

MAKING HAPPY TRAILS AS WASHINGTON STATE'S HIGH SCHOOL RODEO QUEEN

By: Natalie Kinion

Many of you may not know that there is a queen amongst us; Amy Urbach is the Washington State High School Rodeo Queen and has been in reign since June of 1998.

June 12, 13, and 14 Amy competed for the Miss Washington State High School Rodeo Association. She had to contend in four different areas. First, she gave a speech about Washington State, using agriculture, history, and business as the main points of it. Along with that speech, she had to answer two impromptu questions about her topic. The next competition was your basic beauty pageant competition, she modeled a western outfit that was made of suede.

Horsemanship was her favorite competition because she has been around horses for along time. She had to do two different riding patterns; one was a basic reigning pattern (walk, trot, run, and lope a horse) and the other was to carry a flag last competition was a personal interview.

Amy sat down with all six judges viewed about herself; dreams, what she would do to promote if she were queen. Of all these won the speech contest, the personal interview, and Miss Washington state competitions she

After she won the Miss Washington many obligations some of which tionsals and compete for the National title, to arrange all Grand Entrees for all high school rodeos, to be in parades, to promote high school sent the WSHSRA. Amy said ssarily required, but it's up to you to decide how good of a queen you want to be."

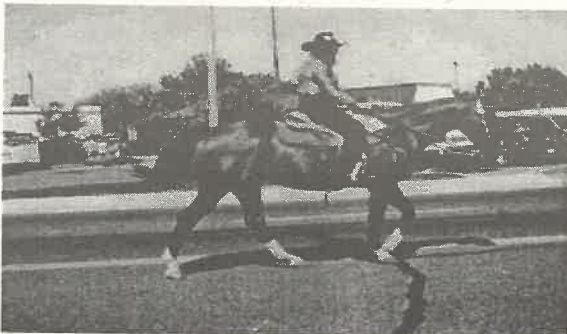


The National High School Rodeo was two weeks long and Amy had to basically do the same Washington State competitions all over again. There were forty-three girls from all different states competing for the National title. Amy didn't win, but she wasn't there to win the title; "I did it to like," said Amy "It's something Nationals was "I liked signing Nationals. I Always wrote 'The Wishes! Amy Urbach."

The reason Amy went for ro-
"everyone encouraged me to
the image of the queen of the
Washington State High School
Through this competition, Amy
ships which she will apply for
top athlete in your rodeo event,
ship money.

Amy competes in the high school rodeos as well as reign over them. Barrel racing and break-away roping are her two events. She has two horses that she brings with her; "Fanny" and "Tickles." Tickles is a strawberry roan quarter horse that Amy uses for barrel racing and Fanny is a sorrel quarterhorse that runs in with Amy and carries the flags, etc.

If you are interested in watching a high school rodeo or just want to see Amy ride in a Grand Entry, then October tenth and eleventh you should be at the Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds. The Tri-City High School Rodeo club is putting on the rodeo and Amy will be in both the Grand Entry and compete in barrel racing and break-away roping. There will also be a dance Saturday night at the fairgrounds and Amy says "They are a lot of fun and we don't play only country music. It's super fun!" A small fee will be charged to get into the dance, but the rodeo is free. Amy would love to see you there.



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Is it just me, or is the Tri-City Herald Sports Section a little **BIASED?**

By: Jennifer Holzer

You know those little inside jokes that everyone takes pretty lightly even though there is some truth and strong opinions behind all the kidding? In WASCO one of our inside jokes refers to something we call "The Kamiakin High Newspaper". Now if you didn't know what we were talking about you'd probably figure we were just putting down Kamiakin in yet another way. However, we are actually lovingly referring to what others know as The Tri-City Herald.

As a whole, the Tri-City Herald is great and all, but one biased section is not trying to hide the fact that they feel Pasco is inferior to Kennewick and even Richland schools. Many Pascoites have noticed numerous times that the Sports section of the Herald is leaving Pasco out of some highly earned spotlights and recognition.

One of the biggest examples that comes to mind is the Pasco Invite picture and write-up last spring. I do

recall the fact that Pasco girls won it for the first time ever along with the first ever joint team title, but the picture was of Kamiakin's Lindsey Johnson clearing a hurdle and the headline read "Tri-Cities Right On Track At Pasco Invite". The sub headline was

has the huge picture and write up the day before? Kamiakin. It's great that they won the match the night before, but our sweep was just a little paragraph tucked underneath. I also find it ridiculous the way that football this year is, according to the Herald headlines, slipping or skirting around the competition. Without

"supporting all the Big 9 schools" even though he was wearing a red polo shirt underneath a yellow sweater. A fellow Wascoite and employee of the Herald suggested that the reason might be that most of the Herald's subscribers live in Kennewick. If I'm not mistaken, we subscribers in

they shouldn't read about it. Whatever the reason is for not recognizing Pasco's athletes, it isn't necessary. I wonder if anyone in Kennewick or Richland notice it or if it's just Pasco. I doubt something so obvious to so many could be unnoticed.

I'm not trying to say that every time we win we don't have a worthy headline. Lately there have been some pretty good ones. I'm just saying that more times than not we have been overlooked unjustly. I guess the best thing we can do is just prove them wrong by totally dominating the Big 9. So far we're doing just that with our fall sports. So let's just hand together and beat Kennewick and Kamiakin even if we know we might not get the recognition. At least we know who's the best and you'll always have the good 'ole WASCO to back you up on that.

"...leaving Pasco out of some highly earned spotlights and recognition."

"Best Finish for Braves Since '87". I'm sorry, but BIG DEAL! Hey, way to go braves, but Pasco beat you and won it all with hardly a sentence of congratulations. Another example is volleyball this year. We were totally undefeated going into the Kamiakin match, but who

reading the article you'd assume the game went into overtime.

The reason for this obvious favoritism is unknown by me, but it could be several things. Maybe the staff working on the sports section are the culprits. At the state track meet last year a Pasco girl was talking to a reporter who told her he was there

Pasco pay the same charge for the Herald. If it's the fact that Kennewick residents want a pat on the back for having such "exceptional" athletes, maybe they should face the fact that their kids are also getting beaten by the ghetto kids from across the river. If they can't handle losing, maybe

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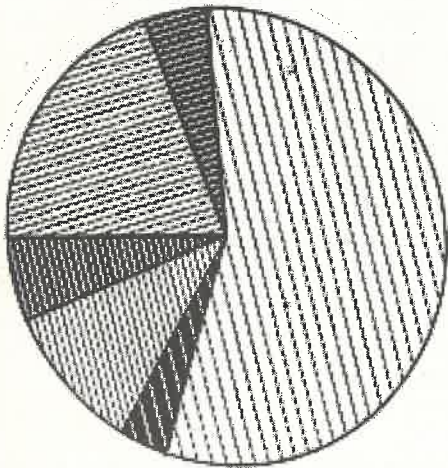
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WHERE'S EVERYONE AFTER SCHOOL?



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SOCCER	5.8%
OTHER	19.8%
BAND	4.7%
GO HOME	55.8%
VOLLEYBALL	3.5%

DECA BIGGER THAN EVER

By: Chantel Liebing

This year, thanks to last years DECA students who took the time to recruit incoming freshman ("Thanks Barrett," Ms. Cooley). Pasco High School DECA has become the biggest DECA program in the state. Not only is it the biggest in the state, but it is also the biggest DECA program that Pasco High School has ever had. Approximately 300 students are enrolled into DECA. This is a great advantage for us because "we are recognized by the community and we let them know that we mean business," stated Ms. Cooley.

In case you are wondering what DECA does, "it is a class that teaches great marketing skills to those who are interested in business techniques or starting their own business," replied Ms. Cooley. Andrew Davis enrolled into DECA because his goal is to one day own his own business after he gets out of school. So what are the goals for the DECA students

this year? "We plan to blow the world away at state," said Ms. Cooley.

"We are all proud to have at Pasco High School Nashuntae Pleasant to represent Pasco High School as Washington State DECA president," said Ms. Cooley. Last year Nashante Pleasant participated in a state competition in March. In order for Nashuntae to become a state DECA president she had to campaign, test, and interview. Her job is to make sure that the program that DECA puts on is ran smoothly and she has to meet with the corporate sponsors. She also has to travel to other area schools to promote upcoming conferences and gather any questions or ideas for upcoming events. If this sounds hard to you, "yes, sometimes it is, everybody looks at you as a president and they pay attention to anything that you do," said Nashuntae. But talking with Nashuntae you can tell that to her DECA is a worthwhile and rewarding program.

DECA's first trip will be a fall leadership conference (October 15th-17th), but this is not a competition. Thirty students will go to learn leadership skills, attend seminars about business, and prepare for upcoming competition events.

This year Elizabeth Lahtinen is the new DECA president for the school's DECA program. She works hard each day to make sure that DECA is ran efficiently and right. "You can always count on Elizabeth to get the job done and her leadership skills go beyond the expectation," said Vickie Monteagudo.

I am sure that every DECA student would agree that their job as a DECA member is to, "represent Pasco high School as being one of the best DECA organization in the state," said Andrew Davis.

So good luck to those of you who are representing Pasco High School as a DECA student and we look forward to hear of you successes at state.

The Adventures of Mr. Adams

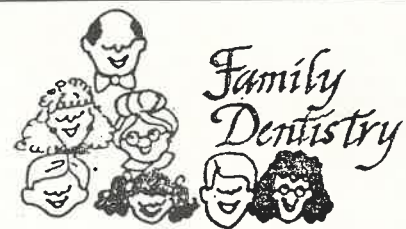
By: Danyelle Walsh

Imagine yourself in one of the most beautiful places in the world. Backpacking across the terrain, spending your nights sleeping on the beach, and down right enjoying every aspect of your life for seven months. One of our teachers here at good old PHS did experience this "good life" about four years ago with his wife. Keyboarding teacher Mr. Adams and his wife, Lucinda Kay took an extended Honeymoon to Central America where they were able to visit Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Venezuela, and Honduras. Most of their time was spent in Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras where they saw some amazing sights. They visited the Copan Ruins in Honduras, saw wild-life such as jaguars, monkeys and giant turtles throughout the

"...spending your nights sleeping on the beach..."

country side, and Mr. Adams was also able to climb an active volcano in Guatemala. During these seven months Mr. Adams and his wife were able to meet many other tourists from the United States and Canada and also had a great opportunity to work on their Spanish.

This past summer Mr. Adams was also able to go to Ecuador for one month. In Ecuador Mr. Adams went to language school for three weeks, climbed a 15,000 ft. mountain, swam under giant waterfalls, eat ginny pig in an Indian village and still had time to spend in Jamaica and Puerto Rico. Mr. Adams suggests traveling to everyone who can afford to take the venture. "Traveling is a great way to broaden your ideas of the world," quoted Adams. "I worked for about fifteen for some oil companies before I was able to go on these trips, and believe me it is well worth it!"



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101 Reasons Pets Are Cool

By: Emily Fox

Animals seem to have no purpose. "That's a lie," said a worker at the Benton Franklin County Humane Society. "Without animals there'd be no meat in the grocery store, a lot of lonely people, no transportation in the olden days, and no natural fertilizer." Carolyn Luksic feels "Greatly affected by the disappearance of endangered species. When me and Caitlin go camping and we bring our husbands and our children and there are no bears to eat our food, and no chipmunks for our kids to feed, it will not be enjoyable to go camping."

The Humane Society sees not spaying and neutering pets, as the biggest of our animal problems. They said one animal can have 17000 animals in it's lifetime. Dogs can have a reproduction rate of 15 times that of man, and cats 30-45 times that of man. Each day 10,000 humans are born in the U.S., and each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. Every hour there are 2,500 to 3,000 puppies and kittens born in the U.S. Every year 6.5 million dogs and cats are euthanized... meaning killed. That's a lot of puppies and kittens!

Are animals important besides the fact they fertilize the ground? A worker at the humane society said, "I don't know if you can convince anyone of the importance of animals, until you fall in love with one."

PHS Leaders Getting Interhigh

By: Blanca Torres

Mostly every month, a school in the Mid-Columbia hosts what is called an Interhigh. An interhigh is a mini-conference meeting between about 10 schools in the Mid-Columbia Interhigh region including Pasco, Richland, Kennewick, Kamiakin, Walla Walla, Southridge, Columbia-Burbank, Kiona-Benton, Connell and Hanford High Schools. Leadership students, most often class or ASB officers, attend interhighs to exchange ideas and get to know leaders from other schools.

Every interhigh has its own topic related to leadership such as budgeting, stimulating school spirit, Homecoming ideas, running elections, publicizing events, running ASB meetings, fundraising and getting kids involved in school activities.

Most often, two or three students from each school will attend. The interhigh starts off with an icebreaker or a get-to-know-one-another activity. The atmosphere is usually enthusiastic with people giving each other hi-fives and saying "Yeah leadership!" a lot.

Things can get a little scary when you get a bunch of leader, over-achiever types together.

During the past year, the Mid-Columbia Interhigh has been using its interhighs to work on the Washington Association of Student Councils leadership conference that is going to be held in Richland Oct. 9-11. The conference is put-on every year in October by a school somewhere in the state of Washington. Richland offered to host the conference this year and without being given a choice, all the other schools in the Mid-Columbia interhigh have to help out. That's called delegating, another skill you can learn at an interhigh.

Interhighs are not limited to kids just in leadership class here at Pasco High. Club officers or members can also attend. If you're interested in going to an interhigh, talk to the Pasco High Interhigh Representative Blanca Torres.

Parking Lot Traumas



By Katie Gray

Pulling in and out of our student parking lot has almost become a demolition derby. We have run across some safety issues as students get in more and more accidents each year. One problem, being the amount of people in our school and secondly the amount of room available for those people.

ShaRae Howard, a junior, has had one accident in our parking lot. She says that people get in accidents when drivers aren't paying attention to each other. "They're too busy focusing on other people in the car with them or hurrying to their destination after school." When asked what she thought we could do as a school to help prevent accidents, she said that we need an expansion of the parking area.

Quinn Bragg, also a junior, has been in one accident. He says, "the speed limits to the parking lots are good, but kids don't follow them. Maybe to help prevent accidents we could have harsher punishments for speed violators." Along with the excess of speeding, Quinn complains that there are too many people in our small parking lot and more space would be beneficial to our school.

Senior Sarah Baker, who has been in four accidents, also agrees that we need more space in our parking lots. Sarah adds that "the reasons why there are so many accidents in our parking lot is because people are really careless." In addition, Sarah says that a way to help prevent some accidents would be a drop-off zone for parents taking underclassmen to school. "Parents either stop right in front of you or pull out in front of you, it's too busy in the mornings when so many people are coming in for the parents to be doing that."

As always, safety is a prominent issue in our school. Although a few features were added to our parking lot to help with accident-prone areas, the major focus should be put on space. Too many people are in our parking lot now, just think of how full it will be in the Spring when sophomores start getting their licences. So according to those interviewed, until we have a solution to our parking lot problem, we should all slow down and pay attention to what we are doing.



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The Bikestreet Boys

By: Emily Fox

"Getting big air, and landing a fat trick," is what makes Stephan Haun and Justin Travellor love the sport of trick bike riding. These two sophomores are crazy maniacs, when it comes to biking.

They're not professionals, but as Justin says, "We're pretty darn good." Scuffing, grinding, bar spins and tailwhips are only a few of the complicated tricks they perform. Balance and coordination are important factors for doing trick riding. "If you don't land good you'll get hurt," says

Getting big air, and landing a big fat trick.-Stephan Haun

Justin. When asked about what safety gear they wear, Justin replied, "No helmets, just my leather boots, and bike gloves."

The bikes they use are special bikes, ranging in price from 250-600 dollars. There are 4 pegs to put your feet on, and a gyro for brakes. "The gyrios is so you can spin your handle bars without the brake cable getting caught in a spin," says Stephan. "It's not easy, but it's not hard. There's a lot of places you can do it." Catch Justin and Stephan at Food Pavilion, the bank, and McLoughlin doing their awesome tricks.

Volunteering Our Time

by Kori Fish

Serving others is something we all can improve on. Can any of us honestly say that we give back to others a fraction of what is given to us? Volunteering time and energy to serve a bigger cause is something everyone should do, but very few people actually do go out of their way to help others. At this time in our lives (our teenage years) we should work extra hard on developing the habit of helping others and being a generally kind person. Sure, we all have our lazy or grouchy times, and that's okay. However sometimes we should put our problems and concern for ourselves aside, and try to lighten other's burdens. There has been times in all of our lives that we wished someone would reach out and help us through one of our dilemmas. We expect others to help us, but we never are very willing to help them. The time for all of us to get rid of our own selfishness is long past due, all of us need to take action now and start doing our part.

There are many places to volunteer. The local hospitals, nursing homes, and Humane Society all have volunteer programs. People are needed very badly, and any amount of help is greatly appreciated. You can contact any of the above places and tell them that you want to volunteer, and they are more than willing to help get you started. If you aren't interested in working at the hospitals, nursing homes, or the Humane Society you can always call the Volunteer Hotline at 1-800-464-6625 to find a program that suits your interest and abilities better.

So maybe you feel you don't have enough time to volunteer. Well, there is still things you can do to help others. Sometimes just the little things make a big difference. Say hi to someone who is shy. Help someone pick up their papers when they drop them. Say please, thank you and sorry. Small acts of kindness such as these can totally turn someone's day around. You don't have to accomplish magnificent feats to make a difference, the little things we do can have a great effect on others. Something that can only take a few seconds, or something we might think is insignificant, cooled mean the world to someone else..

You may be asking yourself, what would I get out of helping others or volunteering my time? Well, if you have ever experienced the satisfaction of helping another, you would know that is enough. For those who could care less about the sense of accomplishment that assisting others provides, you could just do it to help yourself. Colleges search for kids who have volunteered. If they see that you have done volunteer work, you have a much greater chance of being accepted. One other way that helping others will benefit you is how it changes your outlook on life. If you see what trials others are going through, your problems can seem smaller than what you had thought at first. So help other, help yourself. Volunteering your time and energy can not hurt anyone, it only lifts others and yourself up. So get started, do the little things and give to others, not yourself.

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Millions of Options At Mark Twain

- Elementary students at Mark Twain are beginning to be exposed "to arts and more".

By: Nick Scaief

Every Wednesday, Mark Twain Elementary is trying something new. "We're calling it 'The Arts and More,'" says the school's principal, Cal Bacon. Recent research has shown that kids who are given a creative outlet at a young age tend to excel academically as they get older. Mrs. Bacon decided the school needed to take advantage of this and begin exposing kids to arts. Now once a week, kids will spend a one hour block of time in a focus group learning some type of creative skill. Kids will stay in the same topic of focus for nine weeks and then switch to a new area of study. At the end of each nine week block, each focus will perform or present their group's craft for the student body. The activities include such things as woodworking, music, beginning foreign language, and theater. The activities will be taught by teachers at the school who do the same activities as hobbies at home. Later, the school hopes to get volunteers from the community with special arts skills to come in and help out. Plans for cooperation with Pasco High's vocational department are also in the works. So far, there aren't any plans to implement the program in the district's other schools.

Pizza Pranks

By: KC Andres & Pat Hines

Are you too cheep to take your homecoming date to a sit down restaurant? Then take these helpful hints and order your date a pizza. Call the pizza place of your choice and order using the following tips:

- Ask if you can get a pizza with just crust, no toppings.
- Call a delivery-only pizza store and insist on "dining in."
- Terminate the call with, "Remember, we never had this conversation."
- Give them your address, exclaim "Oh, just surprise me!" and hang up.
- Don't name the toppings you want - spell them out.
- Ask what the order taker is wearing.
- Say hello, act stunned for five seconds, then behave as if they called you.
- Change your accent every three seconds.
- Try to rent a pizza.
- Move the mouthpiece farther and farther from your lips as you speak. When the call ends, jerk the mouthpiece back into place and scream goodbye at the top of your lungs.
- Imitate the order taker's voice.
- Amuse the order taker with little-known facts about country music.
- Ask to see a menu.
- Order a slice, not a whole pizza.
- Doze off in the middle of the order, catch yourself, and say "Where was I? Who are you?"
- Ask what their phone number is. Hang up, call them, and ask again.
- Order two toppings, then say, "No, they'll start fighting."
- Tell the order taker to tell the manager to tell his supervisor he's fired.
- Using a touch-tone phone, press 9-1-1 every 5 seconds throughout the order.
- Ask if they're familiar with the term "spanking a pizza." Make up a description to go with the term. Ask that this be done to your pizza.
- Ask if they would like to sample your pizza. Suggest an even trade.
- Put them on hold.
- Make the first topping you order mushrooms. Make the last thing you say "No mushrooms, please." Hang up before they have a chance to respond.
- Order a one-inch pizza.
- When they say "Will that be all?" snicker and say "We'll find out, won't we?"

Poppin' the Big Question

By: Patrick Hines and K.C. Andres

Are you having trouble finding a ways to ask your date. Here are the Top 10 Ways to Ask Your Date to Homecoming of 1998.

10. Have a friend ask for you.
9. Take her to McDonald's and spell it out in ketchup.
8. Bring her a bouquet of weeds.
7. Send her a letter through the mail.
6. Sit by her bed and when she wakes up, ask her.
5. Kick her in the shins!
4. Take her to the cemetery.
3. Leave a message with her mom.
2. Put an ad in the Tri-City Herald.
1. Put on your tux and ask someone at the dance.

Ask Dr. Cecil

By: KC Andres & Pat Hines

Question #1- I'm a junior and I'm extremely obese. The few freinds I have say it is totally understandable that I will never have a boyfriend. Several diets I have tried resulted in failure. You're my last chance what should I do?

Response- refer to #'s 6, 9, and 2.

Question #2- It is my Freshman year of high school and I'm currently failing 3 classes and don't know how to tell my parents. Should I come clean or try to sneak by?

Response- refer to #'s 11, 16, and 18.

Question #3- The past year I have acquired a new group of friends. They're cool and all, but they constantly pressure me into risky situations. How do I say "no" without losing them as friends.

Response- refer to #'s 3 and 4.

The answers contained here will not make you rich. Nor will they assist you in your pursuit of fame, fortune, or happiness. They won't help you get attractive dates, stop you from going bald, show you how to make a million from real estate you don't own, or tell you how to give your seventy-three-year-old skin a youthful glow. These are answers for you to use at your discretion in everyday circumstances. They are about relationships, belief systems, romance (or lack thereof), and ultimately death. Oh yah, they are totally pointless and useless.

1. Trust me, I do this all the time.
2. I'm just not ready to make a commitment..
3. No.
4. NO!
5. No, there's nothing wrong with my pancreas. Why do you ask?
6. Unloaded.
7. If I HAD three pennies, I would have given them to you.
8. I could tell you, but then I'd have to kill you.
9. I have a high metabolism.
10. Forty-Two, maybe fifty.
11. I was absent that day.
12. But if I tie it looser, that'll defeat the purpose.
13. I'm not authorized to release that information.
14. If the Clorox doesn't get it, try a mixture of lemon juice and muriatic acid.
15. Define love.
16. You'll break your mother's heart.
17. I had it done when I was in boot camp.
18. When hell freezes over.
19. Because the world would be a lot better off if things were done my way all the time.
20. I mailed it yesterday. It should be there by the end of the week.
21. I ran out of stamps.
22. No, honestly. I can't taste the freezer burn.
23. To make as much money as humanly possible as quickly as possible while expending the least amount of effort.



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Primary Election Results

By: Josh Nerpel

With the begining of fall and the month of September come the primary elections. The Primary elections consist of politicians of the same party battling it out to see who will get their place on the November ballot. The primaries also give us an idea of who the voters seem to favor for the final election in November.

In Franklin County the voters did not have a great deal to choose from along the lines of voting options with the majority of incumbents going unopposed on the ballot. One of only two local races was the race for Coroner, which is being sought by the incumbent Coroner, Dan Blasdel, a Republican and Patrick Fay the Democratic candidate. Dan Blasdel recieved the majority of the votes with an unofficial count of 3,373 with Patrick Fay trailing with 1,761. The other local race on the ballot was for the position of Franklin County Sheriff. The Republican incumbent, Richard Lathim took the majority of the votes with an unofficial total of 3,385. Trailing Lathim is Democrat Steve Hargraves, a Franklin County Sheriffs deputy, with an unofficial total of 1,965 votes. These races are merely previews of the results that we will see in November.

Also on the primary ballot was the race for US Senator. This race included 13 different candidates: 5 Democrats, 4 Republicans, 3 Reform party candidates, and 1 candidate from the Socialist Workers party. The winner from the Democratic party, who will be on the November ballot, is Democratic incumbent Patty Murray, who took second in the total vote count. The Republican candidate for the November ballot will be Linda Smith who received the most votes over all. The other two candidates who will appear on the November ballot are Mike The Mover, from the Reform Party and Nan Bailly from the Socialist Worker Party. The last race on the primary ballot was the race for US Representative 4th District. There were 4 candidates in this race; 1 Democrat, 1 Republican, and 2 Reform party members. The two largest vote getters in this race were Republican incumbent Doc Hastings and the Democratic candidate Gorden Allen Pross. They will both represent their parties on the ballot in the November elections.

The facts in this article regarding statewide elections only show the vote count in Franklin County not in the entire state.

WASC Coming to the Tri-Cities

By: Blanca Torres

During the second weekend in October, the Tri-Cities will be bombarded by 1,300 leadership students coming here to attend the Washington Association of Student Councils (WASC) conference.

The official site of the 3-day conference is Richland High School. Each year the conference is held in a different city in the state of Washington, last year it was in Everett. Kamiakin hosted WASC back in 1993.

Approximately 10 schools in our area including Pasco, Kennewick, Columbia-Burbank, Connell, Kiona-Benton, Walla Walla, Kamiakin and Southridge have been working with Richland High to plan the conference and house students. Seniors Kerry Bruce, Amber Cox and Blanca Torres have been working on the WASC committee with Mr. Dong, the ASB advisor. A little more than 40 Pasco High families will be hosting a total of 125 students.

During the conference, students will attend workshops, hear speakers, complete a service project with the local Reading Foundation and meet other leaders from around the state. This year is the first year a service project will be part of the agenda.

Most high schools in the state send students to the conference and the amount is determined by the size of the school or their budget. The students will arrive on Friday, Oct. 9 with advisors with their school. On Friday, they get a goodie-bag, attend the opening assembly and visit vendor and information booths.

Around 5 p.m. They are sent to the school that is hosting them and are picked up by their host family. That night they get acquainted with their host family and usually do something fun like going to a movie or a football game. Pasco High will be playing a home game against Southridge that night, so you may see some new faces there.

Saturdays activities involve the workshops, service project, more speakers and the highlight of the conference: the dance. Other than music, there will also be karaoke, sumo suits and a game room. Sorry, but only students attending the conference and those hosting can attend the dance.

On Sunday, it's time to go home. The students have a final general session featuring another speaker, live entertainment and usually some prize giveaways.

This conference has been a massive work effort between all the schools involved, but it promises to be awesome.

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The Corn Maze Craze



By: Leslie Jones

Honestly, the idea of wandering around aimlessly in a corn field, sounded at first, extremely corny (no pun intended). But hey, you know what they say, "Don't know it 'til you try it"... and so I did. I was completely shocked. I'm here to say that corn mazes are the coolest and funnest activity our area has had in a heck of a long time.

A woman at the Rd. 100 maze told me that my reaction is exactly what they hoped for. "Corn mazes are something new and different," she said, "I grew up in the Tri-Cities, so I can completely sympathize with everyone being limited to only movies and bowling." Playing in citting than say, miniture golf. One trip through costs just \$5, but if you stop by Burger Ranch or other supporters, you can get a \$1 off coupon. BONUS!

Currently there are two mazes in Pasco: (1) Rd. 100 and Argent- This maze is especially known because of its detailed shape of Washington state. From helicopter view, you can definitely see the shape of our home state scrolled in by the paths in the maze itself, as well as the word "Washington" written at the top. (2) Rd.68 and Selph Landing- This edition is even bigger, and slightly easier for the faint at heart. If you need a hint or become too exhausted- cheat sheets and escape routes are scattered throughout.

There are a few rules and guidelines I've gathered that would be smart to consider. First rule of thumb, don't start walking until it's dark. It just seems to make the whole experience that much more exciting. Its smart to bring a flashlight, although flashlights are available to rent for \$1, with a \$2 deposit. I suppose if you're really brave, you can descend empty-handed; however with the sheltering stalks its guaranteed to be almost pitch black. Also keep in mind, the choice of fashion you choose to sport. It gets pretty cool at night this time of year, and leave your attractive, white shoes at home in your closet. With that, the only thing left to say is give yourself at least an hour, for the quickest you'll probably escape is a lengthy 45 minutes.

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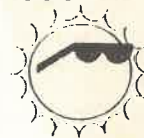
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For I.D. Badges

By: Kori Fish

Have you ever wondered what the exact rules and consequences for not having your I.D. badge are? Well, here is the official document:

* For the safety and welfare of our students, Pasco School District requires its high school students to wear identification badges at all times while on campus.

* Students are to wear pictured ID badges given to them at the beginning of the school year. Students may not deface their pictures or their student numbers. ID badges will be worn on a plastic tear away lanyard around the neck so that the student's name and picture are clearly visible.

* Students who lose, misplace, or deface their ID badges will be charged a \$5.00 replacement fee. Parents will be notified of multiple charges or purchases of ID badges.

* Two temporary ID badges will be issued per semester to students who forget their badges.

* Students who abuse the ID badge policy will be disciplined. This may include placement in time out, or a short-term suspension with a parent conference. Students will not be sent home to retrieve their badges.

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) requires students to immediately identify themselves to any staff member who asked.

PHS:

A Pro-Active School

By: Katie Gray

Safety at PHS has become a major issue among students and staff. Because of the opinions formed on I.D. badges, hall vests and dress codes, many controversies have occurred within our school.

When Mr. Morgan was interviewed he admitted that there are negatives to the safety precautions taken here. These issues consist of the cost and time put into enforcing the rules while taking away from the educational process. Mr. Morgan says that we are a "pro-active" school rather than a "re-active" school. This means that instead of waiting for something to happen, we prevent it from happening. Mr. Morgan suggested that to help promote school safety as students, we should talk to staff so the school can become aware of potential dangers. "The number one goal is to make sure everyone in the school is safe and that the educational process can take place without threats." Ensuring the safety of our school, means people getting involved. Parents, teachers and students can form support or informational groups to educate people about existing dangers at our school or at other schools in America.

Christie Prewett, a senior supports the wearing of I.D. badges and vests. "It lets us know who's supposed to be here and who's not. It keeps the people who don't want to be here out and helps the student who really wants to be here safe." Christie agrees with Mr. Morgan in promoting school safety by letting students know that it's okay to tell a teacher or administrator when you see something "fishy" going on.

Most people like Dustin Knight don't like wearing the I.D. badges and vests, but it has become a normality in our school and isn't a big deal anymore. This senior thinks that I.D. badges are just another responsibility for students to have to remember. "It's just a little extra thing that you can forget about pretty easy, especially if you are running late. You can either be late going home to get it, or be late getting a temporary. Either way, it's just something that is more of a nuisance than help to me." Dustin thinks that upperclassmen need to set a good example for the new Bulldogs to follow by obeying school rules.

By now, everyone should be used to these rules and should know that everything is only for our safety. Just wear the badge and vest, it's not that big of a deal. If everyone would just follow the rules we wouldn't have to hear about those that break them all of the time. Pasco High would be better off if everyone would quit worrying about these minor safety precautions. We are here to learn, not to fight about what we should be able to wear and what we shouldn't have to wear.

By: Vicki Monteagudo

Many students and faculty don't bathe. They are designed to protect us. Mr. Guajardo considers these actions to prevent irrational outbreaks in our environment. Because the current rules are strict, we have a safe environment.

Even our very own security guard, Mr. Florescent vests have cut down considerably to identify all twenty four hundred students.

I have to admit that two years ago the school was not as safe as it is now. I myself and friends tucking in our shirts. I have seen other schools around the state. In fact, I have been listening to the other representatives I have met.

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By: Brooklynn Mitchell

So you thought that if you didn't bathe. Well think again. We have this new rule. Every time, you get safety school. How's that? Can they do that? Yeah, sorry to say it, but just wasn't working. You would just sit at home. On top of safety school you still get the same.

Some kids think that this new rule is just to remember their badges or will they forget? They have to remember that the school is only here to help you. You could be thought of as an "outsider" in a situation with our teachers, but we never give up. One will continue to be safe.

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Showtime

The Wasco, October 8, 1998

The Super WASCO critics rate the summer's HOTTEST flicks.

"THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY"

By: Jenn

It's not everyday that a movie comes out so obviously ridiculous that it's successfully hilarious. There's Something About Mary starred Ben Stiller, Cameron Diaz, and Matt Dillon. Stiller's character Ted is still in love with his high school crush, Mary (Diaz). Mary and Ted were supposed to go to prom, but while using the bathroom in Mary's house, Ted manages to painfully zip himself up in his pants. So several years later, Ted decides to find Mary and hires a secret agent named Pat (Dillon). While he is spying on Mary, he falls in love with her and reports back to Ted that Mary is fat, in a wheelchair, and has children. After a small amount of time, Ted decides he doesn't care what she looks like, and flies to California to find her. Meanwhile Pat has picked up and moved to live in the same town and be her boyfriend considering he knows all her needs from spying on her.

So amid this tangled web comes hilarious scenes involving an old, sun-baked woman, a dog in a full body cast, and, of course, the zipper. More characters are introduced including Mary's ex-boyfriend, Brett Favre. This movie brings back the kind of slapstick humor that we all remember from just about any Chris Farley movie. I'm not sure if the movie would be as funny the second time around, but it is so hilarious the first time, you will either walk out of the theatre with a sore stomach or tears in your eyes from laughing so hard. So if you haven't seen it yet, just wait and rent it. I guarantee it will at least make you chuckle.

HOPE FLOATS

By: Super Critics Nat-Man & Les-Flee

Just before summer began, a new movie that many would categorize as a "chick flick", hit the local box offices, and swept many hearts away. Sandra Bullock and Harry Connick Jr. starred in the hit drama, *Hope Floats*.

Birdie is a down home American wife (played by Bullock), who is humiliated on national television when her husband, a high school sweetheart, admits his affair with

Birdie's best friend. With her marriage suddenly lying in pieces before her, Birdie heads home to a small podunk town with her unforgettable and adorable daughter to live with her mother. Birdie hibernates from the world, avoiding the fact that she suddenly needs to build a new life; however her match-making mom has other plans that include a handsome high school friend, played by Connick Jr..

Hope Floats is simply a romantic tear jerker, leaving the audience either all warm and fuzzy, or sniffing and sobbing. Which ever reaction a specific audience experiences, its extremely likely that everyone would agree that, all in all, its an awesome film with a wonderful plot. Although Birdie's heart was close to completely crumbling in pieces, falling in love makes her "hope float", which somehow shares her wonderful feeling with all of us.

TRUMANIA

by Wasco staff

The Truman Show was not just another Jim Carrey flic. While amusing in several places, the movie proved a departure from his usual slapstick, laugh-a-minute comedy. Audiences, however, still seemed pleased by the product as they sat and watched in crowded theatres everywhere.

By now, everyone knows the basic story; Carrey is a young man whose entire life has been the subject of a popular TV show. From birth to the present, his every breath has been before a live audience. The movie follows him as he begins to awaken to the fact that something is not exactly right in his world. He discovers that even his wife and his bestfriend are in on the hoax. His life was perfect except that his father died when he was a little boy, actually he was taken off the show. As Truman grew up he wondered what happened to his father. Then one day he saw a man walking down the street who looked awfully familiar. He looked like Truman's father. That was the point where Truman started to figure out that he lived in a fake world. He discovered the truth and made his escape from Seahaven.

"ARMAGEDDON"

By: Hana Merk and Alissa Schneider

If you really want to sit in a theater for over two hours and bawl your eyes out over the end of the world, Armageddon is the movie for you. Starring Bruce Willis, Liv Tyler, Billy Bob Thornton, and hottie Ben Affleck, Armageddon will pull you to the edge of your chair in suspense and push you back into it in tears. Ben Affleck is A.J., a young smart-aleck who is in love with the boss's daughter, but the couple hasn't told Harry, the father played by an amazing Bruce Willis. When he finds out, he fires A.J. Meanwhile, the world is coming to an end as an asteroid "the size of Texas" is hurtling towards the Earth. NASA calls in the world's best deep core drillers (Harry's company) to blow the asteroid from the inside.

The comedy of this movie is found when they are training these losers to be astronauts; these guys aren't exactly the people you would trust to save the planet. However, they have heart and moviegoers find themselves rooting for these misfits. The father-daughter relationship played out between Tyler and Willis is at times strained, yet his love for the daughter he has raised on his own is what helps to make this movie so heart-wrenching.

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN

by Wasco staff

Saving Private Ryan, a Steven Spielberg film, was a clear departure from the typical fare of summer movies, providing a realistic depiction of the Allied landing at Normandy on D-Day and the days that followed. Searing images of the brutality of war assaulted viewers and gave the clearest picture Hollywood has yet provided of the landing at Omaha beach.

A strong cast led by Tom Hanks and including Michael Madsen, Ed Byrnes and Matt Damon added to the intensity of the film and gave viewers the front line soldiers view.

The story centered around a captain, played by Hanks, who must lead his men on a dangerous mission to find and bring to safety the only surviving member of a set of 5 brothers, played by Damon. As the mission progresses, different truths about war are revealed and the reluctant captain continues to pursue the hard-to-find young private.

The movie got top critical reviews and is a likely candidate for awards to be passed out at years' end. The acting, directing, cinematography, special effects and the movie itself will likely receive notice.

If you are interested in a movie that is graphic, but takes pains to be historically accurate, see Saving Private Ryan.



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Athlete of the Issue Offensive Line Shines



Jon Kovis is #52 in the lower picture!

By: Hana Merk

If you have gone to any of the football games this year, you would have heard these guys mentioned often. They are the football teams offensive linemen. If you don't know who they are by their numbers maybe you'll know them by name. They are Scott Smiley, Dennis Hanson, Gilbert Marquez, Armando Rodriguez, Brandon Kania, Ipolito Maloy, and Johnathon Kovis. All of them worked hard over the summer to become better. They did this by lifting weights and going to football camps. You may wonder what do these offensive linemen do in their spare time. Brandon Kania enjoys playing golf and baseball and Dennis Hanson does whatever comes up.

What makes these guys so large? "I eat anything and everything", says Gilbert Marquez. Scott Smiley eats protein. While Ipolito Maloy enjoys Starbursts. Armando Rodriguez fills up on Mexican Food. While eating you may find them kicking back and watching movies like Top Gun, Forrest Gump, Grease, or any of the Rocky Series.

Johnathon Kovis was asked if he enjoyed being an offensive lineman. He replied "Yes, because you are one of the most important parts of the team, even though you don't always get recognition." So if you happen to see any of these guys in the hall tell them to keep up the great work.

Football Remains Undefeated

By Marcie Mackay

Well what about that Pasco High football team! They have now improved their record to 4-0 and are ranked number eight in the state! The Bulldogs improved their record by knocking off the Kennewick Lions 33-12. The football team definitely started the season off well by defeating the number one ranked team in the Big Nine, Wenatchee. Doug Vincent felt that they prepared well for that game and that Wenatchee went in with a big head. Many of the football players felt they didn't even play that well against Wenatchee. Kyle Nelson commented, "a lot of us had opening jitters."

One thing that all good teams have is goals that they are striving for. While talking to a few of the football players, I found that they all had personal goals and team goals that they had made. For team goals they are working to make it into the play-offs, and play their best in every game. Doug Vincent's personal goal was to play as hard as he can and not get down. He felt it was hard be-

ing a Sophomore on Varsity because there is so much more expected out of you. Kyle Nelson's personal goal is to play the best he can all the time. Jermaine Johnson's personal goal is to not get beat deep or scored on.

One of the football team's strengths is its defense. Jermaine said, "We were great. All eleven of them had heart. Everyone was focused and determined. The defense needed to carry the team and they stepped up and did that." Jermaine also felt that another one of their strengths is that they have guys who step up and have great Senior leadership.

Doug Vincent felt that they mainly needed to improve little things. They are doing all of the big things good, but in order to keep winning they need to do the little things also. Lee Simms feels that their team could use a little more leadership.

If you haven't been out to watch our football team, make sure you get to one of their games, cheer loud, and show the other schools how great our football team is!



Athlete of the Issue Cool Courtney Patrick

By: Erin Michael

She's a friendly 5'9" brunette, an awesome setter, and WASCO's athlete of the issue. She's Courtney Patrick, your Varsity Volleyball Team Captain. According to Coach Steach, "A regular player's role is to improve on themselves, but a good team captain make the people around them better too. And Courtney's a good team captain. She builds up teammates; she unifies the team." ShaRae Howard agrees with him, "She's friendly, makes you feel like you're part of the team." She looks at the ceiling for a moment to pin point what it was about Patrick, then says, "she's a good role model, a good leader, a good setter and has a good attitude and a fun personality."

Volleyball has always been a big part of Courtney's life and she hopes to have it be a part of her future. Her father is CBC's head volleyball coach, so Patrick has been playing since a little girl. But, she has only been playing club ball for 6 years. "I want to go to college and play volleyball." Academically, Courtney's goals for college are to Major in Elementary Education and minor in Spanish.

Besides school volleyball, Courtney enjoys boating, hanging with friends and boy friend, shopping, and lying in the sun. Next time you see Courtney Patrick in the hall follow her around a bit and maybe her positive attitude and friendliness will be contagious.



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Volleyball Spikes the Big Nine

By: Alissa Schneider

Who's the hottest volleyball team in the Big Nine? Our very own lady Bulldogs, of course. They are off to an amazing 10-0 start and have only lost one game! According to senior Courtney Patrick, the key to the team's

awesome record is their team motto this year, Have Heart. All the girls wear a little heart necklace to remind them that, "You have to go for everything and work hard," explains Courtney. Another reason the team has done so well, according to

senior Chantal Collins, is that the majority of the Big Nine's volleyball teams are not very strong this year and Coach Steach adds that because the rest of the league is not very good, he is worried that our team may not be challenged enough and won't be prepared come playoff time against the Spokane league, which Courtney says is, "... a step ahead of the Big Nine." However, they are confident that they are a good all around team and could go far.



When asked about any funny things that have happened this year, Marcie Mackay, Chantal, and Courtney all told me about the game in Walla Walla where sophomore Brooke Lanning got up to sub into the game and the chair stuck to her bottom!

The rest of the girls had fun giving her a hard time the rest of the night.

These girls are a true team; every Saturday they get together and do something for fun. Last weekend the team went out to the corn maze where Marcie and Courtney were skipping around, arms linked, when

Marcie tripped in a hole and they both fell flat on their faces! The team laughed pretty hard at that one, and Marcie still is laughing when she thinks about how dirty her jeans were when they went to Red Robin for dinner.

So, if you want to see the Bulldogs kick some Big Nine Butt, head on out to their next game and support our girls, where you are sure to see a great match featuring a great team.

Swiftly Moving Runners

By: Nathan Hall

The boy's Cross Country team is off to one of their best starts ever. With a 3-1 record they are tied for second in the Big Nine.

They have had wins over Wenatchee, Walla Walla, and Southridge. Their only loss came against Kamiakin by only one point. Most recently, they won the Connell Invitational against a field of 16 teams including Kennewick.

The team runs about 40 miles a week in practice and meets. Many people ask why people would want to run for fun. According to John Wamsley, "It's worth it when

you have a good race." A race is more than just running. As a team they assign each person a goal or a person to beat in order to win.

They think about the lay of the course and how they should pace themselves for the race.

The girls team has a 1-3 record. They have only ten runners for both varsity and JV. The team is led by Rubicela Uriostegui.

Varsity Placed 4th in a field of 15 at the Connell Invite.

Cross Country runs on October 3 at the Sunfair Invite in Yakima and the Richland Invite on the 10th. Their last home meet is the 15th.



JV Football:

Reaching for the Top

By Erin Michael

With a fresh season off to a good start, the JV football team kicks-off thier season with a 2-0 record. Sophmores Kyle Lamb, Lance Kostoff and Rocky Lozano, agreed that thier record has a lot to do with the medeocare teams they've played. "We have a lot of work to do if we're going to beat good teams like Richland and Kamiakin," says Kyle. Lance agrees, "Defense is good, but our offensive line needs to

pick it up."

A more positive Barrett Pryce says, "Defense has pitched 2 shut-outs and offense is getting the job done-points on the board. Camaraderie is just great and the coaches make football enjoyable while still getting the basics...I'm thinking on to state." A fellow optimist Lozano adds, "If we work at it...we could be undefeated."

By: Alissa Schneider

Are you looking for excitement and action? Well then look no further then the JV soccer team. These girls are doing pretty good this season. The best part for freshman Dana Ellingsen is, "...scrimmaging against Varsity because they are so good, even though we always lose." Staci Davenport says that it is fun to be on JV because, "... it is not as serious as Varsity and it helps us to improve." The team is improving and worked well against Walla Walla. Junior Colleen Roach says, "It was if we had been playing together for a long time." However, they do have problems. "We all have our own ideas about soccer and sometimes we don't respect Angel, our coach, so we end up arguing," Colleen admits. Staci agrees that they have fun at times, but they also have trouble listening.

For fun, the team has team dinners at different players houses where they play tackle football. Colleen says, "Everyone gets hurt, but it is still fun." At one practice freshman Sara Tamez went to kick the ball and she, "... totally whiffed it! It was so funny because she landed flat on her back!" says Colleen.

The team thinks they will do okay this season because they dominate on the field, but have troubles

getting the ball in the net. They hope to solve that problem soon and start getting better. So go out and support these girls, they are working hard to improve.

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Varsity Soccer is #1

This year's Varsity girl's soccer team is off to a good start with a 1-0 record in season play. Led by team captains Megan Maxwell, Brady Fitzpatrick, and Jenn Henry, the team has out scored their opponents 11-7.

The key to their success is the friendship they have. "We go out and do things together and our team gels because of it," said Amy McCowen. They have been to The Maize and Red Robin, not to mention team dinners. Catherine Sherwin said, "Every one gets along." Breanna Wagner said, "Our passing is coming along and it has helped us to do so well."

Coach Marty Martinez is in his second year as girls Varsity coach. Sherwin said he really knows about the game. "He's a lot tougher this year and it has made us a lot more serious and ready to win," said McCowen, "We're determined to go far in the playoffs."

Like every team they have things to work on. "We need to work on our passing and communication," said Wagner. McCowen said, "We need to keep possession of the ball. We also need to win the ball out of the air."

The team's first game of the season was against Wenatchee. They played Kennewick on the 29th and Eisenhower at home on October 3rd at 1:00p.m. at the road 36 fields. The following game is at Southridge on the 6th.

Jason and Daniel Playing Fall Sports For the First Time

By: Anna Roach

Suppose the idea suddenly pops into your head that it would be fun to play team soccer for the first time. If you were in third grade, your parents could probably get you on a team where you could gain the skills necessary to continue playing through high school. If you got this idea when you were a senior in high school, however, you probably wouldn't act on it. Although they didn't try out for soccer, two of our seniors did try out for equally fun and demanding sports that they had no previous experience in for the first time this year.

Jason Mattox, stellar bulldog basketball player, is out for the first time this year on the Varsity football team. He had never played football in Middle school or Grid Kids, but being a natural athlete, has caught on fast. "I went to training camp at Eastern which helped. I haven't felt behind really, except for in the plays," says Jason. So far, Jason has proved to be a welcome addition to the team playing as one of the four rotating receivers. According to Coach Graff, "Jason is doing really well. We're always happy to have new people and I'm glad that he is excited to be playing." Despite never having played organized football before, Jason has exceeded everyone's expectations, even starting in the Moses Lake game. "It's my senior year," Jason concludes, "and I would have regretted not going out and trying it."

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Daniel Francik is the other senior who gives, "It's the last year for me to try something new at PHS," as his reason for joining the Cross Country team for the first time this year. He had run on his own during the summer but not as regularly or strenuously as he does now as part of the team. "It looked fun," says Daniel "It was something new that I hadn't done before." Although he is a fairly recent addition to the team, (just starting two weeks ago) Coach Fuller is glad to have him because he is "high-spirited and has a great influence that gets the whole team cranked up and ready to go." The first meet Daniel will be able to run in will be the Sunfair Invitational, October 3rd. "I'm not sure if Daniel will run Varsity yet," Fuller says, "but it's a possibility." Daniel is happy just to be a part of the team. "The people are fun and cool and we have great team unity," he says.

Congratulations to these athletes for going out and sharing their individual athletic talents with one of our teams.



JV Volleyball

By: Josh Nerpel

As the J.V. volleyball season gets under way, players look to improve their skills, become better as a team, and play less as individuals. With a record of 3-4 they look to improve. Junior Jana Olsen tells me that her outlook on the season is "good", and the hard work that has been put in at practice will surely pay off by season's end.

Practice for the junior varsity squad consists of the team working on basic skills, moving on to passing, working on hitting and finally sharpening their skills at serving. The team's time is not totally consumed by hard work, though. While sophomore Emily Sullivan couldn't seem to remember any funny occurrences, fellow sophomore Kaylann Liebing recalled vividly the time when "Sarah Crowe got hit really hard in the eye with the ball."

One point the entire team did stress was working together. As the season progresses the girls look more and more like a team, according to J.V.-Varsity swing player MaryLynn Smiley, who stated plainly "We are coming together as a team." These sentiments were also expressed by Emily Sullivan and Jana Olsen, who both made clear that passing, as a team, had greatly improved over the course of the season. These improvements were noticed by more than one spectator, but junior Shaun Gleason assessed them best, saying "The team obviously has great chemistry, evidenced by their splendid play."

With such a talented group, the games are quite entertaining to watch, and the superb athleticism shown by all team members is really something to see. So next time, head to the girl's volleyball game a little early, and you too can support this ever-improving J.V. team.


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Where To Dine!

By: Leslie Jones

It's Homecoming time, and we all know what that means, more stress laid on our already too hectic lives. It's time to start making decision after decision, in hopes of capturing magic on that special night.

One decision among the many, is deciding where to dine. Fortunately, we as Tri-Citians, have many selections, for our area is scattered with numerous restaurants of different cuisines with various price ranges.

Casa Mia: There are two Casa Mias in our area, one in Kennewick and the other in Richland. Both are extremely small and cute with indoor seating, as well as a solarium type of area. It's a great place for the tastiest Italian food around, and even their pizza has won recognition.

Casa Chapala: This restaurant is not as formal, and in result, can be a lot of fun. Casa Chapala quotes itself as having "the best Mexican food in town." The staff is really energetic and efficient, which practically guarantees an overall awesome experience.



Henry's: Dining here, you are supplied with a huge menu of a variety of foods. The atmosphere is comfortable, yet not too casual. Both the Kennewick & Richland branch have a lot of seating, making it a lot easier to get into. They promise you'll be nothing but pleased, with great food at unbeatable, reasonable prices. (An important note for those of us with light wallets).

Blackberry's: Although this restaurant is very attractive, they assured me casualness is definitely accepted, which is extremely convenient if you plan to change later in protection of staining that rented tux. Blackberry's has a very wide variety of food and usually cost about \$8-\$15 a plate. Invite your friends too, and enjoy their huge private dining rooms as an additional bonus.

The Outback: Greek steak and famous appetizers are just a bit of The Outback's tasty food. And for anyone who has been there, it's well known that The Outback has some of the best service around. With the dimmed lights, loud music, friendly service, and casual atmosphere, The Outback is undoubtedly a place to add tons of fun to your Homecoming night.

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SPIRIT WEEK

By: Brooklynn Mitchell

Well homecoming is here again. It's that time of year where you can get away with dressing crazy and not made fun of. This year's theme is "Happily Ever After" Homecoming week is from October 19-24. So get ready to get involved in all the fun.

Monday Oct. 19- Stripe day followed by coronation at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 20- Pajama and crazy hair day.

Wednesday Oct. 21- Royalty Day.

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Bonfire @ 8-10 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 22- Fake injury day.

Friday Oct. 23- Purple and white day. Float parade and football game.

Saturday Oct. 24- Homecoming dance.

Be sure to join in on all the fun. If you don't you'll miss out.

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Where To Get The Goods! Gals

By Marcie Mackay

So Homecoming is in three days. This guy that you have been dying to ask you to Homecoming just popped the question. You are ecstatic that he asked you, but you realize you have three days to get everything you need for the dance. Well first of all you better figure out where you are going to get your dress. To find one that fits you perfect and that you love, can sometimes be kind of tricky. Then you will need to get shoes. Finding some that match your dress and the right size can also be difficult. You will need to get a hair stylist, and of course there are many optional things. (Hair appointment, jewelry, garter, purse, etc.)

Well first of all try borrowing a dress. If you can find a dress and some shoes of a friend's, that is definitely the easiest and cheapest way. You don't exactly have time to have someone make you a dress, but there are a few stores in the Tri-cities to find one. Try The Bon, Purple Parasol, Mariposa, and Sara's Bridal and formal apparel. Most of the dress shops will also have shoes that will match the dress. One of the first things you may want to do is order your flowers. The most popular places to go are Flower Basket and Just Roses. They usually do them for

a reasonable price and they turn out pretty good. If you want any of the extras, most dress shops will have what you need. Don't forget that this is supposed to be fun, not stressful! If this guy really did ask you three days before the dance, then maybe you want to think twice before going with him.

Guys

Well, it is three days before the Homecoming dance and you don't have a date. There is this that you have been wanting to ask, but you're a little shy. You finally get the courage up to ask her and to your surprise she says yes. Now you realize you have three days to get everything ready.

First of all you need a tux and shoes. The most popular places to rent tuxes are Tuxedo Place, Mr. Tux, or Dawson-Richards. You then need to figure out what you are doing for dinner. You may want to ask your date what she prefers, but don't make her decide. Make sure you make reservations early so you aren't waiting forever. Next, don't forget to buy your dance tickets and sign up for your picture time. Oh yeah and don't be surprised if your date is a little upset with you for leaving her three days to get ready for Homecoming.

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SHOPPING THRIFTY ISN'T SO BAD!



By: Anna Roach

I love Thrift Store Shopping! Why? Because you can find funky, unusual clothes at great prices. Scattered throughout the Tri-Cities are eight thrift stores which depend on donations for their merchandise. Many of the clothes are cheaply made and in terrible shape, not to mention the tasteless patterns, cuts and hues. There are, however, great pieces just waiting to be found. From designer to homemade, the large selection in the stores provides a guarantee that at least one quality item can be found and always at a bargain price.

In Pasco, there are three thrift stores; Goodwill, on Columbia between 3rd and 4th Avenues, St. Vincent de Paul, on Sylvester between 10th and 12th avenues, and Thrift Center on Lewis between 10th and 12th Avenues. Thrift Center has the largest selection and the most sale days. They also usually have lots of funky dresses and shoes. St Vincent de Paul always has a 50 cent sale rack (you can't beat that) in the front, northwestern corner of the store, and also has periodical markdowns elsewhere. In the

back corner is a stash of candles and votives to adorn your room, and they also have quite a selection of used board games. Trivial Pursuit anyone? The Goodwill gets a lot of worn out donations, but there is always a surprise deal to be found. All three thrift stores in Pasco put out new merchandise daily, so check back frequently to get the good stuff.

When perusing the thrift stores, keep away from the knits (i.e. T-shirts, lightweight cotton sweaters) as they aren't too durable to begin with, and by the time they get to the thrift store, they are completely worn out. Do look for jeans, chunky wool sweaters, and dresses or skirts. If you happen to be in Richland, you might check out the Thrift Rack, across the street to the west of the Uptown Shopping Mall. They have a big selection and even a vintage rack which can have good items that are worth a look anyway. Although it can be time consuming rifling through the endless racks of clothes at those stores, the reward comes when you find a unique, classy and wearable article of clothing at an incredibly affordable price.

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Boogie Down At PHS

By: Blanca Torres

Everyone likes to get jiggy, get on down and turn that muther (whatever it is) out, right? You know you jump to your feet whenever you hear "So what'cha wanna do? So you wanna get down?"

What I'm referring to is dancing. It's the natural movement that you do when you hear a phat beat. It starts with bobbing your head and before long you are doing the Roger Rabbit, well sometimes, actually never. Whatever the case, it's pretty reasonable to say that most people like to dance or they just like being at one. There's tons of people, loud music and the lights are dimmed.

However, many dances last year saw low attendance rates and the people that did show up usually didn't stay long. Another problem were D.J.'s who didn't have a very good selection. This was very frustrating for the people who plan and put the dances on. Dances like the Winterball and the Sock Hop lost hundreds of dollars.

This year it looks much more promising. Many might remember the first dance of the year a few weeks ago after the Pasco-Moses Lake football game. Sure there was long lines and a very crowded dance floor, but that's what makes a dance fun.

Pasco High has a policy of having dances at least two weeks apart, which is why they don't become repetative. They provide a fun, decent place to spend those otherwise boring weekend nights. Nobody not even seniors are too cool for PHS dances, so why the disinterest?

It's plain to see that you enjoy getting your groove on, but instead of doing it in front of a full length mirror, spend the four bucks and go to a dance. Remember, you are from Pasco, where everybody has mad dance floor skillz, so let me see YOU tootsie roll!!

Bands March Into Tri-Cities

By: Jennifer Holzer

On October third was the Calvacade of Bands. Many of you probably didn't even know it happened unless you were in the neighborhood and heard it, or you are involved with band somehow. Although many Tri-Citians pass this event without notice, it's one of the largest competitions in the Northwest.

As many as three states are represented by their high school's bands. Pasco and Kennewick co-host this event every year and this year it took place down in Edgar Brown. The only bad side to being the host is the fact that you can't win any of the awards. I guess it's just some bizarre form of hospitality.

The marching bands are judged on sound, marching, music choice, and visual (formations). Since the band students have no choice over the music choice and visuals, the director has a very important job. The Sweepstakes award is the biggest one and is an overall award. The Percussion award is another smaller award that focuses on the drums.

In case you missed the Calvacade of Bands this year, I bet that seven bucks is burning a hole in your pocket. So next year, don't forget about it and go out there and support Pasco....even if they can't win.



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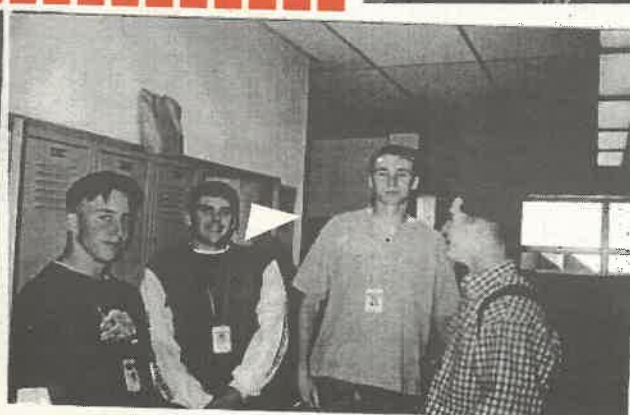
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