



# The Howler

GW Community  
School's  
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Newspaper

## Meet Ms. Paul!

By Katie Eggenberger

As you all may know our former history teacher decided he wanted to retire. When he decided to retire it left Ms. Warden with the hard task of finding a new history teacher. That's when Mrs. Paul started looking for a teaching job, because she has always wanted to teach. She then called the school and sent in her resume. Ms. Warden looked at lots of resumes and saw something special about Mrs. Paul. Mrs. Paul was so happy to finally get the job she had always wanted. I got the honor of interviewing her so people can get to know who she is.

When I interviewed Mrs. Paul I learned more about who she

really is. She says that she truly cares about each student in her class and she wants them to succeed. She also is taking her job very seriously because she says she truly cares about education. She wants each student to really learn something in her class.

Mrs. Paul has never been a teacher before, but she definitely is qualified. She was born and raised in Texas. When she got older she went on to her master's degree in college. She did a variety of other jobs that were fun but she felt like she was missing something. That's why she decided to work at GW School.

Ms. Warden has nothing but good things to say about Mrs. Paul be-

cause she truly cares about the students. So far she has gotten lots of positive feedback from students. Samantha Lopez says "Mrs. Paul could be Ms. Warden's twin sister because they are so much alike, she is so cool". There are lots of good things we could say about Mrs. Paul. I give Mrs. Paul five stars for being a very kind caring teacher. Welcome to the GW Community School Family Mrs. Paul, we are glad to have you teach at our school!

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# Hydrogen Fuel Cells

By Cristian Torres

Hydrogen fuel cell power could very possibly take over our dependency on fossil fuels. Hydrogen fuel cells have already been introduced in specially created vehicles. These vehicles are not for sale yet, but it is estimated that by 2010, hydrogen fuel cell vehicles will be for sale. Hydrogen fuel is also much better for the environment, because it only emits clean water. When hydrogen combines with oxygen, it makes a chemical reaction. Each hydrogen cell that reacts with water creates 0.7 volts of electricity. Since there are hundreds of cells that react each second, it gives off enough energy to power the electric motor which runs the vehicle. General Motors is the first company to try these ideas out. They have even set up a hydrogen fuel pump at a gas station in Northwest D.C. on Benning road. Hydrogen Fuel cell vehicles will also have the same capabilities as internal combustion engine cars, but it will have shorter breaking distances.



This is one of the newer hydrogen fuel cell vehicles called the Hy- Wire

## Meet the People

Jason Weinberger

### *Mr. Mallonee*

Mr. Mallonee has most recently been listening to Neil Young and can't wait for his new Album. Mr. Mallonee is keeping it real with Four Brothers his favorite new movie. He is currently reading a classic book called The Outsiders.

### *Charlie*

Charlie's most recently listening to Queen, a great band and the lead singer happens to be the most famous gay British man. Charlie also said that March of the Penguins was ok but not good but of. He liked it because the penguins slid on there belly's.

### *Chris*

Chris Anderson is all about the movie 4 brothers and says it's a must see. He's Currently reading The Lucifer Principle and listening to Black Label Society with one of the best guitarists, Zakk Wylde.

### *Erin*

Erin rocks the new pink mini I pod and her favorite new tunes are The All American Rejects. She said, The Exorcism of Emily Rose it wasn't that scary but it has a good ending. Every girl at GW seems to be raving about Far From Heaven, Erin say's its an amazing love

### *Mrs. Chiari*

Mrs. Chiari likes all music but she has seen a new movie. Mr. Chiari recently saw The Exorcism of Emily Rose and said it was a real thriller. She currently reading Angles and Demons by Dan Brown

# Fall Horoscope

## Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

Don't feel overwhelmed with work this month. Try and do things one thing at a time and organize. Your work will be all done before you know it.

## Pisces (February 19- March 20)

Try and get involved in different activities at school. It will make you feel more comfortable with it if you are new. Getting into activities will help you make awesome friends too.

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

This month you'll be tempted to spread gossip. There's a lot going on but try and keep it to yourself. You'll be thankful you did later.

## Taurus (April 20- May 20)

This month try and quit a bad habit you might have. If you don't have bad habits then try and start something that will make you feel better about yourself.

## Gemini (May 21- June 21)

You may find yourself feeling like you have too much to do, and little time to do it. Try and focus on the most important things you have to do and leave the other bits and pieces to later.

## Cancer (June 22- July 22)

This month is filled with fun activities you could get involved in. Don't feel pressured to join anything, only join if you're feel comfortable.

## Leo (July 23- August 22)

Try and be optimistic all this month even though things may get bumpy. It only takes a smile to cure everything. Your closest friends around you will make you happy too.

## Virgo (August 23- September 22)

Keep your head up this month even if things do not go your way. It'll make things worse if you have a negative attitude about the situation.

## Libra (September 23- October 22)

This month is all about family. Family will make you so happy if you're going through a difficult time with work, or school, or anything else.

## Scorpio (October 23- November 21)

A school trip will give you a chance to get to know people a lot better and to feel a little independent.

## Sagittarius (November 22- December 21)

This month keep positive about your life and about what's going on. It might be hard but always keep smiling.

## Capricorn (December 22- January 19)

This month is a chance to show off your best fall clothes. Go out and buy something new or put something together you already have.

## Are you ready for some football?!

By Erin Williams

A couple weeks ago, on Monday night I had the awesome chance to go see the Dallas Cowboys play the Washington Redskins at Texas Stadium! I've never been to Texas before and that's where a lot of my family is so I was very excited. I was doubly excited because the cowboys were playing the redskins so, we all thought the cowboys were going to win but, I'll get to that later.

My mom and I got to Dallas at one o'clock Monday afternoon and we met my uncle who lives in Texas at the airport. There were four very committed Redskin fans on the flight with us so of course we had to give them a hard time and tell them their team stinks. My dad met us at the airport too and he said I'll love the hotel we're staying at because there are Cowboy fans all over the place. When we got to the hotel he was right, I loved it so much! Everyone you talked to was a Cowboys fan and they were getting pumped for the big game.

After we had lunch we all went to the Dallas Cowboys Pro-Shop and it was really crowded. They have all sorts of things to buy, and they even had baby clothes.

Right after we went to the Pro-Shop we couldn't wait any longer to get ready for the game. I wore my Troy Aikman jersey because he was getting venerated at halftime along with Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin.

My family and I arrived at the stadium around five thirty and



we went inside a tent where there was live music and a silent auction. Everywhere you looked, you saw Dallas Cowboy fans with stars painted on their face and women with fake blue eyelashes. Then occasionally you saw a couple Redskin fans that were getting booed every time they started singing "Hail to the Redskins." The live music was getting everyone pumped up for the big game and in no time at all we all decided it was time to enter the stadium.

My dad couldn't wait to get to our seats, he had to take a peek at the stadium and I looked at the stadium I suddenly had a burst of

sublime energy. Most of the game was very exciting. When the Cowboys scored a touchdown my mom and I would jump up and down and I would hold up my blue and sparkly sign that said "The boys are back" and everyone behind me would ask what my sign said and happily approve. As you all know the last five minutes of the game did not go our way and when there was thirty seconds in the game I told my mom "We didn't win!" and she said "No it's not over!"

When the game was over my family and I were so bummed and cranky we didn't want to stay at the stadium and celebrate. When we were walking out to the stadium, I was about to scream because this one Redskin fan was screaming and holding up red and orange pom-poms. The bus ride to the hotel wasn't much fun either. We were all very tired and the bus driver just HAD to put the radio onto Cowboys Radio and we listened to the DJ on the radio talk about the loss.

Even though the Dallas Cowboys lost, I'm still so glad I had the chance to go to Dallas and see them play. It was such an awesome experience and I'd do it all over again but the score of the game would have to change.

## George W. Bush/FEMA's LIGHTNING SAFETY TIPS

By Danny Woolston

At any given moment there are over 2,000,000,000 thunderstorms in progress over the surface of the earth. Lightning strikes the earth over 100,000 times each second. In the United States alone there are at least 400,000,000 thunderstorms each year. In recent years, North America has annually ranked second with respect to the number of deaths by lightning with 495,793 in 2004.

### Follow these guidelines:

If you are struck by lightning, don't worry, it is entirely your fault.

If inside stay near open doors, windows, telephones, metal objects, Chimneys

and electrical appliances.

If outdoors, seek the highest object in the area.

Hilltops, tall trees, open spaces, and wire fences (anything metal) are the safest locations. Seek them first.

DO use and handle metal objects and flammable materials.

DO use the telephone if lightning can be seen or thunder heard.

If you are in water, i.e. lake, pond, tub, or shower, stay in and do a couple laps, water is one of the safest places to be during a thunder storm.

Stop all indoors work and get outside, if

possible.

DO use plug-in electrical equipment as the jolt they get from a power surge makes them run better and faster.

If traveling, stop and get out immediately. A car is made from metal and therefore conducts lightning right to you.

If you see someone struck by lightning, don't panic. They just received a little jolt and should be fine in a bit. Lightning victims are "charged" and, therefore, dangerous to touch.

This brought to you by the Bush/FEMA Emergency Management Team.

# Open Heart Surgery

## By Sam Lindner

I was woken up somewhere around the realm of 5 o'clock in the morning. I pulled on my socks and shoes, ate a granola bar, grabbed a cold lemonade and my brother Tadzi's Universe X "Graphic Novel" or, in other words, "Unusually Large Comic Book". Then I said goodbye to my dogs and we all drove to the hospital (if you haven't been bored out of your mind yet don't worry, it gets better). Why was I doing all this? My dad (A.K.A. Mr. Lindner, Math Teacher Extraordinaire) was getting open heart surgery! We told the desk we were there and then we waited. We all read until someone brought us to what I can only describe as a tiny hallway with little rooms and curtains. We all sat in one room and read while Dad went into another to change and shave his chest. Someone came and told us what was going to happen, such as the fact that they had to saw through his breastbone and his heart would have to be stopped for them to operate, and we all said bye to Dad and went to the family waiting room to read and sleep.

Partway through the surgery, Grandma and Grandpa Lindner arrived. We talked a bit and then went back to waiting. In case some of you are wondering just why my dad was getting open heart surgery, I suppose this is as good a time as any to give you some background information. Well, first off, over Thanksgiving I think, we all flew out to visit my brother in college. During most of that vacation, Dad felt awful. He got better, so we didn't think any more of it. About 8 months later, my dad went in for a physical to get some additional life insurance. The test went great except for a tiny irregularity in his heart readings. They

said that it was probably nothing, but the insurance cost tripled anyway. Dad decided that he might as well figure this thing out.

He went to a cardiologist, had this weird, nuclear, radiation test thingy (he was glowing for three days!) and the result was always the same: he might have had a minor heart attack somewhere around Thanksgiving, but it's probably nothing. Well, he finally just did the test where they run a camera through a vein and take pictures of his heart. Even the surgeon who was going to do it said there was a 50% chance it's going to be nothing at all and a 50% it'll just be something minor. As it turned out, 2 of the main arteries in my dad's heart were 100% blocked, and some others were 70% and 50% blocked. So he needed to get a double bypass, meaning they take a 2 pieces of vein from his leg sew them into his heart to replace the 2 blocked arteries.

Anyway, about a minute after I finished my book, we got word that Dad was off the heart-lung machine which, as the name implies, acted as my dad's heart and lungs while they operated, and that the surgery was almost over. We were a little surprised because it only lasted 3 hours. The nurse did say that it would be a 3-6 hour operation, but we were prepared to wait 6. My mom and Grandpa were able to see him and said he was fine. They also said we could see him in an hour or so, though he would still be unconscious and have a breathing tube and stuff. We also saw my Uncle Rusty and talked to him for a bit. Now, I don't know if we got the time wrong or we were caught in some sort of time warp, but when we asked how much longer it was going to be they said it

would still be another half-hour. After hearing this, Tadzi, Chris and I decided to go home and come see Dad later.

When we arrived we said hi to our construction workers (in case you didn't know, our house is being torn apart from the inside out) and noticed that there was a scent of smoke in the air. Our contractor said that he was preheating the new oven to cook some lasagna. So we opened the oven and lo and behold, there was cardboard inside. We turned off the oven, took out the cardboard and then we just hung around for a while until, inexplicably, the doorbell rang and 18 billion people came in and started cleaning.

I still don't know what the story is about that. Eventually Mom came home too, because visiting hours had ended. So we hung out some more and went to the later visiting period. Dad was located in the Intensive Care Unit and there could only be 2 visitors at a time. Mom always stayed so my brothers and I had to take turns. We didn't even know if he would be awake when we got there but he was and the breathing tube was gone. It was a little awkward talking to him because 1. He was full of happyhappy painkillers, and 2. He was covered with so many tubes and wires that it looked like he had been assimilated into the Borg Collective (I later learned that my dad has no recollection of this incident).

We then ate at the hospital's Heart Healthy Café, went home, did stuff and went to bed.

# IS YOUR COLLEGE MAIL PILING UP? (A parent's perspective)

By Jon Schaffer

Ohio Wesleyan University, West Virginia Wesleyan, Elon, Mary Washington University – these are just a few of the 30 or so college brochures that my son has received over the last two months. And he is only starting his junior year.

For many juniors and seniors, this is the period that they begin to be inundated with requests from schools to visit their beautiful campuses, tour of their facilities, talk with the professors and admission counselors, and meet with some of the college students.

It is also a period when many parents, myself included, look at those unopened brochures and wonder why they aren't being read. Clearly, this is not the case for all students as many are anxious for any mail – whether from a department store, SAT prep class, or even a college.

But for many other high school students, the idea of going -- even applying -- to college is a frightening prospect. That's ok. That's expected. And, if those brochures don't get read right away, that's ok too.

As a parent who has gone through the college application process once before, I have the following suggestions:

First, no one system will work for all and I hope this little note encourages some discourse among parents.

Second, with my older

son we spent some time just discussing what type of college he might like – city, rural, large, small, no language requirement, strong on community service, etc. This started around the middle of his junior year.

Third, after getting some sense of his interests, we began 15-minute weekly sessions (he wouldn't sit around for longer than that) reviewing the descriptions of different universities in such books as the Princeton Review. In this way, we modestly narrowed down the list of schools he might be interested in.

Fourth, it is important to visit at least a few schools – possibly in the spring of the junior year or by summer. Our son's interest in a large, urban school faded quickly after visits to Boston University and Boston College. Similarly, visits to very small schools in Ohio helped our son realize that a somewhat larger university might be more suitable to him. Students can get burnt out from visiting too many schools. At least initially, try visiting a few schools representative of your student's interests.

Fifth, surprise-surprise! You'll find your student beginning to open some of that unwanted college mail. If he/she is enticed by the glossy pictures or the descriptions of school activities/academics, en-

courage either a visit to the school or a meeting with a local adviser. Many colleges are represented a local college fairs and it is a great way for students to begin to interact with college representatives. Colleges want you to know about their schools, but they also want to know that you are interested in them.

There is much more that I could write about the college process, but that is not the point of this short note. Rather, it is to say to parents to relax if your student isn't jumping up and down about reading college mail right now. It will happen if you take a relaxed approach to finding out what your child wants in higher education and set in motion a non-pressured, consistent, and transparent process that will help your student make decisions about his/ her future.

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# ROCK TRIVIA QUIZ

Special Hurricane Edition!

What artist or group recorded each of the following songs?

- 1) Like a Hurricane
- 2) Mandolin Wind
- 3) Love Rain Down
- 4) The Wind
- 5) Call Me the Breeze

Answer by email to Mr. Lindner. First correct answer to each question received by email wins a free soda from Mr. Lindner's fridge. Only one correct answer per person, per quiz. Quiz is open to anyone in the GWCS Community.

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