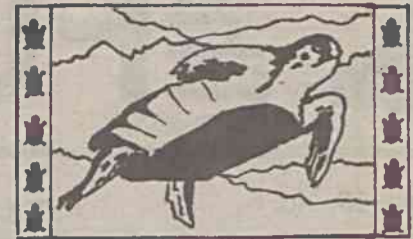




Features



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The Last Crusade

By Jason Ingram

Some 400 years ago, the forefathers of this nation left their English homeland and ventured to the New World for essentially one reason: the hope of finding freedom from religious persecution. This belief became so fundamental to the authors of our law that they made it the initial statement of the First Amendment to our Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Tragically, a misinterpretation by the guardians of our Constitution, the Supreme Court, has effectively removed all religion from state-supported institutions, primarily schools.

Case in point: creationism (the belief that God created the universe and everything inclusive) can no longer be taught in the classroom because it is a "theory" and not a proven fact. Noah Webster defines "theory" as an ideal or hypothetical set of facts, principles, or circumstances. Evolution then, by definition, is a theory as well; yet it is taught in schools across America as fact. At the very least, the two schools of thought should be given equal value and equal time.

Perhaps the greatest casualty in the war between church and state has been prayer. In 1962, prayer was removed from our nation's schools; in recent years, that precedent has allowed schools to ban customary prayers at school sponsored events, such as the prayer before sporting events and the benediction at high school graduation. Sadly, this ruling has become justification for Christian prejudice; groups claiming religious affiliation cannot meet on a school campus during the school day, and all forms of public worship are prohibited.

The authors of our Constitution did not intend for the separation of church and state to become the beast it is now; the premise was to insure that the citizens of a new nation called America could not be punished by the state for professing their religious beliefs. Their intent was not to remove the church from the state, but the state from the church. That intent was stated so plainly in our Constitution that even the simplest of us could understand it. In fact, only nine people in the United States do not understand the principle of the separation of church and state.

How fortunate for us that they all sit on the Supreme Court.

Hablas Espanol?

By Natasha Byrd

Hola amigos!! Who has not heard of the activities in Spanish this year?? In fact, the entire math and computer hall way took part in these activities during second period a few weeks ago. Though many look at these activities and think PARTY, they do not realize the activities are cultural days. All the Spanish classes this year have picked a city for their class periods. On cultural days, one class period shows the culture of their particular city. Sometimes the class may choose to represent a festival that takes place in their city. However, they may choose to represent some of the history of the city.

The first class to hold cultural day was sixth period's Spanish II class. Their city is El Escorial. The class found recipes and some history of El Escorial. They also made a video tape having students act out the parts of Ferdinand and Isabella speaking from their graves. The other Spanish classes viewed the tape and enjoyed learning of the culture of El Escorial.

Second period's Spanish II class was the next class to host the cultural day. For their city of Pamplona, they represented the Running of the Bulls, an event made famous by Ernest Hemingway. The class made a video tape of their own Running of the Bulls. The runners dressed in white and wore red sashes around their waists. Other students played the role of the bull and chased the runners down the hall. Students from the other classes on that hallway lined the halls to represent the people that line the streets in Pamplona.

Mrs. Harvey has come up with another wonderful idea!! She has found a way for her students to learn about Spanish cities and learn in a more understandable way the culture that is so important to this language. Good luck to the next Spanish II class on their cultural day.

The Ides of March

By Courtney Rogers

The Ides of March is a day connected with superstition and evil. March 15th originally got its reputation when Caesar's predicted assassination occurred back in 44 B.C. Since then society has established this day as one full of bad occurrences and suspense. The full moon happens to coincide with March 15th. This has led to the involvement of the werewolf and other superstitions accompanying a full moon. Here are what some students are afraid might happen to them on the Ides of March- BEWARE!

Chris Lowder: Bill Clinton will have a good idea.
Resa Baudoin: That Adrian's hair will forever be orange. Mine too!

Lori Cox: I'll lose that loving feeling.

Jimmy Faust: I might not be "good enough."

Reishana Morrison: That my sister will become more like me (sexy, smart and a true Gangsta B).

Rocky Smith: That a farmer will be elected to the White House.

Chad Whitley: The sun will explode.

Amanda Kimrey: A comet will collide with the Earth, hurling it out of its orbit and into the sun.

Kristi Kirkpatrick: It will snow.

Jamie Measmer: The sky will fall.

Johnathan Furr: The world will drop into a massive recession during a shortage of Lucky Charms because Lucky is bringing about destruction and chaos.

T.R. Goins: My house will be invaded by giant sea turtles.

Kevin Sides: I'll get turned down by Brian Snyder!!!

Danny Landis: Harold's mom will start calling me again.

Sarah Snodgrass: I'll spend another season of softball on the bench!

Joseph Watson: I will be told I'm a father of someone's child.

Jeff Horton: I'll get kicked out of my house because of never being there.

Latwanya Edwards: Me and my Lou Lou might part!

Ali Ritchie: My employer will lose his job due to unfair treatment of his employees and end up being Albemarle's oldest Wal-Mart bum.

Elizabeth Redwine: Amanda and I will finally end up at NCSU with our Jonathan!

Ami Whitmore: I'll get a year older.

Chad Sullivan: Everyone will find out about

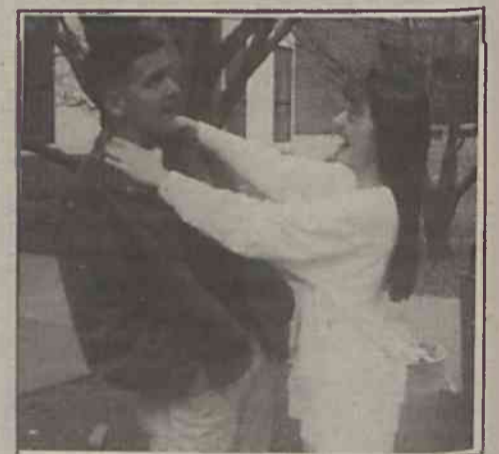
TERRIBLE TROUBLE IN TWOSOMES

By Wendy Smoak

Have you ever given much thought to what type of qualities you want in a husband? Probably not. However you might know you want someone you have a lot in common with and get along with well. Despite how much you care for someone, though, disagreements on certain issues can always cause a big ruckus.

Have you noticed what your parents fight about? Chances are one on-going fight is about if your dad does his part of the house work. In a recent survey over 100 married women were asked if they would rather come home from work and see their husband standing in the den in the nude or if they would rather come home and find him washing left over dishes. Surprisingly enough over half of the women said they would rather see him washing the dishes. Well, if that surprises you, wait til you hear this! It has been discovered that some couples break up because one wants their pet to sleep with them and one doesn't.

It is hard to imagine that couples can break up over such small things, but it does happen. Be careful to know exactly what you are getting in to—in any situation!



Greg and Leigh Ann stir up trouble of their own.

Do You Make Sacrifices?

By Christy Brooks

"To be the best you can be, a sacrifice has to be made," is the quote for the month of March. When achieving a goal, you have to give up something to make your goal happen. Some Albemarle students quoted on the sacrifices they have had to do to make their dreams come true.

Kelly Russell - I had to sacrifice my Biology II class early this year in order for me to be able to take Algebra II twice a day so that maybe I might have a chance of passing this year.

Ashley Bureson - I had to sacrifice my dance classes for cheerleading. I took dance for twelve years, but I did not want to conflict with the rest of the cheerleading squad and wanted to give

100% so I gave it up! It was definitely worth it because I love cheering with such WONDERFUL people!

Summer Holt - To be my best this year, I had to give up someone very special in order to get my life together. Now I know that my decision was the best because now I have the best guy in the world and I feel I'm a much better person all around.

Danny Landis - Held off on the pleasures of life during wrestling season.

Sacrifice may not be fun, but it is sometimes necessary!

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