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WHY YOU CAN'T TALK TO YOUR PARENTS ANYMORE

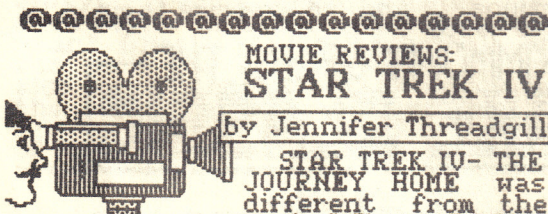
By-Bupha-Xayprasith

It's been a hard day of school but you were happy that you got an A on the math test, but sad because you didn't go so well in geometry. At lunch your friend tells you that almost everybody failed the geometry test, and the most gorgeous guy walked you to your class. Your teacher says that you should try out for cheerleading, but you're afraid your grades might fall.

After you get home and sit down for a snack, your mom asks you what happened at school and you say: "Nothing." Then you call your best friend and tell her everything that happened at school. While you are in your bedroom, you hear your mother say "We used to be such close friends, and now she makes me feel like a stranger!" Then you say that's not so!

But remember, you used to tell her everything when you were little. What has happened is that you aren't as close to her as you were when you were little.

You probably think your parents don't understand your problems, but just try to talk to them, then you'll see just how easy it is to talk and let your parents help you with your problems.

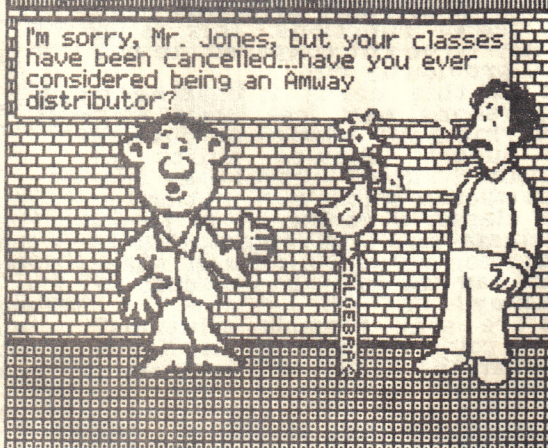
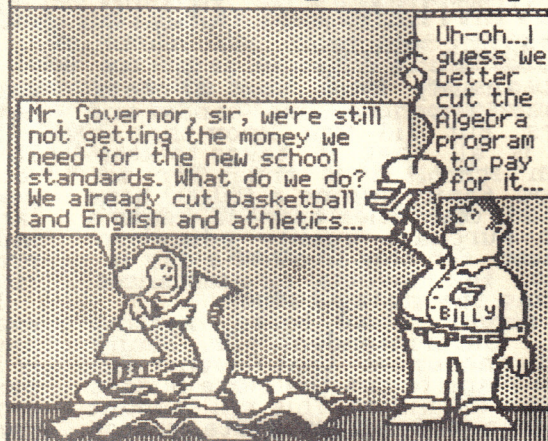
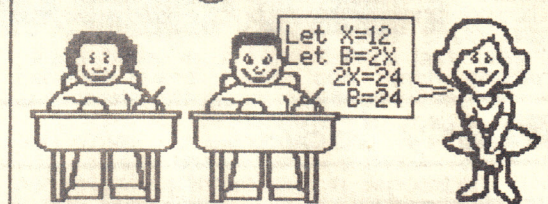


MOVIE REVIEWS: STAR TREK IV

by Jennifer Threadgill

STAR TREK IV- THE JOURNEY HOME was different from the past "Star Trek" movies, but it was just as great. Although the crew from the "Enterprise" was not blowing up alien planets they were still doing something just as important. They were saving the earth from destruction by an alien ship that was hovering over the earth trying to make contact with hump-back whales. (I know this may sound pretty stupid, but don't hold it against the entire movie.) The only problem is that no one can make contact with the aliens to tell them that humpback whales are extinct on the earth in the 23rd century. In order to save the earth, the crew from the Enterprise join together to travel back in time to the 20th century (the year 1987) to capture a pair of humpbacks to take them back to the present. In their attempts to do this, they run into a little trouble; things are a lot different in the 23rd century than the 20th. San Francisco just isn't the same.

I thought this was a great movie! Yes, it was a lot different from other STAR TREKS, but in a way, it had the same plot which was Admiral Kirk and Captain Spock and all the crew saving the earth from destruction one way or another.



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features

TALENT SHOW SCHEDULED FOR THE THIRTEENTH.....

by Robert Heyman

When you here Bon Jovi or Fantasy Five you probably think of rock groups. Well, they are, in a way. They are just two of the many individual and group performances composed for the Raider Revue talent show.

The show includes over ten seventh, eighth, and ninth grade talents working together with the Kimmons Speech Department to set up the show. According to speech and English teacher Jerry Davis, the primary development of the show rests heavily in the hands of the ninth grade speech students.

Before the show began organizing, the two ninth grade speech classes elected show organizers. The students are as follows: ninth graders Stacey Irish-Producer, Kelli Jennings- Show Director, Steve Hulsey-Technical Director, and Robert Heyman- Stage Manager. Along with that, the show's M.C.s were elected. They are ninth graders Juanita Brasher and Cynthia Cole.

After struggling through auditions and rehearsals, the student organizers chose their talents with the help of a few Kimmons teachers.

Many of the acts presented in the show included lip-syncing, sing-alongs, acting, and dance routines. Some of the presentations included a five boy group lip-syncing to Bon Jovi's "Living on a Prayer", and a

five girl group dancing to Janet Jackson's "Control".

The talent show will be held at the Breedlove Auditorium at Westark. According to Mr. Davis this will give the speech students an opportunity to get a hands-on experience in the fields of lighting, sound, and stage preparation.

Charles Julius, a teacher under a special program at Westark, will assist the students in their preparation. Mr. Davis feels Julius is very reliable in this field of production.

The talent show is Feb. 13 at 7:30 pm. Costs: \$3.00-adults, \$1.50-students.

SPIRIT WEEK WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE SPIRIT

WEEK WINNERS!

RED AND WHITE DAY

Seventh grade: Brandon Walker

Eighth grade: Phetbounhes Chaleunsakd

Ninth grade: Thomas Marshal

Jenna Noess

Ninth grade: John Mankin

Melanie Thompson

TWINKIE DAY

Seventh grade: Justin Abernathy

Eighth grade: Koscha Phillips

Adrienne Hill

Ninth grade: Akua Carter

Sarah McKinney

DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER DAY

Randy Black, Mrs. Sellars; Brigetta Flynn, Mrs. Gean; Annissa Brown, Ms. McMullin; Rusty Godsey, Mr. Williams; Derrick May, Mrs. T. Thompson; Tim Wise, Mr. Holliman; Eric Lee, Mr. Smith

SPORTS DAY

Seventh grade: Kenny Cravens, basketball

Eighth grade: Jennifer Hickey, football

Satyra Alston, football

Ninth grade: Brigett Flynn, tennis

Amad Khaliq, basketball



THE
WOW
SECTION



Italy is the biggest wine drinking country

The most popular main dishes in the U.S. is fried chicken

The most landed-upon Monopoly space is Illinois Avenue

Julius Caesar's auto graph is worth 2 million dollars.

How to Succeed on Tests

by Michael Beck

M.P.T.
TEST
COMING
UP IN
MARCH

As you eighth graders may well know, the Minimum Performance Test is coming up next month, but did you know you have to get an 85% or better on the Minimum Performance Test to pass to the ninth grade? The following hints may help you score higher on tests.

You should always make the best of your time on a test. If the test is timed, don't rush but don't dally either. Answer the easy questions first. If you're stumped by a question, go on with the test and come back to it later. Make a note on scratch paper of the questions you want to go back to so you can find them easily. If you finish early, check over your answers.

You should make as few mistakes as possible. Read all the directions carefully. Understand what you're supposed to do. Ask the person giving the test for help if you don't understand the directions. Read the questions carefully and all the answer choices. Be sure the question number on the test is the same as the one on your answer sheet.

Guessing is a very important part of test taking. You should not guess at every question, only the ones you do not know. Try to eliminate some of the answer choices as wrong. This increases your chances of guessing the correct answer. Don't make wild guesses. Your choice should at least be reasonable.

You should also get ready for the test mentally. You should get plenty of sleep the night before the test. Don't take a test hungry. Be on time and alert. When you take the test, you should put everything else out of your mind and think only of doing your best. Dress comfortably. If you wear glasses, be sure you have them and wear them!

When taking the test, don't panic! Tackle each question one at a time rather than thinking about the whole test at once.

Some questions answer other questions. Look for this.

Don't score yourself as you take the test. This may make worry and slow you down. Trust your first answer but change an answer if you feel you must.

Don't try to find a pattern for the correct answers. There will not be one.

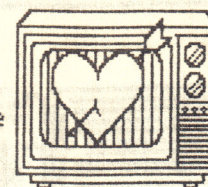
This information will also help the seventh graders score higher on the Metropolitan Achievement Test. Remember these tips, and they may help you score higher on your next test.

Industrial Arts Fair

On February 28 and 29, Kimmons industrial arts students will participate in an industrial arts fair at Central Mall.

Teachers' Screen Heart Throbs

by Michelle Talley



It happens to anyone who watches the tube... you're watching some show whose origins are now obscure legends from six months ago, and now it's in its 81st exciting season and you see someone so perfect, you think it's a television malfunction. Well, it happens to all of us, and here are a few teachers who confess to this affliction...

Ms. Grant's big screen heart throb is Robert Redford.

Mr. Williams's T.V. heart throb is Cybil Shepard.

Mrs. Tommye Thompson's heart throb is Chevy Chase. If she could pick their pet names he would be "Mr. Humor Himself" and she would be "The Alive Teacher".

Mrs. Brody's TV heart throb is Tom Selleck.

Mr. Cadelli's TV heart throbs are The Bangles.

Mrs. Stone's heart throb is Clark Gable.

Mrs. Blankenship's TV heart throb is Tom Selleck. If she could pick their pet names, he would be "Gorgeous" and she "Big Momma".



KJH NEWSNOTE KJH

On Saturday January 31, James Jones and Josh Adams, two eighth grade students here at Kimmons, competed in the Arkansas State Wrestling Tournament held at the Stephens Boys' Club. Each of them took the state champion title in their weight classification.

Congratulations
to you both!!!!

New Galaxies Discovered

Recently the National Science Foundation discovered seven new galaxies which could be in the early stages of development. These newly discovered galaxies are approximately 600 million light years away. A light year is the distance light can travel in a vacuum in one year at 186,000 miles per second -- about 6 trillion miles. The forming galaxies are inside an enormous void. This void could hold 2,000 galaxies that are the size of the Milky Way.

Students Display Talent

--Students were recently selected for the All Region Band. Kimmons students included in the band are: Tammy Swilley, Doug Bradt, Matthew Weir, Scott Newell, William Mycough, Alicia Spear, and Laura South. According to band director Bill Ratcliff, this is just one of many opportunities for band members this year. In March, band members will be judged in solo and ensemble competition, and in April, members will audition for the region band. --Plan to catch the drawings in pastel, pen and ink, and charcoal executed by Kimmons art students. These can be seen at the downtown office of First National Bank of Fort Smith through February 22.

Look Here....

TALENTFEST '87

This is your chance to show your "stuff." Young Women's Community Guild is sponsoring Talentfest '87. The contest is open only to individual acts. The first and second place winners will receive a \$100 savings account.

For more information contact Kathy Taylor at 785-7727 or stop by D103.



Stargazing- Another Look

BY Robert Heyman

Do you ever find yourself wandering outside every night peering into the endless darkness for hours, setting your eyes upon the very jewels that have awed the minds of people for ages? If this is you, you are probably developing an interest in stargazing, and there are ways you can increase your knowledge of the stars.

First of all, if you are becoming interested, buy some books on the subject. Knowing the constellations can be fun and often rewarding to you. Once you have established the locations of the constellations and their stars of the season, start looking for the various planets that are visible during that season.

A fine way of increasing your knowledge of the stars and planets is to join an astronomical organization. There you will learn the galaxies that are visible from earth, and sometimes go on star parties to view these galaxies and many other things.

The return of Halley's Comet last year attracted many amateur stargazers to study the stars and constellations. To know where Halley's Comet was, you had to know certain stars and constellations where it was located.

So, if you're outside every night looking at the stars, don't stop, "keep looking up."

American Mathematics

by Jennifer Threadgill

A study of schools in eighteen nations concludes that American math students trail those who live in Japan and Hong Kong in their mathematical ability. The study stated that American mathematics students were underachieving, which could be creating a future nation of underachievers.

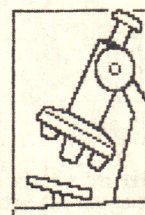
William Bennett, U.S. Education Secretary, has suggested that the U.S. use ideas from the Japanese, one of which states that anyone who tries hard enough can accomplish greater progress than they had previously.

Most of the blame for this "lack of knowledge" is being put on U.S. schools that are said to lack focus, challenge, and vitality, and to those schools who repeat the same concepts year after year and neglect to build or add to them each year.

The average time spent in mathematical instruction in the U.S. is 144 hours. Japan's students spend only 101 hours. This disputes claims that American students have a lack of sufficient time for instruction compared to some other nations.

MEMORIAL FUND

Ms. LaRonda Humphrey has collected money for the Yvonne Richardson Memorial Fund. Yvonne Richardson was the fifteen-year-old daughter of Razorback Coach Nolan Richardson. Ms. Humphrey collected \$190.00 to send to the memorial fund. The money will be used for cancer research to try to find a cure for leukemia. Ms. Humphrey got this idea because a former Kimmons student plays for the Razorbacks. Ms. Humphrey also added that she would like to thank all the people who participated, and she thanks all of the teachers that took time out of their class period to collect money.



Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

-St. Francis of Assisi

Fort Smith Boys' Clubs Spring Sports

Soccer Registration: Feb. 12, 14, 16,
19

Tryout Dates: Jr. High (7th, 8th,
and 9th grades) Sat.
Feb 21 - 2:00 PM

Registration Tryout Locations:

Evans Boys' Club
Jeffrey Boys' Club
Stephens Boys' Club

VIEWPOINT ON

by Michael Beck

Montana throws to Rice on the sideline. He catches it for a first down, but was he in bounds? The referees could not see the play, but the instant replay official says he was in bounds. "FIRST DOWN!" If it were not for instant replay, the officials may have said he was out of bounds.

Instant replay was first introduced to the National Football League this season. It has helped to call many plays that, otherwise, referees could not have done fairly.

Most of the fans are for instant replay. In a "USA Today" poll, 65.9% out of 5,069 people were for it.

In both Coach Mason's and McCaskill's opinion, they like it. Coach McCaskill added "I think instant replay has a place in college games, too."

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT:**Andrea O'Neal**

Andrea O'Neal, a ninth grade guard for the Kimmons Basketball Team has played here for three years.

Coach John Mason says, "she's always been a great shooter, but she's better in handling the ball this year." O'Neal played basketball at the Girls Club for two years. Mason also says, "Andrea will probably be the top scorer before she graduates. Andrea plans to go to the University of South Carolina to play basketball."



KIMMONS' STUDENTS BRING HOME TROPHY

Kimmons Junior High was represented by nine students at the Area IV Special Olympics bowling tournament on December 11, at Midland bowl. They cracked the pins to bring home a second place trophy in the junior division; they are first in Fort Smith.

Students were: 9th grade, Jimmy Christian; 8th grade, Charles Dye and Leslie King; 7th grade, Alisa Biggs, Patty Christian, Billy Hunter, Tara Key, Theresa Richardsson, and James Wright. Coaching the Raiders was "Coach" Brenda Smallwood.

The winning team bowled two games for a total of 730 points, with Jimmy Christian's 242 the second highest score in the tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS**RAIDERS !****Kimmons Gymnastics '87**

By Chelle Phillips

This year's gymnastics team consists of four returning players: Tiffany Baker, Andrea Beckman, Carrie Finney and Jennifer Hickey; and eight new members: Kelley Roland, Erica Walton, Jill Wooden, Cherrine Bland, Stephanie Hamilton, Nicole Holloway, Tamiko Shoate and Brandi Trozzi.

Coach Jan McMullin said that this year's team "is different from last year's because there is only one ninth grader and there are more new team members."

Gymnastics teams have to raise their own money for expenses this year. Kimmons had a car wash last summer and a perpetual calendar sale in September. The money from these two projects should help the team with expenses.

Ms. McMullin also added that "Tiffany Baker and Andrea Beckman are the best gymnasts on the team." Both have had several years of private gymnastics lessons.

GOOD LUCK!

Meets scheduled at Southside

March 3

March 10

March 31

April 14

April 20 (at Kimmons)

Basketball

(continued from page 1)

Our 8th grade boys won a hard-fought victory by the score of 47-42. Jarrod Ware was top scorer with 14 points.

Our varsity boys were defeated by the score of 43-33. This made their record 13-5 for the year. Aaron Nickson was the Raiders top gun with a game-high 14 points.

The staff and advisor of "The Raider Record" believe in giving credit where credit is due. Sports coverage in basketball is due to the talents of Coaches Mason and McCaskill. Thanks!

LOOKING AHEAD

RAIDER REVUE TALENT SHOW:

FEB. 13

U. of A. MATH COUNTS COMPETITION:

FEB. 14

P.T.A. FOUNDERS' DAY MEETING:

FEB. 16

CITY-WIDE JUNIOR HIGH CORAL CLINIC & CONCERT:

FEB. 27