

# The Purple Clarion

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The HHS Football Team advanced to the Class 3A Quarter Finals and will play at Waterloo tomorrow.

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## Diarrhea Cha-Cha-Cha

Josh Grimes

### Stop The Madness!

There is a new kind of madness happening right now that is a direct target to our age group. MTV has succumbed to the pressure and has removed "Beavis and Butthead" from prime time and they have removed all references to fire. Why must the greatest show of all time besides "Married with Children", tone down their show?

Yes, it is very tragic that two young kids died in a fire. But that is no reason for the entire nation to suffer. If B&B is responsible for that fire, then that would mean "Friday the 13th" could be held accountable for all of the random murders in this country. Of course that would never happen so why

is B&B held up for fires that kids start?

The reason is that the mother knew her kid watched B&B and she knew that they made references to fire. She put two and two together and put the blame on Beavis. Was she right? No, she was not! There are other things to look at here. Why was a five year old able to acquire a lighter? Why wasn't someone watching this kid? Why is a five year old allowed to watch B&B? Anybody with any size brain knows this show is not a PBS

*"If you don't want a man unhappy politically don't give him two sides to a question; give him one."*

*-Ray Bradbury*

endorsed program. The answers to these questions have not been answered and may never be. Too bad.

The solutions for this not to happen again are easy. You can block a channel from entering your home. Call your cable company about it. Simply do not allow your kids to watch B&B. The best solution was stated best by Rush Limbaugh, "If you don't like 'Beavis and Butthead' then turn it off." Wow! That sounds logical. Why watch something you do not like? The only thing we can do about this is to write MTV and tell them to leave B&B alone. If enough people did, they would get the message. Remember that the consumer is the boss. In the mean time, leave great shows alone.

## Duh!



*Cory Ramanosky*

Has anyone noticed the great lengths America spends on warnings for stupid people? This first came to my attention while I was thumbing through my car manual. I saw this suggestion in the trouble shooting section of my car manual. This is what it read "when engine starter is engaged and engine starts, engine OK." When I read this I actually laughed outloud. I was certainly glad they said this otherwise I might never have come to know such an important piece of information. So for the next few days I began to look for other examples and here is what I found.

The toaster says, "Don't operate in shower" (Right like anyone wants toast in the shower.)

Model rocket engines tell you "not to inject them" (As if anyone old enough to read that is going to have an uncontrollable urge to eat one.)

Our gas fireplace recommends that you not store gasoline on or near it while in operation.

Kellogs Pop Tarts tell you to drop pastry into toaster and attend while heating. Children should be supervised. (They might be trying to take a shower.)

Even our beloved school handbook forbids the use of explosives on school property. (Is terrorism a real problem at HHS?)

Do people really need to be warned from things like this? At first I thought nobody can be that stupid. Then the story of those two morons who were lying in the middle of the highway hits the news. Maybe people this ignorant really do justify the use of such warnings. If you see two animated characters playing with fire and you think its a good idea to torch your house, you probably do find such warnings helpful. If so, get help.

# Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

Several things concerning the band have caught my attention. I wish that people would stop degrading the band. We have practiced hard to provide entertainment at ballgames and parades.

In Harrisburg, sports are apparently the most important activities. The arts, especially band and chorus, do not receive the recognition they deserve. How many of you know that only one person in choir and only two people in band were selected by audition to participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association Festival?

Yes, some of us do care!

Jennifer Wetzel

Dear Editor,

The Harrisburg High School Football team and its coaches would like to thank everyone who has helped, encouraged, and supported us this season. We would especially like to thank the Fire Department for sponsoring the spaghetti dinner to raise money for all athletics. We also would like to thank the glove factory for giving us our gloves to wear in the playoffs as the weather gets colder. Our parents and fans also deserve a special thanks for buying us the new capes to wear and for their support especially after our slow start this season. It is great to play in a game with crowds the size we have, often outnumbering home teams when we play on the road. To all of you who have helped, if not mentioned above we apologize, thank you so much for your support and backing, it is a tremendous help that will not be forgotten.

Thank You,  
The HHS Football Team

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## Disaster in California



Jael Nelson

Southern California, home to everything from devastating earthquakes to tragic landslides, has added another tragedy to the list. At about 1P.M. (Pacific Daylight Time) on October 27, north of Altadena, California, Los Angeles County firefighters were called to a rapidly spreading, and out of control fire.

In Orange County east of L.A., two more fires were called in, one spreading out of the Santa Marguita National Forest. A fourth fire was reported south of L.A. mere minutes later. By late morning Wednesday, there were fourteen fires blazing out of control in Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernadino, Orange, and San Diego Counties. Fires threatened the

San Diego Zoo, the largest in the country, and Miramar Naval Air Station's 86 million dollar Pacific Ocean submarine detection (SOSUS) network.

By early Thursday morning, firefighters from California, Nevada, Arizona and six other states as far away as Montana, plus the National Park Service and several groups of Native Americans from New Mexico were battling the fire along a 200 mile front. Slowly, Thursday afternoon the tide began to turn as Marines and the San Diego area fire departments beat back the NAS Miramar fire.

On the northern front, firefighters and convicts from several state prisons saved the city of Pasadena from the fire that was barely two miles north of the Rose Bowl city. Altadena was lost however. In the east, 55 fire trucks tried in vain to save the upper class town of Laguna Beach, which was reported lost Thursday night. Helicopters continued to bombard the fire from the

air with water from the Pacific, and other nonflammables such as sand to smother the fire.

Friday morning, the last advance of the fire was stopped east of L.A. About that time L.A. County Sheriff's Officers began the search for the person or persons responsible. A 35 year old, homeless Chinese man was arrested in connection with the Altadena fire which began when the campfire he built to keep warm got out of control. Five other suspects are in custody as suspects in the other twelve fires. The local law enforcement personnel have been investigating a series of letters written in September by an anonymous arsonist saying that he would "...fight fire with fire..." and that he would set fires larger than the 1991 Oakland-Alameda County fire that killed 27 people.

The casualty report of the inferno is staggering, 685 structures destroyed, 596 of them houses. 38 firefighters wounded in the battles around

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Los Angeles. Most of the wounded are from a running battle in Ventura County in which a Ventura County unit was completely overrun by a firestorm that enveloped them in flames before they had a chance to react. Due to the incredible lack of sleep for the firefighters, some of whom have been on the firing line since the Altadena fire began Tuesday afternoon, reaction time has been lengthened to twenty-five minutes, an eternity in any kind of combat.

Los Angeles was not harmed by the blaze, but the losses were bad enough. Altadena, Ventura, and North Pasadena were destroyed. Million Dollar homes along the coast on Laguna Beach were reduced

to rubble in minutes.

Tuesday, November 2nd, a new fire begins to burn 80 miles east of L.A. in Banning, California. The cause of that fire which has burned only in a very remote area has been determined as being the work of a culprit power line. To the north, another arsonist struck again Tuesday at Malibu. The west side of Malibu was burned out, the campus of Pepperdine University and Pacific Palisades were threatened, and several actors homes were burned out, but L.A. County firefighters stopped the fire just short of astronaut Buzz Aldrin's home. Several people were trapped on the beach by the fire, causing the U.S. Coast Guard to scramble every available vessel to assist in search and rescue op-

erations off the coast. No one has been killed by these two newest fires, but at this time reports are very sketchy. When the Clarion went to press, the Banning fire had destroyed only 5 homes. The Malibu fire got as many as 70. Due to these wildfires in Southern California, Governor Pete Wilson in Sacramento, ordered 20 voting precincts in the Los Angeles area to stay open until 10:00 P.M. Pacific (Midnight Central) on Tuesday night.

Coast Guard and Air National Guard HC-130 aircraft from the California and Arizona ANG have been assisting the helicopters, the massive cargo bays on the Hercules' were certainly helpful, but a lot of the air drops have missed. Firefighters have been trying to conserve

their water, the six-year drought having depleted water supplies incredibly. One group of Los Angeles County firefighters, being observed by a KTTV reporter on Wednesday, waited until the fire was right up to the back porch of the house they were protecting, before hitting it with a barrage of water and helodrops.

The fire may have devastated the lives of the citizens of all the towns that were wiped out, but it failed to break their spirit. "We will rebuild" has been the motto of those in the devastated areas.

*"We will rebuild."*

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Shannon Horstmann

## What do you think?

Do you think there is a drug problem (marijuana and cocaine) at HHS?



Dustin Griffith(senior)

"Yeah, pot, but just with a certain number of people, but there are people that you wouldn't think do it, that does."



Sara Henshaw(senior)

"Yes, there are some people that do pot that you wouldn't expect. If that's what they want to do, then it's their problem."



Gordon Murray(sophomore)

"Not cocaine, but pot is a different story."



Leland Gulley(freshman)

"No, I don't think it is a big problem, but there is a little bit around the school."



Traca Allison

## A Walk Down Memory Lane

The most memorable music festival of all the U.S. history would have to be Woodstock. In mid-August 1969, a group of music lovers from all over the nation fled to New York for three fun filled days of live music, drugs, nudity, and peace. It was a time to love one another (literally). All kinds of people, young and old alike came to enjoy it.

Most of the people did not worry about being demoralized, because they did not have any morals to begin with. Walking around butt-naked was not of any concern for some. No one worried about where they were going to sleep, because

everyone slept on the grounds. Baths were no problem either. If someone wanted to take a bath, they would just go to the nearest lake and carry on with their business.

There were a lot of music stars that performed at Woodstock. Some of the less famous stars were Wavy Gravy, Janice Joplin, Jefferson Airplane, and many more. Even if you did not like all of the singers, you still got your money's worth.

A few problems erupted from the Woodstock festival. Drugs were in demand and the demand was usually filled. Most of the people were acid heads to begin with, so drugs were very easy to

come by. Even a few of the singers were heavy on drugs, but that did not stop them.

Another problem was all of the nudity. Some people apparently were trying to make a statement, and did not care who saw their body in the flesh. Most people today would not even consider walking around naked for all to see.

Over all, Woodstock seems to be very fascinating, except for the drugs and nudity. It would be nice to have been able to have seen Woodstock for ourselves, but unfortunately, we were not born yet.





Kate McLeod

## If a Picture Paints a Thousand Words

You are taken back to a time when dinosaurs ruled the earth and...O.K. maybe not that far back, but to when girls could only wear dresses and puke green plaid was the "in style". Are you warping back in a time machine? Not quite! Actually you are looking through old pictures; old memories of the past caught in a warp to the future.

When my great-grandmother passed away, one of her most prized possessions was the family Bible which had pictures and newspaper articles stuck between the pages and which recorded all of

the dates of the family members. Before she died she made arrangements for the Bible to go to her heirs. Pictures are some of people's most treasured belongings. When you look at your own family pictures, it helps you to place yourself on the time line of your family. When there is a fire in a person's home, one of the first things they want to save is pictures of family members.

What can old pictures mean to the future? They are a way to unlock what had been important to others at one time. Pictures are a way of getting a glimpse of someone else's life. Looking at a picture you see a part of

frozen past which may grow to be the promising future. Imagine from a picture what your relatives' young years must have been like. The cars, clothes, and hair styles make you wonder how they ever showed their faces in public. Someday it will be your turn to watch your grandchildren go through your high school yearbook and other pictures and remembrances, learning what you were like as a child and passing along your memories to others.

*Chinese proverb:*  
"One picture is worth more than ten-thousand words."

Dr. Joseph P. Bark M.D.  
Dermatologist

Zits, pimples, pizza face — no matter what they're called, it's probably acne. Everyone's seen it, and some of your friends may have it now. Actually, 80 percent of people get acne at sometime in their lives. But, left without proper treatment, severe acne can sometimes scar skin for life.

What is this annoying disease? Acne is a condition in which the oil (or sebaceous) glands become plugged up and then swollen, sore, or reddened. Physician researchers have traced the onset of acne to the biological changes that take place as people mature during adolescence. Increased levels of hormones circulating through your body produce changes that include greater production of skin oil (sebum) and enlarged oil glands.

In most cases, the oil spreads onto the surface through your pores, and produces oily-looking skin. When pores get clogged, a blackhead forms. Blackheads are the mildest form of acne. Pimples or whiteheads

form when the plugged material breaks through the wall of the oil gland. But the most severe form of acne occurs when whiteheads, blocked from any opening to the skin's surface, rupture and cause inflamed sores to develop.

There's a lot of misinformation about causes of complexion problems, from old myths to superstitions folk tales. But a few things are known to be true. For instance, dermatologists know what aggravates acne. Certain cosmetics, especially the oil based kinds, and certain habits, like leaning on your hands, can make acne worse. Sports equipment or workout clothing also promote acne, particularly helmet chin straps, shoulder pads, or tight spandex garments. Menstrual periods or too much sun can worsen acne. And if you spend a lot of time on the telephone, be sure to keep the receiver clean of makeup and skin oils too.

Acne isn't caused by dirt, but it is important for teens to wash two to three times a day with a mild soap and warm water. Wash thoroughly enough to clean skin, but gently to avoid ir-

ritation. Some over the counter products do well at controlling mild forms of acne. These include benzoyl peroxide preparations, salicylic acid, or sulphur and resorcinol products. Special soaps and alcohol-soaked pads may also help, but avoid harsh scrubbers and or cleansing grains— overuse of these can also aggravate an existing problem.

Prescription antibiotics are sometimes needed to clear up tougher acne cases. Antibiotics taken internally can also be effective. These should only be used under the supervision of a dermatologist.

Acne may affect your self-image and the way you relate to other people. If it bothers you for more than a few weeks, or if it appears to be worsening, with pimples turning into large cysts, talk to your parents about seeing a dermatologist, a physician who specializes in skin, hair, and nail problems. For more information on acne, send a stamped, self addressed business envelope to: American Academy of Dermatology, P.O. Box 681069, Schaumburg IL 60168-1069.

Compiled by Shannon Horstmann



Name: Jaylyn Crabb  
Year: Sophomore  
Sports: Basketball and volleyball  
Favorite food: Shrimp  
Favorite subject: Business  
Favorite animal: Alligator  
Weekends: Goes to movies and cruises town  
Moved from: Gallatin County  
Comments: "I'm glad I'm here. It's a big change and there are a lot more people to get to know."



Name: Sarah Hezlep  
Year: Freshman  
Favorite animal: Dog  
Favorite food: Fried chicken  
Favorite subject: English  
Hobbies: Playing the piano, playing the clarinet "HHS Band"  
Weekends: Goes to movies and to friend's houses  
Comments: "Sometimes I don't like all the rules in school, but they are needed to keep things in order."



Traci Allison

## Stop Thief!

Since when did shoplifting become such a "hot" topic? Well, actually shoplifting has been a problem for a few decades. Most shoplifters do not feel that snatching a few items here or there is a crime. Some even feel it to be nothing more than a mere game.

It is amazing, but most people who shoplift have enough money to pay for the item or items, but wish to have the thrill of getting away with swiping it. Some even keep an inventory of how much they have stolen.

The people who shoplift are no different than you and I. They run from the sweet little old lady to the high-tech law-

yer. Some shoplifters can swipe a stereo without even being noticed. How, you may ask? Well, they have become pros at it.

It is interesting to find out that females out steal males by ten percent. The reason may be that women are less likely to be accused of stealing than men.

Most thieves are not caught or punished. When caught, it is only one out of thirty-five. Only one out of twelve hundred spend time in jail for the crime committed. Even if a store catches a shoplifter, it is not very likely that they will prosecute, because of the fear of making a mistake, and possibly being sued. In

order to prove their case, some stores have installed video cameras and one way mirrors. These are just slightly effective.

Teenagers try shoplifting just to see if they can get away with it or not. What we do not realize, is that if we are caught, we will get a criminal record.

Why steal just to seek a challenge? If you want a challenge, go bungee jumping or sky diving or something. Do not waste your time doing something stupid. Shoplifting is not a game. It is a very serious crime, and can cause unnecessary struggles.

# FFA News

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*Aaron Hull*

Harrisburg FFA placed second in the Section 25 FFA Land Use Contest. There were eleven schools participating in the event. First place went to Norris City, 3rd place went to Pope County. Other schools participating were Hardin Co, Massac Co, Gallatin Co, McLeansboro, Eldorado, Galatia, Vienna, and Joppa. Harrisburg had five team members go to the event, they were Chris Elam, Sam Gulley, John Haney, Scott Mitchell, and David Workman. John Haney took fourth place on the individual score and Scott Mitchell took seventh. There were five sites judged by

members who figured percent slope, thickness of the plow layer, organic matter, texture, and structure of the plow layer and subsoil, internal drainage,

and available water holding capacity. FFA members must also develop crop rotations for each site that meets the soil loss tolerance for that soil.



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# Drug Free

## Red Ribbon Finale



*Tracie Partain*

Friday, Oct. 29th, was the last day of Red Ribbon Week. Steve Davis and the youth from First Baptist Church of Harrisburg provided the closing program.

The festivities began as the Bulldogs defeated Eldorado in a 42-0 win. After the game, everyone joined Steve Davis over at First Baptist and ate pizza until they couldn't walk.

At 10:30 pm, the Drug-Free pledges of several high school students started out the evening's program. Pledges were made by several high school students and in the pledges the students stated their reasons why they chose to be drug-free.

After the pledges were watched (and critiqued), the football highlights were shown. The highlights included portions of all the games, wins and losses of this years varsity team. Then, at 11:00, the main program entitled, "The Big Game" began.

"The Big Game" was put on by the youth of First Baptist Church. It was a play about drugs, self worth, and the effects of attitudes on other people. It even included an occasional and very funny interruption by the Energizer Bunny.

The festivities and Drug-Free week ended at midnight Friday night with a moment of thanks and appreciation from Steve Davis for everyone's participation in Drug-Free week.

## Red Ribbon Becomes a Success!



*April Mayhall*

The 1993 Illinois Red Ribbon Campaign was considered a success by students, faculty, and members of the community.

"Churches planned drug-free activities, businesses called to see how they could get involved, D.A.R.E. implemented additional programs in the schools, and students became more aware" Mrs. Harris said.

"Higher Ground", an educational program put together for the Jr. High School and the High School, was held on October 28th. The program started with the statement, "The goals and values of society are central to it's success," and the program ended with a message to the world, "young people are very capable if we expect them to be." Good responses is all that's been heard. "I've heard no bad reports yet," Mrs. Harris said.

There was an essay contest held and the awards were given at

the program on Thursday, October 28th. Natalie Stevens was the school winner, she recieved a \$50 savings bond. The winners of each class recieved a \$10 savings bond. (Kyle Herring was the freshman winner, Charlie Holland was the sophomore winner, Mandy Patton was the junior winner, and Eddie Valente was the senior winner.)

This is the third year Harrisburg has helped promote a drug-free community during red ribbon week!

## HHS Thespians

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# The Outsiders

Adapted to the stage by Christopher Sergel

Friday, Nov. 12 - 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 14 - 2:00 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 15 - 7:00 p.m.

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Students: \$2.00

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## Scoreboard

V-Ball- The Varsity volleyball team won regionals, but fell to Edwards Co. in sectionals. Congratulations to Amy Mo for qualifying for the All-star team.

Football- The Varsity Football won their second straight playoff game against Mt. Carmel 16-13. They play Waterloo Saturday.

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