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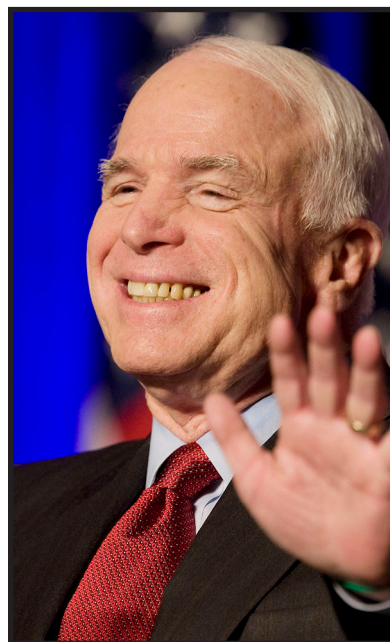
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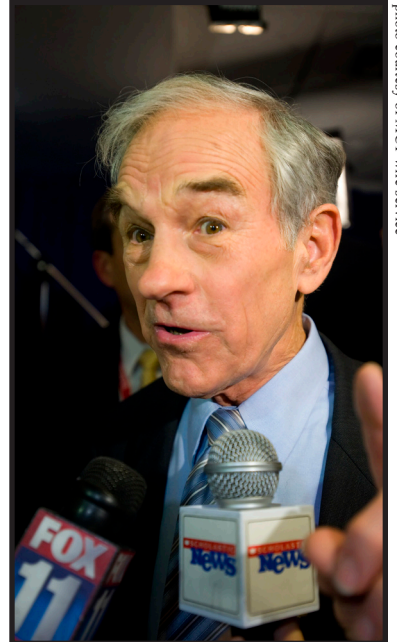
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Presidential platforms target youth

by Chase Eriksen

With the election year in full swing, presidential candidates are targeting the 16 million eligible voters aged 18 to 24; one million of whom are Georgia residents.

Candidates like Ron Paul, John McCain, and Barack Obama have used social networking sites like Facebook to target specific age demographics.

Facebook users represent a small but politically conscious bloc of voters. The typical age of those who use the site

is 18-24, many of whom users responded to polls with topics ranging from Iraq, to the environment and the economy.

Some one million of the networking site's 60 million users added the U.S. politics application to their personal pages.

"Facebook is a great way to stay politically aware, and I try to inform as many of my friends as possible about the candidates I support," senior Steven Freund said. "Although my favorite

candidate, Ron Paul, is not doing well in the race, Facebook has allowed me to discover my next best choice."

Although Facebook is a great way for candidates to gain votes, their larger issue is the percentage of eligible voters who are not registered. According to the Youth Vote Coalition, only 59.9 percent of the 16,123,566 voters, 18-25 years old, are registered to vote, leaving another six million unaccounted for.

"I'm 18, but I haven't

registered to vote yet. I plan on voting in the primary election, but not before I get politically educated," senior Ian Williams said. "As of right now, I don't really feel like the candidates are targeting America's youth. The ads on Facebook help, but past numbers show that we don't vote, so the candidates are not wasting their money to reach us."

Here at McEachern, many students pride themselves on their political knowledge.

"I love to debate people on political issues," senior Zack Smith said. "The candidates always give me something new to debate, but so far, only Obama has really addressed America's youth well."

"From my experience, about half of my students are relatively politically aware," government teacher Todd McMath said.

This election has shown that both Obama and Clinton have focused more of their campaign efforts

on young adults and elderly citizens.

"The democrats have been able to draw out younger voters because of the issues that concern them including social issues like drinking age," McMath said. "I believe that the conservatives have counted out certain groups like young adults and the elderly and instead are trying to hit the middle class because they know statistically, those are the ones who vote most."

Writers' strike closes curtain on Broadway

by Bridgt Spencer

Rebellious entertainment writers have dropped their pens and grabbed picket signs, demanding better benefits.

The Writers Guild of America West (WGAW), and The Writers Guild of America East are two labor unions representing radio, film, and television workers throughout the United States. The strike began officially on November 5, 2007. The strike is against the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, (AMPTP), a company representing television producers such as CBS. The contract between

the WGA and AMPTP expired on Oct. 31. The union and producers met to negotiate the renewal of the contract, but writers felt that they were being snubbed of their money. The writers showed sarcasm by stating that their strike would be a "marathon." "The writers' cause is worth fighting for. Money is definitely owed to them. Everytime their show is played, they need to be paid," film club sponsor Susan Trammell said.

The last strike was in 1988 and lasted for 21 weeks and six days,

costing the American entertainment industry approximately \$500 million. That particular strike was over the home video market.

The agreement was that the writers would get paid 0.3 percent of VHS sales. Then the home video market began to "boom" and the writers felt shortchanged. The writers have requested a doubling of benefits from DVD sales rates. The strike has cost the entertainment industry an infinite amount. There were many negative consequences onset by the writers' cause. The public

is affected by this as well.

The television shows that many people watch will have reruns for a while until the strike is terminated. The strike could pull the plug on television favorites. This is very frightening for the viewing public. One may begin to see many more reality shows aired in early 2008. FOX has their hit show "American Idol." On the contrary, NBC is in trouble because Bionic Woman will be competing with the American Idol results show. If a new episode of Bionic Woman is not written, NBC will forfeit

ratings.

The Golden Globe cancellation was another awakening for both veteran and rookie actors alike, as well as the American public. "Not only did major corporations lose money, but the little people lost money too. Also, many actors and actresses who are not that famous were nominated this year such as Ellen Page from Juno and several cast members from Hairspray. They lost out on their golden opportunity to attend this coveted awards show. "How would you feel if you starred in your first

movie and got nominated, but then couldn't attend?," junior Christo Taoushiani said.

The Academy Awards ceremonies are threatened as well. "The Oscars are glorification of actors, I would be upset if they cancel them," junior Stephen Lee said.

The Writers strike has caused much stress among Hollywood and the viewing public. It all comes down to the AMPTP. The outcome will be determined by possible future negotiation, or the strike could carry on like just like a "marathon."

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Where they stand


The presidential candidates have been campaigning for months, but now the race really heats up as results are tallied from caucuses and primaries. Here, we look at where the remaining Democratic and Republican candidates stand on the major issues facing the nation.


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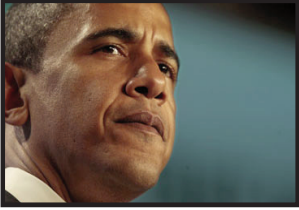
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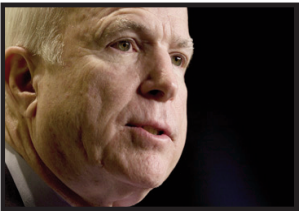
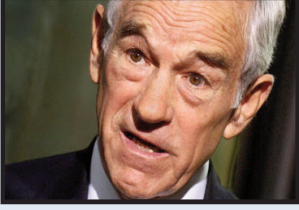

**Global Warming**

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THE DEMOCRATS

 Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton New York	Begin troop withdrawal, leave behind some to fight terrorists, train Iraqi forces, and protect U.S. interests. Increase regional diplomacy. No set timeline for full withdrawal.	Moratorium on some home foreclosures; increase minimum wage and spending on infrastructure and job training.	Universal health care through employer-based coverage. Provides option same as plan for Congress members. Tax credits to families and small businesses to help with costs. Cost estimate: \$100-\$110 billion annually.	Supports comprehensive reform, increased border patrols. Opposes driver's licenses for illegal immigrants.	Allow Bush tax cuts to expire for those earning \$250,000 or more, use revenues to pay for health care. Reform Alternative Minimum Tax. Freeze estate tax at 2009 levels to pay for universal 401(k) plan.	Cap-and-trade program for carbon emissions; reduce electricity consumption 20 percent from projected levels by 2020; increase fuel efficiency standards to 55 mpg by 2030.	Create a \$50 billion strategic energy research fund; invest in alternative fuel research.
 Sen. Barack Obama Illinois	Vows to end the war. Withdraw combat troops over 16 months. Leave some troops to protect U.S. embassy, attack specific targets. Accept more Iraqi refugees.	Pro-union. Opposed CAFTA. Renegotiate NAFTA. Increase regulation of Wall Street and lenders. Create fund to prevent homeowner foreclosures due to subprime crisis.	Spend \$50-\$65 billion a year on subsidies to make health insurance affordable for virtually all Americans. Expand Medicaid eligibility. Mandate coverage for children.	Strengthen border enforcement. Give illegals a path to citizenship. Allow them to obtain driver's licenses. Reduce immigration application fees, speed approvals.	Replace Bush tax cuts with new breaks worth \$500-\$1,500 annually for individuals earning less than \$50,000. Create \$4,000 annual college tuition tax credit. Raise tax rates for dividends and capital gains.	Create cap-and-trade program to reduce carbon emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. Make oil, coal and gas companies pay for emissions quotas.	Spend \$150 billion over a decade on alternative energy research and job creation. Raise fuel-economy standards 1 mpg per year. Reduce U.S. oil consumption at least 35 percent by 2030.

THE REPUBLICANS

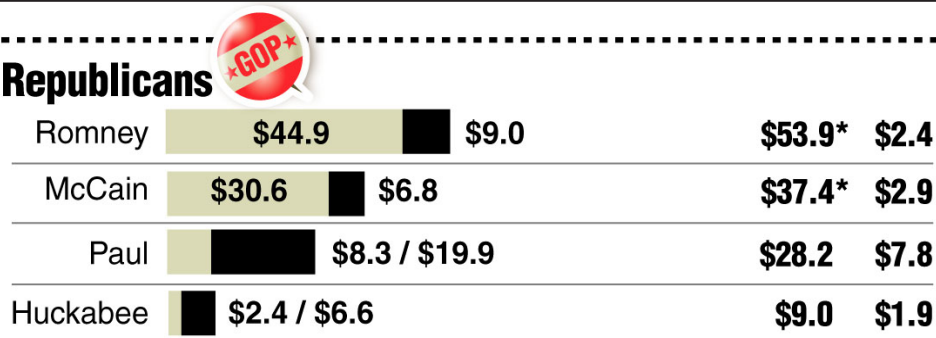
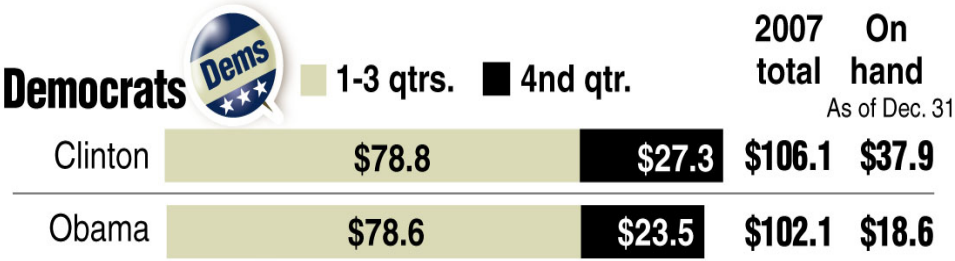
 Mike Huckabee Former Ark. governor	Opposes withdrawal timetables. Says he's "focused on winning." Backs a regional summit.	Give president a line-item veto to control spending. Supports globalization because it lowers costs.	Urge private sector to find innovative, less expensive care. Expand health savings accounts to everyone. Make health insurance tax deductible.	Wants strong penalties for anyone hiring illegal immigrants. Opposes any form of amnesty.	End all federal income and payroll taxes and replace them with the "Fair Tax," a broad sales tax.	Calls it a "spiritual issue" because he is God's "guest" and has a responsibility to take care of the Earth. Supports certain cap-and-trade policies.	Promises a strong personal effort to promote a comprehensive plan, with energy independence achieved by end of his second term.
 Sen. John McCain Arizona	Supports troop surge. Wants troops to stay until Iraq's government is stable, secure.	End congressional spending earmarks, control government spending. Claims health-care and energy policies will spur economic growth.	Opposes mandates; proposes a \$2,500 refundable tax credit (\$5,000 for families) to help people afford health insurance. Control health-care costs, expand health savings accounts.	Supports comprehensive immigration reform with path to citizenship for illegal immigrants and a guest worker program, but says such efforts must wait until the border is secure.	Extend Bush tax cuts, simplify tax code, reform Alternative Minimum Tax.	Says "it's real," supports a cap-and-trade policy on carbon emissions, global effort to curb it.	Focus on alternative energies, especially nuclear and bio-fuels, but no subsidies.
 Rep. Ron Paul Texas	Pull out all troops fast.	Restore gold standard. Favors much smaller federal government. Eliminate IRS, Federal Reserve and many Cabinet departments.	Opposes nationalized health care. Favors tax credits for health insurance and drugs; would allow low-cost foreign imports of prescription medication.	Secure borders, abolish birthright citizenship. Opposes schooling, health care and welfare for illegal immigrants. Against guest worker visas for Mexican laborers.	Favors huge spending cuts and no tax increases; proposes national sales tax to replace income tax.	Favors private and local anti-pollution initiatives over federal intervention; sees nuclear energy as alternative to carbon-spewing oil and gas.	Favors free-market solutions. Eliminate subsidies for oil and gas industry.
 Mitt Romney Former Mass. governor	Bring U.S. troops home as soon as possible, but not in precipitous way that might require them to go come back.	Roll back taxes, make Bush tax cuts permanent, improve worker retraining, strengthen math and science education, fix transportation infrastructure, reform tort law.	Make it easier for people to buy private health insurance. All health care expenses would be tax deductible. Help the "truly needy" buy insurance.	Issue a tamper-proof card to legal non-citizens, and establish a database so employers can check their legal status.	Make Bush tax cuts permanent. Eliminate taxes on interest, dividends and capital gains for anyone with adjusted gross income under \$200,000. End estate tax.	Believes that "Kyoto-style sweeping mandates would kill jobs, depress growth and shift manufacturing to the dirtiest developing nations." Develop alternative energy sources.	Make independence top priority akin to Manhattan Project. Support research on all exotic fuels and increase domestic production. Supports nuclear power.

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Campaign cash

What the presidential candidates raised in 2007, in millions:



*Doesn't include loans from candidates; Romney: \$35 million, McCain, \$3 million
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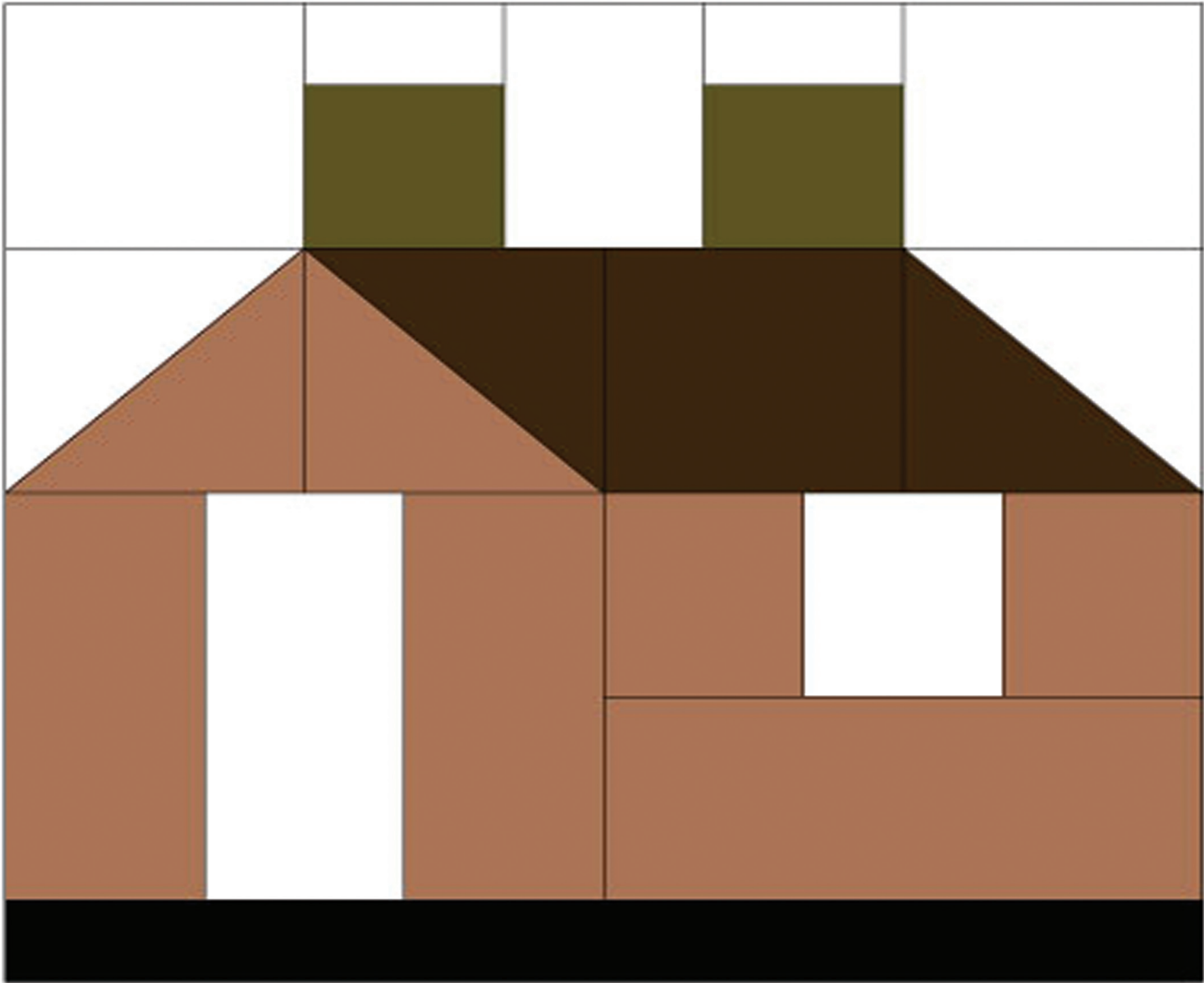
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Jump on: 2008 presidential elections force “bandwagon effect” into full swing

by Georgette Eva



At the dawn of time, the caveman created the wheel, which was then used to propel the bandwagon.

The bandwagon, as in “jump on the—”, is an actual “Bandwagon Effect,” a cause or event with massive appeal through popularity.

Senior Arlen Rodgers defined the bandwagon as “when someone decides to take action solely because a large group is doing it.”

Society frowns upon the proverbial bandwagon, condemning it as a sign of conformity and all that is conventional. The cliché “jump on the bandwagon” is looked at negatively and is seen as the murderer of individuality.

“It’s motivated by emotion,” U.S. history teacher Rose Tucker said, “and the needs of the public.”

As far as society’s concerned, no one would partake in such a heinous institution like the bandwagon, which explains the influx of sale shoppers, the millions of movie go-



ers, and politicians each year. Not to mention the billions of dollars spent on marketing and advertising. Clearly, bandwagons are not a part of everyday life anymore.

“They’re filled with people who don’t know who or what they’re following,” senior Ian Williams said.

Contrary to popular belief literal bandwagons were not the tour buses of the days of yore. Actual bandwagons were used in the turn of the century as a means of attracting attention toward a circus or event that came to town. Phineas T. Barnum, of Barnum and Bailey’s Circus, coined the word and

the actual concept.

It was an archaic ad campaign to lure townspeople to the show. Bandwagons would drive through city streets creating noise and chaos to get attention from the inhabitants, and the term is now used as a way of criticizing the masses.

Today, bandwagons are used more often in referring to the economy, entertainment, and especially politics. Excessive hype about new electronics or movies garner a larger following; the more gossip about celebrities, the more attention they receive, however undeserved; or the more successful the presidential

candidate, the more support they get.

The invitation is clear enough: jump on the bandwagon. Often times heard by way of adults, who disapprove of the Bandwagon Effect on young, impressionable teenagers.

However, as much as society would hate to admit, bandwagons are a part of it. They establish the bell curve of society so people are able to see the societal norm and are able to venture away from it. Free will gives them the opportunity to go with it or dispense from it because everyone wants to be an individual like everyone else.

“Everyone should be an individual,” junior Alex Standridge said. “They should think for themselves instead of thinking of how other people see them.”

Why walk when running is possible? And why run when there’s a bandwagon? The proverbial walk on the proverbial parade route can cause proverbial leg cramps, but luckily, there’s the trusty, proverbial bandwagon to fall back on.

Get ready for new rules for U.S. entry

by Miami Herald
McClatchy-Tribune
News Service



Many Americans may be surprised to discover that one of the first measures to come out of the national debate over immigration and the plight of our broken borders is having the most significant impact not on immigrants, but on U.S. citizens. We refer to new border-crossing rules that went into effect last week. They tighten the ID requirements for Americans coming back into the country. The rules no doubt will test the patience of those caught unawares but they will have to get used to it. If anything, ID requirements in the future will only get tougher.

Until last Thursday, Americans who routinely crossed the border or entered the United States by land or sea could gain entry merely by showing an ID card and making a verbal declaration that they were U.S. citizens. If that seemed credible to the inspector, they were allowed in. In a post-9/11 world, this was not good enough for Congress or for Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, who said he was shocked to learn how lax the rules were.

The new procedures require U.S. residents who are 19 or older to show proof of citizenship when seeking to enter the country through a land or sea port of entry. A passport will suffice, or, barring that, a driver’s license or state-issued ID card, plus a birth

certificate.

We sympathize with border-state residents annoyed by these requirements. It complicates their lives and could lead to traffic jams and other delays. But we also note that things have gone smoothly in the first few days. Homeland Security officials say that no U.S. citizen unaware of the new requirements will be turned away at the border.

Chertoff noted that, over the years, more than 8,000 different documents including library cards have been used to enter the United States. In a post-9/11 world, that is unacceptable. The government has a duty to make it harder, if not impossible, for anyone trying to sneak into the country using fake documents. By June 2009, even the

new rules will be obsolete, and anyone trying to cross the border will have to show either a passport or the new, smaller “passport card” that includes security features.

Our support for this measure does not lessen our concerns about a related law referred to as “real ID”. It requires states to produce standardized, tamper-proof identity cards and driver’s licenses by 2014. This measure raises privacy issues and has been opposed by some states because the cards will be expensive to produce. Congress should look to amend this law. Ultimately, though, U.S. citizens can’t have it both ways: If they want to strengthen U.S. borders and national security, they’ll have to put up with stronger ID rules.

NABBED AT THE BORDER

People arrested trying to cross the U.S. – Mexican border

1999 - 1.5 million
2000 - 1.6 million
2001 - 1.3 million
2002 - 929,800
2003 - 927,600
2004 - 1.1 million
2005 - 1.2 million
2006 - 1 million
2007 - 858,600

source: U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, stateline.

Iran harasses U.S. in Persian Gulf showdown Superpower’s warships provoked by Iranian speedboats

by Mike Kljucaric



On January 6, in the international waters of the Persian Gulf, United States’ Navy warships were reportedly harassed by speedboats belonging to the Iranian Navy.

According to representatives of the Navy’s Fifth Fleet, the Iranian speedboats aggressively moved into the paths of the warships, forcing them to take evasive action. By sailors’ accounts, the Iranian speedboats came as close as 200 yards to the U.S. ships, which included a frigate, a cruiser, and a destroyer.

The encounter lasted approximately 20 min-

utes. Vice Admiral Kevin J. Cosgriff, commander of the U.S. Navy’s Fifth Fleet, claims that the fleet was moments away from opening fire when they speedboats fled the scene.

“There are rules of engagement by which you must abide,” NJROTC Commander Eugene Sudol said. “The warships did the right thing. They were not fired upon, so the rules of engagement dictate that they not fire upon the speedboats.”

During the encounter, the Fifth Fleet received aggressive radio transmissions that made statements such as: “We are coming to you. You will blow up in minutes.” At first it seemed obvious that these radio messages came from the



photo by ESR/AP

Iranian boats. However, new evidence shows that an infamous radio prankster of the region, who goes by the name Filipino Monkey, was most likely the sender of the transmissions.

Both Iran and the United States have released video footage of the incident. The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) claims that the American video is an elaborate forgery.

“As a superpower, we as a nation face this problem often. Shows of force and warnings against provocations can be seen as bullying on the part of the American military,” Sudol said.

This naval encounter is merely one of many issues that have

caused a rift between the governments of Iran and the United States. Relations between the two countries have been unfriendly since the Iran-contra affair of the 1980s. In a rare show of negative dispositions, Iran has no diplomatic representation in the United States, and the U.S. has no diplomatic representation in Iran. Of all the countries in the world, the United States has no diplomatic relations with only five: Cuba, Bhutan, North Korea, Taiwan, and Iran.

The animosity between Iran and the U.S. will only continue to escalate until both nations agree to adopt a more diplomatic and less combative stance.

IM and text language sweep nation, causing decrease in major writing skills

by Elexius Roach



With the progression of cellular phones and Internet messaging, texting and messaging talk has stormed through American society.

Via Internet services including AOL Instant Messenger and Yahoo Messenger, hundreds of messaging abbreviations have become popular.

T Mobile's online website calls text messaging "short and sweet" and "fast and to the point." Messaging abbreviations can even more drastically improve the speed and efficiency of communication between any two people including both the everyday and the business place. It has even become common in average conversation.

Websites such as Wikipedia.com log

hundreds of common messaging abbreviations including acronyms and consonant-number combinations.

Other online sites including TechDictionary.com, Text Me Free, AIM Dictionary, Lingo 2 Word, and Web Wasp provide the latest messaging talk lingo.

Text messaging has become a popular sport for high school students. As of the 2006-2007 school year, Cobb County's school district updated its cell phone policy in response to its apparent popularity. Page 111 section Q of the student handbook requires that such electronics remain out of sight from the moment a student walks on campus until the dismissal bell rings or the "item will be confiscated and returned to student

outside of school hours provided students cooperates full".

Senior Lauren Tyus doesn't use text messaging but does use messaging talk in her everyday conversation. "I'll be talking and I'll just say LOL or IDK," Tyus said. "It's just fun." Other students disagree.

Junior Julie Brown uses text messaging but refrains from partaking in the latest lingo. "I don't use it at all," Brown said. "Why use abbreviations when you can just spell the word out and spell it correctly?"

Some teachers have even begun to see the effects of IM talk in their class work.

Messaging talk has become an un-



ruly habit that should be used AYOR (at your own risk). As far as messaging talk is concerned,

WYSIWYG (What you see is what you get). Informal writing and speech habits breed such and are difficult to rid oneself of.

In formal situations, it is already easy to erroneously abbreviate terms in their common note-taking abbreviations.

There's no reason to add more habits to a habit that is already discouraged in the first place.

IMO (in my opinion), new text abbreviations are KPC (keeping parents clueless) and other disapproving Americans as

well.

4COL (for crying out loud), it takes no more time to write out a word

than it does to abbreviate it. ADN (any day now), messengers will GAC (get a clue) and realize how it is affecting their ability to speak or write in formal conversation, hopefully getting back to BAU (business as usual).

IDK (I don't know) when or where the barrier between moderation and overuse will be or should be set, but each person needs to set a boundary B4 we all BWL (burst with laughter). Until then, BOLO (be on the look out) for more movies and television series' satirizing the stereotypical IM lingo girl. Although TSNF (that's so not fair) to those of us who don't fancy the language's overuse, it's the reality.

That's my .02 (two cents). LOL (laugh out loud).

Cutting locks for donation humbles student

by Alison Parker



In the spring of my eighth grade year I played softball and my coach introduced me to his family. One of his daughters, Jessica Richardson had been growing her hair to donate it to Locks of Love.

I had heard of this organization before but never researched it or followed up any stories. After thinking about what an impact it would make on a life, I decided to make the same decision. That spring I chose to grow my hair out and then donate it when the time came.

Because of this decision I have not cut my hair in four years; except for now. On December 20, my mom,

my best friend Chelsea Baasch, and myself went to the cosmetology room in CT. Mrs. Amy Smith, the cosmetology director was waiting for us.

As I sat in the chair I realized that people recognized me because of how long my hair was. People associated me with my hair.

After being asked several times if I was really going to do this I told Mrs. Smith to cut the ponytail. In the time of four seconds my work for four years was gone. It was that simple.

What had taken me 15 minutes to blow-dry now only takes about five to air dry. Flat-ironing was a chore, now it's a breeze. My only regret: not waiting until after prom, since I wanted a fancy updo to match my dress.

My assistant manager at Dairy Queen, Laura Scaglione, suffers from stress induced alopecia. Simply put, Laura had handfuls of hair simply fall out the stroke of a brush after she has been put under extreme situations of stress.

"I just wish Locks of Love had been around when I was younger," Laura said. Because alopecia can be genetic, Laura's granddaughter Julianna has a chance of developing alopecia as well. But because of what Locks of Love can offer Julianna may never have to worry about people knowing



photo by: Chelsea Baasch

Alison Parker gets her hair cut by Amy Smith, cosmetology teacher, and donates 15 inches to Locks of Love.

of her condition. Because of stories like Laura's, my donation means even more

to me and makes me feel like I truly have made a difference. I never realized how

much a ponytail could mean to someone. It has been a humbling experience.

Humor used to lighten mood in 2008 elections

Politicians seek to gain popular vote with wit

by Jack Culler



The 2008 political season has landed upon us, and has brought with it fierce campaigns and apparently trustworthy candidates.

This campaigning season has also brought with it a seemingly lost art, the art of using humor in political speeches.

All politicians, national or local, have one common goal and that is to win the hearts, but more importantly the votes, of the people voting in the elections. Some politicians use very vigorous and serious tactics in their attempts to gain support, but we have begun to see more wit and humor in this year's political

speeches.

The most notable politician to use comedy in speeches is Mike Huckabee, who has been known to reference Chuck Norris jokes in the middle of presidential speeches. In a recent poll done by PewPoll.com, 55 percent of Americans think the presidential campaign is "dull" and too long. So, in order to spice up the campaigns and avoid putting voters to sleep, candidates like Huckabee have resorted to their sense of humor to give them an advantage.

Huckabee, a former Iowa preacher, is not afraid to show his personality, which has helped him gain support over rival candidate Fred Thompson. However, politicians are not comedians and a joke can quickly flop

and create an awkward air.

Hillary Clinton was



Hillary Clinton gives a speech to her fellow supporters

victimized by the backfire of a bad joke this January. Clinton, known for her tenacity and aggressiveness during lectures, took a chance by making a joke about Mohandas Gandhi in her opening statement.

The joke regarded a remark about Gandhi running a gas station in

Most Americans care about politics, but they have a hard time handling the politicians. "Listening to a politician speak is like watching paint dry," junior Tyler Maeger said. Politicians are usually very straight-forward and down to business, not leaving much room for a sense of humor.

After 9/11, irony and sarcasm in politics went on a steep decline, but now it seems to be making a steady comeback.

"I think it would definitely be a good idea for politicians to use humor to make their speeches more interesting," Maeger said.

Barack Obama has also been known to make jokes during speeches, mostly geared

toward himself. Obama constantly refers to his childhood and pokes fun at himself for being an overweight child.

"I love listening to Barack Obama," chemistry teacher Jennifer McLendon said. "He is definitely the most interesting candidate."

Making a joke every now and then during a serious speech can lighten the mood and reduce dullness and boredom among listeners, but just as you would in any other environment, you have to pick the correct time to insert the joke. And as Hillary Clinton learned, you must pick an appropriate topic and be sure to not offend anyone. As long as the jokes don't offend the audience, the candidate's ability to utilize their sense of humor is a definite advantage.

Peach state hosts special winter games

by Alison Parker

The state of Georgia prepares to sponsor the special olympics in winter 2008.

The Special Olympics of Georgia (SPOG) provides opportunities for both children and adults not able to participate in everyday sports and activities.

The SPOG was created to show that even people with intellectual disabilities can have fun and understand the value of teamwork. The organization was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver to celebrate the diversity of talents everyone has been given.

When young people participate in the SPOG they are being offered once in a lifetime opportunities. They are given the chance to have fun and feel like a normal person. SPOG serves more than 22, 956 athletes with

intellectual disabilities in over 100 programs in 109 counties. In the upcoming Indoor

athletes will compete in basketball, bowling, floor hockey, ice skating, power lifting, artistic gymnastics,

and roller skating. A complete schedule of events and times is shown on the SPOG website. An estimated 1500+ athletes and 350 coaches will take part in the week-end's activities.

The SPOG has many sponsors including MetLife, Philips, and Solvay Pharmaceuticals. Major partners joined with the Special Olympics are Macy's, Publix, and UPS.

SPOG's Athlete Oath is "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." This oath is something that gives hope to the families of those with disabilities and gives the athletes the self esteem they deserve.



Sanmmao was the mascot of the 2007 Special Olympics of Beijing.

photo courtesy of the Special Olympics website

Winter State Games of Cobb County on January 18-20

Tracking the Olympics

776 B.C. – Olympia, Greece (first recorded games)

Summer Games

1896 – Athens, Greece
1900 – Paris, France
1904 – St. Louis, Missouri
1908 – London, England
1912 – Stockholm (addition of women's swimming event)
1916 – Games suspended due to World War I.
1920 – Antwerp, Belgium
1924 – Paris, France
1928 – Amsterdam, Holland
1948 – London, England (Games recommence after World War II.)
1952 – Helsinki, Finland
1956 – Melbourne, Australia
1960 – Rome, Italy
1964 – Tokyo, Japan
1968 – Mexico City, Mexico
1972 – Munich, Germany (Israeli athletes attacked by Palestinian terrorists)
1976 – Montreal Canada
1980 – Moscow, Russia (Sixty nations from around the globe boycotted the Moscow Olympics due to Russian invasion of Afghanistan.)
1984 – Los Angeles, California
1988 – Seoul, South Korea
1992 – Barcelona, Spain
1996 – Atlanta, Georgia
2000 – Sydney, Australia
2004 – Athens, Greece
2008 – Beijing, China
2012 – London, England

All information above is courtesy of World Atlas Online.

Winter Games

1924 – Chamonix, France
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1952 – Oslo, Norway
1956 – Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy
1960 – Squaw Valley, California
1964 – Innsbruck, Austria
1968 – Grenoble, France
1972 – Sapporo, Japan
1976 – Innsbruck, Austria
1980 – Lake Placid, New York
1984 – Sarajevo, Yugoslavia
1988 – Calgary, Alberta, Canada
1992 – Albertville, France
1994 – Lillehammer, Norway
1998 – Nagano, Japan
2002 – Salt Lake City, Utah
2006 – Turin, Italy
2010 – Vancouver, Canada

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2008 Olympics

Spirit keeps torch flame ablaze

by Alison Parker

Olympic Traditions
The Olympics are recognized around the world for the unification and tradition they bring every four years.

The Olympic rings, anthem, and motto are symbols that bring hope and inspiration to the hearts of many. For example the centennial 1996 Atlanta Olympics has several symbols in the logo alone including the laurel branch crown worn by the champion. Many symbols in modern day Olympics represent the ancient Greek traditions from the original games.

The Olympic flag was designed to help create an idea of world unity. During the time of its creation, World War One had delayed the Olympics from occurring in Berlin in 1916. It debuted in 1920 for the Antwerp Olympics. Each color on the flag represents each nation of the world and the interlacing of each ring represents the unity of those nations. Another symbol of unity and peace is the release of white doves after the cauldron has been lit.

Certain Olympic traditions that will carry on forever are those that mean the most to the people. The tradition most associated with the Olympics is that of the Olympic torch. The torch symbolizes hope for everyone while the flame is believed to have sacred qualities. The everlasting flame and torch have been used to emphasize a connection between ancient games and the modern games.

During the first games in 776 B.C., only foot races were included. Over time, more events including wrestling and the pentathlon were added. Only men could compete because women were considered impractical and incorrect. It wasn't until the 1900 Paris games that 11 women were allowed to compete. The only games they were included in were lawn tennis and golf.

During the closing ceremonies athletes walk into the stadium together instead of as separate nations. The Olympic flag is lowered while the flame is extinguished. The youth of the world are invited to assemble in another four years to compete in one of the world's largest display of physical competition.



Olympic medals represent an ongoing tradition of olympic success.



Photos courtesy of the official website for the Beijing Olympics



Athletes prepare for 2008 summer Olympics

by Chelsea Baasch

2008 opens the summer olympics in Beijing, China.

China's historic capital of Beijing was selected to host the 2008 Olympics by the International Olympic Committee. Since this selection, people around the world turn their attention on Beijing to see if they prove to be the best Olympiad host.

August 8, 2008 at 8:00 pm marks the beginning of the opening ceremony. Beijing intends to make the opening ceremony an unforgettable experience for visitors and viewers around the world. "I'm excited to watch the Olympics in China because it's an amazing opportunity to

experience another culture," throughout Beijing. These

new transportation methods will benefit both visitors and local commuters. Fourteen Olympic venues will be built on 1,135 acres of land including a stadium, gym, swim center, and an Olympic village. A brand new gymnasium with 23,950 square feet of floor area was built at the China Agricultural University and will be used for warm-ups, competitions, and wrestling matches.

The Beijing Olympic slogan, "One World, One Dream" wants the world to unite in the Olympic spirit. "New Beijing, Great Olympics" was the original slogan Beijing used to become the host for the 2008 Games. China spent six months searching for a slogan that would suit the world's most important sports



This symbol represents Beijing's logo for the 2008 Winter Olympics.

Past Olympic logos



Photos of past Olympic Logos courtesy of the official website for the Olympic Games.



Twins: sharing supernatural connections, heartaches, secret languages and joy

by Suzanne Stroup

Since 1980, twin births have risen 52 percent, which includes the six percent jump in 1998 alone.

Zygosity determines whether twins are identical or fraternal. Identical are monozygotic, which means one cell, since identical twins are formed by one egg that splits. It is not thought to be genetic, and contrary to popular belief, incidence of twins does not skip generations. One fourth of all identical twins are mirror images of each other.

Fraternal twins are dizygotic, which means two cells, since fraternal twins are formed when two different eggs are fertilized by two different sperm. Sharing the same birthday is a special connection that fraternal twins share that normal siblings don't, and sometimes, they share even more than that. "Until my brother and I were about three, we had our own secret language,"

fraternal twin and junior Will Bradshaw said. "We weren't speaking English, and we weren't speaking baby talk, but we knew exactly what the other

was saying."

One in 90 births are twins, and twins are 90 percent of multiple births. If the mother is over 35 years old, the chances of

having a twin are significantly increased, as is the same with number of previous pregnancies, heredity, race and fertility drugs. African American

women have the highest chance of having twins, and Asian women have the lowest chance.

Twins are thought to share a special connection

with each other that other siblings don't have. They are thought to occasionally have the same dreams, or feel the same pain or emotions. "If he's really mad or hurt, I can feel the pain that he's going through," junior Andrew Bradshaw said.

There can be plenty of complications with twin births. Twins are usually premature, which means that they have lower birth weights. Also, there are still many mysteries about twins, such as why some fraternal twins look identical. Though this fact is still medically debated, one possible answer is that one egg splits and is fertilized by two different sperm.

Some famous twins include Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen, Tia and Tamara Mowry, Heather and Heidi Burge and James and Oliver Phelps. Though all of these people are in the public spotlight, they still share a special connection with their twin that no one can compare.



Fraternal twins Andrew and Will Bradshaw embrace each other during class change. Although you might not be able to tell, Will and Andrew were born at the same time on the same day.

Promising young actor Heath Ledger dead at 28

by Bridget Spencer

Upcoming marquee actor Heath Ledger's untimely death has shaken the entertainment world. His career included numerous movies that were leading him onto the path of stardom.

Heath Andrew Ledger was born on April 4, 1979 in Perth, Western Australia.

As a child, Heath participated in cooking and drama. He never really got much attention in drama class though. At the age of 17, he and

a friend left school, packed up and drove to Sydney to pursue an acting career. His first role was a small one in the low budget 1997 production "Blackrock." His appearance was only a few minutes. Ledger also landed a role in the TV show "Sweat," as a homosexual cyclist. Thereafter followed smaller roles that did nothing to advance his career. His first lofty role was "10 Things I Hate About You." From then on, Ledger was consistently cast as a stereotypical handsome teenage



Heath Ledger, left, stars in his final role as the Joker in the Dark Knight. The movie will be released on July 18.

male. He searched for a deeper role that would show his true acting ability, and not portray

someone he already was at that young age. "The Patriot" was Ledger's first anti-stereotypical role.

Afterwards, he began to land successful roles in "A Knight's Tale," and later was nominated for an Academy Award in "Brokeback Mountain."

His untimely death has shocked Hollywood and fans all over the world. "He made some really awesome movies. He was on his way up the ladder of superstardom. "The Patriot" was one of my absolute favorites, junior Crissy Treccia said. Ledger was found dead on January 22 in his lower Manhattan apartment, unresponsive, and

facedown on his bed. The cause of death is yet to be determined. "The young man had just broken up with his girlfriend, he seemed to having a hard time with his personal life, which could have led him to his death. Even the most common over the counter drugs can cause harm if you mix or misuse them," custodian Bill Ramnytz said.

Ledger was climbing the ladder of fame, but fell too early. His family, friends, and the entertainment industry are traumatized by his death. His final role on the big screen will open in July.

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McEachern's Next Top Model

Students get runway ready for Becca's Closet fashion show

by Elexius Roach

Becca's Closet dresses the runway to promote its dress collection for less fortunate girls.

Every year, high schools sponsor festive homecoming dances and proms, and every year, teenaged girls and boys peruse malls, Internet sources, and shopping centers for the perfect attire. Many students find themselves forfeiting these events not because they can't find the right outfit, but because they can't afford it.

Becca's Closet strives to provide "dresses and formal accessories to high school girls wanting to attend their prom/homecoming, but who did not have the resources to purchase them," the Becca's Closet website says.

The Becca's Closet chapter at McEachern is looking to improve student involvement in the club not only in donations but also in the use of the dresses. "We have more than just hand-me-down, used thrift store dresses," school sponsor Emily Petway said. The club is also updating its collection to include tuxedos.

McEachern's club chapter has partnered with DECA, Barbizon School of Acting and Modeling and Town Center Mall to produce a Becca's Closet fashion show.

"The fashion show is to help get the word about Becca's Closet out, to show people what we do and how we collect dresses for girls in need," club member senior Judy Mathew said. "Girls can donate by bringing their dresses to the Fine Arts Center."

She adds, "Right now we're looking for plus size dresses: that's what we need the most."

Tuesday, January 29, the club hosted auditions for the fashion show.

80 students came out

for the opportunity to become what McEachern students refer to as 'McEachern's Next Top

this is important to us," Mathew said.

Of the 80, only 25 students were chosen.

white, Karen Canales, Chelsie Huffman, Kenzie Solaren, Faith Ohanu, Yasmine Ray, Amber

Smith, Jessica Pounds, Elexius Roach, and Chelsee Knotts. Male models include Lucky Bess, Dante Durbin-Davis, and Edgar Aguirre. In alliance with one of the most popular malls in the school district's area and Barbizon, the club members

hope to see improvement.

"Our expertise is dresses: their's is fashion," Petway said.

The club also cosponsored the show with DECA. DECA is "an international association of high school and college students studying

marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service" www.deca.org says. DECA is aiding the club members with the production basics of the show.

The actual fashion show was held on Saturday, February 23, 2008. Since the club's announcement of the show, many other organizations and clubs have surfaced wishing to support the club and its cause.

Drappery.com is providing the show's dressing area, Savvi Formal Wear has donated tuxedos for the show and the club, and McEachern's own Salon Services students will be providing the models with prom hairstyles for the show.

"The entire school has become involved," Petway said.

With a great deal of community and school support, McEachern's chapter of Becca's Closet is making great progress, getting the word around, and opening opportunity for less fortunate students in the community. "It's their day to be Cinderella," Petway said.



photo by Georgette Eva

Becca's Closet has collected about 600 hundred dresses this semester and displayed them at their Simon Mall Fashion show on February 23, 2008.

Model'.

Employing club members as judges, the 80 students answered preliminary questions and strutted their signature walks.

"We want to know why they want to model in the fashion show because

Models for the show include ladies Shalane Harris, Conelia Cleary, Ginika Agbim, Kenechi Agbim, Sarah Smith, Emily Becnell, Kristi Parr, Tosin Akande, Ashlie Stansell, Delphine Fordham, Audrey Fonkam, Mitchell Rhuada, Elyse Apple-

Clubs on the Corner

DECA students manage coffee shop and school store

New marketing club comes to McEachern

by Georgette Eva and Brittany Long

Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) begins its first year at McEachern.

Club sponsor Jessica Wehner began the McEachern chapter to "help students learn more about marketing skills and get them involved."

DECA is a marketing club responsible for the school store and coffee shop, which are also run by the marketing students.

They divide the work among each class according to their expertise. The fashion marketing class is responsible for packaging and store displays, and all members are required to work at the store.

Members also have to keep track of the school store's stock. School store's merchandise range

from five cent peppermints to spirit wear and hoodies.

They plan to make major changes like purchasing a fridge and adding the Frappuccino to their drink menu.

DECA also strives to assist other clubs around

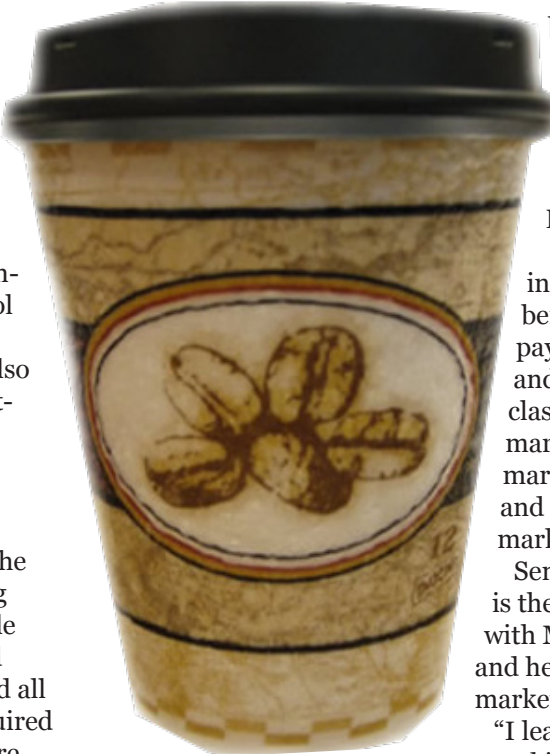
ing Stuffers community service project. Around December, the DECA students made holiday cards for nursing homes and wrote letters to troops overseas. They also helped Becca's Closet with their fashion show in late February.

There are 52 members involved and the club's sponsors are business marketing teachers Jessica Wehner and Jill Holcomb.

Students interested in becoming a member of DECA have to pay 20 dollars in dues and take a marketing class such as fashion marketing, advanced marketing, or sports and entertainment marketing.

Senior James Triplett is the president along with Meoshua Anderson, and he plans to major in marketing.

"I learned many different skills in marketing," said Triplett. "You can help everyone and that you can have fun doing it too."



the school's campus.

So far, DECA has helped Student Council with their December Stock-

Reading Team makes successful sweep at county

by Brittany Long and Georgette Eva

McEachern's Reading Competition Team sweeps up the county competition in the in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl on their second year run.

Last year, the scholastic team placed second in County, but they didn't make it to Regionals.

"We tried our hardest and had fun that's what really matters," team member and senior Kelly Thoreson said.

in second with a score of 190. Sprayberry and Hillgrove came in third and fourth respectively.

The top three schools at Regionals were Gilmore, Osbourne, and Pickins. Gilmore won with a score of 310 while McEachern earned a score of 260.

"Reading team isn't about reading books the fastest," senior Jessica Ruiz said. "It's about retaining the information."

The ten members of the team prepare for their season by reading as many books as

The competition takes five members from the entire team to participate in each round. The five team mates have to answer ten questions earning themselves ten points for every correct answer.

The team consists of ten members, nine seniors and one junior. The sponsors of the team are Pam Flemming and Mary Inman, and they hold their team meetings every Tuesday in the Media Center.

"The reason why we started reading team is because we love reading books," Inman said.

"Last year it was

This year, the team competed on Jan. 26 at Osbourne High School for the county division competition. There, they went head-to-head with three high schools: Osbourne, Hillgrove, and Sprayberry.

McEachern came out on top with a score of 300, winning them a place at Regionals, and Osbourne

they can. The required books are from the Georgia Peach Teen list which consists of twenty young-adult novels in a wide range of genres. The Georgia Peach Teen list is revised every year with new books.

members because it was our first year staring the team, but we would also love to have more people join the team."

Next year, they plan on having a criteria for interested team members and are looking for students from all grades to join.



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Lacrosse: McEachern teams look to improve upon records



by Anica Wiebe



This season McEachern boys Lacrosse team has an 18 game season. Trying to advance their 7-9 record from last season the team can not have anyone that lets the team down.

With senior Chris Roberts, senior Steven Duchemin and junior Levor Bryan as captains for the 2008 season they hope to have a great team. "There are new players ready to play and veteran players ready to lead," midfielder Roberts said.

Conditioning has been ongoing since January. Practice began February 4. "It will be a young team and we will have upcoming stars during the season," assistant coach Corey Goldstein said.

There are 20 to 35 people on the team. Players are ranked

based on their personal skill level. Varsity has the more skilled players and the junior varsity play team has the less skilled players. "I don't cut people from the team, it's not right to determine who can and can't play," Head coach Patrick Lynch said. The team is split up into four sub teams. These sub teams scrimmage each other throughout the season.

The first game of the season will be an exposition game varsity and junior varsity on February 14. Darlington and Harrison are two of the best teams on the Indians' schedule. The team will have to work together in order to be victorious.

The positions on the team are the attackers, midfield, defense and goalie. Each position has

there designated area on the field. The attackers score the goals, midfield covers the entire field playing offense and defense, defense defends the goal and the goalie protects the goal.

While each member of the team is playing they must wear elbow pads, mouth guard, chest protector, helmet, and cleats. The attackers use a shorter stick when playing and the defense uses longer sticks during play. The goalies stick is five inches longer then the attacker stick and has a bigger net. "The key to shooting faster in lacrosse is to simply shoot faster," senior Kevin Duncan said.

In the upcoming 2008 season the team hopes to take McEachern to the top and make it to play-offs. "We have a lot to go but each year we grow and improve on things that are good or bad," Coach Goldstein said.

The team plays an action packed game and when one of the players is down the team as a whole is down. "One crazy coach plus 21 ambitious player's equals' one brotherhood ready to dominate," Roberts and Duncan said.

by Ogechi Anyanwu



Do not let the blue skirts swaying side-to-side across the field side-track what girl's lacrosse really is. Concentrate on the girls checking other girls of the opposing team with their sticks.

Tryouts begin on February 4 and 5th to determine the players who will get to be on the fourth season of the Lady Indians Girls Lacrosse. About 25 girls

will be chosen depending on their stick and running skills.

"Lacrosse may not be like other known sports, but it is definitely a growing sport and is a force to reckon with at McEachern High School", coach Melissa Alexander said.

Last season the girl's lacrosse team placed

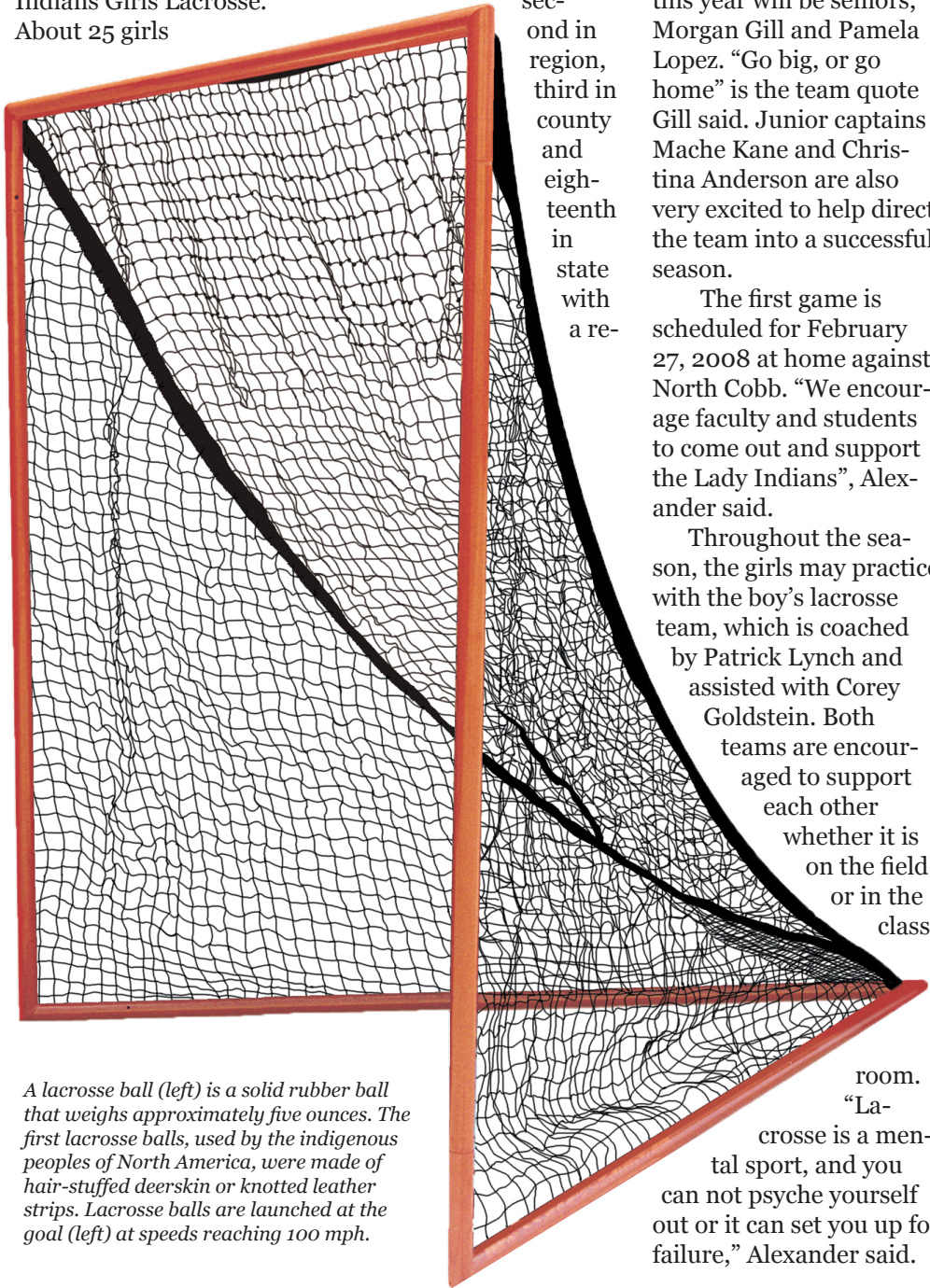
second in region, third in county and eighteenth in state with a re-

cord of 7-6. Coach Alexander is very enthusiastic with the upcoming season, although many of the starting players graduated last year; she is anticipating a team that will beat their record from the previous year. Head cheerleading coach Priscilla Hankins will also help assist the team.

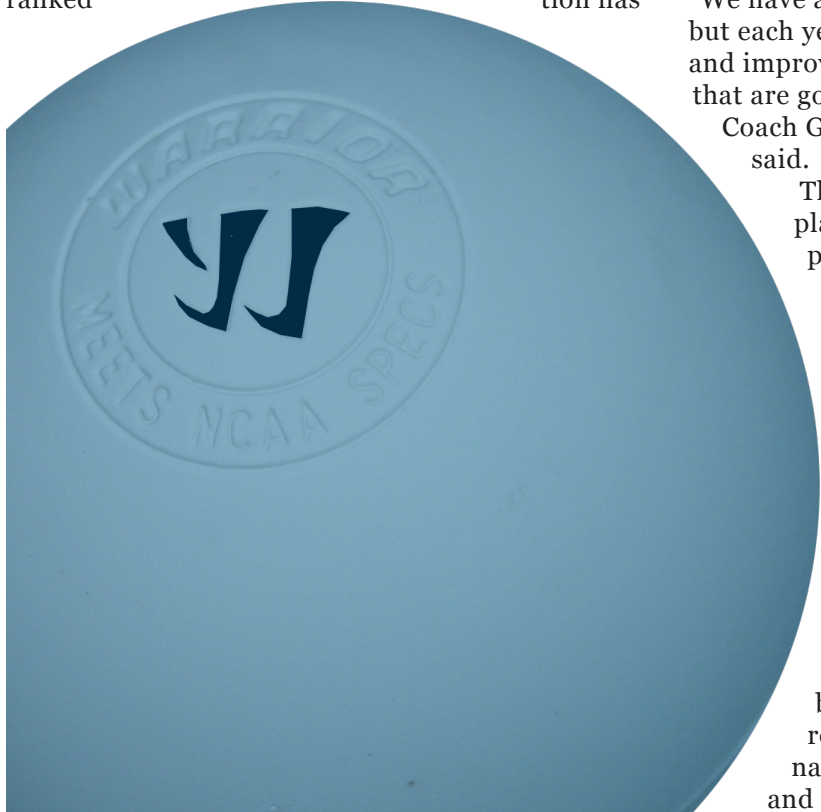
The captains for this year will be seniors, Morgan Gill and Pamela Lopez. "Go big, or go home" is the team quote Gill said. Junior captains Mache Kane and Christina Anderson are also very excited to help direct the team into a successful season.

The first game is scheduled for February 27, 2008 at home against North Cobb. "We encourage faculty and students to come out and support the Lady Indians", Alexander said.

Throughout the season, the girls may practice with the boy's lacrosse team, which is coached by Patrick Lynch and assisted with Corey Goldstein. Both teams are encouraged to support each other whether it is on the field or in the classroom. "Lacrosse is a mental sport, and you can not psyche yourself out or it can set you up for failure," Alexander said.



A lacrosse ball (left) is a solid rubber ball that weighs approximately five ounces. The first lacrosse balls, used by the indigenous peoples of North America, were made of hair-stuffed deerskin or knotted leather strips. Lacrosse balls are launched at the goal (left) at speeds reaching 100 mph.



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Jaguars' defense coach replaces Falcons' head Coach Thomas

Smith becomes fourteenth head coach in Atlanta Falcons history

by Jack Culler



As the NFL Season Wraps up with the Giants winning Super Bowl XLII, and the off-season kicking off, the Atlanta Falcons are already looking to make much-needed improvements to their 4-12 team.

Owner Arthur Blank jumped right into the off-season with the naming of a new head coach. Temporary head coach Emmitt Thomas was replaced by Jacksonville Defensive

Coordinator Mike Smith. Smith, a 26 year coaching veteran. He is the fourteenth head coach in Atlanta Falcons history.

Smith, who has earned the reputation around the league as a defensive mastermind, has never held a head coaching job in the NFL. He was named the defensive coordinator of Jaguars in 2004, and since that time the Jaguars have posted the sixth most wins in the NFL.

The Jaguars made it to the playoffs for the sixth time in franchise history

last year, and finished the 2007 season with the twelfth best defense in the league and an 11-5 record. Smith earned a Super Bowl ring in 2000 as an assistant to Brian Billick with the Baltimore Ravens.

"My goal is to build a well-disciplined, hard-nosed football team that will be able to run the football on offense and stop the run on defense. I've always believed that's what makes championship teams," Coach Smith told reporters at his first

press conference on January 24. During his tenure in Jacksonville, Smith coached three defensive players to six pro-bowl selections. His former players in Jacksonville have recognized him as a disciplinarian and a motivator, two things that the Atlanta franchise could use more of.

Smith wasted no time in building up his new coaching staff in Atlanta. Three days after he was officially named head coach, Smith already added three new assis-

stants to the personnel, including a new tight ends coach as well as a new offensive line coach. Fans in Atlanta can only hope that Mike Smith's tenure in Atlanta will be more lengthy and successful than that of Bobby Petrino, the last Falcon head coach. Atlanta fans remember Petrino's abrupt departure after only 13 games as the head coach, only three of which were wins. Petrino has since returned to the collegiate level, calling his NFL stint a "mistake".

New Coach Mike Smith seems to be a good fit for the Atlanta Falcons, a team who is desperately searching for some good news. After the Mike Vick scandal, a 4-12 record, and the head coach leaving after his first 13 games, the Falcons enter the post-season this year on a disappointing note.

The hiring of a new head coach is a good start, but the Falcons definitely need to make a lot more progress if they plan to return to the playoffs in the 2008 season.

"I like the competitive aspect of golf. Each player can get into his own frame of mind and play his game."

Golf teams' season is in full swing

by Bridget Spencer



McEachern's golf teams prepare to open another season armed with optimistic coaches and veteran players.

The girls golf coach is Brent Haygood, a Physical Education teacher at Pebblebrook High School.

"I like the competitive aspect of golf. Each player can get into his own frame of mind and play his game without paying any attention to the others they are playing against," Coach Brent Haygood said.

The boys golf coach is Wade Pilgrim. The teams' first meeting was held on January 16, 2008 in Coach Pilgrim's class-

room.

The future players were informed and pepped up for the season.

The girls team were the region runner ups in 2006 as well as the state qualifiers. The past seasons for the girls have not been as successful as the team had hoped to be according to senior team captain Courtney Moore.

"We have had some great seasons, but this being my last year, I want our team to go out with a bang," senior Courtney Moore said.

There are many components of golf that make it a mind sport. Golf is a sport of mental agility and concentration.

Both teams meet at the Dogwood Golf Course



Photo by Bridget Spencer

At a Tuesday afternoon practice Senior Emmie Trull improves her golf swing at Dogwood Golf Course in Austell.

in Austell from Monday through Thursday from four o'clock to six o'clock after school for practice. Senior Team Captain Chris Fallgren pushes his teammates while working on their form.

"Being a captain I know that I have to show proper leadership and lead us to victory," Fallgren said.

They practice several swings like their long drives as well as short pinches.

Golf involves much more than physical health. The player must hit the ball into each hole on the golf course, using different types of clubs, in the lowest amount of strokes.

"Golf is hard. A sport like that one requires

optimal amounts of practice. I would consider it a thought provoking sport. I give props to the team," baseball coach David Joiner said.

The season will officially begin in March, and their first game will be held at the Marietta Country Club.

"I want our team to make it to regions and show out," Moore said. "Anything is possible with great leadership on the golf team."

With the golf season is underway, the teams are optimistic. They are hoping to create a winning streak in their new season.

"I just really want to show Harrison who's boss this year," Moore said.

Bulldogs shave Razorbacks 82-69

by Josh Kendall
McClatchy Newspapers



ATHENS, Ga. Offensive balance has been elusive

for Georgia throughout the tenure of head coach Dennis Felton.

Various circumstances have left the Bulldogs reliant mostly on scoring from their guards in the

past four-plus seasons, but Georgia's interior players made a welcome appearance Saturday night at Stegeman Coliseum.

Their contribution

paved the way for an 82-69 win over Arkansas in front of 8,322 fans that pushed the Bulldogs to 11-5 overall and 2-1 in the SEC.

"It kind of put our guards at ease a little," center Dave Bliss said of the addition of an inside presence. "When we have a post attack, I think we're pretty good offensively."

When (defenses) are respecting that we will throw it into the post, they will be honest more.

I thought we did a good job of sharing the ball and playing like a team, and that really helped feed our offense."

When the Bulldogs' post play began to draw attention, shooting guard and leading scorer Billy Humphrey took over, tying his career high with 24 points on 6-of-10 shooting.

"Billy has been playing real good for us, and he especially threw it in there to me, and I was able to score, and when that happens you get con-

fidence in your outside shot," Bliss said.

Entering Saturday's game, Georgia was getting 24 percent of its points from its forwards and centers. That group

having a good offensive rhythm the rest of the game. We got really, really quality looks all around because we moved it."

The Bulldogs shot 50.9 percent from the floor, their best percentage in conference play this year.



They led 34-27 at halftime

and continued a leadinfg-streak by as many as 19 points.

Price had 14 points and five rebounds. Point guard Sundiata Gaines had 14 points and four assists, which moved him to fourth all-time in career assists with 404.

Arkansas, which was led by Charles Thomas' 14 points, solidified its spot as the worst 3-point shooting team in the SEC, missing 9-of-11. The Razorbacks fell to 13-5 overall and 1-2 in the league.

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41 Flipped out

42 As well

43 Cub quarters

44 Writer Oz

45 Maternity confinement

48 Once around the track

50 One with two left feet

51 Actor Brynner

52 Primitive wind instrument

56 Melange

58 So they say

60 Hammer part

61 Belle or Bart

62 Butt

63 Newbie

64 Cantankerous

65 Surfeit

6 Earth lump

7 Actor Linden

8 Stadium snack

9 Bewildered

10 Sellout letters

11 Complete summary

12 Proverb

13 Played again

18 & so on & so forth

22 Struck by shock

25 Tablet

26 Gulf of Mexico food fish

27 Not hit

28 First of the pot

29 Spotter

30 Part of mph

33 "Sunday, ___ Sunday"

34 Pipe buildup

35 Commandment breakage

36 Chorus voice

37 Jumble

39 Stag attendees

41 Get married

Solutions

E	L	V	S		A	L	S	E	L		O	R	A	L
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43 Strike out

45 Persuade

46 Bill ___ & His Comets

47 Fireworks explosion

48 Linville or Mize

49 Social insect

52 Left aboard ship

53 Notion

54 Assessor's map

55 "Jane ___"

57 Lennon's love

59 Faux ___

Sudoku

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