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Vaughan says goodbye



Sarah Becker, Alex Bullock, Erin Prince, Mrs. Vaughan, Katie Karcher, and Maggie Karcher

Michaela Morlan
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There are many different feelings between coaches, players, and fans, as the 2005-2006 volleyball season has come to an end.

This year, the varsity volleyball team made it to the sectionals, when they were defeated by the Edwards County Lions. This was a very emotional time for the team because half of them will never put on that green and white volleyball uniform again.

"I'm glad it's ended on a good note, there have been lots of ups and downs, and it's a bittersweet ending. I love coaching but its time to go," Coach Deborah Vaughan stated regarding her

last year coaching. In the eighteen years Coach Vaughan has coached, she has never had a losing season. The girls had a record of twenty-two wins and eleven losses.

Senior, Sarah Becker stated, "We went farther than a lot of people thought we would."

Never putting on a volleyball uniform for the Hamilton County Foxes is an unsettling thought for some. "I'm very sad because I might not ever play volleyball again," Senior, Alex Bullock said.

As the score clock is reset, nets are taken down; uniforms and resignations are turned in, the senior girls and their coach take one last look at their past season and take their accomplishments and memories with them.

Speak up, speak out

Callan Howton
The Burrow

With almost 3 million Americans having epilepsy it's no surprise there is a whole month dedicated to its awareness. "Speak Up, Speak Out" is the official name of conferences held during November.

Senior, Ryan Dare stated, "It is extremely sad when people have seizures. It is a horrendous event and makes me very sad for the person."

Over 200,000 people will be diagnosed with epilepsy this year. It is one of the most common conditions of the nervous system and can develop in anyone at anytime. The medical definition of epilepsy is a neurological condition that makes people susceptible to seizures.

An epileptic seizure is a sudden change in how the cells of the brain send electrical signals to each other. A seizure may consist of a short disruption of the person's senses or periods of unconsciousness, convulsions, and memory loss. Not all seizures are epileptic; they can be caused by other things such as stress or an object in a person's surrounding area.

In a recent study by the Epilepsy Foundation, 2/3 of teens don't know what epilepsy is and 1/3 of teens would have no idea what to do if someone had a seizure. "People should be more aware of what epilepsy actually is. Many people have a specific opinion of what it is and



a lot of times they are wrong. Epilepsy can have many forms and people need to become more aware of that," Junior, Sara Veatch stated.

"Most people probably only know about epilepsy if someone close to them has it," Dare said.

For those who have heard some of the myths of epilepsy here are some actual facts: epilepsy is not a mental disorder, people with seizures do not necessarily have to have epilepsy, it is not considered a disease, epilepsy/seizures is not contagious, a person cannot swallow their tongue while having a seizure, and usually a seizure is not a medical emergency according to the Epilepsy Foundation.

As a person who does know at least a little about epilepsy, Sophomore, Benjamin Scattono said, "It is very upsetting because people do not deserve to have epilepsy and have that tragedy control their life."

English department, Rend Lake dual up



Mr. Johnson

Brandon Miller
The Burrow

of two specifications to qualify.

"[They] must make a 20 or higher on the English and Writing subtest of the ACT," Lapington said, "or [pass] the ASSET in Writing and Reading." According to English IV/CP teacher, Mike Johnson, students must also make a C or higher in the class for college credit.

Lapington said, "It is important that this year's juniors take the ASSET Test in Writing and Reading and be ready to do well on the ACT." Taking the ASSET increases the possibility of dual credit eligibility. This means there is a higher chance of reduced time and money spent on college.

Yet, while these classes will help students and those who bear their financial obligations, they won't be entirely free. "The school is going to come up with some type of lab fee; a small cost" for the classes according to Lapington. He said, "The fee basically covers books." However, the actual price has yet to be determined.

"[Compared]...to the price they'll pay when they graduate, [it] is a gift," Johnson said. "[Dual credit] is a good idea for the students. Test scores are going to go up," he said, "I'm for it. Everyone will be benefited by it."

Junior, Jennifer Rodgers said, "It [will help] the students who are athletes that can't take night classes. I'm really excited about it."



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Halloween strikes back



Zombie Santas are on the front lines of the Halloween vs. Christmas battle.

To part or not to part, that is the question



Parting is such sweet sorrow for many politicians

 **Jennifer Smith**
The Burrow

For years politicians have been the target for many fashion do's and don'ts. Jackie Onassis is often seen as the pinnacle of fashion, while others have not been so lucky. Living in a world where everything is criticized is hard, especially the part in people's hair.

Many speculate that people will vote for whomever is better looking and the hair has it. "It's one of the first things voters notice," political image consultant, Sherry Maysonave, said. "Hair is a strong indicator of a candidate's position and politics. If it's distracting in any way, it can seriously reduce the power of the message."

Senior, Amy Litherland said, "It doesn't really matter where or if politicians part their


hair. It's weird that people think about that kind of thing."

Freshman, Jason Litherland thought otherwise. "Politicians part their hair on the side. I wouldn't vote for someone who had curly hair or don't part their hair on the side. What were they thinking!?" Litherland said.

Being centered can be effective in politics, but not when it comes to hair. "A center part is not flattering on any head shape," Maysonave said. This is why politicians should part their hair on the side; yes that includes the future leader of the free world, Kent Kiefer.

"A center part is just tacky," an anonymous senior at Hamilton County Senior High School student had to say about politician's hair.

For all future politicians out there, remember the world is saying if appearance is undesirable, votes will not be acquired.

 **Nicholas Holloman**
The Burrow

Christmas season is coming earlier and earlier with each passing year, and starting to overshadow the greatest holiday of all, Halloween.

Looking back on past years it seems like America skips Halloween, all because Christmas is the most profitable time of year for retailers. We get our Christmas catalogs in August, and Christmas decorations begin showing up in September side by side with Halloween costumes and candy.

Halloween is my favorite holiday of all; so I find it a little sad that we have Christmas shoved down our throats so early. People say, Christmas is the time of year for fellowship and bonding. No, Christmas is the time of year families get together and silently loathe each other for week.

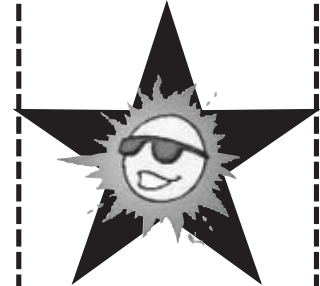
Halloween is much more social. How often do you get to walk through your neighborhood and ask people for stuff? It the time of year you get to met the acquaintances that you see mowing the yard, and casually wave to if you're polite.

Alas, Christmas is slowly engulfing Halloween. This year though things are a little different. Several channels decided to make award shows, celebrating the scary, gory, and downright ghoulish. I haven't seen any Christmas award shows.

Scary movies are bountiful most of year, except November through January, when movie studios release their family movies. However After Dark Films is producing a 5 night horror film festival called "8 Films To Die For" November 17-19, giving the Halloween season a well deserved two and a half week extra.

Now that Halloween has thrown down its gauntlet against Christmas, I wonder if Thanksgiving will be brought down in the crossfire.

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Cancer lurks in make up bags

Stephanie Hart
The Burrow

Suppose you've spent 487 hours scrubbing a cancer causing potion into your scalp. Not many would choose to do this, however, if you're 16 years old and have shampooed your hair every day of your life; this may be your daily routine.

Phthalates are chemicals used in many everyday products. They help perfumes and colognes keep their scents and cosmetics and nail polishes to keep their color. Certain phthalates are known to increase production of certain hormones, like estrogen, which has been linked to the increase of breast cancer.

Males may face side effects of exposure also. Exposure has shown to limit the growth of genitalia in male rodents. Several stud-

ies have also showed that prenatal exposure to the mothers affects the development of the male baby.

This may not be as potentially dangerous to those who just use the products sporadically, but for those who work around them. Nail technicians are around nail polish around 40 hours a week their entire working life; this may be cause for alarm.

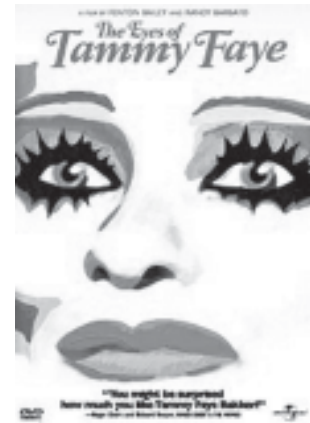
The most dangerous cosmetic out there is lipstick. One woman can eat up to 4 pounds of lipstick in her lifetime. Smoking and tanning have been publicly shunned for their cancer causing qualities but a woman can cake on the Candy apple red to her heart's content and no one gives it a second thought, unless she looks like a clown.

Coal tar dyes are prevalent in lipsticks and lower end hair dyes. The FDA has the responsibility of keeping harmful things out

of our products. When a ban on dangerous cosmetics was put into effect in 1938, the cosmetics industry successfully lobbied for the exemption of coal tar dyes, which are derived from petroleum. Freshman, Amber Shriver said, "I'm not too concerned about it, my make up is made mostly of water."

All these unnatural chemicals in the air, the alcohols and the petroleum products, are responsible for compromising our environment, so putting them on your faces and spraying them in your homes may not be a good idea. Several studies have linked coal tar dyes to cancer. Any cosmetic not containing coal tar dyes is perfectly safe, because coal tar dyes is the only toxin not banned.

Senior, Amy Allen said "It doesn't surprise me any, everything causes cancer."



Sometimes too much make up can be lethal.

Taking time for scholarships

Brittney Heil
The Burrow

Many may think that your senior year is all about fun. Some seniors may disagree. "It's stressful because I'm involved in so many extra-curricular activities. Filling out scholarships is just a minor stress factor for me." Senior, Rachel Crow said.

Getting homework done, sporting events, scholarships, and deciding on what to do after High School could be some stressful decisions for any senior. Scholarships are something that students put off doing because they don't think it's important. They may not realize it, but it could be something that could help them in the future. "I filled out scholarships to win some money. That way I won't be in debt for the rest of my life," Senior, Tara Biggerstaff said.

There may be some that know scholarships are important, but still don't take the time to fill them out. "I didn't fill any out

from the first draft, but I plan on filling out scholarships in the future," Senior, Colton Flannigan said. Of course there may be some who don't get the scholarship they want, but there is always that chance. Scholarships are something any student would be happy about winning, and parents would be happy also.

There are also scholarships that apply to certain people. An example of one would be the Jerry Sloan Hand-in-Hand scholarship. The two scholarships are only offered to students who were in FFA or interested in agriculture, and students that were in 4 years of music or were musically involved with the community. The scholarships are called "Field of Dreams" and "Melody in Music", which are worth \$3,500 each. There are still many scholarships that qualify for all seniors.

It's very easy for seniors to get on the school website and look up the upcoming scholarships. It gives an easy way to print them from your home computer and it also lists the approaching deadlines.

Remains at Ground Zero

Brittney Heil
The Burrow

On September 11, 2006 it had been five years since the tragic events of terrorism on the World Trade Center. Many are still affected from that today.

Workers are still at Ground Zero cleaning up and recovering the area from five years ago. They've improved the area, and thought they were ready for more plans for the next buildings. During a clean up utility workers discovered body parts while digging at a manhole last week under a service road along the site's western edge. They believe they are victims from the attacks at the World Trade Center. "Hopefully they can identify who the bones belong to for the sake of the families who lost a loved one," senior, Lindsay Meadows said.

Since finding the first body parts, more than 200 bones have been uncovered. Some ended up being full arm and leg bones. "I think it's a very sad situation, but can be good too if they can identify who the people are for family members who lost loved ones," senior, Jenny Thiery said. The remains that had been found, have not even been identified.

The bones that were buried seemed to be preserved very well. There wasn't much damage done to them, such as exposure to




Work continues at ground zero five years later.

temperature. The head scientist on the project at Bode Technology Group, Ed Huffine, said, "I would be very optimistic about being able to obtain DNA profiles from these cases."

There are still thousands of bone pieces that have been recovered but still have no yielded matches, which leave more than forty percent of the attack's 2,749 victims without any trace of remains. "The fact that 5 years later human remains are still being discovered at Ground zero, further demonstrates the size of the catastrophe. Americans are too easily distracted and too soon forget," Mr. Mike Johnson said.


While family members are still waiting for that one call saying they've identified their loved one, workers are still working hard to clean up what's left of the World Trade Centers.




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Justin Barnard, freshman



Freshman, Justin Dean Barnard is a baseball player, basketball player, and just an all around avid sports fanatic although he did not begin that way. Barnard was born on March 25, 1991, fourteen years ago. Barnard's baby days are over now as he begins to take his place among the hustle and bustle of high school life. When not playing the role of a high school student, Barnard fires up his four-wheeler and takes it for a ride. The young man's love for sports surfaces again with his favorite movie "Friday Night Lights." With Thanksgiving fast approaching, Barnard is looking onward to his favorite holiday, Christmas.

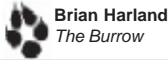
Bryce Lueke, sophomore



Long, long ago, about fifteen years, a baby boy was born. It was March 3, 1991 and that baby boy was Bryce Allen Lueke. That now young adult is a Sophomore and can be seen assuming that role whether in the class or the halls. When not hunting, riding four-wheelers, or having a good laugh to his favorite movie "Dumb and Dumber" Lueke can be found on the baseball field playing for the Hamilton County Foxes. Although he gets to experience the finer points of his family this Thanksgiving, the Sophomore really enjoys Christmas a little more.

Brian Harland - The Burrow

Man behind the noose



Brian Harland
The Burrow

The noose draped in the wind as the crowd began to gather. It was December 4, 1896. The tone of the crowd was not all smiles and giggles. It was a serious tone, and a dead serious one at that. It was the day that Fred Behme would cease to exist.

The German man, Fred Behme, was a farmer in the small town of McLeansboro. He was a simple man with a simple family. Behme had a wife by the name of Mary along with seven wonderful children. The family regularly attended a catholic church together until the day the Behme would have

a change of heart. Behme had decided to change his religion to Methodist. The wife and kids had different plans. They resolved to stay with Catholicism. And thus it began.

Fighting and arguing erupted from within the Behme household including harsh death threats towards Mary. It continued until the day they decided to draw the marriage to an end. Fred and Mary separated in the spring of 1895. Mary and the youngest of the Behme boys, Thomas, went to Indiana to stay with other family. Although the separation seemed to be a positive thing, it was short lived. Fred promised Mary that he would change his ways and thus she came back. It was January of 1896.

Months passed and the fighting returned.



April rolled around and Fred had taken all could take. April 5, 1896. Fred threatened his wife for the last time. He told Mary not to attend church for the Easter service. She obeyed. It may appear that Mary made yet another wise decision but it did not make the anger subside. At noon Fred Behme sent the older children away. He waited for his moment. Finally, at five o'clock Fred came into the house, grabbed his wife by the hair and drug her outside. He then proceeded to beat in the side of her head with an ax. Behme hid the body with corn fodder. He didn't stop there. Behme subsequently took his son, Thomas, and hanged him off a rafter in the stable. He then wrote a note explaining what had happened and ran for sanctuary in the woods.

A neighbor had known of the constant fighting and had gone over to check on them. What he found was not at all what he was expecting. He discovered Mary and Thomas' remains. Soon after, a search party of 100 strong was sent out in hunt of Fred Behme. He was found the next day, four miles north of Carmi. Behme was arrested and taken to prison where he awaited his trial and sentence. It came not soon enough. Fred Behme was found guilty and sentenced to death by hanging.

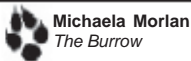
On December 4, 1896, the crowd gathered. People from all over came to see the death of the killer. A song was sung, and a Bible verse was read. Behme made a final



Fred Behme was hanged December 4, 1896.

three-minute speech in German before his life was taken. The lever was pulled at 12:37 pm. He hung for fourteen minutes before being pronounced dead at 12:51 pm. And thus the first and last hanging this town has and will ever see, was over.

HCSH athletes put to test



Michaela Morlan
The Burrow

Here, at Hamilton County Senior High, drug testing is a new policy for all of the athletes.

As the new athletic director of HCSH, Coach Jeff Rush believes that drug testing will make the students here think before they act. The policy was brought to the school board by Coach Rush in June of 2006 and was instituted by the September of 2006 board meeting.

"I'm not trying to play a gotcha game. I am the last person who wants to see a positive test come out of this," Coach Rush stated after being asked about the policy. As of right now, the policy is strictly for the athletes. When asked if the testing should be taken beyond the athletes and to students who participate in extra curricular activities, Coach Rush said, "My concerns are with the athletes right now."

Junior, Jayla Stephens was lucky number one when it came down to who got to be tested first. "Since I don't do [drugs], then getting tested didn't really bother me, but other people might have different opinions," Stephens stated when asked about getting tested.

Not all athletes agree with the testing, but it has yet to cause too much of a controversy. Sophomore, Benjamin Scatone said, "I think drug testing is wrong and it's a burden and a problem that people worry about because they could be around it and test positive or you could be a great athlete, try drugs, get tested, and then the testing could ruin your athletic career. In the past there have been plenty of athletes that have done drugs and never been caught or affected by it."

On the other hand, Senior, Ryan Dare stated, "It [drug testing] helps point people in the right direction, but it's not fair that only athletes get tested."

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Lucas Adkisson, junior



Born unto two proud parents on July 17, 1990, Lucas Nathaniel Adkisson is a sixteen year old junior. The young man has been come to be known by some as "The Fat Man." Regardless of the harsh nickname, Adkisson enjoys school because he loves being random and getting away with it. Although he does not play any sports at Hamilton County Senior High, Adkisson is very keen on finding a good book to read. The movie "Oscar" is among top regards in his list of his favorite movies. The country of Ireland is over a few rivers and through the woods from home but that doesn't matter to this student, because Ireland is his dream place to go. Thanksgiving Break is full of family for some families and that remains the same for Adkisson. He plans on seeing his brother and his fiancé for the holiday.

Brady Allen, senior



Brady Lee Allen, or Spike as he has come to be known as, was born March 8 1989. Allen just recently finished out the final season as a star runner on the cross country team, being a senior, but still has the track season to look forward to. Although Allen is seventeen years old and has seen a lot on those years, he still would like to visit Rome or Italy to just enjoy the sights. While Allen's favorite movie remains "Serenity", he plans on spending time with a different movie this Thanksgiving break. That movie is his own movie based on his novel entitled "Vamp: Bleed". After Thanksgiving, the real excitement begins for Allen when he starts looking forward to his favorite holiday Christmas. To him it is, "the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior."

n Harland - The Burrow

Thanksgiving Story



Brooke Biggerstaff
The Burrow



Junior Holden Jackson said, "Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday."

In 1621, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World the Pilgrim's fall harvest was very successful and plentiful. There was corn, fruits,

vegetables, along with fish which was packed in salt, and meat that was smoke cured over fires. They found they had enough food to put away for the winter.

The Pilgrims had beaten the odds. They built homes in the wilderness, they raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, and they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. Their Governor, William Bradford, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving that was to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native American Indians.

The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, continued through the years. During the American Revolution (late 1770's) a day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress.

New York was the first state to adopt Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom in 1817. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a

Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a National Day of Thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the

fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

Sophomore Trevor McGehee, stated "My favorite part about Thanksgiving is the mashed potatoes."

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Evangelical leader under fire



Ted Haggard, left, denies allegations by Mike Jones, right, that Haggard paid him for sex over a 3 year period.



Orry Taylor
The Burrow

In Colorado Springs, Colorado, there have been many allegations against a powerful Evangelical leader who has temporarily stepped down from his position.

Ted Haggard, the president of the National Association of Evangelicals, has been accused of having a gay relationship with a male prostitute named Mike Jones. Jones, who is the accuser, said he had to come out when he heard Haggard was opposing the same-sex marriage law.

Haggard was interviewed on television soon after he found out about the allegations. "I've never had a gay relationship with anybody. I'm steady with my wife. I'm faithful to my wife," Haggard said.

Haggard has taken an administrative leave since the accusations. He said "I am

voluntarily stepping aside from leadership so that the overseer process can be allowed to proceed with integrity. I hope to be able to discuss this matter in more detail at a later date." In the interim, I will seek both spiritual advice and guidance." Haggard said. "If he is not guilty, why should he leave office?" Sophomore Cal Muehlenbein said.

The church official filling in for Haggard said there has been "some admission of guilt," but not to all of the allegations. Part of the accusation also includes drugs. Jones has said Haggard has often talked about doing drugs, and tried to get him to do them. "I still believe everyone is innocent until proven guilty," Junior Zeb Gidcumb said.

"I believe he's 100 percent guilty," Sophomore Ben Scattonne said. A lot has yet to be uncovered in this story, but in the upcoming months it is possible that everything may unfold.

The Egyptian smile



Veronica A. Shelton
The Burrow

In Saqqara, Egypt, thieves were busy digging up an ancient tomb site. They were searching for treasure, when there was a sudden commotion. Egyptian cops surrounded the thieves and arrested them. This may seem like Hollywood's next blockbuster, but for Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, this was real.

Two months later, the Council continued the thieves' search. This led them to a 4,000 year old tomb. This tomb was not a long lost tomb of some great pharaoh. Instead, this tomb belonged to the pharaoh's dentists.

According to the hieroglyphics, these dentists were said to be Iy Mry (the chief dentist), Kem Msw, and Sekhem Ka. The fact that it was a dentist tomb makes it interesting. "I thought they let their teeth fall out. They didn't even have toothbrushes!" Junior, Allison Duckworth exclaimed on the discovery.

The ancient dentists' bodies were not present in this tomb, but there were tons of paintings depicting what their lives were like. The paintings included pictures of their family, religious rituals, and things that they did. The tomb also contained a false door which is where they could "return into life."

The discovery of this tomb may seem like a great discovery, but according to the Council's chief, Zahi Hawass, only 30 percent of what is hidden in Egypt's desert has been found. Many people think that Egypt should put more effort into digging up these finds. Junior, Amanda Harrawood, said "If



A curse warns trespassers that if they enter they will be eaten by a crocodile. Now that's a lot of teeth! they don't, thieves will."

Putting an extra effort into digging would not only keep ancient articles off the black market, but it would lead to more discoveries about ancient life. Junior, Bryanna Miller said "Yeah [they should put out more effort] that way we could learn more about them."

It's fair to say that most people want a Kodak smile: even if cameras weren't invented. Yet the dentists' tomb is just one of millions left to uncover. With each discovery, history is slowly being pasted back together.

New list; new wonders



The Hanging Gardens of Babylon is one of the "7 Wonders of the Ancient World."



Veronica A. Shelton
The Burrow

Name the "Seven Wonders of the World." This may be a difficult task, considering there are so many. The more common ones often include the Great Wall of China, the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Grand Canyon, etc. These may be Wonders of the World, but they are not all on the same list.

Thanks to ABC News, there will be a more modern list called "The Seven New Wonders." The website provides a link where people can vote for what they think should be the eighth on the list. Options range from the Taj Mahal in India to the city of Venice, Italy. Senior, Brittani Young said "Venice [would be my pick]. It is awesome."

Wonderclub.com has 9 lists of "wonders of the world." There are "The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World," "The Seven Wonders of the Medieval Mind," "The Seven Natural Wonders of the World," "The

Seven Underwater Wonders of the World," "The Seven Modern Wonders of the World," "The Seven Forgotten Natural Wonders of the World," "The Seven Forgotten Wonders of the Medieval Mind," "The Seven Forgotten Modern Wonders of the World," and finally "The Forgotten Wonders."

Some people do not feel the need for another list. Junior, Rachel Wall said "I don't think there should be a whole new list. I think they should just add on to the old one."

Others think that a new list is a good idea. Junior, Ashley Bowers stated "Yes [we need a new list]; one that no one knows about. There's a whole bunch of beautiful things in this world no one knows about."

Most would agree that no matter the amount of lists, there are many wonders to this world. The new list will bring seven more things to attention. For those who vote at abc.com, their eighth wonder will be announced on Good Morning America on November 24.

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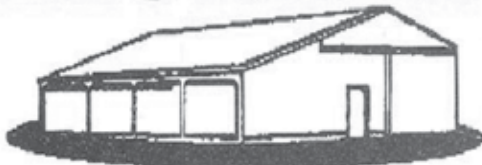


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“The Cardinals only had 83 wins in the regular season, there’s no way they should have won the World Series, but I’m glad they did,” Junior, Kyle Ragan said. The St. Louis Cardinals have one their tenth World Series, and their first since 1982.

Year after year the Cardinals put out play-off caliber lineups and since 2000 have consistently made the playoffs. It wasn’t until this year though, that the Cardinals finally won the World Series.

Cardinals owner, Walt Jocketty, has made some key acquisitions throughout the years for the Cardinals. While some have been bad, this year he brought some key players to the Cardinals lineup that played a major factor in winning the World Series. One player was pitcher, Jeff Weaver. Weaver was released from the Los Angeles Angels in early July when he failed to pitch well enough to stay on the roster. Jocketty took a chance, and signed Weaver to the Cardinals. Weaver turned out to pitch good enough to not only make the playoff roster, but was one of the best pitchers in the playoffs. Sophomore, Richard Golden said, “I was glad we got Jeff Weaver, we wouldn’t



Cardinals pitcher, Jeff Weaver, pitching in the 2006 World Series.

have won the World Series without him.”

“Hopefully the Cardinals will sign a lot of the players from this year’s roster for next season,” Sophomore Jarret Warren said. While the Cardinals will be defending champions going into next season, there is no way of telling how much of last year’s roster will come back for another year.

Clemens; ‘No decision’ for next season sports

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Seven-time Cy Young award winner, Roger Clemens, has a big decision to make before next season. The future Hall of Famer claims he will file for free agency, but is undecided whether or not he will return with the Houston Astros or any team for the 2007 season.

44 year-old Clemens is contemplating whether or not it is in his best interest to return with to the Major Leagues for another season. “I think Clemens will come back for another season because he’s greedy and he wants the money,” Junior, Brody Mitchell said. Clemens was reported saying that he doesn’t know if he will come back for a full season, half season, or even at all.

“I think Clemens will come back for another season, he’s proved he can still pitch and is still one of the best pitchers in the league,” Junior, Tanner Spicuzza said. Even though Clemens is 44 years old he has definitely proven he can still pitch. In 19 starts last season, Clemens ended with an impres-



“Roger Clemens pitching for the Astros”

sive 2.30 ERA. Many teams are hoping that Clemens files for free agency and returns for another season, because he has proven that he can be a valuable asset to any team.

Let the bidding begin

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St. Louis Cardinals centerfielder Jim Edmonds files for free agency after helping them to their first World Series since 1982.

The Cardinals have until November 11 to decide if they want to extend his contract or let him become a free agent and possibly go to another team. Edmonds had an ok season this year, batting a .257 average and hitting 19 homeruns with 70 RBIs, these stats are all career lows, but the former all-star centerfielder was limited to only 110 games because of a concussion and some injuries to his shoulder earlier in the season.

“It’s sad that Jim is leaving the Cardinals, because he was a great centerfielder for them” says Freshman, Logan Karcher. Edmonds is just one of 161 players who have already filed for free agency this off season. Cardinal’s pitcher Mark Mulder also filed for free agency after having surgery to fix a torn rotator cuff. The two free agents can start talking with other teams starting November 12.



Jim Edmonds files provisionally for free agency.

Mulder probably will have to settle for a low-base, high-incentive contract with whatever team he goes to. Mulder joins three other Cardinals starters as free agents. With just Chris Carpenter and Anthony Reyes set for the 2007 rotation, St. Louis general manager Walt Jocketty is expected to make a reasonable offer to each free agent. “This is the great thing about free agency, if your team loses one guy then they can go out and get another guy to replace him” says Junior, Jason Waier.

Death of a basketball legend



Hall of Fame coach “Red” Auerbach.

Johnny Barrow
The Burrow

Hall of Fame coach Arnold “Red” Auerbach passed away on Sunday October 28th. Auerbach died of natural causes and

a memorial was held for him on November 1st.

“Red” was considered one of greatest coaches in NBA history and won nine NBA championships in his career; the only other coach to do so is the current head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, Phil Jackson. “I think the Auerbach is the greatest coach who ever lived” says Junior, Levi Link. He is widely known for smoking his cigar during games when his team was ahead by a lot of points with little time left. Auerbach was the first coach in NBA history to win 1,000 games and was named the greatest coach in NBA history by the Professional Basketball Writers Association of America in 1980.

Auerbach was head coach of two NBA teams in his career, the Washington Capitals and the Boston Celtics. When he coached the Capitals, he won two division titles, but he won 8 straight NBA championships with the Celtics, nine overall. Auerbach was the only coach to coach the NBA All-Star game 11 consecutive times. “I think that Auerbach was the most influential coach of his or any era” says Ricky McVay.



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Death to DDP



Rhet Vaughan
The Burrow

Professional wrestlers are often overlooked as athletes, which may be why their deaths, are often forgotten.

Known around the world of professional wrestling as "DDP", Diamond Dallas Page was born Page Joseph Falkenburg in 1956.0 From an early age, Page was an energetic kid. He was big, lanky and athletic, and sports proved to be an outlet for his unbridled energy and saving grace for the grandmother who raised him. He played and excelled in both Pop Warner football, and youth hockey but he was captivated by the heroes of Saturday afternoon wrestling. He mimicked the moves and talked the talk of his favorite pro wrestlers on TV. He bragged to friends and relatives that someday, he would be the next Handsome Jimmy Valiant.

At age 12, Page was hit by a car darting through traffic on his way to school. The doctor's consensus assumption was that he'd never play contact sports again. Determined to compete in athletics, he picked up a new sport and became a star basketball player in high school and later went on to play collegiate ball.

But the Jersey Shore had a pulse rate that centered on the night life and Page had established a successful and exciting career in the night club business, in several towns and states by the time he moved to Florida in the mid 80's. During that time as a master promoter and nightclub owner came the reawakening of his dream to become involved in the world of wrestling. He first latched on as a popular and memorable wrestling manager in Florida, which led him to regional and national appearances as "Diamond Dallas Page", an over the top manager who escorted wrestlers and did all the talking.

His success and goal had seemed to be

reached, but during that time he decided that he could, and would, do something that had never been done before...in any sport. Approaching 36, he became the oldest rookie in history and started wrestling. At an age at which most athletes reflect on their careers, Page was ready to put it all on the line...and on the mat, to stay healthy enough to climb from the bottom of the ladder to the main event.

"The best match I remember him in was when he beat Sting for the Championship belt" senior Shane Ewald said. Junior Ethan French also commented on the topic "DDP was the man! The Diamond Cutter was a cool finishing move."

During his 14 year career, he amazed audiences and became a three-time world champion. Highly publicized and financially successful pay-per view and network feuds with wrestling giants such as Randy "Macho Man" Savage, Hulk Hogan and Bill Goldberg became legendary for hardcore wrestling fans.

Along with the championship titles and main events came pain and injury, however. During his career DDP suffered torn rotator cuffs in both shoulders, and a torn meniscus in his left knee, and while performing wrestling stunt sequences during the making of the movie, "Ready To Rumble" he severely damaged his back when he suffered ruptures of his discs. Now in his mid-forties, it seemed that he should listen to all those who suggested that either surgery or retirement would ease the pain and be the best solution to the loss of mobility that his injuries had caused.

He, of course, had the surgeries and then retired, but he became heavily addicted to pain medication. When his friends requested an intervention with him he stubbornly refused and would not attempt to listen. In the end, the drugs got the best of him. He was found dead in his home just outside of Los Angeles in July 2006. He was survived by his wife and many friends and fans.

Joplin's music thrives



Cover of Rolling Stone after Janis's death in 1970.



Stephanie Hart
The Burrow

The 1960's were a time of war, peace, revolution, and love... lots of love. Several artists were catalysts to these changes; one who changed female influence in the music industry was Janis Joplin.

Joplin's tunes transcend time. During her reign as hippy rock queen, her albums went gold, platinum, and triple-platinum. Mrs. Deborah Vaughan said, "I've always loved her music; I used to always listen to her and my son would make fun of me for listening to old music, now he listens to it all the time."

Her "Greatest Hits" album still dominates the charts. She is most remembered for the bluesy beats of "Me and Bobby McGee" and the folksy "Mercedes Benz."

Thomas Jefferson High School, in Port Arthur, Texas was home to many legends. NFL coach, Jimmy Johnson attended the school at the same time as Joplin; Johnson claims to have given her the nick name "beat weeds." During high school, Joplin began to dabble with music, although she was labeled as an outcast.

Education and music were battling for Joplin's soul after high school. After playing around for some time she attended University of Texas in Austin. Joplin didn't finish, the college crowd was even colder than the kids in high school. At one point, a fraternity contest declared her the "ugliest man on campus."

Joplin revolutionized women in music. In the past, women were in pretty dresses, had blond hair and big smiles. Joplin sported pants on stage, transforming women in entertainment. Senior, Amy Litherland said "She has a truly unique sound."

Senior, Jess Hastings said "Back then, people were still biased against African Americans, she sang with the black people in town, so it helped her develop her unique sound. When I first heard Janis Joplin, I was like 'wow' this is pretty crazy [stuff], but it just grows on you. I love the song she sang at Woodstock, 'I Got Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again Mama!'"

Even after Joplin made a name for herself, she still has little support from her home town. On the Dick Cavett Show, in 1970, she announced that she would attend her 10 year reunion, facing the troubles of her youth. Joplin said, on the show, that she had been "laughed out of class, out of school, out of town, out of the state." It was an unhappy experience for her and shortly after, she overdosed on heroin and died.

During her career, she'd been associated with other rock legends, like Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, and John Lennon. Her last album, Pearl was in the works at the time of her death. It was released 6 weeks after her death on October 4th, 1970. For John Lennon's birthday, October 1, 1970, Joplin recorded him a song. Lennon received it after her death.

The drug related deaths of Joplin, Morrison, and Hendrix were the end of an Era, or perhaps the beginning of something more. Their messages still resound today in the media. A movie, starring Zooey Deschanel, is set to be released in 2008.

Knitting not just for grandmas



Jennifer Smith
The Burrow

From the early ages knitting has been useful in many aspects of life. Women would knit clothes for their families, blankets, and much more. This was because knitting was practical and efficient. Today people may connect knitting with Grandma's or older people, but it is really just the opposite. There are several million young women and even a few men who like to pick up a pair of needles and get "knitty with it."

"I don't know too much about knitting, but it looks complicated," Senior Melanie Sanders said. "I did like the part in Halloween when Laurie sticks her knitting needle in Mike Meyers' neck. That was pretty sweet."

There is a whole world out there for those crafty kids who need something better than their grandma's sweaters or socks. The knitting world has exploded with all kinds of fancy stitches, unique yarns, and crazy patterns. Thanks to the knitting guilds it is no longer an activity done alone. Many circles are forming all around the country where people of all ages, races, and genders, come to knit, share techniques, and just socialize.

"Knitting is relaxing, fun, and it helps hand eye coordination," said the ever crafty teacher herself, Mrs. Kinder. "I actually learned how to knit when I was in college," said Kinder. "It was an activity the girls in the dorm did together."

Knitting is also becoming popular with celebrities and clothing designers. There are several celebrities who occasionally "cast



I'll put that on my needles and knit it.

on" a few stitches and make a scarf or whatever their perfectly manicured hands create. Isaac Mizrahi, fashion designer for Target, and celebrities, such as Cameron Diaz, Madonna, Vanna White, Julia Roberts, and even the very masculine Russell Crowe and Rosie Greir are widely known for their knitting skills.

Senior John Ritchenson had this to say about knitting: "I'm very fond of string itself but knitting looks hard. I mean where do you start? I've never really done it, but it's good for the world."

In the words of Shakespeare, "Love takes the meaning in love's conference -

I mean that my heart unto yours is knit" So get out there, pick up some needles so the world will be filled with sweaters, not hate.

Win an official Burrow hoodie in November scavenger hunt



Nick Holloman
The Burrow

Members of the Burrow staff can be seen wearing brown hoodies with a pink peace sign logo. If any of our readers would like a chance to win one of these hoodies all that must be done is turning in the most items from this scavenger hunt list. One person will be the lucky winner of a Burrow Hoodie.

- Postcard with a picture of a turkey on it
- A bowling ball
- A bowling pin
- An unopened box of Girl Scout Cookies
- A wooden horse
- A whisk
- A unopened can of Vienna Sausage
- A dog collar new or used
- Something blue, and smaller than a loaf of bread
- An object in the shape of a "3"
- A Lite Brite Peg
- A Green Plastic Army Man
- A "Buckeye"
- An orange marble
- A penny from 1984
- A wooden meat tenderizer
- A Britney Spears CD or cassette
- A graded, two or more pages MLA for matted paper
- A commemorative cup, mug, glass, or goblet



This stylish cotton and polyester hoodie could be yours.

- Plastic handcuffs
- A McLeansboro or Hamilton County Foxes keychain
- A poem written by Emily Dickinson printed on decorative paper
- A door knob
- A bell
- An example of a foreign currency.
- A Saint Patrick's Day coloring book.
- A hubcap

Submitters must submit all items at the same time. Winner will be decided by the number of items the submitter turns in. Items will be returned to submitters after being counted. Items should be submitted to Mrs. Lueke's room, with the submitter's name labeled on them. Items must be turn in by 6th hour, December 15th. Good luck and Happy Hunting!