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Limestone Says "Goodbye"



Former Limestone drafting teacher Larry Bierwirth

By Chris Rogers

Earlier this month, Limestone High School lost one of its most experienced and most respected teachers. On

October 8, Industrial Arts and Graphic Arts teacher Larry Bierwirth lost his fight with cancer. Limestone teacher Jim Marry expressed his admiration for the teacher. "He was an extremely dedicated teacher. His first thoughts were always about his students. In fact, the last time that I saw him in the hospital, his only thoughts were of returning to school and seeing his students. He was asking 'How is school? How are my students?'"

He was also an incredibly dedicated and caring coach.

He had a way of coaching that no one else could compete with. He will be very difficult to replace. His talent, love, and knowledge of the graphic arts will be very difficult to find a replacement for." In fact, according to Marry, there was only one student in the entire state of Illinois that will graduate halfway through this year that is qualified to replace Bierwirth and that student has already taken a job near Chicago. In speaking for all of Limestone, Mr. Bierwirth will be greatly missed.

Easter Seals and Limestone Celebrate their 25th Anniversary!

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Restaurant Again Faces Problems

By Chris Rogers

Hooters is once again having problems in securing a location near the river front. The controversy over the restaurant is appearing again in Peoria City Council meetings.

In February, Hooters filed a lawsuit against Peoria because the city denied them space in an open riverfront location. According to the city, this denial was due to the fact that the Riverfront Village developers, Michael Wisdom and Monte Brannon, promised only two restaurants, Damon's and Joe's Crabshack, as well as retail shops at the Main Street location.

Peoria Mayor Bud Grieves stated that he fears a turnaround of the decision at the appellate court level and does not want to cause Hooters to locate in East Peoria. The chain's developers have a location in East Peoria tentatively secured as a backup plan if the Riverfront Village falls through. However, some city council members do not want to see the city give in to Hooters because they feel that it will appear that the city will give in simply to avoid a lawsuit.

According to councilman Ardin, "If you're constantly going to cower to somebody who says 'We're going to sue you' or 'We're going to East Peoria,' then they own you."

Grieves came up with a plan to satisfy Hooters developers and the city. He proposed offering them less visible property under the Bob Michael Bridge for \$6000 per year. According to Grieves this price is well below market value for the property.

Additionally, under the plan the city will pay for utilities installation as well as provide funds to pay for the parking lot.

However, Grieves compromise generates no new revenue for the city and it allows a third restaurant in the vicinity of the Riverfront Village. It does however preserve the location reserved for a multistory shopping complex in the Village.

The city council is expected to come to a decision concerning Hooters by mid-September, although construction should not be expected before early 2001.

Some information courtesy of the Peoria Journal Star website.

Sydney Shines -Behind the 2000 games

By Chad Wys

Though swirled in controversy and public ridicule, the summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, were pulled off with flying colors. Most of the programming on the NBC television channel during the month of September has not been 'must see TV'; it has been the world's best athletes competing for the top spot of their field in the 2000 games. The highest rated programs have not been the re-runs of Survivor, or the frequent runs of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. Most people have been tuning their tubes in to watch the worlds brightest, and toughest athletes perform.

From September 15 to October 1, the broadcast of the 26th modern summer Olympics have been unfolding to the entire world. Though often to a delay of nearly an entire day (roughly 16 hours for the U.S.A.), people from all over the globe have been razzed up by the fascination of seeing the fittest people on the planet perform sports at their best, and receiving a gold medal in return. Whether one had the rare chance of seeing the Olympics in person 'down under', see them on the television, or here them broadcast over the radio, a person can not help but feel an urge to root on your home team, or in this case, country. A great deal of thought and readiness has gone into this years athletic-fest. Most of which was carried out by the IOC (International Olympic Committee).

Years of preparation have to be spent on each Olympic

Games, as to be ready for the colossal number and statistics that would come with the opening ceremonies, with a whopping 110,000 people attending at one time. Day eight of the Olympics saw the largest number of people in attendance in the Olympic Park (home to all Olympic events and venues) in history, with over a jaw dropping 401,000 people. The games were viewed through television by billions of interested viewers; nearly 30 million of those viewers coming from the United States. During the span of the Olympic Games, records were not only set on the playing field, but on the Internet as well. The official site of these years' games received over 9 billion hits, making it one of the most visited sites in history.

Picking a favorite moment from the games is like picking a needle from a haystack. One of the proudest moments for American's came when 16-year-old, Megan Quann, from Puyllup, Washington, surged ahead of the pack to win the gold medal in the women's 100-meter breaststroke. Other proud moments for the U.S. came when Marion Jones, of Raleigh, North Carolina, pulled out to win the gold medal in the women's 100-meter race, being crowned the fastest woman in the world. Maurice Greene, of Granada Hills, California, leaped out to win the men's 100-meter race to be crowned the fastest man in the world. One of the most surprising moments came when returning gold medalist, Michael Johnson, came back to win two more gold medals before retiring.

Through all the fascinating, record-shattering performances of the 2000 Olympics, the shadow of controversy hangs over the applause of the crowd. The drug-test factors surfacing throughout the games put a frown on certain parts of the celebration. The gymnast, Andreea Raducan, of Romania, received high publicity when she tested positive for a banned drug after winning a gymnastics gold medal; the medal was later revoked. United States heroine, Marion Jones surfaced through controversy after she won her 100-meter gold medal. Her husband (and trainer) had tested positive for a banned steroid use. Several athletes were removed and sent home from the games, after they were found to have used banned substances by the IOC.

However, the games continued to over-power these dampers, and pulled through with mesmerizing success. The 2000 summer Olympic Games have been labeled the "best ever". Two years from now, the Olympics will visit the United States again, for the 2002 winter games, in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 2004, the summer games will return to a welcome-home performance in Athens, Greece; the site where the first Olympics took place. Whether one is a sports buff, or just a supporter of your home country, the Olympics pulled you in, shook you up, made you sigh, made you smile, and made you jump with excitement. Thank you Sydney for such a wonderful experience.

Up & coming

November 2000...

- 1 **Madrigal Ticket Presale** -Cafeteria 3 p.m.
- 3 **Fall play -Auditorium** 7:30 p.m.
- 4 **Fall play -Auditorium** 7:30 p.m.
- 5 **Madrigal Public Sale** -Cafeteria 2 p.m.
- 6 **End of grading period**
- 8 **Scholars Trechnition Ceremony**
Tea 6:30 p.m. Ceremony 7:00 p.m.
- 13-17 **Thanksgiving Fund Raiser Week**
- 16 **Financial Aid** -Cafeteria 7 p.m.
- 17 **Blue & White basketball game**
Snowball
- 18 **Snowball**
- 22 **No School**- Teacher's institute
- 23 **Thanksgiving Day** -No School
- 24 **No School**
- 27 **Winter Activities Week**



Chat With Kat

Is the swim team supported?

By Katie Sheldon

Does Limestone care as much about all of its sports equally? For the "spotlight" teams you may say yes, but as for one team they have a different story to tell.

This team is a team that does not score the highest ranks, or get the largest attendance so therefore they get pushed to the side in my opinion. Why is it that some sports are supported more than others? Is that really fair to the other sports? Maybe this is because there is so much support for the "ranked" teams that the students don't think that the other teams matter. Being on the swim team, I know how it goes to not be as recognized or to be privileged like some of the other teams.

Recently the Limestone board of Education decided to build a new gymnasium. This is so that the football players and the volleyball teams can practice at the same time with no interference from anybody. It is also a place for the cheerleaders to get a tumbling mat. The other reason is so that when the football players need to practice inside they have a place to do this. Before building this gym the board had been approached to think about building a pool. Yes, we do have a swim team, but we swim at Manual High School every day. Boarding this bus can be

embarrassing because to me it is like giving up the equal rights for all teams. Also, we do not have practices at the times that are most convenient for all of the swimmers. If Limestone really wanted to show that they supported all teams they would at least try to get the swim team a pool. Instead of having to swim at a pool that is not our own.

In the past few weeks we encountered a problem at Manual. In a "freak" accident a light bulb burst and glass shattered into the pool. We received a call from Manual's coach, saying it would be a week before we could swim. So we had to have "special" agility practices at the school. Now, many people have remarked, "Can you really have a swim team without a pool?" Well that is the best unanswered question.

In my opinion, no. We can not be a good swim team with no pool here at our school. Maybe the solution is, if the school supported other teams besides the ranking teams we would not be in this position. The school does have limits, they do support us to an extent, but not nearly like they do the ranking teams. Solving the problem is very easy, all they need to do is spread the support to all of the hardworking teams and not just the ranking teams.

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A Boy's View

Trick-or-Treat

By Ryan Linsley

Most kids think Halloween is the best holiday of the year. The kids like the idea of running around getting free candy and scaring people. Sugar and freedom is every kids dream. So Halloween is the run away winner, right? Among kids yes, but adults think Halloween is a time for worrying about their kids.

The thing that worries parents the most is that trick-or-treating is done at night. It is much easier for a kidnapper to attack at night. If the kidnapper dresses up in a costume and offers lots of candy, he may never be caught. Young kids may get confused about what street they are on and get lost.

When kids are out trick-or-treating they get hungry and think why not eat some of my candy now? The kid may not think to check that the candy was properly sealed and no poisons or sharp objects were added to the candy. Parents tell kids all the time only go to people's houses they know and trust. When kids are out and hear from a friend that a house is giving away good candy, they forget about what their parents said, and they could end up sick from food poisoning.

The weather on Halloween always determines how good it will be. If it is warm, dry, and windy the night will be comfortable and spooky. If the weather is cold and rainy, it is time to look forward to Christmas and a vacation from school. It is nearly impossible to enjoy anything when you are cold and wet.

A neighbor of mine once had a cornstalk around his light post lit on fire. The fire was stopped before a lot of damage was done, but the house could have easily caught fire.

Kids will take candy and pranks over presents and snow now. Parents would much prefer the excitement and being dragged out of bed early Christmas morning than the worry that Halloween night brings.

Opinion Poll

Who is your favorite teacher and why?



"Mrs. Olson because she's fun and she tries to make the best out of everything."
Sophomore Ross Barton



"Mr. Ryder because he is funny. He treats us like adults and he doesn't pick favorites."
Junior Colleen Theinert



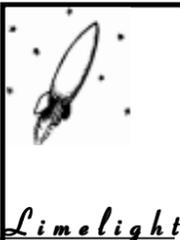
"My favorite teacher is Mr. Turner because he provoked thought in me."
Senior Mitch Clark



"Mr. Perschnick because he helps students with work if they are having trouble."
Freshman Amanda Purdum



"My high school English teacher because she made English fun and inspired me to become an English teacher."
English teacher Todd McDillon



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Jamie's Jabber

By Jamie Emert

Tragedy hits home: local grieves

Brandon Radcliffe and Justin Horton got into the car thinking that they were going for a normal drive. This normal drive forever changed their lives.

On September 16, around 8:45 P.M., the car carrying Brandon and Justin was in a fatal car wreck. The driver, Kari Roberts, accidentally swerved off the road. As Kari tried to control the car, the car ended up in the other lane, hitting a pick-up truck head on. The estimation of her



Brandon Radcliffe

speed was 75 mph, though no drugs or alcohol were involved. Brandon, thrown out the front windshield, was killed instantly. Justin was not so lucky. He was conscious after the crash until he passed on. Kari survived, but she is a quadriplegic for the rest of her life. The other passenger, trapped in the car for an hour and a half, was in fairly good condition.

Brandon and Justin, sophomores at WCHS, were well liked by everyone. The



entire community grieved for the boys and their families. The whole town joined together to help each other through this tragedy. They had a joint visitation, which the whole town went to. There was a line 2 blocks long outside of



Justin Horton

Mason-White funeral home. It was hard to stay at the visitation for very long. The constant loud sobs were very hard to handle. I walked outside twice to get away from it. I have never ever been to a visitation as upsetting as the one for Brandon and Justin. Everyone tried to be strong for each other and for their friends parents, but not too many could remain strong once they viewed their friends.

I go to Washington to visit family at least once a week. Being friends with both Justin and Brandon, the news hit me hard.

No one has yet gotten over this sudden tragedy. I know that for myself, there is a small void now when I visit Washington.

Skate America

New addition to Alpha Park

By Jon Cox

Today teenagers cannot skate anywhere in town without being stopped. As of right now there is no skate park in Bartonville and the closest one is thirty minutes away. Without a skate park nearby, fellow bladers and boarders are going to the street, and the authorities are not liking it at all. The police kick them off the sidewalks, streets, and parking lots.

For a lot of people, skating is a way of life and many teenagers are not going to sit around and not fight for the right to skate. Being a usual to the skating scene, I know what it is like when you are doing a great grind on a ledge or pipe and someone comes over and tells you to leave the property. That is not the only thing. It could be something as simple as just skating down the sidewalk and someone like a cop or pedestrian is going to say something to you and that

is not right.

Shouldn't we have rights, too? Skating is not against the law. What is the difference between a runner running down the street and a skater skating down the street? Nothing is different. They are taking up the same room and going the same speed. Why do police kick the skater off and leave the runner to go his or her merry way?

This year several Limestone skaters, Mike Flatt, Josh Hatterman, and Noah Erickson, started a petition to get a skate park in Bartonville. Thanks to the work of these teenagers and the 300 other kids and even adults, the Bartonville Community Board is going to build a skate park here in our park next summer, once they run it by the budget and insurance company. Soon we won't have to worry about getting booted off the streets by authorities.

What's Hot, He Said, She Said

What's Not

By Chad Wys

What's Hot:

Funny horror movies

What's Not:

Romantic movies

What's Hot:

Old Navy

What's Not:

Abercrombie & Fitch

What's Hot:

98.5/101.1 The Party

What's Not:

104.9 WXCL

What's Hot:

Ask.com

What's Not:

Yahoo.com

What's Hot:

Eminem

What's Not:

Bon Jovi

What's Hot:

Faith Hill

What's Not:

LeAnn Rimes

What's Hot:

Napster

What's Not:

Buying CD's

What's Hot:

Will & Grace

What's Not:

Dawson's Creek

What's Hot:

Being normal sized

What's Not:

Being super model thin

What's Hot:

Having strong opinions and speaking up

What's Not:

Being passive and unconcerned

What's Hot:

Having healthy lungs and living twice as long

What's Not:

Inhaling tar and nicotine and cutting your life in half



Capital Punishment

By Liz Brignall

Inhumane is one word that comes to my mind when I hear someone discussing capital punishment. I definitely do not agree with capital punishment. I believe this method is both harsh and sickening. What is humane about putting people to death? Nothing. I cannot even imagine anybody wanting to fulfill this treatment. Wanting to put a convict on the death penalty does not solve anything because doing this will not bring back the victim; it will only kill another person.

I believe capital punishment is very hypocritical because the government is just performing the same exact process the convict did. The government is only destroying more lives instead of saving them. The government is trying to prevent crimes, but in all reality they are doing just the opposite.

By talking about the death penalty on television, the government is sending false pretenses to children. Children are receiving the message that brutal crimes are allowed in our country. When children hear that adults are putting people to death, they will think it is okay to murder someone. Children think if adults do it, why can't they do it. If this

is not the message that the government wants to send to little children, they should stop sentencing people to death row.

What happens if the court wrongly accuses someone? Do they still deserve to be given capital punishment? What if the court isn't sure if they have the correct convict? People have to ask themselves those questions many times because how many innocent people have actually been sentenced to death row? No one knows the answer to that question because people aren't always sure if they have convicted the correct person.

I believe that convicts should just be sentenced to life in prison rather than receiving capital punishment. If criminals are given the death penalty, they are receiving an easy way out of their mistakes. Capital punishment is very quick and painless, and criminals do not have the chance to think about what they did wrong. On the other hand, living with the guilt can be much more effective. When convicts have to sit in prison, they begin to learn from their mistakes. Most of them realize what they did wrong and regret ever committing the crimes. No one should ever have to be given the death penalty because it is immoral and unethical.

By Doug Peterson

Capital Punishment has been around for years. The phrase "do unto others as you would want them to do unto you" is a very meaningful statement. How would you react if one of your loved ones were murdered? Would you want the killer to be punished? More than likely you would want them to be rightfully sentenced.

I strongly agree with Capital Punishment for one main reason. These killers should be punished by death if they kill another. Now, I'm not the jury, but if you kill for no apparent reason you need the proper penalty.

Anyone in the right mind would never kill. Personally, I could never be the one to perform lethal injection or any other forms of Capital Punishment on the accused, but I'm not bothered if someone else could do it. A lot of the reason that people are against this type of punishment is because most

everyone believes that no one deserves to die. On the other hand, capital punishment satisfies the victim's family and puts these people at a slight ease.

The problem stands. Why do these people deserve to live? Should they live to enjoy life to the fullest? In most cases, I believe they don't. Just always remember that it's the jury who decides who lives and who dies; therefore, the people of our community have the final say.

Everyone has their own opinion and a right to speak it. You may disagree with me, but I'm sure many do agree. Either way, Capital Punishment has been around for a while and it has become the ultimate punishment. On that note, things can't just change; especially if it protects killers.



Republican Presidential Candidate George W. Bush

By Zach Nelson

George W. Bush was born in New Haven, Connecticut on July 6, 1946. The Bush family moved to Texas when George was a toddler. He grew up in Midland and Houston. George W. Bush was an F-102 fighter pilot for the Texas Air National Guard from 1968 to 1973. In 1968, he received a bachelor's degree from Yale University. After that George earned a master's degree in business administration during 1975 at Harvard University. He began a career in the oil and gas business in 1975 in Midland. He worked in the energy industry until the mid 1980's. Then George moved to Washington for his father's presidential campaign in 1988 to serve as a senior advisor. He also assembled the group of partners that bought the Texas Rangers baseball franchise in 1989 and then later built the Rangers' new home, the Ballpark at Arlington. He was managing general partner of the Texas Rangers, until he was elected the Governor of Texas on November 8, 1994. His re-election win was historic. George W. Bush was the first Texas Governor to be elected to consecutive four year terms, by taking 68.6 percent of the vote. Currently in his second term, Governor Bush has earned himself the reputation as a compassionate conservative who has shaped policy based on the morals of personal responsibility, limited government, local control, and strong families. During three Texas Legislative sessions, Governor George W. Bush has worked hard in a spirit of bipartisan cooperation with members and statewide leaders of the Texas Legislature to enact historic reforms to make the public schools better, put welfare receivers to work, put a stop to ridiculous lawsuits and give more strength to the criminal justice laws. In his five years of being the Texas Governor, Bush has delivered the two biggest tax cuts in the states history, totaling nearly 3 billion to Texas taxpayers. As President of the United States, Governor Bush will seek the same common sense agenda in the same bipartisan way that he has in Texas. Governor George W. Bush has brought to us sturdy initiatives to ensure that the prosperity of America has a purpose. Bush has proposed plans for upgrading our country's public schools by strengthening local control and insisting on accountability; strengthening the military with a higher pay, better planning, and better equipment, reducing taxes on all payers, saving and strengthening Social Security and Medicare by giving the senior citizens more options and ushering in the responsibility era in America.

Election Opinions

What issues do you think will affect this year's election?



Sophomore Sarah Alden
"Al Gore's attempt to reduce pollution by restricting or eliminating sports cars is unconstitutional and borders communist."



Dr. Sherwood Dees
"The economy, senior citizen prescriptions, health care for the poor, and middle east war/peace."



Junior Andy Hillig
"I feel that gun control is the most important topic because we do not need new laws we just need to reinforce the ones we have."



Junior Elijah Weakley
"I think that national debt is very important because democrats keep raising it higher and we need a change. I also believe gun control is a very important topic."



Freshman Brooke Barnabe
"I think the gun control will effect a lot of people because everyone thinks it should be handled differently."



Democratic

By Zach Nelson

Al Gore was born on March 31, 1948. He grew up in Carthage, Tennessee where he would help his dad on their farm. He also grew up in Washington D.C.

He went to Harvard University in 1969 where he graduated with honors and received a degree in government. Shortly after graduating he went to Vietnam as a military journalist. After Gore got out of Vietnam he went back to Tennessee and studied religion at Vanderbilt University. While in Tennessee he was a reporter for the Tennessean in Nashville.

He married Mary Elizabeth "Tipper" Aitcheson on May 19, 1970. They then moved to Carthage Tennessee in 1973 where they had their first child Karenna. After awhile he attended Vanderbilt Law School. In 1976 he was elected to represent Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Then on June 5, 1977 their second child, Kristen, was born. Two years after that, January 7, 1979, their third child Sarah was born. Also in 1979 he delivered

the first televised speech on the house floor.

Then on October 19, 1982 the Gores had their fourth child Al Gore III. Shortly after that in 1984 he introduced the National Organ Transplant Act. This was an act that was a computerized network that matched donated organs with the patients who need them. That year Gore also helped forge an agreement to strengthen warning labels on cigarettes. These labels had to warn smokers about the risk of cancer, heart disease, emphysema, and the dangers of fetal injury. Then in 1984 he was elected to the United States Senate. He was then reelected in 1990.

Gore wrote an outstanding book on the environment. It was entitled "Earth in the Balance." It debuted at 13th place on the New York Times best sellers list.

He was then elected as the 45th Vice President of the United States. Then in 1996 he was reelected as the 45th Vice President. Now in the 2000 election he is running for President against George Bush. One issue that he talks about in his campaign is better education. He wants to improve public schools. He also wants to hire more teachers so they can split up classes so they wont have crowded classrooms. Another thing he wants to do to improve education is get better technology in the classrooms. Teachers will have it kind of harder to get a job though. He wants to test teachers in the subject and how well they teach it before they set foot in the classrooms. Once they get the job though he wants to raise teachers salaries. He thinks that teachers should be awarded for there achievements that they do.

Issues in 2000

By Zach Nelson

One is from the hills of Tennessee; the other comes out of the oil fields of Texas. Two candidates few people have heard of. This all makes for one of the tightest presidential elections in recent memory. Who do you want to win Al Gore, George W. Bush, Pat Buchanan, or Ralph Nader? The facts need to be told like they are to everyone.

Nader and Buchanan can be eliminated from the start of the election because they are not from a major party. People will only vote for them because they do not like the candidates from the major parties. Beside the point do you really want someone named Ralph running the most powerful nation on the planet?

Gore has been in the White House already the last four years with Clinton. Bush has been in charge of only one state. Gore knows what to expect in the White House the pressures, challenges, and importantly the media scrutiny. He should be more comfortable there. Bush you might say was there with his dad in the early 90's. He was not in the spotlight everyday like Gore has been. That is one advantage Gore has.

Gore is holding a slim lead in Illinois because people like his plans for education. Gore wants mandatory testing of students in schools nation wide. Bush's education plan does not call for this. Gore's plan for

education will help him in the Midwest. Bush is planning on winning many votes with the big business in the south with tax cuts toward their companies.

During a debate between Bush and Gore on October 11, Gore said Houston had the worst air pollution of any city in the United States. That statement is incorrect according to the EPA; Los Angeles has the worst air pollution in the United States. Houston does harm the ozone layer more than any other city in the United States. This issue could still go either way because Gore has done little to help the environment. Do not be surprised if this issue becomes big before the election.

Gun control is another big issue being debated right now. Bush has the advantage with gun control issue. Bush wants background checks on all people who buy guns. Gore's plan does not call for background checks.

Bush's health care and insurance plan has come under fire because of Texas's high number of uninsured people. Texas was 50th out of all states in 1998 but it improved up to 49th this past year. It is not a bad plan, but it may need a few changes.

Now everyone knows the cold, hard facts make a wise choice for the future. The future of the world is in your hands.



Reform Party Candidate Pat Buchanan



Green Party Presidential Candidate Ralph Nader

By Zach Nelson

Patrick J. Buchanan is running for president on the Reform Party ticket. Buchanan's running partner is Ezola Foster an author, educator, and conservative activist. Buchanan is no stranger to presidential elections he ran twice for the Republican ticket in 1992 and 1996. Buchanan fell short in both attempts at a nomination. He was a senior adviser to three former presidents.

Buchanan received his master's degree in journalism from the University of Columbia in 1962. He has written two bestsellers titled "Right from the Beginning" and "A Republic Not an Empire."

Ralph Nader is running for president on the Green Party ticket. Nader is a long shot to get into the White House, but then again stranger things have happened. His running mate is Winona LaDuke from the state of Minnesota.

Nader was born in 1934 in Winsted, CT, a small town in northwest Connecticut. As a boy Nader cheered on his beloved Yankees and read political news stories. He graduated from Princeton in 1955 and Harvard Law School in 1958. After his graduation Nader became engaged in many political activities, and he was well on his way to where he is today.

Girl Power Changing Stereotypes

By Christina Holt

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful, intelligent girl. Her daddy bought her a used yellow mustang for her sixteenth birthday, but after one year of driving it to school and to her friends' houses, the engine stopped. She did not even attempt to fix it. After all, she did not want to get her hands dirty or even worse-break a nail. She always had a man do it for her and lived dependent ever after. . .

Times change. People change. Stereotypes change. Thirty years ago a woman in a high school automotive class would have been rare, even frowned upon, but girl power has become stronger. Now, girls in autoshop is a more common occurrence. These girls do not need a man's help to fix their engines since they were educated and trained in Bob Privratsky's auto servicing class.

Juniors Dori DeFrance, Lisa Howard, and Sara Koffman are three of these independent girls. They proved their knowledge along with 21 of their male classmates at the ICC Power Competition, held on Tuesday, October 3. About 100 students from area schools participated in this annual competition.

This is only the third year that girls have participated. In past years, only one girl from LCHS has ever won a place in the tournament. This year, the three juniors that participated each placed Dori won a first place trophy in electrical diagnosing and got fourth place in the ASE certified transmission skills test. Lisa took home a second place trophy in the ASE certified transmission skills test. Sara placed third, also on the ASE certified transmission skills test. "It is not only

what they did at the competition, they also have the grades to back it up. All three girls maintained a B or higher average," Privratsky explains.

The three amazed some people just like Marisa Tomei did in the movie, *My Cousin Vinny*. "Why shouldn't they?" Privratsky asks, not at all shocked by the girls' performances.

Both the boys and the girls received the same education. In Privratsky's opinion, the reason for the girls' success is the fact that they work hard. Some of the guys come into the autoservicing class and "they think they know everything; they don't know squat," Privratsky argues.

On the other hand, some girls walk into the class not knowing anything, therefore, they try even harder to learn all that they can. Junior Lindsay McElroy, an autoshop student who did not attend the ICC competition, says, "I feel like I have more to prove."

The male students that attended the competition also performed very well. In the area of engine tune-up, Adam Merrick got a first place trophy, Rick Ivey received second, and Marshall Pare took third. Anthony Hoopingartner and Nate Shaw tied for fourth place. Bob Leggins placed fifth.

In the section of electrical diagnosing, Shannon Schwindenhammer earned a second place trophy, Bob Hanson took third, Adam Schick got fourth, and Travis Zilch received fifth.

In the ASE certified transmission skills test, Josh Ketcherside aquired a first place trophy, and Adam Schick got fifth place.

Based on how everyone did at the competition, they have a good chance of doing well at the Mid-Illini competition in the springtime.



The Ghostly Truth

By Chad Wys



As depicted in the new television show, *Fear*, ghosts, or the thought of ghosts, tend to make us quite uneasy. While you watch people placed in situations where the question of fact or fiction arise, you tend to think it could quite possibly be in the person's mind. Investigations upon investigations have been carried out in some of the world's greatest supernatural mysteries. While on more than one occasion there were no logical explanations for lack of proper evidence. However, many times the strangest and most interesting stories are proven false.

More often than not, people create the supernatural in their minds; them being the deliverer and us being the accepting audience. Typically, people will embrace something that utterly shocks them or makes them cringe at the thought, rather than seek out the facts and prove whether or not the situation is completely true. Why do we go for these, often times, outrageous fabrications? Merely for entertainment? Whatever the case may be, incidents of the superantural tend to raise our eyebrows and get our blood pumping a bit faster.

When one thinks of 'ghost stories', or 'poltergeists', certain instances in cinematic history come to mind. While most movie representations of hauntings are fiction, a movie from the 70's tends to stick ahead of the pack due to its non-fiction roots. I'm speaking, of course, of the book-turned-movie, "The Amityville Horror". This 'haunting' story could quite possibly be one of the most well-known and well-documented happenings of the modern era. The stroy, as relayed by George and Kathleen Lutz to the author, Jay Anson, in 1977, depicts the horrifying occurrences in a New England house. While the history they relayed was true, depicting grisly murders inside that very house. The actual

haunting story they claimed, was later denied and declared a hoax. That has put a damper on the realities of other famous ghost stories of the modern times. "If Amity was a fake...then what isn't?" asked a movie buff in the late 80's after learning the truth about the classic horror flick.

Other films, such as the classics, "The Exorcist", "Poltergeist", and "The Blair With Project" all have somewhat non-fiction beginnings and bases; however, they have been so altered for an adrenaline pump that they could never be considered anything other than pure fiction. As depicted in the 1992 horror film, "Candyman", a ghost or entity that can come out of a mirror if you say its name five times has been a wild ghost story for hundreds of years. In the old tale, however, the ghost is a woman, named 'Bloody Mary', who will "slice and dice" if you say her name five times into a mirror

located in a darkened room.

Other famous tales have been unproven and destined to be unproven forever. A famous tale in which "Blair Witch" is loosely based is a story of the Bell Witch. Who terrorized a small farm house in the midwest. While the witch was more of a poltergeist, it caused many un-thretning problems, but also caused serious enough problems to cause the death of one of the residents of the house. There are handfuls of ghost stories that have surfaced in recent years that tend to chill us the the bone, which is exactly what they were created for...to give us a cheap thrill. Often people claim, people photograph, and people talk to entities from the other side. Fact or fiction is the question. You yourself may even claim to have seen a ghots...but you really have to ask yourself...did you want to see one so badly, that you did? The case comes down to whether or not you believe. So do you?



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Music News

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2001

★ Deftones play Chicago
Show

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also appearing Incubus and Taproot

From The Root Of It All

By Zach Nelson

Music today could use some new bands. Anymore all you hear about is worn-out rock/rap bands, and boybands. We need more rock bands instead of the same old thing over, and over again. A band that should be noticed for their talent is a local band called Mesa. I would describe their band as mix between Creed and Staind. Over the summer they spent their time doing shows and working on their sophomore album, *From The Root of It All*, which was released last month at their show down by the riverfront. Mesa is lead singer Matt Nevitt (Limestone graduate), bassist Jason Wright (also a Limestone graduate), guitarist Ryan Hayden (Richwoods), and their new drummer Brett Huntley (East Peoria), who was formerly in the local metal band Sic Kor. Both of their albums can be picked up at Co-op Records all over, Barnes & Noble, and at Mesa shows. I had a chance to ask Matt and Brett a couple of questions, heres what they had to say.....

- Who are some of your influences musically?

Matt - Rush, Creed, Godsmack, and the Deftones have been a big influence for me.

Brett - Staind, Deftones, and I love Mike Portnoy's work with Dream Theater and Rush's Neil Dert.

- How long have you guys been working together in Mesa?

Matt - Well... Mesa all started about 2 years ago.

Brett - I joined the band about 9 months ago.

- What has been your favorite show that you played?

Matt - OkaBoji, Iowa. That was an awesome show.

Brett - I'd have to say Detroit at Harpo's.

- Is the music off your debut CD and the new music the same or different?

Brett - The new album is different from the old one, it is more technical and progressive. The crowd can get into it.

- What is your favorite song off the new album?

Matt - My favorite track is proably "Feel".

Brett - "Let Go" is a pretty cool song.

- Do you have any upcoming shows?

Brett - Not as of now, but you can check show dates on our website

<http://mesa.2000.tripod.com>

Taste Buds

with Liz and Christina

We walked up the stairs to the dual restaurant complex. On the right, we saw Damon's, the casual, all-American eatery. Our destination was to our left, the tacky, yet colorful and fun-looking seafood house, Joe's Crab Shack. We yanked on the door of Joe's. After an unsuccessful entry, we peered in at the darkness. We saw a sign on the door that read hours: Mon-Tues 4pm-10pm. Christina checked her watch: Monday, Oct. 9, 12:15pm. Realizing our appetite could not wait, we decided to eat at Damon's.

Inside the door of Damon's, the hostess greeted us cheerfully and asked if we wanted quiet dining or would prefer to be in the clubhouse. We chose the clubhouse. Posters of local Peoria sports teams and their players hung on the walls, and small radios with were located on each table.

By Christina Holt

Some people call me "the healthfood queen" because of my frequent eating of salads. I could hear them saying "Who goes to review a seafood house and eats a chicken salad?" I had come with the intent of being adventurous and eating a creature from the sea, and was somewhat relieved that I did not have the opportunity.

Our server, Amy, greeted us promptly and offered us drinks. I ordered a glass of raspberry lemonade. It was sweet, fruity, and refreshing, like summertime in a glass. She inquired if she could start us off with an appetizer before even giving us an opportunity to look over the five-page menu. After discussing it, Liz and I decided upon potato skins—with monterey jack and cheddar cheese, bacon bits and scallions, served with sour cream and ranch dressing for dipping. They were a little greasy and breakable but none-the-less, tasty. I flipped through the menu and wanted to try everything, but I decided upon a traditional favorite, chicken parmesan fettucini (cost, \$10.99). Usually, I refer to this dish covered in artery-clogging alfredo sauce as a heart attack on a plate, but it was surprisingly delicious. The alfredo sauce was light, not

heavy tasting at all. I ended up taking much of my meal home for later enjoyment.

My stomach realized that I was stuffed, but my eyes and taste buds tried to convince it that it could hold another bite. Liz and I split a piece of oreo pie. It tasted as good as it looked. It had very rich chocolate—fantastic for chocolate lovers everywhere.

Our total bill came to \$32.86, which I thought was pretty pricy. I recommend Damon's because of its good food and fun atmosphere. I wouldn't recommend dining there too often, though. Eating food that



has too much fat and grease on a regular basis is an early death sentence. It was nice for the health food queen to take a day off to celebrate the day of no school.

By Liz Brignall

As I opened the door to Damon's, I immediately realized that I was going to enjoy dining here. The hostess was very friendly and nice, and she asked Christina and me if we preferred quiet dinning or the clubhouse. I replied by saying the clubhouse. As she showed us to our booth, my eyes began wondering around the large scenery. The walls were lined with poster, pictures, and jerseys of all the Peoria teams. I also noticed there were some framed pictures of Michael Jordan and other Chicago players and teams.

I was very amazed with Damon's because it was very different from most restaurants. Once we entered the clubhouse my eyes first caught the five big-screen televisions. Each television was playing a different station, such as sports and cartoons. When we were seated I noticed another difference in this unique restaurant. I saw that there were radios on the end of every table. Only a few stations were available so we chose the station with the music playing.

Amy, our waitress, was also very friendly and cheerful. I did not even get the chance to look through my menu, when she came by our booth and asked us what we would like to drink. I chose the raspberry ice tea, and it was excellent. I have never tasted anything better, the tea was very sweet and fruity.

Amy asked us if we would like an appetizer to start us off so Christina and I chose the potato skins. At first they did not look very appealing so I sat there for a moment looking at the potato skins topped with mozzarella and cheddar cheese, bacon, and scallions. I finally took a bite of the potato skin, and I was surprised at how well I really enjoyed it. The potato skins were a little greasy, but they were crispy and tasted kind of like a baked potato.

While I was eating my share of the potato skins, I gazed through the menu. I had a difficult time choosing something to eat because I wanted to try everything. All of the food looked very delicious, and there was a wide range of food to choose from. Damon's had a little bit of everything, such as seafood, chicken, steak, pasta, and sandwiches.

I finally found a dish I wanted to try, and as Amy was taking my order she mentioned to me that the restaurant had discontinued the Snappy grilled chicken with Rose pasta. I was disappointed because I had taken so much time trying to find something that appealed to me. Christina asked Amy what her favorite dish was, and Amy told me to try the grilled chicken in Alfredo sauce so I decided to go along with it.

When my food arrived I was delighted, especially when I took my first bite. My meal was very tasty and delicious. I thought the Alfredo sauce was perfect because it was not too salty. The chicken was very good also because it tasted like it had just gotten off the grill. The meal also came with a small roll of garlic bread. The bread was very warm and tasty, but I did think it was a little too salty. I soon became full, but I kept eating because the food was so appetizing. I finally decided to stop eating because I wanted to make room for dessert.

When Amy came back with our new receipt, I asked her when Damon's had trivia nights because I had heard from a friend that this restaurant had these nights. I did not see anyone playing trivia which is why I decided to ask Amy about it. She told me that during football season the restaurant has football nights on Sundays and Mondays, and every other day Damon's has their regular trivia nights.

Overall I had a great experience at this unique restaurant. I really enjoyed the atmosphere, especially the wonderful waiters and waitresses. Damon's was a little expensive for me, but I really enjoyed the unique dining. I really felt like I was at home at this restaurant because of the televisions, the music, and the great food.

If Only We Could Fly

By Brad Clough

Welcome to the jungle, punk, take a look around. Its Limp Bizkit rockin up your town. The Chocolate Starfish and Hot Dog Flavored Water is the album name. Limp Bizkit is the band. What more can you say? On Tuesday, October 17, 2000 Limp released their 3rd and one of the most anticipated records of 2000. This third release, features collaborations with DMX, Method Man, Redman, Scott Weiland, and Xzibit. Last month, Bizkit exploded on the scene with two singles at the same time. My Generation and Rollin' quickly found its way to the BOX Top10 locking up 2 spots. Both songs flip flop back and forth on the TRL countdown. On this third album, Wes Borland went back to a six string guitar and occasionally uses a four-string. The Rollin' Remix was produced by rap producer Swiss Beatz. Again, Bizkit released a different sounding style than their previous album. All three of their albums have their own unique sound. Such tracks as *Getcha Groove On* and the *Rollin' {Urban Assault Vehicle}* Remix are straight up rap. Many fans consider this a sell-out, but it is only being open minded. Track 7 on The Chocolate Starfish, *Livin It Up*, is a cover of the Eagles *Life in the Fastlane*. Limp Bizkit is only the second band that the Eagles let use the song. *Hold On* also shows the diversity of Limp Bizkit by teaming up again with Scott Weiland from Stone Temple Pilots. This album is pure and has all it's own originality! With age Limp Bizkit continues to make good music. All in all, this is an excellent album and even if you didn't like Limp Bizkit before this is different. However, as Bizkit would say themselves they need to get *Back to Basics* and return to the music they brought forth with 3 Dollar Bill Y'all.



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Its About Time

By Chad Day

Since their last CD *Nimrod* in 1997, Green Day had been working hard on a new album. Finally, October 3rd came and *Warning*, Green Days fourth album with Reprise Records was released. 12 tracks of pure punk rock!

Ever since Green Day's first CD with Reprise, *Dookie* in 1994, they have been a household name for all punk fans out there. Slowly their popularity has grown over their six year career. The songs, "Basket case," "Longview," "She," and "When I Come Around" are well known in the alternative music world. Not too long after *Dookie* was the band's sophomore album titled, *Insomniac*. It was also an instant hit, and Green Days "screw the world" theme was catching on. The songs "Brain Stew," and "Geek Stink Breath," defined 1997 Green Day blessed listeners with the album, *Nimrod*. The was a hit and *Nimrod* debuted at #1 on Billboards album chart. "Life/Good Riddance," defined 1998 and was one of Green Days songs. "Nice Guys Finish Last," graced the hit movie, *Varsity Blues* soundtrack a best seller for weeks. Older Green Day albums of *1039/Smoothed Out Slappy Hours* and *Kerplunk*.

The first song released off of *Warning* is "Minority." It was released. With punk lyrics like, "I wanna be the minority, I don't want the ears of Green Day fans everywhere. Many Green Day fans songs like on *Nimrod*, and when *Warning* was announced, they were excited."

The CD is chalked full of other great songs such as; "Blood, Sweat & Tears," "Sunday," the title track "Warning," and "Deadbeat Holiday." Lyrics are the same Green Day "style".

All in all *Warning* is a great album for all Green Day fans. It delivers both musically and lyrically. If you're not a Green Day fan check out "Minority" and see if you like it. This CD is awesome!!!

Green Day



Warning!

The Return of The Exorcist

By Chad Wys

The newly restored "version you've never seen" of the horror epic, "The Exorcist", came back to theaters for an ironic, October (Friday the 13th) re-release. While no one under the age of 27 could have seen this classic on the big screen during it's initial release in 1973, it was a rare experience for theater goers of the next generation to see this film the way it was meant to be seen (not on a 20 inch TV screen). This film is not a spine-tingler...it rips your spine out and throws it around before bringing you back to reality, and boy oh boy are you glad to be back!

With the revisit to the theaters, this movie brings with it over 13 minutes of previously deleted footage that was not included in the '73 version. This will give older audiences, who saw the movie 27 years ago, a reason to see it again. Among the new scenes that were added for the 2000 release, include the ever-infamous "spiderwalk" sequence in which the star, Linda Blair, crawls down the stairs in a physically impossible, tarantula-like contortion—a truly horrifying experience that was cut out of the original version because the director felt it was too soon in the plot to show such a graphic display. Other 'new additions' include a rather interesting doctor's visit, a chat between priests towards the end of the film, and an all-new ending sequence. All-



new sound effects, digital sound, new and better graphic effects, and various other elements were added throughout the entirety of the film. Audiences of the 90's who are used to movies like "Scream", "I Know What You Did Last Summer", and "Urban Legends", that start out with a 'killer' opening sequence that seems to stick with you, will get bored during the first half of this film. I was getting a little antsy in my seat waiting for the horror that I knew would come in the last half of the film. If you haven't seen the movie before, you will be so fixed with anticipation of what is to come that you won't mind waiting. If you have seen the film before, as I have, you will want to get to the horror more quickly. However, this film is so interesting and eerie, it pulls you in from the beginning and especially through the climax and ending. It is all-around well done, and the new features make it even more enthralling.

Because of its content, I would not suggest that just 'anyone' go see it. If you are under 18 you must see it with an adult, and you should have a strong stomach. Teenagers will want to see this film because of its ever-increasing stature as the #1, scariest movie ever made. Kids under the age of 13, however, should not see it. It does include scenes that add to the 'evil' of the story line, but tends to go past what other movies have never dared to touch. It is a movie of good against evil, in the worst possible way. What makes the movie so frightening is that it depicts the 'hi-jacking' of a person's body. Whether someone goes crazy and loses his or her mind, or (in this case) someone is possessed by the devil, it makes you feel vulnerable and helpless.

I give this movie 5 out of 5 stars. It is absolutely the most frightening movie I have ever seen. If you love scary movies you need to see it, if scary movies make you sick...you need to miss this one! The re-release lets this film retain the crown as the 'scariest movie ever made', with flying colors. If you are wondering what to see for this Halloween, you have you answer. For complete information on "The Exorcist", visit the official site (theexorcist.warnerbros.com).

New Releases	
Oct. 31, 2000	Nov. 21, 2000
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Fantasy Frenzy

By Ryan Linsley

Fantasy Football is an exciting up and coming game on the internet. You do not have to be an expert to play. For a beginner, I suggest ESPN's Gridiron Challenge at espn.com. It is free and you can win cool prizes if your team wins the overall title.

If you have some friends you can create your own division and play for bragging rights. After you are in a division and have a team name, you have to pick two pro quarterbacks, runningbacks, wide receivers, and kickers. Sounds easy, right? No, you have to stay under the 50 million-dollar salary cap. At the start of the season, each player costs so much money against the cap. If the player does well, his cost will rise, and the opposite happens if he plays poorly.

Now that you understand the game you must understand the strategy behind the game. At the start of the season you want to have balance at every position. The reasoning behind this is simple. A team having two or three pricey superstars could be hurt with an injury early in the game or a few bad games by one player. Remember you have eight players to get, and 50 million to spend. That averages out to about 6.25 million per player. You would over spend if you used over 5.5 million on a kicker. A

good quarterback will cost a little over 6.5 million. Do not be afraid to trust a gut feeling you have about a player. You can switch players any time you want. For example, a runningback nobody ever heard of like Stephen Davis of the Washington Redskins turned out to be among the top rushers in the NFL last year.

An important key in this game is injuries or past injury problems. In Gridiron Challenge, an asterisk by a player's name will help an owner keep track of injuries to a player. You might want to wait until Friday night or Saturday morning to see if the player will play in that week's game.

The bye week can be a major factor in this form of fantasy football. It will decide a close race for first place. Every NFL team will have one week off. It is probably wise to get rid of a player with a bye week so you can get a player playing against a particularly bad defense.

The top five players this year in the NFL at each position with the most points per salary are listed below.

Quarterback

Total Pts Salary

Kurt Warner	101, 9.2
Jeff Garcia	83, 6.2

Cade McNown	77, 6.5
Elvis Grbac	75, 6.5
Daunte Culpepper	73, 7.1

Runningback

Tiki Barber	74, 4.5
Marshall Faulk	94, 9.0
Edgerrin James	72, 9.0
Charlie Garner	66, 7.1
Curtis Martin	69, 8.3

Wide Receivers

Jimmy Smith	87, 8.5
Torry Holt	59, 6.9
Isaac Bruce	60, 8.4
Rod Smith	56, 6.5
Terrell Owens	57, 7.5

Kickers

Matt Stover	36, 4.8
Moren Anderson	35, 4.6
Ryan Longwell	37, 5.3
Jeff Wilkins	40, 6.1
Jason Hanson	28, 5.5

There are other types of fantasy football leagues to join for free. Some leagues are more complex than others. This is a fun and enjoyable game so, good luck.

Sport Shorts

By Ryan Closen

Sold, Sold, Sold

The Indoor Football League champions, the Peoria Pirates, will be playing in Arena Football 2 next season. The IFL will be sold to the Arena Football League in a complex deal. IFL owner Keory Eckland will be paid \$3.8 million in cash and stock from Orlando Predators Entertainment Inc. OPE will become owner of the Peoria Pirates, the Billings, the Thunderbolts, and an option to own a third IFL team.

It's About Time

Limestone's varsity football team could go to the playoffs for the first time since 1993. The varsity is 5-2 now with two games left. A record of 6-3 will get them in the playoffs but 7-2 will get them a home game in the playoffs if the Rockets beat Washington on October 13th. The Rockets will share a 2nd place title in the conference with Washington and Morton. Limestone's freshmen team is 7-0 with two games left.

MIA Slugger

The St. Louis Cardinals are gunning for the World Series without the world's greatest slugger. Mark McGwire will only be pinch hitting for the Cardinals in the playoff. McGwire has patella tendinitis in his knee. This hasn't hurt the Cards yet. They have advanced to the division championship against the New York Mets.

New York, New York

This year's World Series has a perfect twist to it. The two teams have never been rivals until now. The American League's New York Yankees will battle the National League's New York Mets. The big question that has always been in New York is who is the best and who will be the best.



Limestone players during the Washington game.

New Season, New Coach

By Chad Day

We all know the pride of Peoria the Rivermen. After the awesome Kelly Cup win, the head coach, Don Granado has moved up from the ECHL (East Coast Hockey League) to the AHL (Worcester Team Affiliate of the Rivermen and the St. Louis Blues). Who is going to take the place of the coach that led the Rivermen to the Cup? How about former Rivermen forward Jason Christie? Yes, Jason Christie has stepped up to be the new head coach of his former team.

These coaching changes may or may not affect the overall intensity of the team,

but some fans are a bit nervous. Some people are skeptical about the new changes wondering why Don Granado left after such a great last season. Others welcome the change and believe that with all of the returning players it will be a repeat of last season.

"I think that with most of the team coming back and some great additions to the team, they have a great chance of repeating as champions. I think their chances are better than any of the previous champions to repeat."

Junior Skyler Moore

A few returning Rivermen players are; Blaine Fitzpatrick the forward who scored the winning goal in the Kelly Cup Finals game, Center Joe Rybar, Goalie Kenric Exner, and two defense men Darren Clark and Darren Malony. A player every Rivermen fan hopes is going to sign with the team again is defense superstar Aaron Boh. The contract negotiations for Boh are in progress at this time.

Many people hope that Christie will be as good of a coach as he is a player. With all of Jason's old Rivermen teammates returning this season does look like it will be a repeat.

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