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## Blue takes international center stage



Blue Senior students pose as Lady Gaga, Alicia Keys, and Carson Daly introduce the ball drop.

Photo/Jess Thorson

By Josh Reznik  
Copy Editor

Neshaminy presented its fifty-seventh annual Gym Night production on Feb. 27 and 28 after snow postponed the event. This year marked many firsts in Gym Night history.

The freshman class was welcomed back into the competition, participating in relays and exhibitions. This was also the first time ever that a Gym Night performance was held during the afternoon. There was one performance on Feb. 27 and two performances on Feb. 28. A total of three performances was another

first for the program.

Practices for Gym Night 2010 began in late January, but were affected by this winter's record snowfall. "Practices were intense, but it was a lot of fun when you were performing it," junior Alyson Albertson said. However, the snow was unable to stop Gym Night from taking place.

Gym Night 2010 opened with much fanfare and excitement as the blue and red teams prepared to compete. The blue team, having come off its third consecutive win in 2009, was looking for a fourth win. The red team was ready to reclaim victory after their last win in 2006.

The captains led a procession of the senior participants, and Dr. Louis Muenker, superintendent of schools, parted the colors to begin competition.

The blue team captains were: Annie Kopera, Jake Kitchenman, Sara Bedesem, Delaney Kusters, Dana Knapp, Tyler Green, Emily Crasnick, Chris King, Paige Dumke, Tom Katelhon, Casey Fehrl, Marco Dapkey, Kristin Cummings, Zach Beegal, Cori Duco, Kyle Ejsmont, Alexa Bell and Ariel Hoffman.

The Red Team captains were: Lauren

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## News Flash

Former Redskin

Evan Jonigkeit

One of Neshaminy's own Alum of 2001 has reached tremendous heights in his career as an actor. This home-grown hero is a Temple grad who entered with a baseball scholarship, but then found his calling in acting. He has performed in a multitude of shows like "Picnic" in Montgomery Theater's production, and "The History Boys" in the Pig Iron Theatre Company. He is most famed for his work in the Mauckinbird Theatre Co. Peter Reynolds, Mauckinbird's artistic director, has picked up on Jonigkeit's "charisma and the force of his performances; his combination of strength and vulnerability." "It is part of who Evan is," Reynolds said. "It is genuine and not forced." Director Matt Pfeiffer cast a performance of a modern "Romeo and Juliet" on Feb. 25- April 11, which starred a riveting Jonigkeit, who exuded sensuality in his role, taking the focal point. Previous teacher Gina Chiolan remarked on Jonigkeit's ability as a performer. "I taught him, actually in drama and English. Very creative. A lot of talent. And even above and beyond that. He was really genuinely a nice person," Chiolan said. This hazel-eyed hottie has lit up the stage, and remains true to his roots.



Evan Jonigkeit was proclaimed "Philly's Sexiest Actor." Courtesy of edgephiladelphia.com

## Gym Night

Firsts in History...



Postponed due to 'Snowmageddon'

Performance on a Sunday



Three time performance

## Murderers offer questionable confession

By Nicole Gattone  
Copy Editor

For the second time in the five years since Alabama high school senior Natalie Holloway vanished on a class trip to Aruba, Joran van der Sloot, the primary suspect in Holloway's disappearance, has come forward with a confession.

In an interview with a Dutch television journalist, van der Sloot stated that Holloway had ingested alcohol and snorted cocaine. While dancing on a balcony, she had lost her footing and fallen

to her death.

According to examiner.com, van der Sloot then admitted to dumping Holloway's body in a marsh. "We just picked her up without taking a sheet...At that point it was me by the feet, and [him] vice versa. The water immediately starts there so we just ran through the shrubs into the swamp, and looked for the deepest possible spot. And there we just put her down," he said.

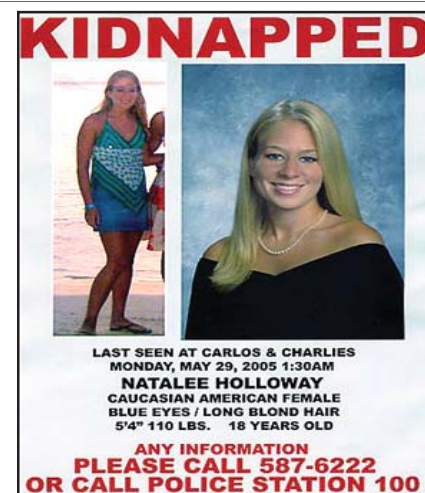
In the early morning hours of May 30, 2005, Holloway was seen partying with three local boys in a restaurant in Aruba.

Holloway was visiting the island with other students for Mountain Brook High School's graduation trip.

The students were scheduled to leave the following morning, but Holloway never turned up for the flight. Neither Holloway's whereabouts nor a definite story of what happened on the night of her disappearance had been discovered.

Immediately after Holloway vanished, Aruban investigators and FBI officials questioned the boys that she

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A flyer gives disappearance details.

Courtesy of annointed.net

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# Fourth amendment rights violated by school

**By Rachel Rotteveel**  
*Staff Writer*

The Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution protects people's right to privacy and unreasonable search and seizure. Blake Robbins, a 16-year-old student who attends Harrington High School of the Lower Merion School District, claims the school violated this right.

Assistant Principal of Harrington High School, Lindy Matsko, accused Robbins of "engaging in improper behavior in his home," and presented photographic evidence taken by the webcam on his school-issued laptop. Matsko believed Robbins was doing drugs when she took the photo of him in his room, but he was actually eating a piece of candy.

Questions were raised on how the school could spy on students in their homes. Matsko informed Robbins' father, Michael Robbins, that the school has the ability to remotely activate a student's webcam at any time, even if the

computer is not being used.

After hearing of the incident, many students became upset when they realized they could have potentially been spied on. "It freaks me out because what if I'm home and I'm just changing to go to sleep and my computer is open," Lower Merion student Julie Reiff said to NBC Philadelphia. "Are they going to take a picture of it and say I'm doing something illegal?"

This incident also presents many questions. How long have admin-



*The Fourth Amendment protects people's right to privacy against unreasonable search and seizure.*  
*Courtesy of www.zazzle.com*

istrators been spying on students? Aside from Robbins, has anyone else been targeted in these "spying" attacks?

In a statement posted on the Lower Merion School District web site, administrators stated that "the laptops do contain a security feature intended to track lost, stolen and missing laptops. This feature has been deactivated effective today."

On Feb. 11, the Robbins family filed a

lawsuit against the Lower Merion School District. The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a brief in support of Robbins, and the school is being thoroughly investigated by local authorities as well as the FBI.

"Occasionally a green light would go on your computer which would kind of give you the feeling that somebody's watching you," student Drew Scheier said to NBC Philadelphia. This incident has prompted many paranoid students, even those who do not attend Harrington High School, to tape over the webcams and microphones on their school laptops, for fear of their confidentiality.

Harrington High School prides itself on being one of the first schools in America to provide laptops to all of its students and "24/7 access to school-based resources," according to Superintendent Christopher McGinley. Most students would expect to have to protect themselves from creeps on the internet, but not the very school that gave them their laptops.

# Chile earthquake sends shock waves through nation

**By Deanna Zaro**  
*Staff Writer*

On Feb. 27 an area in the Pacific Ocean, 21 miles underground, was hit by a massive 8.8 magnitude earthquake. This terrible earthquake raked through the coastal country of Chile leaving more than 700 people dead and another 2 million homeless.

The country of Chile is no stranger to earthquakes. They experienced the most disastrous earthquake ever recorded in 1960. Hitting a 9.5 on the Richter scale, the earthquake killed over 1,500 people and cost millions of dollars in damages.

Because Chile has had so many earthquakes in the past, most of their buildings are built to a certain code. Even though the damage was significantly less than that of Haiti, some of Chile's buildings could not stand the force of the earthquake.

The closest urban area to be hit by the earthquake was Concepción, Chile's second largest city. According to cnn.com, the earthquake reportedly moved the city 10 feet to the west. Even the country's capital, Santiago, which lies some 200 miles from the epicenter of the quake, was shifted 11 inches.

Most of the residents of Concepción have been left without electricity or run-

ning water, according to the New York Times. "A supermarket has been set on fire with people desperately short of food, water, and electricity," Britain's Channel 4 News reported.

The government has taken measures to combat the looting in Concepción. This includes enforcing a curfew, using tear gas, and arresting dozens of people for theft. "I need food. People can think what they like, but we do what we have to do," a resident of Concepción said, when interviewed by Britain's Channel 4 News.

Following the main earthquake, aftershocks still affected Chile. Chile suffered a 6.9 magnitude earthquake, right as their president was being sworn into office.

Concepción was not the only city damaged by the quake and its repercussions. Some of the coastal towns were severely damaged not by the earthquakes, but by the tsunamis that followed them. Though the devastation in these remote coastal towns is just as bad as that in major cities, they did not receive any of the gov-

ernment aid given to other cities.

Another issue left to deal with from this earthquake and its effects is cost. "The Chile earthquake, the fifth strongest in a century, may cost insurers \$4 billion to \$7 billion, according to estimates today from the world's largest reinsurance companies," Oliver Sues of "Business Week" said.

It seems that Chileans has a lot of work ahead of them if they're going to be able to pick up the pieces of their country that was so horribly broken apart by this earthquake. However, they do not have to recover and rebuild alone, as many American companies such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army are collecting donations.

Even the smallest donation can make a difference in helping provide Chile with relief from this natural disaster.

*The earthquake's epicenter was offshore from the Maule Region.*  
*Courtesy of Wikipedia*


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was last seen with. The three locals, van der Sloot, Satish Kalpoe and Deepak Kalpoe, claimed that they dropped Holloway off at the Marriott Hotel she was staying at and drove away. Van der Sloot and the Kalpoe brothers were arrested several times because of their connection with Holloway's disappearance, but were eventually released due to lack of evidence.

Currently, many investigators doubt the legitimacy of van der Sloot's story, because of his multiple past confessions and the denials that followed them. In 2008, van der Sloot was videotaped saying that "Holloway had died after suffering a seizure on a beach and that he had dumped her body in the sea," according to MSNBC. He later claimed that he was under the influence of drugs during the taping. Van der Sloot also told a U.S. journalist that he sold Holloway into white slavery, but he later insisted that he made the story up for \$10,000.

There have also been many inconsistencies in the details van der Sloot gave. "It's a story that in and of itself does fit in terms of timing. But all the other things that could be investigated, and that means the story about the witnesses, the house, the height of the balcony, all those types of things don't add up in Joran van der Sloot's statement," Aruban Chief Prosecutor Peter Blanken said, according to ABC News.

Without definite evidence to back up his confession, van der Sloot's story will be seen as nothing more than words in the eyes of the media and the authorities. For now, the mystery of Natalee Holloway's disappearance remains unsolved.



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### The Oscars



"I'd just like to dedicate this to the women and men in the military who risk their lives on a daily basis in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world. And may they come home safe."  
~ Kathryn Bigelow

Best director for "The Hurt Locker"



"Never did I dream that making a flip book out of my third-grade math book would lead to this."  
~ Pete Docter

Best animated feature film award for "Up"



"This is for everybody who works on the dream every day: precious boys and girls everywhere."  
~ Geoffrey Fletcher

Best adapted screenplay award for "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire.

# Same-sex marriage formally legalized in D.C.

By Adrienne Reice  
Staff Writer

The District of Columbia's same-sex marriage law went into effect March 3 after it was refused by the Supreme Court to prevent its enforcement. During the review period in which Congress had an opportunity to intervene, they refused the bill because Congress is allowed to reject any laws made from D.C.

Chief Justice John Roberts issued a three page order March 2, a day before the law became official. He concluded that the high court should defer to local matters in the federal district of Washington. Roberts also said a separate ballot initiative to overturn the law would give voters a chance to weigh in on the question on whether to have same-sex marriages or not.

The district's marriage bureau has said that same-sex couples can begin applying for marriage licenses. These licenses were approved to start on March 3.

It is legal for three full days to pass between the day of application and the day that the license can be issued.

On March 9, marriages for same-sex



Marriage between gay couples has been legalized in D.C. Courtesy of wordpress.com

legitimized. Roberts also refused an application to the U.S. Supreme Court to block gay marriage law from going into effect. Yet this does not mean the high court endorses gay marriage or is for protecting the privacy of gays.

Still many opponents argue that city residents should have been given a chance to vote on the high-profile issue before the city council passed the measure early in December. "Politicians on the city council are acting as if they have the right through legislation to deprive citizens of D.C. of their core civil right to vote, but we will not let them get away with it," said executive director of National Organization for Marriage Brian Brown. "We will go to Congress we will go to the courts, we will fight for the people's right to vote."

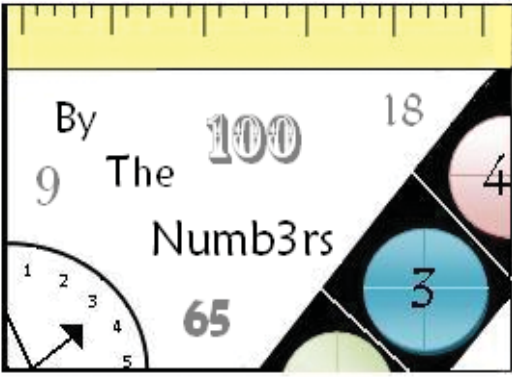
A group of Washington residents have objected to the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment

Act, which expands the definition of marriage to include same-sex couples. The group is still seeking to force a ballot even though the law has already taken effect.


Last December, the City Council passed the bill in a 11-2 vote. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty signed the bill at a Unitarian Universalist house for worship in the northwest section known for its diversity and welcoming of same-sex couples. Fenty signed a bill that recognized same-sex marriages.

"Today's vote is an important victory not only for the gay and lesbian community but for everyone who supports equal rights," said Councilman David A. Catania. The Human Rights Campaign called it "an important and historic step towards equal dignity, equal respect, and equal rights for same-sex couples."

The district along with Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, and Iowa are among the only states who have legalized same-sex marriages.



By The Numb3rs



1942

The American Psychiatric Association declared that Homosexuality is a disease

20%

Increased number of same-sex couples in the United States between 2000 and 2005

7.2

Million Americans under the age of 20 are gay or lesbian

Courtesy of [www.pflagupstatesc.org](http://www.pflagupstatesc.org)

# Proposal to ban ‘R-word’

By Lexi Levin  
Staff Writer

The Special Olympics are trying to ban the word “retard.” Special Olympics are a global nonprofit organization targeting the nearly 200 million people around the world who have intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics started as a backyard summer camp in Maryland. Eunice Kennedy Shriver started this for people with disabilities so that she could see what they were capable of achieving.

For years the words “retard” and “retarded” are often misused as they are meant to describe mentally challenged children. This word is very offensive and many people are very hurt by it.

“Last year, which was the first observance, they gathered 86 signatures in three hours on their petition to end use of the word “retarded,” Joan Sechrist, Lebanon County Special Olympics manager said. Other areas such as Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, and northern York counties, have also been campaigning to stop the use of the ‘r word’.

Up until 2004, the Special Olympics referred to their athletes as “mentally retarded.” These athletes felt that being called retarded added extra stress and mental anguish to their already challenged lives. The official term is now “intellectual disabilities.”

“Most people don’t think of this word as the language of hate, but that’s exactly what it feels like to millions of people with intellectual disabilities, their families and friends. I choose to believe that most of us are fundamentally good and

that we’re just not aware that the word is offensive and that it hurts,” John C. McGinley from the hit television series, “Scrubs” said.

The Special Olympics started a campaign called “Spread the word to end the word.” People of all ages are trying to make others stop and think about how hurtful this word can be and to pledge to stop using it.

“This campaign powerfully combines two things: the creative vision of a world accepting of all people and a youthful drive to realize this vision; it calls people to do more than volunteer and advocate; it inspires them to join, drive, and lead a social movement for the dignity of people with intellectual disabilities. And that’s why it works,” Soeren Palumbo, co-student founder of “Spread the Word” said; Notre Dame, 2011 and Timbo Shriver, son of Special Olympics Chairman, Timothy Shriver, who together launched the “Spread the Word” campaign last year.

“Spread the Word” has held more than 500 events across the country with a goal of reaching 100,000 pledges. This campaign has many supporters including the NBA and numerous famous celebrities. As of March 11, 2010 people on the World Wide Web have used the ‘r-word’ 27,757 times on Google.com and 2,300 times on Facebook.com.

In addition to a long list of other politically incorrect words, we can now add “retard” It’s time to spread the word so that people with intellectual disabilities no longer need to endure this painful term.

“They gathered 86 signatures in three hours on their petition to end use of the word ‘retarded’.”  
~Joan Sechrist



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**Do the consequences fit the crime at NHS?**

Imagine sitting at the lunch table on a normal day, just minding your own business. In comes someone who has a problem with you decides to take a swing at you. After a few tough punches to the face, you decide to retaliate. Moments later, you are taken away by an administrator. Then the police arrive. Congratulations, you’re going to jail for defending yourself.

It is with events such as these that the everyday student here wonders: Do the consequences fit the crime here at Neshaminy?

According to Neshaminy High School’s 2009-2010 Discipline Code on the district website, “Discipline does not mean the suppression of young people. It means consistently helping them regulate their own behavior to grow in the way that is most meaningful to them.”

Yet is this punishment too extreme? Most students believe not.

Now it must be understood that the administration is only trying to keep Neshaminy as safe as it can possibly be, and we as a student body must respect that. There are a number of suggestions on the minds of NHS students about how to make the reactions to these events better.

But what many students may not be aware is the fact that the disciplinary system is not as black-and-white as many think. Each incident is evaluated and dealt with differently, depending on the event and those involved in it.

“I agree with Neshaminy’s decision to not have a one-size-fits-all policy,” English teacher Stacy Moroszan said. “Each disciplinary infraction needs to be evaluated on a case by case basis.”

Some of the culprits that initiate these fights have been in fights before. Do these repeat offenders belong in the NHS environment? Or could it be more effective if these students spend some time getting help removed from the NHS population to get help?

Joe Werner and Barb Furphy, social workers here at NHS strongly feel the disciplinary system is putting students’ well being first. “Unfortunately in a large building with many students, sometimes measures seem punitive,” Werner and Furphy said. “We believe the goal is to provide for the safety of the students. It would be nice if there were more resources to help defuse the conflict before it occurs or help make the students aware of what we already have here to help.”

A number of Neshaminy’s many support resources in addition to the social workers include peer mediation, the Sanctuary Room, Challenge Day, SAFE/SADD, guidance, and Yellow Ribbon Week. Even select faculty members are working with Werner and Furphy in doing a follow up to Challenge Day in the near future.

So what steps should Neshaminy take to improve this discipline system? Perhaps the best answer is getting these students involved. Getting suspended for 7 days of school is extremely harmful to a student’s academic progress. This cannot help someone get back on the right track if they return from OSS with endless amounts of schoolwork to make up.


Although each situation is dealt with differently, most students involved in these kinds of conflicts get suspended, taken out of all activities, and prohibited from being on the NHS campus. Although punishment of some kind is necessary, most of the kids committing these acts are already troubled in some way, so taking away extra-curricular activities is simply counterproductive. The answer is getting these kids involved in activities rather than be isolated from them.

Still, it’s safe to say that one thing is unanimous among students, teachers and administrators alike: a safer Neshaminy is a better Neshaminy. It is important to know that each situation is handled differently, and the outcome of these punishments is what is best for those involved.


**This unsigned editorial represents the majority view of the editorial board.**

**THE BUSK**

*How wild is your spring break going to be?*


  
Junior  
Riley Waterbury


*“Wet. Tee-Shirt. Contest.”*

  
Junior  
Joe Mangiarelli

*“G.T.L.”*

*What do you hope to find in your Easter basket?*


  
Senior  
Cori Duco


  
Senior  
Brian Oshinsky

*“A ginger.”*

*“Franny Mascino.”*

*How did you survive the black-out of March 12, 2010?*

  
Senior  
Kenzee Keenan

  
Sophomore  
Troy Lewallen

*“Intense game of hang-man.”*

*“Doodle Jump, iPhone APP.”*

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A new site has hit the web, Formspringme. This new internet sensation is causing a buzz, be it good or bad. Is formspring.me a cool way to communicate, or cyberbullying at its best?

# Formspring forms friends...or enemies?



By **Jakiya Pyron**  
Staff Writer

Lets face it, everyone gossips be it boy or girl and some say Formspring.me is the latest “grape vine”. Does this new technology present a new gossip site or simply allow people to make new friends? Formspring.me is the latest addition to the World Wide Web, and much like Myspace and Facebook can be classified as controversial. Formspring.me can only truly harm those who allow it to become harmful. It’s just like Myspace, Facebook, Twitter, or any other social networking site. Unlike these sites Formspring.me allows its users to ask any question and receive anonymous answers. If you want to ask a question that you don’t want the real answer to (i.e. Am I fat?) then don’t post it on the site. Formspring.me has brought back the option of cyber bullying, but only if you ask the wrong question.

Formspring.me is a place where users can hide behind the computer, and ask questions they would typically avoid face to face. You could ask that guy who you have been mesmerized by for two months if he thinks you’re cute. Even if he says “I don’t know who she is” it’s better to know your invisible than to make a fool of yourself talking to him out the blue.

Much like blogging, Formspring.me gives the option of speaking your opinion, and having others listen. Everyone gets a thrill from knowing people are listening to what you have to say, and this site takes that feeling to a whole new level. Everyone enjoys the feeling of knowing someone cares about what you say and Formspring.me takes that feeling to a whole new level. Formspring.me makes it easy for the not so tech people to connect your answers to your networking site.

Formspring.me has a contract that one must agree to before even joining this website. One must be over 13 to have an account; this will not solve the act of cyber-crimes but it will certainly help. Also, unlike MySpace, Facebook, and Twitter, users are only allowed to have one profile picture, which eliminates serious cyber-bullying due to pictures, and also reduces the use of inappropriate pictures. Formspring.me, if used properly can be used in positive and constructive manner. If the privileges of Formspring.me are abused, this is where the problems arise.

Formspring.me wasn’t created to hurt anyone or cause harm, much like other websites on the internet. This site was simply made to add excitement to many people’s lives, most likely in the hopes to become a huge success like Facebook. This site wasn’t made for those who are extremely sensitive, so much like real life, if you can’t handle the truth, don’t ask for it. Formspring.me wants its users to ask silly questions in hopes of an interesting conversation and the opportunity to meet new people.



By **Jocelyn Joseph**  
News Editor

Is Formspring.me another pointless waste of time on the Internet that will inevitably give rise to brutal amounts of bullying among teens? Formspring.me has literally sprung into popularity recently as a site where there is a virtual anonymous Q&A interview. This form of interaction is simple: there’s a box in which one can ask a question, which can be posted on the wall by the recipient if he or she chooses to reply. Its public purpose, “to send and receive anonymous questions, and learn more about people you find interesting by following their answers,” has brought a new meaning to an invasion of online privacy and has given creepy Internet stalkers a whole new realm of opportunity.

However, the questions can be quite ludicrous ranging from “would ninjas or pirates win in a fight” to “are you a virgin” to a very Paris Hilton-like comment, “you’re hot.” Where originality may be lacking, today’s teens have made up for it in creativity in finding tactics for bullying.

“It’s easy to be bullied on Formspring.me. So people feel they can say whatever they want, and that actually makes you more of a coward because you couldn’t just say your problems in person,” junior Ally Boyd said.

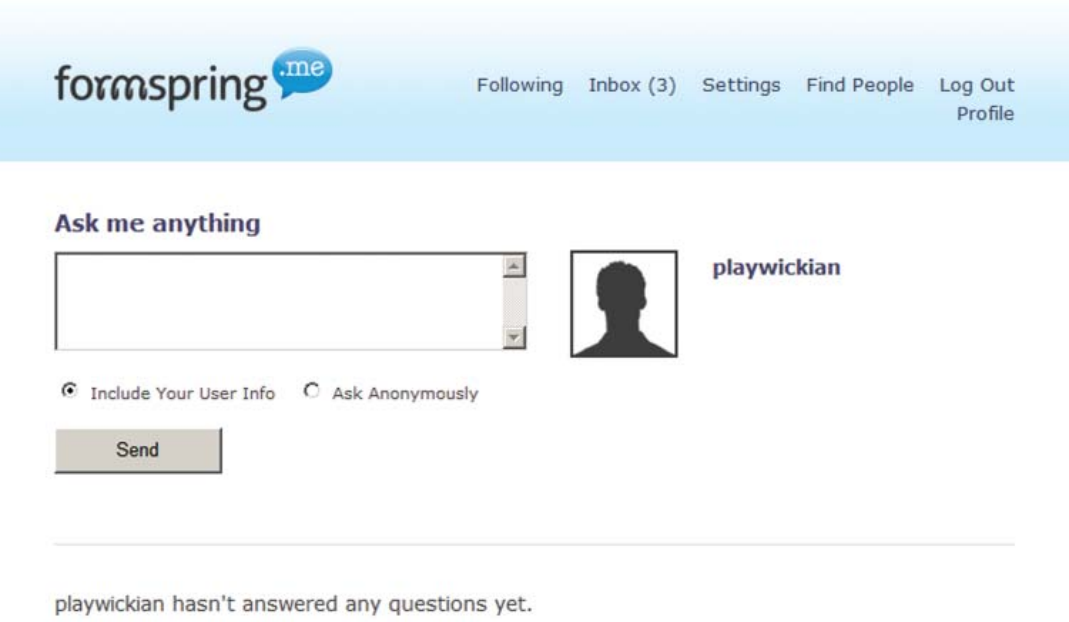
Granted, you do not have to post a comment or respond to every question; however this form of communication might have many unforeseen consequences. They can contain invariably personal and lewd, inappropriate comments.

While providing a link to your Tumblr, Twitter, Blogger or Facebook account, it is an easily accessible form of over sharing—a point proven in the popular Facebook status, “ask me anything.” We are flattered by absolute strangers and relish in the fact that people actually

care to leave a comment or question, disregarding whether it is a positive compliments or negative hate-mail. Then again, we “asked for it.”

So what if the people who are questioning you are not your friends, or even acquaintances, or perhaps... complete strangers? It may be possible that future employers may just see a tidbit of your dirty little secrets, or that the remarks come from the creepy kid who stares at you in Ceramics.

Formspring.me is the new hot media that has jumped on the bandwagon of teen trends. But these online ‘haters’ remain and are even more willing to bash their so-called friends with harsh words and gossip, which they are clearly too cowardly to say to their faces. It may seem rather pointless to some, and interesting to others, but the moral of the story is: keep your secrets to yourself and off the Internet.



Formspring allows people to ask, and be asked, anything. It is a forum to submit questions anonymously. Courtesy of www.formspring.me

# Body image: Figures under fire during prom season

By **Nicole Gattone**  
Copy Editor

Ten hours of tanning per week? Check. Several pounds of make-up? Check. Three days of starvation to fit into that prom dress? Check. Today’s image of ideal female beauty is synonymous with flawless: bronzed skin, smooth face, perfectly-applied make-up and a size-zero body. Standards are so high that the idea of “beauty” has become next to unattainable, but many girls are more than willing to try to reach it anyway.

It is a commonly-repeated fact that frequent tanning, both in tanning beds and under the sun, accelerates the skin’s ag-

ing process and causes mutations that can lead to skin cancer, and it’s no secret that self-starvation can lead to eating disorders and harm to vital organs. When it comes to exterior beauty, a significant amount of damage is dealt to the mind as well. With school, work, social lives, college preparations and extracurricular activities, high school girls have enough stress piled on them. Adding the pressure of looking flawless is like dumping gasoline into a raging forest fire. So why put your health in danger for the sake of your appearance? Why, to fit in and gain favor with peers, of course! The images that teenage girls force upon themselves are the same ones that they push onto their friends and class-

mates. Events such as the prom have become the Olympics of vanity. Who has the best dress? Whose tan is the bronziest? Whose hair-do is the most elaborate? A night that is meant to be filled with fun and excitement will instead be preceded with stress over not losing enough weight to get into a dress. The feeling of looking forward to dancing and hanging out with friends has been replaced with hours of scrubbing, plucking, tanning, highlighting and dieting, and the anxiety towards friends’ reactions to the final product. I hate to break it to you, but if your friends will stop liking you for something as shallow as your dress size, then you need to find some new friends. In most cases, it’s great to look nice.

Looking good tends to lead to a rise in self-esteem. However, when physical and mental health begin to deteriorate over an aspect of appearance that doesn’t mean all that much, there is a definite problem. The solution to this problem lies with the girls themselves. The media’s portrayal of beauty will probably continue to be selective and extreme, but magazines and movies do not dictate the laws of your body. The person in the mirror is the one who makes the choices, not friends or significant others or strangers on a red carpet. Once people stop trying to live up to the expectations of a vain culture, the pressure to look perfect will simply fade away.

# Ditch awkward prom date, take friends to prom

By Nicole Onisick  
*Op-Ed Editor*

Prom is right around the corner for most of the Neshaminy classes, and it seems the pressure is at an all time high. Dresses, tuxes, hair, and limos, oh wait am I forgetting one minor detail? That’s right...a date. A good date is hard to come by for many of the single folk out there. The options are running low, and many are getting desperate. But before you post yourself on Craig’s List, did you ever consider just going to prom with your friends?

Prom: the best night of your life, or a dance from hell? It depends on a majority of things, but one being the most important is a prom date. The girls tend to sit around and wait for the boy of their dreams to write ‘Prom?’ in the sky, and end up settling and saying yes through text message. The boys don’t always realize the ball is in their court during prom, and end up asking last minute through text message, or even a friend. But what happens once we say yes to that magical question that many consider equal to a marriage proposal? This is when the ‘best night of your life’ can take a rapid downward spin to hell.

So, you’ve finally got a prom date.

Hey, she may not be that cute, and he may be seven inches shorter then you, but you’ve got a date right? Now welcome in an extravaganza of awkwardness into your life. From insuring that the tie matches the dress and praying to God that your date



*Desperate for a prom date? No worries, you are not alone.*  
*Courtesy of Awkwardfamilyphotos.net*

remembered the flower, and of course, no one feels comfortable when mom wants to get a picture with your date. Why sacrifice a night that should be filled memories to last a lifetime worrying about how to make conversation with your date. Wait...

what’s his name again?  
Nine out of ten people believe that one should have a date for prom (helium.com). Since long before our generation, dates have been the customary tradition for proms and dances of all kind. But

grandkids the forced smile from your cheesy photos, with a date whose name you forgot the next day?

We’ve all been there when with a date that just refuses to leave your side. You go to dance with your friends and feel heavy breathing over your shoulder as your date sweeps in to steal you away and even follows you to the bathroom (escape plan ruined). Or the date who insists on finding the camera man for yearbook photos, or the date that happens to have a girlfriend you didn’t know about. Yes, we’ve all seen these prom dates from an alien planet, so why do we continue to stress endlessly when deep down we all know we would have a better and more memorable (in a good way) time with our friends?

In no way am I suggesting ditching your date, but it is a wakeup call to ours and future generations to consider ditching the stereotype that only losers go to prom alone. In the long run all we are left with is memories and pictures and in 30 years when you’re looking back on old times wouldn’t you want to recall the night of your life with your high school friends, or the night from hell with the weirdo from your math class?

P.S. If anyone out there was planning on asking me to prom, please neglect the last 600 words.

# College ‘Roommate-Finders’ filled with phonies

By Ellen LoManto  
*Managing Editor*

As the year is dwindling down, most seniors have come to a decision on their college destination. With “pros and cons” list in the trash, acceptance letters stored away, and College Board accounts deleted, it appears that the chaos of college choices is a thing of the past.

This may have been true back in the Stone Ages of technology. A time before every breathing teenager with a computer had a Facebook account, when the norm was to be issued a roommate, unless you planned to room with someone from home. Now, as soon as you’re settled on one college a whole new dilemma appears: the search for a roommate.

With surveys to be filled out on Fa-

cebook, and sites like URoomSurf.com which match people based on a quiz and deliver results of compatibility (think Match.com for roommates), many future college students are putting fate in the backseat and taking the issuing of their future roommate into their own hands.

This seems like an easy way to guarantee that roommates will get along but below the surface these roommate finders have many flaws. Sorting through surveys, questions like “How clean are you?” are answered with generic, vague lines like “clean .. but not too clean” by most people. Everyone is answering questions based on what a potential roommate will want to hear, instead of truthful answers. So it becomes impossible to differentiate a person with dirty laundry decorating their floor from someone whose closet is

color-coded.  
Another major problem is introductions to potential roommates through Facebook. So faces are visible, while personalities are left unknown. The kindergarten lesson of “don’t judge a book by its cover” was taught for a reason. Looks are not a good indicator of character.  
Instead of focusing on finding someone who they can live in harmony with, roommate-hunters are searching for new BFFs. Many roommate candidates confess that they are searching for “someone just like me,” or “a friend more than a roommate.” Although living with a clone of your best friend may sound appealing, remember that most friendships take a fatal turn when they become roommates for a reason.  
Dorm rooms will be wake-up call for

many of us. Our spacious closets and queen beds with be traded for a room the size of a bathroom, expected to be shared with another person. Roommates need to be evaluated for similar study habits, cleansing routines, and bedtimes.  
Roommate finders are an easy way to ensure you won’t return home with roommate horror stories, but be cautious as you engage in the search. Weed out the phonies from the truthful by looking for genuine answers. Also, don’t alter your answers to hide your flaws. If a three week old glass of milk is still on your bed stand, confess that you’re a slob. And if you plan to be out till three am every night, don’t claim to be focused on school work; it will only cause trouble for you later down the line.

# Let students make their own decisions in classroom

By Jenna Overton  
*Editor in Chief*



Almost everyone has experienced it: the frustration that exists in a classroom where some of the students are serious about learning while others couldn’t care less. A lesson may start out well, but after its teacher spends 30 seconds yelling at one kid for sleeping, another minute embarrassing a girl who walks in late without a pass, and then

five minutes lecturing the class about the inappropriateness of using cell phones, the students who didn’t care in the first place are even less inclined to pay attention and the ones who actually want to learn are quickly losing interest in the material.

In a perfect world, educators could inspire any student to reach his or her fullest potential, and classrooms would be filled with kids who are eager to soak up information like little, intellectual sponges. In reality, there will always be children who have no interest in academia and who only serve to distract everyone else in the class every time they get yelled at.

In order to ensure that dedicated students receive all the attention they deserve, less time needs to be wasted punishing high-schoolers for common offenses like cell phone use and late entrances. As long as students aren’t hindering anyone else’s learning experience, then they should be able to make their own decisions in the classroom, even if those decisions may be spending the whole class texting or sleeping through the whole thing. This would greatly decrease the time that teachers waste yelling at students, and frankly, it would also create a quieter and more hands-on learning environment for everyone else.

“If kids want to sleep through an entire class, then teachers should let them,” senior Pete Jacoby said. “It’s their own fault, but they shouldn’t get in trouble for it.”

If students want to text for an entire period, then let them, as long as it’s not distracting anyone else. They’re the ones who will miss an important point and be

left confused for the rest of the period. If teenagers would rather sit in the back of class and sleep for 45 minutes instead of taking notes, then they should be allowed to because they are the ones who will suffer because of it.  
Should kids be allowed to roam the halls aimlessly during class or sidetrack other students by asking questions they missed when they were busy texting? Absolutely not. But adolescents are very close to becoming adults, and as adults, they’ll be forced to understand the significance of their actions and correct their own mistakes.

Allowing students to make their own choices in classes would also prepare them for future endeavors in their lives. No one is going to be forcing us to go to class each day in college; we have to set the alarm clock and heave ourselves out of bed independently. Likewise, no one is going to check that we go to work each morning. We’ll simply have to understand that the consequences of losing a job far outweigh the benefits of skipping.

Instead of wasting precious class time yelling at students who don’t want to be there in the first place, teachers should just let them be, so long as it’s not at the expense of anyone else.

After all, teachers yell at students for offenses like sleeping and texting because it wastes time during class. But by spending five or 10 minutes giving a lecture to those offenders, aren’t teachers wasting just as much time as their less-than-driven students?



*Should students be woken up or left to fend for themselves during class?*  
*Photo/Nicole Onisick*

# Great debaters’ success proves undisputable

**By Jenna Overton**  
*Editor in Chief*

Arguably the most formidable organization at Neshaminy, the debate team proved its worth on Feb. 17 at New Hope High School when its members beat out roughly 80 other teams to move on in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Debate League.

After losing a substantial amount of seniors last year, the debaters weren’t sure how they would place in this year’s competition. However, coach Hank Oppenheimer and first-year assistant coach Anthony Conrad never stopped pushing their team toward excellence.

“The team got a lot younger this year,” Oppenheimer said. “Last year it was basically all seniors, so the new kids really had to step up their game.”

Those underclassmen will undoubtedly continue to improve in future years, but it was the team’s seniors who really took home the gold at New Hope High School.

In teams of two, seniors Chelsea Buxton and Allison Rotteveel advanced to the final round of competition in the public forum section, in which students debate about current events and issues. Seniors Mark Eisen and Dan Castle made it to semi-finals in the same category, and seniors Jen Saigal and Cara Cugley proceeded to finals in the Lincoln-Douglas category, in which students

make resolving arguments on issues of ethics.

making it to the top was impressive. Our whole season was impressive, overall.”

The students on the debate team did not make it there without practice, especially since most of their experienced members graduated last year. Rather, they had to spend a considerable amount of time preparing for this year’s competition, and it paid off.

“All of us worked really hard this year,” Buxton stated. “Everyone was willing to learn and didn’t give up when we lost. Debate can be scary, kids yell at each other, and it’s actually kind of funny to watch.”

In addition to providing

first-rate amusement to its viewers, debate offers many other advantages to all of those who choose to take part in it.

“Debate club is such a great activity because colleges value it enormously,” Conrad said. “It’s a serious activity and a competitive activity. Debating builds confidence, it’s a real boost for public speaking, and it gives young people a chance to meet like-minded students from other schools in the area.”

The debate team is always looking for new members, so see Oppenheimer or Conrad if (intelligently) yelling at others and having fun sounds like an ideal way to spend time after school and in competition.

The students of Neshaminy could take a note from the members of the debate team, who not only fight more than anyone else in the school, but get rewarded to do so.



The debate team celebrates a victorious season at their banquet.

Photo/Allison Rotteveel

## Fantastical senior shares innermost desires

**By Rebecca Yacker**  
*Expressions Editor*

Dan Weiss, a charismatic, whimsical Neshaminy senior who enjoys ska music and Lady Gaga is not afraid to show his emotions, especially when it comes to sexy werewolves named Jacob.

**Q: Who’s your favorite teacher?**  
*A: I don’t know who my favorite teacher is but I wish I had Mr. DiCicco because he’s the cutest little thing I’ve ever seen.*

**Q: Are you goo-goo for Gaga?**  
*A: Yeah, I think she’s a cool guy.*

**Q: What’s your favorite band?**  
*A: Street light Manifesto.*



A personable Weiss strikes a signature pose.  
Photo/Rebecca Yacker

**Q: What’s your opinion about orange girls?**  
*A: They belong in the kitchen with the rest of the fruit products.*

**Q: How do you feel about the Twilight/New Moon craze?**  
*A: I loved the second movie where he takes his shirt off. TEAM JACOB!*

**Q: If you could be a famous actor/actress who would it be?**  
*A: Megan Fox because of her smoking bod. I would totally stare at myself all day.*

**Q: If you had the option, what would you change about yourself physically?**  
*A: I wish my body was more like Lady Gaga’s.*

### That’s So Neshaminy!!

I.D. cards are given out half-way into the year.

Spandex is more popular than denim.

A random black-out keeps students in homeroom for two plus hours.

No matter how hard it’s snowing, we can’t leave school early if they already started making fries.

“Courtyards” are blossoming with not thriving vegetation, but economical black gravel.

Orange is a generally acceptable skin tone.

## Snowy AP doom looms ahead

**By Dan Coleman**  
*Student Life Editor*

Mother Nature, along with support from PECO, has decided to make life just that little bit harder for Neshaminy students.

Their efforts, both record snow falls and a random power outage, have cost Neshaminy a considerable amount of school time, which has had detrimental effects on third marking period grades and will undoubtedly affect performance on Advanced Placement exams.

For many classes, the third

marking period is considered the hardest. Teachers reach the bulk of their material and try to cram as much in as possible in order to have ample review time during the fourth marking period.

As for AP classes, the intensity of the third marking period is magnified even more. With the AP exams right around the corner, teachers must finish the all material and still manage to squeeze in sufficient review.

With a record-breaking near six feet of snow this winter season, Neshaminy had to shut its doors several times, all of which fell in the midst of the treacherous third marking period. Even if the district schedules in make-up days, they will be added to the end of the year; the third marking period will not be extended to its normal length and in class AP exam prep time will not reappear.

“It [losing class time] puts even more of the burden on the student to cover material that is not discussed in class,” AE AP United States History teacher Josh Stoner said.

AP teachers’ ultimate goal is to prepare their students to earn a five (the highest grade possible) on the National college-level exam. The snow days combined with random other time consumers, such as the black-out, make this task increasingly difficult.

Nearly all AP teachers have

taken some measure to combat the effects of less class time.

“I will try to use more contractions when I speak to quicken the pace. I have also started ‘Sundays with Stoner’ lectures but nobody has shown up yet,” Funnyman Stoner said.

Teachers are far from the only ones put into a panic by the amount of time lost; students are the ultimate sufferers from less time to prepare for such a monumental test. At risk are not only scores, but the chance at college credits and scholarships that go along with doing well.

“The lost time has definitely made the work load really intense. I have a lot more I have to get done and I feel like I don’t have enough time some days,” junior Susie Mayer said. Mayer is taking AP English and AP United States History this year.

Many students’ grades have undoubtedly slipped due to the increased intensity felt by all students, not just the ones taking AP classes. Grade adjustment or even just the extension of the third marking period seems impossibly unlikely.

The weather and some various other odd occurrences have shortened the infamous third marking period and increased stress levels of both students and teachers alike. With no practical fix, this winter season is likely to be a black spot on Neshaminy academics.

## Prospects in Paradise

<b>March 26</b> Spring break begins, No school until April 5	<b>April 16</b> Freshman Dance
<b>March 29</b> Passover begins	<b>April 20, 21</b> Junior writing PSSA testing, grades 9, 10, 12 arrive for homeroom at 10:40 AM
<b>April 1</b> April Fool’s Day	<b>April 22</b> Earth Day
<b>April 4</b> Easter Sunday	<b>April 23-24</b> Future Problem Solving competition in Harrisburg
<b>April 9</b> Sophomore Dinner Dance	<b>April 27, 28</b> Junior science PSSA testing, grades 9, 10, 12 arrive for homeroom at 10:40 AM
<b>April 13-15</b> Junior math and reading PSSA testing; early dismissal at 11:30 AM, no school for grades 9,10, 12, senior graduation project presentations	

# Gym Night 2010

"Passport around the world"

## Gym Night: *Continued from page 1*

Quense, John Thomas, Heather Thomas, Dominick LaPalombara, Allison Prencecavage, Kevin Murray, Hannah Sufirin, Kyle McClinton, Katey Smyth, Tyler Masterson, Shannon Stecklein, Ryan Matzke, Jess Mazur, Brian Ruggia, Demetria Pressley, Dan Meyers, Jill Sincavage and Kyle O'Donnell.

Color captains Alexa Bell and Jill Sincavage made opening remarks, followed by advisor and Physical Education department chair Dave Coll, and Gym Night began. The captains first participated in a tug-of-war, in which blue team won. Points were then awarded to blue for decorations. The "pom-pom girl" for Gym Night 2010 was junior Victoria Krzywonos.

Red team won the points for the Sophomore Magic Carpet Relay. Next was the freshmen debut in the George and Jane of the Jungle relay.

For exhibitions, the juniors performed first, followed by sophomores, then seniors. Red team performed first on Feb. 27 and 28 in the afternoon due to the blue team's win in 2009. This year's theme was "Passport Around the World."

The junior red team performed a French-themed exhibition which included the Eiffel Tower, mimes, the Pink Panther and characters from "Beauty and

the Beast." The team highlighted many dance tricks including flips.

The blue juniors then performed a Bollywood-inspired Indian exhibition, including a snake and charmer, traditional Indian music, the game show scene from "Slumdog Millionaire," and a sword fight between the colors played by captains Katelhon and Dapkey.

More relays including the senior tug-of-war and the trash can relay were held during the transition before the sophomore exhibitions.

Krzywonos then threw the pom-pom for the junior exhibition. The blue team won and would go on to sweep the junior exhibition for all three performances.

Sophomore exhibitions were next. The red team performed a Mexican-themed exhibition filled with conga lines, tumbling and Zorro. In transition, co-captain Kyle McClinton performed the famous Pee Wee Herman dance. "It's really exciting when the lights went out. The glow sticks were the best part," participant Gina Marinelli said.

The blue sophomores then performed their Egyptian-themed exhibition. Highlights included a King Tut scene and music from the movie "The Mummy." "Best part of sophomore year so far," captain Tyler Green said about the experience.

Following these exhibitions, more relays were held, including the junior football relay and the freshmen shootout

relay. It was then time to award points for the sophomore exhibition. The pom-pom was tossed and the points went to the red team, who would go on to sweep the event for all three performances. "I love my red sophomores. They're awesome," captain Prencecavage said.

Finally, the seniors performed their highly anticipated exhibitions. The red team started off with a tribute to Japan. Kimonos and samurai costumes were some of the small details that added to the excitement. The team highlighted a sumo wrestling match, Godzilla, and ended with the dance with a floor size Japanese flag.

The blue seniors paid tribute to the United States with a New York themed showcase. Captains portrayed famous celebrities such as Lady Gaga, Alicia Keys, and landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty. Donald Trump was mimicked with his tagline "You're fired" from "The Apprentice." The entire team circled around a replica of Times Square's New Year's Ball and ended in formation of the famous "I Love New York" logo.

The senior exhibitions concluded both of the nighttime performances on Feb. 27 and 28. The Feb. 28 afternoon performance highlighted a different sophomore relay and the freshmen exhibitions. Sophomores competed in the "Bust a Move" balloon relay which resulted in a red victory. But it was the freshmen dances that proved to be the most interesting.

Both freshman teams only performed their exhibitions once and paid tribute to all countries. The freshmen ended the afternoon Gym Night performance on Feb. 28 and Krzywonos threw the blue pom-pom, signaling a victory for the freshman blue team.

After the final night of competition, the score was 34-27, blue. The score took into consideration all points for decorations, sportsmanship, spirit, relays and exhibitions. The judges decided that the red seniors had won the senior exhibition, making the score 34-30. Five points were left to be awarded. The final pom-pom toss was at hand, and the blue pom-pom was thrown; the blue team won Gym Night 2010 with a final score of 39-30.

Dave Coll awarded the trophy and declared the colors to join, officially ending Gym Night. He congratulated all participants for being a part of Gym Night history in his closing speech.

"I think Gym Night went really well. The only thing to change is to announce the snow date so there are no discrepancies," adviser Laurie Johnson-Smith said. Many participants have posted video footage from Gym Night on Youtube and social networking sites like Facebook for all to enjoy in the future.

"Best part of sophomore year so far."  
-Blue sophomore captain  
Tyler Green

Red	Blue
30	39

# Laughingstock appeals to all, dinos included

By Emily Duke  
Staff Writer

Zombie-hunting, pterodactyl-speaking, and techno-dancing were just a few of the crazy occurrences taking place during Laughingstock 2010.

The shows took place from March 4-6 with the Saturday night performance being a special benefit for Neshaminy drama alum Ashley Clark, a Laughingstock alum who passed away last December, shortly after giving birth to her baby girl, Emma Rose.

All proceeds of the Saturday night show went to a fund for Emma Rose. Both Ashley's mother and fiancé came to speak on her behalf, and they were greatly appreciative of everything done in Clark's memory. "Even though we did a dedication for a Laughingstock alumnus who tragically passed away, it was not a night

to be sad. Ashley loved life and loved to laugh, and I'm sure she was laughing hysterically from above," drama teacher, Gina Chiolan said.

The opening skit was even the same skit performed in Laughingstock during Clark's senior year at Neshaminy.

Chiolan and Suzi Drake were the staff advisors for the two-act show composed of both planned skits and various improvised comedy games. Led by student directors

Katie Dun, Amanda Kemmerer, and Ryan Donohoe, the cast and crew worked hard preparing



The entire Laughingstock cast performed a musical "Beauty and the Beast" opening, the same opening act performed by Ashley Clark when she was at Neshaminy. The show was dedicated to her due to her recent tragic death.

Photo/Lera Salmon

Laughingstock since December, when auditions took place.

Three-hour rehearsals took place in the Black Box Theater twice a week. For the first

time, Laughingstock was in the auditorium due to space restrictions in the Black Box Theater. "For 12 years, the show has always been done in a smaller venue," Chiolan said. The audience was entertained in-between skits by hosts Kate MacDonald, Dylan Atkinson, and Kyle Housel.

The cast was a diverse group of eleventh and twelfth graders. It was made up of seasoned returning members from last year's show, and also some fresh new faces, like senior Kevin Magee.

"The most fun part

about being in Laughingstock had to be trying out a new skit for the first time during rehearsal," Magee said.

The cast collaborated to create 16 comedic skits, all of which varied from each other. Two popular favorites among students at Neshaminy were "Theme Day," which pokes fun at Neshaminy themed days and administrators, and "Pterodactyl," which put a McDonald's employee at a dilemma when a customer came in speaking the language, "Pterodactyl."

"We all worked really well together. We all seemed to feed off each other's energy and help each other out backstage. I think the cast got closer because of it," junior and cast member Susie Mayer said.

Neshaminy students, teachers and alumni lined up early to get into this highly-anticipated show. The cast of Laughingstock kept their packed audiences laughing hysterically all three nights, deeming another successful show from Neshaminy Drama.

## Dancing showdown raises money

By Cassie DeRocco  
Staff Writer

Wiggling and jiggling, the Neshaminy staff, along with their student partners, participated in a poppin' performance for the annual Dancing with the Faculty competition held on March 11.

The participants of this event included many Neshaminy staff members--administrators to social workers, guidance counselors and all types of teachers. One of these brave teachers not only danced on stage but is one of the advisors of the dance team, Melissa Catrambone.

"I really enjoyed working with my group," Catrambone said. "It was fun but also sad, because I knew that this would be the last time I would be able to dance with Metri and Priscilla." Like Catrambone, many other staff members got to know their students well through this experience and had a lot of fun doing so.

Teams strutted their stuff, showing their talent; three

groups emerged as winner. A tough rivalry, the performance of Tracy Capecci, Dave Calderbank, Saun Waiters and Justin Waiters highlighted the group's funny side with a Bugs Bunny skit called "Low-Fat Diet," claiming third place.

The power team of Melissa Catrambone, Sharon Gianni, Priscilla Malave, Demetria

tison, Nicole Altieri, Shayla Paniell and Alison Babichenko showcased diversity through their skills varying from hip-hop dancing to gymnastics.

In addition to entertaining, the competition was a huge success for Challenge Day.

"The dance team was originally created as a result of the first Challenge Day, and the dance team raises money to fund the following years of the event," English teacher and dance team advisor Kim Kelley explained.

Dancing with the Faculty is the dance team's largest fundraiser of the year. "The purpose of the dance team is to create unity and break barriers within the school's community," Kelley added.

Challenge Day continues to support this cause, which acted to help motivate the team to work so hard.

Catrambone and the dance team thank everyone that contributed to the success of the show. Dancing with the Faculty was an entertaining event that ultimately brought smiles to all.

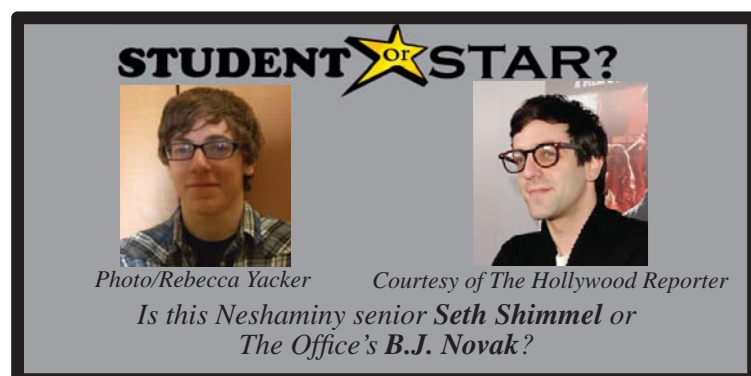


Teachers and students alike anticipated the results for the entertaining annual Dancing with the Faculty competition.

Courtesy of the Yearbook

Pressley and Jasmine Pickett aka "Get Down," took second place this year showing everyone who's boss.

But the team who flipped their way to the top was "Universal Mind Control." Casey Rodgers, Heather Rob-



Photo/Rebecca Yacker

Courtesy of The Hollywood Reporter

## Wilkinson: Professional juggler



By Jessica Romberger  
Staff Writer

From "Jersey Shore, Lady Gaga, and a pile of babies at home, math teacher Amy Wilkinson has quite the range of interests.

Wilkinson teaches Honors Math II, Accelerated Geometry, and Algebra Topics 2 up here at the high school. She's also spent time at Poquessing and Sandburg in her 13 years of teaching.

For Wilkinson, teaching is never boring it's not like that. She loves interaction with the students. "They make everyday unique; no two days are ever the same."

She admits that getting students motivated is often a hard task as a teacher. "Honors students are self-motivated, but the majority is not; they just want to pass, and often question when and why they'd use the material they're learning."

But for any student, Wilkinson says the best advice she could give is to always do the best you can.

It's not always the students learning in her classroom though. Wilkinson has learned plenty herself from the students; "I've learned not to sweat the small stuff."

Before she taught in the class-

rooms of Neshaminy, Wilkinson attended Elizabethtown for college, and then Saint Joseph's for her Masters degree. One of her most valuable learning experiences was student teaching, because she was able to put her education to use.

But not only is Wilkinson in charge of several classes, she also has four kids at home, including one year old triplets, who are now her life. Although it was quite a surprise, she loves everyday with them.

Before the family grew so significantly, Wilkinson enjoyed several pastimes including visiting the shore, doing Sudoku and crossword puzzles, playing tennis and country line dancing.

Life is never boring for Wilkinson now, in fact, she loves everyday with her students and kids. Wilkinson has an interesting perspective on everyday with them: "It's not really the subjects that you're teaching, it's the students you're teaching."



Wilkinson quizzically responds to her enthusiastic students.

Photo/Tori Hyndman

## Neshaminy Crisis Control

Could you run Neshaminy High School? Take this quick quiz and find out if you have what it takes.

1. The school is on fire due to burning popcorn. What do you do?

- A) Evacuate the school via fire alarms and call the fire department.
- B) Sprint down the halls flailing your arms in hopes of warning students.
- C) Visit classrooms and give students extra-crispy popcorn to munch on.

2. The power goes out before homeroom even starts.

- A) Usher students to homeroom early and contact PECO about the outage.
- B) Sprint down the halls flailing your arms in hopes of calming students.
- C) Hook a gym treadmill up to the school's generator and run as fast as possible.

3. Parking is in short supply.

- A) Give parking permits to seniors, and juniors that play football, only.
- B) Sprint around parking lots flailing your arms in hopes of warning students.
- C) Cut funding for toilet paper in order to build a parking garage.

4. Rodents have infiltrated the school.

- A) Call pest control and confine students to secure area.
- B) Sprint down the halls flailing your arms in hopes of scaring them away.
- C) Pull out your set of golf clubs and knock those suckers away.

5. A massive flood is looming in the distance.

- A) Immediately evacuate students to high ground and call disaster services.
- B) Swim down the halls flailing your arms in hopes of warning students.
- C) Build a make-shift boat and shuttle students to class.



Answers: If you have more than 1 correct answer, you are a professional. If you have more than 2 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 3 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 4 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 5 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 6 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 7 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 8 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 9 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 10 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 11 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 12 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 13 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 14 correct answers, you are a professional. If you have more than 15 correct answers, you are a professional. 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# Expressions

## TO THINK BY SAMANTHA J. RITT

I sit and think  
but think of what  
to think of nothing  
to think at all  
to think of time  
to think of you  
i sit and think  
to think of summer  
to think of fall  
to think of sunset and sunrise  
to just think of nothing at all

## Fly to Fall

By Katey Olivia Smyth

Once the future you've clutched for years falls apart, you realize life is bigger than you ever thought it could be. Everywhere you turn is new and uncharted territory just waiting for you to roam it. You thought it was over but it's only just begun. You stare every obstacle that once held you back straight in the eyes and whisper, "I'm stronger than that." Once you get past the ending, you realize it wasn't an ending at all, but rather a new chapter that can unfold into a beautiful capacity you never knew you were capable of possessing. This is your chance to fly. Make it worth falling for.

## Fading Pieces By Jillian Borsos

I'm not really sure which happened first, me falling for you, or my fear of losing you. Before I even touched your skin, kissed your lips, I was afraid. Afraid I could lose the best thing that ever happened to me before it even happened. And then I fell. Fell harder than I ever expected or wanted to. And before I knew it, you were there. Mine. Making me feel as if nothing could or would ever go wrong. I felt safe in the strongest arms I could find. I felt hope for once in your eyes. Now that that's gone- I feel myself fading away into the background. Because your love changed me, and made me who I was. And now that you're gone, you've taken the last piece of me.

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## Sparks

Rebecca Yacker

The feeling of being discouraged  
Flourishes in my veins  
Slowly reaching and circulating  
Through all parts of the body it's crippling  
I feel like concrete sprawled out  
Into a mold with no specific shape  
Just crawling everywhere with heaviness  
Knowing that after a while I will basically turn to stone  
And stone can only be moved by being chipped away at  
I guess that's what you're doing to me  
Moving me, chipping me away slowly  
If you knew the truth you would be scared away  
Because the truth is when you talk a feeling spreads  
Similar to when ink touches paper  
And it spreads like wild fire on manmade oil lines  
Just igniting immediately and I'm afraid that  
When it reaches my eyes you can see the flame



By Annie Abdo  
Sports Editor

Rich Reice is not a stranger to the soccer world. He has excelled on his own as a player and has coached many over the years. Reice coaches both the boys' and the girls' soccer teams at Neshaminy currently. His success has been incredible over the years.

Reice has an impressive resume of awards to show for his soccer career. He has earned Second Team All-American in 1976 and First Team All-American in 1977. He was also drafted to play professional soccer for seven years. He played for Penn State University and majored in Exercise and Sport Sciences.

In occurrence with his twelve years of coaching the girls' soccer team at Neshaminy, Reice has also been involved with the U19 boys Olympic Development Team (ODP) for seven years, and he has also coach for Langhorne Athletic Club (LAA) for three years. His favorite coach accomplishment is helping develop his players to be accountable for their actions both on and off of the field.

It is obvious to all whom witness Reice's calm coaching technique and patience with his players that he loves his job. "The best aspect of being a coach is the interactions with all of his players," he said. He enjoys taking groups of individuals and convincing them that they need to work together as a team in order to be successful together on the soccer field.

While Reice has obviously had many successes during his personal soccer career, he has a lot to show for during his coaching of the boys and girls soccer teams at Neshaminy. He notes that his boys' most important accomplishment has been three consecutive PIAA State semifinal appearances from 2006 to 2008. His girls' soccer team is just as impressive.

The girls have won three consecutive PIAA State berths and hold a 28 unbeaten streak in the SOL for the last two years.

Reice has had many successful and great times as a coach and a player throughout his life. As everyone probably knows, Reice is also a Physical Education and Health teacher here at Neshaminy. Although he enjoys all that he does, he does not enjoy having to tell athletes that they do not make his soccer team that season.

Coach Reice is an extremely well regarded individual and continues to make strides coaching the soccer teams here.

## Basketball falls after long run

By Samantha Pipe  
Sports Editor

When you think of Neshaminy athletics, basketball may not be the first sport that comes to mind. Over the past few seasons, the 'Skins basketball team has been changing their image and making a name for themselves. Neshaminy has been working very hard to become a big force to be reckoned with in the SOL conference. With a 20-9 record, 5<sup>th</sup> place in the divisional tournament and a run into the state tournament, it seems that their hard work is paying off.

Coach Jerry Devine lets us in on some of their secrets to their success this season. "The success of last year's season provided our program

with confidence and it forced us to commit to higher standards and expectations this year," he said. "Our kids have also really committed to preparing in the offseason and they have an understanding that in order to compete at the highest level then it's essential to work to improve all year long."

Another main aspect of the 'Skins success is sophomore guard Ryan Arcidiacono who averages over 16 points and 4 assists a game. Arcidiacono has shown that big games don't intimidate him. In Neshaminy's first round game in the state playoffs against Bartram on Saturday, March 13, Arcidiacono had a triple double with 28 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 assists to lead the Skins to win 69-58.

Although Arcidiacono is a big part of the Skins success, he agrees that it is their teamwork that has carried them this far. "The key to our success this year has been our unselfishness, we like to play together and we have developed a trust and confidence in each other," said Arcidiacono. Their team may be working well together but in order to go farther into states Arcidiacono knows that the 'Skins have to work on their consistency. "Coach always tells us the first two minutes of the third quarter and the last two minutes of the fourth quarter produce champions."

The Skins played the District One champions and reigning State champions, Pennwood, on Wednesday, March 17. They lost 60-75.

## Basketball girls suffer disappointing end

By Samantha Pipe  
Sports Editor

The Lady Redskins suffered a devastating loss that would have been a huge upset in the AAAA girls' basketball playoffs. The girls lost by three in overtime Downingtown beat them, 34-31.

The Redskins were the No. 29 seed in the tournament, while the Cougars were

seeded No. 4. The girls stayed within roughly five points the entire game. "We've always had a tough time beating Neshaminy," Downingtown East coach Bob Schnure said. "I felt we were in for a game, and they certainly gave it to us."

Starting center Kelsey Ryan scored her 1000<sup>th</sup> point of her high school career before the second half. She was the highest scorer with 13 points. Senior guard Victoria Mazzeo followed with seven points. Amanda Lally had six points. Freshman Lori Paulits had five points.

In the fourth quarter,

Neshaminy trailed by 25-21 with 6:17 remaining, but Ryan hit a jump shot and Mazzeo scored the next five points to give the Redskins a 28-25 lead with 2:35 to play.

It was the cougars' foul shots that secured the win in overtime. East junior guard Melissa Hummel scored all six of her team's points in overtime on free throws for the 34-31 victory. Neshaminy only hit one of their five foul shots in overtime.

The girls lost, but the game was well fought. They ended the season 12-11.

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## Track star Andy Lynch

ATHLETE OF THE  
ISSUE

By Sam Kaleck  
Web Editor

What is your favorite pump up song?  
*Survival of the fittest - Mobb Deep*

What is your favorite flavor  
Gatorade?  
*Purple*

What honors/awards have you won in your sport?  
*First Team Bucks County Golden Team - 400 Meter Dash  
Third team S.O.L. National - 400 Meter Dash & 4X400 Meter Dash*

What are your plans for college, sports related?  
*I want to run for a D1 program.*

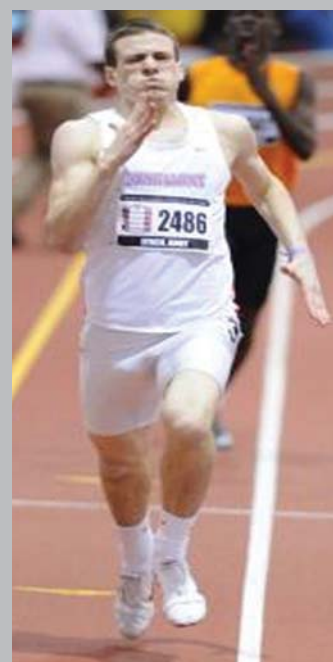
What is your biggest inspiration?  
*My Competition. They inspire me to practice harder and run faster times.*

What is your favorite part about the sport?  
*Winning*

How long have you been running track?  
*5 years*

What's your biggest/best accomplishment?  
*Earning a medal at states in the 400 Meter Dash*

What's your most embarrassing moment in the sport?  
*Whenever I don't come in first.*



Andy Lynch runs hard in states  
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# Lacrosse has high hopes



The boys' lacrosse team is ready to compete this season with its returning players. Courtesy of Suburban One Sports

**By Ed Packer**  
Staff Writer

Neshaminy's boys' lacrosse has lost a lot of key players after their run into Districts last season. The Redskins had a 10-9 team record last season and are only looking to improve.

The Redskins placed third in the Suburban One League National and lost to Central Bucks East during tournament last season. This sea-

son, Coach Joshua Hanlon is excited for the ninth grade being at the high school, "It allows for younger players to get more experience with the sport because there is no lacrosse program at the middle school level," he said.

Key returning players are Chris Brady, James Rambo, Eugene LaBorde, Steve Lewallen, Jared Campbell, Ryan Watson, and Keenan Skeels.

The team hopes to ad-

vance further in the state tournament and be able to compare themselves to strong Delaware and Chester County teams.

Coach Hanlon feels that lacrosse is finally starting to grow in Neshaminy and younger players are becoming aware of the sport.

The team's first game is April 3 against Pennsbury at 9 a.m. during the Day of Rivals sponsored by Headstrong lacrosse at Widener University.

# Girls' soccer left with big shoes to fill

**By Meghan Breitreutz**  
Staff Writer

The spring season is finally here and with it begins Neshaminy girls' soccer season.

The team is coached by Rich Reice who has been in the school district since 1995 and has been coaching girls' soccer since 2000. When asked about his expectations for this year's

team, Reice said, "Every year our goal is to win the Suburban One League Championships. I fully expect this year's group to compete for that title."

Last year's team won the championship with a 28 game undefeated streak, setting the bar high for this year's team.

The team lost ten starters to graduation, leaving a lot of spots to fill. A few spots on

the team line-up are returning starter, Brianna Hires, a senior who has been on the varsity team for four years, senior Ashley Kahler, and juniors Jen Slivka, and Kimber Kisselback.

The team will kick off its season with an away game against Central Bucks South at 3:30 p.m. on March 26. Come out and support the team this season.

# Boys' baseball looks to improve this year

**By Jon Mettus**  
Staff Writer

The varsity baseball team is looking to improve from their record last season. Last year the team went 10-9 with blow out wins over Penridge, Abington, Bensalem, C.B. West, Pennsbury, and William Tennent.

The Redskins won their games by an average of nearly seven runs. Five of their nine losses last season were by two runs or less.

The team looks to improve from last year but, it might be tough with designated hitter Mike Kusters, second basemen Brian Fiocco, and outfielder Tyler Orr gone this season.

pitcher Raymond Hyjurick and shortstop Rick Brebner will be returning this year. Both made it on to the SOL National Conference All-League Second Team.

Senior Ray Hyjurick looks to succeed this season. Courtesy of Suburban One Sports

son," Brebner said.

Junior Varsity coach James Kelly has a positive outlook on varsity's season this year, "If we can get some good efforts by our pitching staff we could be pretty competitive," he said.

"Our team is looking good this year. We have a lot of talented and dedicated players that will do anything to win," Senior Ron McPherson added to this. "Everyone has done their part by working hard in the offseason. Now we just have to show everyone what Neshaminy baseball is made of and win."



Fiocco and Kusters were both on the 2009 Suburban One League National Conference All-League First Team. Orr was on the SOL National Conference All-League second team.

On the positive side,

# Softball working hard

**By Samantha Pipe**  
Sports Editor

The Lady 'Skins are looking to have a very strong season this year. With a stacked lineup consisting of almost all seniors, Neshaminy is expected to be a big threat in the SOL National Conference and go deep into the playoffs.

Last year the 'Skins had a very impressive season with a record of 19-3 after dominating all year except for losing to Pennsbury twice in the regular season and to Central Bucks South in the district quarterfinals. The 'Skins also had

to work on this season in order to accomplish their big goals. "I am looking to my seniors to show their leadership and experience since many of them have played varsity for four years," Houser said. "We also have to work on our mental game and having the confidence that matches how capable we are on offense and defense," she said.

Senior shortstop Udris also has some ideas of how to



Senior Christina Udris returns for another hopeful season. Courtesy of Suburban One Sports

up to their goals this season but they seem ready to take it on as a team.

"We are like a family and our different personalities mesh really well together," Quense said. Their intense teamwork and experience together are big parts of their success these past few seasons. "We pick each other up whenever someone is down," Udris said.

Both the players and the coaches have very high expectations for this season. "We want to be very competitive if not the top team in the SOL," head Coach Houser said.

Senior catcher, Erin Quense, is looking to go even farther than that, "I want to go undefeated, beat Pennsbury and win states," she said.

Overall the Lady 'Skins softball team has a lot of pressure to live up to their goals this season but they seem ready to take it on as a team.

The Lady 'Skins' first game this season will be home versus Archbishop Ryan High School on Monday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m.

Losing by a score of 4-1 after having an early lead over Pennsbury both times they played last year, leaves Neshaminy anxiously waiting for their two rematches this season. "We need to just come out strong and stay strong through the whole game," Quense said.

There are a few key things that the 'Skins will have

Their biggest game is expected to be the last game of the season versus Pennsbury on May 17 at 8 p.m. at the Bristol Township Fields.

This game will most likely decide the divisional winner and number one seed going into the playoffs. The Lady Redskins are looking to capture the Suburban One League.

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# ‘House Rules’ proves another evocative read by Picoult

BOOKreview

By Codi Regan  
Staff Writer

Imagine being accused of something you didn't do; it happens to all of us. But now, picture what would happen if you didn't have the ability to explain yourself. Would you become frustrated causing the problem to spiral out of control? In Jodi Picoult's newest book, "House Rules," this is the exact situation one of the characters competes with.

"House Rules" is about 18-year-old Jacob Hunt, who has Asperger's Syndrome, which is a type of Autism. Living with his disorder is a huge struggle for him and his family. Children with Asperger's are known to be highly interested in one subject. For Hunt, it's forensic analysis, or crime scenes. One day, his tutor is found dead, and knowing that Hunt was one of the last people to have seen her, he is accused of murder. His symptoms of Asperger's leave his family asking themselves: is Hunt capable of committing murder?

Picoult states that this book was written about her aunt's baby, David, who was diagnosed with Autism. David once became so angry he punched a hole through a window; luckily, the owners of the house did not press charges.

"It got me wondering how the law enforcement community perceived autistic children. Is a fair trial possible, when you can't communicate well with the rest of the world?" Picoult said, in an interview. With a high number of Autistic children in the world, Picoult decided that it was time to write a book about them.

MOVIE REVIEW

By Tori Styner  
Entertainment Editor

Hollywood has fallen in love with the third dimension. Tim Burton's production of "Alice in Wonderland" starring Mia Wasikowska as Alice, Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter, Helena Carter as the Red Queen, and Stephen Fry doing the voice over for the animated Cheshire cat, hit the big screen on March 5, available in IMAX and 3-D.


The 3-D version is a must see, it completely enhances the trippy, fantastical theme of the movie. The most notable mention of the movie is definitely the special effects and the costuming. Depp is often casted for weird and eccentric roles (Captain Jack Sparrow, Willy Wonka, and Edward Scissor Hands). Some of the female viewers may prefer the pirate version of Depp but there is no doubt that his costuming and make-up in "Alice in Wonderland" is spectacular.


Characters such as the Cheshire Cat and the Blue Caterpillar were almost entirely animated and the scenes involving these characters brought the viewer into a hazy, smoky, mystical world. The scene in the smoke-filled-mushroom-patch definitely was among the most impressive moments of the movie.

Unfortunately, although the animation and special effects were up to par, the hype of the movie was way overdone. The stores were filled with "Alice in Wonderland" shirts, pens, notebooks, pins, hats, bags, blankets, figurines, and cheap jewelry before the movie was even close to coming out. It seems as if Disney was looking to make more from the movie paraphernalia than the actual movie itself.

Overall, "Alice in Wonderland" is worth seeing because of the fantastic landscape of wonderland, Depp's portrayal of the Mad Hatter, and for the smoking cat-erpillar, of course.

The story is a page turner, except the beginning that is somewhat dragged on. Be warned that while beginning to read, the book is frustrating to understand, but comes together at the end. The characters are not afraid to say how they feel, which provides some vulgarity in the book, but does not hurt the book's content.

**Turkey Rating (out of 5):** 

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## Multi-talented Coulter does it all Mayer's ‘stupid mouth’ should stay shut

Artist of the Issue

By Becca Erskine and Jenna Zaidman  
Entertainment Editors

**What is your band name?**  
"The Straps."

**How did your band get its name?**  
"Steve's mom calls everyone that is a loser, a strap."

**What are the names of the band members?**  
"They actually graduated from Neshaminy, Steve Check, Justin Cannon, and Dave Leslie."

**What is the band genre?**  
"Rock."

**When did your band start?**  
"A month ago, February 2nd!"

**When is your next show?**  
"April 9th. At the Trocadero."

**What do you play?**  
"I sing. I play the drums. I play the guitar, and piano. I do just about everything."

**How long have you been singing?**  
"One year."

**Why did you start the band?**  
"I like music, they like music."

**What are your favorite bands?**  
"I like my own band."

**Who writes the music?**  
"I do."

**What was the first song you wrote?**  
"More of You."

**Where do you plan on going to college?**  
"I was planning on going to Duquesne University, but now I plan on going to Temple University because I might be getting signed to the same band that signed Five For Fighting."



Matt Coulter plays his acoustic guitar in the Neshaminy music wing.  
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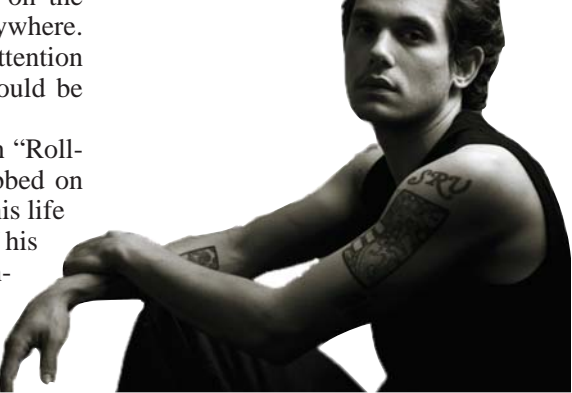
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I turn my computer on and type in the URL: [www.chatroulette.com](http://www.chatroulette.com). Before I can even think about the types of people I may encounter frolicking about with their Web cams, two teenage boys appear on my screen singing Michael Jackson’s “Thriller” with fake vampire teeth in. Out of fear I click on the “Next” option. Not to my surprise another oddity appears on my screen; only this time it’s a 12-year-old girl fist pumping to Taylor Swift and asking me to sing along with her. At least this time it’s not a foreign man sitting at his computer screen staring creepily into his Web cam.

Technology, eh? “Chatroulette,” a Web cam-friendly Web site, allows you to communicate via Web cam with people from all around the globe. Do not be mistaken; this is not “eHarmony.” Nor is it any type of classy, tasteful dating Web site. “Chatroulette” may possibly be one of the most terrifying Internet experiences you could have; it can literally cause you to lose all faith in humanity.

This Web site is much like a human shuffle. If you are displeased with the face appearing on your screen, simply hit “Next” and seconds later you find yourself communicating with the next complete stranger. This endless stream of random strangers has brought “Chatroulette” to become a very popular, out-of-boredom Web site.

The layout is simple; two boxes, one labeled “Stranger” and the other labeled “You.” Once you click “Play,” it begins. Nothing can prepare you for what you are about to encounter.

“Chatroulette” can be very inappropriate due to all of the sexual activity, so it is definitely helpful to have the “Report” option available, which you may find yourself using as frequently as the “Next” option. Though it can be an awfully distasteful experience, you may find yourself continuously being drawn back to “Chatroulette” due to its ability to completely hypnotize you into a world of random strangers doing the most ridiculous things.

Chat sounds

By Becca Erskine  
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## Clean-cut, meticulous celebrities out; unkempt, dirty stars in

**POPTORIAL**

By Jenna Zaidman  
Entertainment Editor

Robert Pattinson? Yes. Russell Brand? Most definitely. Matthew McConaughey? Absolutely. Celebrities like these have quite a few things in common: acting, making appearances on the red carpet and most of all, being deliciously dirty. Their filthiness is hard to ignore, but so is their irresistibility. Recently, there has been a great amount of celebrities that appear to be filthy dirty, yet we somehow perceive their lack of personal hygiene to be sexy.

“I don’t really see the point in washing your hair,” Pattinson told TV’s Extra. “If you don’t care if your hair’s clean or not then why would you wash it? It’s like, I don’t clean my apartment ’cause I don’t care. I have my apartment for sleeping in and I have my hair for just, you know, hanging out on my head. I don’t care if it’s clean or not.”

“I also *do* shower,” Pattinson said in an interview with [MovieFone.com](http://MovieFone.com). We’re not sure how true that statement is; though

Pattinson does say that he definitely showers, he never says how much. But we’re not too bothered by it, either.

Pattinson doesn’t wear the dirt by himself; his Twilight co-star and real-life love interest, Kristen Stewart, does as well. Always sporting a leather jacket/hoodie, skinny jeans, a tee and too-greasy-to-be-let-down-hair, Stewart never convinces us that she actually can look something other than filthy.

“I go outside, and I’m wearing a funky T-shirt and my hair is dirty, and people say, ‘What’s wrong with her? She needs to invest in a hairbrush.’ I’m like, don’t you get it? I’m not that girl! I never was that girl. It’s not like I was really clean-cut last year,” Stewart said in an interview with Just Jared.

The “Forgetting Sarah Marshall” character Aldous Snow, also known as Russell Brand, or the British guy who bashed the Jonas Brothers on the VMA’s, isn’t a neat one either. After looking at a picture of Brand you’ll probably want to hop directly into the shower. Some people think that his

unbrushed, dark brown, knotted hair is in style, while others think that Brand should save up his money to purchase a hair brush and possibly a shower stall.

Megan Fox, the “Transformers” actress, is also probably one of the dirtiest due to her grungy-tee-shirt-ripped-jeans look. Somehow, Fox turns heads on the streets of LA. On all-womenstalk.com, Fox was named #1 on their “50 Hottest Women Celebrities to Be Inspired By.” Why are we not surprised?

Much like our favorite McDonald’s

French fries, we love the grease on these celebrities. Is this just another short-lived fad being temporarily sported by our favorite Hollywood celebs, or will dirty always stay delicious? When will this rage end? I don’t know.

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## THE FIST PUMP



Seniors Dylan Ernest and Steve Krotz



Senior Ariel Hoffman

**Song:** To any song, anywhere, for any obscure reason

**When it was 'in':** Unfortunately the fist pump can be considered 'in' now because of the popular TV show Jersey Shore.

**How to Do it:** Curl your hand into a fist, inflate your ego, pretend you have muscles and punch the sky.



Senior Reilly Simpson

## THE WORM



**Song:**

Not necessary. You can bust out the worm any-time you want to feel cool, accomplished, or like a good dancer even though you're not.

**When it was 'in':** This was most popular at the middle school dances. If you could do the worm that labeled you as a good dancer. "Yo man, he's a really good dancer, he can do the worm."

**How to do it:** start as if you're about to do a handstand but then kind of roll your body down to the floor and flop around like a dead fish. People will accept this as a dance move.

## THE CHA CHA SLIDE



Senior Justin Mohn



Senior Nicole Altieri

**Song:** The Cha-Cha Slide (duh)

**When it was 'in':** Another middle school dance.

**How to Do it:** Even though this dance contains actual verbal instructions on how to do it, you will typically find all the guys on the floor looking confused and vaguely stumbling in the direction everyone else is going.

The girls all do this dance with a kind of intense concentration and enthusiasm, as if this is the most important and serious dance ever.



Junior Vijay Patel

## THE PELVIC THRUST

**Song:** Similar to the worm, this move is convenient whenever. Unlike the worm people won't admire you, they'll think you're a pervert.

**When it was 'in':** This move was never really in or acceptable. More like vaguely amusing bordering on creepy.

**How to Do it:** See Diagram.



## THE MOONWALK



Senior Saun Waiters



**Song:** Billie Jean by Micheal Jackson

**When it was 'in':** It was first preformed in 1983 by the King of Pop on the TV show 'Motown 25' and will never go out of style.

**How to Do it:** Slide one foot back using your heel, while leaving the other foot stationary, and repeat using the other foot swiftly and smoothly. Motion your arms as if you were walking forward to further create the illusion.

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Pelvic Thrust, Worm, ChaCha Slide, Fist Pump by Tori Styner  
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