



# The Colonial

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## Clay Spirit of Giving in Action

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When most of this year's seniors were still in diapers, Clay began a tradition that lasted seventeen years. Mr. Dan Kasper started the Canned Food Drive in 1983. When the drive first began, it was a small fund-raiser done by the graduating class. Over the years the drive has grown into a school wide event. Clay High School now has the second largest food drive in the nation. Many local agencies largely depend on Clay's Food Drive, as well as other drives, to acquire food items for the needy in the area. The canned food drive runs from November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Mad Dash is also on December 20<sup>th</sup>. This year our goal is 92,000 cans. Students can bring cans of fruits/vegetables and even cans of

juice or milk that they collect or buy from various stores in the area. Nonperishable food items are also greatly accepted. Items such as cereal, baby food, and ready-to-eat meals will be used. The cans and nonperishable food items we collect are distributed to seventeen different local agencies. "Many of the agencies make food baskets for the holiday season, others pass out food for the needy year-round. I don't think the kids realize the number of families we help each year," commented Mr. Guy Morrical.

The individual classes of students compete to bring the greatest number of cans every year. The juniors and seniors have a bit of an advantage because they don't have as many transportation limitations as the underclassmen. Most of them also have jobs, so it is

easier for them to buy cans and other nonperishable food items. However, the freshman and sophomores always contribute to the drive and are looking forward to becoming actively involved in such a noteworthy activity. "I think the freshman will get a lot of cans this year. Our class has a lot of spirit," said Freshman Amber Herring. Many students have already started stockpiling cans; some students even went trick-or-treating for cans this past Halloween. Junior Adam Ponder said, "My friends and I go collecting every year, but the best part of the drive is the Mad Dash. We get so many cans, plus there's always free food."

Cans and food aren't the only things donated. Many people contribute money, or volunteer their time to help bring in the food items, pack them up, divide the items among the dif-

ferent organizations, and load the trucks. The faculty helps out too; many teachers offer extra credit for students who collect a certain number of cans. "The school is turned upside down for three weeks. I think the teachers do a fair job of dealing with it," commented Mr. Kasper.

The front hallway of the building appears as a grocery store with all the food items that accumulate, and the spirit of giving is obvious among those who contribute to the food drive. The canned food drive has become a source of pride at Clay. Senior Dennis Radican said, "Everyone gets so excited during the drive because we know we have a reputation to live up to."

### Tips for Successful Can Collecting:

- 1) When collecting cans door-to-door, be polite.
- 2) Let other people know exactly what the cans/food items will be used for. Tell them the purpose of the drive and what this year's goal is.
- 3) Wear your I.D. tag to let others know that you are associated with Clay High School.
- 4) You don't have to resort only to collecting cans. You can also buy a number of cans at reasonable prices from many grocery stores in South Bend/Mishawaka.
- 5) Start collecting early. Collect as many cans as you can, and encourage family and friends to become involved.

## A New and Welcome Addition to the Science Department

**Corinne Sassano**  
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Ms. Pinter is one of the new faces at Clay this year. She teaches biology, physical science, and chemistry. Ms. Pinter taught at Marian High School before taking a position at Clay. "One of the biggest differences between the two schools is block scheduling, which is a big help to me because I don't feel so rushed,"



commented Ms. Pinter. She went on to say, "When people heard that I was going to teach here, they told me, 'You're going to see the real world when you get to Clay.'" However, Ms. Pinter really



doesn't see much of a difference between Clay High and Marian High. She enjoyed her work at Marian, but likes teaching here as

well.

Ms. Pinter appreciates having the other teachers in the science department to collaborate with. "The staff is very supportive, which makes the transition to a new school much easier," said Ms. Pinter. Another thing she enjoys having at Clay is better technology and more resources. She likes having better access to computers and the Internet. Ms. Pinter graduated from Purdue University where she received

her Ecology Major. Then, she went to I.U.S.B for her teaching certificate. Ms. Pinter is enjoying her new job and new students, here at Clay.



## College Tips for the College-Bound

Are you a college-bound senior? All seniors have many options and opportunities to learn about and prepare for college policies, programs, and costs that will effect them the following year. Here are some tips to help you during your college search and preparation. (Courtesy of/submitted by Prof. E.F. Stafford, 1StopAid.com.)

**Contact Colleges** on your list and request information regarding the admissions policies, cost, academic programs and financial aid. Completing this process early in the school year will give you ample time to review information with your parents and make an educated decision on the school that best suits you and your family finances.

**Check on available housing** at the colleges of your choice. Sometimes housing can be difficult to find as on-campus housing is often limited and off-campus housing takes more coordination.

**Attend "College Nights"** when college representatives visit your school. These representatives can give you insight on the school's curriculum, costs and student life to help you narrow down which school's you may want to visit.

**Complete the college admissions form** and send it in early. Many schools charge a small fee for an admissions application; however, the fee can be well worth it if you have a more than one school you want to consider attending.

**SAT Review Course:** Face it, better scores on your SAT test can mean more money in financial aid. Ask your guidance counselor. Taking the SAT review course will help you improve your score. Colleges want students who will help them improve their overall grade point averages. Your GPA and SAT scores are the best indicator the Financial Aid Office has to measure how well you will do. Increase your scores > increase the size of your financial aid package. The review course will be worth money to you in the long run. If it's available to you, take it.

**Advantages With Taking AP Courses:** If your high school offers advanced placement (AP) courses. Take them. Completing AP courses will earn you college credits in many schools. Not all colleges accept them. If the school you attend [says that] you pass the advanced placement test at the end of the year, you can earn college credits without paying college tuition. Some students have been able to skip their freshman year in college from the credits they earned through AP courses and testing. As a result, you and your family will end up saving thousands of dollars. Check with your guidance counselor or principal and the colleges of your choice to see how AP course[s] may help you.

For more information, you can go to [www.1StopAid.com](http://www.1StopAid.com)



## The Crier

### Get a slice!

The freshman/sophomore pizza sale will be held from Nov. 6 until Nov.22. You can get in touch with Ms. Duman or Ms. Stancotti for more information.

### Hurray!

Thanksgiving break will be held from Nov. 23- Nov. 24. All school offices will be closed.

### Remember:

The Basketball Scratch and Win Fund-raiser will take place from Nov. 6 until Dec. 22. Contact Mr. Huppenthal or Mr. Kern for more information. The Cheerleaders' Candy Sale will be held from Nov. 22nd until Dec. 6.

### Listen Up!

The Candy and Class Ring Sale will last from Nov. 20 until Dec. 1. Don't miss it!

### Attention!

The Senior class meeting will be held in the auditorium at 10:00 a.m. on Nov. 21.

### Reminder!

All 10th, 11th, and 12th graders that have not taken the ASVAB are encouraged to sign up in Guidance to take this aptitude test. This an excellent opportunity to gain information on how your aptitude and skills can work together in a career. It will take place on Nov. 15 at 7:45 a.m. in the library and will last approximately 3 hours. Don't miss it!



The Drama Club's production of the fall play--"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"--will be held in the auditorium from Nov. 30 until Dec. 2 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Don't miss it!



## Conspiracy

"Conspiracy" expresses the opinion of students from Clay High School.

### What's your favorite part of Thanksgiving?



"I don't like Thanksgiving." Senior Antonia Domingo



"The food and the football games." Junior Kevin Kruszewski



"MMM, TURKEY!" Sophomore Melissa Fuller



"Watching Football." Freshman Adam Kruzel

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## Lose the Artificial Memories

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I love watching my fellow teenagers. A lot of us are so scared, so fragile, so protective of our reputation, that we don't have enough time to get our noses out of the mirror to actually look at ourselves. Before I start to discuss this topic, I think it would only be appropriate to tell you about myself before I look like a 'bad guy'.

I try so hard to believe my life doesn't matter to me. I try to put my mind in a constant state of installment; I try to match my surroundings with my emotions. I know my existence could be a joke. I know I can't trust myself due to the understanding of nothing that I can prove and call facts. I know my past could be lies, I know my present could be fake. I know my future is as undetermined as the after-life that I'm faced with in the end.

My understanding with this world, with this so-called life is that I will live in it only to continue my studies on finding what's real and what's not, although, I know I will find

nothing. Not because I'm not looking hard enough, but because the answers cannot be found.

I am a hypocrite.

I love watching my fellow teenagers. Sometimes I catch myself dazing out in the middle of class watching someone apply makeup. It reminds me of the newspaper articles describing a car crash that would never had happen if the driver of the small red Beamer would have been watching the road instead of coloring her nails against the steering wheel.

When does beauty become excessive? When does too many layers of eyeliner make a girl less attractive? Is there a point where another artificial smile could make someone look less attractive? Don't expect me to answer that.

I see it in men just the same.

Reputations... so here I am biting on what I see everyday at school, at the mall, everywhere, but what can us as humans do about it? I gave it much thought and came up with my own plan. I just gave up and started again. After a certain point in my life, I started to get really good at

that. If you don't know the right things to say and the right way to act, quit trying so hard and be yourself!

I'm saying 'socially' give up and start anew. If it's too hard to be the person you want to be then don't be that person. It's a waste of time and what will you get for it? In my eyes absolutely nothing but artificial memories. I wanted to be part of the cool group (in my eyes) at Clay Middle School and the early years at Clay High. Once I came to accept the fact that I might never be part of them, I started over. I started to become myself.

I quit laughing at the pointless hurtful jokes that they made, and turned my attention to things that I liked to do, things that they thought were stupid. I started to listen to my own music, things that they thought were noise. I quickly became the laughing stock in that social group, but for some odd reason I loved it.

I spent a lot of

time by myself after that. During that time, I think I learned more about myself than I ever had. I realized that I was another teenager and understood what it means to not care what others think about you. My life was nothing less by extremes; heaven and hell in my own eyes. Then something surprising happened.

I met a fellow classmate of mine that accepted me for who I was. He welcomed me into his personal group of friends. It was at a place I felt welcome; a place I didn't have to act fake.

I was in a group I didn't know existed at Clay High School. It took a disaster for me to find my peace of mind and my true friends. I found where I wanted to be without having to care about what I look like and the way I handle my reputation.

So, in a nutshell eight hundred words later, if you feel out of place, if you feel like you're somewhere you don't belong then let go and start to live.



## Is The Voucher System For America?

**Erin Lewis**  
STAFF WRITER

Should America adopt the voucher system? I think it should. This system, supported by George W. Bush, would grant any student who wished to attend a private school financial aid. At first glance, that looks like a costly move, but the vouchers would be less government money than it currently costs to educate students at public schools. This plan would allow children from low-income families a choice about where they go to school, and force public schools to reach and main-

tain high standards in order to attract and keep students.

This seems like a win-win situation, but there are many objections to the program. Some feel that this would be unconstitutional, as it would be sending citizens' money to private schools, many of which are religious.



In other words, it would violate the separation of church and state. Many others, including myself, disagree with this. The government would be sending the people's money to

the people; it's the public choice to use it to attend a religious or non-religious private school.

Supporters of the public school system put forth the other large objection. They say that if the voucher system is instituted, it will cripple public schooling.

This argument makes little sense to me. If public schools provide better education than private schools, they will still have a large number of students and

little will change. If private schools are better, then we are depriving ourselves of the best education, and public schools need the competition as an incentive to improve themselves.

I think that the voucher system could be one of the best things

to happen to our country in years. It would provide more opportunities for lower-income families, save the government a great deal of money, and improve education.



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## Clay Colonial Editorial

What comes to your mind when you hear the word "Thanksgiving?" Many people of the past considered it a holiday during which they could share in "public Thanksgiving" and cordial unity with family and neighbors. On the contrary, most people today, including students, consider it an opportunity to evade schoolwork and hang out with family and friends while sharing a typical Thanksgiving dinner. How did Thanksgiving originate, and what

is its true meaning? Most students agree that it started "when the Native Americans and Pilgrims joined together in a delicious and harmonious feast," and most would also say that the true meaning of Thanksgiving is "to give thanks." Even though the Pilgrims and the Indians did eat many foods such as garden vegetables, popcorn, deer and turkeys, and sweet wine, many of them, specifically Christians, believed that the true purpose of the holiday should be to "In everything give thanks:

for this is the will of God...." Today, food is a customary characteristic of the holiday, just as it was when Thanksgiving originated during the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. However, people often overlook the "true meaning" of Thanksgiving, even though many do believe in it. As Thanksgiving approaches (November 23), remember that giving is a great way to help others. Many organizations are available for you to participate in dur-

ing the holiday. The Salvation Army, Humane Society, and even the Clay High School Annual Food Drive could use your donations of food/clothing products, money donations or even your time to perform services in the community.

Thanksgiving Break is a great time to relax, so enjoy it, but remember that giving and sharing is a very significant part of the holiday.

## Through Their Eyes: Looking at Adams High School

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After long interviews with Adams High School students, we have come to hold Adams in high esteem. They have amazing programs such as the Latin club, S.E.A.C., Amnesty Club, Speech Club, S.A.D.D., Ski club, Modern dance club, The Tower, Civitan Club, French Club, German Club, Asian History Club, and several more.

Believe it or not, John Adams students adore their administrators and teachers. Mrs. Barb Burns was mentioned repeatedly in our interview. She is part of what makes Adams great. Many other advisors were favorably mentioned as well.

There are some little things Adams needs to work on, such as their lack of proper heating or cooling system and paid parking. How would you feel having to pay for your parking space? Imagine having that same parking space for the past

two years. This is a requirement for Adams' student body.

Some athletes mentioned that they would not mind playing a sport for Clay High School. Junior basketball player Russell Thomas commented, "I would play for Clay not only because of the team, but also to play ball with my cousin, David Franklin and my friend Landis Rayborn." However, others like Senior William Wilson would never consider moving to another school just to play sports. "It would be disloyal to my school and disloyal to myself."

It is amazing visiting this rival in their nest. All in all, visiting Adams gave us a good feeling for the rest of the day. The students were nice, the staff was helpful, and the feeling of walking down the halls was exciting. Yes, we did have a few problems while visiting, but they only added to the learning experience we had. After visiting Adams I had a good look through their eyes.

## Something Strange in Your Neighborhood: the Spirit World

Jeff Wilson  
STAFF WRITER

We've all experienced the highly commercialized view of the paranormal. Our eyes have been exposed to the overly glamorized Hollywood brainchildren such as *The Exorcist* or *Poltergeist*. The imaginations of thousands have read through fictional novels. Ouija boards have come into

lie some trash, and the public will throw you their money. Even novels based on verifiable historic events can be skewed by complex personal subjectivity.

Hollywood has learned that the natural human fascination with the occult can be a cash cow. They usually produce films such as *The Exorcist* with the idea of profit in mind. However, do any of these films which consider the paranormal genre

dence that you can see and hear.) They take readings of electro- and geomagnetic fields, thermal changes, electrical fields, ionizing radiation, and brainwave patterns of persons around whom anomalous incidents seem to focus, as these readings attempt to relate physical energy and sensations of the human consciousness. The results of these researchers' work are inconclusive. Most



Courtesy of www.ghostbusters.com

of these efforts to "catch a glimpse of a ghost" produce less-than-stunning results.

However, the fact that they produce any results should be taken into account. These unexplainable occurrences continue to have an influence us. The Islamic faith's tenet against pork consumption

## Dressing You This Fall: Today's Denim

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STAFF WRITERS

This season has a more natural look than last. The trend is worn-in leather, suede, and denim are being worn everywhere. Animal prints are being left behind for more comfortable natural styles. Shiny, plastic, patent-leather tops and pants are leaving the scene (thankfully), and dark denim jeans and fitted shirts are taking their place.

A style that has yet to die are logoed t-shirts. Designers and brand stores use their logos on shirts to stylishly bring people into their stores. Many people think this trend

doesn't make sense. One student commented, "Who wants to pay \$30 to be a walking billboard for American Eagle?"

The big question: Is all of this style worth the cost? The authors of this story did some comparing. A

designer leather jacket by Anna Sui costs \$5,000. A leather jacket from Wilson's costs \$150. A plain t-shirt from A & F costs \$25. The same shirt at Target costs \$7. Spend \$30 or spend

\$5? You make the call. Just remember, this season has two rules: be comfortable, and be yourself! Create styles with the forgotten jeans in your closet. Courtesy of Glamour magazine.

our lives either with friends or through talk. To get our cheap thrill, the credibility of these things must exist at some level in our minds. Nevertheless, exactly how much of it is true?

I'll start by discussing the Ouija boards, a game in which a board and a planchette act as a medium of communication between the living and the dead. Do you think companies such as Milton Bradley would actually endorse, let alone produce, a game designed for children with the honest intent of bringing them in contact with the occult? Disappointing as it is, big business isn't quite the sinister. Instead, they designed and produced this product based on the concept called "automatism," an automatic subconscious response. This means that your subconscious stimulates you to physically produce the responses.

What accounts for our fascination with morbid fictional novels? The answer is a simple principle that the human race has been using for hundreds of years: exploiting the curiosity and underlying morbid essence of the human mind. This also explains why people watch the Jerry Springer Show. They enjoy the tales of betrayal, homosexuality, incest, and other topics that are still considered, in our "modern" society to be taboo. Simply stated: throw the pub-

have any basis in truth? If we look into history, we see examples of demons and demonic possessions dating back to about 1160 BC. Jesus performed exorcisms in several passages in the Bible. The Catholic Church has recognized the existence of demonic possessions and exorcism.

Researchers like Lou Gentile and Albert Andrews of the Delaware Valley Demonology Research Group of Philadelphia are trying to find out if manifestations of evil such as demons and apparitions exist in a fathomable and measurable form. You can visit their website at [www.demonologyresearch.com/DVDR/investigate.htm](http://www.demonologyresearch.com/DVDR/investigate.htm) to check out what they have discovered. They're not alone; amongst these real "Ghostbusters" are such prominent names as Christopher Claus, founder of the Wisconsin Paranormal Research Center of Nashotah, WI ([wisprc@execpc.com](mailto:wisprc@execpc.com)); Martin Riccardo, the founder of the Ghost Research Society; Dale Kaczmarek, the former Research Director of the Ghost Research Center; and numerous others.

These groups generally perform observations to obtain quantitative and qualitative measurements. They take photographs and infrared images, make audio recordings, use advanced night vision equipment, and utilize computer image analysis for qualitative analysis purposes (in a sense, the evi-

arose from a passage in the Bible where Jesus expelled demons from pigs. The Chinese used to hang mirrors above their doorways to reflect away evil spirits. Bloodletting was the result of the belief that sickness was caused by a demon in a person's blood. Native Americans fabricated intricate and ornate dream catchers to prevent bad spirits from entering their dreams. These are only ancient customs based on popular beliefs, and history has shown us that a popular belief isn't necessarily an accurate one.

Having written this article from a biased viewpoint, I strongly recommend that you research the topic of the occult yourself. You can visit [www.hauntings.com](http://www.hauntings.com), [www.brittanica.com](http://www.brittanica.com), or a multitude of other websites if you have access to a computer with internet capabilities. Check out your local library where you'll find a plethora of documents opposing and favorable viewpoints, and recorded history on this subject. Then, decide for yourself: Is this fact, fiction, or a combination of both?



Drawn by Erin Lewis

## Thanksgiving: The Plight of the Wampanoags

Kyle Burkett  
STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving, - the time of year when men and women look to the heavens and thank their celestial beings for all that has been given. During a holiday full of Grandma's special recipes and mid-day football games, families take to the road on voyages full of carbonated beverages and gas station cappuccinos. On the day of the feast Grandpa takes a freshly sharpened carving knife and ceremoniously cuts into a steaming mound of dead bird. This bird symbolizes all that men have to be thankful for: wives and children, good health, relatives, and the land they live on. But do we know the real story of Thanksgiving? In grade school we learned of Squanto and Samoset, the native Americans that saved the pilgrims from starvation that first cold winter, but did they really do it out of kindness, or did they have ulterior motives?

Squanto was a Wampanoag. He was kidnapped by a man named Thomas Hunt, and then purchased by a group of Spanish monks. In Spain he learned a bit about western language and culture before he made his great escape back to New England. When Squanto finally returned to his homeland, he found that more than half of his kin had fallen victim to a deadly epidemic. His mother, his brothers, and his father had all been killed by the plague.

In 1620 the pilgrims arrived. On Nov 11<sup>th</sup> of the same year, a group of hungry pilgrims stumbled into an ancient Nauset burial ground. There were baskets of corn left in the graveyard. It

turned out that these were baskets purposely left by the Nauset in honor of their dead. The pilgrims were attacked and sent fleeing back to the Mayflower in terror. When the Pilgrims made landfall again, it was in the ruins of a Wampanoag town once called Patuxet.

Samoset was an Indian Sachem (what the pilgrims called kings) and happened to be traveling from Maine. He met with the pilgrims and introduced them to Squanto and the Wampanoag.

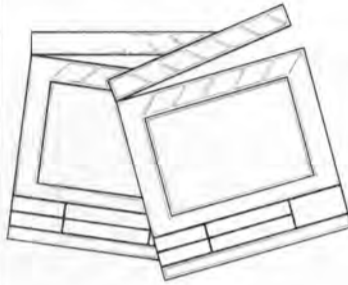
The Grand Sachem of the Wampanoag was a man named Massasoit. At that time the Wampanoag were being forced to pay tribute to a tribe called the Narragansett. Massasoit was looking for allies to help him free his people from the tyranny of their oppressors. When the pilgrims offered to pay the Wampanoag for 12000 acres of land the Grand Sachem eagerly agreed, thus the great holiday of Thanksgiving was born. A year later Massasoit saw his plan gratified. It was in a battle full of smoke and fallen brethren that the Narragansett learned what gunpowder was. Thanks to the pilgrims the Wampanoag had won back their freedom.

Unfortunately, the treaty that the Indians signed with the pilgrims would be fuel for the English to destroy and enslave the red-man for centuries to come. The concept of land ownership meant nothing to the Native Americans and everything to the English, and the English had guns. Through thousands of years man has learned thousands of painful lessons, and this must be one of them. So, when you cut into your turkey on Thanksgiving Day, think about the real history of your bird; think about the 40 Wampanoag Indians still alive today.

## Meet the Drunken Vampire: Our Weekend Movie Review

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If you're looking for something to do over Thanksgiving Break, it would definitely be a good idea to check out some of the latest movies. Here's a short review of four selected movies.



**Meet the Parents**- This is a must-see movie for all of you looking for a big laugh. Not only did it make us laugh, it made us laugh hysterically. One scene involves a family water volleyball game. Greg Foker (Ben Stiller's character) is taunted by his girlfriend's domineering father to play harder. In a rush of adrenaline, he spikes the ball into his girlfriend's sister and she bleeds everywhere. And unfortunately, her wedding is the next day. This and many other over-the-top jokes occur through out this movie, but they don't get old. The movie ends on a good note with a hilarious scene in which Foker tells of a portrait of his girlfriend's dad. Little does he know that there is a camera in the portrait and that the dad is seeing it all. In true Colonial Movie Review fashion, we will ruin the end of the movie for you. Greg Foker and his girlfriend die in a tragic bass fishing incident and her father marries her sister.

SU: A KM: A

### Remember the Titans -

Walking into the theatre, Shahaab and I thought it would be like every other Disney and football movie: real lovey dovey, teammates hating each other and loving each other by the end of the season, and of course winning the final game in the last few seconds. We were right. It did have all those aspects, but I must say that I enjoyed it. It is a true story about a segregated football team in the South whose head white coach is replaced by a black coach. Of course racial tensions arise, but they work out their problems while going undefeated; and as I said earlier, they win the game at the last second.

SU: B+ KM: A

### Little Vampire-

Shahaab nor I saw this movie. We are too mature for it. We do recommend it for the freshman though. This movie seems like a hit with a low level of maturity. *Little Vampire* stars that raw kid from *Jerry Maguire* Jonathan Lipnicki as a kid who finds out he is a vampire. After being sad and feeling sorry for himself for a couple of days, he meets an



entourage of fellow kiddy vampires and they go on their way ( isn't that what Harry Potter is all about?). I've seen this plot before, and I didn't

like it then, but it did better than *Lucky Numbers* at the box office, which I thought was pretty good. *Little Vampire* will only appeal to those with good imaginations and a taste for bad movies, which means it is a good flick to take you little brother and sister to. Oh yeah, freshman it's not based on a true story, so don't get your hopes up about vampires being real.

SU: D+ KM: D

### The Legend of Drunken

**Master**- Boy, were we disappointed when we saw this one. Jackie Chan is a awesome Kung Fu guy, and the title implies that he's wasted through out the movie. Supposedly, he fought better when he was drunk. Jackie also think he is a

funny guy, which he is not. Remember in *Rumble in the Bronx* when he punched someone he would pretend his fist

hurt? Yeah, he busted that one in every one of his movies. It's getting old Jack. Could his hand really hurt that bad? I mean he's a Kung Fu guy, straight up.

SU: C KM C+

### The Legend of Bagger Vance

B-  
*Charlies Angels*  
B-  
*Blair Witch 2*  
B+  
*Pay it Forward*  
C+

## Horoscopes: Reading the Stars

Mandy Clark & Krysten Anderson  
STAFF WRITERS

November is the month for romance, money, and good grades!

**Aries:** You start a new way of living. Since your grades are fairly decent you treat yourself to a nice dessert. You find yourself wondering what to order at Dairy Queen. Should you order a blizzard or a s'mores galore? You find money just falling from the sky or at least flying in the cafeteria. In the romance department you have no luck what so ever.

**Taurus:** This month you have some luck in the romance department. Your secret crush is feeling sick and you can call them and cheer them up. Your grades are not too bad, but could be better. Your luck with money is not so good.

**Gemini:** Money, moola, cheese, cash, and scrilla.

Whatever you call your money hang on to it. You better have a good grip on your change this month or it could be gone in a flash. Something special will happen with you in the romance department. Your grades! What happened? That's ok... do extra studying and good grades will shortly follow.

**Cancer:** Whoa ho, look out! Your life in the romance department takes a turn for the worse. Your crush doesn't exactly appeal to you any more. What to do? Don't worry things will change once you realize that it was just a dream. Your money flow isn't flowing to well lately. You realize you're short on cash, so you help out a neighbor with his/her lawn to earn a few extra bucks. Your report card was a success with your parents.

**Leo:** Slow down you and your crush are moving way too fast! What to do? Take your time and talk about what you

two can do to fix this. Your money might come in handy when looking for things to do this weekend. It's a new quarter and you have nine weeks to turn that frown upside-down.

**Virgo:** Great job on your grades this past nine weeks. Your life in the romance department is going slower than expected. You took a turn for the worse when you called your crush a bad name in front of all his friends. Money is down the tube this month; think of ways you can earn or borrow it.

**Libra:** You're feeling very happy right now: your crush asked you out, you got really good grades on your report card, and your parents raised your allowance. Don't think this is going to last forever: if you get too much of a big head things might come crashing down on top of you.

**Scorpio:** If you're feeling a little down because you haven't found a girlfriend/boy-

friend yet and we're already 9 weeks into the school year, remember; you still have 27 more weeks to go! If you are flustered over having bad grades, then you need to crack down and set aside a certain amount of time to study every night. If you get better grades on your report card next quarter, then your parent might consider letting you get a job.

**Sagittarius:** Your love life is okay, your grades are okay, and your cash flow is okay. Of course this makes you a little bored of everything just being okay. You want some change to make life exciting. Be patient and, like they say, good things come to those who wait; your adventure is yet to come.

**Capricorn:** Your grades are in the gutter because you are spending too much time with your mate. Also, a contributor to your bad grades is that part time job that keeps you away from your studies.

Your parents are on your back about it, and you are going to have to make a tough decision soon. Be wise in what you decide so you don't regret it.

**Aquarius:** Are you feeling a little bit like a mooch lately? You are always borrowing money from your friends and you constantly ask your date to pay for dinner. Your solution? Get a job. I hear they are hiring at Sam Goody. Just make sure you keep up your studies.

**Pisces:** Right now you are going through some issues with everyone around you. You just can't seem to keep your mouth shut. You always get in a debate with your teachers which ends up with you in the office and you can't seem to get along with your boyfriend/girlfriend. I suggest you pay more attention to what you say and try to spend more time by yourself to think about things.

## Improvement Helps The Boy's Soccer Team To Accomplish A Great Season

**Vijay Ramanan**  
STAFF WRITER

While in the midst of a midseason slump, attitudes were a plenty on the boys' soccer team. Finding the right attitudes was a different story. "There was just no communication among us during our slump. We had too many negative attitudes," commented Junior Drew Cramer. The confusion was compounded when Coach George Lund altered the team's alignment, with the switch of all-rounder Adam Ponder from his familiar midfield position, having the most adverse effect. How-

ever, calling on the experience they acquired through years of hard work, the boys straightened themselves out (literally).



Senior John Lehman makes a great defensive stop, displaying his good ball skills.

Finishing 15-5, the team's highlights were two thrilling wins over our favorite neighbors from St. Joe. In a convincing victory over the Indians in first round Sec-

tional play, Junior goalie Joe Silverberg proved why he was the heir apparent to last year's standout Rob Irvine, snagging shots like fly-paper.

Cramer also chipped in (again, literally), and his goal iced a 3-1 victory. After notching another win against Riley, the Colonials lost an emotional 1-0 game to Adams in the Sectional Championship. The Eagles' distinct brand of physical play was not appreciated by anyone involved. "We played through it," said Sophomore Kurtis Meyers, "but they obviously pushed us around, especially in the second half. The refs just didn't call anything."

The loss of one game

does not detract from the fabulous improvement the Colonials displayed this year. Senior Justin Rupert, along with Ponder and Jun-

cluded Senior John Lehman and Juniors Silverberg and Brian Rodick. The inspired leadership shown by this year's seniors will be sorely missed next fall. "They're just

a good group of guys," said Hyde, "and they understood what we needed to do, and we did it." Mikals-Adachi agreed. "[The Seniors] were the reason we won all the big games." Likely to fill the leadership role will be star Ponder, the flashy Hyde, and the understated Rodick.



Junior Brian Rodick runs toward the ball into order to set up the next offensive play.

ior speedster Nathan Hyde were named First Team All-NIC. Juniors Ken Mikals-Adachi and Jon Wassner and Senior Ben Caruso made Second Team All-NIC. Honorable mentions to the all-conference team in-

With the nucleus of a potentially loaded team returning next year, this bunch will not necessarily compete with the state of Indiana, but with history, as they look to return Clay soccer to the glory days of the early 1990's.

## Seniors Inspire Returning Athletes

**Mike Brzezinski and Marco Sandusky**  
STAFF WRITER AND SPOTLIGHT EDITOR

The future is where the focus shifts as the girls' volleyball team finished their 2000 season. With many young players on the team, this year was a year of rebuilding. The girls kept their spirits up through it all; they wouldn't give up. Senior captains Erin Downey and Kelley Carl showed leadership qualities that will, no doubt, inspire improved play in the future. Even though the team had only four wins, they played hard and fought every game. "Our record was not that good, but we fought," says Sophomore Shelby Dow.



Senior Ashley Condon gets ready to return the ball.

With new coach, Carl Gruelich, the girls had a period of adjustment but learned to play well under his leadership. "The new coach will bring the program to a new level," claims Dow, who will be a big factor in the future. "We gave a lot of teams a tough time," said Junior Sasha Elliot. This is a group of talented girls. It didn't always go their way, but they still had a good time and played hard. With many talented players returning, there's more on the way.

## Congratulations to the Girls Cross-Country Team



...on becoming the 2nd team in Clay's history to advance to Semi-State as a team!

**Andy Crafton**  
STAFF WRITER

## Featured Athletes Zoe Brickley and Sal Shabazz

**Where are you originally from:** Zoe: Europe.  
Sal: My mother.

**What are your nicknames:** Zoe: Don't need one.  
Sal: Main Event.

**What sport(s) do you play:** Zoe: Swimming, Leg Wrestling.  
Sal: Football and Track.

**Who do you look up to in your sport:** Zoe: That guy from Zimbabwe.  
Sal: Randy Moss.

**Pre-game meal:** Zoe: Goldfish and Powerade.  
Sal: Anything.

**Favorite band or singer:** Zoe: Outkast, Bob Dylan.  
Sal: No Limit Soldiers.

**Favorite restaurant:** Zoe: L'Esperanza.  
Sal: The White House.



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**Favorite teacher(s):** Zoe: Mr. Kingston.  
Sal: Guy and Chuck.

**Where do you feel the most comfortable:** Zoe: In the woods.  
Sal: At home.

**Where do you feel the least comfortable:** Zoe: School desks.  
Sal: At school.

**Who would you want to be stuck with on a deserted island:**  
Zoe: Andrew Radecki.  
Sal: May and Aalah.

**College you plan on attending:** Zoe: University of Virginia or Colorado College.  
Sal: IU.

**Favorite Movie(s):** Zoe: *Harold and Maude* and *Fight Club*.  
Sal: *Program*.

**Coke or Pepsi:** Zoe: Pepsi.  
Sal: Pepsi

**Favorite thing to do in your free time:** Zoe: Work at Camp Eberhart.  
Sal: Kick it with the pretty boys.

## Blurred Vision

**Sarah Vice**  
STAFF WRITER  
**Megan Tarbet**  
FEATURE EDITOR



Megan and I would like to introduce you to a phenomenon that's been sweeping our country for awhile now. Originating from the movie "Cool Hand Luke," it goes by many names: Tennessee Tophat, Kentucky Waterfall, Beaver Paddle, Camaro Cut, Mudflap, and my all time favorite Achy-Breaky-Bad-Mistakey (thanks to the one hit wonder country singer Billy Ray Cyrus). This phenomenon is the mullet.

The dictionary's definition states that a mullet is an edible marine and freshwater fish. Unfortunately, that's not the only definition. A mullet is also a haircut where the sides and top of the hair are significantly shorter than the back. Some of you may notice these atrocities, but you just walk past and don't recognize them as mullets. That's what the two of us are here for. After reading this, we want you to be able to call out a mullet whenever and wherever you see one.

Many other people have noticed how fascinating these cuts are, and have devoted entire websites to them, pumping them chock-full of information. Topics range from where mullets shop to celebrity mullets. Check out [www.mulletfrenzy.com](http://www.mulletfrenzy.com) to find out more about the mullet, or head to [www.mulletuncut.com](http://www.mulletuncut.com) to see a trailer of the very first mullet movie, "The Mullet Uncut," made by the filmmakers Mark Maiocco and Michael Reinwal, is a documentary pre-

sented by Dreamworks, who have brought us movies such as *What Dreams May Come* and *The Prince of Egypt*. The documentary follows the lives of mullets through the shopping mall and their love lives. You will also experience the birth of a mullet; there is nothing like it. Megan and I view this as the feel good movie of the year.

It is sad to say that there are people who cannot appreciate this hairstyle, (or as we would like to say, lifestyle) as much as us. A link from the site [www.mulletfrenzy.com](http://www.mulletfrenzy.com) (called



No Mullet) features a game called "The Mullet Game," where you use violence if you see a mullet. Who would subject themselves to such a hairstyle? Whoever said that mullets were a bad thing? WWF wrestlers seem to like them. Singers like Michael Bolton in the early nineties, and certainly Carol Brady from the hit show *The Brady Bunch* had no problem with them.

Next time you see a mullet, may it be permed, colored, or in a band, you don't have to like it. Just take the time to understand where it's coming from: the outskirts of Tennessee, your very own rock band, and quite possibly the local Wal-Mart.

*Crafton's View*

## Wisconsin Owns Indiana

**Andy Crafton**  
STAFF WRITER



When I moved to South Bend a couple of years ago, I expected a couple of cracks here and there about my being from Wisconsin. By now, I'm used to the various comments I receive about my accent (which I pronounce "axe-int"), or my slightly pale skin, but one thing I've always been annoyed with are the people hating on my home state. Seriously, how can people from Indiana make fun of *any* state, let alone Wisconsin? In need of a column idea and an obligation to defend my former home, I've decided to use my power as a writer for the newspaper to set the record straight. Here are the top 7 misconceptions about my state:

**7) Everyone is nice and polite...** While it's true that people are more friendly in Wisconsin than in Indiana, in Wisconsin most people are generally raised to mind their own business. High school students also pull many more pranks (TP'ing houses, etc) than I've seen here. In Wisconsin, though, nobody goes cow tipping. How do you even tip over a cow?

**6) Everyone plays football...**

Just like everyone in Indiana plays basketball? Football is the most popular sport in WI by far, but with both the Packers and the University of Wisconsin having down seasons, the cheese heads aren't happy.

**5) There is nothing but dinky towns and farms...** Milwaukee is very large, as is my home city of Madison. Towns are more spread out than they are in Indiana, but the state itself is larger in both size and population.

**4) People talk with Fargo accents...** Up in the North and along the border of Minnesota people talk like that, but in the South Central part of the state, where I'm from, we speak with a pretty normal accent. We do, though, pronounce a few words funny. Something is pronounced "sun-thin", for example. We tend to slur sentences together while talking sometimes, making it sound like we're mumbling.

**3) There's nothing to do in Wisconsin...** That's totally wrong. Madison has five or six large malls, maybe fifteen movie theaters, and the University of Wisconsin. Unlike Notre Dame, which is basically separate from South Bend, UW is located right in downtown Madison and is actually part of the city. There are tons of weird little stores, restaurants, and activities located on campus. Believe it or not, outdoor activities are one

of the most popular things to do. Rock climbing, hiking, biking, hunting, skiing, snow boarding, and exploring caves are all fun. People from all over the Midwest know about the Wisconsin Dells for its huge water parks, paintball, race-tracks, and casinos.

**2) It's always cold...** The winters are a little longer and a little colder, but during the summer Wisconsin is actually warmer than Indiana.

**1) Everyone is obsessed with cheese...** Personally, I hate cheese. After learning that cheese is really milk fat with mold growing on it, I can now only tolerate it on pasta or hamburgers. It's true that cheese is probably the most popular food in Wisconsin, but most people just prefer it for a snack. Cheese heads are popular to wear at sports events, but I don't think I've ever seen people walking around the streets with them on. I will admit to owning a cheese mug holder, but I will never buy a cheese head.



Columnist Andy Crafton works on his column for the next issue.

## Just Ask Us

**J. Womack**  
**Dr. J. McMorris**  
STAFF WRITERS

If you have a question, concern, or problem, we are here to help. We admit that we aren't professional doctors, but we are your peers and our advice might just help you along your path. So please drop off any questions to the publications room or pass it to one of us in the hall. Our first question comes from Real Shy Type:

*Dear Girls,*  
*I heard that you both were trying to get something started like Dear Abby. So I thought that I would ask for your advice. I am a very shy person and it's impossible for me to get to know other people. I am a really fun person once I get to know a person. How can I get out in the world and meet new people without being scared?*  
Thanx,  
Real Shy Type

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*Dear Real Shy Type,*  
We have your answer. There are several things you can try. Get involved in activities out of school; venture out away from the people you're used to. You can also meet people through the people you already know, and guess what? We've learned that one of the easiest ways to meet people and make friends is if you hear someone talking about something you know about. The topics such as game scores, homework assignments, where the parties at this weekend, local people, or music. All you have to do is join the conversation. I'm sure most people won't mind. If anything, they'll be shocked you said something. Remember they are all normal teens just like you. Remember, if you never talk, then you could be missing your chance to have fun. You're only a teen once. No one is stopping you from talking it's all up to you. So try these little tips, and let us know how you do.

*Dear Girls,*  
*My life is so hectic lately. I play sports, work, tutor, and do volunteer work. I have no time to spend with my family and friends. I don't even have time for me. I have a boyfriend who means the world to me, but it seems like I never have time for him either. Even as I write this, I am on a break at work. My grades are on the move-down. Please help me out.*

Too Busy

*Miss Busy,*  
Believe me sweetheart, I am living the same life you are: running from place to place all day and falling into bed already asleep. Sound familiar? The best thing to do is get organized. That will help you find time to cuddle with your honey, study, and have family game night. Also, I know you probably like doing all the activities you are involved in, but you don't want to dig yourself an early grave. I am sure if you explain to people that you are working yourself ragged, they will have no problem lightening up. For those who won't lighten up, insist that they do. How can you continue running around for months on end? You can't, at least if you are like me. You can't be everywhere at once. So, when people ask you for a favor you can't always help out. You have to learn to say "no" or you will be stressed and unable to function right. Take some time off, sit in a nice bubble bath and think about nothing. Not even the chemistry exam you're going to fail next week. After you have sat down to relax, find someplace quiet and organize your daily life. Find time to do those things that are important to you: studying, spending time with your family, and cuddling with your cutie. Maybe even set aside a day, or some time that is completely for you and whoever you wish to share it with. Not only will that give you something to look forward to, but it will also hurry your week along.

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