The Tattoo

Teenagers need nurturing, not guns

By KARIN LEE

America’s parents are in a war zone, and among one of their war zones are their teenagers. The Scared, Hispanic, history teacher

I JUST WANT TO GO

I have no idea what I was thinking. I was just too afraid to say the wrong thing. I was scared.

I’m the middle of the crunch at the end of the school day. I’m looking up at the school where work is being done. I’m trying to make it through the day. The topics of today’s lunchroom chats are all over the place. Some are about the war in Iraq, some are about the new movie, but for me, it’s just a blur.

I’ll try to get there in time to see some of the first students leave. This is a middle school, and I’m only one of a few kids who go to the middle school. The other students are usually going to the high school, but I’m just waiting for the other kids to leave.

I think they’re pretty exciting. They have a huge amount of energy, but they also need some direction. They need to be encouraged, to be nurtured, and to be listened to.

Opinion

Teenagers are going through a lot of changes. They need to be known, to be understood, and to be accepted. They need to feel secure, and they need to feel loved. They need to know that they are not alone, and that they are not a burden.

The Prom: outated and overrated

By KATHY JORDAN

Dances don’t really encourage meeting people... the lights are so low you can hardly see. The music is often so loud that conversation is impossible.

If you were smart, would you put a bunch of teens together in a dark room where you can hardly hear your own voice? You wouldn’t think it was a good idea to get young people together.

The Prom is so overrated. It’s just a way for the schools to make some extra money. The students don’t really enjoy it. They’re just there to have a good time, but they’re not really enjoying themselves. They’re just there to get their picture taken and to have a good time.

Bristol Press

ESPN comes home for the X Trials

By MIKE KOSKI

The X Games are bringing one of their events home.

This year’s seventh annual summer games will be held in Bristol, Conn. The X Trials will take place from June 15-17, just in time for the X Games to take place the following week.

ESPN, Bristol’s dining sports network, will be streaming video of the event on its ESPN Extra channel.

The event is expected to bring tens of thousands of people into Bristol from around the region and extreme sports world, not to mention the millions of TV viewers watching from their couches.

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