

# Paw Prints

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## Out with the old, In with the new

By Leah Johnson



**Cosmic Chaos** *kennywood.com*

This year Kennywood debuts a new ride called the Cosmic Chaos. The ride goes back and forth while spinning; the car is shaped like a flying saucer. Students from the journalism classes and the T.V. production club got the chance to experience the ride on Friday while attending Media Day held at the park. The new ride took the place of the Magic

Carpet near the Pirate Ship. The Magic Carpet was sent to Costa Rica to make money for children's hospitals.

Along with creating the new ride, Kennywood also added other attractions to the park such as the new basketball court outside of Kiddyland and Kenny T.V. The new basketball game is five dollars a game for twelve shots.

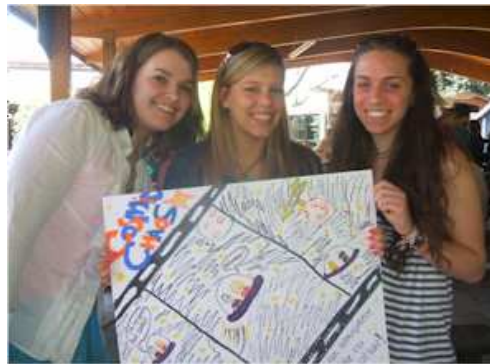
Kenny T.V. will be used to announce closing times for the



park, highlights of the other parks they own, (Sandcastle, Idlewild etc.) and recognition of groups and activities visiting that day in the park. Kennywood is sure to offer the same thrill and fun to all those who attend.

The Park still has that old time charm but is adding the technology of modern day amusement parks.

*Kristina Lustig, Lindsay Dearden and Adrianna Palangio show off ad campaign*



## Les Miserables receives 8 Gene Kelly nominations

By Janaya Watson

The Gene Kelly awards were announced. The musical received 8 different awards: Best Light/Design; Best Director; Best Supporting Actor, Vince Myers; Best Costumes; Best Ensemble; Best Crew; Best Musical overall.

Les Miserable stands for "The Miserable Ones" and it is the longest-running musical in the world! It is a stunning adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel and it has won over 50 theatre awards .

The musical is about a fugitive

named Jean Valjean, (Brad Glasser) who is being chased by inspector Javert (Korey Angelo), a cruel and self-righteous man, who enjoys tracking down those who do wrong and capturing them.

It was a magnificent performance by an amazing cast. Congrats!

# Baseball team misses out on playoffs

By Bryan Fyalkowski

The Woodland Hills Varsity baseball team defeated Gateway 11-10 on April 24, to improve their section record to 3-3 and their overall record to 3-5. They have played two games since then, beating Fox Chapel 5-4 at home and losing 4-0 visiting Gateway, which puts their current record at 4-4 in section and 4-6 overall.

The game against Gateway was the most miraculous comebacks in recent memory. Woodland Hills was losing 8-1 in the top of the second inning earlier in the month, when the game was postponed due to the weather. The game was continued at Gateway, and with the spectacular pitching of JJ Tougher, the Wolverines staged their comeback. In the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, senior Rob Gronkowski hit a 3-

run home run, and in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, senior Jason Holt hit a 2-run double with two outs and the bases loaded to put the team ahead 11-10. They held on from there to finish the surprise victory.

The team's record, though, has not reflected the way they have played. In the first game of the year, they lost 2-1 at Kiski Area. Playing at Franklin Regional, who is one of the top teams in AAAA, in their second game of the season, they were leading 3-2 going into the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning and they ended up losing 11-4 despite solo home runs by Gronkowski and freshman catcher Ryon Rocco. That was followed by the team's first section game, where they beat McKeesport 11-2, then an 11-1 loss, playing

at Fox Chapel.

Two of the most recent games might have been the most heartbreaking. Playing at Plum April 18, Josh Woolford pitched all 9 innings in a 7-6 loss. The Wolverines were leading 5-1 going into the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> before Plum tied the game at 5 going into extra innings. Woodland Hills then scored a run in the top of the 9<sup>th</sup> inning, sparked by a leadoff bunt single by Gronkowski. But Plum went on to score two runs in the bottom of the inning and win. Then playing on April 19 against heated rival Central Catholic, Woodland Hills lost a high-scoring game 10-6. On April 20, Woodland Hills won vs. Penn Hills 7-1. Pitcher Dave Hall threw a complete game and the defense played extremely well, only committing one error the entire game.

## Penguins season review

By Kenny Melvin



Penguins Art Ross winner Sidney Crosby [www.tsn.ca](http://www.tsn.ca)

The Pittsburgh Penguins wrapped up their tremendous season with a disappointing 4-1 series loss to the very talented Ottawa Senators. The main difference in this series was the difference between the qualities of each team's defensive core and the Penguins lack of production on the power play. The Pens lack of experience in postseason play also hurt their chances against a veteran Ottawa team.

This past regular season was the second best point total in franchise history right behind the 1992-93 Penguins who won the President's trophy that goes to the team with the most points in the league. This was also the first playoff appearance for the Penguins since the 2000-01 season

in which they made it all the way to the conference finals.

Even though the Pens bowed out in the first round many fans consider this season a success. Michael Speranza who goes to many games at the Mellon Arena each year says us fans got the most important thing, "we got an arena to stay here for thirty more years, that's what counts to me." Michael also thinks there are great things to come, "We have some great young stars whether it's Crosby, Malkin, Whitney, Fleury, or Staal this team is going to win multiple Stanley Cups in the future." Michael loves how Sidney Crosby played this year; "To win the Art Ross Trophy that goes to the league's top scorer is amazing for a guy that's only nineteen years old, he's going to be on the level with Gretzky and Lemieux in the very near future." Next year all Penguins fans are hoping Penguins announcer Mike Lange can say "Oh Lord Stanley bring me the brandy!"

# Nine Degrees of Separation

## What is Nine Degrees of Separation?

by Aaron Weiss

Have you ever walked down the hall and seen someone that you think you remember from somewhere, but you can't quite picture where? With nine degrees of separation you can now remember that this person was clearly friends with your sister's boyfriend's cousin's former roommate.

This idea came from several studies, such as Milgram's small world experiment, which claims that "if a person is one "step" away from each person he or she knows and two "steps" away from each person who is known by one of the people he or she knows, then everyone is no more than nine "steps" away from each person on Earth."

The concept gained notoriety after the movie Six Degrees of Separation came out in 1993. It was nominated for both a Golden Globe and an Oscar in 1994, and this led to many people wanting to know more about this idea of everyone being linked together.

These pictures will link together what appear to be two random people, and how they should know each other through eight other peers. Now when you walk through the hall and see that random girl you can walk up to her and say, "Hey, you were in nine degrees of separation. You were my teammate's brother's best friend's girlfriend...and might I add you look 'very nice'!"



Maria was on homecoming court with classmate Will Dykes



Joe is siblings with older sister Maria Shaffo.



Monte is on the football team with Joe Shaffo.



Leah has been dating Monte

Simmons for 6 months.



Dorian has Algebra III

class with Leah Johnson.



Martina Johnson is on the rifle team with Peter Rodriguez.



Peter is brothers with substitute teacher Mr. Rodriguez.



Mr. Rodriguez was a student teacher for Dorian Lane.



# With recent events at VT, how do you feel about going off to college next fall?

By Niocle Roush



**Steve Bonacci/ Senior**

*"It doesn't really bother me that much, I think that the college's are going to be more aware for this kind of stuff happening now."*

**Tiffany Taylor/ Senior**

*"Well, I'm going to Akron and I've already visited there twice. Their security to me seemed well trained for a situation like the one at VT so to a certain extent I feel safe"*

**Ted Rubin/ Senior**

*"I don't feel particularly threatened because I think it was an isolated incident. Universities have operated with little security for decades and have had no such problems before."*

**Ashlee Youngberg/ Senior**

*"Well, I will definitely feel more alert and hope all the time that it doesn't happen at the college I go to. And I hope they do a lot to prevent it."*

**Vanessa Bridges/ Senior**

*"I feel that colleges will become more cautious of their school. Security will improve so I'm not concerned. I think it will be safer for students."*

## Jocelyn Bell receives scholarship

by Melissa Timm

A great honor was given to a Woodland Hills high school student lately. Jocelyn Bell, has been selected to receive a scholarship through the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh's Global Travel Scholarship program. Jocelyn will spend five weeks living with a host family and traveling and doing volunteer work in Argentina language. Thirty-five students had started the initial application process to qualify for this scholarship, which included a written application, an original essay, teacher recommendations, and a letter written to the host family in their native language. Jocelyn was picked based on the strength of her scholastic achievement and demonstration of her leadership capabilities. "It's amazing, I can't believe that I actually won."

## Sacha Baron Cohen gets comedy crown

By Aaron Weiss



March 30, 2000 the HBO channel aired a new comedy series, which would open the eyes and mouths of its viewers. Da Ali G Show, hosted by Sacha Baron Cohen, was just this series to state the question: *Da Ali G Show: great TV series, or best TV series of all time?*

In this show Sacha pretends to be three different characters: Ali G, Borat, and Bruno.

Ali G is a cocky hoodlum from the West Side of Stains in the UK. He interviews famous Americans such as Ralph Nader and Andy Rooney to name a few.

Borat is an innocent, confused TV reporter who has been sent to the US for


"cultural learning's for make benefit glorious nation of Kazakhstan." This character is the same as in the recent movie, released in January of 2007 titled Borat.

Bruno is a TV reporter for Austria TV. He asks fashion experts and celebrity critics questions about hot topics in today's gossip.

No matter which character Sacha is pretending to be, he is sure to surprise the audience with witty remarks and comments .

Da Ali G Show has officially completed two seasons consisting of a total twelve episodes. The series can be purchased from any local electronic or media store. It costs an average of \$20 per season, which is definitely worth the laughs and fun, which this DVD will bring into your home. Buy it today!

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