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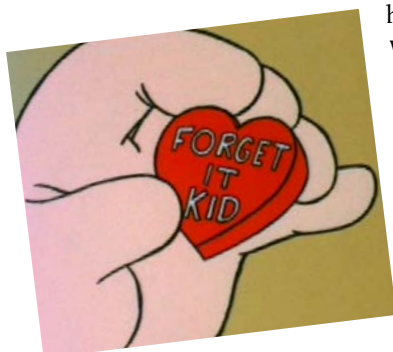
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Alone on Valentine's Day? You're in good company

BY DEE MADDEN



Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and couples everywhere are spending extravagant amounts of money to prove they're in love. Companies such as 1-800 Flowers and Tiffany & Co are rejoicing at the money rolling in.

Of course not everyone has a significant other on this day of love, and Valentine's Day has an undertone of despair as single people are reminded of how dateless they really are. Often times people turn bitter, remarking Valentine's Day is a useless holiday and a waste of money, going as far as calling it Single's Awareness Day- or SAD. Anti-Valentine's Day posts are also frequent, leading to the question, what's so bad about being single?

Being single is like having every path open to you! You don't have to consult anyone about what you want, and compromise doesn't happen every time you make a choice. You don't have to spend money on dates, and you have free time to spend with anyone you want.

If you're alone this Valentine's Day, remind yourself about the best parts of the single life! Here are some activities for the special person in your life, yourself.

Buy Yourself Chocolate: No one knows your taste better than you do. Spend a little extra and buy your favorite chocolates! Buy as many as you'd like, and don't share with anyone! Eat as many as you want without judgment! Go an extra mile and buy that stuffed animal you've been eyeing!

Buy Yourself Anything: If candies and plushies aren't your thing, go out and get something else. A book, an action figure, that new CD or new paintbrushes. Whatever you can afford, and have been wanting, go out and get it. It's not like you have to buy a date anything!

Go To The Gym: Work out. Pump iron. Sweat out all that negativity. Or do yoga! Gym's aren't only for big beefy guys! Roll out your mat (or towel) and

focus on your breathing as all your muscles work and relax. Feel the stress of life fall from your shoulders.

Watch a movie: Lose yourself in a fictional world, or someone else's life. The romance that you dream of, the adventure you long for. Whether you decide to go to the theater or watch it at home, spend a while laughing and crying, falling in love and storming a castle.

Sweat pants all day: Lounge around the house in your comfiest pajamas, whether they're cute, new, old, or ratty, enjoy having no one to impress. Eat your body

fit, the ones that make you feel confident, and show everyone what you're made of. Go out somewhere, whether to eat or just hang out, don your favorite dress, or best shirt, and feel good about yourself. Dress for yourself, because who else do you need to impress?

However you plan on spending the day, (Even though it's a school day, and we all have to spend the day bored in class) have fun, and leave the self-pity behind.

(Credit to xkcd.com for the comic.)



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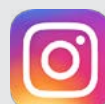
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Advisory Board: The grind that is February

BY DAVID HOLMQUIST,
CRITERION ADVISOR

February is the shortest month of the year, but based on how busy it is, it might as well be the longest. One reason it feels so long is the cold winter that appears to have no end.

But the main reason is that February is a grind.

First of all, students are antsy as they realize spring break is almost two months away, and their only choice is to grind their way through.

Second of all is the pressure our athletes and teams face. As seasons wind down and sectional and state competitions await, teams hope to hit their peak of performance and bring their schools victory and notoriety. It is the end of their grind, but also the time of greatest pressure.

The biggest grind of all is testing. February begins Craig's testing season. It starts with our juniors, who will grind through the ACT test on February 28.

The juniors have taken practice sections, and hopefully, feel confident and prepared. It is important that they do their best not only for what it means to their own futures but also to what it means for our school.

The ACT scores will show the people of our community that Craig High School is succeeding in its mission to educate Janesville's

teenagers.

Believe what you want about the ACT test, but fair or not, its results indicate our school's quality, and the results will form the opinions that Janesville's taxpayers have of us.

We know that the score on a single test does not tell the whole story of our school. We know that our school has amazing students, dedicated teachers, and innovative programs. But members of our community might always think about those qualities.

They can't be here every day to see the good work we do.

They might not think about the Link Leaders, who make our

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school a welcoming place, or our many clubs and service organizations that reach out to the community.

They might not think about the countless hours of practice and dedi-

cation of our athletes, actors, singers, and dancers.

They might not think about the talented future scientists, writers, builders, mechanics, programmers, farmers, mathematicians, businesspeople, and artists that reside among our student body.

All they know is what they see reported in the newspaper when the scores are published.

My point is this: Yes, February is a grind. Testing is not fun. But let's decide this year to do our best on the ACT test and show our community how amazing we are!



Letter from the editors: The Feminist Club's bake sale, explained

BY ANNE VANDER ZEE
ENGLISH TEACHER AND
GUEST COLUMNIST

The Craig Feminist Club held a bake sale in February to bring attention to the Gender Pay Gap in America. The Pay Gap is the difference in wages or salary that women earn compared to their male counterparts.

Members of the Feminist Club chose to highlight this issue as part of their mission to promote equality between all genders.

Each item for sale came labeled with a fact about the Pay Gap to help get our message out.

For example, did you know that the US ranks 75th out of 145 countries for wage equality?

While the bake sale itself proved to be controversial, we are extremely happy that it sparked conversation about such an important topic.

Inspired by similar projects at other schools, members of the club decided to charge different prices to different people based on their expected earnings out in the real world.

All prices were based off of the standard of \$1.00 earned by white males in the work-

force and deviated from there. For example, a white female paid \$0.75, an African American female paid \$0.65, and so on.

As part of the project, students researched current disparities in earnings between men and women in the US. Sources included the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and a report published by the Joint Economic Committee of the US Congress (2016).

As part of the research, we realized that not only do men and women earn different amounts for the same work, but different races do as well. This holds true across almost all occupations and education levels.

This lead us to adjust the prices based both on gender and race. To avoid bias, students paid based on how they identified themselves rather than our perceptions of them.

We heard from many students that the pricing was unfair, and it was. The purpose of the different prices was to experience how inherently unfair the Pay Gap is – even if it was just at a high school bake sale.

As the faculty advisor for the Craig Feminist Club, I

was extremely proud of my students. This was a project created, organized, and implemented by students.

They learned how to hone and present their message, engage their peers in meaningful conversations, and address criticism in a positive way.

The most valuable lesson to take away from this fundraiser is perhaps the importance of asking questions and having sincere conversations with people of all perspectives. At the bake sale itself, we were able to have these discussions, and we got a lot of insightful questions and feedback.

Seeking out these conversations and listening to one another should be the first priority of those who want to understand new perspectives and ideas of any kind.

We are also heartened by the support of the administration, school board members, and others in the community.

The money raised will be donated to a local women's group. Thank you to everyone who participated, and we encourage everyone to keep the conversation going.



Do you have something to say? To get off your chest? An opinion to express? A suggestion to make? Don't be shy!

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Yay for chocolate
 Yay for the food baby.
 Yay for the excitement of college basketball--March Madness is soon here!
 Yay for the unfairness of gymnastics sectionals
 Yay for February 14th, the month will be half over.
 Yay for spring break being almost two months away.

winter.
 Yay for Punxsutawney Phil seeing his shadow, six more weeks of winter is no fun whether there is snow or not.
 Yay for mid-quarter, the semester is already a fourth of the way done!
 Yay for it only being mid quarter, we still have three fourths of a semester to go!

**YAYS AND NAYS
 BY CRITERION STAFF**

Yay for longer days, sun in the evening is nice.
 Yay for it still being cold, the frost on my windshield in the morning is getting old.
 Yay for there being no snow, it is almost like it isn't

Yay for the day off when the juniors take the ACT.
 Yay for the juniors taking the ACT. At least it is free.
 Yay for the Criterion having a Valentine's issue, it is super fun!
 Yay for having to get it done in half the time.
 Happy Valentine's Day!

Doggone it!
 by
 Catherine Roe



Cupid doesn't seem to leave anyone alone, even the dogs.



**Mark your calendars:
 Upcoming events at Craig
 and across America**

- February 14th-** Valentine's Day
- February 17th-** National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- February 18th-** SAFE Workshop
- February 20th-** President's Day
- February 20th-** National Love Your Pet Day
- February 22nd-** George Washington's Birthday
- February 24th-** Steve Job's Birthday
- February 24-26th-** "Our Town" Play
- February 28th-** National Tooth Fairy Day
- February 28th-** Mardi Gras
- March 6th-** National Dentist Day
- March 8-10th-** Conferences

JERRY'S WORLD: Dating in China has different traditions than in U.S.

BY JERRY WANG

Today, I want to talk about dating.
 Now, I am studying in Janesville, Wisconsin, the USA.
 Teachers look different, students look different, beautiful girls are really different from those in a Chinese high school.
 To have a compare, girls in China are much smaller than girls in America, and girls in China have black hair, black eyes, and also the most important point is most Chinese girls do not have a really attractive body line.
 But compare those to American girls, they are much different! I am not saying both kinds of girls are bad, just different.
 In China, I still remember when I was a freshman. If saw a beautiful girl walk around me, I can not just stand behind her or next her.
 I would go straight to her and say "Hi, can I have your phone number?"
 Usually, the girl would think I

am weird, and she would not answer me back.
 They always give me a contempt eyes and just leave me there.
 At that time, I said to myself, maybe Chinese girls are more



like conservatism.
 You can not see a boy and a girl kissing in the school, or hands and hands go to have lunch.
 But in Craig, the first day I went to Craig, I saw lots of couples just used 5 minutes break, standing in one of the area at aisle, hug-

ging each other, and kissing!
 Omg, I remembered the first time see that kind of romantic picture, I was surprised and I just stopped there and watched them kissed!
 I never see that when I in China, and I thought American students are so outgoing!
 You know, only five minutes break, I think we should hurry to get in our class and prepare, but they just stand there and show how much they love each other!
 And if some teachers see that pictures, they just keep walking! It's too crazy!
 Too many differences, too many stuff makes me surprised, too much romantic I have seen these days.
 I think it is good to date a girl during your high school years, and dating a girl can make a boy be more responsible, be more like a real man.
 So Cougars, go find your true love now! Don't be afraid, if you love someone, just go for it!

Craig and Parker: A love-hate relationship

BY MADISON GARVIN

Growing up in a place with a cross town rival is a very different experience. In a city with a small town feel like Janesville, WI, supporting your side of town is a must.

When we were younger, many of us went to Craig vs. Parker and saw the older kids yelling back and forth to defend the honor of their school.

Now that we are all in high school we realize there is much more to the "rivalry" than just sports. There are twitter fights, cheer-offs, and plenty of dirty looks to go around.

But with all the hate in the air, one can wonder: do Craig and Parker students really hate each other? The honest answer to that is no, they actually get along pretty well.

While elbows are

being thrown on the court, many of the players are friends off the court. Senior varsity basketball player, Hannah Halverson admits, "I don't hate them or anything, in fact we all work out together."

Tenth grader, Emily Pierson enjoys the Craig/Parker games because "it is not a competition, but an opportunity to play while not hurting each other."

The two schools' cheer teams were also busy at work during the last few weeks. First, they spent a weekend with each other learning a routine, and the next weekend they performed it together.

Parker cheer captain, Shayna Williams, explained to me how the almost fifty performers learned the choreography in just two days. She explained how "before we felt like rivals" but now "it's more fun."

Each school choreographed half of the routine and taught it to the other team.

The cheer teams worked together to create a cohesive routine that incorporated the talents of both Craig and Parker's talented cheer teams. There were stunts that involved girls from both schools.

Hailey Kind (12) said, "It's a rivalry for sure, but I am friends with most of them."

During halftime of the boys and girls games against Parker, the squads joined in a performance.

"We won't do a battle this year. We are going to be united this year...We practiced with them in preparation for the Craig/Parker game and made a routine together."

Throughout all this fun, the boys seemed to be a little more competitive. Junior Jacob Ngobi loved "the school



pride [he] felt when Craig won the game."

Senior Jake Negus expressed that "the Craig Parker rivalry means everything to [him]."

All in all, the players themselves seemed to enjoy the crowd the most. The energy the crowd brings to a Craig vs. Parker game is unlike any other game throughout the season.

Jacob Ngobi just hopes that the students "will come support the team for the rest of the season like they do at Craig/Parker Games."

After the girls game,

the Parker student section flooded the court when their girls team won the game, while on Friday, the Craig student section flooded the court to join their winning team.

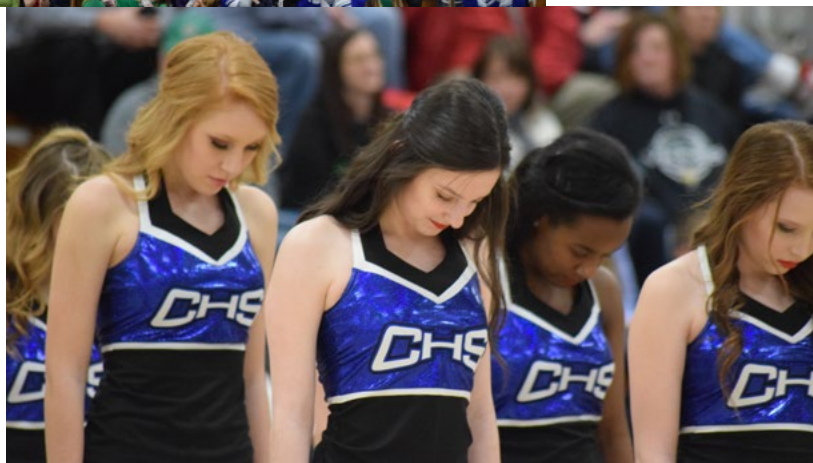
While everyone was either celebrating their win or mourning their loss, students from both schools could be seen searching the court for friends from the rival school.

All in all, while there is much competition on the court, Craig and Parker students and athletes do in fact like each other.





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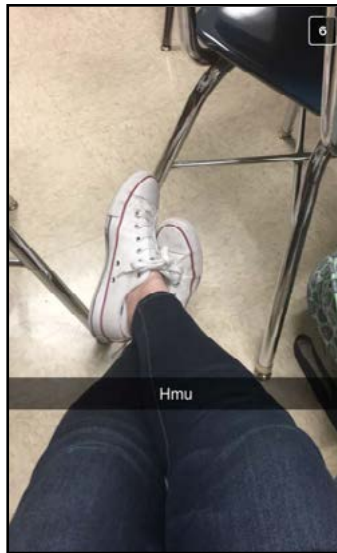
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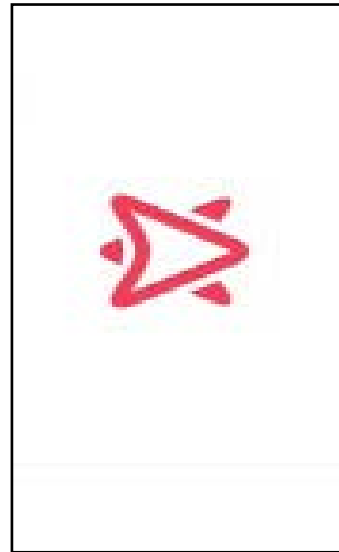
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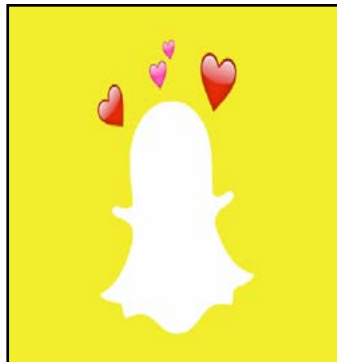
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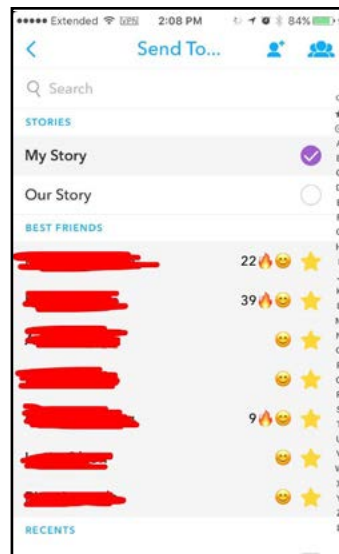
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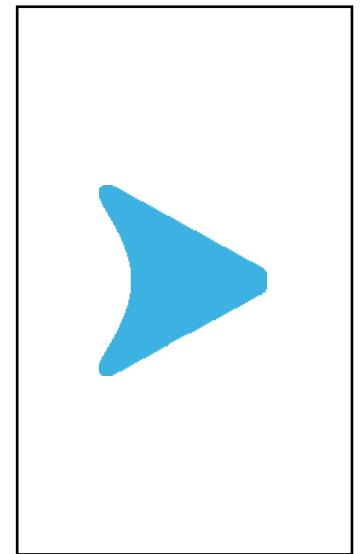
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8.) Leaving them on open



9.) Sending them the same picture that's on your story



10.) Snap texting a whole conversation



Play Pics: *Our Town* Preparations & Dates

BY MARTY FORBECK

Craig High School's latest theatrical project, *Our Town*, is entering its final stages of production.

The play tells the story of a few families in the fictional American town of Grover's Corners in the very early 1900s.

Saying much more than that would be strewing into spoilers territory, so suffice it to say that the play runs for about 2 hours, and will be shown on the following dates:

February 21 & 22: This will

be actually be just a single, free production, split up by Acts into the I-Blocks of those two days.

February 24 & 25: These will be full performances, both starting at 7:00pm.

February 26: This will be a full performance, but starting at 2:00pm.

All performances will take place in the Small Auditorium, and tickets to the performances, excluding the one split into I-Blocks, are \$5 each.

Children under the age of 5 get in free.



How long have you been dating and what's your favorite thing to do together?



Josh Rivera (12) & Cordelia Regenold (12)-
"We've been together for almost 3 years. We really enjoy spending time watching movies and messing around with each other."
-Cordelia



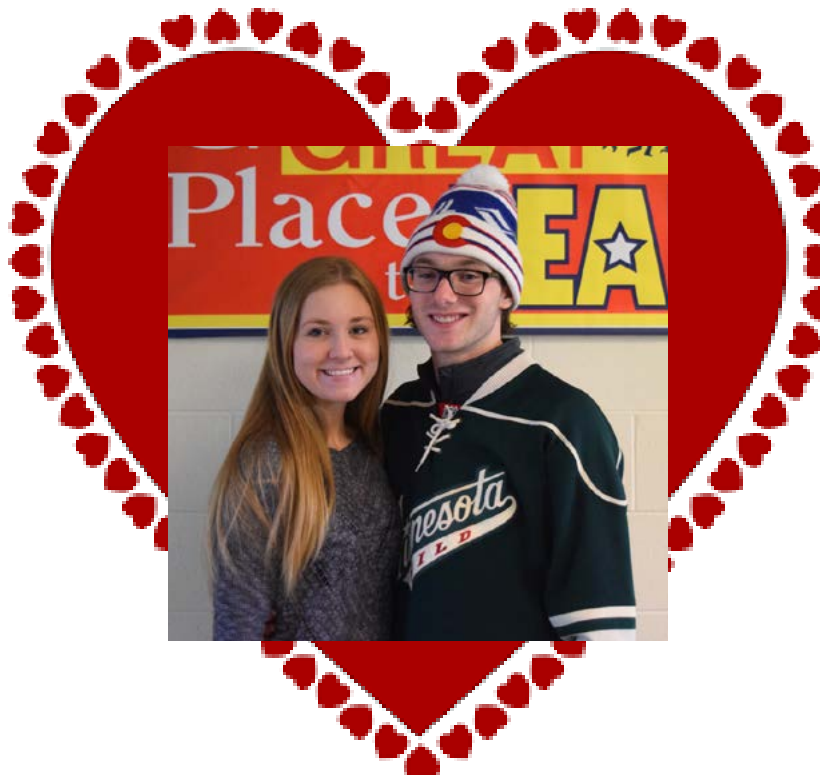
Everett Washington (12) & Lauren Zaharias (12)-
"We've been together nearly four years and our favorite thing to do together is relax and watch movies."
-Lauren



Nick Cramer (12) & Jenna Brandt (12)-
"We've been dating for 3 years 10 months and probably going to Nicks lake house and boating!"
-Jenna



Spencer Wakefield (10) & Elliott Brigham (9)-
"A year and 10 months, and watching shows and playing video games together."
-Elliot



Alex Kreuger (12) & Maddie Spry (11)-
"Eight and a half months and we like to go on adventures together."
-Alex



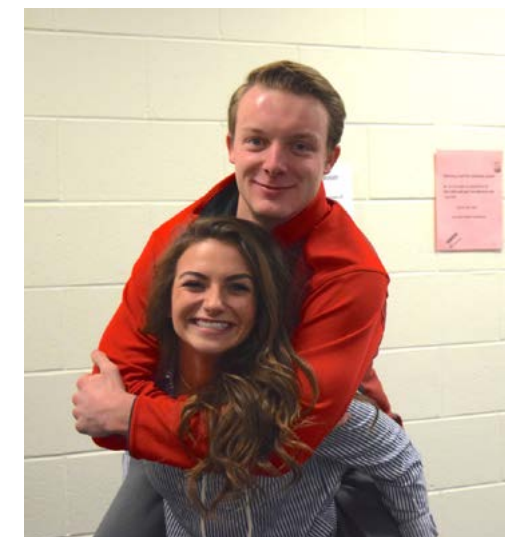
Jacob Ngobi (11) & Karsyn Kobs (11)-
"4 months and probably going on drives and listening to music, thats always fun with him."
-Karsyn



Cooper Kennedy (11) & Ashley Partello (11)-
"We have been dating a little over a year and our favorite thing to do is probably order Chinese food and watch The Office."
-Ashley



Dominick Rizzo (11) & Shanate Schumacher (12)-
"We've been dating for 1.5 months and hanging out and being around eachother is the best thing to do together."
-Shantae



Jake Negus (12) & Olivia Hulick (12)-
"Jake and I have been together for a year and 3 months! Our favorite thing to do together is laugh! It doesnt matter where we are or what we're doing, he always puts a smile on my face."
-Olivia

Juniors to take ACT, Workkeys test at Craig

BY AIDAN ENO

February 28th and March 1st are two big days for the junior body.

On those days, juniors across the state of Wisconsin will take the ACT and the Workkeys test, respectively.

The ACT at Craig will go until approximately 1:00, and juniors will be dismissed from school. Freshman, sophomore, and seniors will not have school.

The ACT is an important test for college bound students.

While some colleges have begun to give students the option of submitting standardized test results, most still require those scores.

"The school started administering the ACT to all juniors during the 2014-15 school year as a result of a state department of public instruction mandate that all juniors in the state of WI take the ACT on the same date," said Sherri Rudkin, one of the school's coordinators for the test.

There are a few benefits to the school's administering of the test. If a student were to take the ACT on a national test date, the student would have to pay \$58.50. The test administered at Craig on the 28th, however, is free to students.

These scores can be used for college admission, so if a student does well, they would not need to take the test again, as is common among juniors shooting for a better score.

"The ACT score can be used for admission to any state four year or two year institution as well as any state technical college," says Rudkin. The scores usually arrive at Craig around three weeks after the test date.

For some students, a lot of preparation goes into the ACT. Preparation courses are held throughout the year, and some have already taken the

test, in hopes of better understanding the types of questions on the test.

The administering of the test also requires a lot of preparation and coordination. Room rosters need to be created so the juniors know where to report, and ACT supervisors and proctors need to be assigned a room.

Parents and families need to be informed, and that means distributing information to the families of about 400 families.

All staff will attend meetings on how to deliver the ACT. Expelled students need to be tracked down, because if they don't take the test, it counts as a zero for the school's report card.

And after the test is over, the tests, about 400 or so, will need to be boxed up and sent out for scoring.

It's a lot, but with this intense preparation come quite a few benefits.

Students registering for the statewide ACT will register during I-block on Feb. 21st and 22nd, whereas a student registering for a national test date would register online.

If a student were to take the ACT on a national test date, the student would have to pay \$58.50. The test administered at Craig on the 28th, however, is free to students.

These scores can help get students into college. And for students who aren't juniors, school is off.

The following day, juniors will take the Workkeys test.

The Workkeys is a test that assesses a student's readiness for a job.

Students can submit their scores to potential employers, and their employers can gauge their strengths and weakness.

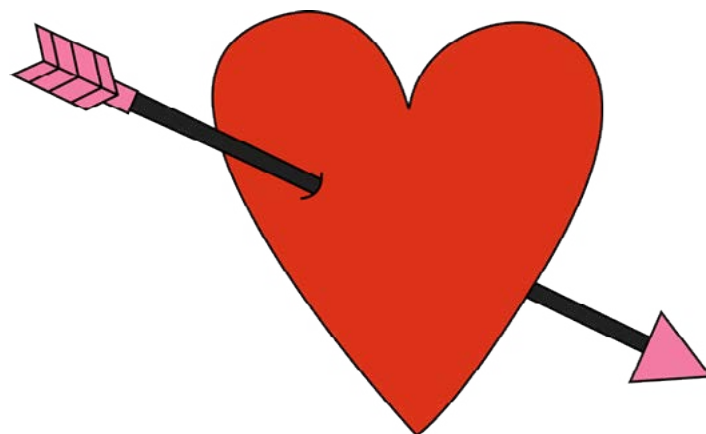
The test will be held on March 1st, and it will go until 12:30. After that, students will

attend shortened classes for the rest of the day.

Both of these tests are serious and important, and students should treat them as such.

While it is necessary to remember that each individual is more than a test score, these scores can help strengthen an application, whether it be for college or a career, and students should try their best.

So freshman, sophomores, and seniors... enjoy your day off. And juniors... good luck.



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The History of Valentine's Day

BY KEN FORBECK

Today Valentine's Day is a day to show your love through notes, candy, flowers, and jewelry.

But what are the origins of this holiday of love?

Large parts of the holiday's origin remain unknown, but it is agreed that the roots of this holiday come from the Roman fertility festival of Lupercalia.

Held in mid-February the festival either honored Lupa, the she-wolf that fed Romulus and Remus, or Fanus, their god of fertility.

The festival started with killing an animal and then slapping women with strips of the animal's skin. These women voluntarily lined up since the ritual was said to bestow fertility.

Do not try that at home kids. It does not work.

Not much is known about the day's namesake as there were multiple Saint Valentines made saints by the Catholic Church.

But the one that is widely recognized lived in the third century AD, and was sentenced to death for performing secret marriage ceremonies, defying the rule of Roman Emperor Claudius II.

Claudius II banned marriage for young Roman men because he believed that they would be better soldiers if they were single and didn't have families to worry about.

While Valentine was in jail it is believed many people stopped by his cell and passed flowers and notes through his bars to him.

It is also believed that he fell in love with his jailors

daughter, and on the day of his execution, February 14th, he wrote a note to her signed "from your Valentine".

Other stories suggest he was a bishop from Terni, a city in the middle of Italy, or a mysterious Valentine that died in Africa, but even though it is a mystery who he is, all the legends say he was romantic and heroic.

At the end of the 5th century Pope Gelasius declared Valentine day on February 14th to honor Valentine, yet the holiday wasn't associated with love until the 1300s, and valentine greetings didn't appear until the 15th century.

Then, in the 17th century, Great Britain began the tradition of exchanging cards or letters. It soon spread to the US.

Other traditions and symbols eventually assimilated into the celebration. Cupid, the Roman god of love, inspired the image of cherubs that are now on many modern Valentine cards.

In the US it's estimated that over 1,000,000,000 cards are sent on Valentine's Day each year, trumping every other holiday except Christmas.

For Valentine's Day it has been estimated that Americans spend over \$18,000,000,000 annually. The most popular gifts are candy, flowers, cards, and jewelry.

To close on a happy note, it's important to remember that this is has become a day that is personally important to millions.

Around 3% of the Americans that celebrate Valentine's Day get engaged on the special holiday.

AP Literature holds tea party

BY MARTY FORBECK

On January 31, CHS's AP English Literature classes took a block period out to hold a sort of Regency simulation.

The classes were in the process of studying Jane Austen's classic book *Pride and Prejudice*, so in order to simulate Austen's portrait of English society in the early 19th century, a semi-authentic tea party was held.

Participants were given optional credit for dressing up or bringing food to the party, and additional credit on top of that if their clothing or food was authentic to the time period.

All participants, regardless of dress, were to come up with some sort of period-appropriate name/character, and abide by Regency manners systems.

The systems in particular provided an interesting insight into the extreme levels of misogyny that permeated Austen's society.

Rules at the party included the following:

Men can't sit down until all the women have.

Ladies are never to serve themselves, men are to do it for them.

Men are never to discuss "impolite" subjects in the presence of ladies, including subjects such as politics or smoking.

But, to steal a common phrase from the feminist critic Anita Sarkeesian, "The list goes on and on."

It was a clearly educational party in its other aspects as well.

Participants were each given a list of questions to discuss about *Pride and Prejudice*, only partially breaking character to do so.

Reactions after the party were generally positive.



PHOTO BY Anne VanderZee

The 2nd Hour (Above) and 4th Hour (Below) Tea Party Participants, decked out in full Regency garb.



"It was fun... some people need to learn manners, but it was a good time," said one student.

"Guy Fieri was everywhere," said another.

Every class has its own jokes.

In Review: Gone Home

BY MARTY FORBECK

Gone Home is a romance game about exploring a house. Alone.

The only information you get going in to the experience is that it's been a year since you left home to study overseas.

It's 1995, and you're just off the plane heading back. Your family should be at home to greet you, but instead there's no one. There's no immediate evidence as to your parents' whereabouts, and your sister has left a note on the door asking you to not coming looking for her.

That's not a typically romance set up, but this isn't a typically

romance.

It's a 90s one. All grunge and heart and strangeness.

Instead of telling you a story the game leaves you a story to find.

Gameplay consists entirely of from room to room in your family's massive house, and reading every discarded journal, notebook, and discarded piece of tissues paper to piece together where your family is, and why.

Your sister's story is the central one, and the romantic one, but all your family members get a fully fleshed out story.

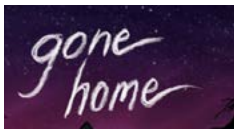
No one is neglected here. Even your dead grandpa has complex emotions

The full game only takes about 2-3

hours to complete, depending on your thoroughness, and it's available on PC, Mac, Xbox One, and PS4 for \$20.

That's admittedly a stiff price for a 3 hour experience, but the game earns it.

If you're looking to cozy up, either with someone or by yourself on a cold February 14 night, and just feel uncertain, but optimistic for the future, there is not many a better experience \$20 could buy.



Swim Team Captain Micheal Cullen: Q&A

BY THE CRITERION EDITORS

The CHS varsity swim team finished 8th at the conference meet on Saturday, February 4.

Then, Sectionals were held Saturday, February 11, at Middleton.

The team scored well, but not well enough to qualify for any state events.

We sat down with Captain Cullen, before the event, to hear how the team's current and future prospects look from the inside.

How has the swim season gone so far--ups, downs, successes, struggles?

The swim season has gone well. As always we have ups and downs. We are small so it's difficult to compete with the larger teams. We did, however, compete very well with teams that were similar in size. Every meet we tried to

swim hard and worked our way to a few good victories.

How do you feel about the team?

I am a big fan of our team. We get along really well and like to have fun but still work hard. We have a lot of young swimmers so it's cool to see them learning and doing well in meets.

What have been the team goals this year?

Our goal is to swim as hard as we can every meet and be as competitive as we can. We worked hard all season so we are hoping for results.

What is the outlook for sectionals and state?

The outlook is to do as well as we can. We plan to ready ourselves the best we can and see what happens.



Photos taken and submitted by Brian Cullen
Michael Cullen (12) slices through the water in the free-style (top). Above, Alex Sapozhnikov (12) leaves a wake as he swims the breaststroke.

Jazz Trip to Steven's Point

BY KEN FORBECK

On Friday February 4 Jazz I, Jazz II, and Combo band, a small jazz band that focuses on improvisation, took a 2 hour trip to Steven's Point Jazz Fest.

They came back with lots of awards even though this was non-competitive. In Jazz II Parker Runquist, Noah Kolak, and Ryan O'Donnell each won outstanding soloist award winners.

In Jazz I Bobbie Jo Disch,

Andrew Moore, and Alex McNall each got outstanding jazz musician awards.

After eating lunch they separated and went to their different masterclasses where they were taught a little bit about proper warm-up techniques and techniques they should use to learn a song on their instrument.

After warming up each one of the bands played and were introduced to Tim Albright, a trombone professor at Lawrence University, and Laura

Caviani, who has a master in music and has taught at many schools and colleges, the clinicians that judged the bands.

Then to end their time Tim and Laura went up to the stage and helped the bands out by going through parts of the songs that could use a little improvement and the bands also got to have some fun with improvisation which is a huge and very important part of jazz.



Photo taken and submitted by Brian Cullen
Craig's senior boys pose on senior night on January 6
From left to right: Alex Sapozhnikov, Drew Carter, Jack Elliott and Michael Cullen.

Lesser Known Black Figures for Black History Month

BY KEN FORBECK

Everybody knows Martin Luther King Jr. and Maya Angelou, but they're far from the only Black figures this month is dedicated to.

Here are a few of the others.

Benjamin Banneker was a free-born descendant of slaves who became a famous 18th-century astronomer, mathematician and surveyor. He is considered by many to be the first African-American scientist. "Presumption should

never make us neglect that which appears easy to us, nor despair make us lose courage at the sight of difficulties."

George Washington Carver was a world-famous chemist who made important agricultural discoveries and inventions. His research on peanuts, sweet potatoes, and other products helped poor southern farmers vary their crops and improve their diets. "Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."

Louis Armstrong, nick-

named Satchmo or Pops, was an American trumpeter, composer, singer and occasional actor who was one of the most influential figures in jazz. "Man, if you gotta ask you'll never know."

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington was an American composer, pianist, and bandleader of a jazz orchestra, which he led from 1923 until his death in a career spanning over fifty years. "I merely took the energy it takes to pout and wrote some blues."

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford became the first African American to travel into space when he served as a mission specialist aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

Macon Bolling Allen is believed to be both the first African American licensed to practice law and to hold a judicial position in the United States. Allen passed the bar exam in Maine in 1844 and became a Massachusetts Justice of the Peace in 1848.

Mary Jane Patterson is large-

ly recognized as the first black woman in the United States to graduate from an established four-year college. "Our involvement in the civil rights movement is what sent us into our involvement against apartheid."

Valerie Thomas is an African-American scientist and inventor best known for her patented illusion transmitter and contributions to NASA research.

Even under discrimination these people did big things.



Gymnasts hope for path to State

BY DAVID HOLMQUIST

Jenna Brandt (12) has been the highest scoring and most consistent performer on the gymnastics team this year.

While she competes in all of the events, she says, "I think that floor exercise has been my best event this year."

She was proven correct by scoring a 9.1 and taking first place against Madison Memorial on Feb. 9, a meet won by the Spartans, 131-129.

Her solid season was further evident at the meet against Middleton on Monday, February 6.

She won the vault and was second in the all around. Grace Carlson (11) placed third in the all-around and took first on beam.

Ari Stalsberg (9) won the bars.

Despite these first-place finishes, Craig lost to the Cardinals,

126.625-124.475, but it wasn't due to a lack of talent.

"We have a lot of talented girls," said Brandt.

"We just haven't won a lot of meets."

The Middleton meet was symbolic of the up and down season they have had.

Before the meet, Audrey Bouland (12) hurt her toe and had to be scratched.

"We have had some flukey stuff hap-



Photo by David Holmquist



pen this year," said Coach Jean Welch.

"Like tonight, when Audrey hurt her toe when a bar dropped on it and she couldn't compete."

The next challenge for the team is the sectional, which will be held on Feb. 23 at Mukwonago High School.

Brandt expects a competitive meet.

"The Mukwonago sectional is so tough," she said.

To qualify, individuals must finish in the top five of their events. Also, the top two teams at every sectional qualify for

state. "The state champion always comes out of our sectional. That means that some teams and some girls at the Mukwonago sectional will not qualify for state even though they will have higher scores than gymnasts in other sectionals."

Despite the challenges of the season, Brandt enjoys the team. "We have fun. We are really close," she said.

While Jenna's gymnastics career is soon to end, she plans to play softball at UW-LaCrosse and enroll in the school's radiation therapy program.

Until then, she and her Cougar teammates know there is work to do.

"It will take scores in the nines to qualify for State, but I have done that a couple times this year."

Unless otherwise noted, all photos by Hannah Dunlavy (9)

Clockwise from left: Lauren Zaharias (12) performs her floor routine against Middleton on Monday, Feb. 6. Jenna Brandt (12) shows perfect form in her first-place vault. Phoebe Werner (9) dismounts the beam. Hallie Wunn (12) shows focus in her routine. Grace Carlson (11) powers through the uneven bars.



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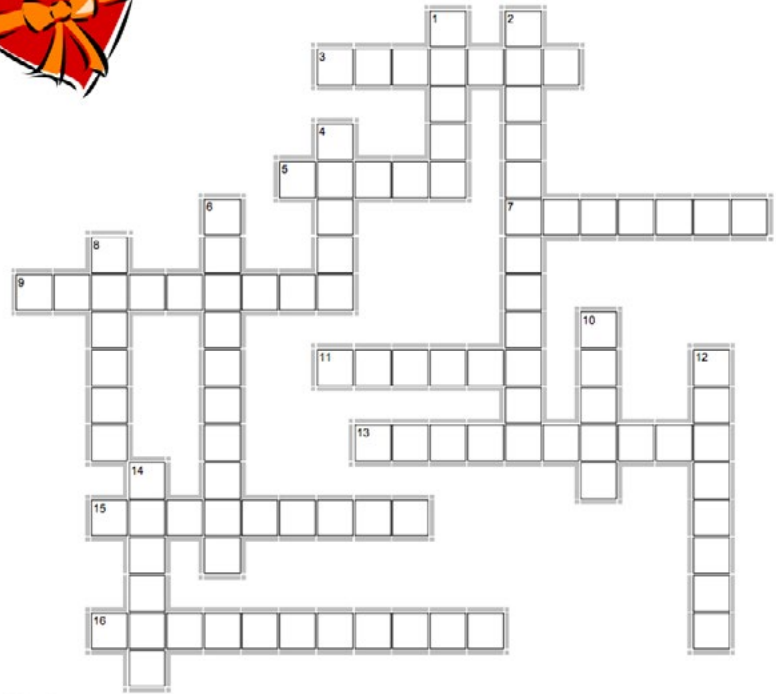
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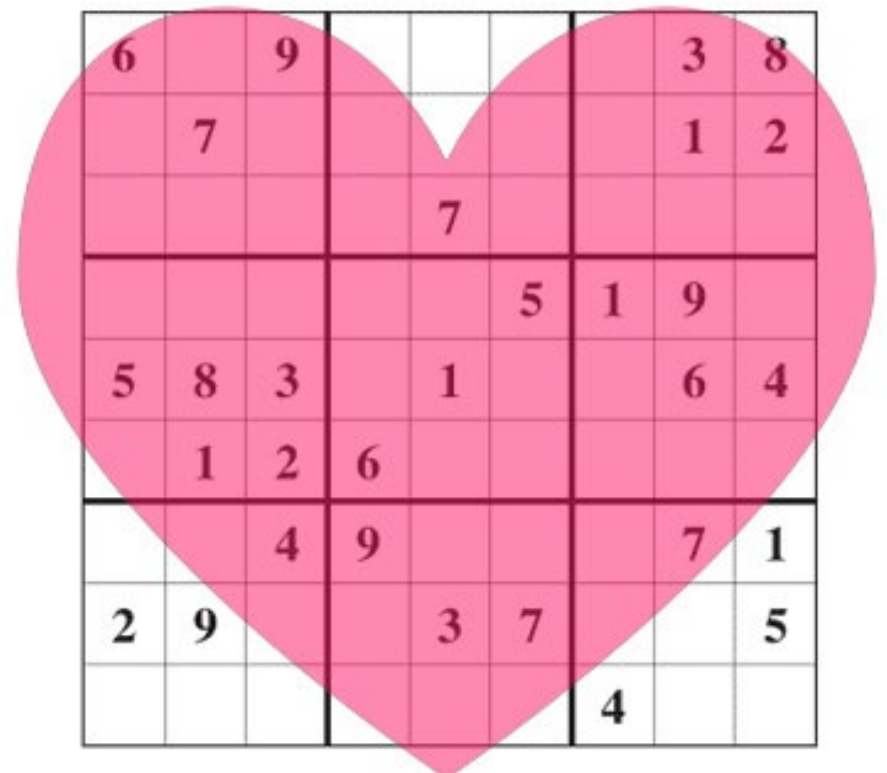
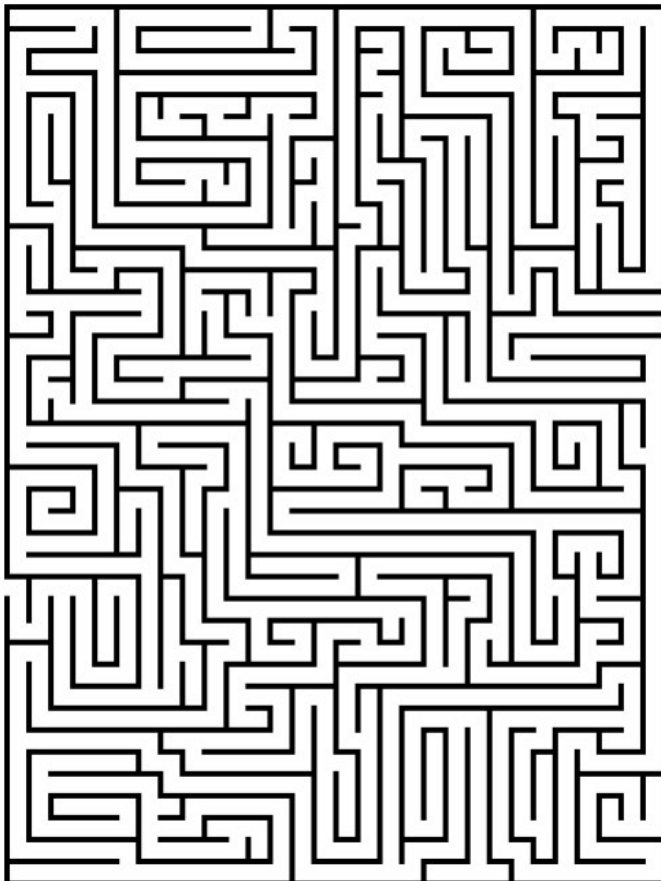
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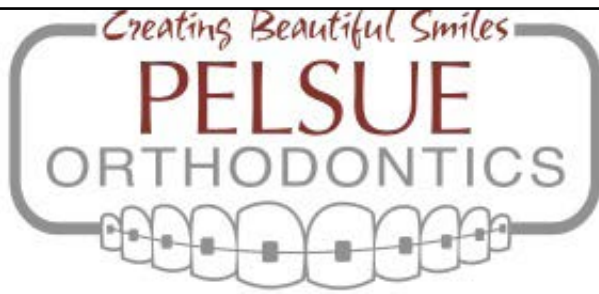
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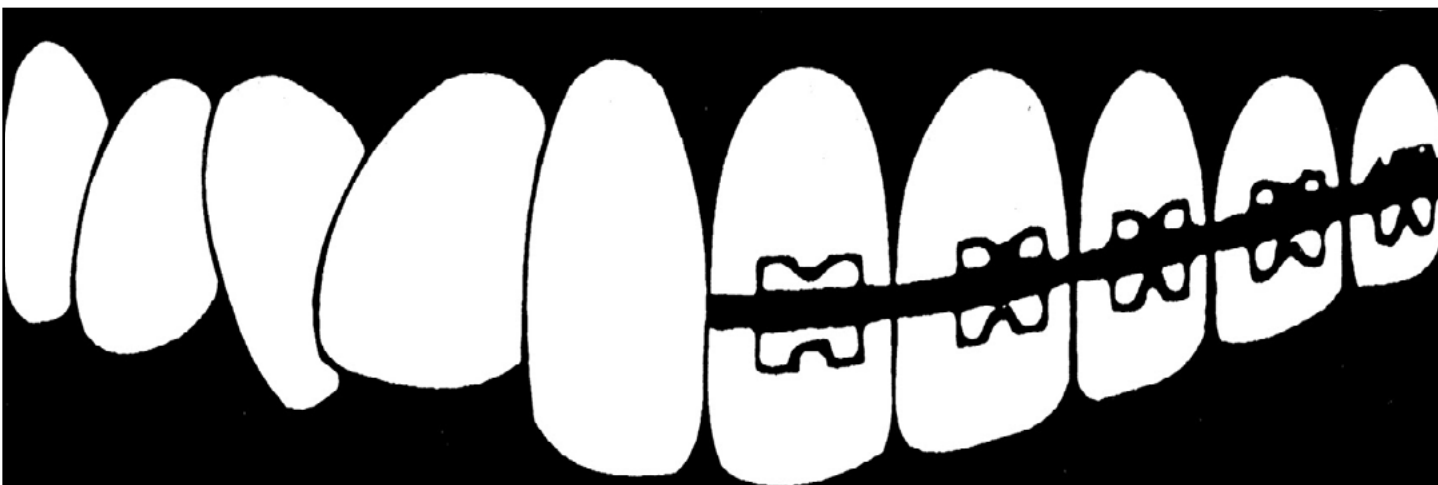


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