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Why Should We Believe - And Do - What The Bible Says?

As of September 11, 11,669 Christian pastors (and 192 Jewish rabbis) have signed Butler University's *Clergy Letter* which includes the following:

While virtually all Christians take the Bible seriously and hold it to be authoritative in matters of faith and practice, the overwhelming majority do not read the Bible literally, as they would a science textbook.

We believe that the theory of evolution is a foundational scientific truth, one that has stood up to rigorous scrutiny and upon which much of human knowledge and achievement rests.

We urge school board members to preserve the integrity of the science curriculum by affirming the teaching of the theory of evolution as a core component of human knowledge. We ask that science remain science and that religion remain religion, two very different, but complementary, forms of truth.

Once you clear away the obfusatory (that's a long word for "deliberately confusing" which is supposed to show how well educated I am) language, these guys are basically saying, "If the Bible says one thing and science says another, we're going to go with what science says, not what the Bible says." After you overcome the shock of hearing that nearly 12,000 US pastors and rabbis feel that way, at least you know what the score is.

Some Christians will doubtless launch a counter-attack using "creation science" (17,600,000 hits on Google) and "intelligent design" (14,400,000 hits) that *proves* that evolution is "bad science" (23,200,000 hits). But I'm not going to hang on to the six-day creation because some *smart* Christians are able to debunk a few evolutionary assertions. I'm going to believe what the Bible says about creation and everything else - even though there are some things that my feeble intellect can't quite fathom completely - simply because I believe that all of the Bible is God's word, and therefore completely reliable. Call me an intellectual dullard, but if I can't believe what the Bible says about creation, how can I ever believe what it says about the cross? And if the Bible got it right about the cross, how could it get it wrong about creation?

That's the same reason I do what God's word tells me to do. Sure, there are lots of times when I would like to ignore - and make up clever excuses for not doing - what it tells me to do. But in the end, as a redeemed child of God, I believe that what my wise and powerful, good and gracious God tells me to do is best for me - whether I think so or not. I actually want to do it. The alternative to having the Bible as the foundation for your life is either "do whatever you feel like doing" or "do what everybody else is doing," both pretty shakey alternatives proven to bring wreck and ruin.

So choose the foundation of your life carefully.

Volleyball

The Varsity volleyball team is off to a strong start. This should come as no surprise considering 9 of the 12 players are seniors. The annual pre-season team building field trip to Camp Phillip has continued to show its benefits for the team as they have worked together to handily beat all of their conference opponents. The Lady Knights would like to earn back the Conference title this season. The Lady Knights have also participated in 2 early season tournaments, both of which have offered some good competition to the team in preparation for tougher matches down the road. The team finished with a 4-1 record at the Aquinas tournament and at the Holmen tournament they finished 3-2. Keep hitting hard and playing well!



Sports Articles by:
Jesse Nofftz



So far, Luther High Cross Country can best be described as "hiding in the weeds." So far they have faced several strong teams and the results show it, but the teams have been slowly but steadily improving their times. It's one thing to run fast at the beginning of the season, but it is far more important to run fast at the end of the season during the major meets of conference, sectionals, and state. Many people say that a cross country race can be summarized in 1 phrase: "start smart, run strong, and FINISH." A cross country season has to follow that same pattern. The Luther Cross Country team continues their season with the Angel Invite in Kenosha, WI. This meet takes place at UW- Parkside, which is home to one the most recognized courses in the country.

What makes a team a team is the way they work together to achieve one goal. Outside of the sport itself, cross country is not a very well known sport, and doesn't receive as much student attention as it should. On Oct. 7th the Knights will be competing in the Chileda Invitational at their home course, Drugan's Golf Course. They need your support, so get out there and cheer on your fellow Knights!

Cross Country

Football

What a season for our Luther High football team! Losing a lot of experienced players from last year's playoff team has been a challenge. However, the team looks promising, and it gives younger players a great opportunity to get some playing time. We also had two starters, Mitchell Cook and David Bartels, who sustained injuries and are out for the remainder of the season. They will be hard to replace on both sides of the ball. Charlie Harter and Sam Brown are 2 examples of players who worked hard during the off-season and have become great team leaders. Another change that Luther Football is facing this year is the change of conference. Luther is now part of the Three Rivers Conference of Minnesota during the football season.

Some good news for our football team is that the first three games they have played were non-conference. This has helped the coaches learn about the skills and football knowledge of the players. Although there have been a few early mistakes, it has helped some younger players learn from their mistakes. The Knights will need to win 3 of the next 5 games to make the playoffs. The last game of the regular season will be a non-conference game with Almond-Bancroft.

Go Knights!!



The Lady Knights tennis team is currently 7-6 overall with a 3-0 record in the Coulee Conference. With their final conference dual on Tuesday against Black River Falls, their goal is to win the team's fourth straight Conference Championship. Conference play ends with the Coulee Conference Tournament at Sparta High School on Saturday, September 27 beginning at 9:00am. Let's go Lady Knights!

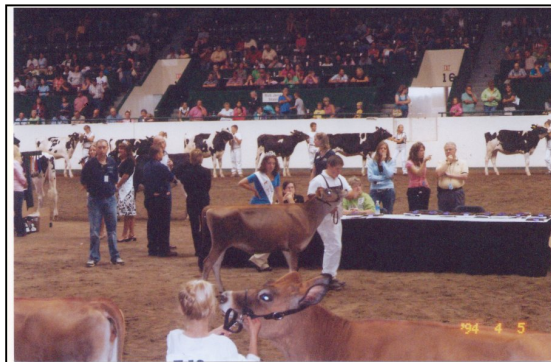
Tennis

Ever wonder what our Sophomores do out of school?

By: Emilee Germanson

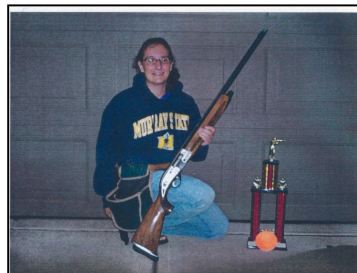
Aaron Thesing:

Aaron Thesing has been showing cows at different fairs for eight years. He has followed his brother and really enjoys being with his friends and his cows, but dislikes the late nights and early mornings. His favorite thing to do while he is showing cows is nightline, which is where Aaron stays up all night to watch after his cows until the show next morning. Showing cows isn't as easy as you think. Aaron has to wash his cows, clip off the hair, and feed them too. Aaron has also been in several different competitions. He earned 4th overall in Showmanship in the State of Minnesota, 2nd in Jersey Fall Calf at the 4-H Shows, and 6th in the Open Class Show. He has also been in the Supreme Junior Champion in Southeast Minnesota at the Youth Show, and the Junior Champion Jersey in Winona and Olmstead County Fairs. Aaron finds this to be easy for him, but he likes the challenge of showing cows because then he can prove that he has the best Jersey Cow in the competition.



Danielle Murray:

Danielle Murray has been in a sport called trap shooting for eight years. She started because her parents had been trap shooting, and she thought it would be cool to start in that as well. Trap shooting consists of shooting single bullets, double bullets, and shooting farther distance than sixteen yards back. Danielle enjoys trap shooting because she likes to beat the boys who are in it, and also getting together with friends who share the same interest as her. Danielle has been in different competitions as well. She took runner up at the State Shoot in Milwaukee when she was 13 years old. She has competed in many other local competitions and placed in different categories as well. Her favorite part of trap shooting is to try to beat her dad at doubles. Trap shooting takes a lot of patience and steadiness, but Danielle finds it easier now after lots of practice.



....Sophomores Continued

Leah Justin:

Leah Justin has been in Warriors Baton and Drum Corp for nine years. She started when she was eight years old. Every time she went to the parades, she saw the girls with the batons and wanted to be just like them. In baton Leah enjoys meeting a lot of different people from all over the country. Being a part of the Warriors is not easy at all. Leah is on the Advanced Small Twirl team, Advanced Large Twirl Team, Advanced Dance team, Corp Twirl, Advanced Two Baton Intermediate X-strut, Individual Advanced Three Baton, Advanced Modeling, and Intermediate Solo. She has gone to several competitions, but just this year Leah went to Nationals at Notre Dame, Indiana. There are about seven competitions that Leah attends each year. Her favorite part of Baton is doing solos and individual competitions. Leah finds it difficult for some of the different things she does like new tricks and routines that she just learned. Leah loves the challenge because it keeps her busy all year round. She really would love to do baton further in her life time by staying in it, or maybe even coach it.



Hope Pavela:

Hope Pavela has been in figure skating for nine years. Hope wanted to go into figure skating because her cousin was in it, and she loved her first time on the ice at the age of six. In figure skating, Hope enjoys all the friends she has made and all the accomplishments she has achieved out of school. What she dislikes about skating is when she falls and gets hurt and the extra coldness in the winter. Hope competes in many competitions, coaches others, and does shows. She also trains in the summer to keep in shape for the winter. Her first competition was when she was seven years old in Colorado, and she placed 3rd. Hope also has gone to the Games of America in Colorado Springs at the Olympic training center, where she has placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in her events. Hope has been to the National Showcase in Chicago, where she placed 3rd, and she also attends the Badger State Games every February. Hope's favorite thing about skating is skating and acting together, not being stressed out, and getting together with her friends. Hope finds skating a big challenge for her because she has to miss a lot of school. She does enjoy being challenged so she can perform and accomplish new things. One of Hope's goals is to attend a college with a synchronized skating team.

Kelsey Gerke:

Kelsey Gerke has been racing go-karts for about seven years. Kelsey wanted to start racing go-karts because she wanted to follow her brother James, who is a former student of Luther High. She was about eight years old when she started racing. A thrill that Kelsey enjoys is driving her kart nearly 50 mph. The downside is a crash, which takes her out of the race. Kelsey has flipped her go-kart about four times. Kelsey has participated in many races so far. She races in special event races on Fridays, and Sundays. Kelsey said she does really well in the day heats. She won her first trophy when she was eight years old by placing 3rd in a race. So far she has won 49 trophies and 4 plaques. Kelsey is still in go-kart racing and is hoping to race bigger cars. Kelsey's favorite part of racing is to battle with other go-karts for 1st position. She also likes to be in the pits with her friends and talk about their interest in racing. Kelsey said she has been in racing so long that the people in the pits are like her family. She loves the challenge of racing because she gets to get all greased up and dirty from changing her own gears and tires on her go-kart.

....Sophomores Continued

Calla Harter:

Calla Harter has been in karate for about two and a half years. Her brother and her sister, Lloyd and Moriah, who are former Luther High students, wanted her to get into karate because they were already in it. In karate, Calla works on her form, practicing her kicks, punches, and technique. She learns discipline and focuses on pushing her body to the limit. Calla also gets to hang out with other karate students of different age groups, and gets to do different fun events like hiking and racing. Calla enjoys sparring, which is fighting, and attending several different weapons classes. She dislikes holding her kicks forever when working on technique because it makes her muscles burn. Calla would like to be in karate for the rest of her life, and maybe one day teach it to others. Karate is a challenge to Calla because it shows how much she needs to improve by how much she pushes herself...

Shelly Thiher:

Shelly Thiher has been in the sport of equestrian show jumping for about seven years. She started because her sister Rachel, who is a former Student of Luther High, wanted her to so they could hang out. After awhile Shelly kept going because it was extremely fun. She was about eight when she first started show jumping. In equestrian show jumping, Shelly has to do four classes; two classes under saddle and two classes over fences. The saddle classes have no fences, so she is given commands to perform better than the rest. The over fences classes, the judge gives her two courses to complete and only once chance to perform them. Shelly enjoys riding up to the fences and jumping over them to make the jumps look pretty. She loves the feeling of jumping in the air. She dislikes when she falls off the horse and hits the ground. Shelly has gone to many competitions in Green Bay, Winona, Rochester, West Salem, and Milwaukee. She has won the Grand Champion and the Reserve. She got 1st in the WWHSA Medal and Dover Challenged. Shelly's favorite thing in show jumping is going up to her farm and preparing her horse before riding. Horse jumping helps her to relax from reality.

Kaitly Lepke:

Kaitly Lepke has been showing cows for six years. Her parents strongly suggested starting when she was nine because her sister also showed cows. In showing cows, Kaitly has to lead the cow around a lot, so they are not wild in the show ring. She has to clip the cows to make the hair on their back stand up so it looks like they have a straight back. During the show, Kaitly has to wear white pants and a dress shirt to look nice. She dislikes when she has to break in the cow by leading because the cows can get really stubborn or wild. Kaitly was 12 years old when she first won an award. Every year Kaitly goes to the Wisconsin State Fair and the Vernon County Fair. She has won a many ribbons, money, and a show halter. Her favorite part of showing cows is the actual showing in the fair. Kaitly wants to stay in showing cows until she is about 20 years old, because when she is 20 years old she can not show any more at fairs.

Pro-Life Knights

By: Jessie Cross

President- Abbie Schultz
Vice President- Karl Schwedler
Treasurer- Lilly Krause
Secretary- Sara Rieke
Pastoral Advisor- Mr. Byus
Faculty Advisor- Mrs. Bader

Coming up in Pro Life
Knights:

October 5:

"Hands Down Losey
Blvd." 2-3 p.m.

October 24:

Red Cross Blood Drive



Seniors Advice for Freshman

By: Sarah Krajewski

- * *Stay to the right side of the hallway between classes. It will solve the running into each other problems.*
- * *Attitude does not get you far.*
- * *Have patience.*
- * *If you have a question, you can ask one of us. We were freshman once too.*
- * *Do your homework during study hall! It will save you time later on if you are in sports, and you might need that extra hour of sleep at night.*
- * *There will be drama, it is high school after all. Just breathe, and you will make it just fine.*
- * *Keep up your grades, it will help. Less to worry about. Slacking off now will hurt you in the long run.*
- * *Be ready for anything. Life is a major rollercoaster.*
- * *Don't look at people in the halls. Unfocus your eyes and stare into the abyss. If you stare into the abyss long enough, the abyss stares back at you.*
- * *If someone runs into you in the hallway, don't make a big deal out of it. Most of the time it's not intentional.*
- * *Bring your books with you to chapel, it will save you a trip. Sit wherever, then we can start faster, and you can have your break.*
- * *Be nice to your peers. You're stuck with them for the next FOUR years.*
- * *Enjoy being in high school while it lasts. It flies by before you realize.*
- * *Don't backtalk talk to the teachers, they are here to help you.*
- * *Plain and simple, respect your elders.*
- * *Wear appropriate clothes, no need to get a detention just for your clothes.*
- * *Number 1 piece of advice: **SENIORS RULE!***

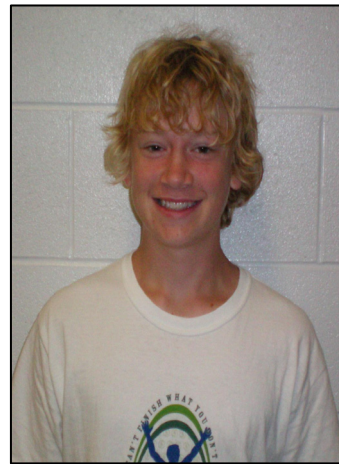


Athletes of the Week



Stefanie Cox - Junior - #3 Singles

This week's Luther High School Athlete of the Week is Junior, Stefanie Cox. Stefanie improved her record on the season to 4-0 with a 2 hour 20 minute THREE set win over Chelsea Berra of Viroqua. The win helped the Lady Knights complete a 7-0 sweep of the Blackhawks in their first conference match of the year. Stefanie dropped the first set of the match 5-7. She then trailed 1-4 in the second set before coming back to win 7-5. Stefanie controlled the final set winning 6-2.



**James Hemmelman - Freshman
- Cross Country**

This week's Luther High School Athlete of the Week is Freshman, James Hemmelman. Hemmelman's 15th place performance in his first-ever Varsity competition this past Tuesday, secured the Knight's second place finish in the West Salem Invitational. Hemmelman was the second overall freshman to finish the race with a time of just over 20 minutes.

Krista Hoeg - Senior - Volleyball



This week's Luther High School Athlete of the Week is Senior, Krista Hoeg. Krista has been a major factor in the Lady Knights perfect start to the season. They currently are undefeated and sit atop the Coulee Conference. Krista's stats speak for themselves: In seven matches she has recorded 65 kills, a .393 hitting percentage, and a .533 kill percentage. She has also recorded 17 digs and 14 ace blocks.



Welcome Mr. Breitkreutz

By: Sarah Krajewski

Mr. Tim Breitkreutz was born November 29th, 1979 in Kewaskum, Wi. Orv and Sue Breitkreutz had 3 children, Ryan, Tim and Lisa. He attended Kettle Moraine High School. From there, he went to Martin Luther College. Part of his decision was inspired by his high school teachers who took an interest in their students. His own parents were both high school teachers as well.

After graduation, he was called to teach 8th grade history at St. Marks in Citrus Heights, California. Mr. Breitkreutz also taught every class except for music because of their interdepartmental program. While teaching in California, he met Jen Dietrich, whom he married June 7, 2008. Mr. Breitkreutz said it was the first weekend after school ended, and it just happened to fall on 6/7/(0)8. Then he was asked the ultimate teacher question. "Why did you become a teacher?" Taking a deep breath, he responded, "I love working with kids", and it reminds him of his childhood. He has fond memories of his childhood, and it lets him be a kid in a sense.

As much as he "loves" Wisconsin weather, he does miss the convenience of California in the sense that he could have ocean or mountain within a 2 hour drive either way. Mr. Breitkreutz stated that he thinks he shall miss it just a bit more once the snow falls. He does like the lack of traffic jams around here. It is less hectic and the people are warm and friendly.

Outside of school he hunts deer, fishes, and camps (saying he sounded like Gander Mountain.) He plays sports in his free time too with baseball and football being 2 of his favorites.

His goal this year is to get familiar with older students, since he is used to teaching 8th graders. This year Mr. Breitkreutz is teaching the junior U.S. History class, the new senior Modern World History class, the freshman Computer Skills, and next semester he will teach another new class for our seniors, Elements of Social Studies. If you make it down to room number one, see him in the hall, or happen to be in one of his classes, welcome him to our school.

International Students

Romana Podhorna

By: Jessie Cross

Romana Podhorna is one of this year's foreign exchange students. She is from Slovakia, but she lived and went to school in Belgium. Classes in Belgium are very different than here at Luther High School. Romana said that her class size was around three thousand! She also said that she had eleven classes a day! We should be thankful for the school and small classes that we have.

Romana is here at Luther because she always wanted to meet Americans and was curious about the United States. She was assigned to Luther by an agency that handles foreign exchange students. This is her first time in the United States, but she says she is enjoying it very much! While she is here, she is staying with the Freads, who live in La Crescent. She says that she enjoys staying with the Fread's for they are very nice to her and help her out with anything that she needs. Romana is the only one from her family here in the United States. When asked if she missed her family, she replied, "Maybe a little bit, but not too much. I enjoy the time away from them, and I also like America, so that helps." She did say the one thing that she does miss is her friends, but hopefully everyone here at Luther makes her feel welcome so that she may have new friends very soon.

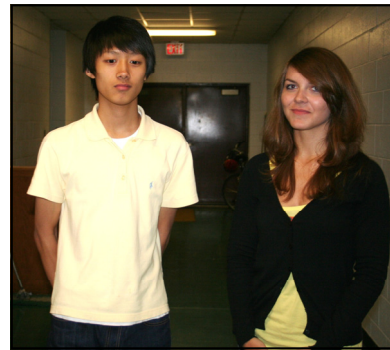
Romana was also asked if she had any favorite classes yet, and she said that gospels was her favorite class and that she also likes Mr. Adickes very much, that he was a nice teacher. She also added that she didn't like history all that much because it isn't exciting.

Romana told me that she has a mom and a dad, thankfully, and she has a little sister. Her little sister's name is Petra, and her parent's names are Beata and Roman. She doesn't have any pets, but she would like to have a dog someday, preferably a golden retriever.

She also shares a love of sports with us Americans. She loves basketball and hockey. She doesn't have a favorite team, but she likes to watch them play and also likes to play basketball herself. She is thinking about trying out for the girls' basketball team. All of us here at Luther High School wish her the best of luck! She also likes to go on the internet when she isn't at school or working on homework. She loves hanging out with friends.

Romana's plans for the future are that she wants to go to college, but she isn't sure what she wants to go for, maybe a U.S. Ambassador or something to do with languages, since she can speak four, English, Spanish, French, and Slovak.

So if you see Romana in the halls, say a kind word or just a hello to let her know that Luther cares about her, and we want her to feel like part of our school family.



Heemin Yoon

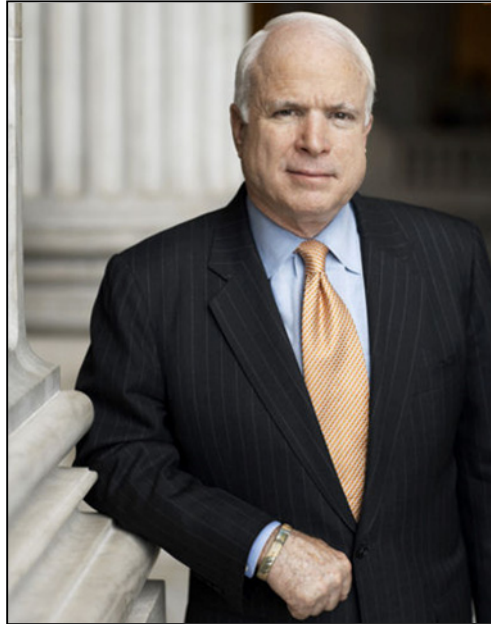
By Alicia Gartner

Heemin Yoon is a 16 year old sophomore from the capital city of Seoul, Korea. He is staying with Clint Gilman and his family. The preparation he had to make to get here was that he had to learn English, which he said was very hard. This is his first time in the U.S., and he said it is nice and is enjoying it here. Back home, Heemin has 1 younger brother. He misses his friends the most. His favorite food back home is Kimchi, which is a side dish consisting of vegetables, plenty of seasonings, and hot sauce that you serve with rice. The food Heemin enjoys most in the U.S. is turkey. There isn't anything that he has come across that he thinks is gross. Heemin's hobbies are soccer and baseball. His favorite class is Study Hall. His least favorite is English and Biology. Heemin plans to become a pilot after high school. When you see Heemin in the hallway, say hi and make him feel welcome.

Get To Know Your Presidential Candidates

Researched by: Jesse Nofftz

Sen. John S. McCain



Background Information

Family: Wife: Cindy Lou Hensley
7 Children: Doug, Sidney, Andy, Meghan, Jack, Jimmy, Bridget

Birth Date: 08/29/1936

Birthplace: Panama Canal Zone, Panama

Home City: Phoenix, AZ

Religion: Episcopalian

Party: Republican

Political Experience:

Senator, United States Senate, Arizona, 1987-present
Primary Candidate, United States President, 2000
National Security Adviser, Dole/Kemp Presidential Campaign, 1996
Representative, United States House of Representatives, 1982-1986

Sen. Barack H. Obama



Background Information

Family: Wife: Michelle Obama
2 Children: Malia, Sasha

Birth Date: 8/04/1964

Birthplace: Honolulu, Hawaii

Home City: Chicago, Illinois

Religion: United Church of Christ

Party: Democrat

Political Experience:

Senator, Illinois State Senate, 1996-2004
Senator, United States Senate, Illinois, 2004-present

Get To Know Your Vice-Presidential Candidates

Sen. Joseph Biden

Running Mate: Barack Obama



Background Information

Family: Wife: Jill Biden
3 Children: Beau (deceased), Robert, Naomi

Birth Date: 11/20/1942

Birthplace: Scranton, Pennsylvania

Home City: Wilmington, Delaware

Religion: Roman Catholic

Party: Democrat

Political Experience:

City Council Member, New Castle County, Delaware, 1970-1972
Senator, United States Senate, Delaware, 1972-present

Gov. Sarah Palin

Running Mate: John McCain



Background Information

Family: Husband: Todd Palin
5 Children: Track, Trig, Bristol, Willow, Piper

Birth Date: 2/11/1964

Birthplace: Sandpoint, Idaho

Home City: Wasilla, Alaska

Religion: Christian

Party: Republican

Political Experience:

City Council Member, Wasilla, Alaska, 1992-1996

Mayor, Wasilla, Alaska, 1996-2002

Chairperson, Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, 2003-2004

Governor, Alaska, 2006-present

Candidates Continued...

With the 2008 Presidential Election upon us and the issues we are facing in our world today, it is more important than ever to vote. More and more people each year think that their vote doesn't matter. Imagine if everyone in the world thought that way. We never would elect a president. So thinking that your vote doesn't count, couldn't be any farther from the truth.

Another reason people don't consider voting is because they don't "like" any of the candidates running. Most of the time this is just an excuse, but if that is how you truly feel, you must remember that the president will affect our country not just for 4 years, but for 40 years. For example, the President is the one who nominates Supreme Court Justices. Supreme Court justices hold their position for life. The president also has the power to veto all bills that come up through Congress. And again, the Supreme Court has the final say on whether or not these bills are constitutional.

Other reasons people don't vote is because the polls are too "crowded", or they are busy and can't make it. Well, in this country we have a thing called an "absentee" ballot. This means that they send you a card in the mail, you vote, and send it back. How easy is that!?

When you hear yourself complaining about the government, roads, schools, taxes, and any of the like, you need to remember that the people who make those decisions are elected to their office by you, the people. So if you don't go out and vote for the person you think will do a better job, you have no right to complain about what is being done.

So the next time you have the chance to vote, think about how you would feel if you had no choice at all. You couldn't choose your job or who made the laws for your country. Many countries in the world today don't have those privileges, and I bet those people would give quite a bit to get these rights which far too many Americans take for granted.

The Deadly Four...

By: Alicia Gartner

Hurricane Hanna:

This deadly hurricane formed August 28th, 2008. It caused 536 deaths in many areas, such as the Turks & Caicos, Haiti, Bahamas, Hispaniola, East Coast of U.S., and Atlantic Canada. The storm drenched Haiti, which has steep hillsides, and it knocked out the power in southern Bahamas. Hospitals in Haiti had to move patients to higher floors to get them to safety. The highest wind was 80mph. Hanna ended September 7th, 2008.

Hurricane Gustav:

Gustav formed August 25th, 2008. This hurricane caused 120 deaths. The areas that were hit were the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Haiti, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. It was categorized as a Category 3 hurricane. This means it will cause structural damage and terrain could be flooded inland. The estimated damage cost is \$20 billion. Gustav is among the 10 costliest storms in U.S. history.

Hurricane Josephine:

You may not have heard of this because it didn't really cause any damage. Josephine formed September 2nd, 2008 and dissipated September 8th, 2008. The highest wind was 65 mph. This hurricane caused no deaths. The only area hit was Cape Verde.

Hurricane Ike:

Ike was formed September 1st and it followed Hanna's path. The areas affected by Ike were Haiti, Cuba, Turks & Caicos Islands, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi Valley, and the Midwest. Ike was categorized a Category 4. This means it will cause structural damage. The highest wind was 230 mph. This hurricane caused about \$27 billion in damage.

Final results of Beijing Olympics...

Researched By: Alicia Gartner

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
China	51	21	28	100
U.S.	36	38	36	110
Russian Fed.	23	21	28	72
Great Britain	19	13	15	47
Germany	16	10	15	41
Australia	14	15	17	46
Korea	13	10	8	31
Japan	9	6	10	25
Italy	8	10	10	28
France	7	16	17	40

Resource: www.en.beijing2008.cn

"One World, One Dream." That was the slogan for the 2008 Olympics. The U.S. won the most medals. There were many athletes who broke world records. Those include, Michael Phelps (swimming, U.S.), Usain Bolt (track and field, Jamaica), Ryan Lochte (swimming, U.S.), Gulnara Galkina-Samitova (track and field, Russia), Kenenisa Bekele (track and field, Ethiopia), Stephanie Rice (swimming, Australia), Tirunesh Dibaba (track and field, Ethiopia), Yelena Isinbayeva (track and field, Russia), Eamon Sullivan (swimming, Australia), and Federica Pellegrini (swimming, Italy).



Got Life?!?!?