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School News

NSH Gets a Special Visitor

By Patrick

Susan Donner M.D. is a "meeting doctor" from Los Angeles, California who came all the way to Houston to visit The New School in the Heights. She came to learn about this very special school that helps kids. She found out about our school because she is familiar with Dr. Manning and Dr. Farley's work which is known throughout the world.

Dr. Donner met Dr. Farley at a meeting in New York City, and she decided then to come and visit. Along with her important work as a therapist, she is also married and has two kids.

NSH Rocks the House

By Yndia

Do you want to know how school is cool? Well, at The New School in the Heights we play video games! These video games really rock because they include Karaoke and Guitar Hero. If students make good choices and do their work they can earn Afternoon Adventure and they can rock out to these games. Guitar Hero can be tricky; you are really learning to play the guitar by watching the television screen and following directions.

Singing is fun too, especially when you sing with rock videos. Karaoke is a way for students to sing like a rock star. We may even be making our own music videos. So don't be surprised to find this house a rockin'!



On the Right Track

By Christopher

This year students are getting in shape with regular P.E. classes, and thanks to my dad, we have a new track to help us get fit. You may have seen him working on campus. His job is mostly in The Woodlands. He was happy to come to our school and help build a playground, track and parking lot.

Thanks to my dad, NSH is on the right track!

World News

Sea of Pink

By Anna Noel & Rachel

Students in one Nova Scotia school are seeing pink in a whole new way. It all started when a 9th grader at Central Kings Rural High School got teased by some students because he wore a pink shirt on his first day of school. When David Shepherd and Travis Price, two 12th grade students at the school, heard the news about the student getting bullied, they decided to do something about it. They bought 50 pink shirts and tank tops from a discount store nearby and they each wore one the next day.

The two students decided to e-mail classmates to help them with their anti-bullying cause that they called a "sea of pink." A wave of support poured in the next day. Dozens of students showed up wearing the discount pink t-shirts, but some showed up wearing their own! When the bullied student (who has never been identified) saw his own classmates dressed up in pink, some of his classmates said this was a powerful moment. He may have even blushed a little. "It definitely looks like there was a big weight lifted off his shoulders. He went from looking depressed to being happy as can be," said Shepherd. There hasn't been a word from the bullies since! Which Shepherd says just goes to show what a little activism will do.

The two 12th grade students, actions did not go unnoticed. Ellen DeGeneres, a U.S. talk show host, expressed her interest in their actions. Other schools are even thinking about holding their own "Pink day." The response to the "sea of pink" campaign was phenomenal. The two boys have been getting calls and e-mails from Alaska and other places around the United States and from across the world. This just goes to show you that one small act can make a big difference.



David Shepherd and Travis Price spread word of their 'sea of pink' campaign on the Internet.

Toys R' Recalled

By Rachel

When a parent buys a toy for a small child they usually try to find toys that are age appropriate and safe for their children. These days they are looking for a phrase that is crucial to their child's health: Made in China. The reason for this is that the toy company Mattel is recalling over 1 million toys that were produced in China.

The major recall happened after Mattel found massive amounts of lead in the paint that is on many toys. The lead paint can chip off and be accidentally ingested by a child because many children put the toys in their mouths. Swallowing the lead can cause lead poisoning. This can possibly kill the child.

After the recall was announced, a lot of parents were worried. They were concerned about the safety of their children's toys. Also, they were suspicious that some of the toys their kids have now could contain lead. Now the parents have a new mission ahead of them: exploring the final frontier called...their children's toy boxes.

Texas Religious Leader Gets Great Honor

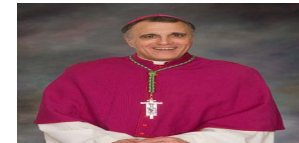
By Erin

There is a very special man, Daniel L. DiNardo who has been granted a very special opportunity to be Cardinal in Rome for Pope Benedict XVI. Basically, a Cardinal acts as an advisor to the Pope. In addition they also participate in the conclave to elect the new pope. Daniel L. DiNardo was born May 23, 1949 in Steubenville, Ohio. Several years later he graduated from a Catholic grade school in a small Pittsburg suburb and after that he started Jesuit High School.

When 1967 rolled around he entered St. Paul Seminary and Duquesne University. In 1969 he began work toward his bachelors and masters degrees in philosophy at Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.

1977 came and he was ordained a priest in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburg. In 1984 he was named to the staff of the Congregation for Bishops at the Vatican where he served until December 1990. 1991 came and he returned to Pittsburg as an assistant secretary for education in the Diocese. It was 1994 when he became the founding pastor of a suburban church. Then on August 19, 1997 he was promoted to Coadjutor Bishop, or next in line of the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa. He was ordained Bishop on October 7 of the same year. When 1998 came he took over as Bishop in Sioux City. Then on November 28, 2004 DiNardo was named Coadjutor Bishop of the Dioceses of Galveston.

On February 28, 2006 Arch Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza retired and DiNardo became Archbishop. He received the Pallium, the white band that symbolizes the position from Pope Benedict XVI in June of 2007. He will be formally installed as a Cardinal at the Vatican on November 24, 2007. DiNardo will become the first Cardinal in Texas. Cardinal-designate DiNardo may have extra functions that may take him away from Houston from time to time, but his Eminence will still be running the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston full time, granted his personal time may diminish (if it hasn't already). This is a great honor for Houston and Texas!



Features

Flipping Houses

By Lauren

Flip that house is a term which refers to buying a house and then renovating it to make it better so you can sell it. Most people think flipping a house is easy, but think again! It is harder than it seems. You have to hire a contractor, calculate the cost of everything, set a time limit, and much more.

The idea is that you can buy a house cheap, fix it up and make a nice profit, but if you don't do your homework, it can end up being a costly headache. For tips you can watch the show "Flip that House" on A&E.

So if you need to earn some cash, don't flip out, flip a house. Happy flipping!



Airplanes

By Patrick

The Boeing 737 made its maiden flight on April 9, 1967. It has been the most successful commercial airline ever. It has been more successful than the DC-10. There are 7 models of it that they still make: 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800 and 900 series. The series it is just refers to its length. They are built right here in the good old USA in Washington state. The two Houston based airlines, Continental and Southwest, fly the 737. In fact, the 737 is the only plane Southwest flies. They are not meant for overseas travel. They are used for domestic flights. Other countries do fly these planes. So now that you know about the 737...have fun flying the friendly skies!



Laura Ingalls

By Mara

Laura Ingalls was born on February 7, 1867. Laura grew up to be a responsible young lady. She grew up in Wisconsin; she called her mom and dad Ma and Pa. Pa moved Laura and her sister Mary West but they did not stay long and ended up back in Wisconsin in the Big Woods.

Their life was hard back then with lots of hard times including Laura's sister going blind. But life on the prairie was never dull and family was very special to Laura.

Laura wrote about her life in a very popular series of books called *Little House on the Prairie*. It was also a television series.

On February 10, 1957 Laura died. She was 90 years old.

Oreo the Cat

By Yndia

My cat is black and white and funny. When I first got him he had a cold but he got better. Then he was acting like a clown by jumping and sliding in the air with stuffed animals in his little paws. He also chases his tail. He loves treats and he loves to play. He is a year old, and he's my baby boy. I got him from the SPCA. He was sad there so I rescued him. The SPCA is a good place to rescue animals like rabbits, dogs and cats.

Getting Oreo was a great thing especially at night when he always cuddles up with me!



"You won't change the world by saving one animal - but you will change the world for that one."

Save a life today by supporting the animals while they wait for a new home. Change the world for an animal by donating today!



PETA

By Amanda

PETA, short for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has more than 1.8 million members and supporters. It is the largest animal rights organization in the world.

PETA focuses its attention on the four areas in which animals suffer the most intensely for the longest periods of time: on factories and farms. They also turn their attention to other issues including the cruel killing of beavers, birds and other pets like the abuse of dogs and cats.

Many supporters of this group are famous people like Pamela Anderson and Alicia Silverstone who also promote a vegetarian lifestyle.

So remember to treat animals well. They have feelings too!

Meerkat Manor

By Jared Nations

With all the love, squabbling, self-sacrifice and rivalry found in any family, a group of meerkats struggles to survive in Africa's Kalahari Desert. Meerkat Manor is a reality show on Animal Planet about meerkats and what they eat, do, and how they live. But it's not all fun and games there's rivalry and territory defense and many enemies like lions, birds of prey and other meerkats, so it's definitely not all fun and games so watch your tails!

So if you are looking for a reality show with a twist, check out Meerkat Manor.



Culture

The World's Largest Pumpkin

By John

Before you read this article I would like to let you know that this only happened a few weeks ago. I am talking about the world record for the world's largest pumpkin. The record got broken on September 29, 2007, not once, but twice! First, Bill Rodonis broke the old record of 1,502 pounds with his 1,560 pound pumpkin. Unfortunately for him a few minutes later his record got smashed by a pumpkin grown by Joe Jutras that weighed 1,689 pounds. That's 123 pounds more than Bill's!

Both men beat last year's record, but it is Joe Jutras and his enormous pumpkin that will go in the Guinness Book of Records.



Amoebas

By Robert

When you step in a puddle or wade in a creek, do you ever wonder what little things are just swimming around you? (Besides tadpoles) The answer is a whole host of little microorganisms. This article only focuses on one...the amoebas.

The amoeba is a single-celled organism that preys on other microorganisms. The amoeba is like a little blob of jelly held together by a cell membrane and controlled by a nucleus, which is the central part of it that controls most of its actions. The amoeba moves using pseudo pods, little tentacle-like appendages. These are also how it gets food. The amoeba starts eating by going up to a cell and wrapping around it with its pseudo pods. Then the cell is dragged inside the amoeba and devoured inside the amoeba's vacuole which is like a stomach.

Amoebas reproduce by mitosis. This is when the nucleus splits in half and creates an identical amoeba. Amoebas live in damp, moist places like stagnant water. They have a food source like bacteria or algae.

So now when you step in a puddle, think about the amoebas you are disturbing.

Science

Asian Tiger Mosquito

By Anna-Noel

The Asian Tiger Mosquito is also known as the Forest Day Mosquito. This mosquito is about the most common one we have around Houston. They are black with white stripes on their legs and abdomen, and even on their heads!

They came from Southwest Asia, and spread to Madagascar eastward to New Guinea and then north of Korea. They have been found in the USA since 1985. They were also found in Italy and Spain (where it may have already been an established resident.)

A typical Asian Tiger Mosquito individual is about 5mm. The female is probably the one you see most often since they feed on blood. The blood is used to feed her eggs. The male feeds only on nectar, not blood, so they are harmless.

Under experimental conditions, the Asian Tiger Mosquito is a vector of the West Nile Virus, but more commonly, it can carry Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus and canine heartworm.

Remember, when you're outside camping or playing, always wear bug spray! THEY WILL EAT YOU ALIVE! Make sure your pets are safe too.

Also, if you have any pots with water in them, this is a good home for mosquitoes. That is where the females lay their eggs and they hatch into larvae, then pupa, then into adults. Now you know the buzz on the Asian Tiger Mosquito!