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Riverfield basketball



(Left) Michael Kelley had a season high of 38 points against ETS, helping the Ravens win 85-39. (Right) The Lady Ravens get pumped up before their game. PHOTOS BY ROBERTA PEAKE

By Ryan Peake
STAFF WRITER

Riverfield basketball has been busy the past two weeks. The boys have played Destiny, Holland Hall, Rejoice, and ETS, while the girls have played Destiny, Rejoice, and ETS.

The boys' team slaughtered Destiny (73-31), Holland Hall (63-36), and ETS (85-39), but lost by 14 points to Rejoice (45-59). There was a packed gym for the Rejoice game, and it was one of the loudest games ever. With five minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Ravens climbed back and were down by only 7 points, but they couldn't overcome the deficit.

The girls' team easily took down Destiny (52-10), but lost to Rejoice (24-29) and ETS (29-35).

The Ravens' and Lady Ravens' games against Bartlesville Wesleyan last Thursday were iced out. The Homecoming games against Dove Science Academy the following night were also called off because of weather. The Varsity boys will play Dove tomorrow, February 6, at home.

Up next week for Riverfield's basketball teams will be games against Prue on February 9, CHEF on February 12, and Tyro Christian on February 19.

Homecoming festivities have been rescheduled and will be held during the CHEF games next Friday. Riverfield will crown its Homecoming King and Queen during half-time of the boys' game.

Sadly, the Tyro Christian games will be the last of the 2009-2010 season, so be sure to come out and support your Riverfield Ravens during their final two weeks!

Second giraffe dies

By Sam Laney
NEWS EDITOR

Two giraffes recently died at the Tulsa Zoo, and that has some Tulsa city councilors wondering about the facility. This past December, a five year old giraffe died of a neck injury sustained during transport from Ohio. More recently, during the extreme cold weather, a nine year old giraffe also died. The necropsy indicated that the cause of death was hypothermia. The Tulsa Park and Recreation Department asked the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to send an inspection team to monitor the veterinary program and animal care procedures.

The zookeepers stationed portable heaters and extra bedding in the shelter when they first noticed the giraffe was exhibiting signs of hypothermia, but it wasn't enough.

All the animals here at Riverfield are domesticated and acclimated to Oklahoma (used to colder weather in winter), and are also provided adequate shelters to protect them from harsh weather. Giraffes are native to Africa and need a much warmer climate to survive than that of animals found in Oklahoma.

The zookeepers and experts should have known better. The giraffes were in a heated shelter, but obviously it was not heated enough to compensate for the outside temperature. It is inexcusable for an animal at a modern zoo to die of cold.

It is unclear what the inspection team may find, but it is clear that something went wrong. There are efforts underway to make sure that further deaths are avoided and animal health is kept at a high standard.

Ben Rao's 2010 Super Bowl predictions

By Ben Rao
SPORTS EDITOR

For all of Drew Brees' football career, doubters have been out in full force.

The University of Texas didn't want him because of a supposedly weak arm. He went to Purdue and threw for 90 touchdowns and 11,792 yards, both Big Ten records at the time. Despite this, NFL scouts thought he wasn't big or strong enough to be an elite quarterback, so he slipped to the second round of the 2001 NFL draft.

After being drafted by the Chargers, he led them to a playoff berth and became a Pro Bowler. However, in 2006, when Drew became a

free agent, San Diego let him go so Phillip Rivers could become the quarterback.

After all of this, it was only fitting that Drew went to a team and a city that had been doubted and rejected itself. After Hurricane Katrina, people thought New Orleans would never recover. And the Saints, infamously known as the "Ain'ts" during the worst of times, had not made a Super Bowl since joining the NFL in 1967.

It is nothing short of remarkable that almost four years after Brees joined the Saints, he has now led them into their first Super Bowl and is considered one of the best quarterbacks in all of football.

But the Saints' opponent in the Super Bowl has a pretty

good QB as well. For the Colts' Peyton Manning, who won his record fourth MVP this season, a second Super Bowl championship would place him in the top five all time great quarterbacks.

But this game will not just be about the quarterbacks. As Brett Favre and the Vikings proved in the NFC championship game, turnovers will ultimately decide who brings home the Vince Lombardi Trophy. The Saints have a very opportunistic defense, but I have a feeling that the Colts defense, led by safety Antoine Bethea, will force at least two turnovers in

key moments, just enough for Peyton Manning to lead the Colts to victory in what should be the shootout of all time, and the highest scoring Super Bowl ever.

My prediction: Colts 42 - Saints 31. MVP Peyton Manning.



Kenny Kite, Kevin Daroga, and Ryan Peake are ready for Sunday's big game. PHOTO BY RAMSEY TALLADIVEDULA

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Upcoming events in February

By Meghan Kelkar
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

February is known as the month for love and finding that someone special for you. But it also involves other major holidays and events that everyone should be looking out for.

February is not only known for Valentine's Day, but it is also Black History Month. This normally comes in the second week of February.

Also, the first of February is "National Freedom Day" and the second is "Groundhog Day," when we find out if Spring is coming early this year or not.

In addition, the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts will be celebrated this

year on February 8.

The third week of the month begins with Presidents'

Day on February 15. If you're Catholic, you'll be celebrating Fat Tuesday on February 16 and Ash Wednesday on February 17.

Besides holidays, there are other events coming up. The big one is Super Bowl XLIII which is Sunday, February 7.

Other happenings this February are the openings of the movies "Valentine's Day" and "Dear John." Both are predicted to be hits in theaters. On TV, the hit show "Lost" is premiering a new season on February 2.

So make sure to mark your calendars now because February is a month filled with special days and events. Enjoy!



Omar Rana and Katy Nichols in the Valentine's spirit...
PHOTO BY RAMSEY TALLADIVEDULA

Atom bomb survivor—x 2

By Carl Berry
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever had one of those days where no matter what you do, you can't do it right? Well, I can guarantee you that no matter how unlucky you are, you are in a much better situation than Tsutomu Yamaguchi, who died at age 93 on January 6.

Mr. Yamaguchi, whose nickname was "Lucky," was on a business trip in Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. Later

that day, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, killing more than 140,000 people. Yamaguchi survived the blast with severe burns and temporary blindness, and he was forced to spend the night in the city.

The next day, he decided to go home to Nagasaki. Three days later, the second atomic bomb was dropped on Japan. Can you guess where? That's right—Nagasaki. This time, his entire family was affected. His wife and son both died of cancer

due to radiation later in their lives.

Yamaguchi suffered from many radiation-related illnesses including stomach cancer. In his last few years, he gave many speeches around the world, including one at the United Nations in 2006. He was the only known survivor of both bombs.

So, the next time you complain about something that happened at school or a bad grade you got on a test, remember Tsutomu Yamaguchi. At least a bad grade can't kill you.

Need a finger? Grow one!

By Ramsey Talladivedula
STAFF WRITER

New technology is making it possible to grow body parts. It's called "regenerative medicine."

The goal is to help patients waiting for organ transplants and veterans returning home from wars with terrible wounds. In the United States, more than 84,000 people are on waiting lists for organ transplants. Eighteen of those people die every day—that's more than 6,500 people a year!

So far, scientists have created working hearts, ears, and bladders by forcing cells from the human body to regrow tissue. The Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine in North Carolina is currently working on 22 different tissues and organs including bladders, kidneys, and lungs.

To make these body parts, they start with special stem cells that are unique for each body part. Then they create a mold of



Only four fingers?

PHOTO BY RAMSEY TALLADIVEDULA

the body part they want. They have to isolate and multiply the stem cells until there are enough to cover the mold.

Coating the mold with stem cells is done one layer at a time. When these stem cells are put in the right place, they know what they are supposed to do, and they perform the right function for the body. The mold is de-

signed to degrade once the tissue forms. The body begins to recognize it as its own organ, and it grows with the body.

This process can take six to eight weeks. Some people are already living normal, healthy lives with new organs grown by using the tissues from their own bodies. Regenerative medicine is just beginning.

Solar powered sea slug discovered

By Kenzie Zwayer
STAFF WRITER

Elysia chlorotica is a lowly sea slug from the Atlantic coast of the U.S. It spends its 365 days of life gliding over the seabed, picking at algae.

Scientists probably thought as much about *E. chlorotica* as you do now until they noticed that instead of behaving like a normal sea slug, it functioned like a plant. This particular slug was observed using photosynthesis instead of eating like an animal.

Conveniently leaf-shaped and bright green, *E. chlorotica* has developed a way of surviving largely without food—just sunlight.

In a lab setting, young *E. chlorotica* that fed on algae for two weeks were reportedly able to live the rest of their lives without absorbing food. That's 11 and a half months without any food!

It is thought that the algae's gene that controls photosynthesis was taken in by the slugs' system along with its chloroplasts.

While gene-stealing has been recorded in other species, the absorbed genes never actually function correctly, they just stick around in the genome. It is also important to note that the photosynthetic genes are passed on in the slugs' sex cells, meaning that the trait is easily passed from generation to generation.

If the idea of a slug living off sun power doesn't impress you, try imagining a human being using photosynthesis to power itself. No waste, no food, just sun bathing! Although scientists hope to use *E. chlorotica*'s genetic oddity to further study the absorption of alien genes into a genome, it is unlikely that photosynthetic life forms beyond the complexity of a colorful gastropod could ever hope to be solar powered.



Ms. James enjoys a can of (addicting?) refreshment.

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Diet Coke addiction

By Marisa Morgan
12TH GRADE

"I cannot live without my Diet Coke!" said RCDS senior Darcie Golden when asked about her favorite drink. Over the past few years there has been a spike in the appeal of diet sodas, especially of the Coke variety. Everyone seems to be drinking more and more soda, but feeling like it must be OK because it's "diet."

The Diet Coke phenomenon has been coined by the media as a "civilized addiction." When this widespread love of Diet Coke was recognized, news stations and other media outlets started to look into what could possibly be causing this reaction.

Is it the fact that it's low fat? Are they putting something different or addictive into the mix? Or does it simply taste better than other sodas? All of these have been investigated and have resulted in stories that claim that Diet Coke, even in moderation, may not be as healthy as we think.

Many networks have had exposes and specials on their findings. Some doctors believe that drinking large amounts of Diet Coke can cause diabetes, abdominal obesity, and/or high blood pressure. There may be nothing to it, but perhaps people will consider those possibilities when they reach for their next Diet Coke.

The basketball HOMECOMING DANCE has been rescheduled. It will be held next Saturday, February 13, from 7 to 11 p.m. If you haven't bought your ticket yet, it's not too late!

3 A&E

NEW MOVIES RELEASED: (*This week*) "Dear John" (PG-13 romantic drama), (*On Feb. 12*) "Valentine's Day" (PG-13 romantic comedy), (*On Feb. 19*) "The Ghost Writer" (PG-13 thriller)...

Music file sharing

By Chris Dickey
STAFF WRITER

There's no way around it—file sharing is stealing, whether you download off the internet or just get a friend to burn you a copy of their CD.

Some bands such as Radiohead and Nine Inch Nails, among others, have decided because of file sharing that they are just going to give away their music if people are going to steal it anyway. In the words of Malachi Keeter, "every time you file share, you are downloading communism."

Not only is file sharing illegal, but it is also potentially harmful to one's computer. You don't have any idea who uploaded the files before you, and you don't have any idea if they contain identification-stealing spyware or viruses.

One famous example of the problematic issues created by file sharing happened after Napster debuted in 1999.

Napster is a centralized, unstructured, peer-to-peer system. It is generally credited as being the first peer-to-peer file sharing system. Napster provided a service where they indexed and stored file information that its users made available on their computers for others to download. The files were transferred directly between the host and client users after authorization by Napster.

Shortly after, Lars Ulrich of Metallica sued Napster for letting people have his band's music for free. By court order, Napster shut down and all copyrighted content was blocked from being downloaded. The Napster brand and logo were then acquired by a pay service.

Game Review: StarCraft II coming

By Malachi Keeter
STAFF WRITER

The original StarCraft was released by Blizzard Entertainment in 1998 to an eager crowd. The science fiction strategy game quickly became one of the highest selling games ever released for the PC, selling around 9.5 million copies worldwide according to Blizzard.

Terms from the game, such as "Zerg rush" have actually become legitimate terms in the English language. The game is especially popular in South Korea, where many companies sponsor professional StarCraft teams in televised tournaments.

The game consists of three playable factions: The humans (Terran), the good aliens (The Protoss), and the bad aliens (The Zerg). Players can control one of these three factions in a multiplayer match or play a campaign involving all three races.

For eleven years now, Blizzard has been planning a sequel to StarCraft. Over the years, they have tried to make other games for the franchise, such as a shooter game that unfortunately was never finished. But due to various problems, none of them have seen the light of day.

However, StarCraft fans can rejoice because StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty is going to be

released in the first half of this year! The game will be released along with two expansion packs: "Heart of the Swarm" and "Legacy of the Void."

Its single player mode will continue the story of the original game and also use characters from the original. However, Wings of Liberty will focus more on the multiplayer aspect, having dozens of new units and upgrades.

StarCraft is one of the greatest games of all time according to GameSpot, and I agree with them. If this sequel lives up to the original, then we will have an incredible piece of workmanship on our hands.



Anyone with a computer can download music files. But if it's free, is it stealing?
PHOTO BY RAMSEY TAL-

Late night 'star wars' at NBC

By Ben Rao
STAFF WRITER

Can NBC sink lower? We're about to find out. In a day and age with cable, network TV already is losing ground, but NBC may have brought itself a death blow, and to its most important department.

Only seven months after Conan O'Brien took over the Tonight Show, NBC execs have decided to pull the plug on what used to be a prideful show. Now NBC will allow good ol' Jay Leno back into his cushy late

night spot, only four months after NBC moved him to 10 p.m. Eastern time, hoping a prime time show would score big with viewers. However, all it did was make local affiliates angry and NBC bigwigs sorry about ever trying the idea in the first place.

You can't blame Leno or Conan. All they've done is continue to entertain us with their comedy. Yet NBC had a short fuse and wanted ratings immediately. After 15 years of the regular format, did NBC really think viewers would be able to

adjust that quickly? They should at least have allowed some time for Conan and Leno to attract a new audience rather than expecting instant success.

Ultimately, Leno got his show back and Conan landed a truck load of cash with a possible future at another network, most likely FOX. But NBC has probably been damaged beyond repair. It doesn't look like NBC is going green, like their new slogan suggests, but that they may soon go black, which is the color that many TV screens could be.

Movie Review: Avatar

By Nick Pond
10TH GRADE

In James Cameron's first film in 13 years, we are thrust 125 years into the future, where humanity has started a fledgling interstellar empire.

The story takes place on the moon of Pandora, where corporations are mining a rare mineral called Unobtainium to solve the energy crisis on Earth. We enter this world through the eyes of Jake Sully, a former Marine with a broken body. He is recruited to travel light years to

the human outpost on Pandora.

Because of the toxic Pandoran atmosphere, the humans have created the Avatar program, where human "drivers" have their consciousness linked to an "avatar," a remote-controlled biological body that can survive in the lethal air. These avatars are made by genetically combining human DNA with the DNA of creatures known as the Na'vi, a race of 12' tall, blue-skinned humanoids.

Jake is given a mission to infiltrate the Na'vi, who happen to live on top of the largest concentration of Unobtainium on Pandora. Soon afterward, he falls in love with the chief's daughter, Neytiri. He then has to choose whether to fight with the humans or the Na'vi in a bloody conflict.

In my opinion, it ranks in the top sci-fi movies of all time, alongside classics such as "Star Wars" and "Alien." I found it refreshing to see a film with an original story, unlike so many other films these days, such as "Iron Man," based on a comic book, and "Speed Racer," based on a cartoon. If you haven't seen this film yet, you're probably the only one.



Ryan Peake, "going Na'vi"....
PHOTO BY RAMSEY TALLADIVEDULA

Concert calendar...

MUSIC HALL SHOWS

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| Feb. 11 | Crash Kings | Cain's Ballroom |
| Feb. 23 | Kill Switch Engage | Cain's Ballroom |
| Feb. 25 | Ying Yang | Flytrap Music Hall |
| Mar. 15 | Flogging Molly | Cain's Ballroom |
| Mar. 21 | Black Rebel Motorcycle Club | Cain's Ballroom |
| Apr. 29 | Blue October | Cain's Ballroom |
| May 10 | A Day to Remember | Cain's Ballroom |

ARENA SHOWS

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|---------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 25 | Billy Joel and Elton John | Ford Center, OKC |
| Mar. 2 | Eric Clapton | BOK Center |
| Mar. 20 | Black Eyed Peas | BOK Center |
| Mar. 31 | Taylor Swift | Ford Center, OKC |
| Apr. 13 | Bon Jovi | BOK Center |



Brandon Miller shows off four tickets to an upcoming show.
PHOTO BY RAMSEY TALLADIVEDULA

What is "thrash"?

In the mid '80s, hardcore punk rock and heavy metal combined to form a new genre known as "thrash." Originating in California's Bay Area, thrash combined the speed and rebellion of punk with the advanced composition and crushing sound of metal. Three of the first bands to nail down this sound were Metallica (the first), Megadeth (formed by ex-Metallica guitarist Dave Mustaine), and Slayer (formed by ex-Megadeth guitarist Kerry King.) These three bands, along with the East Coast's Anthrax, became known as the "Big Four" of the genre.

Recently Mustaine and Lars Ulrich (Metallica) tried to organize a Big Four Thrash Tour. There were a few problems, though. Megadeth and Metallica have a long-standing feud over Dave's rude firing from the band and his replacement using his material. Megadeth and Slayer have a long-standing feud over Kerry's pursuing Slayer instead of Megadeth. Slayer has a problem with Metallica's decidedly not-metal musical direction. And everybody has an issue with Anthrax, always the underdog of the Big Four. So the Tour never happened. These four, once the face of rebellion, have become the commercial giants they set out to fight in the first place. The moral of the story? Even the rebels get old.

—Malachi Keeter

4 Opinion

COMING UP IN OUR NEXT ISSUE: Frisbee Golf, Graffiti as Art, RCDS basketball season recap, PRO/CON Scott Brown's Election, and more!

The controversy over fur coats

By Malachi Keeter
STAFF WRITER

Possibly the biggest animal rights campaign issue is that over fur for clothing. People have been protesting over this for almost fifty years now. I think this is pretty stupid. Humans have been making clothing, among other things, out of animals since the dawn of time. Doing that has allowed us to survive this long. To suddenly say that it is wrong doesn't make any sense.

Probably the best argument the animal rights activists have is the one against industrialized farming and harvesting of animals. I do agree with that

one. The way industrialized farms work sickens me. However, saying that wearing fur makes you a murderer is like saying that being German makes you a Nazi. It just doesn't work that way.

Animal rights is a touchy subject. The lines drawn are



Riverfield's chinchillas don't worry about fashion trends.

PHOTO BY RAMSEY TALLADIVEDULA

vague when they are there at all. Just because the line is hard to see, though, doesn't mean that it isn't there, and just because animal rights is a good thing doesn't mean that you can't have too much of it. I love animals as much as the next guy. But, by contrast, there are people all over the world who don't get enough food to eat, and racism and sexism abound with murderous results all across the globe.

I agree that animal rights is a good thing, but shouldn't we figure out how to take care of each other before we start worrying about how we're taking care of animals?

No-fly lists' criteria to change

By Sam Laney
NEWS EDITOR

The recent Christmas Day airliner attack sparked an overhaul of the criteria to put individuals on no-fly lists or revoke visas. The failed attack was allegedly executed by Umar AbdulMutallab. AbdulMutallab's father had previously informed the United States embassy that his son had become radicalized and was planning an attack. However, this information did not meet the standards for the no-fly list. The scare

displayed an obvious flaw in the requirements, but government officials are not sure exactly what new standards should hold. One change may be that one credible source is enough to place a suspect on a watch list, as opposed to the previous requirement for several credible sources.

Security at airports is frustrating as it is, and there must be a balance between safety and efficiency. Currently, no-fly and watch lists do not contain much more than a name. The problem with this is that many people

have the same name. This obviously creates a problem when a perfectly harmless individual is stopped at security, or denied access to his or her flight.

While the "underwear bomber's" failed attempt only resulted in a humorous pants fire, it is clear that reform must be made. Officials are uncertain exactly how far to lower the bar, and there will probably be several revisions along the way in an attempt to create the safest, yet most accommodating regulations for no-fly lists and visa revocations.

Target vs. Wal-Mart: Which do you prefer?

By Ramsey Talladivedula
STAFF WRITER

Which do you like better? Red or blue? I asked a random group of seven Riverfield Upper School students which stores they prefer.

Two people said Wal-Mart until Ryan Peake changed his mind when he started thinking about Target. Hannah Sieler said, "I like Target better because they have cuter pajamas and the people at Wal-Mart are scary." Each person who said they didn't like Wal-Mart implied that people in Wal-Mart are not friendly or very intelligent.

Bryce Rossler said, "Wal-Mart is corrupting America! The atmosphere in Target is so much better." According to Bryce, everything seems cleaner and people seem friendlier at Target. An added bonus is that Target has a Starbucks!

"The name 'Target' can almost sound French, very ritzy," says Matt Faeth. This is true, but you can also say "Wal-Mart" with a country accent, which is kind of cool.

When I talked with Ryan and Logan Brown about Target and Wal-Mart, they each had their viewpoints. Logan believes Target has better stuff. After thinking about it, Ryan agreed.

Marisa Morgan didn't change her higher opinion of Wal-Mart like Ryan did. She said, "It's cheaper and now they have good clothes like the Miley Cyrus collection." The Miley Cyrus and Max Azria collection have made some good reviews.

When it comes to Wal-Mart and Target pricing, there's no way to fairly compare. Some of Wal-Mart's items are cheaper, and other items at Target are cheaper. In the end, it's your decision whether you prefer Target or Wal-Mart.



Two local branches of the popular discount chains. Which do you prefer?
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MLK Day rioting

By Malachi Keeter
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is one of the most respected leaders in the world. Through nonviolence, he led the Civil Rights movement in the U.S. from Alabama, the heart of his opposition. He never gave in, and he never sank to the level of his detractors. Unfortunately he died for his cause, but his memory lives on, and once a year we remember him with a national holiday.

At least, I thought his memory lived on. At the MLK Day parade this year in Tulsa, widespread fighting broke out, reportedly caused by gang members. According to FOX News, fifty police officers from sur-

rounding areas were called in to help control the chaos with only marginal success. As the mayhem came to a close, six people were detained by police. Two were adults, and four were minors. As it turned out, apparently none of those detained or arrested were gang members or connected to gangs.

It is very depressing that people could forget the words of Dr. King at his own parade and turn to violence. It's a disgrace, honestly. However, the police did a good job of getting everyone through safely. Perhaps the memory of what happened this year can provide learning material for those trying to follow Dr. King's lead.

Is all of this drama necessary?

By Bryce Rossler
OPINION EDITOR

There's a reason there are hit television series about high school—it's full of drama. And we just love to hear about how "dumb", blonde Becky spent hours making her decision about whether she should go to prom with star QB Alex or sweetheart Matt and about the latest varsity basketball game's (as always) dramatic finish.

Whether it is made for elementary schoolers ("High School Musical") or dim high schoolers ("Degrassi"), American youth just love to see beautiful, phony college kids play beautiful, socially overzealous high school kids.

But what happens when real, maybe not-so-beautiful high school kids play themselves in their own lives?

But, before I discuss the idiocy that is drama (and I'm not talking about the kind Mrs. Long teaches!), I must define it. Drama is not only making a big deal of little things, but spreading rumors—whether they are originally jokes amongst friends that turned into aggravating, false anecdotes or malicious

attempts at defiling another's image—and gossip, which makes nothing private or sacred.

Now, a lot of people claim to hate drama, but in fact many of those same people are involved in it. And as much as I'd like to say that I am ever refraining from such an idiotic form of, let's face it, entertainment (until it happens to you) it would be dishonest, as I occasionally indulge in drama myself.

At Riverfield, it's much easier to be tainted by drama because of our smaller number of students, but at least we are far

from touching the level at larger schools.

Despite the seemingly easy concept of eliminating drama in high school entirely, it's an un-touchable, unalterable element that we all have to deal with.

We may not like it. Does it need to stop? Yes, but we can't do anything to stop it. Drama might actually be good if it helps us learn how to cope with the real world. Just survive it, it's not that big of a deal. And yet, here I am, writing an opinion article about it. How hypocritical, but at least it serves to exemplify my point.



Steve Pittman, Sam DesPrez, and Ryan Tracy are shocked!

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