

# THE MIRROR



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"Reflections of the Pratt High student body"

## School website undergoes changes

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Pizzazz, an attractive combination of vitality and glamour, as stated by the Oxford American Dictionary. The former school website lacked some "pizzazz" as put by new assistant technology director Dennis Gonzales. Poor navigation utilities and a lack of updated information were just some of the faults with the former USD 382 website.

A job opening at PHS led Gonzales here and while interviewing for the position with assistant superintendent, Sue Givens, the state of the site came up and Gonzales offered a solution. He proposed creating an entirely new site with constantly updated information and user-friendly controls. Coming from a background of web design at the South Texas Technical School, he carried a fair amount of knowledge into the endeavor.

To begin, he organized his ideas and gathered thoughts from students in his webpage design class and others throughout the school. He also tried to look at the site through the eyes of the people that would use it the most. "The important thing to remember, is that you're not designing for yourself, you're designing for your users," said Gonzales. He drew design ideas from a little bit of everywhere. The Internet and the newspaper are just a couple of examples of where he got his ideas.

At one point, the only thing preventing him from creating the website was a program that would take some of the stress off of his shoulders and help him update and run the site. He found the solution while attending a



Assistant Technology Director, Dennis Gonzales, laughs while teaching one of his morning classes. Dennis' work on the school website has helped many people keep up with the events at PHS. (Photo by: Neil Goss)

After he had all of his ideas in order, Dennis set out to create the website with a few clear-cut goals in mind, one of which was to keep the site easily navigatable, stating "people aren't going to go digging," referring to the fact that a majority of people won't spend hours searching for something. He strived to have buttons that linked to essential things in easy-to-find places. Gonzales also wanted

to keep the site as consistent as possible. He worked to ensure that all of the pages looked similar. That way people would feel like they were within the realm of the site at all times during their visit. Another thing he wanted to accomplish was to put up pages containing information he felt others would want to know. This included sites containing information about the school food system, an employment opportunities page and essential facts about Pratt High School. Gonzales has also put *The Mirror* on the web. All of the past issues are available to download.

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Daily average of hits for each month

138 Oct.

2,380 Nov.

11,318 Dec.

11,651 Jan.

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## Apple unveils iPhone

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Head Staff Writer

From iPods that allow us to take our music where ever we go, to laptops that integrate different media forms into one simple piece of hardware, Apple has been changing the way we interact with our world for years. Now Apple is going to change the way we talk to the world with the new iPhone.

The iPhone combines the iPod, an Internet browser, a touch screen, and, of course, a phone.

It has a 3.5-inch wide-screen display that can show movies, T.V. shows, and any other kind of video that can be put on an iPod video. It can store all of your music

and allow you to chose your favorite song with nothing more than the touch of the screen.

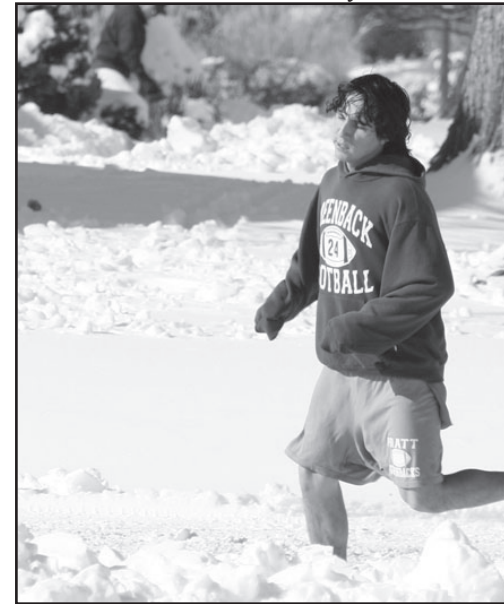
It comes with a full version of Safari with built in Google and Yahoo searches. You can download and read your e-mail and catch up on all of the latest news as long as you are close to a wireless Internet hotspot.

It has a touch keyboard for sending text messages, and of course, has all of the normal functions of a camera phone.

Overall, the new iPhone looks like an amazing piece of hardware that every nerd would love.



Left: Senior Jesus Perez gracefully runs through the snow. Above: Pratt High students gather outside of a vehicle. The weekends snow made driving difficult and occasionally dangerous. (Photos by: Neil Goss)



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everything from take pictures to write articles for the site. He also routinely relies on the help of his aide, Zach Powers.

When the transition from the old site to Gonzales' versions took place in late October, the the focus shifted to keeping the site as updated as possible. During this period various feedback began to flood Gonzales's inbox. A large majority of it is positive, but there is also a fair amount of it that is negative. Either way, he tries to post as much feedback on the website as possible. "You can't please everybody all the time," comments Gonzalez

After a few months of operation the results of the site are very tangible. For example, Gonzales comments that many of his first hour students use the site's articles for their required reading time at the beginning of the day. Also, Gonzales has received numerous e-mails from former students and faculty stating that

the new site is a great way to keep up on the activities at PHS. Gonzales hopes that the new website will make the transition into USD 382 a smooth one for various students and faculty.

Freshman Will Shoup said, "It took some getting used to, but it has a nice layout. It's attractive."

In the future Gonzales would like to put on the Booster Club website. He is also working on an RSS feed, which is still in its infantile stages. He hopes to have it up and working in the near future. Another task he would like to accomplish entails the creation of a technical assistance page, which would help students and teachers alike solve minor problems with their computers.

Gonzales has already effectively helped transition the school into the next generation. With this already under his belt, the future possibilities are limitless.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Work on the new school has been temporarily halted as a fresh blanket of snow covers the ground. Beneath the snow, walls begin to take a more definite form. (Photo by: Neil Goss)



## Kidnapped boy attempts a "return to normalcy"

Courtney Witten  
Staff Writer

Recently cops raided a Missouri apartment looking for thirteen-year-old Ben Ownby. Much to their surprise not only did they find Ben, who had been missing for four days, but they also found fifteen-year-old Shawn Hornbeck who had disappeared four and a half years earlier. Shawn, who sports a lip ring and pierced ears, had been pretty hush-hush about the incident saying he wants to save his parents from anymore grief. During those four years Shawn said he had access to TV, games, outdoors, and even other children. When asked why he wasn't in school he would reply that he was home-schooled and unravel a system of lies that the alleged kidnapper had drilled in his head. Michael Devlin, the owner of the apartment and

the man accused of the kidnappings, has been keeping his mouth shut about most everything as well. He says that he was lonely in the months leading up to first kidnapping due to falling out with friends and then suddenly happy during the four-and-a-half years Shawn was missing. He also shows anguish about contacting his family.

"I don't know how I'm going to explain myself to my parents," Devlin said from Franklin County Jail in Union, Missouri. Devlin is kept separate from other inmates because lawyers and police believe the other prisoners may attack the new addition. Shawn Hornbeck and Ben Ownby are beginning to return to school and finally for Shawn, return to normalcy.

If you ate a meal today,  
thank a farmer.



113 Farms



## A into... RELIGION

Ana Whitson  
Staff Writer

Since 1786 people from around the world have come to America in hopes of religious freedom. This liberty was put into action in the First Amendment, which announced the freedom of religion. In honor of this amendment, President Bush proclaimed January 16 as Religious Freedom Day.

Now, since that day has just passed, it makes me wonder how many different religions have come about, even in this past century.

We have the "old" ones: Catholicism, Presbyterian, Baptists, Buddhism, Muslim, Judaism, Episcopalian, and many more. Then, while researching this topic, I came

upon *The Church of Scientology*. This one was new to me. So, I dug deeper. Come to find out that Scientology literally means "The study of truth." It also states that "Scientology is the study and handling of the spirit in relationship to itself, others and all of life. The religion comprises a body of knowledge extending from certain fundamental truths." But, when Googled a bit further I found some bad stuff saying this church is a cult and it brain-washes its followers. Now, I don't know about you but that freaked me out a little bit. I had to ask myself, "What has the world come to that would make somewhere as holy as a church unsafe?"

## Finders Keepers

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Would you like to walk in the park one morning, find a 1.3 carat diamond on the ground and then be able to walk right out and not have to turn it in to the police? There happens to be a park in the U.S. that does allow this kind of behavior and actually condones it. In Arkansas, (Are-Can-Saw, not Are-Kansas) the Crater of Diamonds State Park lets anyone come into the park and search for the pretty gems that sparkle in the dirt. The latest discovery was a 1.3 carat diamond found

by a Tennessee resident. Melissa Lacey stated that at first sight it looked like "a piece of dirty quartz." This diamond was approximately the size of a marble, but the largest diamond ever uncovered was found in 1924 and was 40.23 carats. It was dubbed the "Uncle Sam." The park is the only one in the world that allows the public to search and keep any gems, regardless of value. This means finders keepers does exist in certain places, especially here.



# Academic Updates: **Debate & Scholar's Bowl**

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### Debate:

Another debate season is in the books as the team traveled to Overland Park for state competition on January 19. Pratt qualified two teams for the competition. The first team to qualify consisted of Jill Aramowicz, jr., and Breanne Strobel, sr. Pratt's other team of Andrew Taylor and Joe Schmisser, srs., didn't qualify until the last regular season tournament.

On the first day of competition, both teams struggled to find a rhythm as they worked their way to 1-2 records. The meager records of the first day, however, set both teams up nicely to wreak havoc on the final day of the competition. Things didn't quite pan out that way, though, as the teams competed valiantly to finish state competition with 3-3 records.

It would turn out, however, that the State competition was only the first part of a great adventure. When the team left Blue Valley High School the first flakes of snow were just beginning to fall. Before long, the roads became too dangerous for driving and the team had to make an unexpected stop in Emporia. The stay only

lasted through the night and the team made it home safely the next day.

Elizabeth Short  
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### Scholar's Bowl

On December 9 the Scholar's Bowl team went to Great Bend to compete. At that point PHS only had one Varsity team with two alternates. Pratt took 4<sup>th</sup> in the meet after losing to Wichita East. January 8 our varsity team defeated TMP and JV took 2<sup>nd</sup>. The largest meet took place at Spearville, KS and the meet was cut short because of a power outage. Pratt separated into two varsity teams and put into pools. Team A consisted of Emily McIntosh, Joe Schmisser, Christine Schotte, srs., and Maverick Bishop, fr. Team B took second place and consisted of Bronson Blasi, jr., Logan Shoup, sr., Matt Hart, and Elisabeth Short, sos., Bronson Blasi, captain of Team B, said, "We ended up doing pretty good on that day, but we would have liked to redeem ourselves from our loss in the 5<sup>th</sup> round." The team is looking forward to Regional Competition in February and have high hopes for the future.



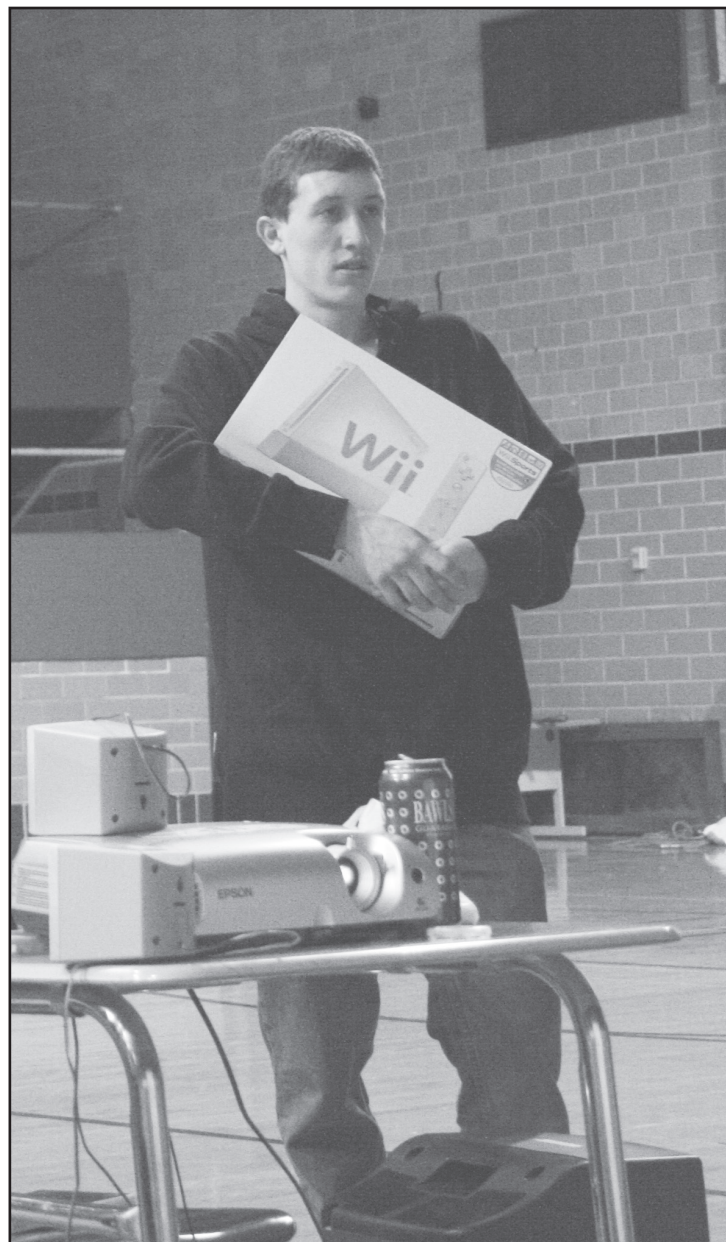
Left to Right: Joe Schmisser, Andrew Taylor, Jill Aramowicz, and Breanne Strobel wait to be seated following a tough day of state competition in Overland Park. (Courtesy Photo)

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## Don't hold your wee... for a Wii.

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Copy Editor

It's hard to believe that anyone's life is worth risking for a gaming console, and Jennifer Lea Strange certainly didn't think her life was in danger when she decided to participate in Sacramento, California radio station KDND's contest to win a Nintendo Wii for her two sons and daughter. The station's "Morning Rave" show held a contest called "Hold your Wee for a Wii" during which contestants were given 8-ounce bottles of water to consume every 10 minutes, with the winner of the contest being the last person able to keep from going to the bathroom. She reportedly nearly drank two gallons of water, and afterwards felt severely ill. Five hours later she was found dead in her home. The death was caused by water intoxication, which can lead to the dilution of vital fluids. Afterwards, it can lead to brain swelling, seizures, comas and irregular heartbeat, all of which can lead to death. Ten employees, including the three that host the show, have been fired and the family is now suing the station.



Katie Walters  
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## Obesity a GROWING Problem

Browsing through the mall or eating at a restaurant, you will notice that waistlines have increased tremendously.

Since 1980 child obesity has more than doubled, teenagers have tripled, and adults have also doubled. Sixty five percent of Americans can be considered overweight or obese.

Not only have pounds on the scale spiraled, so have food proportions. Manufactured muffins are now three times larger than the standard portion and cookies are more than seven! In 1990 the McDonald's Super Size Fries is today's Large.

Currently people have gotten into the habit of eating on the go, and eating processed and refined foods. A Big Mac, a large order of French fries, and a large Coke come up to 1,450 calories! That is almost an entire day for a normal person's calorie intake!

Not only are portion sizes to blame, there are the "deals," such as the value sizes at fast food restaurants

or the irresistible two-for-a-dollar offerings. Manufacturers and restaurants, however, are not the ones to be blamed; it is Americans themselves.

There are many factors that contribute to obesity, including genetics, lack of exercise, poor diet, and eating habits. Obesity has been linked to 300,000 deaths a year and the risk of being diagnosed with diseases, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and metabolic syndrome increase significantly.

Although it may not seem the government is doing anything about the climbing rates of obesity, it actually is. In 2004 it set a goal to halt the yearly increase of child obesity by 2010. It started the Five-A-Day campaign and made investments in improving school food.

Start today by making choices that still have an impact, like choosing the stairs over the elevator or choosing the small over the medium.

## Weird News

Jenna Gatz  
Ad Manager

### Sports before babies?

Friday, January 19, Colleen Pavelka, a pregnant 28-year-old wife and mother, induced the labor of her second child. This may seem natural but the reason for the induced labor was so her husband Mark Pavelka could attend the Chicago Bears and New Orleans Saints game without worrying about the birth of his second son. Colleen didn't want him to miss this once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity so in her loyalty she went through six hours of early labor.

of northern Arizona. Even Tucson received some of the rare snow. Harsh winds and ice were also present.

### A Cold One for the Dog

Many adults like to enjoy a nice cold beer after a hard days work. They pull a cold one from the fridge and sit down with their best friend, the dog. But no one ever thinks of man's best friend wanting a treat every once in a while. So Jamie and Kevin Miller of Napa County California created a non-alcoholic, non-carbonated beer just for dogs. The beer is made with malted barley and filtered water, enriched with Glucosamine and Vitamin E, and seasoned with a natural beef flavor.

### Snow in the Desert

Snow in Arizona seems impossible. But Sunday, January 21, about a foot or more of snow fell on parts

Left: Senior Dexter Dietz cradles his Nintendo Wii just minutes after the system's arrival. (Photo by Eric)



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## Video Game Review:



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Occasionally a game comes along that defines a system, a game that stands out in its category, from plot to sound to gameplay. It is fitting that *The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess*, the newest game in one of the most beloved game series of all time, gives both a definite end to the Nintendo Gamecube and an amazing beginning to the Nintendo Wii.

The controls for *Twilight Princess* on the Gamecube are fairly simple; if you have played any *Zelda* game on it you know how the controls work. The camera works well and Link will look at points of interest so that you know where to look. The only real difference from *Wind Waker's* controls is that your Z button is no longer an item so you can only have two items equipped at a time. The controls for the Wii fully use the motion sensor and pull you into the game like never before.

The game also sounds amazing, with the songs being played by a full orchestra. Major themes are present, from the "problem solved" *overture of Time*. It also contains many new songs and instruments throughout Hyrule. The only thing that I did not like about the sound was the constant jingle of a chain while Link is in wolf form. That sound, however, signifies one of the great things about the game, the fact that Link can change from human to wolf. During the first few hours of the game Link cannot change from human to wolf at will, he must have help from a light spirit to do so, but about one third through the game Link gains the ability to make the change whenever he wants. In general I prefer to play as human Link, but sometimes it is just fun to run through Hyrule Castle Town and see all of the people run screaming.

*Twilight Princess* also has one of the best plots I have ever seen. I laughed at parts and cried at others (ok, maybe not cried, but felt very sad). The basic plot is that a darkness is spreading over Hyrule and Link, as the hero, must stop it. Along the way he gets help from many memorable characters, from *Zelda* favorites, such as the Zoras, Gorgons, and Princess Zelda, to new faces, the most memorable of which is Minda, a small twilight creature that rides on Link's back while in wolf form. Minda helps Link throughout the game and contributes more to the plot than Zelda herself.

The dungeons are very well made and have just the right combination of fighting and puzzle solving. The best two dungeons are Arbiters Grounds, a sand temple filled with skeletons and ghosts, and the Temple of Time. Each Temple also houses its boss, a very large creature that looks like it could swallow Link whole and destroy an entire armored tank division. Out of all of the bosses the Water Temple has the best. It is a creature that is very much like the Water Temple boss in *Ocarina of Time*, but with an added twist.

The game also offers improved horseback riding and horseback combat, in fact there are bosses that are fought completely from the back of Link's trusty steed.

When all was said and done I spent close to 35 hours playing *Twilight Princess*, and I had done almost none of the side quests. Overall, if you have a Gamecube or a Wii, or enough money to buy one, you should go out and add *The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess* to your game collection.



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## Music Review



**Neil Goss**  
Photography Editor

### The Rapture *Pieces of the People We Love*

I love The Rapture. The positive vibes transmitted from their music is astounding. In general the band is loaded with a bunch of hip little monkeys. The beat of The Rapture's tunes will, no doubt, make you either dance or have an extraordinary hankering to dance. To attempt and categorize their music I would say it is an elegant blend of indie/alternative mixed with techno hinted with some powerful synthesizer burns. The first four tracks rip it up pretty hard. It is a great four-track run, but don't get me wrong, the whole album is alluring. Some bands The Rapture sounds like plays in the fields of Of Montreal, The White Stripes, and with the deep synth a drop of Parliament Funkadelic. This band is extremely fun, so fellow school-goers, don't blow this review off. Have fun with this one and roll, son!



## FLICK PICKS



**Courtney Witten**  
Staff Writer

### The Other Sister

This one is really good. It's a romantic semi chick-flick with a twist. I don't want to ruin anything so I'll just tell you to go watch it and we'll leave it at that...alright?

### FIREWALL

This one is pretty good, too. It's pretty intense. I was on the edge of the futon for probably half of the movie. Very good. It's about this dude who runs this bank's security or something and this other creepy dude kidnaps good dude's family and holds them hostage. Totally great.

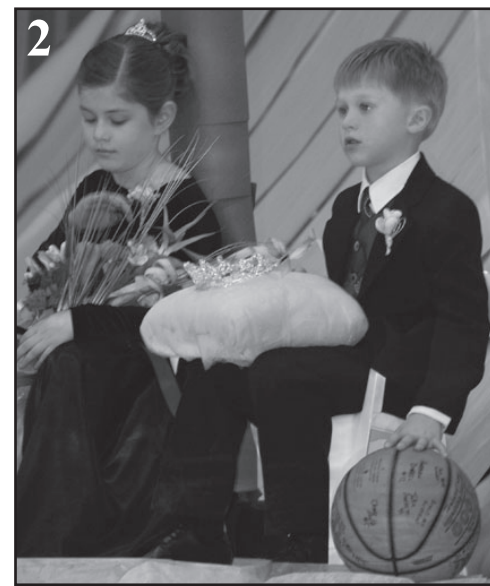
# THE LUNCH CRUNCH

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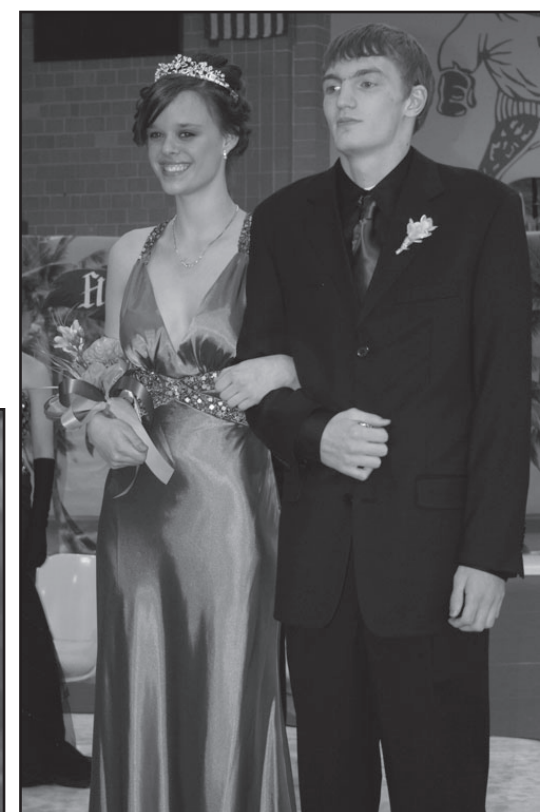
Lunch: One of the few times during the weekday in which humans enjoy themselves. People take hour breaks just to go indulge themselves in their favorite afternoon treat. However, seniors of Pratt High don't get to enjoy themselves as much as others, since the seniors lunch break really is only about... 5 minutes. Think about it, when the bell rings, we have to get our stuff ready, leave the school, go out to the back parking lot, and then finally drive to our destination. By that time, it is already 12:15 (Mind you this is second lunch). What do they expect us to do, run to our vehicles, and then drive 80 miles an hour? Unless Pratt officials eliminate the speed limits, I don't think that is going to happen. Anyways, so if we go home to get food (Remember, it takes around 5-7 minutes to get home), probably we are going to have to make our food. We are big kids now and can make food for ourselves, so that burns another 5 minutes (12:28). Now, like any normal human, we want to enjoy our food. But, with the short lunch period, we have to scarf and down and hope we don't have food on our face before we get back to school. And WebMD reports that eating too fast causes heartburn! That's right, seniors of Pratt High will eventually have to deal with the harsh reality of heartburn. Plus, we might as well forget going out to eat unless it's a gas station, because by the time you get your food you have to end up eating while you drive, making you look like a pig to the other drivers. As you can see, not the most enjoyable lunch break. Solution? It's pretty self-explanatory, we need a longer lunch period! We are growing children, and need nutrients and whatnot. Hopefully this editorial will change something (finally), and I won't have to worry about coming back to class with peanut butter or jelly on my face.

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# Carribean Castaway



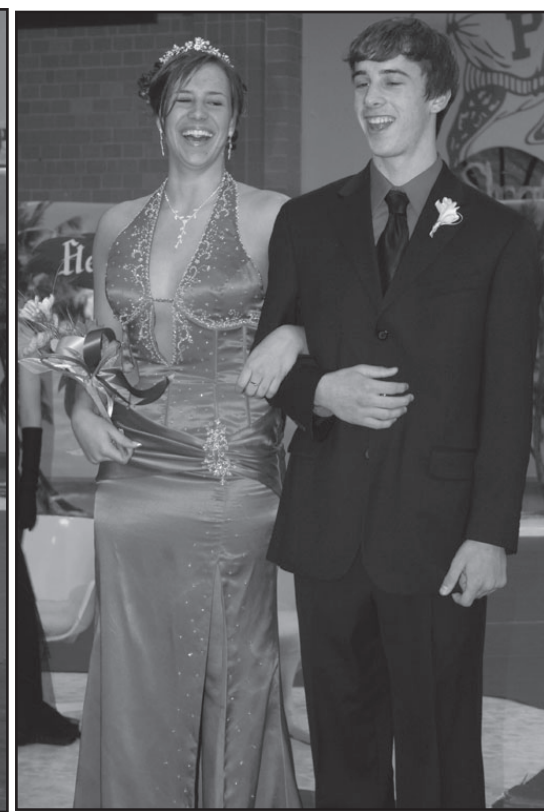
(Above) After the announcement, winter Homecoming Queen 2007 Jordan Matthews shares a kiss with her king, Parker Huitt. (Photos beginning at top left) 1. Emcees Joe Schmisieur and Emma Hitt battle it out in a pirate swordfight. 2. Flower girl Isabelle Cannata and crown bearer Garrett Bates watch the ceremony. Garrett holds the autographed basketball presented to him by the Pratt High senior basketball players. 3. Pratt High varsity basketball captain Andrew Dinkel makes a speech about their upcoming game. Also pictured are Clayton Suiter and Aaron Landry. 4. The Pratt High Singers perform their rendition of "Summer Nights" from the musical Grease. 5. Hannah Melichar sings the song "Boston", while Brittany Hullman accompanies on piano. 6. Tyler Besser plays and sings "Dust in the Wind". **All photos by Neil Goss.**



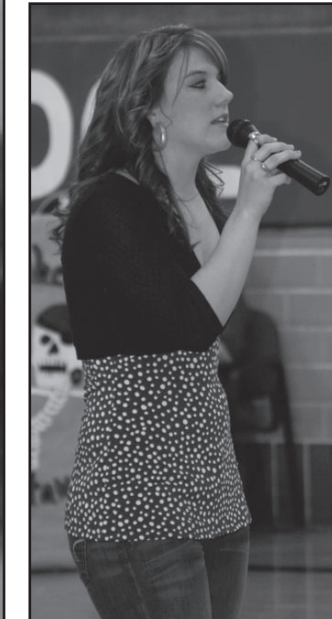
Queen Jordan Matthews and King Parker Huitt.



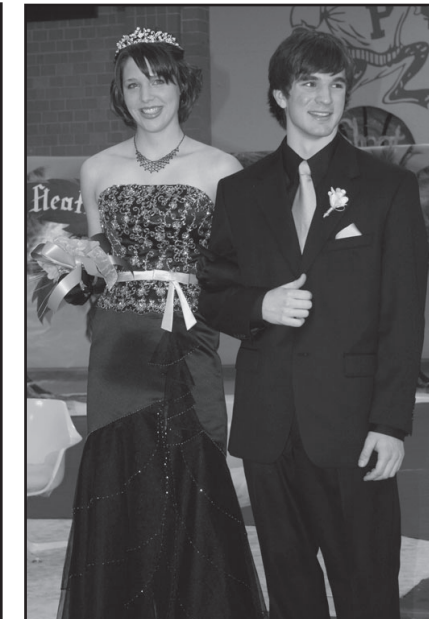
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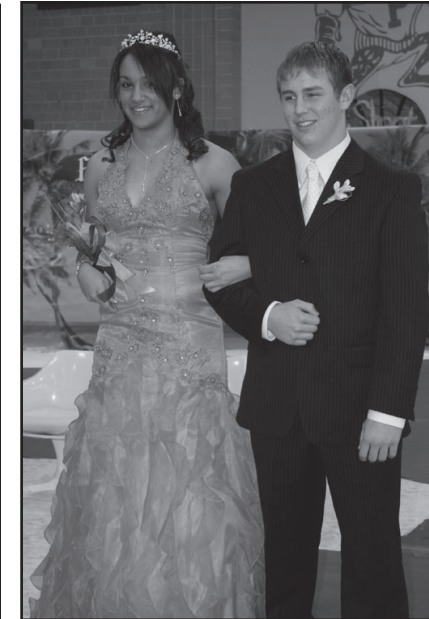
Queen Candidate Kelby Freeman and King Candidate Ryan Tritsch.



Sarah Johnson, soph., sings "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts



Junior Attendant Heather Himmelwright and her escort, Caleb Gillig.



Sophomore Attendant Briana Lincoln and her escort, Cody Hullman.



Freshman attendant Kelsey Roberts and her escort, Chris Nicholson.



The Pratt High wrestlers perform their skit entitled "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything."



The Pratt High cheerleaders and pep band lead the crowd in a pep rally.

## MIRROR MIRROR on the wall... ”

“ If you could create your own holiday in January, what would it be and why? ”

Jenna Gatz  
Ad Manager



“Pamprodactylous Day- so we start caring about all the fish in the ocean because they have feelings too.”  
-Justin McGuire, Senior

“Legalize everything day, because it would just be fun.”  
-Amanda Grimes, Junior

“Leopleradon Awareness Day- so Charlie can find his way to Candy Mt. with special thanks to the letter Y.”  
-Andrea Clarkson, Freshman

“We finally won a basketball game day! But you might have to wait ‘til February.”  
-Jake Garrett, Sophomore

“Celebrate winter! Love winter!”  
-Mrs. Cox, Faculty



## FEATURED WEBSITE

[www.imdb.com/chart/bottom](http://www.imdb.com/chart/bottom)

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It’s not hard to find a list of bestselling, record-breaking movies. Much less commonplace is a list of the worst movies of all time. Internet Movie Database attempts to compile this list, called the “Bottom 100”. Entries are ranked by user ratings, and 600 people must have rated the movie in order for it to be eligible. New films make the list, like *Van Wilder 2: The Rise of Taj*, and *From Justin to Kelly*. There are also plenty of older films included. Remember *Kazaam* and *Baby Geniuses*? This website takes a good look at some of the worst works of cinema, and is sure to spark debate, or at least help you remember plenty of cringe-worthy films.

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So 8 Ball, how was your Christmas break?  
**Actually it dragged, my parents couldn’t make it in so I spent it alone.**

What!? You’re an 8 Ball, you are only supposed to answer yes or no questions!!  
**Well, Neil, I’m a special 8 Ball, kind of like when on paper, there should be an asterisk up by my head. Like this... 8\*Ball...I’m that important.**

Oh, okay. Well, are we cool? You aren’t going to kill me or anything are you?  
**Yes, we’re cool. No, I’m not going to kill you.**

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## Eric and Joe's HORRORSCOPES

Joe Schmisser and Eric Kocher  
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### Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

Be afraid, for your boss has now learned how to breathe fire. . .

### Pisces (February 19-March 20)

A strange twist of fate could possibly turn you in

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your car will be hit by something today. Whether it is a mosquito or a falling telephone pole, I cannot tell.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Something will push you down a large hill while you are using a Port-O-Potty.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You will trip over a tree stump, accidentally knocking over an occupied Port-O-Potty.

### Cancer (June 21-July 22)

The stars say you will be thrown into federal prison for possessing a pair of fingernail clippers

### Leo (July 23- August 22)

Perhaps you should avoid the band of angry Viking marauders charging after you.

### August 23-September 22)

Prepare for a long, LONG drive as you are destined to be stuck behind a school bus traveling 45 mph on the highway. With its "STOP" arm extended.

### Libra (September 23-October 22)

When you wake up, your vehicle will be completely covered with approximately 13.37 inches of ice.

### Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Don't look behind you!

### Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Rejoice! You have won a lifetime supply of Cheesecake Factory™ cheesecake!

### Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

You will be granted the power of telekinesis. But your weak mind won't be able to lift anything heavier than Styrofoam packing peanuts.



## Don't You Just HATE That?



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Head Staff Writer

- When someone in your circle of friends forever misuses words in context.
- How on the Saturday mornings (when you actually remember to wake up in time) you are sadly reminded that good cartoons have been replaced with pseudo-we're-going-to-pack-as-many-action-scenes-and-not-so-witty-lines-into-our-30-minute-time-frame-as-possible cartoons.
- When all you want to do is attend the Red Hot Chili Pepper's concert in Oklahoma City and discover nose-bleed tickets are \$110—yeah, so maybe that one's a little more personal peeve....
- How each of the PHS hall clocks display entirely different times.
- Being awkwardly stalled at a four-way stop because no one remembers who goes first.

## A SPECIAL UPDATE FROM:



Neil Goss and Courtney Witten  
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*NeNe and CoCo were last heard of around the Baltic sea. A helicopter saw the boat go down, but a message in a bottle arrived at the Pratt lake, stating, "We'll be back next month".*

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# PHS SPIRIT WEEK

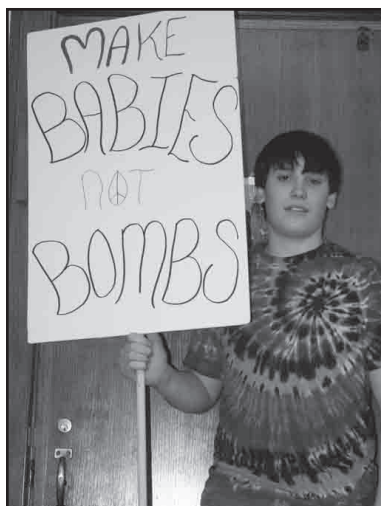


Monday: Twin Day

Wednesday: Decade Day



Heather Goertz, jr. and Kelby Freeman and Ally Waddle, sr. Jordan Matthews, srs. Photo By: Andrew Taylor

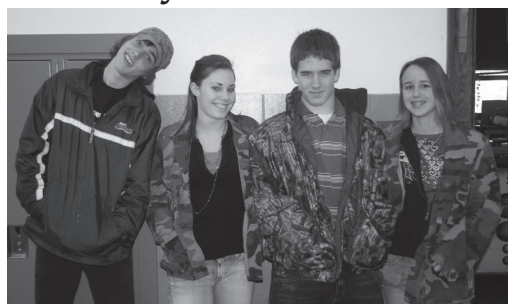


Jarid Rojas, jr. Photo By: Neil Goss.

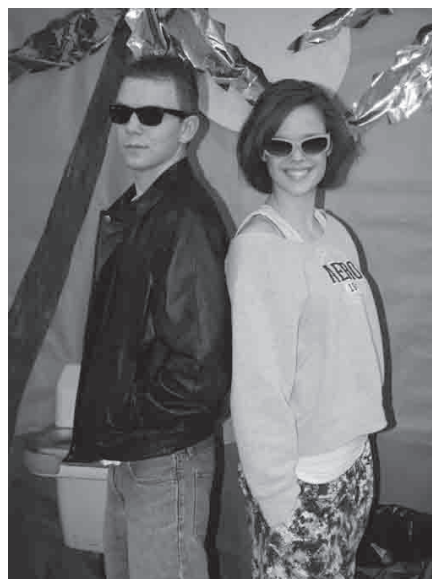


Dayla Garten and Jenna Tia Nickelson and Gatz, srs. Rebecca Phillips, srs. Photo By: Andrew Taylor

Tuesday: CAMO DAY



Ethan Masters ,Kelsey Roberts, Chase Kreutzer, and Malea McEachearn, frsh. Photo By: Neil Goss



Eric Kocher, jr. and Jordan Matthews, sr. Photo By: Neil Goss.

Thursday: Pirate Day



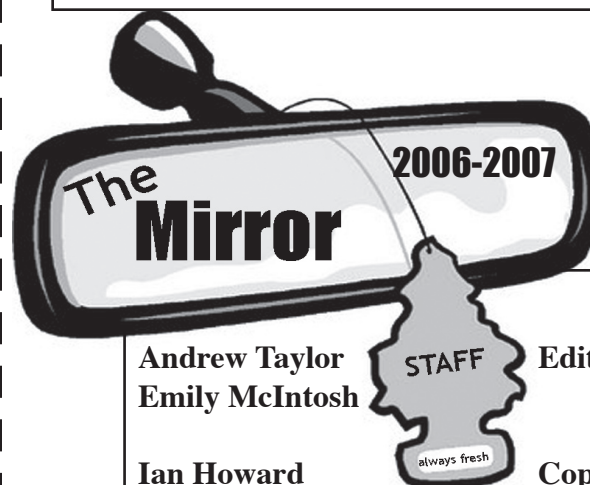
Elisabeth Short, soph. Catherine Pearce, jr., and Audrey Kisner, jr.



The PHS hallways get a dose of pirate spirit. Classes competed by decorating the halls as a part of homecoming week. Photo By: Neil Goss



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# Top 10!

## New Year's Resolutions

Jenna Gatz and Eric Kocher  
Ad Manager, Staff Photographer

10. "I won't eat as much junk food." (Pssshyea, RIGHT!)
9. "I will start going to bed earlier. Holy cow! It's already 2 a.m.?!"
8. "I will go running at 6 every morning. No, really, I will!"
7. "I won't watch as much TV this year. And I'll start right after CSI is over."
6. "I will get more organized, as soon as I find my day-planner."
5. "Um...I will use, like, a bigger um... vocabulary."
4. "Video games will not take over my life...stupid noobs..."
3. "I will stop eating entire cakes in one sitting."
2. "I will not use my phone to text every moment of my free time. Yeah, OK, so I just got 4 texts in the last 5 seconds. Better reply to those. . ."
1. "I'm not going to make any more New Year's Resolutions. Ever."



## Ana's passion for fashion

Ana Whitson  
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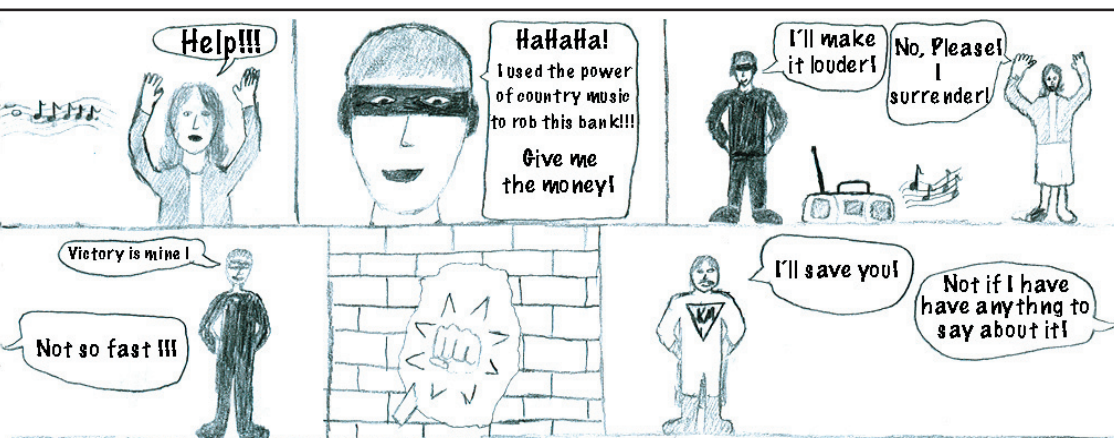
**Name:** Briana Lincoln  
**Grade:** 10th  
**Colors:** Purple and blue  
**Stores:** Charlotte Ruesse, Abercrombie & Fitch  
**Favorite article of clothing:** Gray Moccasins  
**What do you think should be banned?** Crocs



**Name:** Nick Heim  
**Grade:** 11th  
**Colors:** Green and black  
**Stores:** PacSun, Spencers, Hot Topic  
**Favorite article of clothing:** NoFx shirt  
**What do you think should be banned:** any 80's clothing

## The Adventures Of... KRACKERMAN!

Audrey Kisner  
Staff Writer



Will Krackerman defeat the robber? Will the robber think of better way to rob a bank? Or will the series just end now? Maybe you will find out in the next shocking issue of...Krackerman !!!

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## Basketball teams working hard while entering mid-season tournaments

Ian Howard  
Copy Editor

Coach McMillin's young basketball team has had a rough year, as the boys have yet to find a win halfway through the season. However, it's been a learning experience for the young talent on the team and hopefully that will help them excel down the road.

Jake Garret, Chris Nicholson, Bryce Krehbiel, and Scott Sullivan, sos., all have had sufficient amounts of varsity playing time, but, it's been hard to learn while the boys face some of the toughest teams in the state such as TMP, Scott City, Maxville, and a couple Wichita teams.

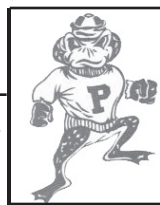
Hopefully, the boys can find a little rhythm and get a few wins before the season ends. After a tough Tournament of Champions at St. John.

The boys next game won't be until February when they travel to Ulysses.

*Sophomore Jake Garrett puts up a shot at the recent St. John tournament. (Photo by: Neil Goss)*

Ian Howard  
Copy Editor

It's been a tough year for Lady Greenback basketball as the girls fail to find any momentum. Although they have yet to add a W to the win column, the underclassmen are learning what it is like to play on varsity. Meanwhile, the seniors are providing leadership, and hopefully it will help this young team in the future. Just like the boys, the girls have faced their share of tough opponents, and even leading in some of the games, but the inexperience and youth have killed the girls down the stretch as they fail to keep their leads late in the game. The girls are hosting their annual Tournament of Champions at PCC's Dennis Lesh Sports Arena. All are encouraged to attend and support our Lady Greenbacks.



*Senior Kelby Freeman releases a shot at the homecoming game vs. TMP. (Photo by: Neil Goss)*

**Come Support Your Greenback Sports!**



## Wrestling team gaining victories

Eric Kocher  
Staff Photographer



Pratt High School wrestling is here! With a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at Eureka, the wrestling team brought home its second tournament victory this year. Pratt took 12 competitors on Saturday and placed 11 of them. Jonathan Prater and Asher Riner led the Greenbacks with first place finishes in their respective weight classes. The Greenbacks also hosted a duel with the Russell Broncos on Tuesday. Winning 8 of the 9 varsity matches of the night, Pratt won the contest 56 - 9. Four JV matches were also held with the Greenbacks winning each one by a fall. The varsity team heads to the Concordia Duel Tournament today, and the junior varsity travels to Larned tomorrow for their last contest of the season.

*At a recent wrestling match, Deanie Senter, sos., wrestles his opponent to the ground. (Photo by: Neil Goss)*

**UPCOMING ATHLETICS**

**Tonight**  
Wrestling @ Concordia,  
4:30 p.m.

**Tomorrow**  
Wrestling @ Concordia  
Tournament of  
Champions @ PCC

**February 2**  
Basketball @ Ulysses,  
6:15 p.m.



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