

ECONOMICS TEACHER SOLVES PROM DATE **DILEMMA**

Vanessa Grady
Editor-in-chief

Each year, the Friday before prom weekend, every senior waits in anticipation for economics teacher Susan Kizer's legendary prom speech. This year, however, the long-awaited speech has an added twist: Kizer will be determining prom dates for everyone.

"I'm in desperate need of a date for prom, I'm totally excited for Kizer to pick a date for me!" senior Cassidy Gregeron said.

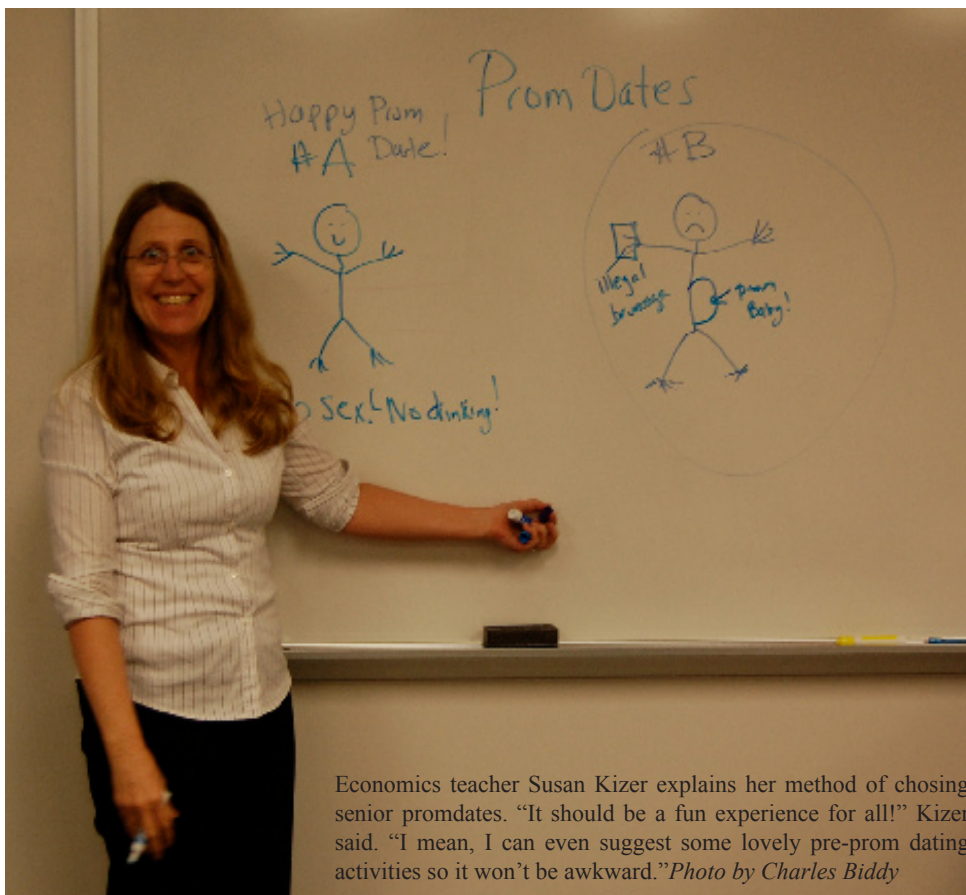
Kizer has decided that in order to reduce the number of babies brought to and made at prom, she will be choosing dates for every senior. The formerly optional practice of matching students together in class is now mandatory for all seniors.

"Just think about it! Everyone can have fun with their dates and they won't be dancing inappropriately on the dance floor. How great!" Kizer said.

Kizer also rejects the practice of seniors bringing lowerclassmen to prom, stating that the dance is called the senior prom, not the Seniors and Babies Prom.

"It should be a fun experience for all!" Kizer said. "I mean, I can even suggest some lovely pre-prom dating activities so it won't be awkward."

Several Kizer-approved pre-prom dating activities include picnic lunches, sporting events, and other school func-



Economics teacher Susan Kizer explains her method of choosing senior prom dates. "It should be a fun experience for all!" Kizer said. "I mean, I can even suggest some lovely pre-prom dating activities so it won't be awkward." Photo by Charles Biddy

tions such as Mustang Men.

"Group dates are just so much fun!" Kizer said. "You can have all the girls bring little lunches and make the boys bring the other picnic materials, as long as you don't have a blanket! Blankets lead to bad things!"

If the prospect of having a Kizer-approved date does not sound appealing to you, you can always opt not to attend the once-in-a-lifetime senior moment. Otherwise, you can take the chance and attend the dance with a stranger who has the potential to become a great friend.

War drums and deadly bows

Crash Boom Chomp
Sports Editor

As the sun sets on Saturday March 7, 2009, the Kingwood High School student parking lot is scattered with broken instruments and injured musicians. As another orchestra student is hit over the head with a drum stick, junior violinist Keira String takes revenge on senior oboe player John Note with her deadly bow.

"He broke my violin, and that is not acceptable!" String said. "I paid some major dough for that instrument. It was made of real oak!"

The once mutual relationship between the orchestra and band groups was shredded when orchestra conductor Lucifer Beidlinger went over his scheduled practice time, resulting in the forced cancelation of afternoon band practice.

"This isn't the first time its happened, but this was the final straw," said band director Rusty Ralch. "We had solo and ensemble the next day, and we really needed the practice time."

For two weeks, it was the Cold War in the halls of Kingwood High. Band students threatened the orchestra with everything from playing extremely loudly through their practice to destroying all the basses. This was returned with similar threats from the



Photo by Crash Boom Chomp

orchestra students. The peace was broken after String called Note a "band geek" in the parking lot.

"I just cracked," Note said. "I lost my temper and did the first thing that came to mind. I didn't think it would go so far."

Note grabbed String's violin case and chunked it across the parking lot, where a giant semi ran over it. Sophomore clarinet player Stephanie Eight witnessed the shocking horror.

"Seriously," Eight said. "What was a semi doing in the Kingwood High parking lot?"

The purpose of the semi is still under investigation. Eight and Note offered to pay for the smashed violin, but String refused. Thus, the Kingwood High Music Wars began.

Both clubs met on the morning of March 4, 2009, resulting in the bloodiest musical battle of all time. The history teachers are naming this battle "The Battle of the Bands." It is the longest war ever in the history of Kingwood High. History teachers said this conflict could last for many years, maybe even until the current year's freshmen graduate.

Back on the Silver Mile

Sweeney Todd
Entertainment Editor

On March 22, the School Board decided to bring the T-buildings back to Kingwood High School because the fire marshal called the new area of the school a violation, as too many students are located in one central area.

The decision to bring back the T-buildings will require all next year's seniors and juniors to have all of their classes out in these designated areas, with the exception of special electives, including art, gym, and journalism.

"I think this is a brilliant idea," John Doe said. "It will be less crowded, which will help me get to my classes faster."

While students such as Doe believe that the T-buildings are beneficial to the school, others argue that it will only complicate the process.

"It is hard enough for me to get to class on time as it is," sophomore Sally Sardina said. "I know that I will never be able to get to my first period from the commons in only six minutes."

The School Board recognizes this as an issue and has extended the time between classes by 30 seconds. However, to maintain the normal school hours, they have also extended the final release bell to 2:50 PM.

"Well what about the extra classrooms?" junior Paul Blart said. "Wouldn't that be a waste of space?"

To address this issue, the School Board has decided to cut the classroom sizes in half. This way, the freshmen and sophomores will be evenly distributed throughout the upper and lower sections of the new part of the school.

While the bringing back of the T-buildings may be controversial, the School Board believes that it will solve many of the current issues at Kingwood High.

"This is the only way possible we see fit to fix the issue of overcrowding in the hallways and classrooms," administrator John Johnson said. "We are fully content with the plan if it is done quickly and it pleases the fire marshal."

Monster sighted in Kingwood lakes

Sunshine
Op/Ed Editor

The lakes at the front of Kingwood have been drained for quite some time. Initially, the lakes were drained so Kingwood’s welcoming sign could be replaced. Or at least, that’s what everyone was told.

The front of Kingwood has been under renovation for a few months, and the signs appear to be finished. So why is the surrounding lake still drained?

A couple weeks before the lakes were drained, there was a young couple enjoying a drive down Northpark.

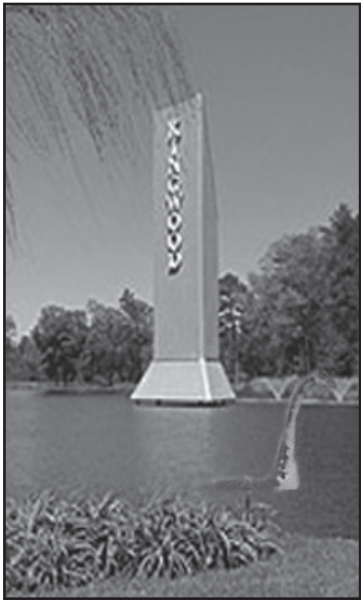
“I had the passenger window open because I was smoking at the time,” Ian Miles said. “Suddenly, we heard a splash. It wasn’t like a stone or anything falling into the lake, it sounded as if a car or motorbike had rolled into the lake. We got out of the car to see if everything was okay, and I couldn’t see much of anything because it was dark. I used the flash of our digital camera to be able to see where I was walking. We

called out and got no response, but the splashing persisted. After a while we went back to our car and went on our way. It wasn’t until later when we got home and looked on our digital camera that we realized what was in those photographs!”

The couple has been advised not to give out any further information, and turned their photographs in to the local police for further investigation.

This is not the first strange report of odd activity in the lakes. Strange sightings have been made as far back as the mid 1970’s, but it is the modern day sightings that have captured the public’s imagination.

One of the first incidents occurred when a motorcyclist almost collided with the creature. He said to have



seen a large shape looming down the road late at night. As he approached the object he said he saw a head on a long slender neck. As he came closer, the noise of his motorbike scared the creature away. Once he was at the point

where the creature had lain, he could only see the rippling of the water where the creature had entered.

There have been many other reports, one of the most recent being from an older married couple about two weeks before the draining and renovation project.

“We had just pulled over to the side to take some pictures of the lakes and the Kingwood sign before they decided to tear it down,” Gerald Fitzpatrick said. “We were just admiring the lighting and the shimmering of the water, and decided to snap a picture

using our little Kodak camera. We were amazed when we looked at the photograph.”

The couple claimed to have not noticed anything when the photograph was taken.

“To be honest, neither of us saw anything that made us think ‘there’s something in there,’” Hazel Fitzpatrick said. “We were both positive that we saw nothing that could have produced the shape in this image. Had something attracted our attention, we would have made a bigger point to figure out what we had seen.”

The photos were sent off to photo expert Emilia Fogul. Fogul, as well as many other experts, have agreed that the photograph revealed a questionable object in the water. The object is seen in one of the deepest parts of the lake at the front of Kingwood.

Two weeks later, the lake was drained and the renovating of the front of Kingwood began before its initial scheduled date.

HE’S BACK: THE DUCT TAPE MAN

The Great Gratzby
Reporter

The duct tape man; most people have heard this name one way or another. For those who have not heard of this terrible bandit, he is a man wrapped up in duct tape. He plays with people on the greenbelt from daylight to night fall. You will see him tied to a tree asking, “Help me! Help me!”

And then when you get close enough he will jump out at you, trying to grab and terrorize you. Now people think they are safe on the greenbelts once again, since he disappeared. What happened to this fiend on our greenbelts?

“I heard he was caught by the varsity

football team and taught a lesson,” sophomore Ducky said.

But the truth is that he was never really caught. He went into hiding from the local police, because they found his secret duck tape hide out on the ditch off Brook Shadow. Kids of the area thought they were safe, because the big bad duck tape man had vanished.

But a new horror has returned to the Kingwood area. Duct Tape Man has returned for something amongst all people of the greenbelts. He has already attacked five residents from Greentree, three from Riverchase, and stole and

wrapped up seven stolen teddy bears in duct tape leaving them for dead.

“I have been seeing a lot of lost teddy bear signs everywhere. Especially the one of the orange teddy bear,” said senior Tola Naomi. “One gloomy day I was walking on the greenbelt and saw an animal all wrapped up in duck tape. I went to go check it out and unraveled it and saw the poor little orange fur ball.”

This menace is back and is terrorizing each neighborhood one by one. The worse has yet to come. The duct tape man might be in your very neighborhood, and may be right behind you.



RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS CREATE ZOMBIES

J-Rod Nugget
Reporter

Moscow, Russia is under quarantine for an inhumane viral outbreak that causes people to act senseless.

“Me and my family were forced to evacuate our home in the Moscow countryside,” said Holga Schwamkoff.

The outbreak was caused by a scientific facility break in.

“We had been working on a drug induced cure for muscular disorders when one day there was a security breach,” scientist Dmitri Schvanko said.

This cure was still in a testing phase on small rodents when the Russian

facilities security was breached by a fake security guard with access. The intruder ran out of the hospital, crazed and biting every moving animal. He was shot and killed by Moscow police forces. Approximately two hours later the victims were reported running out of the hospital at intense speeds with flailing arms.

Russian military forces have begun to stabilize the situation in Moscow. They have put Moscow under a massive quarantine operation. The Russian government has begun sterilizing Moscow.

The United States government has decided to aid Russia in their quarantine process by sending food, water, and 20,000 troops to handle the hostile zombie-like people still swarming around Moscow.

“We plan to have our troops and American troops out of Moscow by February of 2010,” said Kevin Skosovik.



Photo by Sniffs McGee

Unicorn Sighted On Kingwood Drive

Thelma Louise
Reporter



On Friday, February 29, a unicorn was seen crossing the road. Which road you ask? None other than our very own Kingwood Drive. Witnesses claim the unicorn was a silverish color with a flaxen mane and tale. Head of KHS Security, Officer Barfoot, was among the witnesses.

“I attempted to catch him. KHS is

strictly a no unicorn zone,” Barfoot said.

In an attempt to uncover the facts, we caught up with the unicorn himself. We later learned that his name is Chester.

“Honestly, I don’t know why I came here,” Chester said. “I’m just attempting to find a nice spot to vaca with the Mrs.”

Chester was secretive about his origins, insisting that it was not necessary to reveal his hometown. We speculate that he is from the northeast, possibly the New Jersey region. Chester assured authorities that he needed no assistance returning home.

Mayor Bill White sent him off with a commemorative t-shirt, and the Kingwood Mustangs have added an honorary horn to the Mustang statue in the commons.

“It was definitely an experience. It’s not everyday you get the chance to talk to a unicorn,” senior Kate Stewart said.

Now, as students pass the beloved mustang statue, they “rub the horn” in memory of the day that Chester the unicorn came to town.

Have you seen Biddy?

Thelma Louise
Reporter

KHS Senior and World Champion Curler Charles Biddy is an elusive character to say the least. Despite being well known by the entire student body as well as being facebook friends with an impressive 6,000 people, no one has ever actually seen Biddy. The Board of International Curling confirmed that Biddy has been a prominent member of the association for over five years.

“Biddy is an excellent curler. He has an outstanding record and great personality,” Board President Shank Grady said. Grady, however, admitted that he has never met Biddy.

“I’ve never really thought about it. I suppose he’s just a private person,” Grady said when asked about Biddy’s

whereabouts. Biddy has been the state and national curling champion all four years of his high school career, a feat never before accomplished by a student curler.

The KHS student body seems to share Grady’s sentiments.

“He’s my best friend,” senior Nick Panzarella said. “He’s the coolest guy I know. That dawg is tight.”

When asked if he had ever met Biddy, Panzarella replied that he had not, but that it in no way hindered his love of Biddy.

Although we were not able to contact Biddy, it is clear that he is admired by all who claim to know him. Despite his questionable existence, Biddy has managed to secure himself a place in the hearts of his coaches, peers, and admittedly, the world.



Photo by Thelma Louise

Man walks on water

Precious Mumbaia
Copy Editor

On Friday, March 27, Arnold Switner, a 27 year old triathlete from Kingwood, finished his run from Honolulu, Hawaii to Sacramento, California completely on water.

Switner wanted to set a new record, and although everyone he talked to told him the feat was too dangerous to attempt, he set out at eight A.M. on Thursday March 28, landing on California soil more than 24 hours later.

“I just wanted to do something different, something that I would be remembered for,” Switner said.

Switner started his running career when he was just nine years old, and he ran track and swam for Kingwood when he was in high school.

“Running is my passion,” Switner said. “It calms me down and helps me to forget about the world.”

CNN sent a crew on a motor boat to film Switner’s attempt. They had a first-aid team on board as well, in case something happened.

“I watched the thing on television for hours,” junior Hanna Trail said. “It was incredible. I was so afraid that sharks were going to attack him or something.

Good thing that boat was there, making wakes to scare them away.”

Switner used a snow shoe contraption to spread out the surface area and keep himself from sinking. He trained in pools and in the Gulf of Mexico for months before deciding he was confident enough to go such a long distance.

“As long as I kept moving, I stayed afloat,” Switner said. “When I hit California, I was so happy. I’ve never felt that tired in my entire life.”

Over ten thousand fans were crowded in the streets of Sacramento to welcome Switner home. Cheers ran out.

“I wish I could have gone to California to see him,” Trail said. “That would have been so awesome. I want his autograph.”

Not only was Switner the first human to ever run for any distance on water, he was the first human to run the hundreds of miles between Hawaii and California.

“I feel like I met my goal,” Switner said.”Generations in the future will learn in history that Arnold Switner was the first man to run on water from Hawaii to California.”



Photo by Precious Mumbaia

Ask Tina

Tina NayNay
Reporter

Dear Tina,

My girlfriend Jenna expects so much out of me! When she asks for a soda, I find myself bringing her a variety so she can choose a flavor. It’s become such a habit, I do anything she asks. This is interfering with my school work, and my mom says I spend too much time and money on her. How do I tell her that I love her but I’m not her slave?

Help me!
Whipped

Salutations Whipped,

You’re in a tough situation. I suggest telling her how you feel. She might get upset, but if this habit is interfering with your school work, it’s becoming a problem. She’s in high school, so she should be learning how to become self sufficient. If you have a good relationship, she will understand and and try to correct her behavior. If she breaks up with you over this, she might have just been with you to see what she could get.

Sincerely,
Tina

Dear Tina,

I have a problem! I broke up with my girlfriend of two months in January, and now there’s a new lady in my life. She just moved here from New Jersey, but she just can’t seem to fill the void that my ex left. For one thing, she doesn’t understand our Texas customs and traditions, like my love for the rodeo and sunflower seeds. She’s only been here at Kingwood High School for a little while, so she hasn’t really gotten into Texas football, or wearing the Mustang Blue. My ex was a true Texas girl, she liked long rides in my truck, and eating southern barbecue. What should I do? Dump New Jersey for my ex cowgirl, or change her into a southern belle?

Help me!
Torn

Salutations Torn,

It sounds as if you still have feelings for your old gal pal, and can’t fully commit to New Jersey until you resolve them. If you really feel as if New Jersey is for you, then introduce her to the things you love to do. Maybe take her on a long truck ride, or go to the rodeo. Take her to a traditional Texas roadside barbecue, and show her the things that you like. The only thing you have to remember is that New Jersey will never be your ex cowgirl, and you will find yourself constantly comparing them. You’ll have to start from the beginning, and make new memories with this new breed of girlfriend.

Sincerely
Dear Tina,

Behind closed doors

Sniffs McGee
Reporter

In every school there is always one place that remains a mystery, and the secrets remain locked inside its swinging doors. The one room that no one can figure out is the teacher’s lounge. Every student has at one point stood at the door and thought of what extraordinary wonders it must behold.

“All my life I have dreamed of what amazing things that were in there, but for some reason I could never work up the nerve to open the door and walk in to see it for myself,” Junior Jamal Davis said.

The teacher’s lounge is a mystery that has baffled even the smartest of students. Many theories have been written up, but no single fact has been agreed upon to publish.

“The mysteries of this one room have appeared to be untouchable in the sense that even the greatest minds of our time cannot even come close to unlocking it,” sophomore Reed Allot said.

Some say that it is just a lounge where teachers go to unwind from the

stresses of their endless classes. Others believe that most of those thoughts are just ploys from teachers who think students are too close to uncovering the real wonders to this magnificent room.

“There has to be something in the room. If there wasn’t, then why do teachers spend so much time in there? Teacher’s spend way to much time in there to just sit and drink coffee,” freshman Wilson Gomez said.

The teachers lounge has remained an unanswerable question to all ages of students for hundreds of years, and if it has not been uncovered yet then it will stay that way for later generations to ponder about for years to come.

“I have thought about that room and its contents for as long as I can remember, and I will probably think about it for years to come.” freshman Jesus Derosa said. “This room has beaten me. Hopefully, some one will come along some day and expose it for all the students who couldn’t.”

LIVING LEGENDS VISIT KINGWOOD

Ahnold Tibit
Reporter

The 1990's movie Tin Cup is not Kingwood's only claim to fame. Frequenting the Randall's parking lot on weekend nights usually has no significance, but it attracts quite a few teenagers. In this small town, one always finds excitement at the most random moments.

A group of teens were playing hacky sack while socializing when there was a sudden realization. A foreigner was roaming the grounds of Town Center. After

blinking and rubbing their eyes to ensure reality, seniors Keanu Marshall and Jared Smitherson were shocked.

A purple '74 Cadillac Coupe Deville crept up on an empty parking spot, making its entrance quite apparent. This incident had already attracted dozens of onlookers, all trying to decide who the mysterious guest was.

"The second the passenger window manually rolled down, my life changed

forever," Marshall said.

Here in Kingwood, Anna Nicole Smith and Elvis Presley sat while Tupac Shakur went into Randall's to utilize the Coin Star. Smith appears much like a bottle blonde in person, and wears much more red lipstick than most would think. Not only do their spirits live on, but obviously they do too.

Smitherson explained his personal experience when he discovered Santa Claus was merely his father dressed up in a costume. He was mortified for life.

"My older brother always told me that 'Seeing is believing,' and since then my understanding of Santa Claus and Anna Nicole Smith have proven this theory."

Smitherson, once a normal teenager has used his traumatic experience as a lead off for his motivational speaking career.

Apparently Kingwood is not so boring after all. Keep an eye out for Heath Ledger. He could come out of nowhere!



Photo by Charles Biddy

The Joker: no joke

J-Rod Nugget
Reporter

Recently, a man claiming to be the real Joker was taken off the streets of New York City by the NYPD. He would not give a real name and will not cooperate with the police. Three days after his incarceration, he broke out and has been missing since. By the knives left behind the police now think he was behind six murders in the past two weeks. People claimed to see him at night running through Central Park.

"There was a weird figure in a dark colored suit just running across the park when I just passed by," pedestrian Daniel Fisk said.

Ever since the Joker broke out of the holding cells at the police department, he has been accused of countless murders leading from New York to Houston. A Houston police officer reported a man in a purple suit and makeup headed on a bus towards Kingwood about a week ago, but no reports followed.

"I never really trusted the boy. I never even knew his real name. He would always leave early in the morning and come back very late," neighbor Ruth Lee said.

When the police broke into his apartment in Manhattan there were two bombs half made and detonators next to each one. It looked like he had not visited his apartment since he broke out of jail.



Jolie and Jackson: an adoption agency's dream

Mansquisha
Reporter

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's recent break-up has left Angelina desperate for a father figure to her young adopted children. As she is always interested in the darker, bad-boy characters who are wild and risk taking, she has become interested in a different type of man. Her new beaux is Michael Jackson! It has been reported that they have been seen totting all of their children and affectionately spending time as a little family.

"He seems to be extremely excited to take part in the family, and has fully cleared his schedule to spend the most time he possibly can to be their new daddy," says a close friend of the happy couple.

The two were spotted shopping with their newest addition, yes, another adopted baby. This time it is a much different situation. The couple have adopted a child of a different species. The baby is extra-terrestrial. Although it has differences in looks, Startracker



Photo by Charles Biddy

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A presidential romance

Tina Nay-Nay
Reporter

Many have speculated on the status of the relationship of newly elected President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Both camps insist they share a mutual "business oriented" friendship, but recent sightings suggest something a little more serious.

"Both President Obama and Ms. Clinton were visiting our elementary school," a teacher at Bear Branch Elementary, Andre Beasley said. "All of a sudden Mr. Obama locked eyes with Clinton; I sensed more than just a friendship."

Though both parties vehemently deny a courtship, Obama is spending less and less time at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Former President Bill Clinton also reports seeing Ms. Clinton only two times per week on average. Though both instances may be contributed to their new jobs, trustworthy sources say otherwise.

"While I was vacationing in Washington D.C. I saw President Obama and Ms. Clinton waking together through the park!" freshman Ken Hendrix said.



"They were walking on opposite sides of the sidewalk, but they seemed very much together."

Maybe Mr. President and the Secretary of State are just looking for a little political companionship. It has been said that Obama enjoys writing new tax laws with a good friend, and long walks around the Lincoln Memorial.

"I don't think their relationship is too serious yet, though I have heard President Obama call Ms. Clinton 'Hill-Dawg'," senior William Mayes said. "But if we don't watch out there may be some canoodling in Capitol Hill."

Daily Horoscopes

Rosalie Howell
Reporter

Capricorn-(12/22 - 1/19)
Beware of Libras. Rumor has it they're animals.
Aquarius-(1/20 - 2/18)
The ocean is your friend, not your enemy; however, this rule does not apply to rivers, lakes, streams, and ponds.
Pisces-(2/19 - 3/20)
Seth Rogen just called. He wants his fro back.
Aries- (3/21 - 4/19)
Today is the day your true love will dump you. They will tell you,"It's not you, it's me." But we both know its you.
Taurus- (4/20 - 5/20)
On the 24th of April, if you feel pressure, don't try to relax. Just tell that elephant sitting on you to get off.
Gemini- (5/21 - 6/21)
Today you will encounter two strangers. Some advice: don't take candy and don't help look for a cute puppy.
Cancer- (6/22 - 7/22)
It looks like another day without friends or a life for you.
Leo-(7/23 - 8/22)
Don't walk in front of any school buses, cars, deers, bikes; in fact just don't leave your bed today.
Virgo-(8/23 - 9/22)
Good news: a lot of people want to see you. Bad news: you're in the circus.
Libra-(9/23 - 10/22)
Ignore people when they tell you that you're an animal next week. They're just jealous that you have a tail.
Scorpio-(10/23 - 11/21)
Keep dreaming; that cute guy/ girl will never date you.
Sagittarius-(11/22 - 12/21)
Today is not crazy, you are.