

Odyssey Review

Wounds That Won't Heal

A Special Report by Sheena Elkind

Three-year-old Salomia stands on top of small piles of rubble clutching her doll. Orphaned after the recent killer tsunami, she is now at high risk for mental disorders like depression. The tsunami destroyed cities and homes, things that can be repaired. One thing that may never be repaired is the mental damage that the people are enduring. Three months after the killer wave slammed into Asia, the world is now focusing on the hearts and minds of the survivors. One question remains: Will there be enough time to save these scarred survivors?

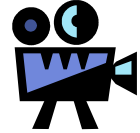


The relief efforts face cultural obstacles. The Sri Lankan main language does not have a word for “depression.” Dr. Palitha Abeykoon said, “A patient never says that they are sad. Instead, they say that they have back pains or they can’t sleep.” As a result, Sri Lanka (population 20 million), has a severe shortage of psychiatrists: only 30 psychiatrists exist there. This is not enough to begin treating all of the patients. To make things worse, few of these doctors speak Tamil, a language spoken in the hardest hit-regions. Foreign aid is pouring into the devastated area. Doctors, nurses, and teachers are assessing the situation to see which people are at risk of developing a mental disorder.

Sri Lankans suffered immeasurable pain. Children lost their whole families, husbands vanished, and people witnessed their loved ones’ bodies carried away in stretchers. With so much turmoil, international aid is vital. “Everyone will make a difference,” said Dr. Abeykoon.



This Month in Entertainment



Quotes of the Week

Guess what! Here is a new segment to our news paper. Guess that quote. So time to use that TV knowledge, and guess where these quotes are from. Answers on back page

1. "Stupid can opener! You killed my father and now you've come back for me!"
2. "The ruptured capillaries in your nose belies the clarity of your wisdom."
3. "No matter how many times you save the world, it always manages to get back in jeopardy again. Sometimes I just want it to stay saved! You know, for a little bit? I feel like the maid; "I just cleaned up this mess! Can we keep it clean for... ten minutes!"

Movies

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| 1. Hitch | Feb. 11 |
| 2. Ong-Back: The Thai Warrior | Feb. 11 |
| 3. Bride and Prejudice | Feb. 11 |
| 4. Harry and Max | Feb. 11 |
| 5. Imaginary Heroes | Feb 18 |
| 6. Constantine | Feb. 18 |
| 7. Son of the Mask | Feb. 18 |
| 8. Because of Winn-Dixie | Feb. 18 |
| 9. Schultz Gets the Blues | Feb. 18 |
| 10. Man of the House | Feb. 18 |

The Incredibles, a Movie Critique by Shane Wiker

The Incredibles is a 3DCG (Three Dimensional Computer Graphics) film that was released in 2004. It was produced by Pixar, and took over three years to create. Just after watching the first few minutes, you can tell this movie was not rushed together.

The Incredibles has very few negative aspects. The quality of the 3D models was exceptional, with a lot of detail. The animations were also excellent, and the characters moved realistically. "They moved like the were real actors," said Michael Sistrunk, a student who recently saw the movie.

The sound was another great part of the movie. In most films, many of the sounds are created on set, as they are filming them. However, in the *Incredibles*, every sound was created from scratch. They made custom sounds for footsteps, gushing water, even vehicles. The sound is some of the best from any CG movie I've ever seen

Overall if you haven't seen the *Incredibles*, You're missing out on one of the best films of 2004, and perhaps the best CG film ever.



Poetry Corner



Satan
Cruel, Evil
Despising, murdering, stealing
A ruler of Hell
Devil
By: Nathaniel Pickney

Embarrassment
Awkward, Giddy
Blushing, Flirting, Wondering
Something no-one can void
Crushes
By: Cicilee Aquilar



Love
Romantic, Arcane
Embracing, Connecting, Adoring
A Daze of Tenderness
Passion
By: Johnathon William



She Walks in Beauty

She walks in beauty like the night
Of cloudless climes and starry skies;
And all that's best of dark and bright
Meet in her aspect and her eyes;
Thus mellowed to that tender light
Which heaven to gaudy day denies.

One shade the more, one ray the less,
Had half impaired the nameless grace
Which waves in every raven tree,
Or softly lightens O'er her face;
Where thoughts serenely sweet express
How pure, how dear their dwelling place.

And on that cheek, and o'er that brow
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,
The smiles that win, the tints that glow,
But tell of days in goodness spent
A mind at peace with all below
A heart whose love is innocent

By: George Gordon, Lord Byron

Screen
Wide, Virtual
3-dimensional, Pixel, Sprites
Medium clear, Enticing, Thought
provoking
Computer
Chad Washington



Teacher Spotlight



Mrs. Mazurkiewicz
The teacher I interviewed was Mrs. Mazurkiewicz. She was born in Germany (how exciting!). She has worked at Odyssey for about 2 years, but has 8 years teaching experience. She came to Odyssey because she did not like what she saw at public schools. But Mrs. Mazurkiewicz is planning to become an administrator and has her administration degree. In her free time she likes to do things with the family. She has four children Amy (18) Sarah(20) Keith(2 1/2) and Karen (1). I asked her besides teaching what she would like to do. She said she would like to do accounting. She wants to work at Odyssey until she gets tired of it. The last question I asked her is if she could be anywhere, where would it be? She said on a cruise with her husband.

By: Lynsey Roscoe

Mr. Holcomb
This is the man who believed that George Bush was George Kerry and John Kerry was John Bush. Mr. Holcomb is quiet, and is a wonderful person.

He has been a Speech/ Behavior teacher here for 2 years but has been at Odyssey for 4. He loves being a teacher. He loves it so much he has been doing it for 12 years in hospitals, nursing homes, many other schools and institutions.

He has beautiful wife and 2 adorable little girls Laurel and Olivia. In his free time he enjoys biking, fly fishing, skinning, and counseling. His favorite color is green and his favorite sports team is the Broncos. He plans on staying at Odyssey for a very long time, and is a valued teacher at Odyssey

By: Sheena Elkind

Mr. Plough
Mr. Plough, a man of few words and with a love for food. This we will get to later! For now let's take a good look at Mr. Plough.

This is Mr. Ploughs first year at Odyssey. Actually, it his first year of teaching. He enjoys distance education because he says it is very different from traditional schools. In his free time, he enjoys sports like basketball, golf, movies, and playing with his puppy Max. His favorite color is blue, and his hobbies are reading and entertaining his wife. His favorite sports teams are the Lakers, Dodgers, and Yankees. A word to the students. "If you bring food, I'll improve your grade (he was JUST joking)."

By: Sheena Elkind

Sports Corner by Joanna Hernandez

Sports Word Search

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J A M E S N A I S M I T H H O I N C R D
S I N N E T E L B A T S E V O I D I G N
W R O D U J C Q W X W I A S C C A Y J A
A T N Q N T D N E I B L D N S T K K I L
L S B L S G D X N Y M T E I H O M E Y G
S E U Q E Z M F N Z A F N L F S R B Y N
H U O L O P R E T A W M O E O S D C D E
O Q N Q I I R J T T E N N E B S E M A J
O E A R C H E R Y S M Q H V V C T E U L

1. Who created Basketball?
2. The History of Rugby begins in _____ in the 1800's
3. What is the shape of Rugby ball?
4. Dr. Butz played this sport professionally. Which sport?
5. Polo was introduced in the U.S.A. by _____?
6. _____ includes swimming, cycling, and running.
7. Players use sticks with nets on the top to pass the ball to each other when playing this sport.
8. _____ is a unique Olympic sport, where both the rider and the horse are the medal winners.
9. Although _____ is a martial art, its practice and methods are based around gentleness
10. _____ first appeared in England in 1890
11. _____ is one of the only four sports that have been featured in every modern Olympic Games.
12. Each team consists of seven main players and six replacement players.
13. The Olympic _____ competition takes place outdoors, in four categories of events.
14. Takes care of us in playing sports in elementary?



Cooking Corner



A Romantic Treat

By: Sheena Elkind

Do you want to have a little fun in the kitchen on Valentines Day? Well here is a very sweet treat for you.

Disclaimer: Do NOT use these recipes if you are allergic to the ingredient.

Strawberry-chocolate Mousse Dessert

1 cup (about 5 ounces) chocolate cookie or graham cracker crumbs.

3 Tablespoons melted butter or margarine

2 pints baskets California strawberries, stemmed and halved

2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup water 2 tablespoons light corn syrup

2 1/2 cups whipping cream—divided use

1 tablespoon sugar



1. In bowl, mix crumbs and butter to blend thoroughly. Press evenly onto bottom of 9-inch spring form pan. Stand strawberry halves, touching, side by side, pointed ends up with cuts sides against side of pan, set aside
2. Place chocolate chips in blender container. In small saucepan over medium heat, mix water and corn syrup; Bring to boil and simmer 1 minute. Immediately pour over chocolate chips and blend until smooth. Cool to room temp
3. Meanwhile, in a large mixer bowl, beat 1 1/2 cups of cream to form stiff peaks. With rubber spatula, fold cooled chocolate into whipped cream to blend thoroughly. Pour into prepared pan; level top (Points of strawberries might extend above chocolate mixture) Cover and refrigerate 4 to 24 hours
4. Up to 2 hours before serving, in medium mixer bowl, beat remaining 1 cup cream to form soft peaks. Add sugar; beat to form stiff peaks. Remove side pan; place cake on serving plate. Pipe or dollop whipped cream onto top of cake. Arrange remaining halved strawberries on whipped cream.



No Bake Cookies



Ingredients

2 cups white sugar

3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder

1/2 cup margarine

1 pinch salt

3 cups quick cooking oats

1/2 cup peanut butter

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

1. In a sauce pan bring sugar, cocoa, margarine, milk, and salt, to a rapid boil for 1 minute.
2. Add a quick cooking oats, peanut butter, and vanilla; mix well.
3. Working quickly, drop by teaspoonful onto waxed paper, and let cool.



Current Events



“Boy in Box”

A young boy’s body was found inside a carton box on February 25, 1957 in the city’s Fox Chase section of Philadelphia. This case has been unsolved for 48 years due to the lack of information and evidence. Despite this, the Philadelphia police still remember this case very vividly.

The boy is thought to have been between four to six years old. According to some reports his body might have taken from a home in Lower Merion and driven to a place called Fox Chase. It’s also been said that before he was brutally murdered he was imprisoned inside a house and might have possibly been caged in. These are all extremely shocking details about this “unknown child.”

His body was initially buried in a potter’s field in the far northeast. His tombstone was engraved with these words: “Heavenly Father, Bless this unknown boy.” In 1998, he was buried at a cemetery called Ivy Hill in Mount Airy. Approximately, 100 people arrived at the graveside service. The new tombstone read: “America’s Unknown Child.”

A spokesman for the Vidoq Society, a professional group of forensic specialists who work on unsolved cases, announced this statement to the general public, “positive developments may be bringing us closer to the day Philadelphia and millions of others across the country get answers to a mystery death that has frightened and transfixed generations.”

Some of the alleged evidence indicates that the boy may have been killed at home in a main line neighborhood by a female caretaker, who could have been a relative. They believe she is now deceased. Weinstein, a patrol officer on the scene recalled the dreadful case. “I saw all his pain and his suffering and his anguish” he said about the boy without a name. He also added, “It was as though, he was speaking to me. ‘ what happened?’ ‘Why?’ and that was an answer I couldn't give.”

By:

“Problems with the War in Iraq”

On March 20, 2003, the United States invaded Iraq. Thanks to an alliance with Great Britain our victory over the country and Saddam Hussein’s regime was fast coming. Despite all of this, there was, and there continues to be much opposition from other countries. American support dwindles every day as well. This is mainly due to our new knowledge of the so-called “misinformation” that led us into the war.

Today, fewer and fewer Americans are behind our occupation in Iraq. Many fell they were lied to as well, and gave their support under false pretenses. One example is that they don’t seem to have any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. However, we were told that there were and it became one of the main reasons we went and invaded the country. As the war continues so does the enormous amount of money being spent. The total rises steadily every day.

By: Tera Sonderson

Student Corner

A Critique of *In Good Company*

I went to see this movie with my mom for my birthday and to tell you the truth, I wasn't too thrilled to go. I didn't think the movie was going to be very good, but it turned out to be very funny and entertaining. It has a great cast such as: Dennis Quaid, Topher Grace, Scarlet Johansson, and Marge Helgenberger. There is some great chemistry between these characters.

Dennis Quaid plays an ad executive whose company is taken over. Topher Grace, who is not only half his age but is his new boss, later finds out that he's having relations with his daughter, Alex (Scarlett Johansson). His wife gets pregnant and Alex gets accepted to NYU. Dan (Quaid) struggles to stay employed and doesn't know how he's going to be able to balance everything.

I was really impressed with this movie because it shows that your life can be going so well at one point, then a lot of things can change. For Dennis Quaid's character, many things changed.

I was also impressed with how well all the characters seem to work together. I mean, the last movie Scarlett Johansson made was *The Perfect Score* where she played a rebellious young girl who comes from a rich family. She came to this movie and played the "ideal" daughter and was very close with her dad. You wouldn't think that she would make a movie like this.

By: Emily Rouse

Listen up Class of 2006, 2007 and beyond: The New SAT

Take the new SAT because colleges and universities accept it for the classes of 2006, 2007 and beyond. It will begin March 2005. The whole test will be 3 hours and 45 minutes long. The three sections scored will include Critical Readings, Math and Writing, worth 200-800 points (each section). The Critical Reading section will be 70 minutes long, and will have 67 multiple-choice questions, including 48 reading comprehension questions and 19 sentences completion questions. The writing section will be 60 minutes long, have 49 multiple-choice question and an essay (25 minutes). The essay? We will have to read an 80-word subject prompt that makes a statement or claim, then we will need to develop a position and back it up with examples from school work, literature, history or our own experience. The Math section will be 70 minutes long, have 44 multiple choice questions, and 10 grid-in questions. The Math *will* be tougher. Some things to study for the math section include sets, absolute value, radical equations, exponents, and functions. calculator use is allowed

By: Joanna Hernandez



Student Corner



Flowers: What do they REALLY mean? By Sheena Elkind

Flowers are something that are commonly given on Valentines Day, birthdays, and other occasions. Receiving them can warm your heart and fill you will bliss. Still, there are some things you may want to know about certain types of flowers. Well here is a list of there meanings that just may be good for you to know.

Acacia – beauty in retirement
Agapanthus – Secret Love
Ambrosia – “Your love is returned”
Anemone - sincerity; forsaken
Aster – Symbol of love
Azalea – The care of yourself
Bluebell – humility
Cactus – Endurance
Caladium – Great joy and delight
Camellia – Good luck gift for a man
Lilly of the Valley - Beauty
Crocus – Gladness
Marigold – Grief
Narcissus – “stay as sweet as you are”
Petunia – “Your presence sooths me”
Tulip – Perfect lover
Viscera – “Dance with me”

Daffodil – Respected
Daisy – Loyal love and innocence
Freesia – trust
Forget-me-Not – True Love
Hyacinth – “Please forgive me”
Honeysuckle – Happiness
Hydrangea – “thank you”
Iris – Wisdom, faith and hope
Jonquil – Desire for affection
Larkspur - fickleness
Chrysanthemum – Friendship
Magnolia – Nobility
Orchid – Thoughtful
Primrose – “I can’t be without you”
Sunflower – pride
Violet – faithfulness
Wisteria – Welcome

Carnations– fascination
Pink – always on my mind
Red – Passion
White – sweet, lovely, good luck
Striped – refusal

Roses: The flower of love
Red – Love, passion
Pink - happiness
White – purity, innocence
Yellow - friendship

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