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## Budzyn crowned Mr. Roosevelt

BY DEVIN CADE

Senior J.J. Budzyn was crowned Mr. Roosevelt 2009 on Thursday, April 30.

"My favorite section of the night was the opening dance because all of the guys were together and we did a great job," said Budzyn.

The evening began with what most contestants deemed as their favorite part, the opening dance.

The twelve contestants danced together in the routine the guys moved to- "Single Ladies", "Wild Thing", "Boom Boom Pow", "Calabria", and "Elevator".

"My favorite section was defiantly the dance routine that was choreographed by [senior] Megan Gurisko, it was a lot of fun," said Senior Jimmy Bommarito.

The contestants then participated in the athletic part of the competition. Senior Andrew VanDierenDonck's performance consisted of a yoga ball to match his outfit of spandex pants while senior Chris Trevino went for the surfer look with his brightly colored wet suit.

Senior Tim Berecz showed off his tennis skills while Budzyn attempted to show off his athletic abilities in a comedic routine.

Both the Yearbook class and S.A.D.D. took over the organizing of the competition, which lead to a few changes. The contestants got a break from being on stage while Wishing on Satellites performed two songs for the audience. Another intermission took place before the formal wear section when Sworn Rival performed.

Next was the talent competition which held many surprises for the audience.

"I chose to do my talent with Andrew because we are attached at the hip. We always have been, since we were knee high we've been best friends. So we figured we might as well do it together," said Budzyn.

Many of the competitors chose to sing during this portion of the night. Budzyn and



VanDierenDonck chose to do a duet, along with pulling audience members onto the stage.

Senior Eric Miller chose to play the piano and sing "Shadow of the Day" by Linkin Park. Senior Dario Farrugia sang "Lean on Me" by Al Green while Senior Mickey Bozymowski did a cover of "Letter to Me" by Brad Paisley.

Impersonations were another highlight with senior Antonio Junior's Michael Jackson and senior Dan Sabo also did an impersonation of Carlton from *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*.

"I think I did well, I mean I just really had fun," said Bommarito.

Other talents included playing the drums by Bommarito, magic tricks by Caleb Martin and Lucas Hrabnicky, dancing by Trevino and miming by Tim Berecz.

Next for the contestants was formal wear and

the interview questions. Hrabnicky chose to go away from the classic black suit in this category along with Farugia and VanDierenDonck. Hrabnicky wore a light purple jacket with plaid pants while VanDierenDonck wore an orange suit and Trevino wore and all white suit.

Often said by the competitors to be a challenging part of the evening, interview questions also occurred during this time.

"I was nervous as soon as we got out there," said Bommarito.

The top four of the night were Bommarito, Budzyn, VanDierenDonck, and Junior. These contestants were all asked another interview question.

"I thought J.J. Budzyn gave a pretty thorough response to a pretty deep question," said English teacher and judge Lela Blake.

## Swine Flu causes international anxiety

BY SAMI MICHEAL AND EMILY NOBLE

Due to an outbreak of Swine Influenza (Swine Flu), the World Health Organization (WHO) has moved up the worldwide pandemic alert level to Phase 5.

The Swine Flu is a virus among pigs caused by the swine influenza type A (H1N1) virus. To pigs, the Swine Flu is a common respiratory disease.

The Swine Flu is something that is not common to humans, but in some cases, like this, it can infect humans.

Symptoms of the Swine Flu are very similar to the symptoms of a regular flu. These symptoms are: coughing, fever, fatigue, sore-throat, headache, runny nose, chills, and body-aches. Other symptoms that have been reported are vomiting and diarrhea.

"[The Swine Flu] is like any other flu. The symptoms can be vomiting and diarrhea or a fever. Most people will have it before they know it. It will last for about a week," Heath Careers' teacher Trina Rooney said. "If you suspect you have it, you should go and see a doctor."

Most cases are said to be originating from Mexico, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued warnings to U.S. Citizens not to travel to Mexico unless it is absolutely necessary.

"[The government is] in a delicate situation where they have to be very aware of what is going on and yet not panic people unnecessarily. I think they have to walk a fine line and so far, they have," said English teacher Rob Keast.

Many cases have been confirmed in the U.S. and 36 states have infected people-Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas (one death), Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.

"Absolutely, [I believe my family is at risk]. My daughter lives in Austin, Texas and she just went to get checked because she was feeling terrible. [This flu] is very concerning to me," Falconberry said.

The only way to contract this virus is human-to-human contact.

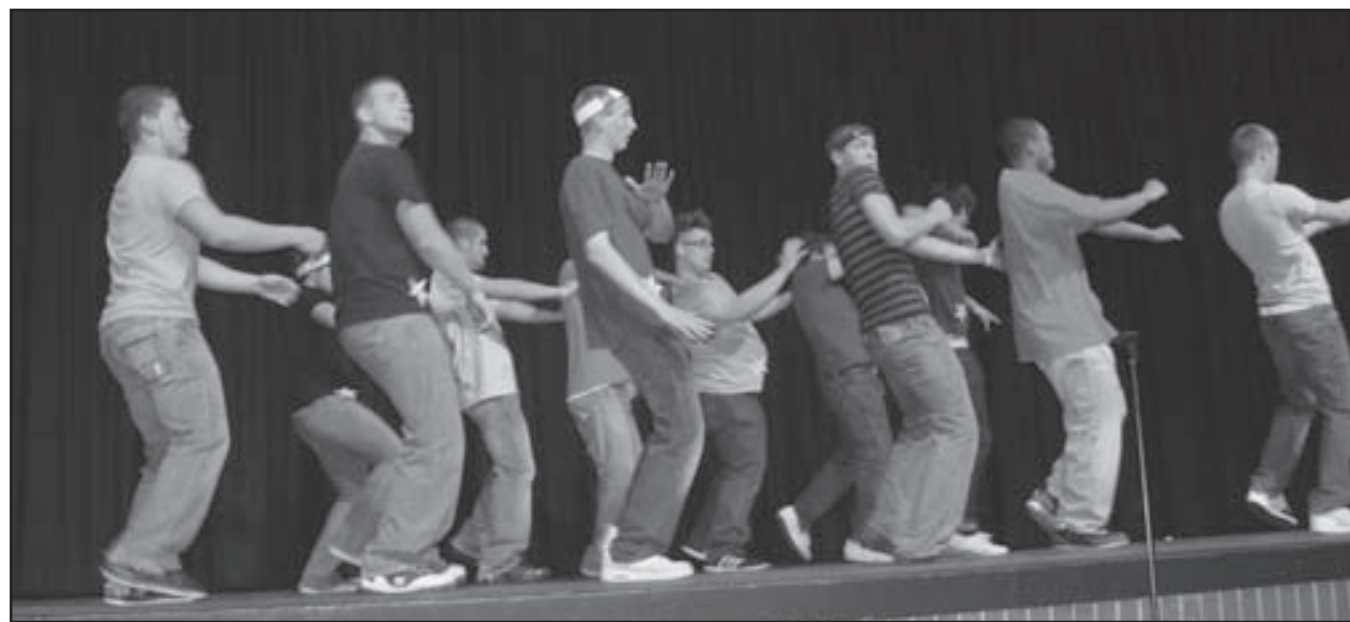
"The swine flu is a virus that is spread person to person through coughing, sneezing and talking," Rooney said.

Rumors are that by eating pork products you can get infected. This is false; when pork is cooked (at a minimal internal temperature of 160°F) all germs and bacteria are destroyed.

"There's not really much [the government] can do. They are shutting down schools if anyone is at risk of catching it," junior Katelyn Mills said.

Woodhaven schools have recently been shut down, due to suspicions that a student who recently traveled to Mexico might have contracted the Swine Flu.

For more up-to-date information on the Swine Flu, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>.



Top: The first runner-up Andrew VanDierenDonck and Mr. Roosevelt himself, J.J. Budzyn sang a duet and serenaded some ladies from the audience (and senior Adam Alsnayyan who was equally swooned) as their talent. Photo: Natalie Hauser  
Left: All of the Mr. Roosevelt contestants started off the competition with a routine choreographed by senior Yearbook student Megan Gurisko which included songs like "Single Ladies," "Wild Thang," and "Elevator". Photo: Natalie Hauser

## Obama's plan brings hope for auto industry

BY SHAWN LYNCH

All teenagers, when they get their license want their very own car. It is a given fact. So, President Obama's new plans could help many students and adults get a quality car of their own.

"I personally like the idea that the government would give me more money than my car is worth so I could buy a newer one," junior Will Jarosz said.

In President Obama's March press conference to the U.S., he exposed two plans which attempt to help struggling car sales in the US. The first plan would be to give a significant rebate when people buy a new car and trade or "scrap" their old one. However the car must meet several qualifications and must be over 10 years old. The next program that is trying to save the auto industry in Detroit is giving a tax credit to people who buy or lease cars between February 16 and December 31 of this year.

"It would definitely make it a little easier to buy a new car with all the incentives that are out there,"

junior Travis Elefritz said.

Many people such as Elefritz are really welcoming the plan but some are a little uneasy with the idea.

"I think the idea

would be good but some people like their cars and would rather spend the \$25,000 for a new car on something else," junior Adam Piechocki said.

This car in the student parking lot would be applicable for President Obama's new plans that were developed in hopes of raising sales in the auto industry. Photo: Shawn Lynch



college," Piechocki said.

The programs could open the doors to many people but, the programs would mostly help adults who are having trouble with the economy.

"Even if I could get more money for my car if I was buying a new one, I personally think that my explorer is just fine and I'm happy with it," Piechocki said.

The programs that Obama is trying to use have been tested and used in other countries like Germany. Obama hopes that these programs will increase sales on over 900,000 vehicles. This program could help General Motors who has until June 1 to pay back a debt of over a billion dollars.

"I really think that the plans that Obama is trying to use will help the auto industry and it's kind of scary to think that the once booming industry is really struggling," Elefritz said.

Piechocki believes that the programs may actually cause problems with students and other people getting themselves in debt because they were lured in on the idea of free money.

"Who is to say that I won't need that money in the future especially when I go off to