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to talk idly, incessantly or fast

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The Chatter

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Visiting From Afar

Interviews Conducted

BY: Amanda Kreal

Each year our high school has the privilege of having students from other countries visit our small little corner of the United States. In years past, we have made new friends with these “exchange students” as we learned about their home cultures while they learned about ours. This year we have students from the Eastern and Western hemispheres in our midst. Here’s a peek at our new faces at PHS.

Name: Fabian Masarwa

Home Country: Germany

Native Language: German

Other Languages: English, French, and a bit of Arabic

For Fun? Soccer, Soccer, Soccer!

cer!

Host Family? The Gross Family

Favorite thing about the United States?

The food, American football, and trucks



Name: Jan Wilhelm Eikmeier



Home Country: Germany

Native Language: German

Other Languages: A bit of French

For Fun? Flying a plane and soccer

Host Family? The King Family

Your Family at Home? Mom, dad, sister Carolin and brother Mathias

Name: Rak-ti-but Trueng-jit-vilas (Call me “Mind” with short i)

Home Country: Thailand

Native Language: Thai

Other Languages: A little Chinese

Your home?

From a BIG city

For fun?

Drawing and hanging out with friends



Favorite food from home?

Yen-ta-fo (noodles with pink soup, fish, vegetables, and octopus)



Top 10 Annoying Facebook Habits

1. Those who update their Facebook status every two minutes—this just proves you really don’t have a life
2. People who offer every detail of their life in an album. (Really, do we need to see seventeen photos of your dog?)
3. Attention seekers (those whose pages are filled with enough drama to create a soap opera script)
4. More Farmville request than any farmer could handle
5. When a person posts nameless Facebook slander and everyone knows exactly who they are talking about
6. A Facebook stalker (one who comments on and ‘likes’ everything)
7. People who add you despite the fact that they don’t even know you. In other words, you are a friend of a friend of a friend
8. Writing on someone’s wall instead of communicating privately
9. Lazy typists who misspell
10. Being “poked “constantly



“Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind.”
Rudyard Kipling

Visiting From Afar (Continued)

Interviews Conducted BY: Amanda Kreal

Name: Cecilia Cardoso Narcimento Ferreira
Home Country: Brazil



Native Language: Portuguese

Other Languages: Spanish

and English

Favorite things about the U.S.? Football, food, life, English, culture

Host Family? The Parretts

Your family at home: mom -Flàira, dad-Álvaro, sister-Mariana, sister-Larissa, and brother-Guilherme

Name: Stephanie Barner Aaberg

Home Country: Denmark

Native Language: Danish

Other Languages: English and a bit of German



How much schooling left? I will have three more years in Denmark.

Host Family? The Chalkers

For fun? Dance, soccer, going to movies, friends



Brain Teaser

From: J. Weston Walch Publisher

- How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the Ark?
- A surgeon performed an operation on a patient. The patient is the surgeon's sister, but the surgeon is not the patient's brother. How can this be?
- Is it legal in California for a man to marry his widow's sister?
- Which is the largest state in the U. S. in land area?
- A plane crashed on the border between Canada and the U.S. Where did they bury the survivors?
- If you have one match and enter a room where there is an oil lamp, an oil heater, and some kindling wood, which would you light first?
- If a doctor gave you three pills and told you to take one every half-hour, how long would they last?
- A man builds a house with four sides to it-a rectangular structure. Each side has a southern exposure. A big bear comes wandering by. What color is the bear?
- How far can a dog run into the woods?
- Take two apples from three apples. What do you have?

Visiting From Afar (Continued)

Name: Maria Angela Llorente
Home Country: Spain
Native Language: Spanish



Other Languages: A bit of German, French, and Italian

Host Family? The Phipps'

Your favorite food from home? Paella (It's a yellow rice with meat, fish and vegetables.

Favorite food in America? Brownies!!

Name: Sasita Ivanoba Paredes Torres (Call her Sasty)

Home Country: Ecuador



Native Language: Spanish

Other Languages? English

Host Family? The Shislars

Old Timers Day

BY: Haley Stratton

From September 16th until September 19th the town of Peebles celebrated Old Timers Day for the 42nd year. As we all know, the festival holds all sorts of contest and events such as: Queen Pageant, Junior Miss & Pre-teen Pageant, Karaoke Contest, Watermelon & Bubble Gum Blowing Contest, Cutie Pie/Cutie Pet Competition, Photo Contest, and many other events that we all participate in. On the last day of the festival every year, the town puts

No weather issues this year at the 42nd annual Old Timers Day



together a big parade. The parade includes the winners of each contest, our school candidates, community organizations, church groups, scouts, and more.

Karaoke Contest Winners
1st – Carrie Chalker “I Can

Only Imagine” By: Mercy Me
2nd - Ashley Howe “Born to Fly” By: Sara Evans
3rd – Kelsey Bengtson “Free to be Me” By: Francesca Battistelli

Queens Pageant Winners

4th runner up- Ashira Gardner
3rd runner up - Ciera Seaman,
2nd runner up - Mariah Lloyd,
1st runner up - Whitney Gallo-way,

Queen for this year’s Old Timers Day was Hayleigh Swayne.



Laws of the Land?

BY: Stephen Boehme

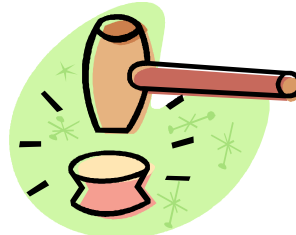
Can schools be too focused on rules and not enough on learning? Certainly if the goal is to ensure a good education, the school environment cannot be lawless. But is it possible to put the proverbial cart before the horse by putting too much emphasis on rules?

Studies show the desire to create trouble often comes from students who are bored, and not because of the lack of rules. CBC News conducted a survey of 5000 teens which suggested “boredom and peer pressure lead to teen trouble”. Philanthropy News Digest states: “Commissioned by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the report, *The Silent Epidemic: Perspectives of High School Dropouts*, found that nearly 50 percent of 470 dropouts surveyed said they left school because their classes were boring

and not relevant to their lives or career aspirations.” Is it possible that more focus should be put on keeping the students participating during the school day? Now, as a student myself, I can tell you that my immediate reaction to an increased work load is a loud groan. But on the other hand, nothing goes by slower than a class where you do nothing. To further add to this boredom, cell phone usage is banned even during free time, as well as ipods/mp3 players in many classes. In absence of these “toys”, it can be tempting to cause trouble. I admit, I have witnessed and participated in such things in the past. Many students either go to a Career and Technical Center for more hands on activity, or take classes for dual credit at a college instead. This allows them to escape the daily monotony and work harder for a shorter

time. While increased work load at high schools might eliminate free time that can lead to trouble-making, it could have the effect of wearing down students. Having 5-10 minutes of “decompression time” before heading to the next class can give time to process information and have a clear head for the next subject. After a long grueling day, one may feel too “fried” to attempt homework.

This is a tricky issue, and subject to district policies, but you the reader must decide. Are the school laws agreeable to you as they are or do think schools need more or less focus on the rules?



“Laws too gentle are seldom obeyed; too severe, seldom executed.”
Benjamin Franklin

Taurus (21 April-21 May) – Steer clear of babies and dogs today. I won't go into much detail, but if you're not careful, you may end up smelling a little strange afterwards.

Gemini (22 May-21 June) – Life is short. Sing in the shower today as loud as you possibly can. The people in your house may not appreciate it, but you'll feel very carefree for the rest of the week.

Cancer (22 June-22 July) - You will mysteriously injure yourself in your sleep. You may think it's a sign you're getting old, but you're really just clumsy. Rub a penny on your bruise and it'll heal faster.

Leo (23 July-22 August) –You have a giant weight on your shoulders this week. Just pick it up and push it away, it's causing you a lot of back problems.

Virgo (23 August-21 September) – Who said change isn't good? Use that extra dollar you have saved up in change to buy yourself an ice cream cone on Sunday. Be sure not to hand over the sticky pennies in your cup holder though; otherwise you'll find a little surprise in your cone.

Libra (22 September-22 October)
The world doesn't revolve around you, and your friends are about to let you know it.



Scorpio (23 October-21 November)
An old crush comes back and crushes you some more.

Sagittarius (22 November-21 December) – When you drop your books in the hallway you expect someone to help you pick them up. Unfortunately, you didn't help the last person who dropped theirs beside your locker, so karma decided to let you be on your own for this one.

Capricorn (22 December-20 January)
That secret you told a "friend" on Friday might just be the new conversation topic at school by Monday. Eat a banana for breakfast to avoid this becoming too damaging to your reputation.

Aquarius (21 January-19 February) – Take a cold shower on Monday morning to avoid falling asleep in first period. Something exciting is going to happen to the kid who sits beside you.

Pisces (20 February-20 March) – Check your shoes twice before you leave to go anywhere all week and rub salt on the bottom to make sure you don't fall while you're out. This could be a very painful week for you.

<http://horoscope.inspirational-otter.com/>

H O R O S C O P E

Next Issue?

- This Day in History
- Beta Officer Winners
- Halloween Preview
- And Much More!

Brain Teaser Answers:

1. None. Noah was the man who took the animals aboard the ark.
2. The surgeon is a woman.
3. A man is no longer living if his wife has become a widow, so no it is not legal.
4. Alaska
5. The survivors are still alive.
6. The match
7. One hour
8. It is white– a polar bear at the North Pole.
9. He can run halfway; then he's running out.
10. Two. You took two.