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WHAT IS THAT? by Tyler Hayward and Samantha Jones

Many students have wondered what the shed on the upper field really is, what it holds, and what it will become. If anyone wants to find out more, then keep reading.



The shed has been on this campus for about sixty years and it is surprisingly still in good shape. The shed was used for the Amador Nuggets Football team when this school was a high school.

Nobody is quite sure who built the shed, but Mr. Vicari said, "I think that the school district built the shed in 1942."

The shed isn't used much anymore, because the Nuggets football

team has moved out of it.

Right now there is baseball equipment for the high school, and room for extra desks.

Mr. Molin and Glen both agree that the shed plays an important role by holding all of the extra stuff that the school has in storage, but Mr. Molin thinks that the school doesn't need it anymore.

"I would get rid of the shed because it is just an ice-hole now," Mr. Molin said.

On the other hand, Glen has a different opinion on the subject. He said, "I wouldn't get rid of the shed, because the school still needs some storage."

Before everyone knows it, the eighth graders will be off to high school.

Glen believes that the school will repaint the shed green or white, so all of the eighth graders can sign the wall as a memory for many years to come. Mr. Vicari is unsure if that is what will be done or not. We will find out sometime.

MAKE SOME ROOM by Amanda Pillsbury and Ashley Gregorius

The school district added new classrooms and many more things to our school. But do you know what's up there? Well, we do.

They have added a staircase, and, yes, everyone can use it whenever they want. This does not mean that the eighth grade stairs are going to be turned into regular stairs. They are still for the 8th graders only.

We will have new classrooms. Mr. Grattan, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Flint, and Mr. Mantzouranis will all be moving. They all seem to be happy and excited to go.

Mrs. Peters said, "I'm very excited and looking forward to a nice, clean, new classroom."

Mr. Grattan said, "I've been waiting eleven years for them to build the new classrooms. It isn't really fun, because I have to move, then unpack."

Mrs. Flint said, "I can't wait for more whiteboard space. It's difficult to only have one board."

"Yeah, I was very excited. I saw it in the morning, and it was really nice. The class-



Is this where Mr. Heinrich's statue will be?

rooms are going to be new and are bigger than the one I have now," said Mr. Mantzouranis.

Mr. Vicari said that in the front of the school bus turn around, there is going to be a bronze statue of Mr. Heinrich in a Speedo holding a weather balloon. We think he was probably joking.

Special thanks to the Amador Ledger-Dispatch for providing support to the JJHS Journalism class.

MAN ON THE STREET by Nick Deegan

This month we asked two eighth graders, two seventh graders, and two sixth graders the following question: "Which high school are you going to and why?"

"Amador, because my grandpa and great uncle went there."
-Johnny Guerra, 8th grade

"Argonaut, because there is a class there that I want to take."
-Tyler Bird, 8th Grade

"Amador, because that's where my friends are going."
-Derek Fischer, 7th grade

"Argonaut, because my mom wants me to go there and my

cousins go there."
-Morgan Dewitt, 7th grade

"Argonaut, because I don't like Amador and it is awesome."
-Carl Cates, 6th grade

"Argonaut, because it's the best."
-Megan Maupin, 6th grade

ASK JOHN by John Rogers, JJHS Counselor

Why do junior high kids seem so obsessed with their appearance?

Okay, what do we mean when we say "appearance"? Is appearance your smile, your glasses or your physique?

More importantly, who are you appearing for? Are you



appearing for you? Your family? Your friends? One special friend? A girl or boy? Are you trying to be like everyone else, or are you trying to be different than everyone?

What I'm thinking is that appear-

ance is complicated and situational.

I think that how much time you put into your appearance depends on what is happening, who is there, and how included or separate you want to be.

Do you have a question for John? You may remain anonymous. Leave a note in Mrs. Flint's box.

ASK NURSE MARY by Mary Reed, RN, School Nurse

What are the dangers of eating disorders?

An eating disorder is very serious and should not be taken lightly. Major health hazards including death may occur if an eating disorder goes undetected and untreated. Eating disorders are complicated conditions that have serious consequences. The two most common eating disorders are anorexia and bulimia. They both affect a person's emotional and physical health. People with an eating disorder usually have an obsession with food and losing weight, body image problems, and many disturbing feelings and thought patterns. Eating disorders can end up being not about food and weight, but of something much deeper going on

inside.

Physical complications of anorexia are: Abnormally slow heart rate and low blood pressure which means the heart muscle is changing, reduction in bone density which results in dry, brittle bones, muscle loss and weakness, severe dehydration which can result in kidney damage, fainting, tiredness, and overall weakness, dry hair and skin (hair loss is common), growth body hair in an effort to keep warm, poor concentration, depression, cognitive impairment, and changes in brain tissue.



Physical complications of bulimia are: Weakness, irritability, dehydration, electrolyte imbalances that can lead to the heart stopping, abdominal pain, bowel problems, and potential for stomach or esophagus rupturing.

An actual eating disorder is a diagnosis made by a health care provider. Probably more common, is something called 'disordered eating', which can have many complications and often leads to an eating disorder.

I am available to talk to anyone who has questions or is concerned about themselves or a friend.

Do you have a question for Nurse Mary? You may remain anonymous. Leave a note in Mrs. Flint's box.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS editorial by Mallorie Hayes, assistant editor

Well, it's that time again! It is freezing, almost snowing, and quite busy. Everyone is rushing to get all their decorations up and buy their presents. It is time again for Christmas. So, Merry Christmas!!!

Christmas is a time of celebration. Of course, we celebrate the well-known Santa Claus, and if you are religious, you also celebrate the birth of Jesus. We all get together and eat and talk and visit.

This should be a time for being

with family and friends, not worrying about work, school, or your social life. Have fun over the Christmas Break. Enjoy laughing and talking.

It is also very pretty around Amador County during Christmas time!! It is really pretty up-country where all the snow is falling. A lot of people like to snowboard and ski this time of year. Even though Kirkwood is not in Amador County, it is still a fun and exciting place.

Another thing to do around town during the holidays is to go to the movies; there are a lot of movies coming out.

A lot of people will probably be going away for Christmas break. If you are, have fun. I won't be doing anything really special, just hanging out with my family and friends. I sure hope everyone has a great holiday, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Have fun and don't worry about school!!! Just enjoy the holiday break!!!!

THE MOST BORING INTERVIEW EVER by Shey Walker

Shey Walker interviewed Mr. Mathany, 7th grade math.

Q: "Why did you decide to switch to teaching 7th grade instead of 6th?"

A: "The mad scientists and aliens told me to."

Q: "If you didn't teach math what other subject would you want to teach?"

A: "Science, because I like playing with Mr. Heinrich's toys."

Q: "Why did you decide to teach math?"

A: "It's in my name."

Q: "What are your favorite hob-



bies?"

A: "Mind boggling insanity, multiple personalities, and sleepless nights chanting 'CAN'T SLEEP OR THE CLOWNS WILL EAT ME.'"

Q: "If you weren't a teacher, what would you want to be?"

A: "Super villain/mad scientist."

Q: "What is your favorite TV show?"

A: "Original Transformers."

Q: "What are your favorite books?"

A: "*Flowers for Algernon* and *Gödel Escher and Bach*."

Q: "What's your favorite animal?"

A: "The jumping spider."

Q: "What is your favorite holiday?"

A: "Arbor Day, because trees rock."

Q: "What is your favorite food?"

A: "Chicken, because they're easy to catch."

Editor's note: *Mr. Mathany says, "Shey lied about everything. The interview was completely erroneous and scandalous."*

REWIND by Christina Morris and Christy Mancuso, staff writers

Back in the class of 1981 and 1982, a time capsule was buried near Mrs. Port's classroom. It is to be opened in the year 2012. Both Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich were asked a few questions regarding the time capsule.

One of the questions for Mrs. Heinrich was if she knew of any other time capsules in town or at school. It turns out that our school didn't make the only time capsule in town. Mrs. Heinrich said that she thought that there might be one in the construction in the wall of the court house.



Mr. Heinrich was teaching at the time the school's time capsule was buried, so he provided us with more information. He isn't sure exactly how

it was buried, but he thinks the time capsule might be a metal box which was then buried and covered in concrete. The one thing he knows for sure is that there was a piece of paper put in the time capsule that was signed by each person who participated.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich think

it would be cool to make another time capsule for this year. Other students agree.

Brandon Hawkins thinks it would be cool. When he was asked what he would put inside, he said that he would put in a test that he got a good grade on.

Jesse LaVielle also thought it would be fun. He would put a paintball gun in the time capsule, because he likes paintball. Who knows? Maybe the 8th graders will make one this year.

ME@13: BEING A TEEN guest column by Kayla Grady

Who Am I?

Well for me that's a very good question. Being 13 doesn't mean that you know who you are in life. To me it's the beginning of a very long journey to find out who you are. So the question is, "Who am I?"



My name is Kayla Brianna Grady. I live in Volcano, which is just outside of Jackson. I have one older brother by the name Rory who is 24 years old. We are 10 years apart.

My father Dan Grady died when I was six-years-old. But I have always had a father figure in my life, my step father Rich Hoffman. Though no one could ever take my father's place, Rich has always been there for me when I needed

him the most.

My mother is Marilou Grady. I have no idea where I would be if I didn't have a mother like her.

Being 13 means that you're not a kid anymore. It's time for

you to make decisions for yourself instead of having others decide for you. It's when you enter the world of peer-pressure and popularity in school.

This is when things being to blur. Peer-pressure is all around us, the pressure to smoke, the pressure to drink, and the pressure to be so cool with everyone in school so that everyone likes you. Pressure might get the best of you, or you can go through your life above the

influence.

This is the world of being a teen. But I can proudly say that I have friends that I can trust, and I know that they will always be there for me when I need them the most, to help me get through the tough times.

For me, I have a goal in life. I want to stay way above the influence and get the grades I need that will hopefully take me to a free-ride through college. Going to college is my main goal in life, to succeed in becoming a doctor.

Who knows where I'll be in 20 years, but for now the best thing for me to do is be myself and never give up. But hopefully I will be following my dream and still be above the influence.

PUMP UP YOUR SPIRIT! by Chelsy Bryant, sports commentary

As all of the girls that tried out for cheer know, the cheer try-outs were held November 15-17 from 3:30 to 6:00pm.

All the cheerleaders did a very good job, especially for those girls that had never actually done cheerleading. All the girls were kind of rushed, but all of the members did a fantastic job.

The first day, the girls learned the dance slowly, step by step. The second day, some of the girls were struggling with the dance. So the coaches went over it again, and taught the cheer that is listed below.

The final day was most likely the hardest day for the participants. It was the try-out day. The girls were scared and quite nervous, as

the coaches were watching, and two or three of the girls had to do the routine by themselves, hoping not to mess up the dance, jumps, or cheer.



Some girls came out of the gym beaming with joy, knowing that they did really well. Others came out bawling, knowing that they didn't give their best.

Congratulations to all the girls

that made the team. This year will hopefully be even better than last year.

Thank you, Marshawn and Brenda, the coaches, for having a Jaguars cheerleading team. Lastly, thank you to all who tried out. This year is going to be great.

Try-out cheer: "Who are we?"

Who are we?

Jackson Jaguars

We're number one

Green and white

Fight, fight, fight

(Rpt*2)

DRAMA QUEEN: Lindsey Burman by Chelsy Bryant and Ashley Gregorius

What is your favorite hobby?

Acting, belly dancing, and palm reading.

How long have you been involved in drama?

Three years so far.

What will you be doing in the Talent Show?

Belly dancing to Japanese music.

How long have you been doing belly dancing?

Three years also.

Why do you love drama so much?

It's very exciting and helps you explore different personalities.



What's the most exciting part about dancing?

Learning new things.

Why are you a vegetarian?

Never liked meat. It's very sad, the way the people kill the animals for food.

What exactly is a vegetarian?

A person who doesn't eat meat or anything with a face.

Why do you wear exotic clothes?

The colors are very bright and very expressive of your character. My favorite is called an Indian Sari.

How did you get so excited about palm reading?

I had a friend whose mom taught me how to read palms. I also bought a book on how to palm read, very interesting.

How long have you palm read?

Just around three to four years.

Do you ever care what people say about you?

I used to care, but I thought I wanted to live my own life, not someone else's.

What are some of your favorite books to read?

Fantasy books are my favorite.

Who are your heroes?

My mom, because she has always been there for me, and, not to be a suck-up, but, Mrs. Flint, because she's not afraid to express herself.

TV REVIEW: DEAL OR NO DEAL by Trevin Helmig

The exciting new show, "Deal or No Deal," is a T.V. game show hosted by Howie Mandel. It is all about luck and chance. It is exciting to watch because viewers never know what amount of money will be in the case the contestant's pick.

This is how you play: there are 26 cases, which hold amounts of money from \$.01 - \$1,000,000. The person playing has to choose cases to get rid of. After certain amounts of cases are eliminated, the "banker" calls in. The "banker" wants to get the player to sell his/her case for the least money he can, but no matter what, the contestants always



leave with some money.

When the banker offers the player an amount of money, the contestant has to choose either "deal" and take the money, or choose "no deal" and keep playing, hoping to

get a higher amount of money.

The banker sits in a little room above the stage and has to try to get the person to accept as low of an amount as he can to make them leave.

"Deal or No Deal" is on Mondays at 8p.m. and Thursdays at 9p.m. Every now and then to make the game more nerve-wracking, "Deal or No Deal" offers up to 5 times the amount of money as its regular shows, up to \$5,000,000 dollars, and possibly more.

So if you want to watch a fun, exciting, and nerve-wracking game watch "DEAL OR NO DEAL" on Mondays, 8-9pm on Channel 3.

BOOK REVIEW: THE NOTEBOOK by Elizabeth Doyle

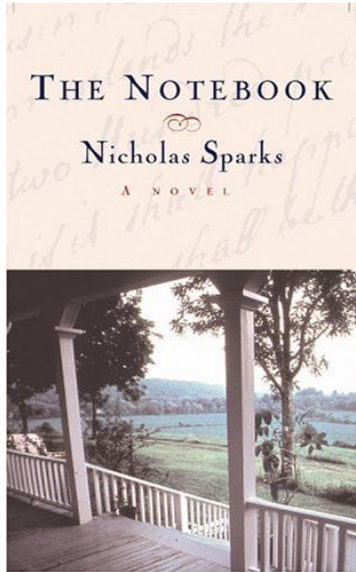
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The Notebook is a love story about Noah Calhoun (17) and Allie Nelson (15).

It was supposed to be just a vacation to New Bern, North Carolina for Allie, but that one vacation changed her and Noah's lives forever. After meeting at the carnival, they can't stay apart, because Noah, a country boy, and Allie, a city girl, fall in love. Allie's parents disagree with their love, hoping that it is just a summer love.

Noah plans to buy a house of his own. He promises Allie that he will build it just like she wants. Allie's parents decide to go home early, but the night before, Noah and Allie break up because Noah feels it won't work out between them. They don't have a chance to say goodbye or even sorry. Noah writes every day for a year, and he never gets a letter back. Noah goes into the war and there he loses his best friend Fin. Allie volunteers to be a nurse for the injured men who are fighting in the war. There she meets Lon.

After Noah gets back from the war, he finds out that his dad has sold their house. His dad buys the house that Noah was planning to



buy and rebuild as his own. His dad dies, leaving the house to Noah.

In the meantime, Lon proposes to Allie, and she accepts. One day she sees a picture of Noah in the newspaper. The feelings she had that summer start to rush back to her. So, she decides to go and see him.

When they meet, neither of them can move, but they end up in each other's arms. They go on a walk. They talk about their lives and how different the things have turned out from the way they

planned. Noah invites her to stay for dinner. After they have dinner together, they go on the porch and talk about the summer they shared under the trees. Noah asks if she could come over the next day.

When Allie comes over, they go for a canoe ride. It starts to rain, so they have to turn around and head back. They head back to the house and sit on a blanket in front of a fire. She stays that night. In the morning, Allie's mom comes by, saying that Lon is coming.

Allie now has a choice, to stay with Noah or go back to Lon. She chooses Lon. Then she goes to the lobby of the hotel, and sees Lon. Right away, she knows who she should be with. She goes back to Noah, her one true love, and he takes her back without hesitation.

In the book, Noah Calhoun tells this story to Allie Nelson, who is now old and has Alzheimer's; he hopes for a miracle that one day she will remember. He got his miracle before and now is hoping for another one.

I recommend this book to anyone who wants to read about true love that never ends.

MUSIC REVIEW: DEAR DIARY... by Lena Ong and Lindsey Petty, staff writers

From *First To Last's* recent CD title comes from a movie called *Heathers*. Veronica, the main character (played by Winona Ryder) says, "Dear Diary, my teen angst [...] now has a body count."

Once guitarist Matthew Good and bass player Travis Richter heard that line, they absolutely fell in love with it. Their second CD is called *Dear Diary, My Teen Angst Has A Body Count*.

The band recently added a new and permanent vocalist, Sonny Moore. The reason for the new vocalist was lead guitarist and ex vocalist Matthew Good's voice was getting rough and scratchy, and he just

couldn't stand it anymore.

This CD came out in June of 2004, after Sonny joined. This CD includes songs like; *Populace in Two*, *Emily*, and *Note To Self*. This CD is very touching and emotional for singer Sonny.

The song *Emily* was written about his first love who had passed away in a car accident, earlier that year. Lyrics from *Emily* include, "She's simple yet confusing," "Smiles and her



laughter, it's the only thing that I've been waiting for," and "Because there is no one in the world like Emily."

This CD is full of meaningful songs, beautiful guitar riffs, great drum beats, and a beautiful voice to top it all off.

So, maybe this emocore band might not be your thing. But maybe you should check them out for their emotional lyrics, admirable drum and vocal performances, and polished and "anthemic screamo."

John's World by Nick D.



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS TYLER MALOON? by Jack Stewart

Have you ever wondered where Tyler Maloon is?

Last year, Tyler was a 12-year-old 7th grader. This year, he is at a military academy in Texas.

In order to get into the camp, he needed at least three letters as recommendations.

The three teachers that sent in the letters were Mr. Vicari, Mrs. Heinrich, and *Tyler Maloon last year!*



Mrs. Anooshian.

Tyler left in July; he wanted to go because he wants to join the forces when he gets out of high school.

Right now he has finished basic training.

He is going to stay in Texas until he graduates from high school. Then he will be able to join the military.

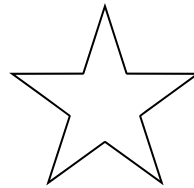
Tyler is going to military school because he is very interested in serving our country at the age he is now.

If you wish to contact Tyler, his address is

Cadet Maloon
c/o Golf Company
320 Iwo Jima Blvd.
Harlingen, TX 78550.

Write him a letter if you get a chance. Tell him how life is back at Jackson Junior High.

Monthly Horoscope



The Riddle (last month)

by Tyler Hayward

Answer: Your shadow!

BY KLUISY AND DITSY STAR, ASTROLOGERS

<p>Scorpio Color: Purple School Month: You're too excited about Christmas, concentrate on grades. Words of advice: Stay focused</p>	<p>Sagittarius Color: Blue School Month: Wow! You're doing great! But remember, work hard and stay on task! Words of advice: Work hard, but have a little fun!</p>	<p>Capricorn Color: Red School Month: Build up your self-confidence. Grades aren't everything. Words of advice: Be spontaneous!</p>
<p>Aquarius Color: Yellow School Month: You are just glowing, your school life is great and your social life is on a roll. Words of advice: Have a little fun!!</p>	<p>Pisces Color: Silver School Month: You are focusing way too much on your social life! Words of advice: Friends will always be there, but school won't.</p>	<p>Taurus Color: Pink School Month: Grades are going great, but you seem to be having issues with your social life. Words of advice: Think before you act! You can't take mistakes</p>
<p>Gemini Color: Violet School Month: Your friends love you, and your grades are fine. Take a break. Words of advice: Be careful. Things may not be how they seem.</p>	<p>Cancer Color: Gold School Month: Grades are fine, for now, but try to keep them that way. Words of advice: Life's hard, get a helmet!</p>	<p>Leo Color: Green School Month: Concentrate on your grades, not your social life! Words of advice: When life is hard, take a break!</p>
<p>Virgo Aug.23-Sept.22 School Month: You're running around too much. Focus on your work. Words of advice: Stay strong. Be healthy.</p>	<p>Libra Sept.23-Oct.23 Color: Lime School Month: When things get rough, turn to your friends, they can help! Words of advice: Let go of the past!</p>	<p>Aries Oct.24-Nov.21 Color: Maroon School Month: Remember, hard work and dedication pay off. Words of advice: Sometimes you need a little fun!</p>

December Birthdays!

Aaron Edmonson	12/29/1992
Alyssa Cabri	12/29/1992
Amanda Pillsbury	12/1/1992
Amber Harvey	12/21/1993
Andrea Rubalcava-Enos	12/18/1992
Andrea Pappas	12/24/1992
Anthony Cabri	12/29/1992
Brett Wade	12/10/1993
Caitlin Breedlove	12/9/1992
Caleb Wells	12/2/1994
Cassandra Hall	12/5/1992
Charles Sturgeon	12/26/1992
Cory DeLange	12/23/1992
Courtney Dillard	12/28/1994
Diane Pajuelo	12/25/1992
Dominique Woods	12/22/1994
Elizabeth Doyle	12/19/1992
Emily Petersen	12/3/1993
Evan Bonneau	12/17/1993
Helen Judd	12/18/1992
Jack Stewart	12/28/1993
James Cotterell	12/11/1992
Jennifer Gregory	12/14/1993
Jessica Roots	12/30/1992
Jordan Robinson	12/6/1992
Justin Redding	12/8/1991
Justus Robinson	12/6/1992
Kayla Grady	12/10/1992
Lindsey Burman	12/23/1992
Lisa Ayanian-Clark	12/18/1991
Lukas Riddar	12/22/1994
Luke LeVal	12/20/1993
Madison Peterson	12/20/1992
Matthew Roulet	12/29/1992
Michael Lane	12/23/1992
Morgan Whittle	12/17/1992
Morgan Hirschel	12/26/1992
Peter Parla II	12/13/1992
Peter Ratto	12/2/1991
Rebecca Gunther	12/29/1993
Savina McMurry	12/26/1993
Stephanie Kennedy	12/31/1991
Tarrah Millsap	12/8/1993
Tyler Harmon	12/11/1993
Tyler Staley	12/19/1994
Tyler Jackson	12/4/1992
Vincent Valdez III	12/5/1994
William Carlisle	12/30/1992