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The Ups and Downs of Being Single N' Not Lookin

By BreAnne Hovley

So here I am, it's the day of Twirp and I don't have a date. Oh wait, is Twirp a girl ask guy dance? That major fact must have slipped my mind. So in all actuality, it is all my fault for not having a date because I am the one who chose not to find one. I know I truly have a lame excuse for not asking anyone, but I really didn't feel like being creative and thinking of a cute way to ask some hottie. Anyway, on to the real topic of this editorial; the topic of being single, as in, having no boyfriend or anybody with whom I am "talking" with.

I will have to admit that every once in a while I start to feel sorry for myself and wish I had a boyfriend, but that is usually when my friends who are together do something cute. There are definitely some disadvantages of being with out a boyfriend. First off, if I had a boyfriend I wouldn't even have to think about who to ask to the dances because, well, that is a given; thus giving my decision making skills a break. On the weekends, I wouldn't have to sit at home wondering what to do or where to go because I would already have a date, even if it was just sitting at home snuggling on the couch watching old funny movies.

Ya know how you only share certain parts of your day with each of your friends? With a boyfriend there is somebody to listen to your whole

day, problems and all. Somebody to talk to everynight before you go to bed. Without a boyfriend there is nobody to keep me warm at

football games and outdoor events, hold my hand while walking to my car after school, or wear my number at my sports games. With out a boyfriend there is no one to give me a goodnight kiss as I race home to meet curfew.

All in all, these are the only disadvantages that I can think of to not having a boyfriend. This may sound strange, but like choosing not to go to Twirp, inside my head I choose not to have a boyfriend. I think there are more advantages of flying solo than to be a duo. Sometimes the single girls seem to have more fun. I can hang out with my friends every weekend without having to do something with a guy, let alone have to explain about girls' nights. I

can flirt with all of the guys instead of just one without having to worry about

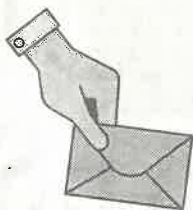
them liking me back. I can also hang out with all of my guy friends without any jealousy involved between a boyfriend and me. I do not have to be stressed over fights, buying birthday, valentines, or anniversary presents (which I am horrible at trying to find ideas), or breaking up. Hey, there is a great advantage, not having to break up. Why would I want to let someone mess with my head so they could break my heart? Or why would I want to have to break someone else's heart? I can't think of an answer off the top of my head for that one.

By me not having a boyfriend, I Don't have to get all dressed up everywhere I go (I can look like a scrub whenever I want) in order to impress a guy. I can act myself and not worry about what some guy thinks of me. At the dances, I can have fun! I can dance with anybody and not have to be glued to that one person at every dance. It seems so boring to me to dance with the same person the whole night and to have every dance picture taken with the same person. It's high school for crying out loud, I have the rest of my life to take pictures with a

boyfriend, this is only four years of my life that I can't repeat. I personally like a variety of people up on my walls at home. Without a boyfriend I have freedom to do whatever without having to check and see what the other person is doing first. And I don't have to sit around all night waiting for them to call me, or trying to decide who's turn it is to call who. Last but not least, I have more time to concentrate on the important stuff in life because I don't have a person I adore taking up my time.

When it comes down to it, I think I enjoy life much more without a boyfriend than with, but then again my experience with boyfriends isn't too extensive.

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Que es la Semana Santa?

Por Claudia Urrea

Cada año se celebra una fecha muy importante, para las personas que practican la religión católica. Se trata nada mas ni nada menos que de la Semana Santa, que comienza con el miercoles de Ceniza. Estè consiste en ir a misa y recibir una señal en la frente, la cual representa que (tierra somos y un dia en tierra nos vamos a convertir) termina cinco semanas despues con la crucificación de Jesucristo.

Duranteeste tiempo se celebran, los 40 dias in que Jesucristo paso en el monte de los Olivos sin comer ni beber nada. Segùn la biblia Satanàs intento tres veces que Jesucristo flaquera (fuera debil). Lo primero que le propuso fue: "Si dices que eres el higo de Dios, porque no conviertes las piedra en pan," Jesús para evadirlo lecontesto "No solo de pan vive el hombre, si no de cada palabra de nuestro Señor. En su segundo intento, Le dijo: "Si tu te arrodillas ante mi y me alabas (dar tributo) yo te dare poder. Jesús solo le contesto "En las escrituras

dice, que a nadie mas que a Dios yo debo de dar tributo." En su último intento le dijo a Jesús que se tierara al avismo porque, si las escrituras estaban correctas su Dios lo salvaria. Jesús le contesto "Que las escrituras tambien decian, no tentaras a Dios Nuestro Señor.

Tambien durante este tiempo se llevan a cabo una serie de cosas para honrrar el acontecimiento de como Jesús tuvo el valor de no caer en las trampas de Satanàs. Pero lo mas importante de todo esto es: como el dio su vida por la de nosotros siendo crucificado.

Con todo esto, creo que les queda claro el porque estas fechas son tan importante para los católicos. Para los que no practican la religión católica esto tal vez no sea tan importante, lo que si es verdad es que Jesús dio la vida no solo por los católicos, sino por todo el mundo entero. Aunque todos y cada uno lo demostremos de diferente manera, o de acuerdo a cada uno de nuestras religiones.

Las Lowrider estan en estilo con Anthony Ramirez

Tradusido por Claudia Urrea
Escrito por Brandon Herres

Como dise la cansion de War "el lowrider va un poco mas alto." El estudiante de 11 grado, Anthony Ramirez, ha estado armando bicicletas desde hace cinco años. El toma orgullo en su trabajo y tiene fotos de su arte sobre

ruedas en su casillero. El arma algunas de las bicicletas para venderlas y algunas para el mismo. El por horita esta trabajando en una bicicleta para su amigo, como regalo. El costo de

estas bicicletas despues de que el las termina es de casi mil dolares, pero el resultado final bale el presio.

Su orgullo es una bicicleta cromada por fuera que a

ganado el primer lugar en algunos shows del area. El ha sido ofresido algunas buenas cantidades de dinero por la bicicleta pero no esta en venta. Su proyecto mas resiente es una tandem (una clase de bicicleta)

bajar la bicicleta sinque los pedales toquen el piso. Cuando termine, Anthony esta pensando en cromarla para tener un look mas clasico. Tambien confia en que en el año que viene

podra trabaja en su 1980 Camino. El no ha hecho un carro todavia pero dise que esta pensando en un diseño que lo haga berse muy espectacular. Sus bicicletas



bicicleta que asido puesta para una defensa diferente. La bicicleta sera compuesta para que se mire mas larga y llamativa. En este momento esta pensando en un modo de

son mas que jugetes son un pedaso de arte. El pone mucho trabajo para que las bicicletas muestren calidad. Anthony tiene una vision para cada una de sus bicicletas antes de empear y tiene la habilidad de acerlas unicas. Hacer bicicletas que son calidad para show's requiere mucha atencion a los detalles que no es hecho por muchas personas. El puede ser visto manejando al rededor en estilo en sus creaciones y si lo miran delen dos dedos arriba por su trabajo.

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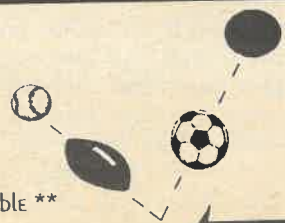
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STRUNG OUT on Instant Messenger

By Emily Sullivan

Quite often teenagers are reminded of the deadly addictions that are targeted straight towards their generation. There are the nicotine and alcohol addictions, but after viewing the movie Traffic, I have realized that the harder drugs are becoming reality to teenagers across the world. Now, that I have you believing that my article is somewhat depressing and targeted towards making our streets a cleaner place for all of us to live, I am going to veer you in a different direction. This addiction is within your own walls and quite honestly, could limit your time for homework, social time, family time, and all the other things that we get ranted about if we aren't superior in. This is not a deadly addiction, although it may be if you are so involved that you cannot move to get some protein and fluids into your body. Yes, I am talking about the Internet. Yet, not really the Internet because I would be absolutely fine if I couldn't look up research or search for new and exciting updates in the news, it is the AOL instant messenger that has millions of teenagers hooked.

Although I am hesitant to say it, I believe I am becoming addicted, if not, already. Now, it is not to the point where I am staying home on my weekends and depriving myself of food to type to my friends that live just around the way, but it has started to hinder my studying and family time. At times I have to set my own rules and time lines of when I need to turn the thing off for I have school in a few hours. My friends and I used to laugh about the number of names that show up on the buddylist after midnight on those long Monday nights, but it really isn't very funny. Actually, in a way, very embarrassing. We have all limited our homework time so that we can get on this dang technology and carry on as many conversations with as many different people at the same time as desired. The other day, I was on the computer and my Grandpa came in and saw the five or six boxes all of different conversations and tried to figure out what the heck was going on. After deciding it wasn't his thing he said, "I think I will stick to the phone." A very logical answer. Then I remembered the days when I wasn't hooked up to the messenger and thought about the other way that I wasted my time . . . the phone. Although I still use it often, it has been replaced with the instant messenger on those nights when it is too late to dial up that number that you have been thinking about all day long. Yes, yes I am not making it's best colors shine, but the thing is, I am becoming sick of myself trying to write my college essays and taking a break, (to get on the internet) and all of a sudden an hour and half has rolled by and the time is into the late hours of the night, of course making it too late to write essays that could define my future. Yet, if not abused it is an amazing advance in technology. I can converse with my sister who is away at college without wasting all the minutes of the phone cards, or for those who may be too shy to actually talk to that one special person who they have had their eyes on, it may be the ticket to get the sparks flying. It also saves me from severe boredom on the days when nobody is home and the phone, well the phone is fine, but talking to all your friends at once just seems so dang good.

It is such an addicting habit that I am too hooked on to give up. At least I am preventing not only myself, but also my family from boredom. For example, my mom finds it somewhat amusing to stomp up the steps at 3 in the morning to discover that that giggling and fierce typing is indeed coming from me. Oh well, it has broadened my knowledge, kinda, and introduced me to a new way of spreading the plans for the night, and began relationships with long-lasting friends that were based from the good ol' instant message which resulted in friendships that will never be forgotten. So, I have just revealed myself and can no longer complain about being tired (which was once an editorial of mine) or of not having enough time for my essays. I turned my own self in.

You 're just too rude!

By Mecque Whitcomb

Inconsiderate, careless, rude people are on the top of my list of pet peeves! Sure, everyone has their moments once in a while, but being rude everyday just to irritate others is quite inexcusable.

The other day, I was in a fairly nice restaurant and the guy sitting in the booth next to me lets out the loudest, most disgusting burp that I have ever heard. Of course, this burp was not followed by an "excuse me or sorry that was so rude." At that point, I really wanted to get up and say to this man, "wow! now that you have been so kind as to privilege me with your disgusting manners I would like to say that hearing you burp has made my dining experience a whole lot better." Well... I might not have been that mean.

Treating people with little or even no respect just because you might think you are a little better than them is also very rude and inconsiderate. So maybe if you see that weird girl from your basket weaving class at the mall, at least smile, wave or acknowledge some how that you know she exists. Although you maybe too cool for them, try not making an effort to say hi it could really be hurting

their feelings at the same time.

Maybe I got the wrong impression, but it seems to me that people are becoming rude at an earlier age. I have even heard some middle schoolers curse at each other like there is no tomorrow. Did we forget to teach them their manners?? It concerns me that our society is becoming littered with rude, inconsiderate people, with not many kind people to pick up the broken pieces. So does this mean that our standards for the proper way to act are declining at an ever rapid pace?? Sadly enough, I think so.

So basically I am disappointed with the people that care only about themselves and are so rude that they don't really care enough to stop and think about how their actions can and will effect others.

I challenge each and every one of you at least once a day to go out of your way to do or say something nice to a person that you wouldn't ordinarily do it for. You will be surprised to see how good it makes both you and the other person feel.

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Who Wants

To Be Popular Anyway?

By Keisha Leiby and
Joyce Taylor

Popularity is not COOL! What makes someone popular? Is it the drinking and partying excessively? Or the brand name clothing? Or is it in the family name? O'mon is any of this that necessary? If doing these things makes you popular then you have another thing coming. Being popular doesn't mean being obnoxious, and outspoken among all the people around you. Being popular doesn't mean looking down on others just to make yourself feel better...that's called LOW SELF-ESTEEM. Does being popular mean acting dumb and being a "donkey" just to please your "friends"? Realize we all have friends, acquaintances, and peers, but popularity is a minor issue. We all live the same life in the same day in the same world, and nothing changes. Its funny how popularity works.

I walk the same halls, and I go to the same events just as any of you, but the ones that yell absurd comments in the middle of a play, or scream rude remarks in the middle of a basketball game, aren't popular... they're just the ones that are seeking attention. Despite what everyone thinks, popularity isn't cool, it's annoying, and I can't stand it. Joyce walks the same halls and she agrees with all of this. As a third grader would say "your not cool, unless you are a part of the cool kids crew." It seems to me that to be a part of this particular "crew," you must walk the walk and talk the talk. All popularity is, is one huge gang. Ya, you may not tag graffiti, nor dress exactly alike, but you are excluding people from your group, and that is stereotypical of exactly a popular situation. Everywhere you go, you have your followers and your leaders. It's as if we play a game of follow the leader, one leads, the rest of us follow, and that's exactly how people get a head off of their "position." It's not a crime to be yourself, and it's not a crime to stand up for what you believe in. It's one thing to be you, but its another to be someone's twin. Popularity is a false image and being fake is nothing but a hollow pie

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AFFECTING LIVES **CANCER** ALL AROUND US

By Tyler Shook

It's a subject not often talked about because of the impact upon a conversation. A casual conversation can change from humorous talk to a serious discussion with just the mention of a word, cancer. Many people today, unfortunately, must deal with the idea of cancer. Whether it affects them personally, impacts someone close to them, or someone they know, cancer affects each person differently. There can be no doubt however, that it affects all people emotionally.

Cancer is a word that when spoken out loud can bring tears to a persons eyes or pain in their heart. When your world is touched by cancer everything just seems to stop. Your head becomes light and fuzzy, and your legs are tired and weak, your body drops to the ground with a lifeless effort. Your heart literally slows, and all earlier thoughts you've had just seem unimportant now. When someone tells you they have contracted cancer, they have shared with you an important secret and are preparing you for more things to come.

Death is tied to cancer. When people start to think about cancer and death their normal lives are thrown off kilter. People appear depressed and sad. Constantly the thoughts of this devastating news are present in the back of their mind, if not the front. A person's concentration level, production level and stress levels are greatly altered. One doesn't think clearly or rationally, every little thing is extremely hard to execute and all efforts are minimal.

Just think, how would you act if the person most important in our life told you they had a life-threatening disease?

Freedom of Speech Requires Responsibility

By Holly Mattson

In the United States Constitution, first Amendment, we as U.S. citizens have protected freedom of speech rights. What an amazing concept that has lead to revolutions such as the freedom of the printing press: a rite of passage for knowledge; television: a network of public broadcast; and radio: airwaves of sound. But, we all know that to hold such a sweet right implies one holds power. With power comes decision, or choice, and the ability to use at one's will: for better or for worse.

Those who wrote freedom of speech into the constitution intended individuals to have freedom of statement, both oral and written, from government, (as said in a Freedom of Speech article from Microsoft Encarta Online Encyclopedia 2000.) Meaning, the government fully agrees to allowing, and supporting, individuals the right to freely express ones ideas, passions, and essentially state ones individuality publicly. To hold this power gives me, as a U.S. citizen, the freedom to protest, debate, praise, sermonize, inform publicly, write this editorial, and possibly change lives for the better. Words are an amazing tool. Whoever coined the term, sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me, lied. Words can hurt, and do so much damage one cannot grasp or, as I have said can change lives for the better.

To look further into the Constitution, there are, and rightfully so, limitations. One must understand the Constitution serves the purpose of protecting U.S. citizens, hence the Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen. To be at liberty to speak freely does not include one being slanderous of another's reputation. As the Constitution legally states, except as such statement constitutes libel, slander, obscenity, sedition, or criminal conduct such as bribery, perjury, or incitement to riot. A lot of big words that ultimately mean: when one abuses the positive ideas of freedom of speech, and instead uses the opportunity by maliciously intending to hurt another individual, or hold one to an illegal document, one is being unconstitutional.

Being a co-editor of a high school paper, I have been given first-hand experience of how words can be used both ways. I have found myself become more aware of the rights we have been given. Frankly, I feel the majority of us tend to forget how lucky we are, and take advantages of such rights protected by the government. Many feel the government fails us in so many ways, but how many ways are we failing our government by ignoring the Constitution?

Irish Traditions Live On

By Christine Nelson

The people of Ireland are very proud of their history, and it is this history that makes up many of their most beloved traditions.

Perhaps the most widely practiced tradition is the time-honored art of story telling. Storytelling has always been an integral part of Irish culture. Around 1000 B.C., a group of people called the Celts moved to the island of Ireland. Today, Celtic music and other aspects of the culture are very popular. The Celts, thousands of years ago, were very fond of fighting each other. Battles happened often, and men proved their worth by distinguishing themselves in a fight. The Celts also had a class of people called Bards. Because the Celts had no written language, it was the duty of the Bards to create songs and poems that would tell about particular battles and what the heroes had done in that battle. Bards also memorized all of the laws. Bards usually exaggerated their stories to make them more entertaining, but they were still based on fact. Through story telling, the Celts kept their history alive.

When missionaries began coming to Ireland in the fourth century A.D., they developed a written form of the Celt's language and began writing down many of the ancient legends. Thanks to them, the ancient legends can still be told today.

Whether telling a story of the ancient hero Cuchulainn or a joke that they made up themselves, the Irish still have a fondness for stories and jokes.

Many jokes have to do with another favorite Irish pastime—drinking. Actually, drinking isn't really the pastime—it's the gathering of good friends for a pint in a pub that's the thing. Pubs are

more than just bars. Pubs are where the people go at the end of the week to relax and catch up on the news. Irish people also like their Guinness. The manufacture of this delicious beer is an art form that is much appreciated in the various pubs. Guinness is to the Irish what Coca-Cola is to the Americans.

The celebration of St. Patrick's day is another favorite Irish tradition. St. Patrick was one of the first to bring Christianity to Ireland. Every year, people deck themselves out in green and party in honor of their patron saint.

Many Irish traditions carry over into their belief systems. Hundreds of years ago, people believed in fairies, leprechauns, and other types of

mythical creatures. However, one would never call them "fairies"—that would be disrespectful and they would be offended. They would be referred to as

"the Good Folk." Even today, many Irish still believe in fairies. Certain areas, called "raths," are avoided because it is believed that these places are homes to the Good Folk.

Ireland is a land rich in culture. History lives in their stories, their music, and in the hearts of the people. Stepping on to the island is like stepping back in time. Just be careful not to step into a fairy rath.

"History lives in their stories, their music, and in the hearts of the people."

Irish Trivia to Knock

Your Socks Off

By Meagan Hines

Beannachtaí na féile Pádraig! That's Gaelic for "Happy Saint Patrick's Day!" Gaelic is the same as Irish, the

language obviously derived from Ireland.

Strangely, only one fourth of Ireland actually speaks Irish, the rest speak English. There are approximately five million people who live on the island and 3.75 million who live in the Irish Republic. Of these people, 94% are Catholic, and only 4% are Protestant. Most likely because the Protestants of Britain and the Catholics of Ireland have been battling for hundreds of years. Education is free in Ireland only to the age of 17. After that, college is offered with tuition costs, as in America. Leprechauns are not real. The Irish flag is green, white, and orange, separated into three equal sections. The Irish have a myth about a boy who got smart by eating "the salmon of knowledge." He is their hero, because he ate the almighty fish. Some superstitious Irish also believe in fairies called si (sounds like she.)

These sis are like the fairies portrayed in many of our fairy tales here in America. You can wish on a four-leaf clover, but

there are no promises that it will come true... because there are no leprechauns. A commonly eaten substance in Ireland is, of course, the potato. Potatoes are used in everything from cakes to salads to bread. There once was a potato famine in Ireland, they were probably really hungry. Hungry for

potatoes. At Irish weddings, the bride and groom drink a concoction called "mead." Mead is a honey based liquid made by Irish monks that is to be drank on the night of a wedding, hence the word "honeymoon." The Irish also believe that if the sun shone on the bride, it will bring good luck to the couple. It is also lucky to hear a cuckoo on the wedding morning or to see three magpies. Some also believe it is lucky to tear the wedding dress on your wedding day. Also, if a bride looks at the sun on the way to her wedding, her children will be beautiful. Although, she would be blind from looking into the sun, so she would never know if they were ugly or not. Santa visits Irish children also. The only difference is, Santa likes to put the presents in a pillowcase at the end of the child's bed, instead of under a tree. Not at the end of a rainbow, like one may assume. Slán! (That means goodbye!)



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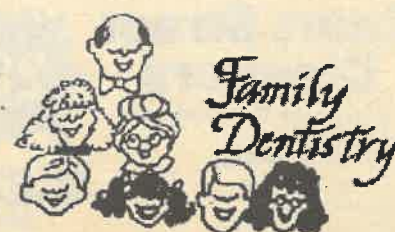
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Irish Culture in Our Lives Today

By Sydney Patrick

Irish culture is made up of traditional music, language, names, and recipes. Irish and her sister languages, Welsh and Breton, are among the oldest living languages in Europe. Irish was developed from one of the Celtic dialects brought to bronze age Ireland and Britain by the iron age Celts, who inhabited Central Europe some three thousand years ago. It's assumed that when the Celts eventually succeeded in conquering the country that it was a land of many diverse languages, cultures and peoples, even though the population must have been small, and these pre-Celtic languages are thought to have had some influence on what we now call Irish.

The "Irish" in Irish music means absorbing other influences and making them feel at home. Ireland is known for its traditional music both instrumental music which is mostly dance music and song tradition, which is mostly unaccompanied solo singing. The "Talk" of Ireland is full of Irish myths such as; "The Undead Priest", the dead have always played a central role in rural Irish Folklore, and "The Children of Lir", about when the Gaels invaded Ireland, thousands of years ago, and defeated the people who were there before them.

There are many people here at Pasco High with some Irish blood in them that may be revealed through their last name such as; Doherty, Malone, Nolan, O'Neill, Smith, and Sullivan.

Finally, Irish Culture wouldn't be so rich if it weren't for their traditional recipes, that you just can't find in any American home now days. These recipes include, Limerick Ham, to the Irish, ham is a cured leg of pork. Soda Bread, this bread is popular throughout Ireland. Dublin Coddle, this is a very popular dish, especially in Dublin, and had been so for many years. Lastly some desert, none other than chocolate cake, however this isn't any ordinary Betty Crocker in a box cake mix. The "Irishness" of this lovely chocolate cake is thanks not only to the wonderful liqueur used in the filling, but also a certain, very Irish, ingredient in the cake mixture itself, which contributes to it's moistness.

Catholic and Protestant Conflict Continues...

By Kim Gonzales

For centuries an ongoing violence and hatred on one another has been raging in Ireland. Protestants and Catholics have been unable to agree upon anything from politics, religion, even morals. The hatred spread from France, Britain and then into Ireland where the problems are now still soldering. In Ireland, Londonderry was where it all started. More than 30 years ago a promising Catholic civil rights movement decided to take on the Protestant establishment, which had dominated the city's politics for centuries. Demonstrations degenerated into riots, and angry protesters against the police. Ultimately the city became the site of pitched battles between the British Army and armed gangs of the Irish Republican Army. The "Troubles," as they became known, quickly spread to the rest of Northern Ireland. These Troubles became an outrage and a bloody mess all around the country. In 1972, British paratroopers killed 13 civilians in "Bloody Sunday," one of the defining events of the Troubles. The bombers and terrorists retaliated with vengeance, transforming large tracts of the hilly grounds of the old and proud city into blackened shells. Londonderry had now been linked to sectarian violence. Even its name is debatable;

Protestants call it Londonderry, a name acquired in the 17th century; Catholics insist on using the original name, Derry.

Tensions began to mount as reforms were not forthcoming; marches and counter marches began and society became polarized. Significant numbers of Protestants felt that change was coming too quickly that it would destroy the state; many Catholics, on the other hand were frustrated at apparent government unwillingness seriously to address their grievances. When reform came it was seen as "too little, too late."

In 1998 signs of changes that have been made is Londonderry wants to be known as the city where peacemakers have begun to work their magic and bring the city to a civilized place to live. Although many think it is far from being over. Glen Barr, a former Protestant politician quotes, "You have nearly three generations of young people in this country who have gone through a war with their neighbors as their enemy. Hate and fear are inbred, and just because people have stopped fighting does not mean that they are gone." Knowingly these are common thoughts in many people's minds in Ireland.

Many other countries offered their aid to help end this

horrible war between the people. Britain, the United States and the European Union poured money into Northern Ireland to fund community groups and self help programs. Even in some areas there are the most heartening projects of cross-community projects, which mix Catholics with Protestants. Five years ago it would have been nearly impossible for women from working class neighborhoods like Creggan and Tullyally to mix even as tentatively and nervously as they have. The women admit that it would be difficult to get their husbands to relax in mixed Protestant-Catholic companies. To try to bring them together would seem impossible.

Even since the beginning of the Troubles, Londonderry has become increasingly ghettoized. Meaning sections are divided for protestant and catholic communities. Kids are brought up to learn to dislike other kids from different communities they are taught about all the violence that goes on and it is near impossible to escape the hate that goes on.

Yet for all the outward sings of progress toward reconciliation and the acceptance of the new peace agreement. Most residents of Londonderry are nervous about their future. The layer of civility, which passes for peace, is far too thin for anybody to be confident that the troubles are completely and irreversibly in the past. To end with Eamonn Deane, editor of a Londonderry magazine has some thoughts on how these two very different groups of people might exist together in one society. "We first have to learn to co-exist and get through the day without damaging each other. Once people feel safe, then we can work on building a pluralistic society where people can mingle with ease." "They might even agree on a name for their city."



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“Bang”in Hairstyles, Then and Now

By Emily Sullivan

Bangs, well what can I say about those crazy days when they were the biggest fad to hit teenage girls across the nation? I can recall many a days when I sat in the bathroom with my mom complaining about the nice curling job that she had just done that didn't satisfy me because they weren't as high as the other girls. Now, I understand that competition surrounds us in many aspects of our life, but I never imagined that girls would be competing to see who could acquire the highest bangs of them all. I look back on the pictures of my very best friend and laugh with tears about the many moments that we spent in the bathroom raving the bangs to get them as poofy as possible and then cement them with the longest lasting hairspray that was on the shelves of stores. I don't think that there is any possible way that she could have gotten those things to raise any higher, for goodness sakes, they were bigger than her head. Yet, she was regarded as the “coolest” for she had the best bangs of them all, and yes many girls were jealous of her crazy techniques of getting her hair to produce the most spoof.

Bangs did not solely appear one day in the 80's as if to surprise the world of a new invention, but have been around a while. In the days when our moms were



growing up, they had the innocent, sort of loosely hanging bangs that presented a perfect all around schoolgirl. They began to rise a little and came to the point of supremacy as the picture revealed a long morning in the bathroom with a pick and a gallon of hairspray. Yet, they haven't totally diminished, just a little more behaved. We still see bangs taking on new shapes and forms as the years pass. In many salons throughout the world, they are going for a more jagged sort of creative look, but definitely not requiring the hairspray.

I look back on the days when bangs defined the point of prestige that a girl must have. Take us back into the time when spandex pants and white-washed jeans completed the outfit with the hypo-color shirt tied in a knot at the waist. Although it is a moment in our past that we can all remember I hope that we will never go back to the fad where the bigger the hair, the more stylish the girl. It is absolutely amazing to look at old pictures and see their hair rising two times the height of their actual face. Nowadays, it seems as though the more silky or straight, the better. I don't really know, but in a way I am so thankful that my parents had me when they did. I got the chance to admire the hair of those older than me, but lacked the many hours spent in the bathroom before leaving the house. It takes me a total of 10 minutes on a good day to get myself together for school and if I had to poof those suckers up, there would be no telling the many more minutes that I would have to spend in the bathroom before school. Thank goodness for these memories because we can look back at this and have a little laughter, but I have never been so happy to not have been a teenager when these crazy things were the things girls worked many hours on.

These Pants Are “Too Legit”, But They Did Quit

By Meagan Hines

The early 90's might possibly have had the worst fashion ever. Though one creation made it through to be an all time favorite amongst the trendy and hip, Hammer Pants! Ooh, those two-inch thick elastic bands, tight tapered ankles, wide roomy knees, and flamboyantly bright array of fluorescent colors. Brings back many fond memories of a lonely and laughed at childhood. The perfect accessories that accented these big party pants were of course the “aqua socks.” The combination of zigzagged, olive green and hot orange pant print with teal and magenta aqua socks just made the ensemble. Of course, they wouldn't be the same without the big, gold, run DMC chain necklace. The bigger, the better. The best thing about hammer pants was that they went with any shirt to match any occasion. Thinking formal? Try a big, bouffant, frilly pirate shirt. These were often sported by Vanilla Ice when he wanted to look sexy for all the fly ladies. He mastered the look with the triangle hair do, spiked up and slightly higher on one side. For a laid back look, the best option would be the surfer long cut tank top (pastel color scheme suggested.) Hair should be long and nappy to master this look. The most popular top combination, the “jive” look, worn mostly by the inventor MC Hammer himself, the sports coat. But not just any sports coat, this had high shoulder pads, short sleeves, gaudy gold buttons, and bright loud colors. The best hair to emphasize this look of course would be the Z cut above the sideburns. One might also have such things as their name or favorite symbol shaved into the back of their head. At this time was also the beginning of boys piercing their ears. Anybody who properly knew how to wear hammer pants of course had a big, gold loopy earring. It really is a shame these spacious slacks, or pieces of art if you will, had to leave. Maybe America just wasn't able to handle the hammer pants' awesome powers. Hopefully, one day, the sheik will recognize the absolute uniqueness and individuality this article of clothing expressed. Because all of you know, you were once entranced in some stage of your childhood by the astounding innovation that was hammer pants.



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The Slammerin' Game POGS

By Holly Mattson

Although many of us may remember the game, most likely the rules have been forgotten. Being assigned a story about the all so famous game of the past, "Pogs," one must assume the internet could refresh the memory. So, this wasn't the case. Therefore, a class of students were given a questionnaire. It seems their memories have failed them as well. When asked, "Do you even know how to play the game?" The common responses were, "kind of," "not really," "I did then, but I don't remember now," "yes," "no," and one kind person did choose to illustrate the procedure, enlightening for all those who do not remember.



Children Playing POGS found on internet @ : <http://www.schools.ash.org.au/elanorahplnathan.htm>

Perhaps the most simplified version of the rules, found on the internet, is: "To play Pogs, get fifty cards then stack and hit. Stack: Put up the pogs, upside down and hit the pogs and get them. Who ever hits the stack and gets all the pogs wins." Caleb Stromstad remembers how to play, saying, "you stack up the pogs, take a slammer, and hit them. Which ever ones flip over, you keep."

Pogs became the craze when the class of 2001 were in Middle School. Kids could be seen playing with them everywhere. One student comments, on whether or not the game is even remembered, "Sort of in a blur. It was during those crazy middle school days." Another says the game was cool due to, "the fact that it was fun to play even when the teacher said you couldn't." Crazy middle school kids breaking the rules.

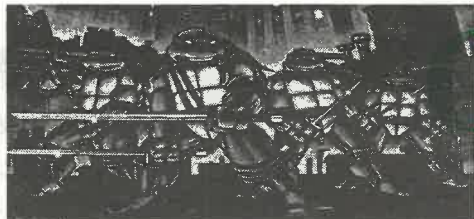
By far, the coolest aspects of the game were the slammers, the pictures on the Pogs, and the fact that you would win your friend's pogs, and be able to legally keep them...well, according to the game's rules. One person even thought the name of the game "POG" is pretty neat. Due to repetitive responses such as: "collecting the pogs," "taking their (opponent's) pogs when won," and "winning other people's pogs," one can conclude that the gambling aspect is possibly the most alluring characteristic of the game. The game seems to have lost its effect, yet many people, according to all the internet sites, still collect the game pieces, paying a lot of money for them. And, there are games played in South America that are similar to Pogs. No one can deny at least attempting to play at some time.

The Pizza Eating Heroes Of Our Day

By Sarah Johnston

Heroes in a half shell! Pokemon is nothing, in our day we had way cooler ridiculous super heroes, and they were in the shape of mutated turtles. Who wouldn't think that was cool? There were four of them, they were rebels, they were turtles, and they were named after famous artists! (I never understood why). And best of all, they're super hero fuel was pizza. But the fun doesn't stop there, their mentor and leader was a giant mutated sewer rat, and they had a hot reporter who befriended them. The heroes started as comics, as most do, then moved up to daily cartoons, and eventually become real life men in turtle costumes for full length motion pictures. If you couldn't ask for more, they had that sweet song Tarzan boy in one of their movies.

They had great weapons, num chucks and what not. They also had their own color bandanas, and personalities to boot. There was the brain, and the cool one. They were real lady killers as well, at least as far as mutant turtles can be. Shredder was the age old nemesis, and splinter was the rat in a robe with endless wisdom. They encountered countless adventures, and in the process the country fell in love with the cute little green turtles. Heroes in a half shell rather. The days seem somehow less complete without an afternoon viewing of grown turtles fighting crime and evil. Overcoming the obstacles that turtles have to overcome, especially the super hero turtles. It was a classic tale for children in our time.



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Did These Kids Come Back Again?

By: Keisha Leiby

Its amazing how the world goes round and round and yet still things come and go, then they come again. The New Kids On The Block came they went and then individually they came back again. Yes this beautiful boy band paved the way for all the rest of the boy bands. Remember: Donnie Wahlberg, Jordan Knight, Jon Knight, Danny Wood, and Joe McIntyre? Donnie Wahlber the "BAD BOY..." Jordan Knight "Heart Throb..." John Knight the "OLDER BROTHER..." Danny Wood the "QUITE, SHY ONE..." and Joe MacIntyre the "YOUNG CUTE ONE," all contributed their voices to equal the New Kids On the Block. These boys were hot in the 90's. As they faded away some of them felt as if they could make it back into the spotlight. Joey McIntyre, and Jordan Knight began to sing solo developing 1 or 2 top 10 singles, and then once again people got tired of them and their other 15 minutes of fame were up. Struggling on MTV's "Say What Karaoke," Joey's voice (not singing) and his sweaty arm pits heat up the stage as he hosts the new show. The face of Donnie Wahlberg showed up in the hit movie Ransom. The New Kids on The Block...came...saw...went...came again and went once more!



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Random People File: Lily Duvall

By Joyce Taylor

A couple issues ago a new article was started by Limelight's group members who wanted to recognize one normal, everyday student here at PHS. Lily Duvall is a junior here at Pasco High. Lily, who was born and raised here in the Tri-Cities, loves to sing and dance and has been doing so for 3 years now. "Dancing is my natural talent. Joining the [dance] team was a big step for me as a freshman coming from St. Pats because it's a big school and St. Pats is kinda small." She also enjoys going to raves, playing with bunkies, wearing black glasses, and going out with her girls, especially for coffee. Lily says her most favorite pastime would be hanging out at Blanca's house. "She has a cool house and her parties are fun. I like watching the bands play there." A couple years back she, along with friends Allie Metz, Christina Morales, Rachel Swenson, Blanca Martinez and others, would always gather up every single disgusting article of clothing they could find, put them on, and go Tom Greening, meaning they would go around terrorizing the town on a Friday or Saturday night. "I like to do anything and everything as long as I'm having fun!" When it comes to music, Lily has no preferences. "I don't have a favorite so I listen to everything." If she's not at Blanca's house on the weekend, she likes to visit her brother in Portland, go to Starbucks, and shop at thrift shops and weird stores, and going to see movies. Her favorite movies include Dazed & Confused, Detroit Rock City, Dirty Dancing, Grease, and The Little Mermaid. During the summer she can be found swimming at The Double Tree "because it's free."

As of now, she is currently helping a friend turn her garage into a dance studio. In the future Lily wants to go into a career in music or continue dancing, "but if that doesn't work out, I want to major in English or start my own dance studio in Seattle with my best friend Chrissy Nash."

THE LOWRIDER IS THE ONE TO BE

Brandon Herres

Like the song by War says "the lowrider rides a little higher." Junior, Anthony Ramirez, has been building lowrider bikes for five years. He takes pride in his work and keeps pictures of his rolling artwork in his locker. He builds some of the bikes for sale and some of them for himself. He is currently working on one bike as a gift to a friend. The cost of some of his bikes after he is finished is nearly a thousand dollars, but the end result is well worth the expense.

The pride of his fleet is a chromed-out bike that has taken top prizes in area shows. He has been offered good amounts of money for it but it isn't for sale. His latest project is a custom tandem bike that has been fitted with a trike rear end. The bike will be chopped to make it look longer and sleeker. Right now he is thinking of a way to lower the long bike without having the pedals hit the ground. When he is done, Anthony is thinking about having the entire frame chrome dipped for a real classy look. He also hopes that within the next year he'll be able start working on his 1980 El Camino. He hasn't done a car yet, but he says he is thinking of a design that will make it look really sweet.

Mrs. Neer is one of Anthony's advisors and she thinks that he has a lot of talent. "He is a nice young man and he shows a lot of initiative by starting his own business," she stated. Every bike he builds is even better than the one before. He shows a lot of talent and maybe someday he could make a living at it.



His bikes are more than toys they are pieces of artwork. He puts a lot of hard work into making the bikes show quality. Anthony has a vision for each bike when he starts and he has a remarkable ability to make his bikes look unique. Building bikes that are show quality require a great attention to detail that isn't realized by most people. He can be seen riding around in style on his creations so if you see him, give him a thumbs-up for all of his hard work.

Extremely Busy; The Everyday Life of a PHS Counselor

By Christina Craig

The counselors here at Pasco High do so much more then just arrange our schedule and making sure that we are on track to graduate. They also arrange the numerous tests that we take here; they help not only us students, but the teachers and parents as well. They make sure that the foreign exchange students take the right classes and have their visas. Most of the counselors have different groups that they help with. For example, Mrs. Mattson does Natural Helpers and Mr. Gonzalez has three different groups that he meets with every Monday. His classes are for understanding pressure and giving support.

Our counselors help register students in middle school, private school, and of course don't forget about the high school. They are also there for each other, weather it is reminding some one that they have forgotten to eat lunch, or being a person that they can talk to if they need to.

They don't have superman's powers, but they're close. They're so helpful when they do ten thousand different things, and still time for another dozen.

So when you need to speak to your counselor, and they are not available, remember that they have a lot to do, and they still make the time for you. Thank you to the counse-

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THE LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF A CHEVY NOVA

By Brandon Herres

There is nothing that can compare with the thrill of driving a classic muscle car except for the terrified feeling you get after wrecking one, but I get to that in a bit. Wade Jones is the proud owner of a 1968 Chevy Nova Super Sport. The car is powered by a 307 V-8 and it is an automatic. Although most collectors and enthusiasts prefer the big-block model with a 4-speed it is still a very pristine vehicle. The interior and exterior are in great condition and the classic white with black racing stripes paint job just screams muscle car. The car is smooth and powerful.

Wade has good taste in cars. He bought the car that was once owned by Jason Maddux and is he very proud of it. On the first day he drove it to school Wade decided to test its limits and ended up on top of the cable fence by Edgar Brown Stadium. The car was repaired and Wade told me that he made sure to take corners under 55mph from that time on. So he learned a new respect for his V-8 powered machine. Unfortunately Wade was going through an intersection and a negligent driver T-boned him. Once again the Nova was resurrected from the dead. I don't know if the car has nine lives so be careful Wade.

Wade has a good sense of humor about the whole ordeal and he is a much better driver than he was before. Some argue that Wade's easy-going temperament and 110-pound body don't fit the requirements of a muscle car owner but he says that he has learned from his mistakes. And I would like to add that 100 pounds of Wade's body must be his right foot because he still doesn't give the gas pedal a rest. He takes good care of his car and proudly parks it on the far parking lot at his work. Wade learned about driving muscle cars the hard way in the past, but after many repair bills he says now that he has more respect for his car.



PHS Students Get First Hand Look into Teaching

By Jami Woodward

If you have ever thought about teaching others, there is a class at Pasco High that would be a great learning experience for you and would also provide many career options for your future. It is called Careers in Education and it's a vocational course offered at PHS. This class gives high

school students the opportunity to do hands-on activities in an elementary school classroom. They get to work with elementary students every day, as the class is a two hour block class (usually 3rd and 4th), giving them an hour to be at local elementary or preschools and an hour here at Pasco High. In the second hour at PHS, the class discusses a variety of topics, such as lesson plans and current topics in education both locally and nationally. These students work with their mentor teacher and the same group of little kids, where they do a variety of things in the classroom. The teacher for this course, Mrs. Rickman, says, "They (students) are involved in a lot of one on one tutoring, small group instruction, reading, helping kids with an activity, and often lots of paper work."

Students do not need to have any special skills to take this class. It's in this class that they will learn the skills needed in order to pursue a career in education. However, students do need certain qualities that would help them to succeed in this area, such as a great attitude, good attendance, and it's also necessary to like working with little kids, of course.

Through taking this class, one might discover that a career in teaching may be something they are interested in, or it could help them to see they'd be better off in a different line of work. If the latter is the case, it would save the student a lot of money because they wouldn't have to go through college courses just to discover a career in education wasn't for them.

In addition to the class, there is also a new club at Pasco High called Future Educators of America that meets every other Tuesday morning. They help with events at local elementary schools, which is great because it "gives the high school students opportunities to interact with the elementary students in a more relaxed setting," comments Mrs. Rickman.

The Careers in Education Program at PHS has really helped those students taking it to find what they're good at and to discover where their future career plans might take them. If you are interested in learning more about this class or joining the new club, talk to Mrs. Rickman or any other friends you might have taking the class.

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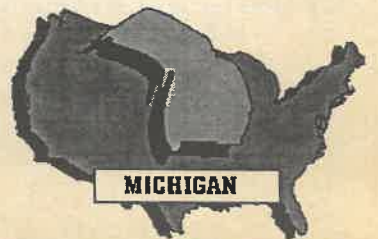
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TIDBITS~ PROVIDE FUN FUN FACTS TO LEARN

By Sydney Patrick

While many people find Tidbits to be useless and imponderable, there are those, like myself who find them very much worth their time for both the humor received, and the knowledge gained out of these random bits of information. In fact, one should be able to enroll in a class of primarily tidbit knowledge, since they are rarely taught in your general studies. To make your time spent reading this newspaper more enjoyable, laughable, and more importantly more fulfilling, knowledge wise, here are some tidbits for you to ponder over.

- According to the folks at Disney there were 6,469,952 spots painted on the dogs in the original 101 Dalmatians.
- Length of a beard an average man would grow if he never shaved is 27.5 feet.
- Animation artists love inside jokes. In the Disney film Beauty and the Beast (1991), the road signs that Belle's father encounters in the forest show the names of two California cities: one points to Anaheim, while the other points down a dark, sinister-looking path to Valencia. In truth, Anaheim is the site of Disneyland, while the rival Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement theme park is in the city of Valencia.
- William Henry Harrison gave the longest inauguration speech, 8,445 words, of any president.
- Michigan was the first U.S. State to have roadside picnic tables.
- The hairstreak butterfly of South America has a fake head, complete with antennae, on its back wings. The theory is that birds will attack the fake head and leave the real head alone.
- In Hawaiian, ukulele means "little jumping flea."
- Chips Ahoy! Cookies are baked in ovens, which are as long as a football field. More than 4,000 cookies exit the oven each minute.
- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar racked up the greatest number of personal fouls in his professional career - 4,657 of them.
- Christopher Columbus had blond hair.



PIPE BREAK BRINGS LONGFELLOW STUDENTS AS VISITORS FOR A DAY

By Christina Farris

During sixth hour, on February 27 there was an announcement over the p.a. system stating there was a flood at Longfellow Elementary School. The tiny occupants would soon flow into our school auditorium.

Suzanne Hall, the principle of Longfellow Elementary School was kind enough to shed some light on the subject. Apparently around 11:30 p.m. a student informed a teacher that there was water bubbling up from the playground. The staff however was not concerned with this problem and planned to finish the day at school, as usual. At 12:15 p.m. the water was rushing out of the ground flooding the playground and streaming into the parking lot. A maintenance crew was soon called. The crew said they would be able to come at 1:00 p.m. So the fire chief then informed the principle to evacuate the school in to

our auditorium.

Being accounted for, approximately 140 students were bussed to Pasco High School's auditorium. Here they watched Toy Story until 3:00 p.m. when Police, Pasco High Students, staff, and Longfellow staff escorted the elementary students back to their school where they were bussed home. Leadership students helped with the children while they were here Pasco high, taking them to the bathroom and helping teachers. Mrs. Hall also expressed her appre-

ciation to all the people that helped with the unexpected dilemma, saying "A lot of people are here helping us and we really appreciate it."

Megan, a seven-year-old student from Longfellow, said they announced over the intercom that they had to leave the school. She continued by saying that the school suspected the water pipe had a break in it, which was due to a tree root wrapped around the pipe.

Eva, age six, and her friend Misty age seven, and walked hand in hand down the hall. They said they were enjoying

Toy Story and they really liked the "Big Helpers".

So if you were wondering why all the little people were hanging out after school Feb. 27 now you know. They were

just hanging out and enjoying a good movie on the big screen.



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Temu Island Was Just Plain Guilty Pleasure

By Sarah Johnston

Billy is hot, Kaya is decent, and Andy is a pansy. Valerie cries too much, Shannon looks like a wet noodle and Mandy is spunky. Six Hotty McHotHots in committed relationships shipped off to the land of my dreams to spend two weeks. Not only that, but they're surrounded by people who are encouraged to entice and seduce and rub fruit on bodily parts. The thought of a show portraying one of the worst human emotions to the nation was twisted and appalling. Our twisted and appalling nation ate it right up, and I'm no different. Now that the show is concluded, my life is slowing to a halt. No more late night bonfires, no more crazy braided woman crying in the bathroom, I don't know what to do with myself!

The best part of this mini series was waiting to see the many ways Andy gets screwed over. He got to cry about something new every week and it brought me unexplainable pleasure. Where as Kaya's frolicking in the land of singles was a laugh riot, on account of his babbling, blubbing girl friend on the other side of the island. Megan was the single who all the fella's loved, and left the island crying. It brought me discomfort to think about how she is a school teacher, and how her impressionable pupils would see their young teacher trying to make a love connection with another girl's man. Every week I got another kick in the pants by watching trashy woman make a homewrecker name for themselves on national television. Vanessa and the butterfly? What kind of sick joke is this, she's looks like an emaciated insect from the wrong side of the tracks. But despite my many complaints, I didn't miss an episode.

For awhile, I had my panties in a bunch during the final episode. I thought they were all done for. They all got a little frisky, except maybe Valerie's retarded head face hole pants. But alas, the crazy host guy had his final bonfire, and the secrets were revealed. They all stayed together and my ideas of good and evil were once again restored.

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Dude
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By Jami Woodward

When people get mad or frustrated, it's amazing what crazy things they will do. My focus is on those people who yell and scream at inanimate objects. It's even more impressive when they actually punch and break the object out of pure anger. It quite possibly could be one of the most amusing things to witness one of your friends or family members run into the coffee table and then yell at it for getting in their way. I think people kind of lose their sense of reality when they get angry or hurt themselves because once they've cussed out the object, everything goes back to normal and the person seems to feel better. It's almost like they think they've disciplined the object and now it will learn not to cross paths with the person again. I've seen so many examples of this occurring in the everyday routine life; it's amazing. It definitely brings entertainment and excitement to the boring days that we go through. What's even funnier is when someone will beat up a machine that they paid hundreds of dollars for and then start yelling even more after they've broken the machine they were mad at.

While it may be fun to watch people go nuts, it can also get quite annoying. When you're watching sports with your dad and brothers it is literally impossible to make it through the whole game without hearing them yell at the players, as if they can actually hear them. Men go crazy when they watch sports. I think they get confused and think they are actually sitting in the stadium watching the game.

For the most part though, it's quite entertaining to watch someone get mad at something that can't respond. Next time you run into a wall, give your audience something to laugh at. Run into it again if you have to. Show that wall who's boss.



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Ponderings of
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By Jami Woodward and
Sarah Johnston

Okay let's say there's this mouse; we'll call him Cheeselover. If a cookie and some cheese is placed in front of him, which do you think he would eat? You might say cookie because you think we are trying to trick you, but no, it's cheese.



Drawing By Ryan Orozco

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Softball Girls are "Real Good" -Tracy Spier



By Kyle Lamb

The spring sports season is here and the girl's softball team is looking forward to having a successful season behind some promising young players. This year's team is hoping to up their mark of sixth in the big nine, set by last year's squad, but if they are going to do it they will have to do it without the many seniors they lost off last year's team. Ashley Tomlinson commented, "There is a lot of freshmen talent and they should be really good. We



Softball kicks off as girls practice throwing. (Photo by Keisha Leiby)

only have two seniors, but we should be good because our juniors and sophomores are great."

Sophomore Amanda Salinas said, "This year is going to be a little different because we are going to have a young team, not like last year's team, with ShaRae, Kristina, Candace, Becky and all the other seniors. We have a lot of pitchers trying out this year so I am pretty sure we will be strong there with like fifteen freshmen and ten sophomores, juniors and seniors combined."

The girls will start play on March 14th, with a jamboree in Richland at Columbia Playfield. Coach Klei will really need to have his team ready on March 30th when they start league play with a double header at Southridge. "I haven't been to practice yet because of basketball but I hear we're going to be pretty good!" commented Tracy Spier.

Fun in the Sun

It's What Tennis is All About

By Christina Farris

Tennis has just begun, and already people can see that this season will be fun. Returning girls, Van Nguyen, Debbie Fuller, Angela Draney, Hannah Foster, and Britney Hilker will make Girls Varsity tennis team a fruitful year. Coach Dong commented, "We have some pretty good players, but the Big 9 is a strong program." He feels the new players will step into their new positions well, and this year will be a good one. Hannah Foster thinks they have a young team but says, "We'll have fun whether we win or lose. I think we will do good as a team."

Boys returning Varsity plays, Jake Gosset, Peter Gadd, Phonsy Phonthesene, Andrey Avetisyan, and Scott Ellison will bring a memorable year. Ms. Northam said, "The upcoming season will bring good things, mostly because they had a bigger turnout this year, and of the people turning out, more of them are athletic players from basketball or football." Ms. Northam feels they are really building a team this year. "It's really going to

be a solid season," she commented.

Andrey Avetisyan added to Ms. Northam's enthusiasm, saying "We're going to have fun and play as a team. We know we won't be top, but we are gonna have fun. We are going to give it a 100%. We have a lot of good coaches and they make tennis fun for us. I hope the new players learn a lot this year and have a positive attitude."

Scott Ellison said "I think it's going to be the same as last year. We didn't do that well but we'll do okay this year. We started practice earlier this year so it should help our performance."

Peter Gadd ended saying "I think it should be a pretty good season. It's a young team, but there is a lot of returning players. With all the experience on the team, I think we'll do a lot better. I also think that the upcoming years will be good ones with the younger teammates having more experience to teach the ones to come."

Everyone hopes for the best this year as the tennis players get ready to hit the ball. They all mentioned over and over how making it fun is what matters, not winning (though that is fun too), so good luck for the season to come.



Track Builds For This Year and Years to Come

By Ryan Orozco

If you didn't notice, track season has begun. The tracksters are back, and that is the correct term for them. The practices are from three o'clock sharp to around four thirty. There are many events, which include long distance, sprints, throwing, and jumping. Track has been going very well this year and everyone has been working hard. About 52 boys have turned out and 48 girls. But those numbers change frequently as people are turning out daily. This year is somewhat of a building year, with a small amount of seniors and a lot of new runners. The coaches have been busy teaching the basics, trying to build a good team for this year, as well as the next couple years to come. An example of one of the new comers is Amy York who warns after a pole-vaulting experience, "If you don't know what you're doing you will get hurt."

They are looking forward to this year and hope for the best this season. Some changes this year include a new work out plan for the sprinters. The sprinters are considered anyone who runs 400 meters or less, and during workouts this year, they never run more than 300 meters, in an interval. Anyway if you can run, jump, or throw think about joining our track team. As Thomas Kinion shouts, "Emergency Emergency! We need RUNNERS, THROWERS, LAZY PEOPLE, ANYONE to come run track with us."

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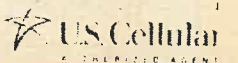
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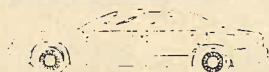
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BOYS ON THE BALL WITH SOCCER

By Mecque Whitcomb

Spring sports have started and soccer is getting underway, starting with their 5 a.m. tae-bo workout. "Soccer is tough and only the strong survive," commented Ryan Orozco. Other things the team is doing to prepare for the season are "a two-mile run under thirteen minutes, 120 yard sprints in 17 seconds, ten times in a row," explained Robby Burns. So far, the team is looking good and they have a good chance of going far in the play-offs. According to Marshal Smith, "The senior leadership this year is pretty good, they are hard workers so that keeps the team focused on soccer." Robby Burns finds senior Raul Vijil to be his inspiration because of his talent and leadership.

Although the main goal is to win, Ryan Orozco wants to, "Plain smother, crush and destroy the Richland Bombers soccer team." Sophomore Marcus Henry added, "The Big 9 is a tough league to play in and everything comes down to hard work, so if we work hard we will be able to breeze through the Big 9 all the way to state." With the whole team so positive to have a great season, we can expect nothing less, so make sure to go out and show your support for the soccer team!



Lance Kostoff crosses the ball during soccer practice. (Picture by Keisha Leiby)

VARSITY BASEBALL PLANS TO TAKE IT ALL IN THE BIG NINE

By Nicole Gibbons

"Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks, I don't care if I never go back..." America loves the sport of baseball, and the many hours playing it. Baseball is an international sport, and all Americans love watching it, as well as participating in it. High school baseball is just as fun to watch, because, girls, you get to see a lot of hot guys in tight pants and for you men, it's an all around. Great sport.

The baseball team is off to a great start. They have many promising athletes and hope to win the Big 9 title. Coach Hogue said, "I'm looking forward to the team dinners. I just want to get started play-

ing, and the weather to warm up. I also want the fish to start biting."

The team captain, Jon Buettner, says, "I just want to win the Big 9. I don't care about having fun, because fun will come with winning the Big 9." He's looking forward to having a great season, as are all the players. Jeremy Bonderman commented, "I want to win districts, and to prepare for the season. I'm working out at Gold's Gym and working on my pitching mechanics."

Drew Castleberry also wants to win the Big 9, as does Kyle Kania. Kyle said, "This season, I want to play, have fun, hit good, and beat Kamiakin."

The boys are all working hard to prepare for the season. This season, Brian Dilley wants to win, and have fun. To prepare for the season, he's practicing and working hard. All the baseball athletes are working hard to prepare for the season.

The baseball players have the highest hopes for the season, and they hope to do well during the season and the post-season as well. So go out and support your very own Pasco High baseball team; it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to watch a professional baseball game for free. Take along some peanuts and cracker jacks, and you can even sing the baseball song as you cheer them on.

Boy's GOLF Looks For a Chance at the State Title

By Tyler Shook

Tiger Woods y'all, Tiger Woods y'all. It's getting warmer and its time to play some golf. The boy's team has high hopes for this year. They are hoping to carry over from last years district championship. They have a strong team this year, so their goal is to repeat and go even farther. The team sent two guys to state last year and is hoping to send at least four to state this year. If they can do that they have a really good chance at taking state. The girls are hoping do well and send some to state also. Tryouts are over and they hope to start the season off with a bang. Their first tournament was on Monday, March 12th in Clarkston.

The guy's team consists of six guys and the girl's team is made up of five girls. Gregg Lavoie, Jordan Madison, JT Maxwell, Kyle Feilding, David Barber, and Danny Derosie are the guys on the team. "We should be really good this year," JT commented when asked how he thought they were going to do. Robin Clarke, Stephanie Hoegh, Staci Davenport, Shauna Oversby, and

Mecque Whitcomb are the five girls on the team. When asked what her goals were for the season, Mecque Whitcomb said, "I want to go to state, but I'm going to have to get way better."

The team is working hard to repeat last year and more. They plan on winning league, then districts, and then state. They just have to take it one step at a time.

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