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School News

Summer Safari

The New School's "Summer Safari"

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Come on a Summer Safari

By Vanya

All year long everybody has done a good job doing their work and now it's almost summer time! If you want to have a good time this summer you should come to the New School in the Heights' Summer Safari! Every morning you can go on a chocolate safari and do chocolate projects. You can even go on a surfing safari and get computer time everyday! There is going to be so much to do like music, sports and art. You can even become a scientist and go on a CSI adventure. Oh, and every Friday is Funhouse Friday! That means hot dogs, root beer, lemonade and treats. It is going to be a blast, so don't miss the fun!

NSH Rocks the Vote

Barack Obama

By Greg

Barack Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961. His father Barack Sr. was raised in a small village in Kenya. His mother Ann Dunham was raised in a small town in Kansas. He earned a law degree from Harvard in 1991. He was the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review ever. He has said it was a great experience.

Now he is hoping to get the Democratic nomination to be a candidate in the 2008 presidential election.

Hilary Clinton

By Amanda & Erin

Each month we are going to talk about how certain ladies change the world little by little each day. This month as part of "Rock the Vote" we are featuring Hilary Rodham Clinton who is working on becoming the Democratic candidate for President of the United States.

On October 26, 1947 Hilary Rodham was born. She has devoted her life to public service as a lawyer, Senator, First Lady and possibly President of the United States. Over the years she has changed the world we are in today. She has taught us girls we can do all things guys can do just the same or even better!!

Today Hilary is trying to make all her visions come true. Some of these visions are to get the military out of Iraq. She also wants families that can't afford an education to have the same advantages as families that can afford it. As president she wants to make sure that women have the same rights as men.

She is also interested in improving our healthcare system. Hilary's American Health Choices Plan would cover all Americans and would improve health care by lowering costs and improving quality.

John McCain

By Erin

John McCain is the republican nominee for president in 2008. McCain has been a U.S. senator in Arizona since 1987. John was in the military as a pilot and officer in the Navy. Five of those years, 1967-1973, were spent in a Vietnamese prisoner of war camp after he was shot down over Hanoi during the Vietnam war. McCain left the Navy in 1981, and was elected to Congress the next year. He was later elected as U.S. senator from Arizona.

In 1999, he wrote a book, Faith of My Fathers. It told about his family's military history and his own experiences as prisoner of war.

He attempted to get the Republican nomination in 2004 but did not succeed. He is a definite Republican nominee for 2008. It is his hope to now win the title of President of the United States.

DaVinci Exhibit Comes to Houston

By Christopher

The Houston Museum of Natural Science has a Leonardo Da Vinci exhibit from now until September 1, 2008 featuring over 50 working models of his inventions and some of them were built from his blueprints using materials from the 1500s. Some of the materials are rope, cloth, wood, and iron.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for children (3-11), seniors and college students with a valid ID; \$9 for museum members; \$6 for school groups; \$11 for groups of 20 or more.



Spring Break

By Jordan

Spring break is a happy, fun, magical time. I think every once and a while everyone needs a break! There are plenty of things to do during spring break. Let's start with vacations. Vacations are wonderful things. They bring back memories and spring break is a perfect time to start those memories. For example I went to Galveston with my dogs and we played on the beach and ran through the water. It was a fun and exciting time and a memory that I will keep forever.

Teachers, like students, also need a break. They enjoy their break as much as we do, and they do all kinds of things too. Ms. Erica went to New York. She visited family, went shopping and even went to a taping of Late Night with David Letterman.

Whatever you chose to do over your break, I hope you enjoyed your time and just think...just a few more weeks and it is summer!



Ms. Erica at the top of The Empire State Building

Walking with Dinosaurs

By Jacob W.

Have you ever wondered what a real dinosaur is like? The real thing (well as close to real as possible) is coming to the Toyota Center April 2-6 featuring 15 life-sized robotic dinosaurs. *Walking with Dinosaur* the live experience is going to be huge! I know I'm going, are you? Don't worry, if you miss it I'll be back with a full report!

Bullying

By Anna Noel & Lauren

Here are some examples of cyber bullying:

- Harassing
- Teasing
- Being rude for fun
- Sending rude e-mails
- Posting as other people (aka trolls)
- Encouraging others to tease

Here are some popular sites for cyber bullying o

- MySpace.com
- RuneScape.com
- Yahoo Answers.com
- Youtube.com
- Facebook.com
- Xanga.com

Trolls are bullies. Rarely are they ever nice. Trolls are other users with main accounts (an account that you use the most often), using a fake account to stalk, harass or otherwise cause lots of trouble. Sometimes it's for revenge.

Some sites offer "blocks" that allow you to block any user so they can't e-mail/IM you or access your profile. Blocks can prove useful, but there are always other ways around them. Users can always make a new account and stalk, or do whatever, until they're blocked themselves, or their account is suspended.

On Yahoo Answers, people can send you "hate mail." The bad thing about this is you can't report the e-mail. The best thing to do is block the user who sent you the "hate mail."

People can do anything over the internet. They could care less if they hurt your feelings. Just ignore them or put them on your ignore list. If it gets out of hand, talk to your parents.

Remember, no one has the right to harass you! And to help prevent yourself from being harassed, make your profile private!

Cyber Space

By Rachel & Cathy

Everybody has heard of the social networking site called MySpace. It seems that almost every teenager nowadays has a MySpace page. Recently, there have been many controversies that have been coming up because of MySpace. One recent incident was that people have been sending inappropriate messages to younger members on the site. People have also been using MySpace as a place to bully other classmates or other people.

There are many measures being done to protect the users on MySpace. A recent change is that a major protection plan was announced to protect people on MySpace. Out of all of the 50 states, 49 states endorsed it. The only state that didn't endorse the plan was Texas. Another thing that is being done to protect people is that now MySpace members that are 18 years or older can not message members that are between 14 and 15 years old without knowing the person's actual first and last name. Another measure being done is that MySpace will not show advertisements for dating sites for people under 18.

With these measures being done, MySpace will become a safe site and not one of controversy.

Jaguars

By Jared

The United States has a new citizen! It walks on four legs, has spots, and whiskers. Can you believe it's a jaguar? This is so unusual in the U.S. because they have not been present here for over forty years!

There have been stories of these cats roaming the southwestern states for decades, but there had never been any proof.

This kitty has been photographed by motion detecting cameras set up by wildlife researchers along with two other jaguars. His name is Macho B.

So, if you are ever in Arizona or New Mexico...watch your back!

Killer Deer

By Matthew

When you think of Scotland, you may think of pretty hills, the occasional plesiosaur but not killer deer! In Rum, 16 miles from Scotland, it is spring and the water birds are migrating here but their neighborly friends are hungry. People in Rum have been finding dead birds everywhere with their legs and heads nibbled off. Is it Nessie or Old Man Haggis? No, it is the red deer. A documentary team went to see what was going on. At first they saw nothing. The next morning, they saw a female red deer walk up to a baby sea chick and start to stomp it to death and then it eat the bird. So, if you go hunting in Rum watch out for Bambi because she may be a killer deer.

Zeus

By Robert

The statue of Zeus was built in Olympia, Greece by a sculptor named Phidias in 432 BC. The statue was made of ivory with some gold plating and was 40 feet tall. Zeus was made not standing but sitting in a throne made of ivory, gold and ebony. In each of his hands he held something. In his right hand was a small statue of the goddess of victory, Nike, and in his left hand a scepter with an eagle atop it. It is unclear when the statue was destroyed. Some say it went down with the temple in the 5th century AD. Others say it was carried off to Constantinople where it was burned.

Rodeo Houston

By John

The Houston Livestock show and Rodeo is not only the world's biggest livestock show but also the world's largest rodeo! It took place at Reliant Park from March Third to March Twenty-Second and it attracted about two million people on average! They even used 19,000 volunteers to keep things going! It had events such as bull riding, barrel racing, livestock judging, concerts, a huge carnival and pig racing, and a calf scramble (which is my favorite event)

The calf scramble, which has been around since 1942, is one of the best events at the rodeo. At the start of the event 28 kids are given a harness to try to put on one of 14 calves and bring it into the "winners square". Each student that catches a calf is awarded a \$1,000 dollar certificate to buy a cow. If they bring the cow back next year to sell it they get a \$250 bonus when they sell the cow.

This year's rodeo has come and gone, but it will be back next year probably even bigger and better!

Origami

By Noah

Origami is the art of paper folding, but it's not all just folding paper. Sometimes it's scientific! An excellent example of this is a man named Robert Lang. He has been creating origami for over 30 years and is one of the most recognized origami artists. He has cataloged and diagramed over four hundred pieces.



This is a dancing crane.

What's Cooking

By Patrick

Cooking fish is a fun thing to do. You can do many things with fish from broiling to grilling. The five most popular fish in the gulf coast are; Red Snapper, Catfish, Redfish, Amberjack, and Mahi Mahi. There are many ways to cook these fish, but the best two ways are grilling and broiling because these fish are so delicate, especially the Snapper. So I hope you enjoy cooking fish!

The Anthropic Principle

By Joel

In 1973 an astrophysicist and cosmologist named Brandon Carter from Cambridge University explained the "Anthropic Principle" to a conference held in Poland. The Anthropic Principle has 3 versions: the Strong Anthropic Principle, the Weak Anthropic Principle, and the Final Anthropic Principle-here are there definitions.

The Strong Anthropic Principle states that the universe must have properties that would allow life to develop within it at some stage in its history.

The Weak Anthropic Principle states that the observed values of all physical and cosmological quantities are not equally probable, but they take on values restricted by the requirement that there exists carbon-based life, and that the requirement that the universe be old enough to have already done so.

The Final Anthropic Principle states that intelligent information processing must come into existence in the universe, and once it has, it will never die out.

In other words- We see the way the universe is because we exist to see it.