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The cast and crew of the spring musical *Godspell* pose for a group shot. The play will be performed April 22, 24, and 25.

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Kurt Cobain of Nirvana Found Dead

Kurt Cobain, the lead singer of the alternative band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle, Friday, April 8. The talented young man's body was found by an electrician who was at the house doing some work. The incredibly gifted musician had apparently shot himself in the head with a shotgun in an apartment above his garage. A suicide note was found near the body. Kurt Cobain had led Nirvana to great success with four albums: "Bleach", "Nevermind", "Incesticide", and "In Utero", and a book "Come As You Are: The Story of Nirvana". He had a wife and a little girl named Frances, who was born in 1992.

Cobain had been missing for six days when his mother, Wendy O'Conner, had reported him missing. She was very worried about his health, because Cobain would sometimes have stomach problems and suffer from severe depression and he would often cure them with heroin. His mother was reported saying, "I told him not to join that stupid club.", meaning the club of great musicians who had died before their time, such as Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison.

Up until the band's final album "In Utero", Cobain had written nearly all of the lyrics and music. In this album, all of the members of Nirvana had helped with the lyrics, just as Cobain had always wanted. Everything seemed to be going the young man's way.

Cobain had what seemed to be the perfect life; money, a family, a great career, and thousands of fans. Kurt Cobain was 27.

**"Where do people go when they die
They don't go to heaven where the angels fly
They go to a lake of fire and fry
Won't see them again 'til the forth of July"
-Lake of Fire**

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Traca Allison

Spring is here and it seems as if everything is thawing out.

People are busy preparing for Prom and trying to get everything organized. Even though our lives may be crammed-packed, there is one thing that may give us a bit of hope, and that is the feeling of Spring itself. Spring brings with it a feeling of refreshment that leaves us feeling clean and renewed.

For some of the students of HHS, Spring brings with it play rehearsal for the Spring musical. For other students, Prom preparations keep them busy. There is one thing that all seniors are looking forward to, and that of course, is graduation. All in all, the one thing Spring reminds people of is a lead off for Summer.

Sometimes we need to put on our brakes, and take time to enjoy life. If all we ever do is rush through everything, we may never get a chance to see what is waiting for us. There is so much to do and experience, that if we slow down and take it easy, we just may be able to get a lot more in. Like the logo says, "sometimes, we have got to stop and smell the roses." Take time to live life to the fullest.

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Josh Grimes

HHS Teacher Goes To Guam

Mrs. Bramlet, H.H.S English teacher, spent a couple of days in Guam recently teaching. She works sometimes for the agency for Instructional Technology, based in Indianapolis, and this time she was sent to Guam to work with their department of education.

She spent two days at a hotel convention lecturing Guam teachers and school personal Applied Communications. Applied Communications is kind of like Tech-Prep English which combines English skills to real



Mrs. Bramlet at the Guamese version of Stonehenge life.

Guam, though a U.S. territory, lacks from the rest of us in the education department. Through teachers like Mrs. Bramlet, they are catch-

ing up with the rest of the world on the latest trends.

Mrs. Bramlet felt that the trip to Guam was "a great learning experience, but extremely tiring after a 26 hour flight." She enjoyed meeting new people and said that Guam was a lot like here because they had our fast food restaurants and soft drinks. She summed up her trip with this thought, "You can go halfway around the world into a completely different culture and still find teachers just like us who really care about their students."

Student/Teacher Feature

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Name: Suzanne Silverman

Age: 22

Birthdate: 1-31-72

Status: Boyfriend/Almost engaged

Car: Oldsmobile

Favorite Movie: Shindler's List

Music: Hates country and jazz, but likes everything else.

Comments: "Teaching here is fun and different from previous experiences." "I hope to be back here next semester."



Name: Steve Davis.

Year: Freshman.

Age: 15.

Birthdate: 10-30-78.

Status: Single.

Moved From: Omaha, Nebraska.

Hobbies: Playing Guitar, and Reading.

Comments: None at this time.

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Clinicals



Shannon Horstmann

Health Occupations is a job related class for juniors and seniors. If you have not taken this class, it is recommended for anyone considering a career in the medical field. Ms. Clark, who is also a full time RN, will teach you how to communicate with people you work with and the patients you might be dealing with. You will also learn about medical terminology, diseases, CPR, and various careers in the medical field. "The class helps students get a better understanding of seven of the top ten growing careers. Almost every medical career is taught to us so we can try to pick the most rewarding job for us," says senior, Candi Heil. Candi is a Health Oc. II student, and like all of the rest of the Health Oc. I and II classes, they go to the hospi-



tal on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday for clinicals. When Health Oc. I students go to the hospital, they have different departments they go to. Housekeeping, pharmacy, dietary, nursing, and physical therapy are just a few. The students from the Health Oc. II class have an extended campus and they get to go to various places in town for hands on training. Adam Vargo goes to Dr. Alexander's office, Monica Kiesecoms goes to the psyche unit, Candi Heil goes to speech correction, and Keya Foster goes to the school nurse. These are some of the Health Oc. II students who

get to learn more about the field they want to pursue. Our job market is shrinking and there is limited employment. The health field is a mobile career, it is not confined to just one area. You could work anywhere. A career in the health field is a good job and could also be a comfortable living. Ms. Clark encourages everyone who is interested in the health field to get involved with Health Occupations. It is a rewarding class and could help you in the future.



Jason Nyberg
Sports Columnist

Baseball Team Off To Good Start

The HHS boys' baseball team is off to a good start so far this season, posting a record of 4-1 after playing a double-dip against Mt. Vernon on April 2. That game was a match-up of possibly the best Class A team in the south, the Dogs, and possibly the best Class AA team in the south, the Rams. Harrisburg ace Jason Roper took the mound for the Dogs versus Mt. Vernon's best, Jeff Houston. It did not look good for the home team at the start, as a Bulldog error and some walks led to a Mt. Vernon run in the first. The Rams then added another run in the second inning, but from there on out it was all HHS. Roper settled

down and stopped the Vernon attack, and the Bulldog Bashers started manufacturing runs.

In the third, Cory Patton and Brandon Reynolds got the rally going with back to back singles. Chad Brown's single then got the Dogs on the scoreboard, bringing Patton in from second. Matt Winkleman then moved the runners up with a nice sac bunt, and a Brad Ziegler single knotted the score at two a piece.

One inning later the Diamond Dogs added three more to take control. Jason Nyberg recorded a bunt hit and Cory Patton delivered the big blow, as his homerun over the left field wall put HHS in front for good. Brown then nailed his second of three hits for the game,

putting him scoring position for the red-hot bat of Matt Winkleman. Wink delivered with a base knock to make the score 5-2 after four innings of play.

The Dogs then rattled the bats for the last time in the fifth, scoring four runs to cap off an impressive offensive showing. Ziegler singled and was driven home by first baseman Jason Tuttle's base rip. Shawn Brasher and Nyberg then put together back to back bunt hits, with a throwing error leading to Tuttle scoring on Nyberg's bunt. The Dog's big bat, centerfielder Chad Brown, scored Brasher and Nyberg with his third base hit of the game, and brought the score to 9-2, which is how it stayed.

The game was an excellent one for the Big

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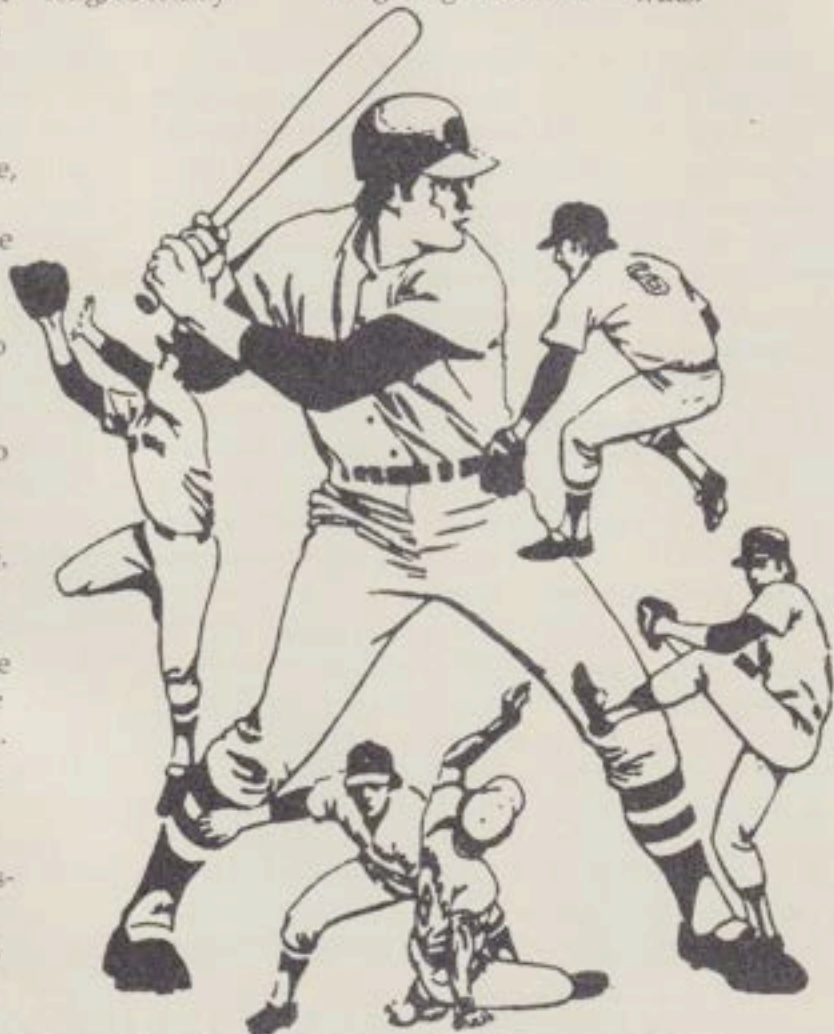
Dogs, as they defeated on the best teams they will play all year. The team started off a little slow, but by the fourth inning they had taken control and began playing "Bulldog Baseball." Good pitching, good defense, and a well executed offense are a few of the components of that term used by the players and coaches to describe the type of play that has made Harrisburg Baseball so successful, and the Dogs received all of those in the first game.

The Bulldogs did not fare as well in the second game of the twin-bill, falling to the Rams by a score of 8-1. That was the first loss of the season for the club, which had already recorded impressive victories over McLeansboro, Vienna,

and Gallatin County. The loss will not keep the Dogs down for long, as it may

have been a wake-up call, showing the team that they can't let up or take anything for granted. So

look for the team to get back on track, and record many more big wins.



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Jay Gearing

Spinal taps, leukemia, radiation, and chemo are household names for five year old Fredrick Anacona who was diagnosed with leukemia when he was ten months old. The youngster has been fighting this disease for nearly five years, day in and day out. A disease that leaves the smartest doctors in bewilderment of what to do next. An illness that can become fatal but is usually one of

pain beyond the imagination. But yet the people who deal with this deadly disease are the youngsters who just want to play and have fun like all the others.

Leukemia is not only one of the most painful diseases to obtain but also one of the most expensive. As though the pain and suffering is not enough the patients who usually have this disease go into debt for the rest of their lives. The cost of treatment is astronomical and the average bill runs the family twenty to eighty thousand dollars. How can you put a price on the medicine that is sup-

posed to save a kids life? As a doctor, how can you charge such a large amount and then turn around and say there is a chance that this might not work. What is society coming to? Is money so important that we have to feed off the dying and the suffering. Or is it that the social aspect of the situation that makes the price right. For most of the patients eighty thousand dollars is beyond their salary for a year. So how can you place a price of tens of thousands of dollars on innocent child's life. Especially at a time when death just seems around the corner.

Life, it is so

precious yet so expensive. But to the kids like Fredrick, who have more medical knowledge than the average high school student, leukemia means just another day at the hospital filled with radiation and chemo-therapy. Another month with no hair, a night filled with vomiting, painful spinal taps, and the list goes on. Except for now they sit in remission waiting to see if the treatments are working and if they are not back to the drawing board for the doctors, back to the bank for the patients. So to all the kids with cancer, hang in there and keep on fighting because one day it will all be over.



Jed Nelson

HHS Scholar Bowl Wins Once Again

The HHS varsity scholar bowl team went to 11-6 on March 24th with a narrow 302-300 victory at Benton. The junior varsity is at 6-2 with only a few matches remaining for both. The two squads are coached by the almighty, brave, dauntless, fearless, illustrious, intrepid, invincible, yet happy, leader Bill Trees.

Back in November at Johnston City, the varsity took the first of two Johnston City tournaments with wins over Waltonville, Meridian, and Century. Early on, most of the matches HHS won weren't all that close, but later on they began getting exciting.

The varsity team did not fare so very well in the annual John A. Logan Invitational Tournament, on January 29th, as they were eliminated in the preliminary rounds. They came right back, though, two days later on January 31st, finishing in a very prestigious second place in the second Johnston City regional tournament with two big wins and a close loss.

On March 26th, the "Thinking Bulldogs" went to the eighth annual SIC tournament and soon thereafter, their record had jumped to 15-7 as they dealt crushing defeats to Crab Orchard, Hardin County, Gallatin County, and Pope County this made HHS the victor of this tournament for the seventh year in a row.

The only loss came to the SIC team, 275-55 a massive scoring run at the end of the second half, fell just a bit short. There are only two matches left in the season, the rematch with Benton is coming up on April 29th, and the big varsity-only IHSA sectional on April 30th.

During the 1991-92 season, led by Travis DeNeal, the Thinking Dogs went to the state championship, and finished second. This year they look just as good, and due to an extreme shortage of seniors on this year's varsity team, none, it looks as though the Thinking Dogs will be just as good as they are this year, or maybe even better, next year.



Cory Ramonosky

Dave and Madonna: A Match Made in Heaven

Just when you thought it was safe to turn on Dave Letterman, Madonna crashes in. Not seen on the show since her surprise appearance in 1988, Madonna definitely made headlines in her hideous ensemble. At first things seemed almost as if they would go smoothly but what can you expect from an interview that starts "and she has slept with some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry." The conversation of course quickly turned to Madonna's sex life and she even presented Dave with a pair of her best panties. A little

embarrassed, Dave tried to turn the subject to her love of basketball but to no avail

"...and she has slept with some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry"

she started to use four letter words like they were going out of style. When all was said and done she was bleeped 13 times. Dave was so embarrassed he even said he wanted to go home with an elderly couple in the audience who as anyone could see were not impressed by Madonna's antics. Not

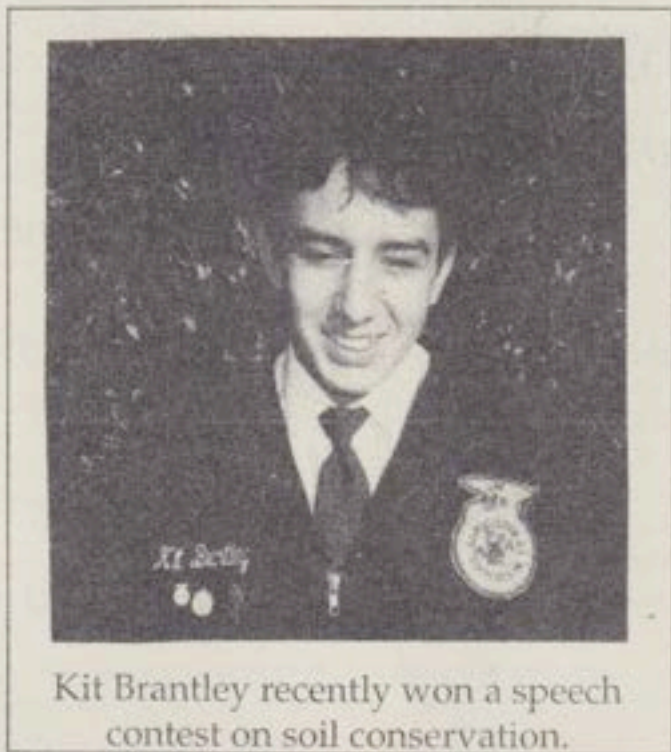
only that but she also took up so much time that the nation's best grocery bagger was bumped to a later date. This poor guy has been moved for three times now, didn't anyone consider his feelings? Guess not.

If there was one thing that Dave did get out of this it was ratings. One out of 7 homes were watching the show. Seasoned Letterman fans tuned in the following night to see his commentary. Sure enough he delivered. Dave talked about how much fun it was to have her on the show and it was a lot of fun, NOT! (He also got an entire hamper full of Charles Groden's underwear.)

FFA Prepared Speaking Contest

Aaron Hull

Kit Brantley placed 3rd at the Section 25 FFA prepared speaking contest held recently at Galatia High School. Brantley's speech was on soil conservation, and the importance of saving our soil now. He was scored according to the length of the speech, six to eight minutes, content of the manuscript, the composition of the manuscript, voice, stage presence, power of expression, and response to questions. Brantley is a member of the Harrisburg FFA chapter, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brantley of Harrisburg.



Kit Brantley recently won a speech contest on soil conservation.

Escaping The Dandruff Doldrums

Dr. Robert Jackson, M.D.
Dermatologist

Dandruff... those embarrassing deposits of snow on a dark sweater. What can you do about it?

First, do not worry — dandruff is not a disease, and it is not contagious. Your body is constantly shedding cells or scales from the entire surface of your skin. These skin cells exist for about a month. They form in a deeper skin layer, and slowly push their way up to the surface level, where they eventually die and flake off. This normal flaking process occurs when skin is rubbed by clothing, towels, or anything else.

But sometimes the scalp starts turning over

cells at a faster than normal rate. These greasy flakes of dead skin are easily stuck between the hair shafts and pile up on your scalp. For some people, dandruff only appears when they comb or brush their hair; for others, it is constantly shedding all over clothing. And partly because of recently activated hormones, dandruff plagues teens the most. People with either dry or oily hair get it. Dandruff affects fifty percent of both sexes somewhat, and 15 percent a lot.

Since it is not a disease, dandruff can not actually be "cured," but this irritating problem CAN be controlled. Here is how:

* Use baby shampoo every day — it is perfectly safe unless you have an unusual illness. Without gentle daily shampooing,

those dead scales pile up on your scalp.

* If gentle daily cleansing is not enough, try an over the counter dandruff shampoo that lists 2.5 percent selenium sulfide or 2 percent zinc pyrithione in its formula. These can be found in any drug store.

If nothing seems to help, it could be that you do not really have dandruff at all. A number of skin problems can show up first on the scalp, including diseases like psoriasis. So if you've tried everything for dandruff and nothing works, see your dermatologist or personal physician.

The American Academy of Dermatology is the largest medical society representing physicians who specialize in treating skin, hair, and nail problems.

Thanks From Eddie

Contributed by Eduardo Valente

As the summer comes, together with it comes the time for me to leave Harrisburg for quite a while. Before I go, though I would like to leave behind a message for those who will be here for the next years: exchange students are people with dogs, dads, moms, friends, just like you all. Except that they are all an ocean away. For those who are here, they seem to just come and go, but for those students the year sometimes goes by real slowly, and it is a time they will remember forever. So, sometimes a little nice gesture will make them feel a little more welcome, and less alone. Try to understand that, no matter how weird the student might look, speak English, or behave in school, a nice gesture goes a long way, making fun of them also does.

So, I'd like to thank you guys for making me feel really good here, and I'd like to name some people who probably do not even remember how nice they were, but I will never forget:

Thanks, Adam Duncan, Marc Brown, Jason Roper, Jason Quinn, Chad Cantrell, Paul Roberson, James Cirigliano, Brian Grubbs, Josh Gribble, Cort Reed, Shane Crank, Alan Langford, Elizabeth Angelly, Elizabeth Hodson, Melissa Walker, Wade Walker, Kris

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"Try to understand that, no matter how weird the student might look, speak English, or behave in school, a nice gesture goes a long way, making fun of them also does."

-Eduardo Valente

Column

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George Fornes

Roadkill's Horrorshow SLOVOS

Tree discovered in Kansas ... Thousands Celebrate

If Harrisburg is Armpit, then in between Missouri and Colorado lies a big lump of brownish-green fecal matter. I hate Kansas, and I'm sure that anybody else who's ever driven through the dang place agrees with me. There's nothing there - just acres and acres of dirt and cattle.

The one road I've driven through Kansas, I-70, is the most boring stretch of concrete since that spot by Mackie's where Floyd always sits; you can see nearly six miles down the arrow-straight path at any given point. Man, I'm used to rolling hills, and turns, and stuff. Kansas is just flat and dull. If I were ever cursed enough to have to live there, I'd *look forward* to tornadoes, 'cause then I'd have

something to do, at least. Yeah... they should set up places along the highway where tornadoes come out & chase your car for a while, maybe suck up a cow or two on the way. As it is, the only attraction there is a giant prairie dog. Yep, starting about thirty miles in advance, billboards along I-70 invite passers-by to, "See the world's largest prairie dog... and a live 5-legged steer!" I just wanted to pull over and kick the snot out of it.

About advertising... businesses put billboards out on the road *way* ahead of the place's exit. I honestly saw an ad for a McDonald's one hundred miles from the actual restaurant, "With an indoor playland." Heh. Playland. I really don't like those places. They're chock full o'

dumb, screaming kids, hooked on cheap burgers, brainwashed into believing that Ronald McDonald is a pretty cool guy.

The only thing I like about Kansas is an Army base - Fort Riley. It has lots of airplanes buzzing around, plus a few huge cannons strategically placed on the surrounding hillsides. That's neat & all, but I still hate the place. The vast, bare landscape provides no scenery whatsoever. If you're driving along, and you see a tree along the road, it's considered rude not to wake up everyone in the car and point it out to 'em—especially if it has leaves on it.

Kansas is no fun at all to drive through... but, no worries - I *do* have a solution. Just gather up all the green, plastic, tubular, playland slides, prairie dogs, five legged steers, and line 'em up along the road. Then, whenever a driver gets bored, he can just swerve over and score a couple of roadkills. There would have to be a limit, though, or else somebody would hog them all. Especially the prairie dogs.

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Harrisburg High School

Thespian Troupe #16

Presents

GODSPELL



Malan Junior High Auditorium

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Friday, April 22 7:00 p.m.
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Monday, April 25 7:00 p.m.

Admission \$4⁰⁰ Adult / \$2⁰⁰ Student

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