

THE BAND WILL IN-HERITAGE THE EARTH

By: Allen Lin
Reporter

Prosperity is a hard thing to define, but this year we're on the road to it, for Placentia's 46th Heritage Festival and Parade!

March with the band to Tri-City Park this October; they're heading to the Heritage Festival Parade! With over 200 entries participating in the parade, it's sure to be one of the most stunning sights of the year! El Tigre had a chance to meet and discuss the parade with Peter Perez, assistant director of the band. According to Mr. Perez, the band is there "To play in the parade and represent Valencia High School. The band will be marching down the street, playing... Joyce's 71st N.Y. Reg't March." He is certainly ready to go "On the Road to Prosperity", stating "I can't wait. We're so ready!

The band is going to go out and represent our school." Starting at 9:30 from Morse Avenue, the parade will go north on Kraemer until it reaches Tri-city Park. The parade isn't the only reason



THE BAND IS MARCHING ON. PHOTO COURTESY OF: BRIAN & OLIVIA LUCERO

to celebrate. After the parade will be a festival, at Tri-City Park, which is on Kraemer Boulevard at Golden Avenue.

The festival will be open from 10:00 AM to 3:30, and will have a

DJ, entertainers, and several specialty areas. There will be mimes, clowns, jugglers, slot car racing, and giant inflatable activities. One could truly say there are games galore. Clowns

such delectable treats, there's more than enough to satisfy. Perhaps you'll follow Mr. Perez's example and "take a sample of pretty much everything." Or perhaps one might find a car show more appealing, and there's plenty to look at in the festival's. With over 200 cars, it will auto-blow your mind. There will also be a Business Expo for emergent entrepreneurs. The Craft Fair showcases items made with care, with over 40 shops stocked with handmade products. Non-profit area will have a variety of organizations explaining how they are improving Placentia.

Of course, Mr. Perez's favorite part is "watching the students perform, [and] the students perform, because they're so good." This festival will be the 46th, yet another in a long line of excellence. Mr. Perez concluded, saying "This will be my 21st Heritage parade since 1990 with Valencia High School. It's always

Book Review: *Dirty Little Secrets*

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Reporter

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live with a Hoarder? In the novel *Dirty Little Secrets* by C.J. Omololu, readers are able to experience the disgusting truth about hoarding and the emotional problems that come with it.

According to the Mayo Clinic staff, hoarding is a psychological disorder very similar to more commonly known mental problems such as Obsessive Compulsive Disorder(OCD). Hoarders are people who never, ever throw anything away. Everything within the walls of their home, from empty toilet paper rolls and bottle caps

to clothes they buy but never wear, is considered a treasure to them. Because of the excessive amount of trash and miscellaneous items that often reach from the floor to the ceiling, their living quarters are extremely unsanitary and dangerous. In fact, there have been cases of people literally being buried alive – and dead.

The thing that makes *Dirty Little Secrets* so interesting is the situation the character is in and the things she does because of the situation. In the novel, a sophomore girl struggles to live with her mother, who to her is a source of shame and embarrassment because of her hoarding problem. While trying to live a normal life and

hiding her mother's disgusting problem from everyone outside the family-SPOILER AELERT!- the girl's mother dies, leaving her alone to decide whether she should take the chance of her house being seen by the world and call the paramedics, or trying to keep her family secret a secret. Her reaction to her mother's death, the fact that she feels nothing after her mother was literally 'buried alive' underneath her problem, shows the readers just how much hoarding can affect people mentally as well as emotionally. The unbelievable imagery that describes the character's living situation allows readers to really grasp the problems that accompany hoarding. Through the narrator's eyes, the audience is able to visualize and 'smell'-SPOILER ALERT! - the mold, rotten food, trash, year-old dirty dishes, maggots, trash, and countless other things

EVER IMAGINE YOUR HOUSE THIS DIRTY? PHOTO COURTESY FROM: MINDILYONS.COM



the narrator herself can't even identify, revealing the horrible reality of the way these people live.

Also, the emotional stress the main character deals with after her mother's death when trying to decide what to do will have people flying through the deepest thoughts of her mind and the memories that she finds buried underneath the trash both literally and figuratively, and soaring

through the pages to find out about the dramatic solution the narrator comes up with in order to solve the problem.

For those who enjoy venturing into the real, but unbelievable, and maybe even freakish situations, *Dirty Little Secrets* is a must-read that will have readers open-mouthed and viewing the world they live in in a whole new light.

THE FUTURE OF GAMING

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Reporter

From an 8-bit version of tennis to the spectacular realism of high definition gaming, it is no surprise that the next generation of video games is among us. Controllers have always been the quintessence of video games; however, this fall, a new type of controller will be available for gaming: you. The two top video gaming industries, Xbox and PlayStation, have each created what they believe to be the next generation of gaming.

On June 1, 2009, the Kinect for Xbox was unveiled to the world. The Kinect is a horizontal bar connected to a small base with a motorized pivot, and is positioned lengthwise below the video display. What makes the Kinect revolutionary is its gesture, facial, and voice recognitions. The Kinect is capable of simultaneously tracking up to six people, portraying their image (or as a character) on the screen.

However, the true prowess of the grandiose machine was revealed at the 2009 Electronic Entertainment Expo in a tech demo titled Milo. Peter Molyneux from Lionhead Studios introduced Milo, an artificial intelligence character that interacts with players using the Kinect gaming system. In the demo, a young woman named Claire walks up to the screen and greets Milo. Milo responds, almost magically, with a warm smile, as if he understands Claire's intentions. Throughout the

demo, Milo and Claire continue to chat as if they are long lost friends. This seemingly trivial demo shows the Kinect's potential as the future of gaming.

Competing with Xbox's Kinect is the Playstation Move. The motion controller was revealed at Sony's E3 2009 press conference on June 2, 2009. Largely resembling the Wii, the Playstation Move promises a more realistic approach to gaming. The PlayStation Move is essentially a handheld motion controller wand. The PlayStation Move uses the PlayStation Eye camera to track the movement of the wand, thus implementing players' movements in the game. Players could use the PlayStation Move as a paint brush, or something spectacular like a sword.

The uniqueness of the PlayStation Move relies on its futuristic orb at the top of the wand. Based on the colors in the player's environment captured by the PlayStation Eye camera, the system selects an orb color that can be distinguished from the rest of the scene. The colored light serves as an active marker, tracking the player's movement around the room. Combined with the PlayStation's powerful hardware, the PlayStation Move can trace the player's movements with very high accuracy, providing a more realistic gaming experience.

The PlayStation Move was released on September 17, 2010, while the Kinect will be available November 2010. Whether you are a die-hard Xbox fan or a devout PlayStation gamer, there is no doubt that these inventions will forever change the definition of gaming.



THE PLAYSTATION GETS A HANDY NEW CONTROLLER, THE MOVE PHOTO COURTESY FROM: TRUEBLOODTR.COM

FLORENCE AND THE MACHINE

By: Dominique Riutort
Editor

Hailing from Camberwell, south London comes the lovably eccentric Florence Leatine Mary Welch, lead singer of the British group Florence and the Machine. Florence, and the group, made a name for themselves when performing at this year's MTV Video Music Awards, which was held in Los Angeles. Performing their single "Dog Days Are Over", Florence and the Machine got the attention of many audience members, both at the live taping and those viewing the show from their home. In my opinion, besides Kanye West's performance of "Runway", Florence and the machine had the best performance of the night. Complete with indigenous-looking dancers and blue-colored girls prancing around stage, the performance left the audience craving for more music. According to statistics found on the internet, after her performance, the album "Lungs" rose to number two on the iTunes album chart while the single "Dog Days Are Over" rose to the number nine spot on the iTunes singles chart. In addition, "Florence and the Machine" was the number one most Googled item the week of the Video Music Awards. Florence and the Machine is starting to get widely renowned, and she and her group deserves it.

The main component of the band, as obviously hinted by the group's name, is Florence Welch, a 24-year-old redhead who has always had a strong affinity for music. One of her earliest musical memo-

ries is dancing along to The Rolling Stones with her father, Nick Welch. The oldest of the three children, Florence was often getting into trouble at Alleyn's School due to her sudden impromptu singing. She later attended the Camberwell College of Arts. Soon enough, after getting lost in art college party scene, Florence dropped out in order to pursue a career in music. Despite having been diagnosed with dyslexia and dysmetria, Florence was not discouraged; her passion for music has pushed her to work towards a career. With time, Florence and the Machine came to life.

The name "Florence and the Machine" emerged as a simple inside joke that got out of hand. Performing with her friend Isabella "Machine" Summers, they performed in pubs and little clubs under the name "Florence Robot/Isa Machine." Now, the beast known as Florence and the Machine consists of a regular line up of musicians that support Florence. They are Robert Ackroyd on guitar, Chris Hayden on drums, Isabella Summers on keyboard, Mark Saunders on bass and Tom Monger on harp.

In July 2009, Florence and the Machine released their debut album Lungs. The debut single for this album was "Kiss with a Fist." This song was featured in several hit films along with success for her following six singles including "Dog Days Are Over."



FLORENCE LEATINE MARY WELCH, LEAD SINGER OF THE BRITISH GROUP FLORENCE AND THE MACHINE. PHOTO COURTESY OF: WWW.ZIMBIO.COM

THE LAST LAUGH: COMEDY SPORTZ

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They say he who laughs last laughs best. Unfortunately, due to budgetary concerns, the LA Branch of Comedy Sportz, which the school's team is associated with, may be shutting down. This may make this the last year of Comedy Sportz. However, there's still time before the curtain falls.

Comedy Sportz is an exciting adventure of improv, with 2 teams competing to get the most laughs, with good times for everyone. Two teams of comedians compete in various events to try and get the most laughs. The events are numerous, but each is unique in its own special way, and all of them are funny. Each team comes up with a skit appropriate to the event on the spot, showcasing their improvisational talents. Whoever gets the most laughs get the points, and whoever gets the most points wins the match. It's comedy as a sport.

However, win or lose, if you go to a match, you're going to have a good time. Valencia's team is particularly skilled, truly putting the pro in improv. It's a good source of consistently funny, clean comedy. In ad-

dition, the tickets are cheap, only \$6 or \$7 while lasting longer than your typical movie, and funnier than most of them too. If you want to get a lot of bang for your entertainment buck, Comedy Sportz is a good choice.

Samantha Green (11) said "Comedy Sportz brings out a side in all of its members that other people don't normally see, and with that the cosmic enterprise is just mind blowing, especially because of the great relationships we have with each other. For example Michael and I just blow up together on stage because we are such close friends." Bring your family, bring your friends! Bring your sick relatives, after all laughter is the best medicine (Note: Laughter is not the best medicine. The newspaper does not recommend bringing sick relatives.)

Bring one and all! Davey Linam (11), one of the team members and Drama student, explained that, "This may be our last year, so we need everyone's support." Whether you're a senior or just coming to Valencia, Comedy Sportz has something to offer everyone. Davey (11) stated, "We want to have fun and make you feel good". Samantha Green (11) finished off, saying "Comedy Sportz is for those who want to see something new and refreshing because the flow of thoughts just seems to create magic, not only with our improv skills but also with connecting with you (the audience)".

UPCOMING

Justin Bieber
Honda Center
Anaheim
10/27/10
\$52



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A Skylit Drive
Chain Reaction
Anaheim
11/04/10
\$15

Drake
Gibson Amphitheatre
Universal City
11/04/10
\$57



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Circa Survive
House of Blues
Anaheim
11/04/10
\$26

Florence and the
Machine
The Wiltern
Los Angeles
11/08/10



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Brandon Flowers
The Wiltern
Los Angeles
11/10/10
\$42

Mae
El Rey Theatre
Los Angeles
11/13/10
\$15



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The Rocket Summer
Chain Reaction
Anaheim
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