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Something flies over Oz!

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“We’re I’m from, we
believe all sorts of things
that aren’t true. We call
it ‘history’.”

-The Great and
Powerful Wizard of Oz



ANIMALS GATHERING UNDERGROUND

By: JUAN BENAVIDES

Recently, at the Oz Bowl, the Animals have begun gathering. In the past five years, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz has worked tirelessly with the Ozian officials to exterminate all speaking Animals. However, as of last month, the amount of reports of Animals gathering has increased greatly, and appears it may continue to do so exponentially. One such spot they prefer is the Oz Bowl located on the outskirts of the Emerald City. Remember the horrendible potential they have as speaking Animals amidst our society! The danger they pose remains ever present and resides within our very own sanctuary.

According to the Press Secretary, Madame Morrible has this to say: "Animals must'nt been seen or heard. In our society they are nothing but a parasite thwarting our growth as people. Together we can quell this problem once and for all." Any right Ozian would agree. Together we can do it, we can overcome this problem.

Any Ozian is encouraged to report Animal Activity to the Office of Anti-Animal Affairs at oaaaa@oz.gov or text 66222 to remain anonymous. It is with the thanks of the Wizard.



ANIMALS AND THEIR RIGHTS

By: VAYDEN DE CLUSIN

As the anti-animal movement reached more ears, people begin to have many questions. Where has this loathasion for animals come from? Well, from the radio interview with Madame Morrible speaking on the behalf of the wizard, "This, my dear, is no new idea. Why, folks in Oz have always been against Animalism. As Press Secretary, it is no wonder the Great and Powerful Wizard of Oz is against Animalism. Please don't waste my time with such trivialisms as this." With the word of someone so powerful, this must inspire you to research the benefits and downfalls of letting animals have rights! According to Ganderson Capperson's latest article, "Animals are going to take over the world at this rate! Most of these articles surfacing by other journalists are made in favor of the enemy! Animals work best in barns with two objectives – breed and die. Is that so hard to understand?"

We have to remember who the enemy is!
THE ANIMALS!

Sports



GOLF TEAM'S NEWEST STAR

BY: JOHN KEMPF

As the new class of students come in, there is one student who stands out among the bunch: Galinda. The golf team recently recruited her as their newest star player. With her looks and money, she is the ideal golf player. She also says she is going to make the club the most popular there is.

Galinda is also in a handful of other clubs, including the student council, the show choir club, and the skeet-shooting club. Due to her natural good looks and charisma, she is quickly becoming a very popular student.

The golf club is ecstatic to have her on the team due to her personality and skill in the sport. Galinda's parents claim that her first time she played golf she got a hole-in-one at every single hole. Reports also say that she has never gotten upset over missing her shot - because, well, she never has missed.

Good looks and a good sport: who could be goodlier? The team couldn't be happier! Galinda is so great, her friends have begun to call her Ms. Wonderful, a nod to the nickname of our very own Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

When interviewed on the subject, Miss Galinda simply said this: "When you hang with the right cohorts, you'll be good at sports." She then tossed her hair.

SHIZ SPLASHERS DEFEATED

BY: AEDAN VALENZUELA, ALEXANDER BINDER

The highly rated Shiz water polo team suffered its first loss in four years against the Emerald State Seals. The captain of the team blamed the lack of passing opportunities for the loss.

"We played strong and hard but just fell short this game." They lost by a score of 12 to 10 even though they were ahead in the third quarter. The Splashers were highly disappointed as were their fans but remain positive they will make a comeback before the end of the season.

Each team consists of seven players with two alternate players. All members must tread water continually during the game while attempting to score in the opposing team's goal area.

Even though Water polo is a physically demanding sport that requires endurance, strength, and agility. We often strive for our athlete to do their very best not only physically but academically for we are students before athletes.



THE WINNING BALL

As you may see here that this is a ball but the information that you do not know is that this water polo ball is the same one that has brought us to victory for many years.



Art

OZ DUST BALL ROOM REOPENS!

BY: RAMON GONZALES

The Oz Dust Ball Room reopens after a mild tornado. How did it happen? No one knows! But it doesn't matter - it's just life! And we keep dancing through it! Let us celebrate the reopening with a most swankified event!



WIZAMANIA

BY APPLE QUINTANILLA &
ISA HERNANDEZ

After I got done watching Wizamania, here are some of my thoughts: I felt like I was in another world. There was so much going on, but not in a bad way. Everywhere I turned everyone was dancing and singing. I loved the part where the emcees were telling us that there is someone who will come and be able to read the Grimmerie, SPOILER, that turned out to be the wizard! Another part that I liked was when the emcees were trying to one up each other, trying to sing louder and dance better. One part that I didn't really like is that it was too short to be that good. I really recommend going to see it in Emerald city.



Fashion

GLINDA SPECIAL REPORT

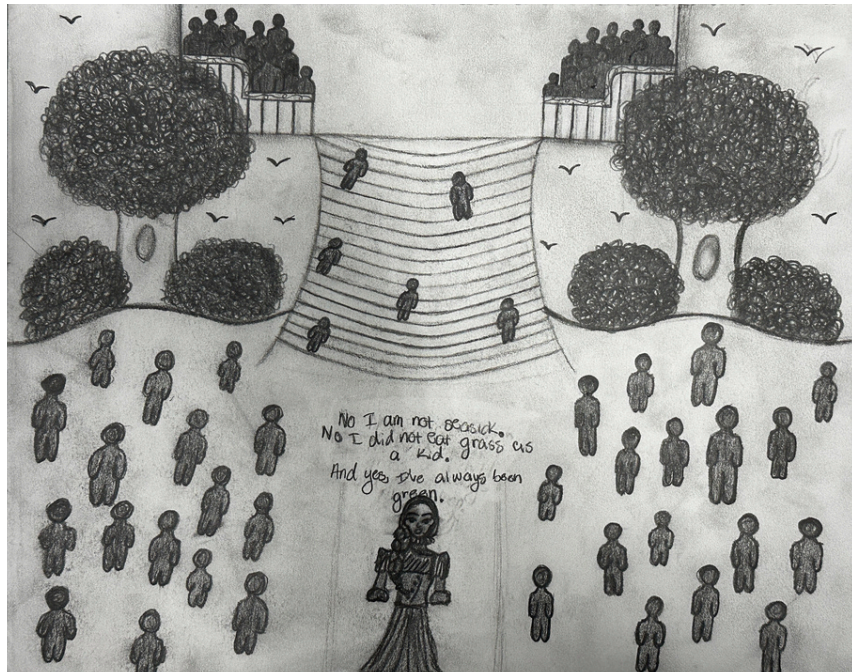
BY LEILANI FERNANDEZ

Welcome to the latest edition of Glamour and Glitzify, where we talk all things fashion. From the festivating streets of Emerald City to the serene landscapes of Munchkinland, beauty flourishes in every corner. Today we had the privilege of interviewing Glinda the Good Witch, whose style and grace continue to inspire many in Oz. During our conversation, she shared her insights on everything from fashion to her lifestyle. We started by thanking Glinda for joining us today and got right into it.

Glinda expressed how she shows elegance by wearing flowing gowns in pastel hues, adorned with delicate and expensive embellishments. She said, “Fashion is all about expressing one’s inner sparkle.” What a doll she is, right? Speaking of dolls, her hair is the definition of doll-like with that blonde hair and that gentle curl. I had to ask how she maintained those perfect curls.

Glinda credits a blend of enchanted oils and just a little magic; she believes in keeping things natural. But if you ask me, a little more magic wouldn’t hurt. Her nails are always impeccably done, often including designs that reflect the seasons or upcoming events. She is currently wearing a design inspired by the twinkling stars of the Ozian night sky, adding that touch of celestial beauty. If you want to follow more on Glinda’s fashion lifestyle or just ozian fashion, tune in to “Glamour and Glitzify” every week!

Comics



Education

SHIZ UNIVERSITY WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2028

BY ETHAN PATTERSON

This year's Freshman class for Shiz University is the largest in its history, with many students coming from far off lands to attend Shiz: Glinda came from the Upper Uplands of Gillikin to Shiz on her boat in her pink attire; Boq, a munchkin, came all the way from Munchkinland; and Fiyero - Oz's Most Swankified Winkie Hunk!

Shiz is featuring many whimsical clubs and extracurriculars such as the *Spells and Sorcery* social evening, choir auditions, *Rowing Club*, *Shiz News*, and so much more for the incoming freshmen.

Every incoming student of Shiz arrives by boat to the Landing Dock. The students will then congregate in the *Quad*, an open air meeting space, to receive their dorm room keys and meet with other students and staff.

THE NEW TEACHERS OF SHIZ UNIVERSITY

BY ETHAN PATTERSON

7 Magic Teachers
5 Science teachers

Shiz features a variety of subjects in the magical arts and the sciences. Shiz is sticking to their roots this year, hiring more magic and science teachers.

MAKE SURE TO GET THIS YEAR'S ID!

BY ETHAN PATTERSON

Students of Shiz, please make sure you renew your enrollment in Shiz University by mail each year. If it's your first year, your ID will be delivered to you by carrier pigeon. (DO NOT TAKE THE PIGEONS!)

THE TRI-ANNUAL SNAPDRAGON HUNT HAS BEEN CANCELED!

BY ETHAN PATTERSON

Due to a Snapdragon shortage that happens three times a year, the Tri-annual *Snapdragon Hunt* has, once again, been canceled.

When asked why the *Snapdragon Hunt* was held at the same time as the Snapdragon Shortage, the director simply said "Global warming."



THE ANNUAL MAGIC TEACHER PRANK HAS BEGUN

BY ETHAN PATTERSON

Every year at Shiz University, the magic teachers come together for a yearly prank. In years past, the magic teacher have cast spells to make everyone speak in old English, experience low gravity, and even change all of lights in the school to green candles.

This year, there are rumors that the next magic teacher prank will be covering the entire school in foam bubbles! The bubbles will apparently "fall from the sky" and "hopefully won't hurt my beautiful blue eyes!" said Fiyero.

Classifieds

BY ROBERTA ALWIN & JADE WILLIAMS

WRITERS FOR GLINDA THE GOOD'S PAPER

After the arresting of Madame Morrible (the editor for the Ozian Newspaper) and the banishing of The Wizard, Glinda is looking for editors for her new paper.

You can contact her or her head of command at
555-678-6270 Head Of Command
555-678-7895 Glinda The Good

SCARE CROW INTERPRETER NEEDED FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Because of the spike in popularity for scare crows, everyone suddenly wants one at his or her party!

To contact the Wizard Party Company,
text the number below

333-287-3694 Head of HR

HISTORY TEACHERS NEEDED AT SHIZ

Teacher's needs at Shiz after the arrest of Dr. Dillamond, history teachers are needed. The salary starts 20-30k a year.
(NO ANIMALS)

555-250-4897 Contact the Head of Shiz if
you have any more questions

REPORT ANIMALS HERE

To report any kind of Animal behavior,
text or call 789-672-7824.

It takes a village to clean it up!

COACHES NEEDED AT SHIZ

For the number of new students going to the Shiz University, there has been a shortage of coaches.

Men's Football
Girl's Softball
Water Polo
Golf

NEW: Human Hockey coming to Shiz!!

555-567-9086 Kamos Head of sports



Games

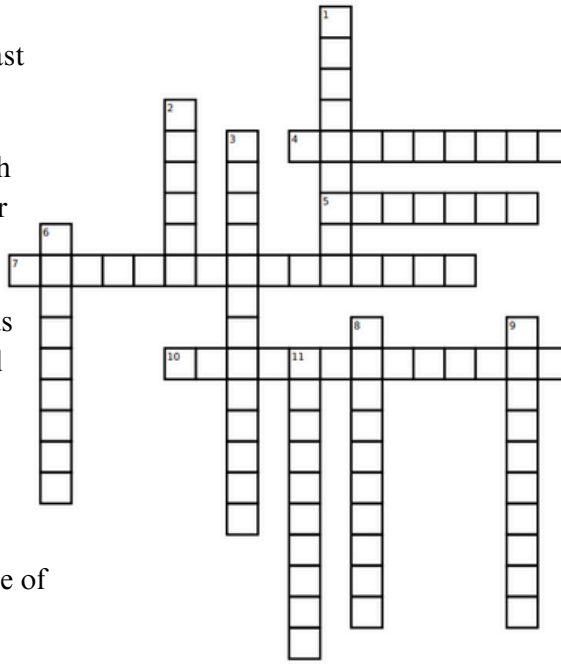
THE OZMOPOLITAN CROSSWORD

ACROSS

4. Little sister of Elphaba and later known as the Wicked Witch of the East or Future Governor of Munchkinland
5. Greened skin girl with much ambition but later known as the Wicked Witch of the West
7. A somewhat unctuous form of public approval
10. A state of being beyond grossed out

DOWN

1. Superlative form of "wicked," denotes a state of utmost badness or malevolency.
2. The Good Witch and former roommate of Elphaba



3. To imbue with bravery
6. From depressed cows, Grumpy, melancholic, and given to unpredictable swings in attitude
8. Coinage from Shiz students shopping in the school store. So offensive to the eye that it's just plain odious
9. To bleach of all verdant hues; a magic spell that even the greatest wizard couldn't cast
11. From the ancient Swanks, a northern people marked by their impeccable taste in clothing and well-appointed houses. 1. made to look fancier or cooler than it actually is
2. Gussled-up

CONNECTIONS

The Wicked Witch of the West	Munchkin Land	DG	Glinda
The Wicked Witch of the East	Elphaba	Emerald City	Shiz University
P	Madame Morrible	Fiyero	NGD
The Wizard	FG	Boq	Upper Uplands

Cooking

JUMPIFIED FRIEDISM LEGS

1. In a large mixing bowl, add frog legs and cover with buttermilk. Let soak for 1 hour.
2. After soaking, take the frog legs out of the buttermilk and pat dry.
3. Add the legs to a large bowl and season with salt and pepper, Cajun seasoning, hot sauce, and Worcestershire to taste. Put bowl in the refrigerator and let marinate for 30 minutes.
4. While the legs marinate, combine all the ingredients for the dipping sauce, mixing thoroughly. Set aside or refrigerate until ready to eat.
5. After 30 minutes, remove the legs from refrigerator. Take each leg, place on a baking rack to let drip.
6. Pour ½ inch to 1 inch of peanut oil to a fryer and heat to 375 degrees.
7. Make your egg wash by combining eggs, beer, Cajun seasoning, garlic powder, salt and pepper, Worcestershire, hot sauce, and mustard in a large bowl.
8. In another large bowl, combine 2 cups of the flour and all of the corn meal. Season to taste with salt, pepper, Cajun seasoning, and garlic powder.
9. One at a time, dredge each frog leg in the remaining cup of plain flour and then immediately dip to your egg wash mixture. After dipping in the egg wash, dredge in the seasoned flour and cornmeal mix. Repeat until all your frog legs are ready for frying.
10. Fry each leg 3 minutes on both sides, until golden brown.
11. Serve with dipping sauce and enjoy.



GREENIFIED DESSERT PIE

1. Step 1. Make Crust: In a food processor, pulse Oreos until they form coarse crumbs. Add butter and blend until completely combined.
2. Step 2. Press crumb mixture into bottom and evenly up sides of a 9" pie dish. (Try to make crust about 1/8"-thick evenly all around.) Refrigerate at least 1 hour before adding filling.
3. Step 3. Make Filling: Using a stand mixer with the whisk attachment, beat heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Transfer to a bowl.
4. Step 4. To bowl of stand mixer, add cream cheese and beat on medium-high speed, 2 minutes. Add powdered sugar and food coloring and mix on low until smooth. Add vanilla and peppermint extracts and mix until combined. With a rubber spatula, fold whipped cream into cream cheese mixture, then fold in mini chocolate chips and chopped Andes mints.
5. Step 5. Pour filling into prepared crust and smooth top. Sprinkle with more mini chocolate chips and chopped Andes and drizzle with chocolate. Refrigerate until firm, 5 to 6 hours.



Letters to the Editor

A GOAT'S WARNING

BY SASHA ORIHUELA

Dear Reader,

Dreadful things have been happening in Oz. If you ever decide to step outside of the box or stand up for yourself, sleep with one eye open each night. Always be prepared for punishment and remember your morals; and please, be careful and be smart. I, never, in my many years of living have been so disappointed and distraught in my community! I thought I would always be welcome at Shiz, seeing as my students love me. I have always tried to do good for everyone! I want to help those who feel like they do not fit in, or who are oppressed. I want equality for everyone in Oz; I want fair treatment for all, but not even I receive fair treatment! I just cannot believe the Wizard would do this to me, after all my hard work. I do my best in everything, and sure I will admit, I may have been inserting my own opinions into my teaching. However, these are things that the people of Oz must hear! Never did I expect these unfortunate consequences to result from my noble deeds, and though I am humble, I am the only figure at Shiz trying to make a difference! When I had informed my class of what was going on, it seemed that everyone had lost hope or did not care. I was arrested and escorted out of my very own classroom, and it was clear they wanted to discredit me and shut me up. I will keep fighting as long as I live, and I am starting to disagree with the authorities. It is rather unfortunate, but under the surface, behind the scenes, something bad is happening in Oz. These may be rumors, but they give anyone with paws pause.

Stay Vigilant,
Dr. Dillamond



WHAT WICKED MEANS TO ME

BY MRS. AMY HARRISON

Dear Readers,

It was spring of 2004. I was a sophomore when I saw a book that caught my eye in the school library: *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire. This was the first adultified novel I devoured. Shortly there after, my best friend handed me a CD case with a green witch. Not to sound too dramatic, but my life changed that day. One might even say it changed... *For Good*.

I had already been a theatre nerd. This was not my first rodeo with belting the lead's show stopping number. I had played Annie many-a-time in the shower, starred as Annie Oakley in *Annie Get Your Gun*, memorized the lines of Fantine, and dreamed of playing Maureen in *Rent*. But *Wicked* was different.

What was it about the enchanting notes, the personality clash of Elphaba and Glinda, the true story being told at last? *Wicked* resonated with me, and still does to this day. It's in the way she is seen, the way she changes her destiny, the friendship between roommates. For me, *Wicked* the musical is so much more than femme power. *Wicked* taught me how to love those who are different. It taught me we all have a purpose. Sometimes things don't work out like we planned them. But all things will work out for good.

I want to take a space in this student project to explain how transformative it has been to be able to teach *Wicked* as a unit. I was transported to this magical world when I was the same age as these students I have taught. It is my hope and wish that they take these themes of love and acceptance and braverism, and use them in their future and dreams. Thank you to ASU Gammage for this opportunity. And thanks to the students for enjoying all the amazing things we've done!

Changed,
Mrs. Amy Harrison