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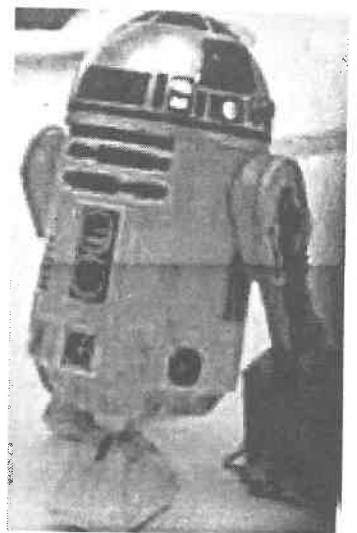
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"The Colt" - The Car Not of My Dreams

By BreAnne Hovley

My birthday is fast approaching and I will be seventeen years old (geez it feels like just yesterday I was in the eighth grade). The oncoming birthday means that I am one year closer to being a legal adult and have had my license for one year. I was quite anxious to get my license, taking drivers education only 11 days after I turned fifteen; therefore, having my drivers permit for almost a year. So there I was, just turned sixteen, license in hand, and no car. Since I had to pay for my own mode of transportation, insurance, and all repairs I really didn't care what I was driving, as long as it wasn't my mom's van.

Looking back, I wish I had taken more consideration into my choosing of vehicles because I am stuck with what I call a piece of poo; a 1991 blue-green dodge colt. This may not sound that horrible because it is a fairly new car, but I have had an epiphany about why I got the thing so cheap. It is an imitation Geo Metro, as some of my friends call it. This is, well, because it looks like a Geo Metro, but not as cute. It is so small and light that my family jokes that if I ever got a

flat tire at school I would only need to grab a couple of my football buddies and have them hold the car up for someone to change the tire.

First, there is no air conditioning! On a hot summer day of 99 degrees in the Tri-Cities, I would

that my car was already an eyesore, plus they just didn't fit my personality. The windows, which aren't automatic, just don't do me justice. The handle on the passenger side falls off often, but I just have the passengers put it back on.



My 1991 Colt

photo taken by: Me

like to go jump in water as soon as I get out of 'the colt', especially with those stupid plastic seats that make mine and others back's sweat like crazy. Speaking of seats; mine are ripped, so I put fluffy gray seat covers, which just slip up every time I get out of the car too fast. I was going to put tiger print covers, but figured

matter. The tires are the smallest things I have ever seen on car; I think my brother's motorcycle tires are bigger than 'the colt's' tires. I guess it will save me money when I have to replace them anyway. Let me think what else is wrong? Oh, the transmission just went out and I had to pay almost what the car cost to

get a new transmission, new gears, oil change, and a new clutch. The gears stick in place and I have a difficult time shifting down, and it still sounds funny when I drive it! Plus, it only came with a radio, no cassette player, nothing. So I decided to put in a cheap CD player (I was buying it so that's why it was cheap), and now the dang thing isn't working right. Like I know anything about CD players, so I'll just let that act funny for a month or two until it no longer works, just like with my transmission.

My mom always gets mad at me when I comment on how horrible my car is, but I have proof that it's not the greatest thing to drive. For example, one day for a track meet, I accidentally forgot to roll up my window before leaving to go to the meet, and when I returned, nothing was missing. My CDs were sitting on the seat along with my bag. If anybody did try and go through it, I doubt they found anything interesting because of the filth I let my car turn into. Hey, I figure, if it's a trash car, why pick up the trash in it?

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Pasco High estranara a la Sra. Swanson

Por BreAnne Hovley
Traducido por Claudia Urrea

En la mañana del martes, primero de mayo del 2001, una de las maestras de Pasco High School fallecio de un problema en el corazon en el Centro Medico, Corason Sagrando en Spokane, WA. Durante el verano Denae Emma Swanson, formalmente conosida como la Sra. Swanson por los studiantes, tuvo un ataque al corazon a la edad de 45 años, que la mando al Centro Medico, Corason Sagrando. La Sra. Swanson, quien es madre de tres, dos niños, uno en la primaria, otro en la fuersa armada, y una hija en la secundaria. La Sra. Swanson fue una substituta para Pasco High School por un tiempo, y enpeso a enseñar toda clase de matematicas el año pasado. Su clase estaba localisada en los salones de afuera.

Una amiga y maestra, la Sra. Tate comento, quien la conosia por un año y medio, "recuerdo su sonrisa, le encantaba carcajear y

sonreir." La Sra. Borey dijo, "muchas maestras no la conosieron porque era muy callada, pero ella era muy interesante y buena." Al contrario, la Sra. Hollick dijo, "para mi ella no era callada, ella era mi compañera de lonche y no era nada callada." La Sra. Azizova recuerda, "ella era muy divertida, y tenia muy buen sentido del humor.

Algunas de las actividades preferidas de la Sra. Swanson eran ir de compras, computadoras, jardineria, musica y tambien era muy activa le gustaba correr, andar en bicicleta, y levantar pesas. La Sra. Hollick recuerda, "Ella armaba cosas con sus manos en su casa- cosas de carpinteria, cosas de esa clase." Tambien ella recuerda que la Sra. Swanson simpre usaba, "tenis para correr amarillos con faldas y pantalones." Su pasatiempo favorito tendria que aber sido ser madre para sus tres hijos, de quienes estaba muy orgullosa. Una maestra comento que la Sra. Swanson era un fanatica de

la fuersa armada nomas porque su hijo mayor estaba en ella.

"Yo recuedo su sonrisa, le encantaba sonreir," recuerda la Sra. Tate, quien tambien dijo que la Sra. Swanson, era una Zest para toda la vida. Las maestras disen que a la Sra. Swanson le gwestaba jugar bromas por una buena carcajada, y la Sra. Azizova recuerda lo divertida que era, y que tenia buen sentido del humor. La Sra. Azizova tambien puso en aviso que la Sra. Swanson tenia su propia opinion y que a ella le gustaba escucharla y compartir con ella en diferentes historias. Lo que me gustaba era que no tenia miedo de espresar su opinion, asi fuera diferente que la de los demas. La Sra. Hollick dijo, "podia no estar de acuerdo con las opiniones de ella y toda via pasarla bien con ella." No abian resentimientos con la Sra. Swanson, comentaron algunas maestras.

La Sra. Swanson sera estrañada por muchos, y si algien tiene problemas sobre pasando su muerte y nesesitan ayuda pueden contactar a un conselor en el centro de Pasco High School para hablar con algien.

Por Claudia Urrea

Estè mes de mayo se celebro el cinco de mayo por todo lo alto por los hispanos. En este dia se celebra la victoria de las tropas Mexicanas sobre las tropas Francesas en el incuentro de Puebla en el cinco de mayo de 1862. La batalla fue llevada por el General Ignacio Zaragoza, quien gano la batalla un que las tropas Francesas eran tres veces mas grandes y estaban mejor entrenadas.

Apesar de que las tropas Mexicanas ganaron la batalla de Puebla tiempo despues los Francèses establecieron un gobierno respaldado por los Franceses. En 1866 y 1867 los Francèses retiraron sus tropas de Mexico por la resistensia de muchos Mexicanos. El gobierno respaldado por los franceses pronto callo.

Los hispanos celebran cada año estè acontecimiento en el dia cinco de mayo con fiestas y juegos. Creo que hablo por

todos los hispanos cuando digo que nos sentimos orgullosos porque estè acto fue uno que demostro mucha valentia y tambien demostro que no se deve de dar por vensido nunca. Asi que a segir demostrando ese orgullo que es bien merecido.

Hispanos sigan celebrano estè dia que es un dia muy importante y contanta emociòn que nos se les olvide celebrar el dia mas importante

que es el diez de mayo, el dia de las madres. En este dia se celebra a la persona mas importante la madre, que es la persona que da todo por nosotros cada dia de su vida. En estè diez de mayo no sete olvide demostrarle a tu madresita lo que vale para ti y darle las gracias con un beso para que sepa que la adoras y que estas con ella siempre.

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L I M E L I G H T Z you at the Finish Line

By Brandon Herres

Senior Josh Fife is a man of few words but ask him about racing autocross and he'll have plenty to say. He has been racing his 1973 Datsun 240Z in the local autocross circuit for almost a year. Last season he took 2nd in the stock division for the season. Taking second is a pretty admirable feat for only being a first year competitor. This year he put a set of after-market Weber carburetors on his car to help its performance and he was then moved up into the modified class for that. The modified class consists of moderately modified Porsches that are a little too fast for the mostly stock 240Z.

He bought the car last year and was introduced to autocross racing by a friend. Autocross takes place in local parking lots and the cars race around a course against the clock. The course is made up of turns defined by a large number of orange road cones. Josh enjoys the sport even though his competition is tough. He says he still manages to beat a few cars every time. Even though he isn't in it to win all the races he feels his 70's Orange Datsun 240Z puts up a good fight. He made a few modifications to the car to make it handle better on the course. He installed anti-roll bars and strut tower braces to keep the car solid when he makes the sharp and fast turns on the course. After loosing a few hubcaps he bought some one-piece aluminum wheels for his Datsun.

aren't driven like they were meant to be Josh makes the most of his 240Z's performance. He says he gets better every race and he hopes to become an established competitor within the modified class. Remember to wave at Josh if you see him in his 70's orange 240Z and hope that he notices you in the rearview mirror.



Phillip Beaudry and His Guitar Have Students Smiling

By: Keisha Leiby

Senior Phillip Beaudry is a fine example of a funny smart and handsome man who would do anything for anyone. He is the pick of the litter for this issue for the random people file. Phillip is 18 years of age, and loves playing his guitar. It's his favorite thing to do in his past time besides watch television and sleeping. He can always be found with the guitar in his hands playing in the most random spots. (The Wedding Singer song outside the teachers doors!) A goal seems like its nothing to Phillip; it can always be set and reached, but a dream is an accomplishment that he reaching for and that he will never give up on! Not only can he be seen outside the halls but also in the well known band called **Zan**. Phillip is a member that performs self-written songs along with his good friends J.J., Justin, David, and Ace. (If you haven't seen them perform you should check it out) This young man can not only be seen with his guitar, but also in his proud earned army reserves jacket. Some may misunderstand him by some actions that he might do, but to be honest its just the way Phillip is. He has the " I don't care" attitude in a good way. Phillip has a girlfriend named Kelly whom he adores according to the interview that was conducted. He loves spending time with her driving around in his white Oldsmobile! (Ours cars are almost twins!) Phillip is a really round up guy that just loves life for what it is. From a personal note: he takes nothing for granted. HE has a very outgoing personality and he is really funny. He's a fella that loves his friends, the guitar,

and just being alive. So if you see him in the halls ask if he'll serenade you with his blossoming voice, and his rugged guitar, and if not it's a guarantee you'll get a smile out of him.



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FAKE ATTITUDES MAKE YOU LOOK STUPID

By Kim Gonzales

There is a certain song that perfectly sums up my whole basis of this opinion its called "TheCase of the FAKE People," by TLC. Although quite an old song it always is brought to mind when I see a certain bunch of people that fit this definition to a T. For some weeks now I have sat back and watched the way certain people act at certain places and in front of certain people and really it makes me sick how unbelievably fake they are. Everything they do and say is fake. It's a way to cover up their true identity, and it's disgusting. If you have to cover up they way you really are then truly what kind of person are you and are you even true to yourself? I am constantly surrounded by these people everywhere I go, and each day it becomes less bearable to sit back and just watch them act so perfect and pure when really they are not.

I think in all actuality it goes farther then just covering up whom you really are inside. It becomes more of how people act because of how they feel they need to. When people start to present themselves to others in a certain way just because they feel that is they way they must be perceived in society it's even worse then covering up your real identity. I have come to know people whom think they are the queens or know the solution to every problem, they have always been known to be the center of attention. Then when suddenly they are no longer the center of everyone's attention they find someway to gain it back. I once had some friends that I thought were all-together perfect friends I think maybe I put them to high upon a pedal stool, which made it harder for me to realize their true identities. When around me I noticed no flaws and only had a great time but when the gap between us began to grow I realized that I really was a fool for always thinking them to be so perfect. When I finally took the time to step back and look at how they really were I learned a lot that I just refused to see. Half the time they didn't care about anyone but themselves but when in front of people it was one big show just to gain the respect of others.

The fake smiles and compliments are just as ridiculous as someone's fake attitudes. Why waste your breath and your time giving someone a compliment who you don't even care for just because you feel you have to? There really is no good explanation to be so phony; saying stuff just to please others and make you look better is a complete waste of your and their time.

I was once told that most everything that bugs you, you do yourself. I am not going to deny that sometimes I act fake just to get people off my back, or just to satisfy them so they don't keep questioning or bugging me. Although as I sit here and write about it I find that the more I realize how many people present themselves this way the more it irritates me to no end. I guess you can really never know who is being truthful and what friends are really faithful until that time when something happens. When they are there by your side because they care and as well are there after, not with you just because they feel it is their purpose to be the mediator or the queen of the moment. It doesn't take a lot to realize who is fake and who is true but so many people present themselves in a way that in front of another bunch of friends is absolutely different. So in all actuality people need to realize that being fake is a waste of time. If you don't like something don't go out of your way to say something just to make that persons day cause I guarantee half of us could go without your "You look amazing!!!" when obviously you know they are just saying that because they feel they have too. What most of us today are dealing with is a serious case of the FAKE people!

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Where's The Parking Gone?

By Jami Woodward

I have only one question: How can you possibly sell something that you don't even have enough of in the first place? With this question, I'm obviously talking about the Pasco High student parking pass system. In the beginning of the school year, finding a parking spot isn't so bad, even if you have to park on the street once in a while. That's your fault for being late. But, as the months go by, more and more sophomores start getting their licenses, which means even more cars to compete with for spots. At our school, we need more people like LaFonda Jackson, who didn't even get her license until months after her eighteenth birthday. People like this give us legal drivers one more spot to park in.

Anyway, what I don't understand is why the ASB office continues to sell parking passes if all the parking places are being taken already. Shouldn't there be some limit that you can only sell as many passes as there are spots? Us veterans shouldn't have to sacrifice our parking spots just because the school sells unlimited passes to the late comers.

Yes, I know it's silly to be complaining over some stupid parking spots, but when I pay ten dollars for a parking pass I shouldn't have to park two blocks away from the school. I was once the ninth car parked on the street, which almost put me to the baseball field. For lunch it almost would have been easier to walk to Dairy Queen.

I realize that it is not fair to not grant a parking pass to someone just because they're younger and just barely got their license and a car. So my only solution to this is to add on to the parking lot. We have a huge softball field right next to our parking lot that isn't even being put to good use. Couldn't that be made into another row of parking? I certainly think so. Now that I'll be graduating it's obviously too late for me to reap the benefits of additional parking spots; I'm just looking out for my fellow underclassmen, merely a selfless act of love.

Aren't We All Hypocrites?

By Christina Craig

Hypocrite- a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion.

Aren't we all hypocrites? Some people might not think that they are and that they are perfect. I can almost guarantee that every one is, or has been in a situation or at one point in time.

There are the people who go around saying "she's a hypocrite", or "he's an hypocrite." What's the deal. If every one has stumbled through hypocrisy that would be like calling the kettle black.

If you are going to call some one a hypocrite then know what you are talking about. Some people don't even know the meaning of a hypocrite yet they feel obligated to call a person one.

When some one calls me a hypocrite I get pretty mad, yah sure I might be one, but I really don't need you to remind me.

Another thing that makes me mad is when someone is called a hypocrite, and when they ask them why are they calling you that and they don't even know why. That is really annoying.

Maybe I'm a little over opinionated, but come on. Hey call me a hypocrite, I know that I am at time. But when someone calls you one don't try to deny it fess up, not all of us a perfect, we all have our flaws.

And if you feel obligated to go out of your way to call someone a hypocrite, first of all know what the heck you are talking about. Secondly don't do it when you are friendss and you to just got into a fight and you call them a hypocrite. And last but not least do not call a teacher one just

because they ask you to tuck in your shirt, or wear your I.D. badge and they are not.



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PHS Teacher Remembered By Many

By BreAnne Hovley

On Tuesday morning, May 1, 2001, one of the teachers at Pasco High School passed away from heart failure at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, WA. Over spring break Denae Emma Swanson, formally known as Ms. Swanson by students, had a severe heart attack at the age of 45, which sent her to Sacred Heart Medical Center. Ms. Swanson, who is a mother of three, two boys in middle school and one in the armed forces, and a daughter who attends high school. Ms. Swanson was a long-term substitute teacher as PHS for a while, and started teaching all levels of Math last year. Her classroom was out in the portables. A friend and teacher, Mrs. Tate commented, who knew her for a year and a half, "I remember her smile, she loved to laugh and smile." Mrs. Borey said, "A lot of teachers didn't know her because she was kind of quiet, but she was very interesting and nice." On the contrary, Mrs. Hollick said, "For me she was not quiet- she was my lunch buddy not quiet at all." Mrs. Azizova recalls, "She was fun, and had a very good sense of humor

Some of Ms. Swanson's extra activities she enjoyed were shopping, computers, gardening, music which she played the cello, and she was a very active runner, bicyclist, and weight lifter. Mrs. Hollick remembers, "She would build things with her hands at her house- carpentry stuff, like things." She also recalls that Ms. Swanson would always wear, "yellow running shoes with skirts and pants." Her main hobby would have been being a mom to her three kids, which she was very proud of. One teacher commented that Ms. Swanson was a very big fan of the armed forces because her oldest son was in the armed forces.

"I remember her smile, she loved to laugh and smile," remembers Mrs. Tate, who also said that Ms. Swanson, was a Zest for life. Teachers said that Ms. Swanson loved playing practical jokes for a good laugh, and Mrs. Azizova recollected she was fun, and had a very good sense of humor. Mrs. Azizova also reminisced that, She had her own opinion of things and I liked to hear them and share with her on different issues. What I liked was that she wasn't afraid to express her own opinion even if it was different. Mrs. Hollick said, I could disagree with her on things and still get along and have a good time. There was no hard feelings with Ms. Swanson, commented a teacher.

Ms. Swanson will be missed very much, and if anybody is having trouble grieving with her loss they can contact the counseling center at PHS to talk to somebody.

Creative Minds Capture Our Hearts With Their Art

By Ryan Orozco

May 17th at 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Pasco High School will be hosting our first annual art show. It will display Pasco High Students work that they have done in class throughout the year. The art teachers, Miss. Baker and Mrs. Swenson have worked hard and long to put together the art show that will be displayed in the library. How much art is going to be on display? Tons and tons of art, probably over flowing the library with art of all sorts, ranging from portraitures and pastels to pottery and paintings it will be there. All of the artwork is completely original and unique. Mrs. Swenson adds that, "Art is a language everyone can speak," and we have some "really outstanding work here at Pasco High." And best of all it's FREE so nothing can stop you now from visiting the library and enjoying the artwork that the students of Pasco High have created.

YOUNG PEOPLE GATHER AT THE COLISEUM

By Christine Nelson

Three years ago, a vision was born in the hearts of several Tri-Cities youth. There have been events in the past where people flooded to the Coliseum to see a band, or a celebrity, or an RV show. But what if several thousand young people came for something completely different? On Friday, May 11, the vision will become reality at The Gathering.

From 7:00pm to 11:00pm, over 5,000 young people will assemble at the Coliseum for an amazing night of celebration, prayer, and praise. It's not just a thing that one church is trying to put on—over 150 churches have joined together to help bring about this event.

So what if you're not into the whole religion thing? "Come anyways," says Nathan Sheeran, one of the youth pastors helping out. "If you love

God or if you're a seeker of truth, this will be a great event to find it. Come and check out this God thing for yourself." This is not going to be a typical church service. There will be a worship band with members from nine different churches, a drama team, and several speakers. But the most important thing about the night is not the people who will be in front of the audience. The most important thing is the fact that

thousands of young people from all over the Tri-Cities are going to break down denominational barriers and come together to lift up the name of God. "It's not about a man, it's not about a band, it's about lifting up the name of Jesus Christ."

Parking will cost three dollars, but other than that, the event is free. Whatever your beliefs, The Gathering will be an awesome event that will definitely be worth

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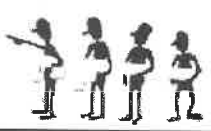
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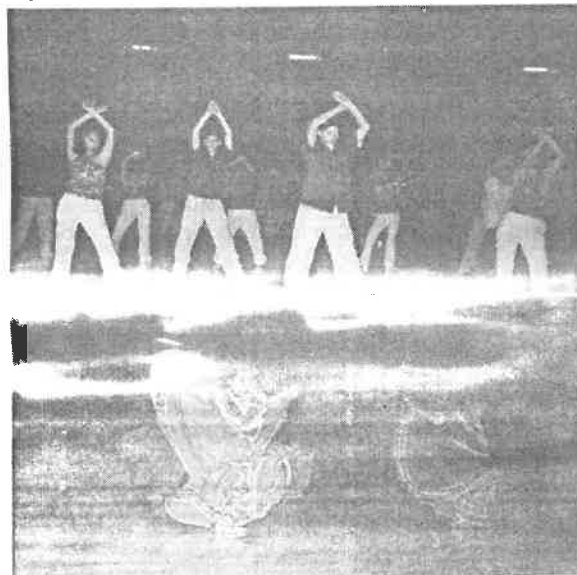
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CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION, WELL PRESENTED

By Sydney Patrick

There have been several misconceptions about Cinco De Mayo, the biggest misconception about Cinco de Mayo is that it commemorates of Mexico's Independence Day. That holiday is, in fact, celebrated on September 16. Cinco de Mayo is actually a commemoration of a victory by Mexican troops defeating the French army in La Batalla de Puebla more than fifty years later, on May 5, 1862. For the most part, the holiday of Cinco de Mayo is more of a regional holiday in Mexico, celebrated most vigorously in the state of Puebla. Though there is recognition of the holiday throughout the whole country, it's nothing like that found in Puebla. Today's holiday is a celebration of Mexican culture, of food, music, beverage and customs unique to Mexico. Cinco De Mayo celebrations are much more meaningful even here than an opportunity to go out and get drunk on Mexican beer at reduced prices. Last May 4, Pasco High School's M.E.C.H.A club put on an amazing Cinco De Mayo assembly. The assembly began with the salutation of the flags, and then went into a dancing routine by the boys and girls, which was a nice show. They had great routines and a wonderful band played, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves with good music and fun dancing.



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Sprint Boat Races

Are Back In town

By Ryan Orozco

Sprint Boat Racing is back in the Tri-Cities. This time the boats will be at the Richland ORV Park on May 19th, they are also coming back July 16th. The engines start at 9:00 AM for qualifying and the real racing starts at 12:00 Noon. The Tri-City Watersports Association is putting on the event.

Sprint Boats consist of a driver and a navigator, commonly known as the idiot. They need a idiot because the boats scream around the course so fast the drivers often become lost and

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What Will You Be Doing In 2011?

By Meagan Hines

- It's hard to know exactly what we will be doing in the future occupationally and life wise. But it never hurts to plan ahead! Here are some things people are predicting for themselves ten years from now:
- Robin Clarke-** Out of college and married, living at Whistler!
 - Katie Whitemarsh-** Married, with a good job and a cute husband.
 - Jon Buettner-** I'm going to be a personal trainer in Malibu, CA during the off season. The rest of the time I'll be playing baseball somewhere. Hopefully I can slim down my hockey wife to about 200 pounds.
 - Melissa Tiegs-** Baking cookies for my grandchildren!
 - Kalynn Liebing-** Become a nun, move to Peru, and become a famous movie star and hair stylist.
 - Darcie Kirkpatrick-** NO KIDS! Lots of fun, and still fighting off Dave Shimek.
 - Dave Shimek-** Still chasing Darcie. Also, I'll still be attending Jr./Sr. Proms.
 - Mr. Clayton-** Living in hell, I live in Kennewick now. Still single and happy!
 - Maribel Cortez-** I'll be a nurse and the richest woman in the world, married to Justin Timberlake.
 - Tyler Bell-** Own my own restaurant.
 - Jamie Blank-** I'll be 27/pro skater
 - Patricia Hoge-** Far from Pasco, doing anything and parties.
 - Gilbert Sandoval-** Married with kids, and own my own business.
 - Shamair Miller-** In a mansion with guys everywhere. I'll be like a lady Hugh Hefner. It will be called the "Play Girl Mansion"...you'll never know.
 - Anthony Davis-** Playing the lead role in a comedy film titled "Next Next Friday." I'll also be in GQ like this (he poses).
 - Danny De Rousie-** Wild life management and playing golf.
 - Evan Everson-** I'm going to be an engineer, and still playing golf.
 - Tana Smith-** Not married and partying. That's about it... oh yeah, and NO kids.
 - Kaury Balcom-** Very successful, making lots of money, with nice cars, and a phat house!

Gone In The Future

By Holly Mattson



Human's nature is to constantly dream about the great, new things we will be able to create in the future due to better technology. Flying cars, computerized gadgets, and more have been imagined in children's minds for years. Yet, we fail to recognize the resources we will be losing because of people's lack of concern for the natural world around us. The ozone naturally occurs in the stratosphere and is being destroyed at a constant rate by manmade chemicals called chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's), halons, and other substances. These substances degrade slowly yet remain intact for years until they contact the stratosphere. The sun then breaks the chemicals down, releasing chlorine and bromine molecules that can essentially destroy 100,000 ozone molecules, causing the ozone to be eliminated faster than nature can replace. Chemicals released into the atmosphere years prior can now just be effecting the ozone due to their life span. So, chemicals released today will continue to effect the ozone levels which will reach the earth's surface, leading to more cases of skin cancer, cataracts, and impaired immune systems. UV-b rays can also effect farmer's crops, and decreases phytoplankton, the plant in the ocean that is essential to the marine food chain.

Every second, the world loses approximately 1.5 acres of rainforests. Before human's intervention, rainforests covered fifteen percent of the earth's land area, but now only covers ninety percent, of all species of earth are found in rainforests, and due to the intricate design of a rainforest destruction, five to one hundred species are lost and about seventy-five percent of pharmaceuticals are derived from rainforest plants, daily being destroyed and day. At one time, a potential cure for AIDS was discovered in a vine in a rainforest of Samoa. The rainforest was then sold to loggers. Another potential cure was found in the bark of a gum tree in a Malaysian rainforest. Two years later, the tree, and surrounding forest, was gone only to supply plywood. Not enough of the original sample was collected to establish the compound. The cutting and burning of rainforests power to control local weather and climate, the loss of them results in droughts or massive flooding.

Recycling is important, as we are all taught early on, because daily too much is thrown away, filling the landfills. Approximately sixty two percent of municipal waste is placed in landfills. Untreated, this waste can produce the proliferation of rats, flies, and other vermin that carry, or encourage the growth, of diseases. As a result of recycling paper, for example, the copier paper will be reduced by twelve percent, causing an average reduction of fourteen percent in air emissions, greenhouse gases will be achieved, thirteen percent reduction will occur in water pollutants, and the amount of solid waste requiring disposal. Recycling also creates jobs considering activities associated with recycling employ over two point five percent of the manufacturing workforce.

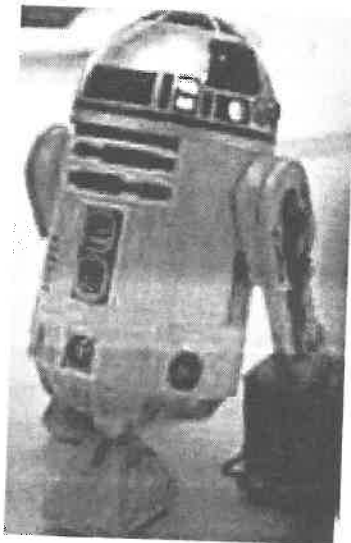
Teacher's Predictions Back in the Days

By Tyler Shook

Many people have their own opinion on what they think the future will be like. Back in the day it was like that too. Who better to ask then our educators at Pasco High. When asked what they predicted the future would be like when they were in high school, here is what they had to say.

- Mr. Dong-** I lived day for day. I never thought about the future. I didn't even predict I would graduate from high school. I didn't predict UW would accept me either.
- Mr. Lowe-** I thought there would be robots, and flying cars by now. I also thought there would be people living on the moon. I predicted I would be retired by now too.
- Mr. Clayton-** I really didn't see much difference. I thought that cars would be running off something else besides gas by now though.
- Mr. Sparks-** I predicted that it would be like the Jetsons.
- Mrs. Smith-** There was a lot of wars so my hope was that we would have peace. But I thought that there would be more wars like Vietnam. But thank goodness there isn't.
- Mr. Spray-** I really never thought about what the future would bring.
- Mrs. Klippert-** I predicted it wouldn't be like this. I thought the whole Soviet Block thing would still be here.
- Mrs. Bennion-** I thought it would be high tech like the movie Space Odyssey 2001. We were watching that in high school so that's what I predicted it would be like today.
- Mrs. Schadler-** Back when I was in high school I lived one day at a time just having fun. So I really never thought about the future.
- Mrs. Axel-** I thought that the technology would speed up.

There are many thoughts about how today should be and what tomorrow will bring. But who really knows what the future holds in store for us.



ONE DAY WILL WE BE LIKE THE JETSONS?

By Emily Sullivan

The future; what do we think about how it is going to be? The Jetsons? Are we going to be flying around in cars as we live in houses in space? We have all watched that show in wonderment of how the world will be in the way future. Will we be honking at each other while flying our new flying cars as we pass each other in the sky? Or are we going to go back into depression and have the same experience of what has happened in the past? Many students at Pasco High have views on how the future will be.

Tracy Spier: In the future I think there will be aliens everywhere with 8 legs and they will spit green things at you when you say "Radius." Humans will have robot bodies, one arm will be able to make Tootsie Rolls and the other arm will make Dr. Pepper. Then we will have cars that DON'T FLY, but float because the world will be under water. That's what I think the world will be like.

Anthony Guillen: The world will be ruled by darned,dirty APES! No matter where you go Aphex Twin music is playing and I'm a big time moviemaker. Everyone knows how to use the 3 seashells in the bathroom and nobody stinks. Sloth is President (because he loves chunk) and the Everlasting Gobstopper comes to an end. Moloko-plus replaces Pepsi & Coke.

Drew Castleberry: I think there will be teleporters instead of cars. I also think everything will be run be computers so we won't have to do anything.

Rachel Ellison: Bad, bad pop music will be shot in the head by Masked "Anthonies" and everything you do is part of a conspiracy set up by the government.

Carly Arendt & Jessica Church: Everyone will fly and be really hot looking! Nobody will take anything seriously and everybody will be cool and fun!

Miriam Velasquez: I think we are probably going to be running around naked or wearing some really weird dress.

Marshal Smith: There will be flying cars. The music will probably be back like old time music. I also think that there is going to be another big war with the US involved.

Natasha Flores: People are going to be more open with gay and lesbian people. A lot of more things are going to be solved.

Ben Fox: All the girls will be attracted to me, but they just don't know yet.

Ricky Curiel: Marijuana will be legalized.

Brandon Benson: Cars will be able to fly and this dude named B will be president along with his first wife, Heather. I also think robots will do our work for us.

Barron Randolph: I will run it with Beyonce at my side and I'll take over Hugh Heffner's Empire.

Amanda Foust: In the future, everything will be made of duct tape. It will come in cool colors too.

Bonnie Nolan & Kim Wilson: There will be flying cars and people will all have their own clones! And of course, aliens will join our civilization.

Jeremy Spier: I think in the future Pasco High will be a prison. . . . Oh wait, it already is.

Hans Esterhuizen: We're all going to drive flying machines and all the guys are going to be cut like Jake. I think we will also be able to control the weather because we will live in space. Also a new crazy sport will take the place of football and girls will wear bikinis 24-7.

Meagan Gray: I think everybody's houses will be computerized and we won't have to do anything on our own.



"The world will be ruled by darned,dirty APES!"
Anthony Guillen

Computer Engineers Have A Bright Future

By Mecque' Whitcomb

Computers are an important part of everyday life. With e-mail, shopping online, and all the new technology that people are coming up with, it's not unusual to discover that the highest paying job currently is computer engineering. Right out of college, an average computer engineer can make anywhere from \$46,750 to \$47,000. So what do these guys do to make so much money? Computer engineers make and create programs, work out bugs with computers, and design new computers. Some work with computer architecture, while others figure out how to make the computer more sufficient. Another growing field is physician's assistants, from now until the year 2008, this field will grow about 45% more than it is right now. Physician's assistants assess patients with input from the physician, administer stitches, treat burns, as well as complete charts.

Speech and language pathologists make about \$40,000. They help people with their speech, mostly if they have a hard time speaking or if they have some sort of an impediment. As of right now, here is the average yearly income for these jobs.

Engineering	\$47,000	Accounting	\$35,591	Computer Science	\$46,765
Marketing	\$34,840	Business	\$36,041		
Education	\$39,000	Advertising	\$28,802		

Nobody Really Knows What The Future Withholds

By Jami Woodward

The future of our world is full of unknowns. People can always attempt to predict what will happen, but nothing can really be for certain. There are so many ways things can go, whether they be good or bad. This article is merely my own opinion and prediction of what the future holds for us. Basically, I feel that both the good and the bad of the future lies in the ever-so-quickly developing technology. Let's begin with the good. Within the past century, technology has come farther than it ever has before and everyone is absolutely ecstatic about that. With such a wonderful past, our future looks bright and the expectations for bigger and better things are high. For instance, everyone is talking about flying cars and how they aren't too far away from reality. One hundred years ago, we didn't even have cars, and now, we're going to get them to fly. It's amazing. So much time will be saved with these wonderful inventions, as getting places will be much faster and more convenient. The scenic views will also be doubled in greatness since you'll be looking down at the earth and will be able to see so much more. We'll also be able to do great things medically and

hopefully develop more cures for certain diseases. Maybe we'll get the opportunity to fly to other universes and learn medical techniques from them. Who knows!

When great things are happening, it's not too common for everything to stay good; the bad always happens to find it's way into the picture. Though we have much to look forward to in our future, there are also many aspects that don't look so great. It's ironic how technology can be a good thing, yet also a bad thing. By saying it can be bad, I mean that other countries will also be gaining more technology and wars could start raging with amazing new weapons that could wipe out entire countries at a time. We can't expect the world to get any nicer or less violent, so such brutal behavior is really where I see it going.

There are so many other events or inventions that may or may not lie in our future. I've only brushed on the topic. Basically, the future of technology and life in general can go either way. Let's just hope that the good aspects outweigh the bad. Then we can all live happily ever after just like the Jetsons.



Golf Teams Look to Excel at Districts

By Kim Gonzales

As the regular golf season comes to an end and districts are approaching out golfers are working hard and getting ready for some tough matches to come. So far the boys team is 8-4 in the league and working hard to do their best. Their hopes are to win districts like they accomplished

chance at winning state." States JT Maxwell. Danny Derousie comments on the season, "So far golf at Pasco High has been going very well. We have won a lot of tournaments, and just won at Wenatchee by 8 strokes. We have two important tournaments coming up in the next

"We have a lot of fun and still get the job done while we are doing it," - Staci Davenport

last year. They certainly have the talent needed to achieve this goal, although they can't always play the same in different courses but they try their hardest and hope for the best. The team includes three seniors that are expected to go far and do very well. They all provide the experience that is needed to try for state. Hopefully Jeremy Spier who made it to state last year will again accomplish this goal. Districts are scheduled for the 14th of May and there will be two tournaments. 18 holes at Horn Rapids and another 18 holes at Willow Springs. To qualify for state will be a struggle seeing that only 9 out of 50 Big Nine golfers can qualify, so the race is on. "Golf is going good for us this year. With a few more wins in matches we might be league champs. Also we have a great line up going into districts with Gregg Lavoie coming back. Hopefully with some good scores we might have a

week, hopefully we can pull through and come out on top," commented JT Maxwell. The season has looked real good for boy's golf and hopefully the closing will end on a good note.

As for girls golf the outlook is looking pretty bright. The team has already set records 4 times this year. As for the individuals they have four girls that could go to state this year if they play well. "We have a lot of fun and still get the job done while we are doing it," Staci Davenport explains about the golf season. This year the girls have a deep team, and in their own way each of them are good. They have a good chance at districts and if they keep up the hard work they will go to state. The team's scores on a good day are in the 80's and 90's for the most part. Good luck at your upcoming matches and best wishes at your attempts to make it to state!

Baseball Finds Second Chance in Playoffs

By Chris O'Neill

Baseball is almost over, the team has had an up and down season. They started off red-hot but lately have been struggling. The team has a winning record and is looking to head into the playoffs with a head of steam.

"We are playing really good but are making errors" said senior Tyler Shook.

In a loss to Richland, the team had 7 errors in one game, which led them to a loss in a game in which they should have won. They also had many errors in games against Kamikan and Walla Walla, in which they were swept.

Going into the Playoffs the team has some injuries that they are going to have to overcome. Senior Captain Gordon Chubb has a dislocated finger, bad knee, and will most likely miss the rest of the season. Ace pitcher Jeremy Bondermen has a bum hamstring, which kept him out of a game and affected his pitching against Richland.

"We have had a good season, we just have been cold lately" Senior Catcher Nick Gonzales said about his team heading into the playoffs.

Hopefully the guys can pull together and wins in the playoffs. They just need a spark and hopefully they can get than in some way during one of the final games. If they can play how they were playing in the beginning of the year, the sky is the limit for them.

Softball Puzzle Remains Unsolved

By Christina Farris

Softball; time for fun in the sun. Unfortunately, there hasn't been too much sun lately. But talking to the players it appears that doesn't take the fun away. Coach Klei had to plenty to say about his girls. "Because of the many young players on this team it has been a constant process of evaluation, development, and revaluation. Putting a team together is like putting a puzzle together. The puzzle was more difficult this year because I was unfamiliar with the abilities of all the new pieces and they kept changing as they developed. We have been so close to getting it right that it has been both very encouraging and frustrating! We have been doing fine, the girls are great, and keep improving. The won/loss record isn't so good, but we lost seven games in which we were ahead in the sixth inning and couldn't quite hold on. Only two seniors are graduating from this team, we will miss them a lot (Carla Dickman and Jenny Niebel) But most of the pieces we have worked so hard to put together will be back!

Jenny Niebel- "We're really young, we're improving each day. We're having a lot of fun this year. The players make the team fun."

Britany Draney- "It's been a lot of fun. Our team is good, but we need to try our best at games. Our upper-classmen are teaching us a lot. I plan to play next year. I hope we have a larger turnout next year. And I hope it's just as fun as it's been this year."

Anna Brayton- "This year we are a young team, and some good players came up like Britany Draney, and Christina Partida. Amy Andelin, Carla Dickman, and Jenny Niebel are great in the outfield. Tracy Spier and I make a great team at first and second base. We have really good leadership from our two seniors, Jenny and Carla."

They all hope next year will be as good or better than this year. With such a young team, and the group enthusiasm in the game, next year will be a very good season for softball players.



Varsity Softball girls working to succeed.
(Photo by Keisha Leiby)

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SOCCKER HEADS INTO THE PLAYOFFS

By Emily Sullivan

The fourth year in a row. What is? The fourth year that the boys soccer team has done unbelievably well. I guess you could say that, but there is more. The fourth year that they have been practicing hard and working together as a team. Yes, you could also say that. But this is the fourth year that the boys Pasco High soccer team could be District Champions. It is the eighth time in nine seasons that the Bulldogs will have played for the district title. The 2001 soccer team defeated Richland on Saturday at the Pasco Trac complex. I guess you could possibly say that they not only defeated them, but in a way made them look inadequate as they got beat 3-0. Richland left the complex with their season behind them, ending 11-3. The game was packed with fans from both cities as the cross-river rivalry brought high hopes for both teams. Richland hasn't made

it to the District championship since Sean Esterhuizen has coached the boys team and once again, the Bulldogs kept this tradition alive. Richland is a tough team, but Pasco took away their advancement into playoffs and ended their



Raul Vijil dribbles the ball past his opponents. (Photo by Keisha Leiby)

season earlier than the team wished. Right from the start, the game was very physical and remained that way with sex yellow cards being given between the teams and numerous fouls being called. Joey Graham once again delivered an extremely well played game, but

seemed to be even more superb as he scored two goals. His second goal was from a great pass from Hans Esterhuizen and Joey perfectly placed it into the goal. The team ended half time up two goals, both by Joey Graham. The team did not come out of the half time cocky or believing they had the game in the bag. They played it hard until the last second. Brandon Benson and Ryan Orozco led the defense as they helped out keeper Marshal Smith who had another spectacular game with yet, another Big Nine shutout. Raul Vijil was working very hard to create a goal, but with a man following each step he took it was seeming a little difficult, but there is no stopping Raul. He broke away and as he was practically laying on the grass, shot it into the goal, tallying up the score to three for us and . . . ZERO for Richland. The whole team played well with strength in defense, midfield, and offense. . . the team is looking very good and with high hopes for the upcoming playoffs

The fans, coach, and players were all excited to defeat their rivals and face up to Wenatchee Tuesday pursuing yet another District Championship. Brandon Benson says, "We're all pretty pumped! We just destroyed Richland 3-0 and want to get revenge against Wenatchee and then take it to the rest of the state in Vancouver."

DEEP DOWN YOU KNOW YOU LOVE THE DRAFT

By Sarah Johnston

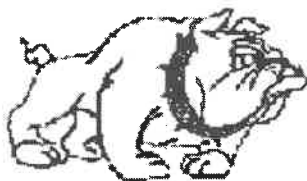
If you're an NFL enthusiast, as we all are deep down, draft time can be quite exciting. This year's NFL Draft took place April 21st and 22nd. Despite the sad feelings throughout the league due to the expulsion of Al Del Greco from the Tennessee Titans ball club, the draft went on as usual. All eyes were on Michael Vick. Everyone predicted the glorious San Diego Chargers (last season with a 1-15 record) would snatch up the Virginia Tech QB in the first round, and start him the following year since they signed semi-mulletheaded Doug Flutie. But San Diego had a different maneuver and traded their first round pick to the Atlanta Falcons who got national champion Vick

The draft in general was aimed towards defensive players. Seahawks first pick was Koren Robinson, a superb Wide Receiver from North Carolina State. Drew Brees, Purdue's QB ended up with the Chargers. Tampa Bay fans and Martin Gramatica enthusiasts will be pleased that his younger brother Bill Gramatica has been drafted by the Cardinals, as a kicker. Hopefully he shows as much excitement after his kicks as little Martin. Rudi Johnson, a running back from Auburn was picked in the 4th round by the Bengals. Although this may seem unimportant, it is amusing on account of his name being Rudi. RUDI!

The Titans picked up cornerback Andre Dyson from Utah, younger brother of their ever fabulous Kevin Dyson. Players from the University of Washington made out okay. Safety Hakim Akbar went to the Patriots in round five, and Elliot Silvers, offensive tackle, went to the Chargers. Linebacker, Jeremiah Pharms, went to the Browns. Rosebowl winning QB, Marques Tuiasosopo, or "Tui" as those who know and love him refer to him as, went to Oakland in the 2nd round. In actuality, it is not proven his friends call him Tui, but it's highly likely. Chad Ward is straight out of UW as well, going to the Jacksonville Jaguars in round six. Ward originally played in Finley. Colston Weatherington, Defensive End from Central Missouri State, went to the Cowboys. It's doubtful anyone cares, but he has an amusing name.

That's the sum up. Seahawks were said to have done the best in the draft, with 9 of 12 selections predicted to make the roster. Free agency continues and the preseason being in August. Despite the excitement and fun in the air, there is still a frown upon my face. Al Del Greco is still out of a job.

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Random Romania Tidbits

For you and your loved ones to enjoy!

By Mecque' Whitcomb

Romania is quite an interesting country, but most people only know about their fantastic gymnastics team. Here are a few facts that you probably didn't know.

- The country of Romania is slightly smaller than the state of Oregon.
- 22,411,121 people live in Romania.
- The unemployment rate is 11%.
- There are approximately 2,300 lakes and 1,150 ponds in Romania.
- Farmland takes up about 62% of the land.
- There is 45,245 miles of railroad in Romania.
- Of the 10,600,000 people in the workforce, 34% are employed in industry and 28% in agriculture.
- The Carpathian Mountains cover one third of the country.
- The adult literacy rate is 98%
- There are 107 passenger cars and 162 telephones for every 1,000 people.
- The Romanian insurance plans include a vacation to a health resort each year.

Read and Learn Romanias Glorious Past

By Sydney Patrick

Romania is situated in Central Europe, in the northern part of the Balkan peninsula and its territory is marked by the Carpathian Mountains, the Danube and the Black Sea. With its temperate climate and varied natural environment, which is favourable to life, the Romanian territory has been inhabited since time immemorial. The research done by Romanian archaeologists at Bugiulesti, Valcea Country, has led to the discovery of traces of human presence dating back as early as the Lower Palaeolithic (approximately two million years BC). Romania history is part of the European history and perhaps one of the most eventful. Born in A.D. 1st millennium. The Romanian people have continuously inhabited the same geographical place from the old times to this day, a space where its forefathers belonging to the Thracian King had arrived as early as the 2nd millennium B.C. Today the Romanians are the sole descendents of the Eastern Roman world, and their language, along with Spanish, Portuguese, French and Italian. Romania lived through some tough times as they encountered World War I, but came out with the national unity at the cost of over

800,000 lives. Then came World War II and the ensuing two decades of economic, political and cultural advance were cut short when one third of the country's area and population was amputated. After 4 years of war which left another 700,000 people dead, the nearly one-century long democratic traditions were stopped and the communist regime was forced upon them.

Romania broke away from their totalitarian past after 45 years and began to restore a democracy based on the multi-party system and a market economy. The Romanian flag consists of three vertical bands (blue, yellow and red). During the years of communist rule, the flag also had a coat-of-arms. Romanians fighting for democracy in the anti-communist upheaval of 1989 cut it out in a gesture of

protest, making the flag with the hole a symbol of the Romanian Revolution. The official language is Romanian, a language of Latin origin having much in common with Italian and Spanish. It uses a latin alphabet. One fact worth mentioning is that Romanian is the only Latin language in Eastern Europe, as the others generally have a Slavonic origin. This is due to the fact that once this territory was part of the Roman Empire. Besides Romanian, you can hear Hungarian, German, Serbian and Turkish spoken by the corresponding minorities of the Romanian people. On December the 1st, 1918, Transylvania united with Moldova and Wallachia, forming the state called Romania. Nowadays, to celebrate that moment, December 1st is Romania's national holiday.

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Lifestyles in Romania

Eating Cozonac and Lamb

By Nicole Gibbons

Romania is filled with many people of diverse cultures and backgrounds. Most of the people descend from the ancient Dacians and the Romans. Some of the minorities that live in Romania include the Hungarians, the Transylvanian Germans, the Turkish Community, the Ukrainians, the Russian Minority, the Serbs, and the Gypsies. All these minorities live in their own little part of the country, and they separate themselves from each other.

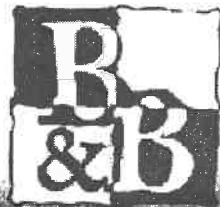
The language celebrated and important holiday in Romania is Easter. The celebration begins the night before Easter, and the people dress up in their finest clothes and gather in masses around the churches. Just before Midnight Mass, the priest comes out and gives a blessing. He passes around holy bread and distributes the flame on which everyone will light his or her candle. Everyone will try to keep the flame alive until they reach home. There, they have dinner with their family that usually consists of roast lamb and homemade cozonac (sponge cake with nuts and poppy seeds). Another tradition with Easter is that the families will carry around their painted eggs and take their meals to the priest so he can bless them.

One of the most beautiful traditions is painted eggs.

The shells of hard-boiled eggs are painted, with red as the dominant color. They are reminders to them of the earth, the sun and the moon.

In the cemeteries of Romania, they inscribe humorous descriptions of the dead person, with pictures that are humorous as well. Women meet in a clearing in the forest, and they bring their lines and place them on top of flowers. In the morning the linen is covered in dew and the women squeeze it into earthen jars. They then use the water to wash their faces in the morning so that their skin will stay young and fresh forever. This feast is called many different things throughout the country, but it has a common theme; it gathers people that love to sing and dance.

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Romania's Communism Falls

By Meagan Hines

During World War II, much of Europe had communism thrust upon them. Romania, a country in Eastern Europe, was one of these. Although it may seem that communism's reign ended decades ago, Romania, along with its neighbor country Hungary, has only been a free democracy for a little over ten years. Around 1945, the Soviet's helped the communist party of Romania, small at the time, to overthrow the government. Joseph Stalin forcefully made Romania a communist country, with threats of destruction. More citizens were soon drawn to communism by lies and persuasions given. Monarchy and free democracy were made to look like torture and poverty. By 1947, Romania had become a completely communistic country. They overruled all existing laws and relieved King Michael from his throne. They had then announced themselves to the world as a "people's republic." They based their new laws on a "soviet model", with many of the same terms and regulations. Industries and money making ideas were being established as rapidly as possible in Romania by the 50's. Already, anti-communistic parties were being formed, and continued throughout the 60's. Artists and writers were forced to give all of their creations to the government for the entire country to appreciate free of charge. Along with that, the country was also supposed to learn Russian as their second language. This was not fulfilled, though, because it only made Romanians more paranoid of Russian than before. By the 80's, Romania had transformed in to a police state. The country had become weak in health and physical conditions, and poverty was immense. The leader at the time was overthrown by the Romanian people within a week. Violence spread quickly and communism had ended. It was never formally dismissed, it just faded away. The Romanian "revolution" was credited towards the national populace and groups against the leader Ceausescu. Romania is now a democratic country, and was introduced into the European Union in 1999.

ROMANIAN EXCURSION

CHANGES A LIFE

By Christine Nelson

"I'm in the van at the Romanian border, writing by the light of the teeny flashlight Dad gave me for the trip, while a border guard checks our passports. Earlier today we met up with Claudio, his dad, and the Speed Racer. This guy is the most psycho van driver you could ever want to crash into. Amy, sprawled in the middle seat, once looked up and noted that he was going 95km an hour. On a two lane road. Around a curve."

My first impression of Romania was that it was, well, dark. We drove into Romania from Hungary at night and arrived at the village about two o'clock in the morning—which would have been four o'clock in the afternoon back home. My last thought before falling asleep was, "Oh, King's Theater practice is starting right now.... I wonder if they'll miss me?"

It was hard to believe I was actually here. For months we had been planning it—me, Amy, Brian, Caleb, Seth, Tyler, Bob, Erika, Chad, Art, Dave and Larry. Finally, after a full 24 hours of travelling, we had arrived in a country that we had never before dreamed of seeing. Most of our friends, though excited that we would be going to a foreign country, had no idea where the heck Romania was. (It's next to Hungary. In Eastern Europe.)

The next morning I awoke to a gentle breeze fluttering the lace curtains in the open window. There was electricity, but not much. There was no hum of air conditioning, no constant swoosh of passing traffic. I crept over to the window. Across a wide dirt road, a rusty metal bridge stretched across a creek that laughed its way over a shallow stony bed. A low stone wall rested in front of a cluster of red-roofed, ancient houses. Just beyond the village, verdant green hills blanketed with trees rolled off into the distance. It was beautiful. As a matter of fact, it looked a lot like Eastern Washington, only green instead of brown.

We spent three days in that village. It was there that I learned that soccer is the universal language. That Sunday, after church (they sing the same hymns in Romania that we sing here) Brian, Caleb, Seth, Tyler, Bob, the other Brian, and Pastor Larry started kicking a ball around in the middle of the street. I was up on a balcony playing cards. When I looked down at the street, there were three extra players—Romanian kids from the village. Pretty soon the number grew, and the Americans were outnumbered. Amy and I decided to be brave. We ventured out

into the street and introduced ourselves to a girl named Ramona, who, to our amazement, spoke nearly perfect English. With her as translator, the guys told us that they had a soccer field where we could play. On the way there, Caleb, Tyler and Bob attempted to impress the Romanians with their mastery of the Romanian language. It didn't work.

So, even though our languages and lifestyles were so different, all it took was a few hours one afternoon to create some wonderful friendships.

The next day, it was time to move again. We were going to spend two weeks at a camp in the hills. On the way

there, we encountered yet another charm of Romania—the livestock. There were lots of farms where we were—lots of cows, sheep, and even a few water buffalo. We even ran into a sheep dog that tried to herd us with the rest of the flock.

My first view of our camp took my breath away. It was nestled in a grassy valley surrounded by thickly wooded hills, separated by a creek with several shaky logs laid over it for a bridge. Our tents were pitched next to the building we were working on. The girl's tent was dubbed "the palace" because it was the biggest—making us princesses.

Our job was to do crafts, games, and skits for the campers. If I had to describe the Romanians in one word, it would be... warm. They're the kind of people who immediately welcome you into their circle of friends, and once you're there, you're a friend for life.

My birthday was the first day of camp and the camp director had me get up in front of everybody so that they could sing to me in Romanian. The next day, as I was washing dishes, a counselor came back and said that some of the girls had asked for me. I went out. A giggling group of jr. high girls handed me an envelope and a bag of jelly beans. The envelope contained a card written in Romanian, a scrap of notebook paper, and a pipe cleaner twisted into a C. I almost started crying. These girls had so little, but they went out of their way to make sure that my day was special. It happened several more times that day.

Going to Romania made me realize how stinking rich we are in America. We think we're poor if we don't have an outfit for every day of the month. These kids owned a grand total of two outfits. But I never heard them complain or cry about how poor they were.

My time in Romania is one of those periods, that, when I look back on it, will be surrounded by a warm glow. It wasn't perfect—it rained so much that Brian's tent flooded, and we used an outhouse and cardboard toilet paper for two weeks. But the good times far outweighed the trials, and almost a year later, I'm still laughing. I miss that place—I miss bonding with Amy and Erika, laughing with my teammates and getting to know a people from the other side of the world. Someday I'll go back. But for now, I'd better write back to Ramona.

"It was hard to believe I was actually here"

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Adoption Popular With Celebrities

By Holly Mattson

There is a dire need for people who are willing to adopt, or foster, children in the United States as well as outside of the country. Barbara Walters did an ABC special, "Born In My Heart: A Love Story," on mostly famous individuals who have adopted children. She herself, after miscarriages, adopted a girl over thirty years ago, Jackie. Jackie Walters says Barbara told her, "mommies can have babies either from their tummies or from their hearts, so she had me from her heart." The adoption took place while

Barbara was still on the Today Show, recalling, "Fate brought her into our lives." Jackie, along with others was interviewed for the special but instead of her mother conducting the questions, colleague Cynthia McFadden, also adopted, spoke with her. Here is some of the other touching stories: Perhaps the most synonymous celebrity name with adoption, is Rosie O'Donnell. Rosie, in her interview, speaks of people saying she is so nice to adopt, but she merely feels, "I am the beneficiary of some other woman's generosity." Which is why after three adoptions, and one foster child, Rosie will be leaving her show this next season, in order to commit herself even more to her children. "No role means more than being mother," she explains. Not even one of television's greatest talk show hosts. She explains to her children, Parker, (adopted in 1995,) Chelsea, who is now three, and Blake, one years old, that God saw a mix-up when another lady got pregnant and told the lady to bring the children to her. "She's very nice and when you get older you can meet her,"

Dateline Found Interesting Amongst Teens

By Emily Sullivan

Hmmm. . . What is my favorite TV show? Could it be Friends, as it is many other's common answer, maybe even Seinfeld as an all time favorite. Yet, as I write this, more and more shows pop into my head contesting for being my favorite TV show; Ed is a great one, I get hooked on Just Shoot Me, love the old SNL's, and sometimes I even play Jeopardy with another partner. But, these are not my favorite TV shows that cause me to become so enthralled as if saying, "That is so crazy." Now Friends is hilarious, Seinfeld is rather witty, Ed is just plain good, but this one single show captivates my mind and seems to draw me in and I can't seem to leave the TV, and not many shows do that to me. I get bored with things very easily, but Dateline is not one of those that leave my mind wandering. Yes, that is right, I said Dateline. Yup, you got it, the one with Jane Pauly. I thought for a while I was a little on the strange side for enjoying a news show, but then I realize that others that have watched it have the same view. This show not only broadens my knowledge, but it leaves me sitting there thinking about how that really happens and sometimes even amazed. I was walking down the hall and asked the others I was with if they had watched it, and to my amazement, many knew exactly what I was talking about. Never would people expect teenagers of watching this type of educational program. The shows have ranged from a man posing as one of the Rockefeller's allowing him to receive investments and live the rich and luxurious life, the true facts about eye witnesses and what they really see, and the ones that my parents love so much to point out to me, the problems with teenage drinking, drugs, raves, partying in Mexico, and anything that deal with teenage problems. Yet, it is not just an overview, not a Dan Rather sort of broadcast. They take into the real scenarios and let you see first hand what the topic for the night is. Now, you are right, some people may not care about this and may disagree with my choice of hour TV shows, and that is fine, but I seem to find some kind of absorbing entertainment that seems to make me think, "wow, that is just crazy."

is how the children will continue to be raised believing. Rosie works with a non-profit agency, Children of the World, which helps people in adopting, as well as searching for birth parents. When she leaves the talk show, she plans on moving to Florida where

she will study foster care laws, hoping to lobby to change some of them for the country. The children she has adopted, or fostered, all have come from parents who were

subject to crises such as alcoholism, or abuse, but says they now are, "all healthy, brilliant, and perfect in every way." Connie Chung and Maury Povich also adopted a little boy, Mathew, after not being able to conceive themselves. Povich says, "there were some disappointments along the way," such as Connie getting taken off the air, yet the day following, Mathew came into their lives not being more than twenty four hours old. They have told Mathew the story of him coming into their lives from the time he was born through a puppet show. Sherry Walins-Weston, wife of ABC news president David Weston, was on the show with daughter Lily

who came from China. They tell her a bed time story of what it was like for Lily in China and how they could provide better circumstances here for they always wanted it to be a part of her history. They read, and celebrate many Chinese customs. Carol

Simpson, weekend news anchor for ABC, had a ten-year-old biological daughter when she decided to adopt a son. Instead of doing it out of her need for a child, she

did it because the child was in need of a home. She was a local reporter for Chicago, at the time, covering a story that concluded there are ten black babies available to every white child for adoption. She says she, "wanted to make a difference in some black baby's life." In the Spring of 1990, Tom Jarrol and producer Janis Tomlin did a series of reports on the thousands of neglected children in Romanian orphanages. Tomlin went with no intention of adopting, but while doing an interview a baby would not stop crying. So, she picked the baby up whereupon the little girl instantly stopped crying. After the interview, Janis set her down again and the baby cried

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generosity."*

- Rosie O'Donnell

again. So, Tomlin held the child throughout the shoot, and Tom took a picture. When Janis got home and developed the film, she talked to her boyfriend about finding the history of the child. They did, and found out she was abandoned at birth, and was malnourished. Her boyfriend, Phil, and her decided to adopt the child who was seven months hardly weighing seven pounds. Six years later, they returned to the same orphanage and adopted another girl, now having Marissa, nine years, and Katie, three years old. Tomlin says that there are still 150,000 abandoned Ro-

manian kids, and that, "it kills me to think they could still be over in that orphanage." These are just a couple of stories. Many celebrities have adopted, like Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. As Rosie O'Donnell says, when asked how she does it, "I'm a pampered, rich celebrity." She asks that people think of the woman in the Bronx, without a husband, trying to raise children to stay away from gangs and drugs, while struggling to have everyone survive, "How does she do it?"

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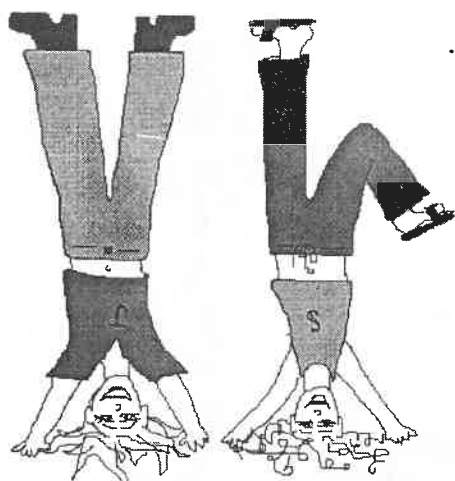
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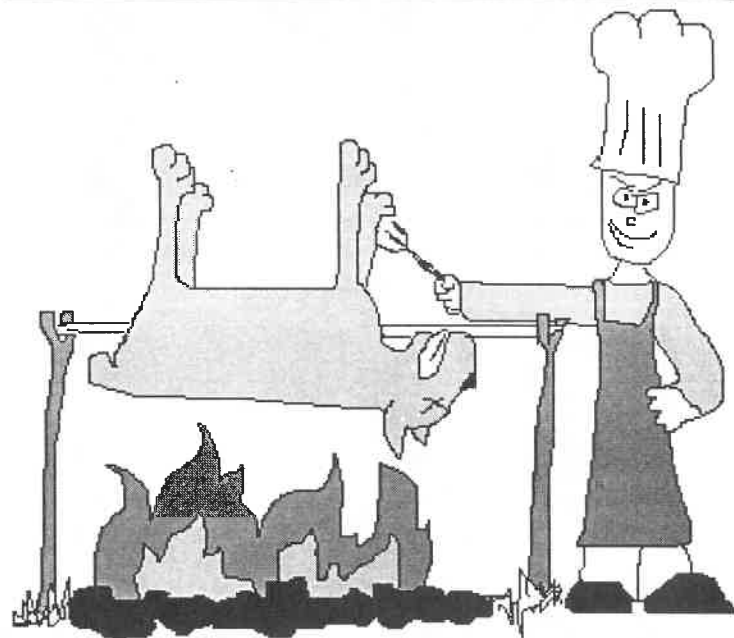
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Sarah and I have come to the realization that nobody in Wasco likes to attempt to be funny by contributing to our page of Monkeyshines. Therefore, our entire student body is forced to read the profound ponderings put forth by none other than Sarah and myself. If you think you have some random funny thoughts worthy of our page, feel free to submit them to the Wasco. We welcome outright stupidity.

You know, if rocks could talk, I wonder if they would tell us to stop throwing them because really, who wants to be thrown around all day. I guess it's a good thing they can't talk 'cause I sure can skip them good and I don't think I would want to stop even if they made me.

I once knew this guy named Rob, except everytime I yelled his name, he wouldn't even look at me. I guess he must have been deaf or something. Either that or his name wasn't really Rob. Come to think of it, I've never even met the guy; I've just seen him sneaking around my house sometimes and running off with some of my valuables. I think I just gave him the nickname Rob cause that's all I've ever seen him do. That Rob, he's a funny guy.

Have you ever really thought about why chop sticks are called chop sticks? Cause if you think about it, they don't really chop anything at all. They should be called eat sticks.



Picture by Meagan Hines

I once had this neighbor who ran through my yard screaming one day. I never understood why though until I saw my dog roasting her husband on my grill. Or was it her husband roasting my dog? The first scenario was actually funny to me. Now I'm just mad.

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