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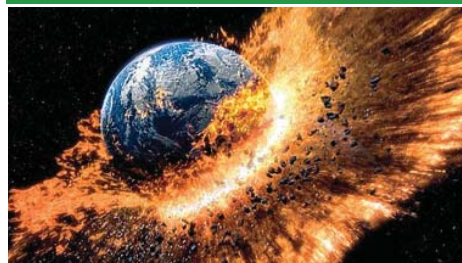
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Sherlock Holmes Takes the Stage

By Tiffany HONG '13

On December 7th, after long hours of rehearsal, LHS thespians successfully performed their rendition of classic drama *Sherlock Holmes*. For three consecutive nights, the talented performers captivated their audience with a show filled with suspense, agony, and of course, romance.

Directed by Ms. Storti, with help from Mr. Megaro, Mr. Deutsch, and Doug West, fight choreographer of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, *Sherlock Holmes* was brought to life and into the spotlight at LHS.

A convoluted plot set in Victorian London, *Sherlock Holmes* begins with criminals Jim and Madge Larrabee preparing for the culmination of their blackmail scheme. To their dismay, however, they discover that their intended victim, Alice Faulkner, has engaged the services of renowned private detective, Sherlock Holmes. As Holmes tries to save the day, he finds himself trapped in a cat-and-mouse chase with his long-time enemy Professor Moriarty.



From left to right: Rachael Richard, Jordan Cohen, Jared Aronoff, Megan Foley
Image Credit: Laura Krupitsky

From late September to opening night, the devoted performers rehearsed every day after school. "The practices were long and intense," explained senior Jared Aronoff, who played Jim Larrabee, "and the actors have worked furiously to delve successfully into their roles. I am so happy and so honored to be working with this amazing cast

... Everyone is equally as amazingly talented as the next!"

With all their time and effort, the cast and crew certainly put on a spectacular performance. As Aronoff put it, "This drama has been [quite possibly] the best show that Ms. Storti directed out of her years working in LHS theatre."

Falling Off the Fiscal Cliff



Image Credit: Health Reform Explained

By Shivangi KHANNA '13

Talks of the looming 'fiscal cliff' have filled the ears of politicians and economists alike for the past few months. It is less than two weeks before the potentially dangerous policies take effect, and still, no decisions have been reported.

If both parties do not agree on a compromise by New Years' Day, the automatic tax increases and spending cuts will, on one hand, cut the deficit in half. At the same time, they may result in disastrous consequences for economic growth, put-

ting the nation at risk of falling into an even deeper recession (CBS News).

Both Democrats and Republicans have proposals for quelling the possible disaster. Republicans prefer large spending cuts and few, if any, tax increases. They prefer to maintain Bush-era tax cuts, whose implementation was originally intended to be temporary. To offset the loss of revenue from keeping taxes low, Republicans favor cutting social programs, which comprise a bulk of the annual budget.

On the other hand, Democrats propose

a combination of spending cuts and tax increases, taking the opposite stance on the Bush tax cuts. President Obama has especially advocated for the expiration of cuts for households with over a \$250,000 annual income to follow through on his campaign promise (CBS News).

The automatic spending cuts to take effect on January 1st stem from the debt ceiling financial crisis of summer 2011. To avoid defaulting on our loans and further downgrading the U.S. sovereign credit rating (the U.S. dropped from a AAA to a AA rating), Congress enacted the Budget Control Act of 2011.

The Act outlines a package, also known as "the sequester," that totals \$1.2 trillion worth of spending cuts (The Washington Post). The cuts would be spread out over the course of nine years and include cuts in both defense and domestic spending. However, programs like Medicaid, food stamps (SNAP), and Social Security are exempt from the sequester (Bipartisan Policy Center).

For now, as Congress scrambles to reach a conclusion to avert these policies, CNN reports that Congressmen just might have to spend the holidays trapped on Capitol Hill.

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From the Desk of the Editors-in-Chief Live and Let Go: Move On From Rejection



For many reasons, December is the craziest of the twelve months. In a mere 31 days, fall becomes winter in a violent flurry of frost and snow, the crazy holiday season gets into full swing, and the fleeting year comes to an end. It's all overwhelming to say the least.

December also brings the added stress of college admissions decisions. In recent weeks, panic and anxiety have overtaken feelings of "senioritis." The grueling waiting period (between applying and hearing back) is nearly unbearable for nervous applicants who have worked relentlessly to impress their top choice schools with stunning transcripts, distinctive essays, flawless interviews, and other attractive credentials.

When those fateful decision days finally do come, mass hysteria sweeps through LHS; the apprehension is so heavy, it can be felt by the entire senior class. By 5 or 6 PM, Facebook is inundated with two types of posts: joyous proclamations of acceptance or disappointed announcements of deferral or rejection.

Although a few lucky applicants are admitted to their top choice schools, many more are rejected. According to the New York Times, more students are applying to more schools than ever before, and as a result, college's selectivity has increased substantially. As we have all heard countless times from teachers, guidance counselors, and our parents, a stellar high school record will not necessarily garner an acceptance from a competitive school.

Nonetheless, we are human, and it is completely normal for us to get upset over rejection. It's totally reasonable to feel a little bitter seeing a proud acceptee sport a t-shirt from the college that rejected you.

As hard as it may seem, we need to move forward from our rejections and take them in stride. Of course, this is easier said than done. However, we need to realize that everything does happen for a reason, and maybe, the college that we wanted to attend so badly simply wasn't the right one for us in the long run. As Bob Marley once said, "Don't worry, be happy." It's admittedly cliché, but we will all end up at schools where we will grow, learn, achieve, and hopefully excel.

So, as our winter vacation nears, the entire senior class should take time to relax, enjoy the break, and forget about the whole college admissions process, at least until after the holidays are over. Remember, by May 1st, we will all have a college (or other post-high school plans) to call our own. Yes, in the moment when you read a rejection letter, you'll be heart-broken and completely devastated, but remember, it's not the end of the world...that's December 21st.

-Bae and Gilberg



Lance News



Sandy Strikes: Was “Gangnam Style” Really a Rain Dance?

By Morgan COLLINS '13

Sandy Cheeks of Bikini Bottom. Sandy from Grease. Annie's dog Sandy. The Northeast jokingly alluded to popular Sandys in the hours leading up to the alleged “Frankenstorm.” Expecting maybe some rain and wind the night before the storm, people were surprised when they woke up Tuesday morning to the utter devastation.

Citizens of the Northeast have seen the aerial shots of homes up and down the Northeast coast, waited on gas lines for hours to fuel our cars and generators, congregated in the one friend's home who was lucky enough to not lose power. Facebook newsfeeds were filled with statuses proclaiming the excitement of another day off of school!

Yet as the days grew shorter, and the nights grew longer, and the cold grew colder, everyone started to wonder . . . is this over yet?

A total of 8.5 million homes and businesses lost power, entire neighborhoods on Staten Island and the Jersey Shore were demolished, and the indestructible New York City was left dilapidated. By Thursday, the death toll of Hurricane Sandy reached a reported 95 in the United States and Canada, and 69 in the Caribbean.



Volunteers pose with the bus prior to heading to Ventnor.

Image Credit: Scott Egelberg

This storm was something bigger than a few days without Internet access and heat—minor inconveniences.

While the Northeast went another day without power, another day without election coverage (or Real Housewives of Miami), another day fighting for that last slice of hot pizza at Shop Rite, a family somewhere else went another day without a home.

Despite the hardships and losses caused by Sandy, the storm has had an greater impact – it has brought everyone together. Compassion and selflessness have been demon-

strated like never before. Every effort to help Sandy victims is needed, from a hot shower for a friend or free WiFi at a local restaurant to volunteering to clean up the community. Livingston High School has joined in these efforts.

The Student Government teamed up with 16 school clubs to hold a week-long school-wide relief effort from November 13th to November 20th to collect food toiletries, reusable bags, pet supplies and clothing.

Dr. Alirangues hosted meditation ses-

sions for \$1 on Wednesday and Friday, and on the final day of the drive, students paid for a song to be sung by the administration.

Despite the lackluster history of LHS student turnout at school-run events, SGA president Jennifer Wu said she was “very happy with this so far,” when asked if the participation had met her expectations.

“It was a really good idea to reach out to all the presidents of the school clubs so people would know,” Wu added. “I think this year, especially because of the SGA Facebook page, people have been getting notifications . . . the collaboration is setting a great precedent for the future.”

Canned donations, initially stored in Principal Stern's office in an effort to “Can the Principal,” have been bussed to Atlantic City and Ventnor to help Sandy victims. Livingston's effort to “Stuff the Bus” culminated in two entire schoolbuses' worth of canned goods, cleaning supplies, soap, and other necessities for areas hit hard by the storm.

As inconvenient as Sandy's timing has been—polls for the presidential elections were closed in many locations and in an actually convenient twist of fate, college application deadlines were postponed—Thanksgiving came in on its heels. And this is a perfect time to give thanks.

LHS Forensics Team Victorious at Randolph Fall Classic



The LHS Forensics Team at the first annual Catholic Forensics League Tournament.

Image Credit: Fran Dubrow

By Crystal SONG '14

The LHS Forensics Speech and Debate Team competed in the Randolph Fall Classic NJFL Tournament on Saturday, November 17.

LHS was represented by fourteen students who faced stiff competition from 24 high schools and three states; in total, over 400 students competed at Randolph High School. The tournament offered two debate forums and eleven individual event speech categories, three of which saw Livingston victories.

Sophomore and vice president of debate, Dylan Camche, won first place in Student Congress, in which students emu-

late United States congressmen by submitting and debating mock legislation.

Camche was also a Student Congress finalist at the 2012 University of Pennsylvania Liberty Bell Classic as a freshman.

Catherine Yang and Natalie Kahn, both sophomores, won fourth place in Oratorical Declamation and top non-advancing novice in Humorous Interpretation, respectively, proving that this year's underclassmen are more than ready to step into the shoes of now-graduated champions.

Camche and Yang also placed third and fourth places in their respective categories at the first annual Catholic Forensics League tournament.

Student Designs Winning Logo for Community Outreach Program



Rebecca Popper's winning design for the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse.

Image Credit: Rebecca Popper

By Crystal SONG '14

A logo designed by Rebecca Popper has won a competition for the Livingston Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse.

A three-year-old project of the Livingston Clergy Association, CHOW organizes food drives and other events to aid families with financial trouble. CHOW assisted displaced Newark families during the recent turmoil caused by Hurricane Sandy, and helped collect canned goods and supplies for the Stuff the Bus food drive.

The winning logo encapsulates CHOW's goals; Popper's incorporation

of an empty grocery bag represents the spirit of the program, which aims to provide families in need with what they need.

Selected by the Food Day committee and approved by the Livingston Clergy Association, Popper's design will represent CHOW in future events, and is displayed on the organization's Facebook page.

“I'm honored to have my design be chosen,” said Popper, who hopes that it will help CHOW access the public.

Popper, a junior at Livingston High School, is currently taking Drawing and AP Digital Imaging classes at LHS. She also attends art classes at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey.

Lance Spotlight: Jason Silberman

By Annie *RISHTY* '14

What is your biggest passion?

I would definitely say my passion is magic. I'm doing this professionally now; it's definitely a huge part of my life.

What inspired you to learn magic?

David Blane's first magic special changed my life based on how he put the camera in front of the magician rather than the audience. About three years ago, I realized my hands were getting bigger, and I was able to palm cards and do more dexterous tricks with my hands. I was inspired to go further in that because I realized that this could be a great skill to develop.

How did your family and friends respond to this new interest?

At first, they were somewhat suspicious about it because I wasn't into sports. But as I started to progress in my magic, they realized that this was something that I was good at.

How did you begin learning the basics of magic?

There were books, DVDs and other magicians that I learned from. I read the books and practiced with a deck of cards, coins, and other props. I continue to learn from this day. There is nothing finished in magic; it's a progressing art form.

Do you plan to continue magic throughout college?

Yes. I'm not going to say that this will be my primary job, but something on the side. I'd definitely consider majoring in entertainment in college, along with some acting classes because it's all about the performance and how one presents themselves. It's like an actor playing the part of a magician.

What motivates you, and who is your role model?

Definitely, the audience members; the people that I perform for. It is their reactions that allows me to move forward in the performance. When I see a positive reaction, it gives me the signal that I'm doing really well and makes me want to

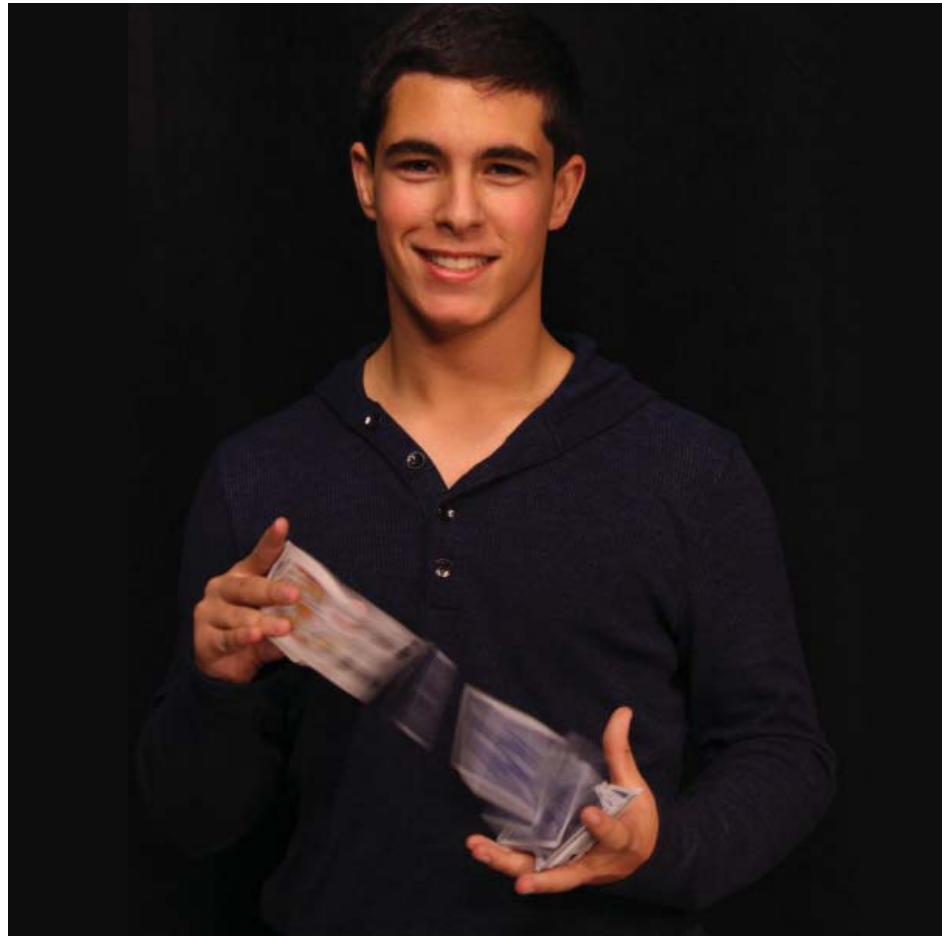


Image Credit: Emma Siegel

perform even more. However, Jay Sankey is my biggest role model and my favorite magician. I actually received the chance to speak with him about magic.

When did you start performing magic at special events?

About three years ago I had a family friend who had a party and they asked me to perform magic. I was really nervous because I never experienced going up to a group of people, and ask if I can perform magic. When the event came, and I first performed for the group, I thought to myself, "Wow, this is great!" I knew that this could become a career, and not just a hobby. I started going to different events for people that I knew and so my mom told insisted to make business cards, and now I'm doing

events for people that I don't even know! I've learned the ability to remember people's faces, and as I see the same people over and over again I remember, "Same people, different tricks," so it's vitally important that I update my repertoire.

How are you getting your name out in public?

I utilize my business cards at events, I have a Facebook page, word of mouth, and my weekly performance at Calabria's on Friday nights.

Does your work ever get stressful with schoolwork?

I love performing magic; it's my favorite thing to do. It's what I do when I'm not doing schoolwork. But, it does get stressful at times because there is so much work

in school that I don't have time to practice. But I always have a deck of cards next to me; next to my bed and next to my desk.

Everybody loves to see you on AM Wired. Do you plan to use your technical skills to promote your business, or is this just another hobby?

I'm actually working on several openers and segments for AM Wired that incorporates my magic. I really want people to know about me and my skills. I think it would be really cool if the school were to have Magic Mondays.

What do you aspire to be when you are older? Where do you see yourself in 10 to 20 years?

I see myself more popular in the magic community, and utilize my creative mindset and create tricks that I can sell, rather than learning from others. I really want to meet more people, experience the life of working at higher class events, and expand myself beyond the local community. I don't see myself having a huge show in Las Vegas, but the go-to magician for any event. I would want to live in New York because there are magic stores where I can work, and go to lectures and events there because I believe that magic is back!

What is the most recent trick that you really want to nail?

I have to put the four Aces in the deck into the middle of the cards. Then I have to deal the cards from the middle rather than from the top of the deck. It's a type of slight of hand, but it's very difficult to learn. I'm still learning and practicing it, so it might take me a while to perfect it.

Do you plan to ever show people the secret behind your tricks?

I am dying to start a magic society in Livingston, but I really need to find a teacher to advise the club. It would be a gathering of experienced magicians, where we would show each other the latest and greatest tricks, and we can learn off of each other. I know magicians, and I know others who know magicians, and we could bring them in to give us lectures and talk to us.

Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Rulka

By The Lance Staff

What does your job entail? What kinds of things do you do in the office? As the Attendance Secretary, I am responsible for making sure all students are accounted for; whether they are absent, come in late or leave early. Some of my responsibilities include inputting the attendance into the data base, calling home for students who are absent and their parents forgot to call and filing all notes and tardy slips.

How would you describe yourself in three words?

Patient, easygoing and quiet.

What is something that most people don't know about you?

I love to read.

What is your favorite part about



Image Credit: The Lance Staff

working at LHS?

My favorite part of working at LHS is interacting with all the students.

Where did you attend high school?

I went to Hanover Park High School in East Hanover.

"My favorite part of working at LHS is interacting with all of the students."

If you could change one thing about your job what would it be?

So far there isn't anything I would change about my job.

Who is your favorite staff member?

I have only been here a short time and haven't met all the staff members yet. It's a little hard to pick a favorite one!

What do you like to do when you're not in school?

When I am not in school, I like to spend time with my family.

What was your previous job like?

My previous job was running the sport program at Heritage. It was a little crazy when each season started, but it was a fun job.

What is the craziest or funniest thing that has happened since you started working here?

Luckily, nothing too crazy has happened since I started working here but it's only been a few months!

Should Puerto Rico Enter Statehood?

Recent Referendum Reignites Decades-Long Debate



Puerto Ricans show support for statehood at the Democratic National Convention
Image Source: *dailycollegian.com*

By Jordan SPECTOR '14

Fifty-three years have passed since a U.S. territory was last admitted as a state into the union. On March 18, 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Admission Act officially making Hawaii the 50th state.

Fifty-three years later, Puerto Rico, admitted to the US as a territory, is being considered for statehood. Many are wondering if recently re-elected President Barack Obama will gain his place in history as the latest leader to add another star to our nation's flag.

The focus of this addition has been placed on the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico, which was acquired under the provisions of the Treaty of Paris of 1898, following the Spanish-American War.

While allowed to elect a governor and be labeled as U.S. citizens, Puerto Ricans are denied the right to vote for President

and have representation on a federal level. On November 6th, Puerto Rico held its election for governor, but more than just a choice among candidates appeared on the ballot this time.

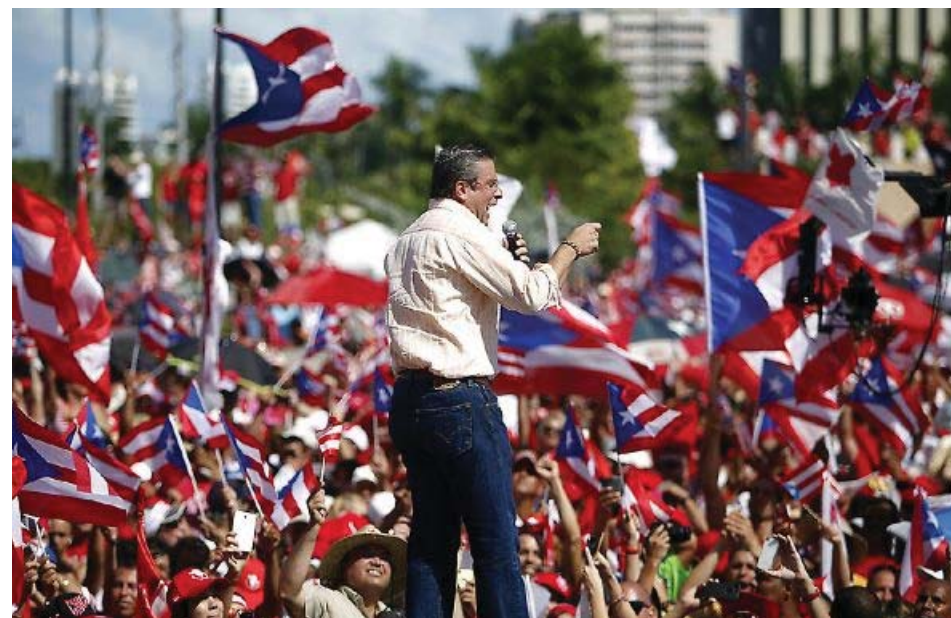
As people voted, they were also faced with two questions relating to Puerto Rico's current political status. First, voters were asked whether they were content with Puerto Rico as a U.S. commonwealth. 54% said "no", suggesting that they did not wish to maintain their current status with the United States.

Second, Puerto Ricans were given three options pertaining to a change in status: statehood, independence or "sovereign free association"—a semi-autonomous form of government. 61% voted in favor of statehood. In similar referendums that took place in 1967, 1993 and 1998, the majority has always stood against it.

While these numbers on the surface

seem to indicate an overwhelming change of view, they are rather misleading. 61% of voters did in fact choose statehood as a preferred option, but this percentage only accounted for 1/3 of the population, as over 470,000 people intentionally left their answer blank. When considering undecided votes, only 45% of Puerto Ricans actually

of Puerto Rico becoming a state in the near future are slim as the push has to be first approved by congress. President Obama has repeated that congress will only consider such a bid when the majority of Puerto Rico votes for it. "The status of Puerto Rico should be decided by the residents of Puerto Rico," Obama said last year.



Alejandro Garcia Padilla rallying for support against statehood
Image Source: *Huffington Post*

voted for statehood.

Along with inaccurate statistical data, Puerto Rico faces another obstacle to achieving this goal. The elections saw incumbent Governor Luis Fortuño—a huge proponent of statehood—lose in a tight race to Alejandro Garcia Padilla, a pro-commonwealth member of the Popular Democratic Party.

Even if Fortuño had won, the chances

Unfortunately, since the most recent vote left out a vast number of Puerto Ricans, congress will likely do little in terms of pursuing any action. Until then, the renewal of a debate that has remained fairly quiet over the past decade will gain more traction over the coming months, as America decides what the next step is for a territory that maintains an unusual political relationship with its parent government.

A Sticky Green Situation: Marijuana Legalization

By Katherine LEE '13

On November 6th, 2012, election night, Colorado and Washington approved laws that legalize the use of marijuana for all adults 18 and over. This new development came as a major setback to anti-marijuana movements. In addition to these two states, Massachusetts adopted a similar measure that permits marijuana use for medicinal purposes, and Montana revised a previous law restricting the usage of medicinal marijuana. While some states are moving to legalize the drug, Arkansas, moved in the other direction, completely illegalizing any usage of marijuana.

Washington DC has remained relatively silent regarding the passage of these legalizing laws. Proponents of these new measures argue that these laws should remain legalized, since they could create tax revenues. The Associated Press reports analysts' predictions of \$5 million to \$22 million in additional revenue per year in Colorado. Law enforcement members are urging the federal government to accept



A growth technician works a medical marijuana plant in Denver, Colorado

Image Source: *Time*

these recent enactments in order to respect the citizens of the United States, since these laws were legally voted into action.

Despite the widespread support for the

marijuana legalizations, still others remain critical, arguing that legalizing the use of marijuana could lead to heightened drug abuse and a greater array of problems.

It is clear from the disastrous results of the Eighteenth Amendment, passed in 1918, that restriction of substances, in this case alcohol, may not necessarily be the best way to keep a situation under control. At the time, alcohol consumption did not decrease significantly since the process of selling, procuring, and ingesting alcohol

“Washington DC has remained relatively silent regarding the passage of these legalizing laws.”

simply went underground. Whether or not a substance is legal has had little effect on the amount of usage and abuses in society. Many are calling these developments the turning point of the marijuana controversy. As of now, how the future will play out with legalized use of marijuana is still unclear: we can only wait and find out.

Apocalypse Now: Is it The End of the World?

The Mayan Calendar



The infamous Mayan Calendar that has stirred panic worldwide.
Image Source: The Herald Sun

By Jesse KIRSCH '13

12/12/12 at 12:12 was an iconic moment—the last of its kind in this fledgling century. People probably wished for gifts, lottery winnings (if they didn't realize a winner claimed the jackpot), a new car, or even fame. But the superstitiously informed sect of the public was looking forward 9 days. These worriers likely wished for nothing more than life, because they would assume that the world was about to end.

"Dec. 21, 2012, won't be the end of the world as we know," proclaimed NASA. Science shows that the earth

will experience nothing more than a typical winter solstice in the full swing of the holiday season.

That's to say that a solstice is normal. For a brief time, bi-annually, the moon takes on a copper tint not so different from that of Mars. But this phenomenon is defensible by science.

Some have predicted a planetary alignment—which the gang of nerds at the national space center wave off. Even if one was to occur, NASA explains, the earth would not be impacted gravely.

Magnetic pole shifts? Not going to happen. Although a magnetic reversal

is scientifically plausible, it should not hurt earth's inhabitants.

So empiricism aside, what's the worry?

Mayans have a long-count period on their calendar. It just so happens that this span ends on the 21st of December 2012. People assume that this

vantage in this. As reported by CNN, several Mexican resorts are stretching this fear into a vacation promotion.

These special deals look like a bargain, because no verifiable evidence suggests that the world is coming to an end.

If you cannot renew your pass-



An image of the possible apocalypse from the movie, 2012.

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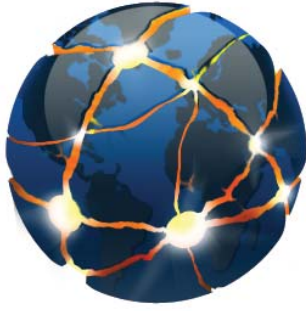
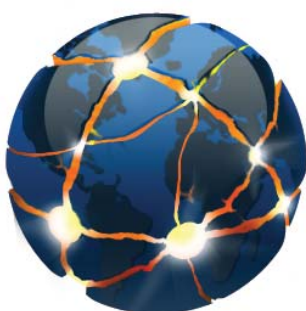
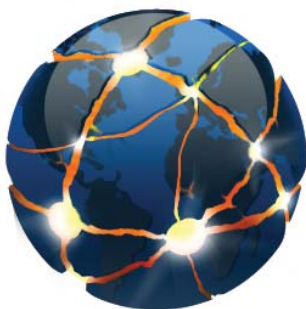
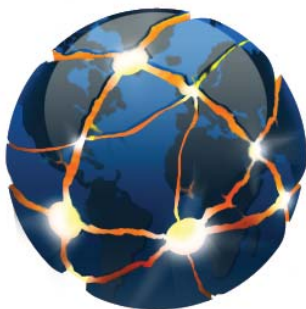
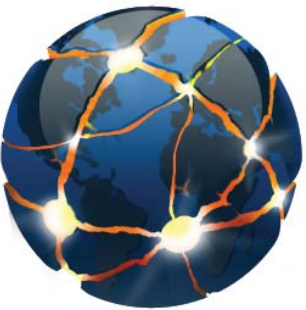
finale is the grand finale. NASA reminds these worriers that at the end of a year, we just flip to the next page of our calendars.

However, many are not heeding NASA and other scientists' reassuring words. According to the *New York Times* Russian towns and prisons alike are being thrown into disarray.

Of course, there is a business ad-

port in time, make your own party! Websites like Dooomsdayparty2012.com have been created to set up a forum for this discussion. Readers will find guidelines for how to host an apocalypse party, ideas for appropriate "doomsday" apparel, and "recipes to die for".

So, Relax. Enjoy. Live. Science is on survival's side.



Nor and Mally: The Mayan Prophecy



Fun Facts About The Mayans

By The Lance Staff

The Mayans actually used three calendars at the same time: the Religious Calendar, Solar Calendar and Long Count Calendar.

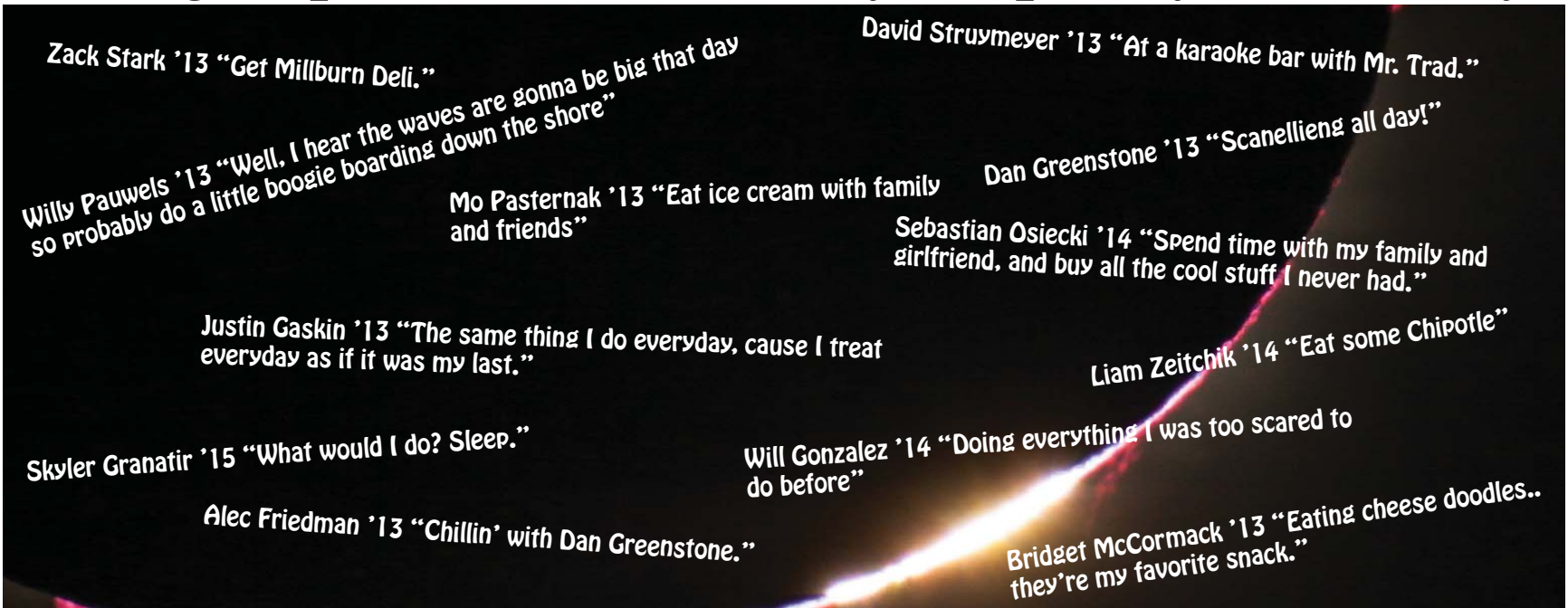
The Mayans never declared the world would come to end. The end of the Long Count Calendar has been largely interpreted as simply the birth of a new cycle.

Only the Long Count Calendar is coming to an end.

The Mayans were skilled and observant astronomers and mathematicians.

The Mayans believed time isn't linear, but rather cyclical.

Roving Reporter: How would you spend your last day?



What Would You Do On Your Last Day?

By Lily SCHER and Sydney BECKER '16

If you knew that it was going to be your last day what would you do? As teens specifically, there are so many things that we have never done! So as December 21, 2012 comes around people are getting very scared and anxious. Since the Mayan calendar ends, everyone is getting nervous that the world will too.

Some believe in an alignment of the planets which would create a gravitational epidemic with a black hole. NASA completely disagrees and ensures that the world will not end. They said that although such an alignment can occur, it would take 5,000 years not one day!



Image Source: Etz Chaim

Although NASA does ensure safety, many people are still freaking out! We ask various Livingston High School students what they thought about the "end of the world". The answers varied greatly! Some said things like, "It's not going to happen, it's all a joke." or "I

don't get why people are freaking out, there's no proof behind it." Not a lot of high school students believed that the world was actually going to end, but people had ideas if it was. One student said, "If it was my last day I would tell people what I really thought of them." One student even said, "I want to go on a all out shopping spree for no reason." The most common answer was, "I would do as much as I could in 24 hours."

Whether or not we are going to experience an apocalypse isn't clear quite yet but people definitely have their plans for the actually death event! So let's say that the world is going to end, what are you going to do on your 'last day'?

Opinion

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Social Networking Censorship: Like or Dislike?

For

By Ari GILBERG '13

Christmas night: a night of beauty, wonder and happiness--until a deeply depressed woman committed suicide. Simone Back, 42, took a bottle of undisclosed pills before announcing on her Facebook she planned to end her life. Back posted on the social networking site at 10:52 p.m. Christmas night, "Took all my pills be dead soon bye bye everyone."

Not one of her 1,082 Facebook friends cared to comment or reach out to help her. On the contrary, many attacked the charity worker with cruel and heartless messages such as "Overdoses all the time " and, "She does this all the time, takes all of her pills...she's not a kid anymore"

Police announced that Back was in fact overdosing while these messages were being posted.

Back's close friend, Samantha Owen, stated "Everyone just carried on arguing with each other on Facebook like it wasn't happening." Owen adds, "If one person just left their computer and went to her house her life could have been saved."

This is not the first time that Facebook has had a hand in someone taking their own life. Twenty-year old college student Raksha Sharma was left hanging from her ceiling fan this year after being tormented on the social networking site by two fellow MCM Polytechnic College students.

Cases like these of constant cyber bullying are a result of the free to use uncensored Facebook.

Facebook has taken minimal steps to compensate for the growing inhumane actions taken over their platform. Although one could report a certain Facebook post,

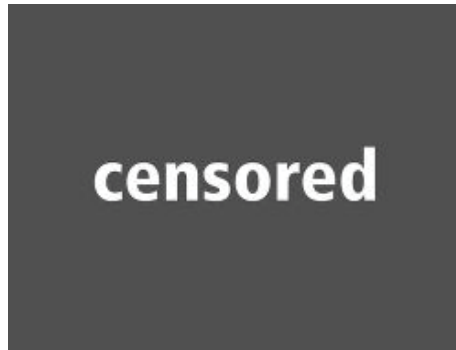


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how many times has it actually been removed quickly?

There needs to be a censor. Users should not be able to assault someone over a social networking site. No one should be constantly abused only to come home and read countless derogatory and offensive remarks about him or her.

Cyber bullying is not the only negative aspect of an uncensored Facebook; there have been countless memes and outlandish statements against our country's leaders. I am a strong advocate of the first amendment, but to depict our nation's leader as an Al Qaeda terrorist with devils horns is not just distasteful and wrong, but simply un-American. There is a difference between expressing your first amendment rights and being ignorant and offensive.

Certain posts and pictures do not need to see the light of a day. No good can come from verbally attacking someone or depicting the President of the United States as a member of Al Qaeda or the spawn of Satan.

Censorship should not be seen as restricting our rights, but as a protection from derogatory remarks and statements that simply do not need to be made.

By Oriana TANG '15

Oh my gosh, my comment got twenty-three 'likes'!"

Over 160 million people in the United States are Facebook users (SocialBakers.com). Since its launch eight years ago, the social media network has expanded to the point where statements such as the one above are alarmingly common. Status is measured in terms of your popularity online: the number of 'friends' you have the number of 'likes' you receive, the number of virtual birthday wishes you get. And naturally, as our interactions with each other move into the realm of technological communication bullying has manifested itself online.

According to a report released by the National Crime Prevention Council in February 2006, 43% of 13 to 17 year olds have experienced electronic harassment of some form. 88% of teens who use social media have said that they have seen incidences of cyberbullying occur (GuardChild.com), and over a million children have been cyberbullied on Facebook in 2011 alone (Consumer Reports).

Despite these alarming statistics, it isn't reasonable to decide to censor Facebook in an attempt to prevent cyberbullying from occurring.

It is difficult to find a working definition of cyberbullying that can apply to every case. At what point does something cross the line?

Human relationships are much more complicated than a simple collection of rules that can be expected to fit all situations. It would not be possible to design a way to mechanically filter out hurtful com-

ments; each individual circumstance would have to be examined, each individual relationship weighed. Besides being a severe invasion of privacy, such a system would prove cumbersome and impossible to institute in an efficient and practical manner.

Even if it could be achieved, people will constantly find ways to subvert the restrictions. Censorship would only make bullies think of other venues to exercise their perceived power over their victims, like the way bullying has shifted from throwing physical punches to electronic ones.

However, just because it's not possible to decrease the frequency of cyberbullying through censorship doesn't mean there aren't measures that can be taken. If someone harasses you in any way, or if you see someone being hurt online, an adult should be told, and the bully should be blocked. If your account is hacked, you should change your password and let someone know what happened so the hacker can be traced. Staying silent about being bullied or seeing it occur is where much of the issue lies: only 1 in 10 teens tell their parents about being cyberbullied, and less than 1 in 5 incidents are reported to law enforcement (GuardChild.com).

While in theory restrictions on Facebook may appear to solve the problem, it, too, will eventually be circumvented, just like every other system that has been imposed. Any form of censorship would prove to be both an impossible and unreasonable solution. It is best to stick with what teens are encouraged to do currently and continue education about bullying in the hopes that more people will speak up about what they see or hear.

Obama's Re-Election: How Did It Happen?

By Lauren VACA '13

After the electoral map has been counted, the election was not close. President Obama won eight out of the nine swing states and 332 electoral votes. But, how did this happen? Leading up the election, the President's approval rating hovered around 50%. When asked which candidate had a better vision of the future, Mitt Romney was far more favorable. Moreover, 49% of Americans want the President's healthcare plan, one of his few legislative achievements, overturned. Albeit President Obama was the first president to be reelected with less popular votes than in his first election, he was reelected nonetheless. But, how?

This narrow victory can be attributed to two things: the Obama campaigns shrewdness and America's changing demograph-

ics. The Obama campaign was a machine. Many of the field offices in Iowa and other swing states, stayed open throughout the President's first term. The president masterfully connected with voters threw new means. His campaign was the first to have its own iPhone app and Facebook page. He looked to relate rather than persuade. Instead of spreading a mandate for the next four years, the president capitalized on Mitt Romney's signature stiffness and connected with voters more so than his opponent.

The second facet of this victory is a shift in demographics. Non-whites now compose 28% of the electorate, an 8% increase since 2000. The growing diversity of the country works to the President's advantage. Hispanics and African Americans



Image Source: theybf.com

are overwhelming Democrats. Meanwhile, Mitt Romney dominated the nonwhite

vote. The Massachusetts Governor almost 60% of the white vote. In past election, the winner of the Caucasian vote was guaranteed the White House. But, this is an ever-shrinking slice of the electorate and of America at large. Pew Research Center predicts that by the middle of this coming century, we will be a majority-minority nation.

With the President having secured another four years, the Republicans must take this time to restructure the party. Being that American demographics are changing, the GOP cannot concentrate on relating to the white, Christian, male vote. Republicans have the tools to identify with a changing electorate. In fact, the majority of Hispanic and female governors are Republican. But how will the party capitalize on this?



Lance Lite



Omnipresence of Holiday Presents

By Priscilla Jenq and Lori Shapiro '13

Black Friday has been the busiest day of shopping for years. Most stores used to start early-morning Black Friday sales, although many have now extended them, starting on Thursday night—Thanksgiving.

As stated in the New York Times article “Where Pilgrims Landed, Thanksgiving is Kept at a Table, Not Mall” by Katherine Q. Seelye, “[s]ome of the nation’s biggest retailers — Sears, Target and Toys “R” Us among them — announced this month that they would be moving up their predawn Black Friday door-buster sales to Thanksgiving Day.”

This year, some stores opened as early as 8 p.m. on Thursday night. Many shoppers were thrilled by this news. Others, however, complained that the earlier hours were pulling people away from Thanksgiving. Shopper Mike Labounty even said, “I think it should go back to Friday. It breaks up families. Just look at us - our kids are with their grandparents and they should be with us on Thanksgiving, but we’re here getting them a TV.”

Some of the most popular items bought as evident in the estimated 3.8 percent increase of Black Friday spending to \$11.4 billion for 2012. The sales



*Dedicated Black Friday shoppers crowding a store in the mall this year
Image Credit: CNN Money Website*

are a major business tactic that not only benefit shoppers, but also stores.

According to an Associated Press article, “Christmas Shopping Creeps” it may be smarter to wait to buy toys, jewelry and electronics near Christmas rather than during Black Friday which primar-

ily sells discounted electronics, including laptops, televisions, and game consoles. Nevertheless, there has also been a large increase in the purchase of less expensive items such as towels, headphones, and clothing. Although many people get great deals on items like these, you can still

wait to get similar deals near Christmas.

Still, Black Friday generally marks the beginning of the holiday shopping season in the U.S. Flocks of consumers arrive the day after Thanksgiving. Department stores earn up to 40 percent of their annual revenue during the holidays. The typical American is willing to spend an average of \$770 for Christmas gifts this year, a noted increase from a “two-decade low of \$616 per person” in 2009, as revealed by a Los Angeles Times Article.

Recently, consumers have also shifted some of their gift-giving attention toward themselves. According to Chicago Tribune article “Shoppers are in it for themselves this Christmas,” reporter Corilyn Shropshire notes that “just less than 60 percent of shoppers will spend about \$140 on so-called ‘non-gift items,’” merchandise that consumers will use for themselves.

While the winter holidays symbolize a time to celebrate and spend quality time with the family, they have become more and more about what we can buy and how much we can get. Greed and selfishness have overtaken the normal holiday joy and Christmass cheer. The holidays are no longer defined by the traditions of love and family, but by thriftiness and competition for the best items.

Graduating from the Electoral College

By Morgan Levy '15

Heraclitus, the Greek philosopher famously said, “Change is the only constant.” Yet, our electoral college has not evolved to meet the changing 21st century society.

Our nation has come such a long way since the days of our founding fathers. However, the system used to elect our presidents still remains in its primitive form.

In the 2000 election between Al Gore and George Bush, Gore won the popular vote by 500,000 votes; however, George Bush became our president based on the Electoral College system.

The Electoral College is flawed for a variety of reasons; one being that most states’ electors are determined based on a winner-take-all system. According to PBS, “Whichever presidential ticket gets the most popular votes in a state wins all the electors of that state.”

This year, the race in Ohio, a notorious battleground state, was extremely close as usual. Obama’s 2% win cost Romney the entire state of Ohio. Obama gained all 18 of the precious Ohio electors. While some may argue that this is constitutional, it had a tremendous impact on the results of the this year’s election.

Florida was another nail-bitingly close state in 2012. With 29 electoral votes on the



*The map above shows the results of the 2012 election.
Image credit: Wikimedia Commons*

line, it had the potential to make or break the election. The results came in, reporting that Obama won 50% of the votes and Romney won 49.1% of the votes. Obama still got all 29 of those valuable electors.

The Electoral College skews the vote in a way that only represents what a majority of each state wants, silencing the voices of those who live in states that historically don’t represent their political views.

For every historically democratic state, there are republicans who choose not to vote because they feel that their voices will not be heard once again.

“The current system has the problem that presidential campaigns concentrate on only 10 of the 50 states, and at least four out of five Americans are left out of the process of deciding who their president should be,” argued John Koza, who leads

an effort to eliminate the Electoral College.

Another issue with the Electoral College is the swing states. In the few months prior to voting, election coverage constantly discusses who will win Florida, Ohio, or any other state that is not historically affiliated with one political party. It is no longer about reaching out to the entire American population. It’s just about getting the votes needed in order to secure a seat in the Oval Office.

The Electoral College has made the election a number’s game, neglecting the importance of educating the general American population about their future leader. As a society, it is necessary to unite in order to take down this outdated political system.

Legislators in eight states and the District of Columbia have agreed to utilize a new system—the National Popular Vote Plan. According to the New York Times, the National Popular Vote plan constitutes that “states agree to grant their electoral votes to the ticket that gets the most popular votes around the country.”

Adopting a plan like this would be a huge leap for our society. It would allow us to be more democratic than ever. With the Electoral College abolished, we will truly become a nation where everybody’s voice is heard.



Lance Lite



Junior Perspective

By Rebecca POPPER '14



Top Holiday Gifts of 2012



Image Source: Active

As the holidays quickly approach, it is time to go shopping! Don't know what to get? Here are the top presents people are dying for!

1. iPad
2. Computer
3. Tablet
4. Nintendo Wii U
5. iPhone
6. Smart TV
7. E-Reader
8. Smartphone
9. iPad Mini
10. Android Smartphone

LHS State: A Future Entity/Government

By Tori KARGMAN '13

In the chance that the predicted Mayan apocalypse ends in the breaking up of school districts instead of ushering the end of civilization, one would wonder which teachers should serve the government of Livingston High School State? A leader should be knowledgeable, stern, and ambitious in order to conduct a body of 1700 students and Charles Downing has just these requirements.

Teaching AP US History II this year and AP US History I in the past, Downing knows all there is to be known about the functions and tendencies of our government. Without a doubt, Downing is the brain of this school as well as the leader of the teachers' academic team; some students even call him the "smartest man in the world." His serious no-nonsense attitude would be perfect for keeping students in line and although he is fashionably late, a leader must always make an entrance.

Traditionally a president chooses his or her running partner but we've got that covered as well. Ernest Cuneo would sit as vice president in our mock-government, ready and able to take on the role as president if necessary. Just as his first name sug-

gests, Cuneo is aspiring and enthusiastic in all of his classes and has extensive knowledge of US History, receiving an MAT in history. His charm and passion would make manipulation of foreign powers i.e. Milburn High School effortless. It has been confirmed by our fact-checkers that Cuneo does indeed have ties with the famous Alan Brinkley and thus has access to a bevy of historical knowledge.

Stepping in as secretary of state is English and Journalism teacher Joseph Trad. Trad is a world traveler, having lived in Lebanon, France, and now America. With four languages under his belt as well as knowledge of global lifestyles, Trad would be able to successfully interact with other nations. Known by students and teachers as the "Voice of Reason," Joseph Trad could carry insight around the world with his magical, bass voice.

A necessary role in government, the secretary of treasury, would be filled by Valerie Pronko, AP Economics teacher. Not only does she have experience as a CPA, but she also has a deep understanding for contracts, asking her students to sign on at the beginning of the school year. And lastly, "AP Gym" teacher David Jones would



Obama's First Cabinet Meeting

Image Source: Zimbio

make a perfect Secretary of Defense. His intense policy and dedication to athletics and safety would ensure the security of our school district state.

Our school district has a myriad of talented and apt teachers to fill leadership roles and the Livingston High School State would thrive under Charles Downing. And if he is forced to step down, a line of succession has skillfully been put into place, ensuring the success of Livingston High School State for many years to come; we shall be a "city upon a hill."

Watt Sparks Texans Surge

By Jared GOLDSTERN '13

AFC

East- This year is no different than any other year in the Tom Brady Era. Since Brady took over as the Patriots quarterback in 2001, the Patriots have won the division 9 years out of 11. Look for the Patriots to continue to have success and win the AFC East.

North- This division is notorious for the Pittsburgh Steelers- Baltimore Ravens rivalry. On top of that, every once in a while the Cincinnati Bengals pop up and have a good year. This year the Steelers and Ravens will make the playoffs, with Cincinnati slightly missing out.. Since John Harbaugh took over as Ravens head coach in 2008 the Ravens have made the playoffs every year. Last year was the first year in the Harbaugh era that the Ravens won the division. Due to the injury to Ben Roethlisberger, the QB of the Steelers, the Ravens will repeat as division champs..

South- This division is home to the cream of the crop in the AFC, the Houston Texans. The Texans have been on a roll after winning the first playoff game in franchise history the past season.. This year, with a majority of their roster healthy (except for the season ending injury to All Pro Middle Linebacker Brian Cushing), the Texans have dominated their competition. The Texans will continue to win games because of their top notch defense and run-first offense led by Arian Foster. However, the surprise of this division is the upstart Indianapolis Colts. Behind rookie quarterback Andrew Luck, the Colts have played above expectations. They have



J.J. Watt blocks a pass from Peyton Manning in a Sunday thriller between the Texans and Broncos

Photo Credit: Denver Post

been inspired by the recovery of their first year Head Coach, Chuck Pagano who was diagnosed with leukemia in October. The Colts will continue to improve and sneak into the playoffs.

West- This division arguably had the most shakeup in the offseason. Tim Tebow who helped win the Broncos the division last year, was traded to the Jets. This move was triggered after acquisition of future Hall of Famer, Peyton Manning. After going 3-3 through the first six weeks of the season, the Broncos have caught fire. Expect this hot streak to continue because of a weak end of season schedule. The Broncos should easily win the division.

NFC

East- In the past, this division was thought to be the toughest in the NFL.

Results of recent years have made that opinion absurd. Although the Giants have won 2 of the last 5 super bowls, they have not been spectacular in the regular season. The Eagles have been the most disappointing team in the NFL this year, and although the Redskins have been fun to watch, their defense is prohibiting them from being a playoff contender. The Giants currently lead the division by a game over their archrivals, the Dallas Cowboys. The Giants also have the most difficult end of season schedule in the NFL, compared to the Cowboys who have one of the easier schedules. While it seems Dallas may finally win the division, the Giants play their best ball in the final weeks of the season and will win the division, that will be the only East team in the playoffs...

North- This is possibly the most com-

petitive division in football. Led by the Chicago Bears and the Green Bay Packers, it has two super bowl contenders. The Minnesota Vikings have been spear headed by the resurgence of the bionic Adrian Peterson. Although the Detroit Lions have had a down year up to this point, do not count them out because of their explosive offense. Both the Bears and the Packers will make the playoffs. Chicago needs to figure out its offensive line issues and get starting quarterback Jay Cutler healthy again. As long as Green Bay has All Pro QB Aaron Rodgers under center then they will always be in the hunt..

South- No team has ever won the NFC South two years in a row. That trend should continue this year with the Atlanta Falcons running away with the division crown. Although the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have been impressive under first year head coach Greg Schiano, and the New Orleans Saints have rallied after an offseason filled with the distractions of Bounty-Gate, neither team will make the playoffs

West- At the beginning of the season, the Cardinals, Seahawks and 49ers all looked like playoff teams. However after an injury to Kevin Kolb, the Cardinals have fallen out of playoff contention. The Seahawks and the 49ers have stayed strong, performing well because of good defense and a strong running game. This division race will be tighter than most people do. The Seahawks are almost impossible to defeat at home but are too far behind the 49ers to win the division.

Super Bowl: Houston Texans vs Green Bay Packers

Winner: Houston Texans

Winter Sports Update

By Randy POSNER '14

Hockey

After a devastating loss to Millburn in the second game of the season, the Lancer hockey team has gone 4-0-1. Led by co-captains Johnny Garfinkle and Ben Arden, Livingston has outscored their opponents this year 28-12. Fellow seniors Tyler Kruse, Seth Crockett, Mike Kobal, Adam Lanell, Cameron Friedfertig, and Justin Tauber have all contributed to the Lancers' early-season success.

Head Coach David Conklin, has inspired his team to become the top contender he knows they can be.

Boy's Basketball

Last season, the Lancers seemed unstoppable with a 21-4 record. This year they expect to have similar success. "Our goal this season is to qualify for states," said Coach Cohen. He added that he wants to

see his team be competitive in every game.

Seniors Joey Fischer, Alex Haberman, Robby Lefkowitz, Andrew Vittoria, Doug Bresnick, Nick McGann and Justin Tepper will be instrumental to achieve that goal. The team is 0-1, with a devastating loss to West Orange. Even though they have been moved up into a more difficult conference, the Livingston varsity boys basketball team still has their eyes set on the state championship.

Girl's Basketball

The Lady Lancers are looking to senior captains Alayna Liska and Caroline Cole to lead the squad to victory this season. "Our goals this year are to have an above .500 record in order to qualify for the state tournament automatically," said junior forward Samantha Waldenberg. "We also want to make it to the second round of the county tournament." Although they opened the season with a heart breaking loss to West Essex, the Lady Lancers still seem bound for a successful season.

Bowling

After losing many key seniors, the LHS bowling team plans to build off of last year's success and claim the same titles. Coach Griff Hughes, as well as co-captains Howard Hsu and Harrison Katz hope to lead the team to win their conference, counties, and state sectional championships once again. Thus far, the lancers are undefeated in conference play, and are headed towards another championship.

Fencing

The sound of clashing metal can be heard from the auxiliary gym as the boys and girls fencing teams get ready for another exciting season. "Our goal is to qualify for the state semifinals like last year," said girls Captain, and foil Jeanette Ng. Along with Ng, Jinny McIlvaine and Camarie Eaton help lead the team to defend their titles of District III and Stanelli Tournament champions. The girls are currently

2-1, but aim to match or improve on last year's 15-3 season.

The boys are led by captains Ben Cardona, and Kevin Carlos, the boys fencing team is looking to improve their team from last year. Their goal for this season is to be one of the top four in the district. After a rough start resulting in a record of 0-3 the team has been working even harder to obtain their goals.

Swimming

The Lancers swim teams look stronger than ever this year. Captains Clint Richards, Kenny Yanga and Nitay Caspi are leading the boys through a tough conference. Although they currently are 0-2, with losses to Summit and Seton Hall Prep, the boys are fighting on, and are hopeful they can get on a winning streak. The girls, led by Karissa Agosto, Jane Wang and Gabi Romano are also 0-2 losing to Summit and Mount St. Dominic. The girls are still confident in their team and look to improve from last years' mediocre performance.

“Lefko” Takes Point



Robby Lefkowitz takes control of the Livingston offense
Photo credit; Livingston Patch

Dan Greenstone '13

Robby Lefkowitz is a senior point guard on the varsity basketball team. The Lancers are coming off a 21-4 season.

Dan: What are the team's expectations going into this season?

Robby: Same as last year, we expect to win every game we play.

D: What did you learn from last season that you will take into this season?

R: Leadership from the three captains that left, and how hard they worked each day and played in practice and games.

D: Coach Cohen has had a lot of success over the past few seasons, what is it like playing for him?

R: He is intense each and every day, he makes us work hard every practice and he pushes us to strive defensively.

D: What do you do before games to get pumped up?

R: Listen to the pod, some rap like Meek, Drake, Ace Hood, and Tyga.

D: Obviously this is your final season at LHS, how much are you going to miss playing with your fellow seniors?

R: I am going to miss playing with these seniors. Justin Tepper, Alex Habermanm, Andrew Vittoria, Joey Fischer, Doug Bresnick, and Nick McGann have all been great teammates throughout the years and I'll definitely miss playing with them.

D: Is there a player, professional or collegiate, that you look up to and try to imitate on the court?

R: One is D-Wade because he's a beast, Jason Kidd because I love his style of play and try to play like him on the court, and of course Tim Tebow because of the way he takes criticism and uses it as motivation.

D: Livingston has lost 6 seniors from last years squad, as a senior on this team what do you do as a leader?

Keep everyone motivated in practice, settle everyone down when times are tough, and tell everyone to keep their heads up.

D: You are known as a very dedicated fantasy sports player, would you rather win a State title or a fantasy title?

Haha, State finals no doubt.

“Corn Dog” Crockett

Dan Greenstone '13

Seth Crockett has been a 4 year varsity hockey player who plays right wing. The Lancers are looking to rebound from a tough loss in States last season.

Dan: As a senior who was once a freshman on Varsity, what advice do you give to underclassmen?

Seth: I guess just be patient they will get their shot and always be focused and keep working hard and trying to get better.

D: What are the team's expectations for the season?

S: We have a lot of expectations this season. Our goals are to win the regular season, win the conference playoffs, and win a state championship. Everyone on this team is focused and we all believe that this is our



Photo credit; Livingston Navigator

D: This season is obviously your final with Livingston how much will you miss playing with your fellow seniors?

S: I'll miss playing with these seniors Jon-

ny Garfinkle, Ben Arden, Cameron Friedfertig, Adam Lanel, Tyler Kruse, Mike Koval, Justin Russo, and Justin Tauber a lot. We've been through a lot together over these 4 years and have had a lot of ups and downs so this year is definitely special. I have grown up playing youth hockey with most of these kids all my life so it's definitely going to be special. I'll definitely miss playing with all of them we're all so close both on and off the ice.

D: What NHL player did you or still look up to?

S: I look up to Zach Parise a lot. Whenever I go to devils game or watch on TV he's one of the only players I watch during the game. He's someone I want to model my game after. He plays a good two way game and he's a playmaker who's not that flashy but still gets the job done.

D: After losing in states last season does that loss motivate the team?

S: Yes it motivates me a ton. Last year we had a heartbreaking loss 3 to 1 against Pascack valley that was a pretty high seed. We felt as if we should have beaten them if we didn't make some mistakes. This year will be totally different though it motivates us to do better this and we feel like we didn't accomplish what we set out for.

D: On free corn dog night is it true that you scored on your own net to avoid handing out corn dogs to the fans?

S: I didn't score on my own net.

Lancer Sportlite: Jason Estevez



Jason Estevez steps onto the mat.
Photo credit: The Alternative Press

Doug Bresnick '13

This winter will be the last go around on the high school wrestling mats for senior athlete Jason Estevez. A four-year varsity starter, Estevez has always been a contender in the annual state tournament. Estevez is currently ranked third in the state with a record of 37-4. He's been working hard this off-season to finally accomplish his goal of becoming a State Champion.

"This year, I am looking to be a State Champion, as well as win senior nationals as a team to make state sectionals," Jason stated. "We've got a very strong team this year."

Estevez is hoping to continue his wrestling career at the college level. After sporting an impressive 40-4 record and achieving third place in the state, he has been getting a lot of looks from powerhouses all around the nation.

"I definitely want to wrestle at the division one level, but I'm not sure where I'm going to end up yet," responded Estevez when asked if he had any specific colleges in mind.

Jason has developed throughout each season, getting stronger both physically and mentally.. Just like most other athletes, Jason attributes his success to both his parents and his coaches.

"My parents have always been my main support throughout my life," said Jason proudly. "All of the coaches in my career have also helped me become the wrestler and person I am today, especially coaches Noto, Cuneo, and D'lanni."

Jason has great aspirations for this upcoming season, including a state title. This would put him in a position to be considered as one of the best to ever step foot on the mats at Livingston High School. It is his insatiable mindset that drives him to be the best wrestler he can possibly be.

"I've always pushed myself to do the limit" proclaimed Estevez.

2012 NJ State Rankings (132)

1. Scott DelVecchio, S. Plainfield 44-0
2. Brandon Keller, Timber Creek 35-6
3. Jason Estevez, Livingston 37-4
4. Connor Melde, Bergen Catholic 30-6
5. Richard Lewis, Toms River East 36-
6. Jesse Meaney, Manchester 36-5
7. Maaziah Bethea, Trenton 36-2
8. Katon Washington, Montclair 31-7

Others:

Steve Schneider, Emerson Park Ridge

Brad Royle, Jackson

Mackey Price, Hillsborough

Jimmy Schuitema, Phillipsburg

Mike Palomba, South River

