. If you want, you could get in touch with a local Legion Hall or Scout Troop to help burn the flag, too.

## Ski Resort Review

Written by Lukas Affeltranger

Have you been to NorthStar Ski Resort? Do you think that you are a good skier? Test your skills at NorthStar Ski Resort. If you are planning to go skiing or snowboarding, this is the place to go. Hey, is that too easy for you? If it is, try going to Squaw. That place rocks and it has extremely long, hard and fun runs.

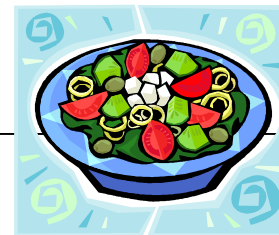
Squaw Valley was the scene of the 1960 Winter Olympics. So, if you think you are an Olympic skier try the old downhill run from the top of Siberia. So try to do your best by going faster than you have ever imagined.



Cool!

# Hungry?

By: Fergus Campbell



## Smallshed's Flatbreads

Downtown Mill Valley

Next door to Avatar's Punjabi Burritos

Right up from Throckmorton Theatre, next to Avatars, is Smallshed's Flatbreads, a restaurant serving up delicious flatbreads, salads, and sodas. The Caesar Salad is amazing, with salty chip-shaped bread crackers and slabs of cheese mixed in with a creamy dressing and lettuce. For the main meals, the flatbreads, the best ones to get are the Chard, Mad River, and Aubergine. They all have individual flavors, topped with different ingredients like meat, pepper and mushrooms. You can get Vanilla Cream Soda that's fizzy and refreshing, and they also have home-made lemonade that's sweet and sour at the same time. What comes last is the best part by far. For dessert, you can get the Muddle, a small mountain made of scrumptious fudge and crispy brownie on the outer layer. The fudge melts in your mouth as you eat it and it's topped with either ice cream or whipped cream, depending on what you would like. Smallshed's is an awesome place to have dinner, so if you haven't been, it should be the next restaurant you go to!

## Looking For a Good Book to Read?

### 101 Ways to Bug Your Teacher!

By: Lukas Affeltranger

Wow, look at that book fly out of the librarian's hands and straight into the next person in the checkout line. If you want to know what the book is, it's called, "101 Ways To Bug Your Teacher" but do not worry it isn't about bugging your teacher. It is about a kid named "STEVE WYATT" and he tries to distract his teacher so he has more

time to finish a project that counts for 50% of his grade so that puts a little bit more pressure on him. Also he is a great inventor. He has built many things but I'll tell you one of them is a nicely waking up alarm clock. So, if he can build that - who says he can not build a machine that can delay his teacher? This book is found in the Edna Maguire Library. If you want to know when the library is open go to the library look at the sheet of paper on the door and it'll say when it is open. For people who want this book (like a ton of other people) you

can ask Ms. Monge and say "Can I have the book, 101 Ways To Bug Your Teacher". If she doesn't know where it is, it's under FIC WAR. It's pretty easy to remember just think of FICTION WAR.



## Les Miserables (School Edition) By: Caden Hollander

During the first 2 weekends of March, 142 Throckmorton Theatre in Mill Valley is putting on a production of Les Miserables. The cast is made of only kids from ages 9-18. Three people from our school are in it: Lucas Meyers (5th Grade) Playing: Fauchlevant, Lesgles, Chain Gang, Alana Reiss (5th Grade) Playing: Young Eponine, Beggar, and myself, Caden Hollander (4th Grade) Playing: Babet, Labourer and Urchin. What's the basic idea of Les Mis? Jean Valjean has just been freed from Priou, and finds a lady name Fantine Whohsas given her daughter to a man and woman to take care of because she doesn't have enough money. Sadly, Fantine dies before she can get her daughter back to raise herself, so Bajean does it for her. As the daughter grows up, she experiences what a young woman usually experiences: love.

This adventure has unforgettable songs like I Dreamed a Dream, The People's Son, Look Down and the Inn-keeper's Song, along with The End of the Day. This play has tremendous scenes like upon the barricade where students fight for freedom. This production is only music, except for some spoken lines. Les Miserables was originally written as a 5 volume serious by: Victor Hugo in the 1800's. Then it was made into a musical. Please come out to see it. Our very own Nora Thomas is the music director.

# THE GRAMMYS-Reviews on Music's Biggest Night THE WINNERS, LOSERS, SURPRISES, AND THE SUCCESSFUL (AND NOT SO SUCCESSFUL) PERFORMANCES

By: Fergus Campbell



## The Opening

This year's Grammy opening was not nearly as good as last year's performance, when Lady Gaga created her own Fame Factory and sang a duet with Elton John. Christina Aguilera (singer of "Beautiful") led a tribute to Aretha Franklin, a famous gospel singer. Other than Aguilera, the singers were not very well known, and there weren't any spectacles or cool visuals that the viewer could enjoy.

## Lady Gaga performing her new single - "Born This Way"

Usually Lady Gaga awes the audiences with amazing costumes, sets, spectacles, dancers, and her strong voice. But this year, she did not live up to expectations. One of the reasons was that she didn't sing one of her hit songs. She sang her new single, "Born This Way", which is really good but it's not nearly as irresistible and disco-is as "Just Dance" or "Poker Face," and it didn't have the originality either. There were no spectacles, kind of simple costumes (for her), but the dancing was phenomenal and her voice shined through.

## Justin Bieber with Usher and Jaden Smith perform "Never Say Never" and "OMG"

First of all, for once, Justin Bieber's song wasn't about a girl. He sang an inspiring song that's the title for his new movie, ("Never Say Never") about standing up to bullies and for yourself, which featured Will Smith's son, Jaden, and acrobatic Ninjas that danced and cart wheeled while fire burst up from the stage. Then Usher came down on a wire and performed "OMG" and showed off his awesome moves with Bieber. This performance was probably the best of the night, and definitely Bieber's best performance.

## Bruno Mars, B.o.B, and Janelle Monae sing "Nothin' On You," "Grenade," and "Cold War"

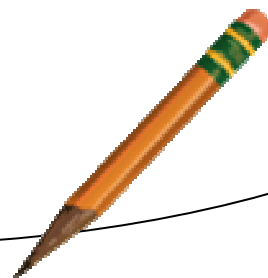
Most Edna Maguire students (I don't think) know Janelle Monae. Lately, she hasn't any hot singles, or any talked-about performances, so it was a surprise to see her on the Grammy's. Bruno Mars and B.o.B, though, were both up for awards (and Mars won) that night and had had their successful debut in 2010. In January, B.o.B featured Mars on his first single "Nothin' On You" which was a nominee for "Record of the Year" that night. It was also the first song that was sung in the performance, and sung really well too. It was a calmer, more acoustic than the original. Then Mars took the stage with his hit single "Grenade," which was switched to black and white for the recording. It was classic and catchy, and afterwards Janelle Monae surfed the crowd and sang "Cold War" in a fun, energized version as Mars played the drums behind her.

## The Big Winner: LADY ANTEBELLUM

Winning 5 Grammy's (including "Record" and "Song of the Year") Lady Antebellum was the big winner, mostly because of their hit song "Need You Now." Though most people think they copied the "Lady" from Lady Gaga, they actually came out with their first album in 2007, a year before Gaga's debut. Antebellum only missed one of their nominations, which went to Arcade Fire for "Album of the Year." Last year, the group was nominated for two Grammy's, including "Best New Artist." With performances at the World Series and American Idol, and a brand new album on the way, Lady Antebellum seems to have a good career ahead of them.

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# NBA Half-Season Report

By: Ryan Hemmeter

As we reach the half-way point of the exciting 2010-2011 NBA basketball season, we find the Who's Who in the Eastern and Western conferences starting to emerge. In the Eastern conference, there seems to be three teams "duking it out" for the first place title. In the West, one team is already pulling ahead of the others. The half-way point of the season was celebrated with the all-star game, gathering the best-of-the-best for an epic, high scoring battle in the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Our beloved team, the Warriors, has had a better season than most, but still under 500.

The three teams fighting for the first place title in the East are the Boston Celtics (40-14), the Miami Heat (41-15), and the Chicago Bulls (38-16). The Chicago Bulls have been having an up and down season. They had a slow start to the season as they couldn't seem to get their act together. But, the last month or two have been great for the Bulls, even without their best big man, Jokim Noah. The Heat began poorly with a 9-8 record but heated up (J) and started winning everything with the power of the big three: LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, and Chris Bosh. The Celtics have had an all around great season, playing at a consistent level of intensity to achieve their 40-14 record.

The one team taking the spotlight in the West is the San Antonio Spurs. With the leading record of 41-10, they are out-pacing the second place Dallas Mavericks by 6 games. The Los Angeles Lakers and the Oklahoma City Thunder are close behind the Mavericks with records of 38-19 and 35-19. It's hard to believe that superstar Kobe Bryant can't rally his team, the Lakers, so that they can contend for the first place title, but it will be difficult as they are 8 1/2 games out of first place.

The All-Star game was both fun and exciting. Fun because of all the dunks and tricks by the stars. Exciting because there was a huge comeback attempt by the East, but they still lost by five (143 to 148). Kobe Bryant, of the West, ended up winning his fourth All-Star game MVP with 37 points. LeBron James, of the East, recorded the second ever triple-double in an All-Star game, with 25 points, 11 rebounds, and 10 assists (Michael Jordan had the first triple double).

The Warriors have had a great season... for them. Still under 500. Still losing to teams with lower rankings. For example, they lost to the Clippers by 5 at Oracle Arena in Golden State. But, they are starting to win against teams with higher rankings. They beat the Jazz on their home court by 9. Maybe they'll pick it up in the second half of the season... maybe.

Stay tuned to see if the Spurs can hold their ground in the West and if a clear winner emerges in the East.

## Grab Some Popcorn and Enjoy these Movies!

### Tron

By: Lukas Affeltranger

Well it seems that TRON is a very good movie for kids. But of course that is what most people say especially kids. They recommend the movie in IMAX. IMAX really knows how to make their watchers feel like they're in the movie. They put speakers behind the walls and everywhere you could think of even in your wildest dreams. They do that to make you hear the sound from where it is coming from in the movie. For example, if you were watching a movie and someone opened a door behind the movie camera you would hear it from behind you. Kids also recommend it because usually the IMAX has a five story theater to watch your movie

in. That gives you more room and that means bigger screens, and what I usually hear is: THE BIGGER THE BETTER. So think you're watching your favorite movie, but on the biggest screen you could see in your lifetime? That is why they are called IMAX because it is made to make your eye (in this case the I) see the maximum (in the case MAX) possible.



### Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows- Part I

By: Caden Hollander

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows- Part 1 is coming out on DVD on April 15, 2011, so you better start thinking if you want to buy it or not. One reason this

movie works so well is that the actors have really grown into their characters through the years. Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson know their characters much better now than they did when they first started doing Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Back in 2001) Also, you can get tired of Hogwarts after six movies that take place at Hogwarts, but guess what? In this movie there are no Hogwarts! They are out in the real world, looking for ways to destroy Voldemort. It is very exciting, with a lot of action and comedy. There are some really good comedy scenes when Ron comes back to join Harry and Herminone after temporary absence. There is also a lot of suspenseful scenes, like where Harry encounters Nagini (Voldemort's snake) in Godric's Hollow. The battle between Harry and the snake is cool and freaky and action-filled. The movie used very modern day effects, and the film didn't at all look rushed. It could have easily been rushed, for it came out only a year after the 6th film, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009). All in all, this was a really fun movie to see in cinemas and I think it will be better on DVD and Blue Ray.

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Sudoku By: Emma Schultz