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WEARABLE ART

By Yvette Lopez

Do you ever wonder if people could incorporate art into what you wear? Well that's what fashion designers have been doing for the past forty years. An article in the fashion section of the *New York Times* quotes Suzie Moncrieff, creator and organizer of the annual New Zealand's Wearable Art Show, as saying, “That was the idea in the beginning, taking art off the walls and adorning the body, using the body to frame art on”.

Wearable art started in the early 1960's through 1970's and became more popular



especially throughout the 1980's. Wearable art pushed fashion designers to make more elaborate clothes and be more creative. Wearable art is different from traditional fashion design. One difference is that wearable art is not found in the mall

because it is usually only one of a kind. Another difference is wearable art focuses on the creator's message. The pieces have information or a point of view to share. For example, the designer might be protesting the war, economy, racism, or other issues. Another difference in wearable art is the quality of the pieces. The processes and the materials used are important parts of what makes wearable art different from other forms of fashion.

Most wearable art is made from fibrous materials, but the designers can use any kind of materials their imagination wants. Designers can

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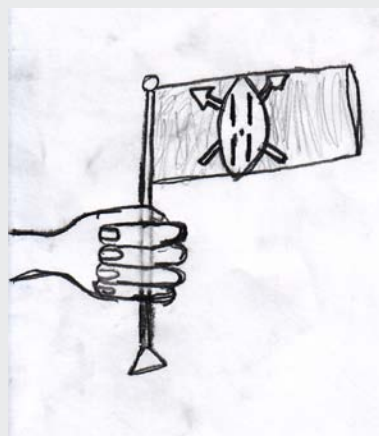
The Maasai vs the “Conservationists”

By Savio Zigbi-Johnson

Around the world indigenous peoples are being pushed off their land in the name of conservation, which is the act of preventing land loss. This is a big problem, especially with the Maasai tribe in Kenya. Do you think people who are accustomed to living freely on their native lands should be forced onto reserves where tourists come and pay to look at them? If you're a wildlife conservationist you probably would, because of the native animals living there.

The Maasai and the animals both live on a large expanse of land and the wildlife conservationists want to give most of that land to the wildlife, such as zebras, giraffes, lions and elephants. Well, that's where the reserves come in. Reserves are small areas of land where native tribes can set up traditional dwellings and life styles, and to tell you the truth it is encouraged by the owners of the reserves.

Basically, the idea is that if the Maasai perform



their traditions for the tourists more money will go to the conservationists. The conservationists can buy more land for the wildlife, meaning less for the Maasai who already don't have enough land. So it is a cycle that the Maasai unknowingly play along with. The Maasai used to be a

nomadic pastoralist tribe who had cows that they frequently grazed by moving from one grassy field to another. But now they have been used like an money machine, which means, the wildlife conservationists earn a fair amount of cash from the Maasai's traditions.

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Under all of that plastic, hair and makeup

By Miranda Ranghelli-Duran

Barbie Millicent Roberts was born in 1959 in Willows, Wisconsin. Her parents are Henry and Margaret Roberts. She has five sisters and has a best friend named Midge. She is made of plastic, and has had over 80 careers. She has over 40 pets, has a boyfriend named Ken Carson, and attended Stuyvesant High School in New York City. She's super model then, never had acne or been pregnant or gotten old.

In the 1950's Ruth Handler creator of Barbie traveled to Germany. While in a toy shop she saw a doll called "Bild Lili." She immediately liked "Bild Lili" and wanted to make a doll of her own. "Bild Lili" had a thin waist, and long hair. She made Barbie with "Bild Lili's" features only Americanized. She named Barbie, after her daughter Barbara Millicent Roberts and Ken, after her son Ken. Barbie was presented at a toy convention in New York City in 1959. At least eight million girls have had a Barbie doll in their life and Mattel (the company behind Barbie) has claimed that every three second Barbie's are sold. Barbie has represented over 43 nations, has had a lot of careers and supports girls of all colors shapes and sizes. But it wasn't always that way.

When Barbie was first in the market most of the Barbie's were white. They were sold blonde or brunette. Barbie was also super skinny. A lot girls wanted be as skinny as Barbie or they thought something was wrong with them. A lot of mom's where angry at Mattel for majoring the white Barbie's because they're daughters might have been Black, Hispanic, or Asian. According to Clearance Page from primetime TV, a lot of mom's thought Barbie was a lifeless plastic airhead who majored

in good looks and clothes. In Iran Barbie was banned because she never showed signs of getting married, and most Iranian women get married and have kids

at a young age. In Malaysia Barbie was banned for being too "revealing" and had non-asian looks. When Barbie began to talk, she said she hated math. So people got the impression that Barbie was dumb. Girls wanted to be like Barbie, so they flunked grades and didn't do well in school on purpose. Mattel had to make another change. They began to make Barbie's with more professional jobs; doctors, teachers, paleontologist, instead of all fashion models and rock stars. Today, in 2010, Barbie is currently a computer engineer.

In 1983 they made African-Hispanic Teresa doll to become Barbie's best friend. They made more Barbie's of different races. There is currently Barbie (American), Teresa (African-Hispanic), Nikki (African American), Summer (American), and Raquel, (Hispanic).

In 2000, Mattel had to widen Barbie's waist a few centimeters. In the 80's Barbie became a soccer star to encourage girls to get off the couch and play more sports. Barbie now represents all girls of all shapes, colors and sizes. Before Barbie was about being skinny, fashionable and pretty. Now Barbie is an icon that represents all kinds of girls. Now you know, what's under all that clothes, make-up and Plastic.



Super Bowl XLIV

By Liam Green-Arnone

The New Orleans Saints are the most recent Super Bowl champions. With twenty-four seconds to go, the Saints scored a winning touchdown and won Super Bowl XLIV. This awesome game took place in Miami, Florida on February 27, 2010. The opposing team was the Indianapolis Colts who were the favorites to win. The Saints were the underdogs who had never won a Super Bowl championship. It was amazing to watch the Colts hold the lead for three quarters and then watch the Saints beat them in the final quarter of the game.

In the first quarter, the score was 10-0 Colts lead. During the next three quarters, the Saints only gave up one ad-

ditional touchdown, while they went on to score three touchdowns and field goals of their own. The final touchdown, in the last twenty-four seconds of the game, was scored by the Saints' corner back, Tracy Port. This amaz-



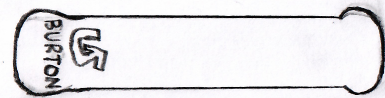
ing push gave the Saints the largest comeback in Super Bowl history. The final score was 31 - 17, Saints.

The Saints were very happy they won, especially after hurricane Katrina. Drew Brees, the Saints' quarter-

back, said, "After hurricane Katrina, when our city was 85% under water, people never thought a day like this would come." I can't imagine what it was like for the people of New Orleans when the water flooded their city and they had nothing left. It must have been devastating to see so much death and destruction. To have their team win the Super Bowl must have made them really proud. It has been a long time since the people of New Orleans had something make them happy and proud. The Saints brought that happiness back. I am happy they won. I hope they win the next Super Bowl.

The Tomahawk

By: Sam Liang



He is known as the Animal and The Flying Tomato for his shock of red hair. He is Shaun White, a superstar snowboarder and skateboarder. Shaun White was born in San Diego, California on September 3, 1986. He's 5 feet 8.5 inches and is 139 pounds. He was born with a Tetralogy of Fallot, a congenital heart defect for which he got two open-heart operations before the age of one. Shaun has won two gold medals in the Olympic Games -- one at the 2006 Torino halfpipe event and the other at the most recent 2010 Vancouver halfpipe event. At the 2010 Winter Olympic finals, White recorded a score of 46.8 on his first run, which proved a high enough score to secure the gold medal without a second run. He did the second run anyway, as a victory lap, ending his run with a well anticipated Double McTwist 1260. This second run resulted in a record score of 48.4 (50 is the highest possible score).

Shaun White named the Double McTwist 1260 the Tomahawk. The new trick is two flips and three and a half circles in the air. Frank Wells and Red Bull are making a private, million dollar Olympic size halfpipe in the Colorado back country. It would include a soft landing area in the form of a steel cage filled with foam rubber. The landing area is 20ft wide, 30ft long and 8ft deep. The halfpipe is for Shaun White to perfect his new trick the Double McTwist 1260. Frank Wells and Red Bull told a team from Silverton's ski area to throw 25lb explosive charges from helicopters to trigger avalanches which would build up the amount of snow in the area where the pipe would be.

Shaun White is so popular now that a snowboarding game was named after him. This Flying Tomato is doing better and better. He still holds the record for the highest score in the men's halfpipe at the winter Olympics. In 2006, his 46.8 points beat Ross Powers' previous record of 46.1 from 2002. He was named the chairman of snowboarding on the Spike TV Guys' choice Awards on June 13, 2007. I admire Shaun White alot because he overcame many obstacles, including a heart defect and an accident at a snowboarding event.

The Fallen Trees of Central Park: What's Happening Now

By Max Sartor

When you see the mulch around seedling trees in Central Park you know it's giving very valuable nutrients and protection to those trees. But do you know what the mulch is made of? It's made from over 800 trees that fell on August 18th 2009. After 10:00 pm those trees fell because of an 80 mph winds from a storm called micro burst. A micro burst is a burst of small flat line winds. Many animals lost their homes after this crisis. The Central Park Conservancy found 50 dead robins laying on the ground. Although the trees are the main concern, loss of habitat is too.

The rabid raccoons lost their habitat, which means they had to compete for new homes. When raccoons compete they bite each other. If a rabid raccoon competes it most likely bites it's opponent, thus spreading the rabies infection. Do not deal with any raccoons unless you are authorized personnel. Rabies is not the only problem the park has to

deal with.

The Asian long-horned beetle is a wood infesting bug that "digs" it's way through trees. The beetle eats a small hole in the bark and lays it's eggs there. Then the larva hatch and eat, and eat the living daylight out of the poor tree. Then like all bugs it goes in it's pupa stage and emerges as a blue and black tree killer also known as the asian long-horned beetle. After that it lays it's eggs and then dies. Then the process continues again.

Even though all these bad things have happened the park is safe enough for us to enter. Clean up is in progress. Doctors are try-



ing to cure the rabies. And U.S. Department of Agriculture workers are looking for the Asian Long-Horned Beetle. But you can help too; you can volunteer to help our beautiful park. "It was so sad to see the work of ten decades destroyed in less than ten seconds," said Neil Calvanese, Vice President of Operations and Chief Horticulturist of the Central Park Conservancy. Help Central Park!

Wearable Art...Cont.

dye their materials or paint the fabric. Traditional skills such as crochet, knitting, weaving, felt-making, and quilting, are used in new and creative ways. One example of wearable art is the electric dress made by Astuko Tanka in 1956. The electric dress is made out of light bulbs of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Designers have been known to make outfits out of anything like, car parts, fish hooks, business cards, sausage skins, human hair, licorice, or salmon skins dried and stitched together. For example Eshi Otawara's fishhook dress made in Decem-

ber 2007.

The way designers are manipulating materials and creating one of a kind pieces of clothing has changed the way people view fashion. Fashion now reflects a wider influence of ethnic cultures, values and views. Artists, designers, and craftsman are fully involved in the creation of clothing. People are realizing that fashion is not just about putting clothes on your body but as an artistic expression. I think wearable art is fun and creative and it will continue to become more popular.

Every Penny Counts

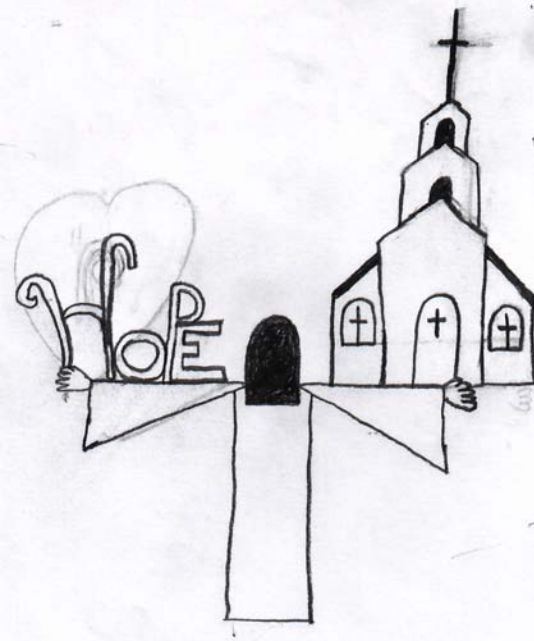
By Katie Bremer

On January 12, 2010, there was a devastating earthquake that shook Haiti's capital Port-Au-Prince and the 2 million people who lived there. The magnitude of the earthquake that shook Haiti was 7.0. The tremor was the strongest to hit Haiti since 1770. The tremor was also felt in the neighboring countries like Cuba and the Dominican Republic. There was no major damage reported in either country.

Strong aftershocks continued to shake the country after the main quake died down. As of February 5th, the U.S. Geological survey reported that there had been 59 aftershocks of magnitude 4.5 or greater, sixteen were over 5.0 in magnitude. Stunned survivors walked through the rubble searching for loved ones, coworkers and neighbors.

The tremors cut off electricity and phone service. The quake left thousands of buildings crumbled to the ground, including schools and the National Palace. Because of the country's poor safety standards, the President estimated more than half the county's buildings are unsafe!

The earthquake left 200,000 dead and 250,000 critically injured. Unfortunately, these numbers are still rising. Haiti's



earthquake also left more than 1.5 million people without shelter, food, clean water or electricity.

For comfort many people gathered together to sing hymns. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. About 80% of the country's 9 million people live in poverty.

My opinion is that the Red Cross is doing a fabulous job of helping the survivors. I also think that every survivor is a true miracle. People all over the world are working hard to help the Haitian people. Here are some suggestions of what you can do to help:

- Donate your old shoes to www.solesforsoles.org.

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Kenneth Cole on Columbus Avenue is collecting shoes for this organization.

- Go with your friends and help raise money for Haiti. Right now, they need money more than anything, even clothes. Some ideas are to hold bake sales or sell your unused books and toys.

- Donate \$10.00 by texting HAITI to 90999. The \$10.00 donation will be added to your next phone bill and immediately sent to help somebody in Haiti.

- Clothing donations are a good idea, but Haiti needs money more than anything.

Some people have suggested that it's a better idea to give your clothes to the homeless in New York City and hold a bake sale to raise money.

In the last few days a new problem has emerged. The monsoon season, which begins in late March, has caused problems for the people living in tents. The huge amount of rain is destroying the tents and causing major flooding. Even though the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund, headed by former Presidents Clinton and Bush, has raised \$37 million, these poor people need all of our help.

Maasai...Cont.

Okay, by now you're probably thinking "Enough with the conservationists!" To give you a fresh taste of another point of view there are also human rights activists who can help with these kinds of situations.

Human rights activists help raise awareness about violations of human rights around the world such as land loss, hunger, genocide, discrimination based on belief, race and gender. That's why to help the Maasai we need more of these types of

people and less conservationists. Some groups that are working with these causes are the Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) and the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC). You can donate money to organizations like these and help these causes.

To sum it up, the Masasai need all the help they can get to buy back their land.

Avatar

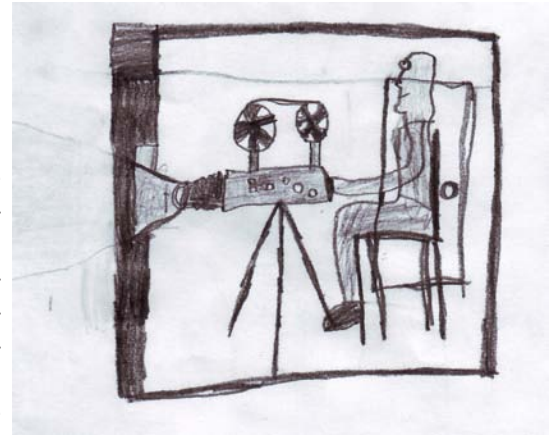
By Fritz Rosenthal

Avatar is one of the best movies of the decade. Most people say it is one of the best movies they have ever seen! Avatar was created by James Cameron and the movie came to theaters on December 18, 2009. James Cameron thought Avatar would barely make any money, but after two weeks he knew the movie was going to be a hit. When he was planning to make Avatar, he didn't expect it would be the best movie he ever made. The movie was awesome because of the 3D effects used to make this film.

Eight out of ten people I surveyed liked Avatar. By the third

weekend James Cameron made \$350 million and on the fourth weekend James Cameron made over \$1 billion! All together Avatar made \$2 billion, and broke the record Titanic had due to new technology used to make the film. That's how the biggest movie started out.

In Avatar the prime species are the Navi. In the Navi's land (Pandora) there was toxic air that the humans can't breath. Jake Sully, a former marine, was trying to move the Navi, so the humans could get at a rare rock that could solve the pollution crises on Earth. On Pandora, they



created Avatar species that are half Human and half Navi. At the end of the movie Jake must decide between the safety of his planet or the safety of the Navi's planet.

Avatar is rated one of the best movies ever created. Don't forget your 3D glasses!

The Pro Bowl and How it's Changed

By Isaiah Shimkin

Why after over 30 years was the Pro Bowl played prior to the Super Bowl? This years post season in football marked the first time since 1980 that the Pro Bowl was not played in Honolulu, Hawaii following the Super Bowl. It was also the first time the Pro Bowl was ever played before a championship game, since the very first Pro Bowl in 1939. Following this experiment, the Pro Bowl will return to Hawaii in 2011 and 2012.

This year in a bold experiment the NFL decided that the Pro Bowl would be played before and in Miami, the same location as the Super Bowl. Many people wondered why. Fans were upset because many of their

favorite players would not participate. The main reason the Pro Bowl was moved to Miami, Florida is because this was where the Super Bowl was being played. The reason many players did not



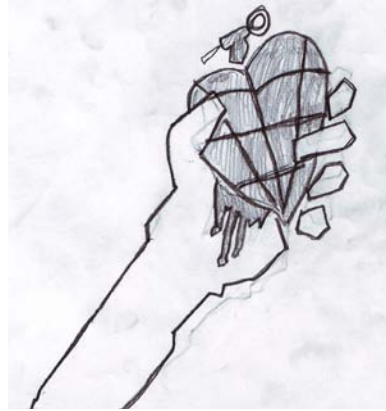
participate is because they would be playing in the Super Bowl and did not want to risk injury. The reason the NFL moved the Pro Bowl to Miami was because they would make more money and gain increased viewers. This is because the amount of press and fans that attend the Super Bowl is much greater than the Pro Bowl. Holding the Pro Bowl in the same location as the Super Bowl would draw the fans and press that are already in Miami for the Super Bowl. The networks would also make more money from advertisements because it would fill the gap between the championship games and the Super Bowl where there is normally two weeks off.

Green Day: Still Alive and Kicking

By James Welch

Green Day's newest album was a number one best seller and gold album even though it was written in a 1990's punk style. This latest album, *21st Century Breakdown*, released on May 15, 2009, tells a story about two people, Christian and Gloria, who are forced to take care of each other because no one else will. They are disillusioned by religion and their country. One of the lyrics of the song, *21st Century Breakdown* is, "My name is 'no-one', the long lost son. Born on the 4th of July. Raised in the era of heroes and cons. That left me for dead or alive." He is trying to say that he doesn't count, he has no name.

He was born on the 4th of July, Independence Day. He used to believe in his country that killed him or left him alive, meaning the government didn't really care that he was dead or alive. Billie Joe Armstrong, (guitar, vocals), Mike Dirnt (bass, vocals) and Tre Cool (percussion), the formation of Green Day, have



surprised many listeners since 1992 because they still have so much creativity in their 8th album since their first album in 1992.

Green Day is the most popular punk rock band still around, according to Rolling Stone contributor, Rob Sheffield who also says, "They've ended up as the last band standing, the ones living up to their era's loftiest ideals and still writing their toughest songs long after they should have landed on *Sober House*." The band is not as punk as the punk bands in the 1970's, so some people call them 'Pop-Punk.' Pop-Punk is a style of music with

power chords, buzz chords and a lack of variety in change of pitch and volume. Green Day is very unsentimental meaning they do not talk much about romance. They talk about how their life is not how they want it to be and how they sleep on the couch all the time. Green Day comments on today's social issues, which is a style that was popular twenty to thirty years ago.

Green Day is a great band and they are more popular today than they have ever been. They sound a lot like the Clash and Ramones, but taking their style a little further. Green Day is Pop-Punk, but they have changed the punk style and evolved it further. Green Day changed punk by making their lyrics easier to understand and having more of a melody than the punk rockers of the 70's. I like Green Day because they write songs I enjoy and they are not like most rock bands that sing love songs.

Pro Bowl...Cont.

This years pro Bowl was a lot like the Super Bowl. It had a pre game show and a big half time show production featuring a band named Honors Society, a band that is very popular with the younger audience that the NFL wanted to reach. Being that it took place in Miami, it helped tie together the time between the championship games and the Super Bowl. There were many more people, mostly there for the Super Bowl, and this gave them a reason to arrive earlier to the city than they normally would have. This increased revenue for the hotels, restaurants and other local businesses. For the team that won the Pro Bowl, each player would earn about \$50,000. This was done to en-

tice players to play harder.

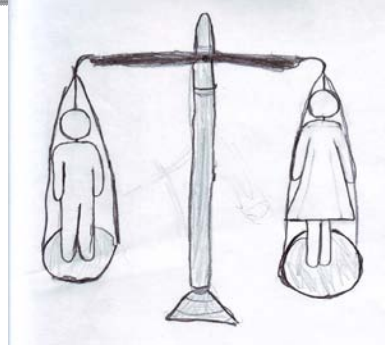
In response to many fans and critics complaints, the NFL decided that the Pro Bowl should return to Hawaii but be played the week before the Super Bowl. However the Hawaii tourism authority voted against the game returning for a second time. They don't think as many people would come all the way to Hawaii if all of the best players are not in the Pro Bowl. I think that it should be played in Hawaii as long as the Pro Bowl is played after the Super Bowl, because the tradition would continue and all of the best players, including those playing in the Super Bowl can play.

The Real Difference

By Erin Apostolakis-Beaty

Do you believe that girls are more fragile than boys? How about more emotional? These prejudices are not true. Most differences between girls and boys are caused by society or are nonexistent. Many of these differences are thought of as "common knowledge" but aren't real. Scientists are studying differences between males and females, and there is a lot of evidence that many psychological differences are due to society. This article, however, is talking about physical differences. According to Sebastian Kraemer's "The fragile male," published in the British Medical Journal (2000), "The human male is, on most measures, more fragile than the female."

Females have several physical advantages that are often credited towards males. For example, women live longer than men. According to a study done in 2007 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, women are living five years longer than men. Women are living to an average of 80.4 years, while men are living to 75.3. In 1979 the gap was eight years. It seems



the gap is closing as people are living longer.

Males are also more susceptible to diseases throughout life. For example, males are more likely to get diabetes and lung cancer. Even before birth, boys are at a disadvantage. Defects are more common in the male embryo than in the female. So by most definitions, boys are more fragile than girls, not that it matters.

Girls are NOT more fragile/weak than boys. Men tend to have greater strength than women, but until adolescence, there is no difference in physical strength. More importantly, this is only one advantage. Furthermore, because these differences are averages, they do not describe differences between individual people.

MISSION ORANGE

By Caroline Rodenbush

Mission Orange was created by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty towards Animals (ASPCA) to stop animal cruelty and give animals the love and respect they deserve. The ASPCA was established in 1866, and since then has been rescuing animals all throughout the United States. Cruelty has been especially bad these past ten years because too many people are abusing their pets or illegally selling animals. Mission Orange is a great organization and it really is helping a lot of animals in need and giving them a good home. The ASPCA has helped so many animals so why not share some stories with you:

THE GOTHIC KITTIES- Holly Crawford owned and bred cats but she wanted them to be more unique. She pieced their ears, necks and tails, some didn't even have tails. Then Holly tried to illegally sell them over the internet (who would want to buy such abused cats) until the ASPCA caught her and stopped her. Holly's trial was on February 3rd and the court still hasn't decided her punishment yet.

THE 6-POUND DOG- Graves was babysitting his girlfriend's six-pound Yorkshire terrier, Emmet. Emmet misbehaved before his morning walk and Graves got angry and pulled out his belt. Two days later,



Graves brought Emmet to the vet only to find that he had six broken ribs, his eye had to be removed and he had many infections. Now Graves doesn't babysit Emmet, and one of the girlfriend's relatives is taking really good care of him.

PUPPY MILLS AND ILLEGAL BREEDING- The reason why it's good to adopt instead of

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Adoption Centers vs. Puppy-mills

By Amit Ben-Baruch

All across the country people are switching from buying their dogs to adopting their dogs. There are millions of dogs across the United States who don't have homes. So if you're thinking about adopting a dog, adopt him or her from a shelter not a puppy-mill.

Have you ever seen a puppy in the window of a pet store and were just dying to buy it? Well don't! There's a very high chance that puppy was born and raised in very bad conditions until he or she came to that store. Even though you might feel bad for that puppy in the window and end up buying that dog you are encouraging the breeder to keep on breeding sick dogs. The pet stores are to embarrassed to say the dogs came from puppy-mills.

Puppy-Mills are giant yards or warehouses where dog breeders keep hundreds of dogs locked up in cages with dirty or no water and cheap, unhealthy food. The dogs are also kept in cages that have

caged floors instead of full surface floors that injure the dogs' paws when they try to walk around. Also most of the dogs at puppy-mills are put to sleep if they're not "perfect." Puppies at puppy-mills suffer every day. If we start adopting, not as many puppy-mill dogs will have to suffer because no one will buy from puppy mills and breeders will stop breeding the dogs.

Adoption centers take very good care of their dogs. They vaccinate, neuter and house train, and test them so that you know that their safe to take home. At adoption centers the volunteers train the dogs to walk on a leash, listen to their owners, and be potty trained. Animal shelters also serve the animals good quality food, while at puppy mills they serve the dogs food made entirely from fake meat and chemicals. The shelters also give the animals blankets, toys, beds, collars and leashes. Puppy-Mills don't give the dogs any of these belongings.

Most dogs from puppy mills are sent to kill shelters if they don't get adopted in 72 hours. If you would prefer not to spend too much money on your dog, kill shelters sell dogs to you for as little as \$30. There are many benefits of adopting dogs instead of buying them from puppy-mills. Most dogs you adopt are mixed breeds or "mutts". Mutts have a great personality. Your dog will also look unique because it's a mixed breed. Your dog will also appreciate what you did for him/her. So if you're planning to add a new pet into your family adopt instead of buying.



Orange...Cont.

buying from a pet shop is because animals from pet shops, such as dogs and cats, are usually from a puppy mill. A puppy mill is a place where they keep a whole lot of dogs and cats. The people there treat them horribly by not feeding the puppies enough food or cramping them together in filthy tiny places. This causes disease and sometimes death. Puppy mills illegally sell the animals on the internet by putting fake pictures of cute, healthy puppies so people will buy them not knowing what they're getting. I know all these stories are sad, but at least they aren't still out there getting even more abused.

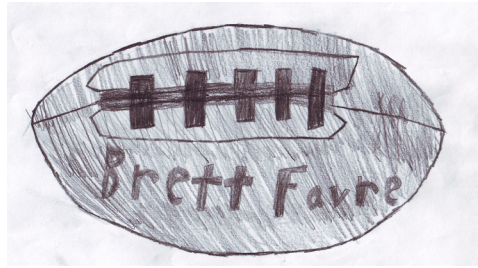
Adopting animals from the ASPCA is fun and easy. Cats only cost \$125 and dogs only cost around \$200 which is pretty cheap compared to other places. Unless you get a cat over the age of three, in that case the cat is free! The money you spend or donate is not only saving the animal you adopt, but also many more because the ASPCA is a non-profit organization. All the money they get goes to saving the animals. DISCLAIMER:

I, Caroline, am not responsible if kids at MCS beg their parents for a cat or dog. Sorry, it's my not my fault they're so cute. 9.

When will Brett Favre retire permanently?

By Erik Ridings

Have you ever wondered when Brett Favre is going to retire? This six-foot-two, 225 pound giant is one of the greatest and oldest quarterbacks in history. Brett retired once in 2008, but came back the following season. Then he retired again in 2009, but returned once again. The Minnesota Vikings (for whom he currently plays) got so tired of filling out the retirement and return forms that they traded him to the Green Bay Packers who he played with for 16 years. He has won three MVP awards, each time in a pro bowl with the Green Bay Packers, has a



completion rate of more than 95%, and has in total passed more than 15,000 yards, making him one of the best quarterbacks in history.

Brett Favre is perhaps the best quarterback today. He was born in the small town of Kiln in Gulfport, Mississippi. Brett grew up playing scrimmage football with his dad, and excelled at football (of course) and baseball. Later in life, he played in the 1997-99 pro bowls and in each

one won an MVP award. So far the New York Jets, Atlanta Falcons, Green Bay Packers, and Minnesota Vikings. Being 40, Brett has achieved a great deal for his age.

As you can see, Brett Favre is a very good quarterback. To me, Brett is the best quarterback today. If he retires, I will be greatly disappointed. I'll still be happy for him though, for having one of the most successful lives I can imagine. Yet I can't stop wondering; "Who will be the next Brett Favre?"

Teen Style

By Delilah Sky Silberman

No matter what people are wearing it's fashion. Nine to thirteen year old girls are starting to become trendsetters. In this article the following will be discussed; what is new in clothing, stores that everyone loves, and why pre-teens and teens are wearing specific types of clothing. New York City is a fashion capital and 2010 is going to be a new decade of fashion. When designers make clothing they sell their designs to girls, boys, women, and men. Nine to thirteen year old girls buy those new clothes and accessories them which helps them start their own trends.

Fashion trends start every day. That is why I am telling you about some new ones.

10. Right now Emo style is



very cool. Emo is also called emotional style. It is usually for people who like bright colors. Emo definitely makes a statement. Another example is hip hop which never goes out of style. You can

use any colors in a hip hop outfit. Caps are definitely a must have in hip hop outfits. Big round earrings are great accessories too. Goth is becoming more and more of a fashion trend. Goth clothing is black and other dark colors. Some people color their faces white to make their clothes look darker. Big, chunky heels look great with Goth. You can learn about more trends that people are wearing by looking up "new fashion trends" on the internet.

I interviewed a few girls to see what stores they liked the best. Here are four stores they liked. Urban Outfitters is super popular. They focus on funky clothing. Another store they mentioned was American Apparel. They are

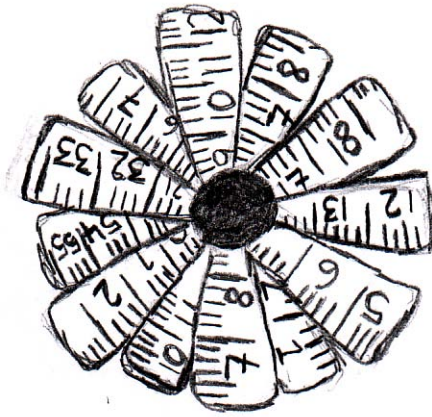
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Upcycling Fashion

By Delilah Rose Righter

Did you know that you could make flower brooches out of measuring tape? If you need some accessories for a night out, but can't find anything affordable in the neighborhood, go to your local second hand shop and you'll be able to pick up something unique. Two designers by the name of Amour Sans Anguish and Supayana use old fabrics or clothes and upcycle them. Upcycling is a simple process where you take one work of art and make it better! Just take a trip to Buffalo Exchange or any other second hand shop and grab some funky patterns and turn it into something you can wear. If you have no plans this weekend, well, now you do! If these two designers can pull together an outfit made of old 80's prom dresses, so can you.

Do you have a quilt at



home that just sits in the back of your closet? Do you know what you can do with it? There are actually many projects you can do with one, but one successful shoe store has turned old Pakistani quilts into gorgeous heels. They come in a variety of colors and patterns, each one a one-of-a-kind shoe. Liana Kabel is yet another example of designers who create fashion out of objects. "Many of my jewelry designs are up-

cycled or recycled. Such as a necklace made from old tupperware, bangles made from knitting needles, and brooches made from tape measures," she said in a recent interview. Ever thought of using your old Barbie? One designer took Barbie faces and made a bracelet out of them. Be creative! Take your old house objects or clothes that you don't use anymore to make something fashionable.

Upcycling is not only important to make you look good, but also it helps our environment! Now you've learned about how to upcycle old clothes, where to go to get materials and more! If you would like to know how to make your own upcycled clothes, please contact me at 5thGradeClass@manhattancountryschool.org. Thanks!

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known for their clothing because it is made in the United States without sweat shop labor. Another store is H&M. They are known for inexpensive, trendy clothing. Lastly, the fourth store is Abercrombie & Fitch. They focus on casual wear and accessories. These stores are also at many malls, around town and online.

Here are some fashion tips for the road. Skinny jeans and rock star shirts are very edgy. Leggings or tights look great with miniskirts. Black dresses, bangles, and cute boots are an amazing outfit. Here are also the top ten fashion de-

signers in the world. 1. Valentino Garavani. 2. Tom Ford 3. Donatella Versace, 4. Alexander McQueen 5. Betsey Johnson. 6. Ralph Lauren. 7. John Galliano 8. Domenico Dolce & Stefano Gabbana. 9. Marc Jacobs 10. Stella McCartney. I think everyone can start a trend of their own. I love fashion. If you want more fashion tips and ideas, email me at 5thGradeClass@manhattancountryschool.org

Modern 4th, 5th, and 6th Grader's Independence On Public Transit in NYC

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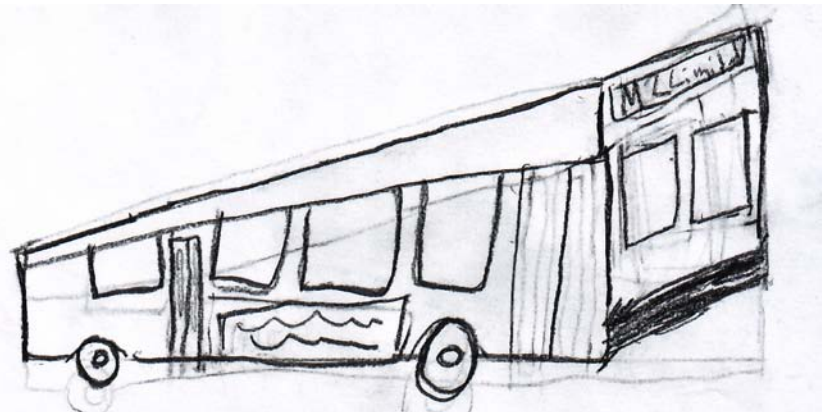
Hi, I'm Max, a ten-year-old boy living in New York City. I travel to my school and to my after school activities by myself. This article will explore different views of children being alone on NYC transit. In the last five to ten years, nine, ten, and eleven year olds' independence when traveling on the public bus and subway has been decreasing noticeably as I have learned from my research. People would think with all the new technology (like cell phones) would help kids stay in touch with their parents and allow more of them to travel alone on public transit, right? Wrong! As I have learned through a few interviews, that although the kids feel comfortable, some parents don't.

Parents, what would you do if you woke up one morning to find a note on the kitchen table saying: Went to school! Be back at 3:30! This paragraph will explore some other parents' feelings. In an interview with Carol O'Donnell, Upper School Director of MCS, Carol stated that she wouldn't let her daughter travel around the city until she was in 4th or 5th grade. Even then, it would probably only be to local stores with a friend. Once her daughter was in 6th grade, there would be more independence on the bus, but the subway would not be allowed until 7th grade. Ms. Lenore Skenazy, mother of ten-year-old Izzy, has different views. She lets her son travel

around the city and has been since he was in the 4th grade. In an article she wrote for the website freerangekids.com she said, "Half the people I've told this episode to now want to turn me in for child abuse. As if keeping kids under lock and key and cell phone and nanny and surveillance is the right way to rear kids. It's not.

Max now often knows many of the bus drivers on his route."

I recently did a survey of my class and received a wide array of responses. Surprisingly, none of my classmates seemed the least bit uncomfortable with traveling in New York City alone. In contrast to my classmates' opinions, the national opinions seem



It's debilitating-for us and for them." When I interviewed my dad I asked, "What are your feelings about me traveling alone every day around the city by myself?"

He answered, "In some ways, it's wonderful for a kid to explore the confidence of taking public transportation on their own. On the other hand, giving him the freedom also makes us parents fearful of the unknown." He continued saying, "One thing that really helped is that before we allowed Max to travel alone, one of us went with him many times on the route which he would later take on his own. New York City has a bad reputation, but actually it can be like a small town. People are generally very friendly and

to vary. On a website called "City Data" where children could put their input, many kids were having a very intense conversation about how much they hated public transportation. I do not think that it is such a good idea to go on public transit if a student or parent does not feel comfortable with it. Then again, I think that once kids reach the age of ten, they should experience traveling on public transit alone.

I think that traveling alone boosts independence and confidence, which braces us kids for our lives ahead.