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## Ford and Limestone team up

By Christina Holt

Ford and Limestone have formed a small partnership that will benefit both organizations. The Ford Motor Company donated 25,000 dollars worth of valuable supplies to the LCHS autoshop. Ford representatives presented these supplies to autoshop director, Bob Privratsky, on Friday, January 19.

This partnership is a pilot program for the rest of the nation. Currently, there are 15 other partner programs in the Chicago region, which includes Wisconsin, Iowa, and parts of Illinois. "The key that got this school in the partnership is how many females there are in the program," a Ford representative explained.

Fixing and repairing is what the automotive students will be doing to a 1995 sport utility vehicle given by Ford, using 500 repair kits, also donated by Ford.

"Through the program we are better able to take students to a higher level of training - a college level," Privratsky said.

"There is a nationwide shortage. Dealers want trained technicians. By working with Limestone, we are getting more employable students," said one of the Ford representatives.

# Let it snow

Up & Coming



Photo by Jon Cox

## A predicted harsh winter could mean many snow days.

On December 11 and 12, 2000, LCHS students had an unexpected day off of school. Icy roads and frigid temperatures caused Limestone and many other regional schools to close for the day. These snow days came before the official start of winter, December 21, which leads several to believe that a very severe winter lies ahead. With snow still on the ground from the two major snowfalls and the recent rains, there becomes threats of floods. Hopefully, the groundhog will predict an early spring.

## February

- 9 Valentine's Dance after varsity boys basketball game
- 12 No School Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day Fashion show 7:00pm
- 18 Concert band winter concert
- 19 End of Grading Period Easter Seals Week President's Day
- 20 College information to Junior parents- 7pm- cafeteria
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- 23 Food Fair- all lunch hours
- 24 Vice Versa Dance Gym 8pm-11pm
- 27 ICC academic placement test- cafeteria 7:45am-11am Preview Night- auditorium and cafeteria

## Holiday Presents: Gifts that keep Giving

### LCHS students give presents to the children of St. Jude.

By Christina Holt

Close to fifty juniors and seniors in Bob Privratsky's autoshop classes presented St. Jude patients with holiday gifts on December 22, 2000. Each student donated his or

her own money for the gifts.

"The kids dug deep into their pockets to give to those less fortunate. Hopefully, they understood why they were digging," Privratsky said.

Four young girls struggling with illnesses benefitted from the students' generosity. These girls were given a donated DVD player, four DVD movies, three portable 13 inch TV/VCR combos, four VHS video tapes, along with the autoshop class trademark gifts, four collector Barbie dolls Millennium Edition.

The Morton Cracker Barrel donated four gift certificates for each of the four girls' families. For each family of up to four people, each person can eat anything off of the menu for free.

This was Privratsky's sixth year donating to one of the local hospitals. "Doing this for so many years, it has snowballed from two Barbie dolls to a project giving 1000 dollars or more each year," explained Privratsky.

Privratsky and his students are looking forward to giving

next year. "I never get over the excitement of seeing their smiles," said Privratsky.

The question of how to make the children happier remains unanswered. The people of St. Jude gratefully acknowledged that Limestone students have already done too much.

"I hope that the 20 dollars that they [the students] donated was worth 200 to them," Privratsky said.

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# A Boy's View

*I don't want snow days to cut into my summer fun*

**By Ryan Linsley**

Is it me or is it snowing every time you look outside? If it is not snowing, then the wind is blowing the snow, making driving miserable. In December, we came very close to breaking a record for snow fall amount in that month. They are recounting since it was so close. I am not complaining because I do not mind now. The problem is that we have already missed two days of school.

That may not seem that bad for Illinois. The problem is that January and early February produce more snow than December. In fact, more people do not even remember school being cancelled before Christmas break. That means

the worst may be yet to come. With the weather, nobody ever knows what to expect. My question is when do we make up the snow days we may get and the two we have already used?

Some students and faculty may want to make the snow days up during Spring break and other days we have off. This will cause many students to alter a vacation they have planned over Spring break. Some students may have booked these trips for months in advance and not be able to cancel them. The students may end up having to take finals when they could be enjoying their summer.

I think we should be able to

make the snow days up in the summer. The seniors would be in favor of this idea because they would get the days off anyway. They will be getting ready for graduation. For the rest of us still stuck in school, maybe the teachers will be bothered by the warm weather as much as we are and go easy on the homework. They are also looking forward to the time off in the summer as much as the students do.

I say make up the snow days at the end of the year. It will make for less complications than having to change all of the plans we have made for Spring break.

## Chat With Kat

*Shopping the internet*

**By Katie Sheldon**

Whoever said that shopping was hard has obviously never shopped on the net. One of the latest trends this Christmas was on-line shopping. Many people say that it is unsafe, but there are many precautions that can be taken, and many good things that also derive from on-line shopping.

When people say that on-line shopping is unsafe, they are saying it because they do not know the precautions that can be taken. I know that you can get your credit card number stolen and you can go to faulty web sites, but you always have an

opportunity to fix the mistakes that you have made. You can track your account number, or you can track the delivery of your package.

One of the first things that you must never do is give out your credit card number over the phone or via email, and you must only go on a secured web site. When a pad lock appears on the bottom left of your screen, you know that you have found a secured site. If for any reason your credit card number is taken, you must call and cancel your credit card immediately!

For every bad reason there are three good reasons to shop on the internet. To me,

shopping on the internet can help greatly. In this cold winter weather, shopping on-line can be a great help. You can have everything that you need right at your fingertips without ever having to walk outside.

During the Christmas seasons, not everyone has to fight the crowds. The people shopping on-line had no crowds to fight and no rude people to deal with. A regular on-line shopper said, "the returns may take longer, but it is well worth not having to fight the crowds."

Along with not fighting the crowds, accessibility is a very big advantage. Many people this past season ordered from places and stores that are not even present in their state. Everything that these people needed was right there without even having to worry about it. Every exclusive or "hot" item that is needed is always able to be found.

Everybody wants the perfect gift. With on-line shopping, you cannot go wrong. It is accessible and is delivered right to your door. I would on-line shop anytime or anywhere. It is easy to do. It is hassle free, and for an internet nut like me, on-line shopping is the right choice.

## Opinion Poll

Do you think that teenager's morals have deflated?



"It's not that everyone doesn't care anymore; it's an opinion. Not everyone has school spirit," says Sophomore Theresa Tranchitella.



"Yeah. They just don't care anymore," Senior Adam Crichton.



"I think it depends on the certain crowd the person hangs out with to an extent, but overall, yes, they have," says Junior Billy-Sue Wiebler.



"They've lost respect and school spirit," says Freshman Zac Gladson.



"What I have noticed is the difference between morally sound students and those who are morally challenged is more obvious," says English teacher Kris Tinnon.

**(The editorial board apologizes to Dean Betty Gibson for the mistake in her name in the December issue of the *Limelight*.)**

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# Teen Perspective

What is your favorite thing to do on cold winter days?

"Cuddle up with a nice girl and watch a movie by the fire place," said Junior Aaron Holley.

"I like to sleep in and stay warm," said Sophomore Andrew Stundon.

"I like to go sledding and hang out with friends," said Sophomore Jenna Meischner.

"I like to see how big I can make snowballs and sled with Ryan Closen and Jake Her-ring," said Junior Doug Peterson.

"Winter war drills at the airforce base," said Senior Jake Cleer.

"I stay in the house, and I always do all my homework," said Junior Derek Guppy.

"I like to sit by the fireplace with lots of blankets and watch movies," said Freshman Ryan Medina.

## Jamie's Jabber

Does Limestone need a crash course in discipline?

By Jamie Emert

"Rules are meant to be broken," someone once said. When someone breaks a rule, they are usually punished. The extent of the punishment relies on how severe the act was.

Limestone Community High School has many rules for their students. I strongly feel that the punishments for rule breaking needs to be reconsidered so that they match the seriousness of the crime.

One student is caught smoking in the bathroom.

Another student is caught with a pager. Who committed the greater crime? A two day suspension is given to the person with the cigarette, while the student with the pager serves a three day suspension. The punishment for breaking this rule needs to be reconsidered.

LCHS also needs to reconsider how to punish students in terms of the truancy policy. According to the this policy in our handbook, the student who cuts all his classes one day gets two units of Saturday detention. If he skips

school again, he gets another two units of Saturday detention.

I am not saying that the punishment of cutting a full day of school is too easy, but I think that there should be more of an order of seriousness when it comes to punishment. Cutting school is more serious than having a pager on you in my opinion; therefore, the punishment should be harsher compared to the punishment instated for someone with a pager.

Our consequences for breaking the rules need to



be reconsidered. They need to put the severity of each crime in order of least to most and assign the consequences accordingly.

I am not putting down the way our school is run. I just would really like the Deans to take a fresh look at our codes of conduct and make the student doing the crime, pay the time.

## Top 10 Napster alternatives for music junkies

Eighteen-year-old Shaun Fanning created quite a stir in the entertainment industry when he came forth with his free music downloading breakthrough: Napster. Napster has been used by large amounts of people, but was slapped with lawsuits by big-time bands disagreeing with the "free music" part and hoped to shut the system down. While the dread of the courts' potential decisions were still lurking overhead, several wondered what they would do if Napster were shut down permanently. Dozens of Napster imitations came forth with their answers to that question. Below is a list of ten of the best alternative sites to check out for your music downloading needs.

1. **Freenet** Unlike Napster, Freenet is a decentralized system. This means that there is no person, computer, or organization in control or needed to operate it.
2. **Gnutella** This offering has been noted as the possible "next Napster" and is also a decentralized system.
3. **Spinfrenzy Xchange** This is faster, more reliable, and easier to use than a file sharing search engine.
4. **MP3 Voyeur** This utility is designed to list only accessible files, unlike many who list outdated links as well.
5. **2 Find MP3** Its features include more than 300 results in seconds.
6. **MP3 Album Finder** This system finds full MP3 albums (and also singles) in minutes on FTP servers.
7. **Bodotella** This is a file-sharing utility that holds digital media files over the Internet.
8. **OpenNap** It is the only server for connecting clients together.
9. **MyNapster** This is a file-sharing program that runs the latest version of OpenNap.
10. **OnShare File Manager** This allows you to share files with communities of users.

-Colleen Johnson

## HE SAID / SHE SAID

Do you read or write life?

By Sara Ray

got a very high paying job far from home, and I gave my girlfriend an ultimatum to go with me or to be left behind, that is a decision that would affect my future. If you just had compromised or chose them over the job, your future would have greatly changed. I could have married her and had children with a very good life. Now that does not mean I was "meant" to be with that person; it is just a decision that I made, not fate. If I were "meant" to be with that person, then I would just be with her. Just as if I were "meant" to be a doctor, I would be a doctor, but a decision to not apply myself fully in school changed my path and I did not become a doctor. That makes sense to me.

To me, no one can tell me what I am going to be. I make my own life. I make the decisions that shape my future and no one can change that except for me.

There are some questions in life that do not have answers—only opinions. In my opinion, I believe that we do have a predetermined destiny. I cannot say whether or not that is true because no one really knows for sure. The only resource that I can base my opinion on is my heart and that has always led me in the right direction before. I do not think that God or some other higher being chooses our destiny. I believe that we do.

Wherever we are before we are born, I think that we choose our life. We choose the people that we want to meet, the lessons that we want to learn, and the experiences that we will go through. You are probably thinking, "Okay, Sara. Why in the world would someone choose a difficult life? One filled with death, poverty, or hardship?" Well, I truly do not know the answer behind that. My only theory is that everyone serves a different purpose in this world and part of serving that purpose is having to endure certain situations. We choose the



lessons that we learn and how we learn them. Some people choose to learn them differently, hence the bad situations and hardships.

I believe that my life is already laid out ahead of me. Before I was born, I chose how many children I would have, who I would marry, my career, everything. It is a blueprint and I am only living the plan. In a few ways that might not be true, but in the long run everything is already planned.

Whether tomorrow is planned out or whether it is waiting for you, seize each day and every opportunity. If you think that you have a predetermined destiny, you will end up where you were meant to be. If you do not believe in predetermined destiny, then it is up to you to create your future. As long as you are content with who you are and where you are, everything will eventually fall into place.



By Chad Day

From the time that we are born, it seems like there are so many choices we must make throughout our lives. Some people believe that our lives already have a future planned out for us: I am not one of those people. I myself do not like the fact that I have no control over a life, that it is already determined for me.

Destiny has never been one of the terms I would use for human life or I have agreed with. It just is not any fun if our whole life is totally planned out and now you are living through it. All of the surprise is gone and there is nothing to look forward to if the decisions in our life do not matter.

Although I do not believe in destiny or fate, I do believe that the different decisions we make in life outwardly affect our future existence. For example, if I

# Charge It What does your future hold?

By Kim Nelson

Dollar signs appear in most teen's eyes when the thought of getting a credit card comes into mind. Many good and bad things can come from applying for a credit card. You just have to be careful and know exactly what to do.

Convenience is what every teen wants when they go to the mall or they go out of town. You are able to have a credit card handy instead of a large amount of cash that could easily get stolen. Although the credit card can get stolen, there is always a way that you can regain your credit and cancel your card. It also is a convenience in emergencies when you need something and do not have any cash handy.

Overusing credit card limits is a big deal with teenagers though. They go to the mall and think, "I have a credit card. I can get whatever

I want and pay for it later."

So what happens if teens buy to many high priced items and run up there cards without paying it back? In this situation, the person can be charged and taken to court when their court will rule if the purchases were necessary. The consequences can be as worse as a 500 dollar fine. Credit card companies target most college and high school students by taking advantage of their vulnerability. They like the fact that they can be trusted and the fact that a great deal of responsibility is put on their shoulders.

Everyone knows that credit cards are dangerous and can send people deeply into dept. The key is to balance yourself and understand that having a credit card is a great honor, as long as you are careful and respect your limit a credit card can be a wonderful tool.

## \*In the Spotlight\*

with Colleen Johnson

The winter season brings hundreds of athletes and motivated spectators alike to gyms and arenas around the world. What is behind this massive attraction? The answer to that question is basketball, one of America's favorite pastimes.

Both male and female teams dominate the television and radio airwaves around this time. Friday and Saturday nights guarantee a popular teen hangout at high-school gyms nationwide. The sport has become a part of the American lifestyle. However, it has been women's professional basketball that has created the buzz within the last few years due to the opening of the WNBA. Of course, there was a time in which this popular sport ceased to exist.

Although there are plenty of basketball fanatics out there, several would be unable to recall the game's true history. The entire sport, especially the women's game, has changed an incredible amount throughout the years. Re-viewing some of the old rules and regulations of the game would leave several shocked and surprised. Compared to today's standards, some of the regular antics of yesteryear seem rather humorous and some even outrageous. Odd rules plagued the books. Watching a game back then would differ tremendously from a modern-day game. A brief brush-up on some of these updates will educate the many fanatics out there and

possibly uprise a few laughs.

It all started back in 1891. In the town of Springfield in Massachusetts, a certain YMCA instructor came forth with a recreational activity he had invented. He was Dr. James Naismith. His invention was the sport of basketball. However, it was not until 1892 that the women's version came about. Sendra Berenson was responsible for adapting the rules for women. She also is responsible for introducing the new women's sport to Smith College in that same year. In the next few years, the trend caught on and became more popular in schools with women's sports, as well as it continued to grow in the men's department too. In 1895, Clara Gregory Baer published the first basketball rules for women. It was then called "Basquette."

Nowadays, certain parts of the game are taken for granted. Lay-ups are a fundamental part of the game, as are bank shots. Obviously, this technique is made possible because of the backboard. Since the backboard is such a vital and necessary point of the game, it seems impossible to picture a court without them. However, they did not become a part of the game until four years later in 1895. Baskets were often hung from balconies before then. They were invented to prevent the fans from interfering.

Within the next few decades, several aspects continued to be altered too. In 1908, the

By Liz Brignall and Christina Holt

It is Friday night. You are getting ready for your big night out. You begin to have that queasy, butterflies in your stomach feeling. You best friend set you up with this person, and you agreed, fulfilling your best friend obligation but do not know what to expect. You start wishing that if only you could see into the future, you could determine if the date will be a hit or a complete waste of your Friday night.

Is it possible to see into the future? Many believe a man named Michael de Nostradamus could. Nostradamus was a fourteenth century prophet that has had thousands of his predictions come true.

One of his eerie predictions concerns a monk. Nostradamus encountered a group of Franciscan monks in Italy one day. Nostradamus suddenly bowed to one of the monks named Felice Peretti. When the monk asked why he

did this, he replied that he must bow before his Holiness. Nineteen years later the monk became Pope Sixtus V.

Nostradamus wrote all of his predictions in a book titled *Centuries*, and in this book he mentions three anti-Christ. Napoleon and Hitler were considered to be the first two anti-Christ.

*An Emperor shall be born near Italy.*

*Who shall cost the Empire dear.*

Here Nostradamus refers to Napoleon. Napoleon, the emperor of France, was born on the island off of Italy called Corsica. He invaded European countries, but when he invaded Russia, he lost. All of the European countries united against him which ended in disaster for France.

*A captain of Germany shall come to yield himself by false hope,*

*So that his revolt shall cause great bloodshed.*

*Beasts wild with hunger will cross the rivers*

*The greater part of the battlefield will be against Hister.*

In this four line poem, Nostradamus described Adolf Hitler, almost referring to him by his name, but he missed by only one letter.

The third anti-Christ has not appeared yet, but some think that Sadaam Hussein may be the one.

As for our future, Nostradamus predicts a World War III around the new millennium. Nostradamus foresaw that this war will last for 27 years. He writes that the sky would burn at 45 degrees and fire would approach the great new city, which experts believe could be New York.

Although thousands of the predictions Nostradamus made have come true, many people still are skeptical. If it was possible to see into the future, then you could envision if you and your blind date are destined to be together.

## Preview Night

**On Tuesday February 27th Limestone Community High School wi be hosting an eighth grade preview night. This will take place from 7:00-8:30p.m. This gives the new incoming freshman and there parents a chance to get farmiliar with the faculty and staff. It also gives the incoming students a chance to tour the schoo and get use to the new environment. It takes a litte bit of the tension of the students comming into Limestone by getting a head start. Most of the faculty will be available to talk to the new freshman and there guardians/parents. It shoud be a big success. Along with the students being abe to come to the preview night to see the teachers, they will also get a up close and**

**personal look at what it is like to take certain electives.**

**Students that are involved in most of the curricular activities will be or should be present that night so that the freshman have the experience to talk to an upperclassmen that is participating in the certain elective that you are looking at. As for the upperclassmen it is recommended for you to participate and be involved in this preview night. Take the initiative and go talk to your advisor to help for preview night. It is a fun way to get to know new freshman and help your school at the same time. Sign up, and we will see you all there.**

## A Big Thank You

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**Continuation for this story on the sports page(pg.8)**

## Euthanasia: What does it mean?

In simple terms, euthanasia is helping someone who is ill to commit suicide. It is often called "mercy killing" or "assisted suicide."

## This is what people told me euthanasia means:

"When animals are put to sleep."  
Senior Boy

"The senseless killing of puppies."  
Sophomore Boy

"The type of stuff that they put in glue."  
Senior Girl

"A type of drink."  
Teacher

"A disease where your legs fall off."  
Junior Boy

"The after life."  
Sophomore Boy

"The name of a book."  
Senior Girl

"Enthusiastic."  
Sophomore Boy

"It's a type of shoe."  
Junior Girl

"A color."  
Junior Boy

# Life Matters

## The "Right" to Die?

### Types of Euthanasia

**Passive Euthanasia:** The deliberate disconnection of life support equipment, or cessation of any life-sustaining medical procedure, permitting the natural death of a patient.

**Active Euthanasia:** Deliberate action to end the life of a dying patient to avoid further suffering.

**Active voluntary euthanasia:** A lethal injection by a doctor into a dying patient to end life by request of the sufferer.

**Active involuntary euthanasia:** Lethal injection by a doctor into a dying patient without that person's express request.

### A Few Cases about Euthanasia:

The first doctor that was charged for performing euthanasia was in 1935. Harold Blazer was charged for the death of his daughter who was a victim of cerebral spinal meningitis. He had taken care of his daughter for over thirty years and he killed her by placing a handkerchief soaked in choleraform over her face until she died. In his trial he was acquitted (found not guilty).

The first doctor to be found guilty was Joseph Hassman in 1986. He injected a lethal dose of Demerol into his mother-in-law at the request of her family. He was sentenced to two years

probation, fined \$10,000, and ordered to perform 400 hours of community service.

### A Few Laws Concerning Euthanasia:

Today, nearly all states prohibit assisted suicide and euthanasia. In Illinois, if someone assists another person in suicide and the attempt is successful, that person is sentenced 3 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. If the attempt is unsuccessful, the sentence is one year in prison and a \$1000 fine.

### The Infamous Dr. Kevorkian:

Everyone has heard of Dr. Kevorkian and of the controversy that surrounds him. Dr. Kevorkian's "claim to fame" has been his aid in assisted suicide with terminally ill patients. Kevorkian even went so far as to videotape himself putting a man to death who had Lou Gehrig's disease. Kevorkian then let the CBS television show "60 Minutes" air the videotape. Kevorkian states, "When my time comes, I want a colleague to be able to do what I ask him to." In other words, Kevorkian would rather have a fellow doctor kill him rather than die naturally. Since 1990, he had aided in the deaths of more than 100 terminally ill people. Kevorkian is currently in prison in Michigan.

### Here is what some students said:

"I believe euthanasia is morally wrong because any form of deprivation of life from an unsupported life-form in almost any case is not right."  
Senior Joe Brignall

"I am all for euthanasia. Anyone in so much pain that they would not want to live should be allowed to die with dignity."  
Senior Linden Stear

"I feel that if their life is to the point where all they will do is lie in bed all of the time than that is an exception."  
Sophomore Angie Rendleman

"I think that if the family of the person agrees with it, there is nothing wrong with it."  
Freshman Katy Atwell

### Think About It:

Do you agree with "mercy killing?" Do you consider euthanasia to be an act that aids ill people to die with dignity? This issue is going to become more of a hot topic as time progresses. It could be just a matter of time before euthanasia is a household word. Do you want euthanasia to become a simple act, one that people come to expect? Is it dignity to end your own life or is it just an alternative? Think about it.

By Sara Ray

"A new movie."  
Freshman Girl

"Invasion of European ideas."  
Sophomore Boy

"Asians with a Lutheran religion."  
Sophomore Boy

"A nickname for a cow."  
Freshman Girl

"A place of comfort."  
Sophomore Boy

"An English term."  
Sophomore Girl

"A new computer program?"  
Junior Girl

## Out of the 75 people polled...

12 people thought that euthanasia meant starving children in Asia

17 people gave the correct response

Only 12% of freshman and sophomores gave the correct response

65% of juniors and seniors gave the correct answer

## Concert Report: Mudvayne

By Zach Nelson

Heavy metal home-town heroes Mudvayne returned to Peoria to play an awesome show. For those who have never heard of Mudvayne, they are a metal band from Peoria, formed in 1996, released one local album, got a chance to tour with Slipknot, and then were signed to Epic Records. Today Mudvayne is opening for all kinds of huge bands, and their faces are all over the magazines. Before they headed over seas to accompany Limp Bizkit, Rammstein, PJ Harvey, and Roni Size on the "Big Day Out Tour," Mudvayne decided to do a couple U.S. shows. Fortunately, they came to Peoria. I got to the show early to catch all the bands, but still had to wait in a line that wrapped half way around the Madison in twenty degree weather. The show was completely sold-out! I got in just as V-Shaped Mind took the stage. They played for about half an hour. The best part of their act was when Kud (lead singer) of Mudvayne came out to join them on a song; other than that they were nothing special. After a slight intermission, Non-Point came on. I'm not too familiar with their music, but they were better than I expected. Spineshank was

the third band, which was just added to the bill about a week before the show. They played for close to an hour. After an intermission that seemed like it lasted forever, the lights went out for Mudvayne. They opened with the song "Under The Skin" as the floor of the Madison went into a moshing frenzy. Their set list included: "Internal Primates Forever," "Nothing To Gein," "Dig," "1," and a couple of others. They ended the night with "Cradle." This is one of the best shows I've seen lately. Mudvayne doesn't have a big stage set up though "The make-up is just the beginning - its all we could afford on a limited budget. Eventually, our shows will be so big they'll eclipse IMAX." Said drummer Spag in an interview with *Revolves*



Lead singer of Mudvayne, Kud.

## Role Models

By Holly Sanders

As many of us have come to realize, our favorite celebrities may not exactly prove to be the best choice in role models. This creates a difficult situation because so many people look up to these stars. The following articles are on some recent mishaps that prove this point.



Justin Timberlake

Though it may not come as much of a surprise to most of us, Robert Van Winkle, Vanilla Ice, was arrested in Florida after arguing with his wife. It was reported that Ice covered his wife Laura's mouth in order to "shut her up". Van Winkle also confessed to

pulling out some of his wife's hair in order to prevent her from jumping out of the truck's window while driving down Interstate 595. Ice was released from Boward County Jail in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a \$3,500 bail.

In another case, Cedric "K-Ci" Hailey from K-Ci & JoJo is being sued by a family from Anaheim, California. The suit was issued after a Los Angeles concert for accounts of nuisance, infliction of emotional distress, and negligence.

Perhaps the most surprising event in this series is the current lawsuit against \*NSYNC's Justin Timberlake. The family of \*NSYNC fan, Danielle McGuire, 15, has filed a suit alleging that their daughter was harassed and verbally assaulted by Timberlake. On December 18, the suit was filed in a St. Louis circuit court. Timberlake has been changed with false imprisonment of a minor and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

## Golden Globes

By Chad Wys

On Sunday, January 21, 2001, the winners of the Golden Globe Awards, presented by the Hollywood Foreign Press, were announced deep in the heart of Hollywood. The biggest stars from television to blockbuster movies came to here who would earn a prestigious Globe trophy. Movie guru's and critics alike agree, as history has proven, that the Golden Globes are a fore-shadow of the Academy Awards; typically the actors and movies that take home a Globe, takes home an Oscar.

Mishaps of the evening included a rather odd appearance by Elizabeth Taylor, presenting the "Best Motion Picture - Drama" categorie. As she stumbled over the nominees, the show's producer, Dick Clark, had to enter the stage to help her find her place. Truly a shock moment in Hollywood, and the only visible problem the entire program had.

The winners included: Sara Jessica Parker and Kelsey Grammer-comedy television; *Sex and the City*-best television comedy; *The West Wing*-best television drama; Kate Hudson-best supporting actress; George Clooney-best actor in a comedy film; Julia Roberts won-best actress in a drama film; and *Gladiator*-best motion picture drama.

## Album Review

### A Beautiful Day Without Rain

By Chad Wys

Rarely have I ever felt as passionately about reviewing an album as Enya's new, true masterpiece *A Day Without Rain*. The album, from start to finish, is pure musical and spiritual genius. Richly crafted lyrics and melodic tones and instrumentations are unbelievably hypnotic and soothe your mind as if you were looking over the most breathtaking view in the world, only, you're hearing it. I have found it hard to put into words the beauty that pours from this album.

Since her solo debut in 1987, with the album *Celts*, this Irish songstress has captured the world with her interestingly beautiful music styling. Though she is classified as "New Age," it is hard to put a label on her. The best way to describe Enya's music is a beautiful humming, chantful voice surrounded by synthetic pads of sound and flowing rhythm, though you will have to hear her to make full sense of this. She is truly a vacation for your ears and relaxation, to its fullest, for your mind.

With her hugely successful 1988 album *Watermark*

behind her, she hasn't strayed far from her original sound. This composer has enchanted millions of fans in every crevice of the world. This is why legions of listeners were relieved when Enya released her fifth album of all new music, nearly six years since her 1995 release *The Memory of Trees*. Along with the new album is the new single, "Only Time." (Truly the highlight of the album.)

Other album highlights you can't pass up include "Wild Child," a faster, bouncy song that includes some of the finest workmanship of music today; the title track "A Day Without Rain," a slow journey through the mind that pulls you into a vast, relaxed mood; "One By One," a simple track that holds a feel all it's own and seems to get you singing along even though you might not know exactly what you are singing!

If you are unfamiliar with Enya and want an album to lift your spirit and bring you to another level of relaxation, *A Day Without Rain* mustn't be missed.

## Book Review

### Tuesdays With Morrie

By Sara Ray

Who knew that in one simple book you could learn about love, life, death, education, religion, hope and fear? Who knew that in 171 pages, you would learn lessons that you did not realize that you did not know? In *Tuesdays With Morrie*, by Mitch Albom, you cannot help but learn a

**"An old man,  
a young man,  
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lesson a page. No, this is not one of those annoying *Chicken Soup* books with those obnoxious little anecdotes. This is simply a story that contains certain messages. Messages that seem to reach out, grab the reader, and shout, "Hey you! Pay attention! You might just learn something!"

There are not very many books with that captivating quality.

*Tuesdays With Morrie* is the story of a man, Mitch Albom, who meets up with Morrie Schwartz, his old college professor. Morrie had been Mitch's mentor during college and he was the one with all of life's answers. Mitch had lost track of Morrie due to his hectic life as a sports writer but rediscovered Morrie in his last few months of life. Every Tuesday Mitch and Morrie met for class just as they had done back in the college days. "Their re-kindled relationship turned into one final 'class': lessons on how to live."

There are not very many books that I have read that made me learn while I read them. Like most people, I read mindless books purely for entertainment. With this book, though, I found myself highlighting quotes, scribbling notes, and marking pages in hope that I would not lose the lessons.

I have referred back to this book and have even used quotes and stories in presentations that I have had to do. In all of the *Chicken Soup* books that I have read, I have never picked up a highlighter or even a pen.

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Mitch Albom

Whether you are a student or a teacher or whether you like to read or not, you will enjoy this book. It is an easy read that captures your interest in every page.

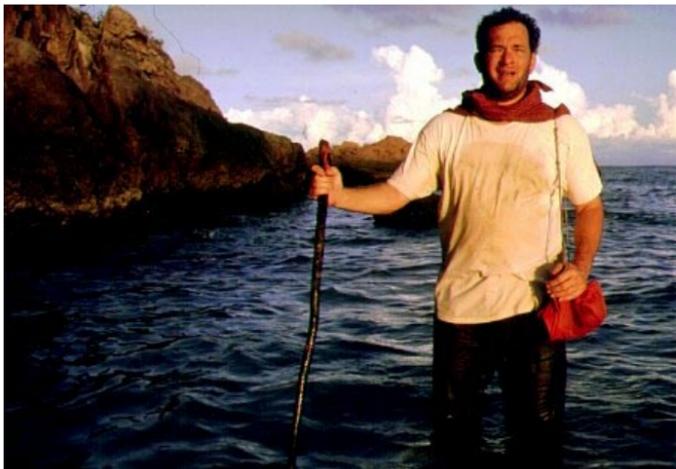
Movie Review By Chad Wys

# Don't *Cast Away* This Movie

Truly labled the "mega-hit" of winter, the new film "Cast Away," starring Tom Hanks, has been nesting at the top of the movie charts since its initial release December 22. Already entering into the "100-million-dollar-club," (grossing over 100 million dollars) it is one of the years most succesful films in just over one month's time. When you think "Tom Hanks," you assume the film is quite entertaining and a quality

character to progress into. This film is one of his most demanding roles, even though there is a total sum of an hour of no dialogue - just Tom and the camera. You know that his acting is supurb since he has already earned a 2001 Golden Globe nomination for Best Actor in a Drama.

"The story is not so much about the survival of a human being, but rather the survival of the human spirit..." said director Rober Zemeckis. The



product, bringing into consid-eration his resume of past successes (Forest Gump; Saving Private Ryan; The Green Mile; etc...). This latest film is no exception.

Filmed in two parts - the production took place over a period of 16 months, with a year-long break in between, making it an excruciating production schedule for everyone involved. This break was needed to portray the necessary physical changes required for Tom Hanks'

film is well acted, well filmed, and well directed, with a strong story that will keep you interested. If you are looking for a solid, entertaining, and quality movie for the pre-Oscar hub-bub, you will leave the theater pleased with "Cast Away."

I give the film "4" out of "5" stars. The genre can be classified as a Drama/Adventure. The MPAA rating given is "PG-13." The total running time is 2 hours, 23 minutes.

# RealityBase poll

What Would You Do?

By Colleen Johnson

This past year, several new television shows have come and gone, including an overload of shows based on a fresh, yet not-so-new topic: reality. Big-time networks including CBS, PBS, and FOX all picked up reality t.v. shows to add to their line-up. Although reality t.v. has been around for awhile, this past season has sent it sailing into the spotlight. The one show topping most people's minds and the charts, is CBS's breakthrough hit, "Survivor." Last year, "Survivor" snagged the title as the highest-rated summer show in television history.

"Survivor" created such a success that it sent other networks rushing to premiere their latest takes on real t.v. "Survivor: The Australian Outback" emerges on CBS, in hopes of making the smash it did last time around. Other new shows include "The Mole" on ABC and FOX's racy new hit "Temptation Island." This show already has caught the public's eye and has people talking. CBS is also noted for it's slightly overplayed series, "Big Brother." FOX came out with the short-lived "American High" series based on the lives of a group of high-schoolers. PBS brought forth an old-fashioned take on the modern trend. "The 1900 House" was based on an English family who spends three months living like a middle-class household in 1900. However, many teenagers hold MTV, home of classics "Real World" and "Road Rules" as their favorites.

Do these "real" shows live up to their titles? Well, predominately that is up to the viewer to decide. And how does the typical home viewer feel about actually being on the show? Thousands apply to be on these shows. 6,100 applied to be on the first series of "Survivor," and that was even when it was still unheard of and not yet popular. An average of 35,000 young adults audition for the "Real World" annually. Only a small portion of those prospects are chosen. Do you think you could be one of them? Would be comfortable with revealing the "real you" to the whole world? And just how much is too much?

Below is a survey of random Limestone freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors and their opinions on the issue.

## Privacy Survey

Would you be willing to let a reality television show film you:

On a date?	Yes: 50%	No: 10%	Maybe: 40%
Kissing?	Yes: 50%	No: 10%	Maybe: 40%
Crying?	Yes: 50%	No: 30%	Maybe: 20%
Cheating on a test?	Yes: 50%	No: 50%	Maybe: 0%
Having an argument?	Yes: 90%	No: 0%	Maybe: 10%
Eating lunch at school?	Yes: 100%	No: 0%	Maybe: 0%
Eating a rat?	Yes: 30%	No: 50%	Maybe: 20%
In your pajamas?	Yes: 90%	No: 0%	Maybe: 10%

Judging by the results, most people would be pretty comfortable with allowing reality t.v. to come into their lives and film them., even during those odd situations everyone deals with.



Survivor's challenge each other.

"I think reality t.v. is just a fad because people will eventually get sick of just watching the stupid things other people do."  
-Sophomore Tony Pagan

"I think I have the charisma and the nice personality to be on the reality t.v. shows."  
-Jarel Davis



The Survivor cast of season one.

# American Music Recap

By Ryan Linsley

The 28th annual American Music Awards took place on January 8, the first major awards ceremony of the year. The event was hosted by Britney Spears and LL Cool J (an unlikely POP duet).

Kid Rock and Faith Hill won the best Male and Female artist titles. The Best New Artist of the Year trophy was awarded to 3 Doors Down. Creed took the best Album of the Year award with their breakthrough, *Human Clay* LP. The Best Band of the Year award went to the Backstreet Boys. The Rap Artist of the Year went to Dr. Dre.

# Mtv2

By Chad Day

MTV 2 is back, and this time it may be here to stay. It has gone back to the old days when MTV actually played music videos. They play various types of videos from Fuel to Britney Spears. It's not just rap either; it actually plays Green Day and other rock brands.

In addition to videos, MTV2 airs concerts. For example, the Moby concert was played day in and day out. The IA Green Day concert was also played.

A great feature on MTV 2 is the control freak system. You get three videos and you vote. online. The one with the most votes is played.

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# Artist of the Month

By Chad Day

**Incubus** is one of those bands you can not categorize. The **Incubus** album, *Make Yourself*, shows the band's unique diversity and talent. When the single "Pardon Me" was released, many thought it was just another rap/rock group. The song grew in popularity quickly. "Stellar" was *Make Yourself's* next single, and it was totally different musically and lyrically from "Pardon Me." "Drive," the newest release from **Incubus**, is a slow, acoustic guitar song. **Incubus** is a band all about being different, and that is what makes them so great.

## Sports Shorts

## Junior Girls and Senior Boys

## Win Annual Tug of War

By Ryan Linsley

## Baseball Signings

Alex Rodriguez signed the highest paid contract in sports history with the Texas Rangers. He will be paid 252 million dollars over ten years. Manny Ramirez signed an eight year, 160 million dollar deal with the Boston Red Sox. Juan Gonzalez signed a one year deal with the Cleveland Indians.

## NBA News

Grant Hill will miss the rest of the year so he can have surgery on his ankle. Rick Pit resigns after a three and a half year stint as coach of the Boston Celtics.

## NFL Coaching News

Marty Schottenheimer signs a four year, ten million contract to coach the Washington Redskins. Gunther Cunningham was fired by the Kansas City Chiefs. Dick Vermiel will come out of retirement and take over as coach for the Chiefs. Wade Phillips was also fired by the Buffalo Bills.

## NFL Awards

Marshall Faulk of the St. Louis Rams won the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player awards after scoring an NFL record by recording 26 touchdowns. The Baltimore Raven's Ray Lewis won the Defensive Player of the Year award. Brian Urlacher of the Chicago Bears and Mike Anderson of the Denver Broncos won the Defensive and Offensive Rookie of the Year awards.

## NHL

Mario Lemieux made a return to the Pittsburgh Penguins after three and a half years of retirement. So far he has ten assists, six goals, and he leads the Penguins to four wins in six games.

## Oklahoma Wins Coveted National Championship

By Ryan Linsley

The FedEx Orange Bowl from Pro Player Stadium kicked off between the top ranked Oklahoma Sooners and defending champion Florida State Seminoles. The title game featured the Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke at quarterback for Florida State and Heisman runner-up Josh Heupal of Oklahoma. The game did not show off the high powered offenses each team possessed. In fact, it featured only one touchdown by Oklahoma in the fourth quarter on a ten-yard draw play by Quentin Griffin. The game had close

to twenty punts between the two teams.

Both teams looked nervous during the first quarter after three turnovers between the teams. The key turning point came in fourth thought when Weinke fumbled on his own 17-yard line. This turnover set up the touchdown by Griffin. The other Oklahoma points came on field goals by kicker Tim Duncan. The lone Florida State points came on a safety from a bad snap by Oklahoma in the fourth quarter. The final score ended up 13-2, giving the Sooners the Sears Championship

Trophy.

The Most Valuable Player award went to linebacker Torrance Marshall of Oklahoma, who intercepted Weinke in first quarter. Oklahoma limited the Florida State running game to only 16 rushing yards.

In the Sugar Bowl, the Miami Hurricanes downed the Florida Gators 37-20. The Washington Huskies defeated Purdue 34-24 in the Rose Bowl. In the last game in the Bowl Championship Series, Oregon State beat Notre Dame 41-9 in Tempe, the beautiful city in sunny Arizona.



Justin Closen and Steve Andrews of the sophomore boy's team in the tug of war. (above) The sophomore girl's team in the first round of the competition. (right) Both teams lost. The junior boys (top right) lost in the Championship Match against the seniors.



## Continued from Feature

came into and out of play. Three seconds in the lane become a violation and players were finally allowed to "snatch" the ball from other players. Finally, in 1971, the familiar five-player, full-court, and thirty second shot clock game became official. Three-point field goals would later be introduced in the late eighties.

Judging by the several big and small changed tidbits of the game, basketball has evolved a great amount over time into what it is now. It has taken dozens of people, events, and years to come up

with the basic standards of today's game. Whether it be from the time of jump-balls after every scored basket to the more fluent game of modern times, basketball has been a favorite sport of our country. This fact is evident

whenever someone opens up the newspaper, flips on the t.v., or drives by a school gym. Basketball has long been a part of America's history and will stay for a long while.

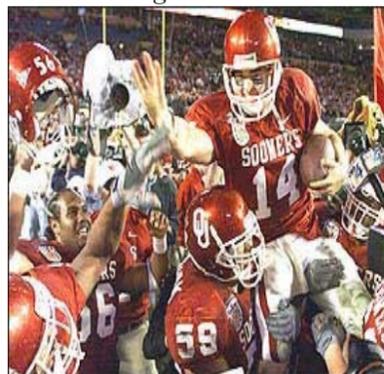
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