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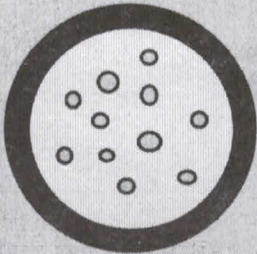
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Hatch's sinister plot unfolds

by JASON WHITEHORN

There is a sinister plot unfolding here at PHS. This evil plot has been going on for some time. To better understand it, the reader must understand how it started.

At the beginning of this year, all sophomores were assigned a reading project called AR. The sophomores were to check out books from the library, read them, and take tests on them. As the year progressed, Mrs. Hatch started talking and joking about ways to raise enough money and retire to Nagasaki (See Pg. 3). Inside reports say that this joking was just a cover for a plot to raise the money.

The plan involved an insurance scam of Mr. Malone, and a scheme to earn lots of money from library fines. Hatch's plan involved shortening the time given to sophomores to read their AR books and conveniently running out of due-date slips for books. Psychics have discovered subliminal messages inside Channel One encouraging students to return books late. Sources indicate that there has been in excess of \$100,000 dollars earned already, just on late books.



Mrs. Hatch counts money collected as fines from overdue books.

Hatch plot thickens

by DIANE BLACKWELL

Mrs. Hatch and Mr. Malone have a plot to exploit the students of Pocahontas High.

Unidentified study hall students have discovered that Hatch is placing a subliminal message into the Channel One programming that says, "Check out books from the library, and turn them in late." Hatch is supposedly stashing away the money from late charges into her personal account.

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New cult brings new hope to PHS

by JASON WHITEHORN

Most seniors are familiar with Mrs. Crabbe's new teaching intern, Ms Pickett. But very few seniors know about her cult.

A former cult member, who wishes to remain anonymous (to be referred to as Herman in this article), has leaked some inside information about Ms Pickett and her cult.

The name of the cult is HAL's Gate. The cult believes that the end of the world is coming some time in the year 2001.

They also believe that their supreme being, who goes by the name of Dave, will be aboard the comet.

Aboard this comet Dave will meet with the monolith of all creation, and he and anyone with him will become a Star-Child. HAL's Gate believes it is important to be with Dave aboard the comet Discovery, so that they will not die with the rest of the world. They plan to hijack the next space shuttle flight and live aboard Mir until the time has come for them to meet the supreme being on the comet Discovery.

Members of HAL's Gate who wish to leave the cult may do so by just repeating to themselves "out of memory," like Herman did. This will make it harder to remember all the evil things Ms Pickett and her cult, HAL's Gate, try to ram into their minds.

Pickett denies the charges.

"This is the most absurd thing I have ever heard," Pickett said. "I am just here to learn how to teach."



Teacher intern Joyce Pickett introduces HAL's Gate to seniors (L to R) Wendy Ward, Will Green, Phillip DeClerk, Shawn Rackley.



The Smoke Signal staff bemoans the loss of senior TK Barnett. While trying to leave the HAL's Gate cult, he was devoured by Ms Pickett's sewer monster. Memorials to Barnett may be given to his favorite fund, the Drama Department, in care of Mr. Crabbe.

Student center to crash on students' heads

by TERRY TYLER

It's spring again, and the school is getting ready to dismiss for the summer. Because of limited space in the student center, the school plans to spend this summer starting on a new student center to house more students.

On the surface, the blueprints look as if nothing is wrong with the plans, but as the *Smoke Signal* staff found out, things are not always as they appear.

Also, we spoke with Principal Jerry Malone about plans for wall material that we found to be weak. "There is nothing wrong with our materials. They have been inspected thoroughly," Malone said. Malone would not say by whom these materials were inspected.

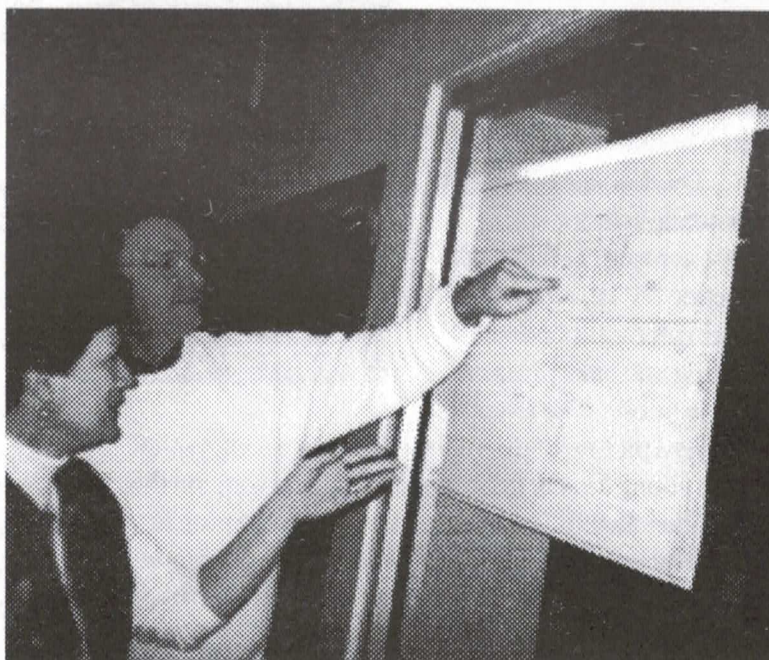
We contacted R. K. Techt and Sons, who drew up the blueprints. They admitted that the plans looked extremely shaky, but that Malone had paid them twice the amount of the bill, so they did not say anything.

We found it odd that Malone would give the contractor a bribe not to talk. Malone gave no comment on the supposed bribe. We also contacted the Department of Universal Manor and Buildings in Little Rock to have them determine the safety. They determined that the building will collapse after three days of use.

Parents of student William Blake questioned why the building would cost \$250,000. Malone brushed off the parents by saying something about expensive shovels.

As we found out, though, on the same day the school received the \$250,000, Malone went down to Huckabee Insurance Agency and bought life insurance on every student.

Through deductive reasoning, the *Smoke Signal* staff and a group of seven teachers determined that Malone planned to have all students meet in the center and lock the door. He planned to then pull out a certain brick, which would cause the building to cave in, killing all of the students. Then he would collect all of the insurance money, fly to Scotland, and invest in a golf



Mr. Malone shows the floor plans for the student center to Mrs. McClain.

retreat. (See **Page 1**) A parallel investigation of librarian Lin Hatch is expected to implicate her in the plot also. Hatch planned to invest in radioactive bottled water.

Because local authorities showed no interest in the discovery of the plot, currently the *Smoke Signal* staff is appealing to state authorities. Perhaps they will be able to stop the death before it happens.

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Mr. Malone inserts subliminal messages suggesting that students "Eat in the New Student Center." *Smoke Signal* investigation has revealed that he has taken out life insurance policies covering PHS students. It is also reported that plans have been made to implode the new student center three days after completion while filled with these same students.

Further investigation uncovered reservations made by Malone and Mrs. Hatch to go to Scotland and Nagasaki, respectively. They planned to escape prosecution by leaving the country.

Can anyone say, "Exxon Valdez?"

by JASON WHITEHORN

One would think that a Dr. Seuss book would be a very clean-minded educational children's book. But that is not the case with Doctor Seuss' book, *Dr. Seuss' ABC*. This book is filled with degenerate symbolism.

For example, in the book the letter "B" appears to contain pictures of people smoking and using the restroom in public. The letter "C" contains a picture of a camel walking on a roof, which makes young kids believe that camels can walk on the roof. The letter "F" contains an unauthorized plug for NBC. The letter "G" has a picture of a little girl being stalked by a goat. This could lead children to have a false insecurity around domestic farm animals.



"H" depicts a hippo with bad hygiene. No wonder children dislike brushing their teeth. "K" is definitely a promotion for violence with a picture of a pot kicking a foot. The letter "L" has partially nude females in its corresponding picture. The picture that goes with "O" shows a goose pouring oil on what looks to be a duck. Can anyone say, "Exxon Valdez?"

In letter "S" is a picture of a poor little boy drinking more green soda than he could ever possibly hope to digest. The most humorous but most bazaar letter of all is "T." The letter "T" depicts false horticulture of turtles.

"X" has a picture and sequence of words encouraging the killing of foxes, one of America's most prized and important non-renewable natural resources. The letter "Y" has a picture of a girl disturbing the peace. The case of why little children think that "and" is the letter between "Y" and "Z" is answered in this book. Dr. Seuss even has a page listing "and" as a letter.

No one in a right state of mind would ever want to read such a book to a child.

Smoke Signal's fallacy

Dear Editor,

I feel that it's my duty to investigate the developing alarmism as a concept. I'll begin by citing a range of examples from the public sphere. For starters, society has pampered The Smoke Signal Staff too long. No amount of opinion or innuendo nor any string of unrelated modes of thought can change the fact that they and their confreres are wolves in sheep's clothing who will paralyze any serious or firm decision and thereby become responsible for the weak and half-hearted execution of even the most necessary measures by next weekend. The pragmatist position is that The Smoke Signal Staff's minions suspect that the masses are imprudent and unfit for citizenship. The funny thing is, The Smoke Signal Staff is so smarmy, I could fall into the trap of thinking there's no difference between normal people like you and me and phlegmatic ne'er-do-wells. It would be bad enough if their foot soldiers were merely trying to call evil good and good evil. But their attempts to play on people's conscious and unconscious belief structures are just plain eccentric. Even their spin doctors couldn't deal with the full impact of their dissertations. That's why they created "The Smoke Signal Staff-ism," which is just a batty excuse to cast ordinary consumption and investment decisions in the light of high religious purpose. Moreover, logorrheic deviants have traditionally tried to piggyback on substantive issues to gain legitimacy for themselves. Okay, I've vented enough frustration. So let me end by saying that I should state this explicitly.

D.S. Gruntled

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...to represent thoughts of our advisor.

The school was no more

by KYLE JOHNSON

It's spring again, and as basketball season comes to a close. A charity game was held at Schoonover Field House when the Lady Redskins basketball team took on the boy's Redskins basketball team.

The game was a great battle. The girls took a 20-0 lead in the first quarter, and the boys came back to tie it at 75 in the third quarter. The game ended at a 100-100 tie. The reason for the unfinished game was that junior Chris Blackwell slammed from the 3-point line and shattered the backboard. His slam cracked the foundations of buildings on the campus, and after the clean up of the backboard, play resumed.

With about two seconds left, senior Justin Hagood soared up from the free throw line and brought it home with a dunk to tie. But after the buzzer the school started coming down piece by piece, wall by wall. All the lockers and all the senior pictures started to fall. After about 30 minutes PHS was no more, because of the ferocious dunks of Chris Blackwell and Justin Hagood.



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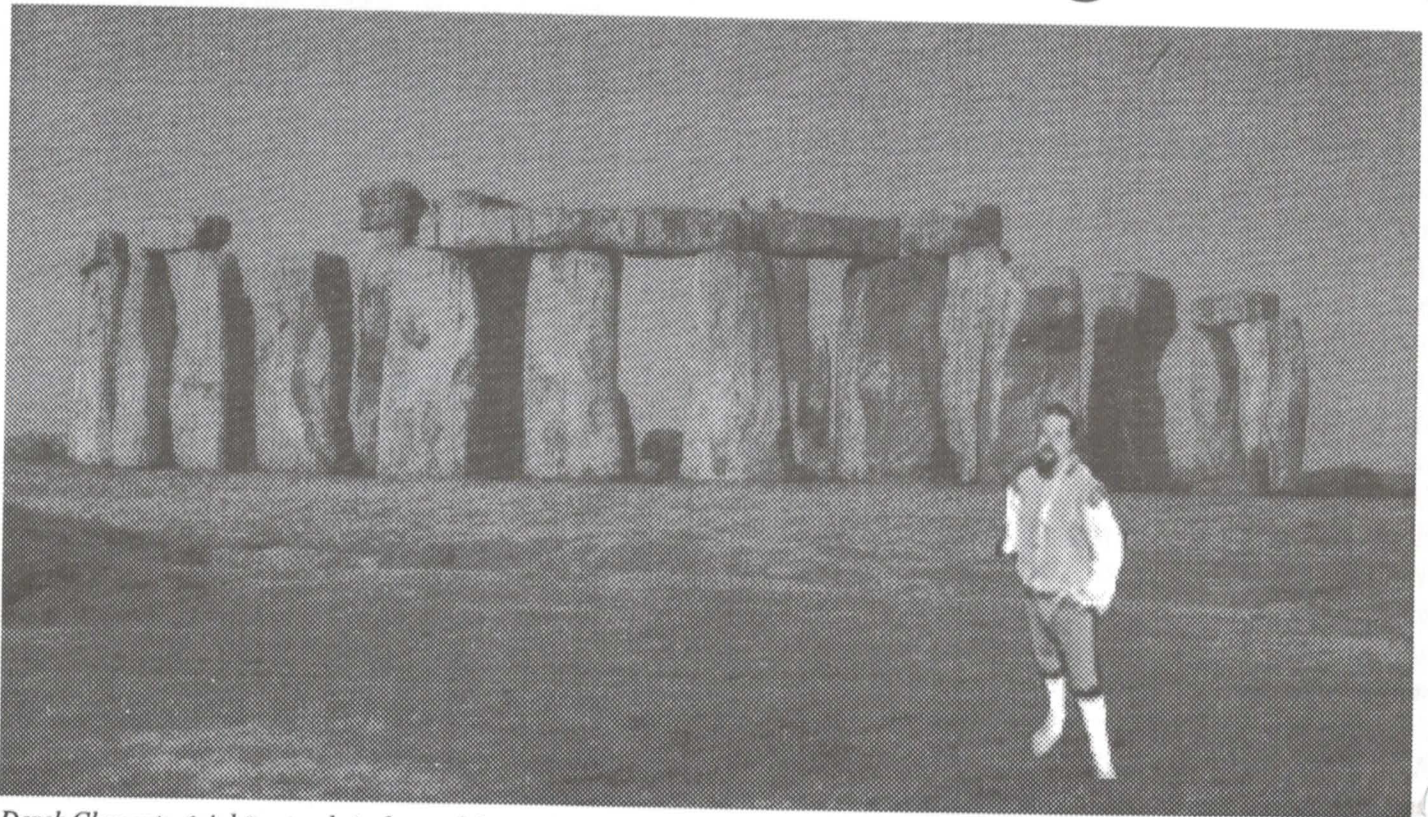
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Derek Clements reenacts in England



Derek Clements <right> stands in front of the newly painted Stonehenge, located in some part of England. According to Clements, it was the high point of the trip.

by TERRY TYLER

After years of study of the ancient Druid culture, Derek Clements traveled to England to perform reenactments of the ancient Druid worship services. His lovely adding of the Holy Bible into Druid culture was probably the most innovative.

"For many years now, the study of the Druids have not included God. It is about time that we put it there... even if it wasn't there to begin with," Clements said.

Not only did Clements reenact while he was there, but he greatly enjoyed the twenty-thousand dollars that the school alloted him for his expenditures. As a stipulation of the school's gift, he had to bring back with him something

to tell the students. To add to the memorabilia in his room, he brought back a stone tab from the actual henge to show the students.

As for the money, he used it to buy paint to repaint Stonehenge.

"Many people did not think that Stonehenge would look good painted fuschia. They now realize how good it truly does look," Clements said.

A resident of the area said that the fuschia henges made such lovely contributions to the surrounding greenery.

Clements plans to return in the summer of 1999 with other members of his company to do Spanish Druid reenactments.

Calendar of Events for January 2000

- January 1... Computer systems shut down
- January 2... World in frenzy as PHS delays 2nd semester
- January 9... Cars run out of gas, causing people to walk.
- January 12... Nation looks to Strom Thurmond to learn how life was back in the old days, and Richard Simmons jobless due to slimmer nation.
- January 23... Stores run out of copies of Green Acres

tapes, which are bought to learn to farm.

- January 25... Official Newsweek poll finds all American magazines and businesses closed
- January 28... Teachers at PHS move into school, use student center as a furnace, and burn all books.'
- January 29... Shawn O'Donnell fixes the world's computer problem and world returns to normal.