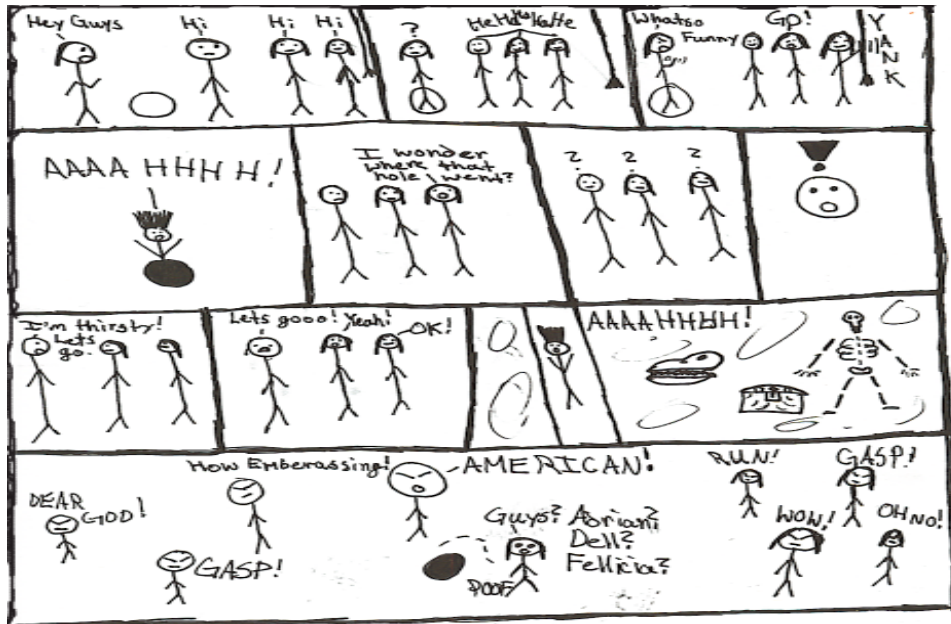


# Forever Friends: China

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FOR KALA M.

## Mandy's Rants

Introducing Mandy's Rants! In this section you can look forward to random rants from yours truly, Amanda Adame. As a pessimistic and in some cases sadistic person here are my bitter complaints... really hope you DON'T enjoy!



## The World

§ The world can be a very dangerous place.

§ Some people think they own the world and they like to trash it however they want. People are a bunch of litterbugs.

§ To me the world is a very unpleasant place to live in. It is filled with people looting and fighting.



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### The 1st Amendment and the Pledge



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Students at Carlos F. Truan Jr. High recite the pledge of allegiance during morning announcements.

### FIRST AMENDMENT

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.



Every morning we go through the same routine: the pledge of allegiance, Texas pledge, moment of silence, and then the announcements. However, one of our morning routines has caused a lot of controversy lately in schools across America.

This controversy is over the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance. Chances are you probably don't realize that you are even saying it, but many other people throughout the United States have and they are causing quite a stir. In

### THE PLEDGE

I pledge allegiance,  
To the flag  
of the United States of America,  
And to the Republic,  
For which it stands,  
One Nation, under God, indivisible,  
With liberty and justice for all.

particular, atheists (people who do not believe in God) are very upset. They claim that God and the government (schools) should be separated. In fact, they have filed lawsuit in Federal court about this abuse of the first amendment. The First Amendment does promise all Americans the freedom of choice when it comes to religion. Unfortunately, the atheists choose to have no religion. What does the 1st Amendment protect? Do the words "under God" really matter? What do you think about the use of "God" in the pledge?

By: CASSANDRA CRUZ

# Spotlight Shines on You



Kudos to Anakaren Rodriguez, our Student in the Spotlight! Some of her favorite things include Chinese food, horses, English class, every kind of music except hard rock, football games, Twister, and video games. She is thirteen years young and lives with her mom, dad, brother, and sister. She doesn't like it when she gets woken up (so LEAVE HER ALONE!) Her extra curricular activities include Band (drums), U.I.L. (dictionary skills.) Her turn-on' are nice guys that can make her laugh. Her turn-off are sloppy eaters and possessive guys.

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AnaKaren Rodriguez



Roger Garcia

Rogelio Garcia (also known as Roger), is this issue's Student in the Spotlight! Originally from Lyford, he loves and plays just about every sport, but his favorite is football. He also plays percussion in our very own concert band. When not playing sports, Rogers lifts weights and writes. One of his favorite snacks is dipping fries in his milkshake. Roger also has a fear of death. He is positive about the change of schools and looking forward to participating in U.I.L. and in the other upcoming sports this year. Someday he would like to become a professional NFL player and complete his book.

BY: ARIELLE CARAVEO

## Movie Review

BY: JUAN SAENZ

**CRY\_WOLF**

After too many incidents of bad behavior, Owen Matthews is sent to Westlake Prep - where a young woman has recently been murdered in the woods nearby. Owen and his new friends decide to spread an online rumor that a serial killer called "The Wolf" committed the recent murder and is planning to strike again. The group's descriptions of "The Wolf's" intended victims are based on the people they know best - each other. Owen begin to regret sending their falsified story into cyberspace, when the described "victims" suddenly start to disappear, Owen and his friends are no longer able to determine where the lies end and the truth begins.

## DATES TO KNOW

### OCTOBER

- 1st - 8th Grade Football vs. Central (HOME)
- 2nd - Rocktoberfest 2005 @ Dodge Arena
- 3rd - Stingerettes Volleyball vs AP Solis (AWAY)
- 10th - Columbus Day  
**NO SCHOOL**
- 22nd - 8th grade Football vs. Mercedes (HOME)
- 30th - Daylight Saving Time Ends--turn clocks 1 hour forward
- 31st - Halloween

## FUN FACTS

WITH MICHELLE AGUERO

◆ Did you know that in 1972, a group of scientists reported that you could cure the common cold by freezing the big toe.



◆ Did you know that an apple, onion, and potato all have the same taste? The differences in flavor are caused by their smell. To prove this - pinch your nose and take a bite from each. They will all taste sweet!



◆ Did you know the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia's Independence



Hall has two flaws. The first one is its famous "crack". The second one is a spelling mistake. Pennsylvania is spelled Pensylvania (with only one "N") on the bell.



## Myrah's TOP FIVE

### Boys Vs. Girls



For hundreds of years, boys and girls have been arguing to see who is better. In this issue, we plan to prove that girls are better. Next issue the boys will get their chance to prove otherwise. So, here are the top five reasons why girls are better than boys. We'll leave it up to YOU to decide who you think is the best.



5. A baby girl will pick up a stick and will look in wonder at what nature has made. A baby boy could pick up the same stick and turn it into a gun.
4. Boys' rooms are usually messy. Girls' rooms are messy also, but it is a good smelling mess.
3. Boys have long nails because they are too lazy to cut them. Girls have long nails because they look nice, and they can use them to dig into a boys arm.
2. At an early age, girls are attracted to boys. At an early age, boys are attracted to dirt.
1. Girls turn into women and boys turn into bigger boys.

BY: MYRAH GUERRA