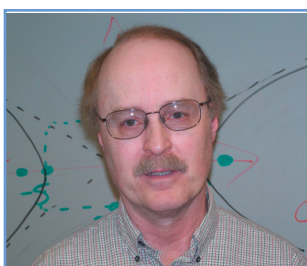
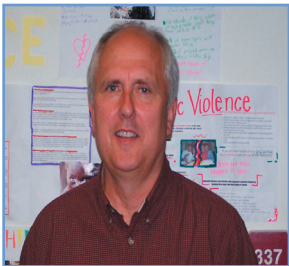


## Class of '06: 5

Anderson, Chalberg, Hebert, Thompson and Streeter retire



FLHS says goodbye to five teachers this spring after a combined 166 years devoted to the students of FLHS.

See each teacher's profile on page 2 or 3.

## What's on your agenda?

Homeroom survey asks students about their future

By Abby Pooch

Would you like to major in Dentistry or Physics? Would you like to be in Gymnastics or Theater? Most of the students at Forest Lake Senior High know the answers to questions like these because they participated in a homeroom survey on the subject of their future.

Several weeks ago in homeroom, students were asked to fill out a survey telling what their plans were for the future, including high school, college and a career.

These surveys were information for the office. Principal Steve Massey asked that the survey be given.

"We basically want to know where students are going, what they are thinking, what they want to do when they are done with high school," said Massey.

The survey asked the student what kind of post-secondary education they are planning on attending. It also asked what their major would probably be, what they wanted to do for a career, what year they were graduating, contact information, sports/activities they are

involved or want to be involved in, and religious denomination.

The survey is not only a way for the office to gather collective information about the students who go to FLHS, but it is also an opportunity for students to get their names out to schools. There were places on the survey where a student could put that they wanted their contact information sent to a school of their choice and another place where they could ask to receive more information on the top career interests or majors they had selected earlier or receive more information on social, practical and financial issues that could arise after high school.

Dr. Massey said that there was a great turnout for the survey and many students participated.

"It was pretty darn good," he said. "I expect that by the time we are done collecting them, everyone will have turned one in."

Once all of the surveys have been turned in, Massey will compile it and put it onto the school website so that everyone can look at it and see the collective results of the survey.

## Cadavers gather

Body Worlds at Science Museum through Sept. 4

by Andy Setterholm

Now on display at the Science Museum of Minnesota is one of the most unique and informational education exhibits in the world. It is called Body Worlds, created by German scientist Gunther von Hagens.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring Body Worlds to Minnesota," said Science Museum president Dr. Eric J. Jolly in a press release.

Body Worlds is an innovative lesson in human anatomy, using real human bodies to exhibit organs and body systems like never before. 200 individual bodies donated to science have been taken apart to show in extreme detail the nuances of the human body. Healthy and cancerous organs are displayed side by side to show the effects of smoking and other unhealthy

life choices. 25 of the donated cadavers are still completely intact, captured in life-like poses with certain muscle groups emphasized.

The main objective of Body Worlds is anatomical education.

"[Body Worlds] instills a heightened awareness and consciousness of the body, and resolve to take care of oneself," says Hagens.

This exhibit is one of the most attended world wide, and for good reason. Viewers leave the showroom with an unparalleled sense of what goes on under their skin.

Body Worlds runs at the Science Museum May 5 through September 4, but tickets are limited. Visit the Science Museum or it's website ([www.smm.org](http://www.smm.org)) to purchase tickets in advance.

## In Memorium



Ryan Hegg



Joe Johnston

The staff of *The Forest Breeze* would like to extend our sincere and deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Ryan Hegg and Joe Johnston as they work through this trying time.

## Fed up filling up?

Reasons behind climbing gas prices

By Melissa Monson

As you glance down at the gas gauge of your car, you realize it's time to fill up again. You scream at the thought of emptying your wallet for another tank of gas. As you fill your tank, you watch in horror as the the price goes higher. You pay for your gas and drive off in despair, wondering why are gas prices increasing so much?

Gene Hamilton, the manager of the Lake St. Holiday Station, says, "We really don't know what's driving it up and down, we only know by the calls we get."

Hamilton refers to the calls stations get, telling them the minimum they can charge for the day. Although Hamilton may not know what is driving the prices up, Assistant Manager Tom Frank of the Forest Lake Motomart gave a thorough explanation.

For the state of Minnesota, the gas goes "off the rack," which provides gas stations with the price refineries charge per barrel. A manager retrieves the price of gas per barrel, as well as the minimum price per gallon they are required to charge the consumer on the internet. Within 36-48 hours of receiving this information, gas stations are required by law to match the minimum or increase it. If the stations doesn't follow the rules, they are subject to large fines.

Frank also explained that the rack has been changing on a daily basis with an unusual 5-10 cent increase. Before, it was pretty stable with about a penny increase or decrease.

Ken Mickolajczyk, Forest Lake High School (FLHS) history teacher, has a different view on why gas prices are so expensive.

Mickolajczyk believes world events are to blame. The US is at war with two different countries, Afghanistan and Iraq. The US also doesn't have diplomatic relations with Iran or Saudi Arabia, the first and second-largest oil producers in the world. This doesn't make it easy for the US since the country only has a handful of oil refineries. Many countries around the world, including China, are also industrializing and using more gasoline than ever. According to Mickolajczyk, the rules of supply and demand

come into play.

"[Everyone has a] dependency on oil [and] the more there is of something, the less it's worth," said Mickolajczyk.

FLHS FACS teacher Diane Dugas agrees with Mickolajczyk.

"I think it has a lot to do with the events around the world. War[s] with other countries who have gas [creates] a negative effect," said Dugas.

Senior Ashley Kirberger added her two cents.

"I think the gas prices are high because the government is trying to rip us off," said Kirberger.

So, what are people doing to combat high gas prices? Most people said that they are driving less, but Dugas made a bigger change.

"I moved from Minneapolis to Forest Lake," said Dugas.

Optimists beware, relief is uncertain.

"[Gas will reach] \$3 by Memorial Day," predicted Frank. He also hypothesized that gas will be \$3 or higher in the summer.

"[It] depends on the Middle East situation with Iran and Iraq," predicts Mickolajczyk. "At best, prices will stabilize. At worst, [prices will] go up over \$3 and stay for a while."

According to Mickolajczyk, Minnesota currently has the cheapest gas in the country. In California, where his brother lives, gas is already \$3.25-\$3.40.

Dugas sums it up best.

"It makes it hard for the little guy. Anyone who's not a CEO of a refinery," said Dugas.

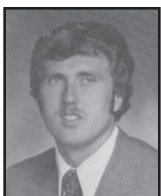
Find the cheapest rates in your neighborhood! Enter your zip code at [www.gasbuddy.com](http://www.gasbuddy.com).

**NOTE:** These prices are not necessarily current. Check the "last updated" section for this information.

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## Thompson lifelong learner

by Carl Magnuson

Don Thompson has been a vital part of Forest Lake High School for the past 14 years. His teaching has been marked with vibrancy and fervor in the social studies department, leaving a profound impression on his students.

"I enjoy his teaching style," said Senior Kevin Zimmermann, "When you've got a question, he tries to make you come up with the answer."

Most students remember best Thompson's Ancient Civilization class, a quarter packed with everything he could possibly cram in everything about ancient Greece, Rome, Egypt and Mesopotamia.

Beyond all the hubbub surrounding his class, Thompson has a life in the real world too.

"I like to travel, whether it's for personal interest or to visit historical places," said Thompson, "Montana's big on the list for this summer."

He's got plenty planned for the perpetual summer ahead. He's looking forward to volunteering, archeological digs, rock climbing, hiking, and learning as many new things as he can.

Thompson's wife of 30 years often comes along on his travels to keep him company.

"We do everything together," said Thompson, "Our first date was rock climbing on Devil's Tower."

Thompson first got the notion that he wanted to teach when he was in the fifth grade.

"I used to live beside an Indian reservation and I learned a lot from a very, very old fellow, an elder of the Klamath tribe," said Thompson, "I used to skip school to go listen to him. I figured if I could even be close to him, I was going to be a teacher."

He took the chance to become a teacher. . Over the years, he's had chances to teach just about everything.

"I've been a substitute for lots of different subjects," said Thompson, "I've never found a topic I didn't like."

With all the years of experience behind him,



Thompson has had plenty from which to build memories.

"I cannot pick out just one thing," said Thompson, "There's at least one memorable moment each day."

On his closing year, Thompson has been charged with addressing the senior class on graduation day and has been hard at work creating his speech.

"It's pretty well-formulated at this point," said Thompson, "I want to deliver something memorable, but nobody's coming to listen to me."

In his own modest way, Thompson is awaiting other events planned that day.

"I'm looking forward to the student speakers, the music, and the 575 students that will receive their diplomas," said Thompson, "Honestly, I'm not a big part of it."

Thompson's big on philosophy and his ancient class reflects that. During his class, students learn three words around which Thompson forms his philosophy.

"Nothing too much. That usually translates to about everything I have to say," said Thompson.

Thompson has been on both ends of the classroom and he's eager to learn more.

"Maybe I'll be at Century [College] too, taking some classes," said Thompson, jokingly. "It's not registering. 35 years just doesn't seem possible. I feel more like I'm graduating than retiring."

## Chalberg goin' out in style

by Katie Walker

"What's the last thing that goes through a fly's head before it hits your windshield?" The whole class goes wild with guesses. The answer? "Its butt." What other teacher starts each class with a joke, but retiring FLHS math teacher, Charlie Chalberg? Chalberg uses comedy to get students to enjoy math.

"I make it interesting with humor. I add humor and tell jokes," said Chalberg.

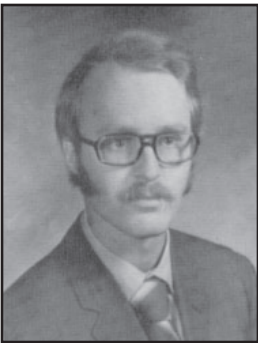
Chalberg has his way of making his classes fun and with all the time Chalberg has taught, he has almost never called in sick.

"I have 339 sick days to use," said Chalberg.

Chalberg sits in his signature orange chair, eating a bagel with cream cheese and drinking Coke out of a coffee cup it's easy to notice the painted walls.

With the help of others, Chalberg painted his classroom 2 yrs. ago.

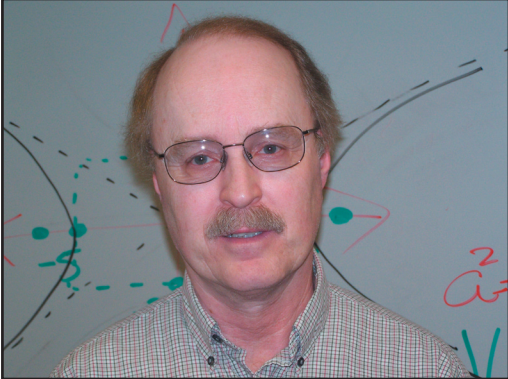
"Someone cut my tree down already," said Chalberg, joking about the quarter-done tree in the back of the room.



Chalberg has done a lot more for FLHS besides helping students grasp math theories. He has served on the Forest Lake Education Association for 32 years, and he's been the Department Chair Person for the last two. Chalberg has been a math teacher since 1973; he was also an assistant coach for the girl's tennis team. He coached in several state tournaments.

"Coaching at anytime was great. It was a privilege and an honor," said Chalberg.

Chalberg grew up in Willmar, Minn. He graduated from Willmar High School in 1967. He went on to Willmar Junior College and graduated in 1969 with an Associate of Arts (AA) in business. During college, Chalberg had a change of heart.



"In 1971, after driving truck for a summer, I decided to switch my major," said Chalberg

After Junior College, Chalberg went to Southwest State University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1973. Finally, Chalberg went to St. Thomas University and earned his Masters in curriculum and instruction in 1981.

"I teach because it's the fountain of youth," said Chalberg, "It keeps you young forever."

Chalberg's favorite number is 22; because it's the age he wants to stay forever.

"It's also my birthday, my basketball number, and the number I most often get when playing black jack," said Chalberg.

So how have things changed since he first began teaching?

"Well, can't beat them," Chalberg jokes about his students. "There's too much testing. Too much government intervention and technology has changed."

But how has FLHS changed? "It's just gotten bigger," said Chalberg.

Chalberg who says it feels "Awesome," to be retiring is coming back next fall for approximately six weeks to be a substitute for Jen Marshall, who's taking maternity leave.

"I'm coming back to teach, then I'm off to New Zealand [to visit family]," said Chalberg.

As Chalberg leaves FLHS, it is a verity that he will remain the same funny guy. When Chalberg's gone and you're missing him, he'll be playing with his cats, and doing sudoku.

# The latest car craze

## Fuel efficient cars the newest fad in auto world

by Tash Thompson

\$1.50, \$2.50, \$2.75, but wait! No! Not \$3! Soon, it seems America will be utter slaves to the oil industry. It may seem like the car always needs gas and money is burned up in that stupid engine. It's time to start asking questions about what cars Americans are driving. How's your miles-per-gallon (MPG)? Is your car efficient enough for these rising prices?

Car companies are competing to create a high-performance vehicle with the best MPG. So what's out there? Toyota has threatened the American car companies like Ford and Chevrolet with cars that look cool, have high performance, and have great MPG. Ford has created an SUV that has a MPG rating that rivals the likes of a sedan. And German Volkswagen has also made some vehicles with incredible MPG ratings.

### Toyota Yaris

The Yaris comes in both hatchback and sedan styles. A manual transmission (MT) Yaris gets 34 MPG in the city and 40 on the highway. An automatic transmission (AT) Yaris gets 34 MPG in the city and 39 on the highway. Get a nice car with great gas mileage for just \$10,000 brand new.

### Toyota Prius

This hybrid has an outstanding 60 MPG in the city, 51 MPG on the highway, and 55 MPG combined highway and city travel. This amazing hybrid costs \$21,700; it'll pay for itself with the money saved from not buying as much gas.

### Ford Escape Hybrid

Ford's best-rated MPG vehicle, this SUV has a 36 MPG rating for the city and 31 for the highway. That's 12 more MPG in the city and two more MPG on the highway, compared to

the non-hybrid Escape. A new one comes in at \$27,500. The used price isn't much lower: \$23,000.

### Chevy Silverado

This hybrid for the truck lovers gets 18 MPG in the city, and 21 on the highway. This beauty doesn't come cheap. A new one is about \$29,500. Used isn't much less: \$25,000.

### Volkswagon

The German car company that's taking over America, their best are the Golf TDI (37/44 MPG) and the New Beetle. Brand new, the Golf costs \$16,000, but used ones are as low as \$13,000.

### Conservation Tips

Being a high school student, it doesn't rain money for a new car. So what can you do to make gas go as far as possible?

According to [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov), driving the speed limit is not only safer, but conserves gas. Every 5 miles faster than 60 MPH can be considered an extra 20 cents to what you already paid per gallon.

Accelerate at a reasonable rate; fast acceleration can waste gas. Use your **overdrive** gear; your overdrive gear allows your car engine to slow down, conserving fuel and engine wear. Use your **cruise control** to keep your car at the same speed. Don't idle for long periods of time. Idling gets 0 MPG. The more weight in your car, the harder your car has to work to go the

speed you want it to, so remove the excess. Smaller vehicles are more affected by weight than larger vehicles.

### Maintenance

Maintaining your vehicle can not only make your vehicle live longer, but it also conserves fuel. Get an **engine tune-up**. A tune-up can improve your gas mileage up to 40 percent. Check and replace your **air filter** regularly. This allows your engine to get cleaner air and work more efficiently. Changing your car's **oil** is like changing a baby's diaper. It makes

your car happy and gives you more miles per gallon. Keep your **tires properly inflated**. The pressure per square inch (PSI) rating should be on the tire close to the rim.

**Plan** your errands. Go to Target and Rainbow on the same trip into town. This is more efficient for you too. **Carpool** to school, work, and events in the Twin Cities. Not only would there be only one car, but now you can use that "Carpool Only" lane. When going on road trips, remember that extra items on the roof create drag on the car and lowers gas mileage.

Gas prices are still rising and it looks like they're going to keep on going. Prepare for that \$3 or \$4 per gallon day by driving more efficiently, maintaining your car, and planning trips. If and when you can, buy a car that has a good MPG rating.



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Hebert bids adieu to FLHS Streeter waves sianara

by Melissa Monson

Whose favorite food is candy? Whose favorite color is green? Whose favorite TV show is 24 and favorite books are The Catcher in the Rye and The Great Gatsby? One last clue: He claims “to hate kids” but has been a teacher at Forest Lake High School (FLHS) for thirty years. Give up? It’s the school’s very own, Henry Hebert.

Hebert grew up with two older sisters, Jeanette and Theresa, in Ecorse, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. During the time Hebert was growing up, Ecorse was less than 1% college-educated. According to Hebert, Ecorse is a city about the size of Forest Lake, but the city mostly centered around the local steel mill, which employed many local citizens.

Hebert rose above the statistics and earned a double-major in speech with concentration in English at Central Michigan University. He also has a master’s degree in theater arts. Although he has a great passion for the theater, he ultimately chose teaching.

“I didn’t initially want to teach, I wanted to be an actor,” revealed Hebert.

He took teaching as a back-up and found that teaching was the best path for him.

Although he found that teaching was the best job for him, he has done a variety of other things. Hebert has dabbled a bit in acting, bartending, steel working, cooking, and being a movie man.

Surprisingly, Hebert was not initially hired to be an English teacher but as the theater director. Hebert has spent half of his 30 years with the theater department and the other half with the speech, where he was the head speech coach for 15 years.

Hebert’s wife (appropriately nicknamed “Shebert”) is the head speech coach at Roseville. He and his wife have a 24-year-old son Justin, adopted from Chile. Their other furrier family members include their two cats, Bennigan and Ripley.

When not spending time with his family, he’s with his students.

Hebert explained, “It’s a love-hate relationship. I don’t actually hate kids; I hate certain behaviors [that kids have].” The main behavior



that irritates him so is that they’re “always trying to get away with something.”

The positive thing that Hebert takes away from his students is the energy.

“[The] energy level is amazing. I do think they keep me young,” said Hebert.

While with his students, Hebert has discussed his past addiction to drugs and alcohol. He has been in the Alcoholics Anonymous program for 28 years and says that it’s central to his being. Drugs and alcohol and the “ravages of the diseases” had a huge impact on his life. The most important thing he’s learned from AA is that “I have choices [and I] rediscovered my spirituality through recovery.”

So, what is Hebert going to do with all his free time?

“Read, watch movies, putz around the house, do projects that you can see the result,” said Hebert.

Hebert loves theater, live music and traveling. His past ventures have included Canada, Italy, and Chile. Besides those, he also would like to do some more traveling, possibly get a job, and volunteer. Hebert has volunteered before, reading for the blind.

While he is excited to retire, he admits that he will miss his co-workers and the staff.

“We raise our families together,” said Hebert. “You really become a family.”

He will be leaving FLHS in a few short days. Hebert was elected by the ’04-’05 class to be the commencement speaker and was “proud to be selected to speak,” said Hebert.

However, his last words for this year’s batch are borrowed from wise men in history.

Aristotle said, “Know thyself.” Shakespeare said, “To thine own self be true,” and Hebert says, “If you know that, you can do mostly anything else.”

by Jamison Hull

Free time is cherished by everyone no matter the job. For Forest Lake High School (FLHS) physical education teacher Bill Streeter, free time is more time spent with kids. Streeter remembers many things from his teaching days, but his fondest memories are of working with kids, coaching them in football and track and field.

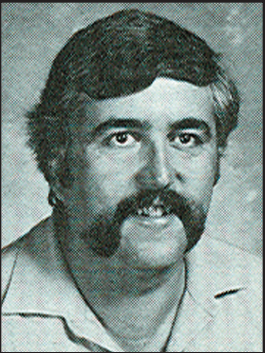
Streeter decided to attend college to play football at St. Cloud University and figure out his major later on in his career. Once it became time where he had to choose his path, Streeter chose to major in physical education and a minor in special education.

“I went to school to play football,” said Streeter. “Then it came time to figure out a major and I chose something that I enjoyed.”

After finishing school he went to University of Northern Colorado to earn his masters in reading.

When Streeter began his career, he was a reading teacher at Coon Rapids for seven years when he decided it was either time to switch schools or move to Coon Rapids because he lived in Forest Lake. This is what brought him to FLHS. He decided to get a job as a reading teacher near his home.

“I decided to switch [schools] because it was



closer to home and the staff at Forest Lake was more my age and we saw eye to eye on a lot of things,” said Streeter.

Streeter taught reading for about 23 years until he started teaching physical education classes in 1996. Many seniors look forward to having Individual and Dual sports their senior year and Streeter looks forward to spending time with them.

“I love Individual and Dual because it gives me a chance to get to know and spend time with the seniors,” said Streeter.

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Streeter.

Of course Streeter doesn’t just teach. He loves to hunt, fish and maybe most of all, coach.

Streeter coached football at FLHS for over 20 years and has coached the throwers in track for 25 years.

“I love to coach high school sports,” said Streeter. “I have had many fond memories such as the 1991 football team playing in the state playoffs in the dome, and Joe Toth and Mark Fahey each getting double state champions in shot and disc.”

In his retirement Streeter hopes to not disappear completely, he plans on subbing at FLHS and of course he already has a hunting trip planned.



Anderson says adios

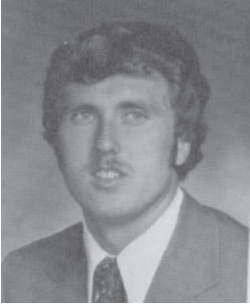
by Jamison Hull

Seniors all over the school are counting down the days until they can move on from Forest Lake High School (FLHS) to new and exciting things. These seniors are not the only ones who have been waiting to move on to new things. Chuck Anderson has been teaching at FLHS since 1972 where he began as a physical education teacher.

Anderson thought teaching as a career young in life because of his parents’ influence. His mother was a teacher and his father worked on the farm. They both stressed having a steady income and Anderson decided to follow in his mother’s footsteps and attend Minnesota State Moorhead where he earned his teaching license.

“I had planned on being a teacher when I entered college,” said Anderson. “It runs in the family and it sure beats working on the farm.”

Anderson now teaches Contemporary Social Issues and United States History, but still stays near one of his favorite hobbies sports. Anderson has been Coach Anderson for about 30 years on the basketball courts and on the track. His whole family enjoys staying active; his wife Dede is a physical education teacher at Scandia Elementary, Chris, his 24-year-old son, plays professional basketball in New Zealand. Lindsey, his 21-year-old daughter, also plays basketball and is studying to become a physical



therapist with a sports medicine specialty. “My first year is going to be filled with all sorts of family events,” said Anderson. “I already spend time with them but I hope to see my kids play [basketball] a lot more.”

With all of the free time that Anderson will have once he retires, he plans to travel all over and see things that he has taught about in his history classes.

“I really like to travel, history is such a shaper of our world and what happened,” said Anderson with a smile. “Being a history teacher there are so many places to see and things to do that pique my interest.”

Although Anderson is looking forward to life after retirement, he will miss a lot of what is life long career has given him. Not only will he miss the other teachers and the daily regiment, but even the students at FLHS.

“I will miss the camaraderie that has developed between the other teachers and me over the years,” said Anderson. “Also it is fun to work with students, I mean otherwise, why teach?”

As the class of ’06 departs the hallways of FLHS Mr. Anderson will be moving from Room #343 to start his retirement full of family and travel.



History of Dad’s day

By Tommy Monahan

It is a time of burnt toast and breakfast in bed, family gatherings, crayon scribbled “I Love Yous” and, of course a tie that you know he is going to wear once. Father’s Day is a day of celebration for Dad. It is a day to not just honor your father, but all who have acted as a father figure in your life, whether it is a stepfather, uncle or big brother.

Father’s Day has not been around nearly as long as the well known Mothers Day, but it still stands as a great holiday for those hard working dads. Sonora Dodd, of Washington, first had the idea of a day to honor fathers in 1909. Sonora wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart a hard working Civil War veteran who was single-handedly raising six children. So, the idea finally came

to her, she chose to hold the first Father’s Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910. President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a national Father’s Day. Then, in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father’s Day. President Richard Nixon signed the law which finally made it permanent in 1972.

Even though families have been appreciating the hard working father, it has officially been a holiday for the past 35 years. Since your father has been working so hard for you for the past 365, days take June 18 as a time for him to put his feet up and relax for a change.



Did you Know?

The summer months are full of fun days to celebrate.

Which ones will you pick to observe?

**JUNE:**  
Adopt a Shelter Cat Month  
Fireworks Safety Month  
Dairy Month  
Turkey Lover’s Month  
National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month  
National Frozen Yogurt Month  
National Iced Tea Month

National Rose Month  
National Seafood Month

**JULY:**  
National Baked Bean Month  
National Blueberry Month  
National Foreign Language Month  
National Hot Dog Month  
National Park and Rec. Month

**AUGUST:**  
National Inventors Month

**SEPTEMBER:**  
Good Manners Month  
National Honey Month  
National Piano Month  
National Biscuit Month  
National Hispanic Heritage Month



# The art of being lazy

## Get the most out of your summer this year

by Carl Magnuson



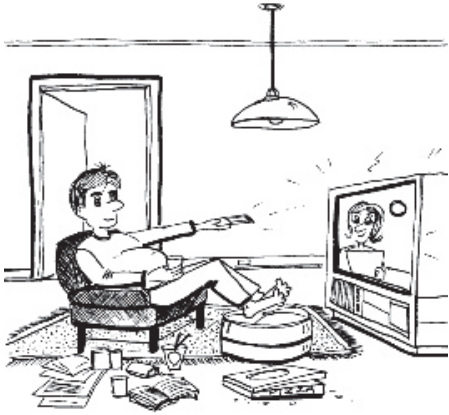
The lifeless, snoring body lays unperturbed beneath the covers, stirring neither for the construction outside, nor the incessant nagging of its mother outside the door. This has become a routine summer morning for the leisurely student.

When asked, most people will be quick to say that laziness is unproductive and has no purpose, even in time off from school. You must realize, however, that this is the only time in which to practice the art of wasting time. It's a difficult skill to master, I realize, but one must become attuned to the finer points of a leisurely summer in order to get the most out of this 'high school experience'.

First, remember that you can't spend the entire summer asleep. It may, if you choose, be the cornerstone of your lazy summer, but I personally don't buy into that form of laziness. Second, try to keep your job, but cut back on the hours, say, to around 15-20 hours a week. Lastly, and most importantly, find a select group of friends who can appreciate your taste in entertainment.

For the full effect, one must become open to new films, genres of music, different kinds of written material, and the mastery of the internet. The only thing you must keep in mind when searching for something to do is that in order to live leisurely, you must be able to enjoy it from the comfort of your room.

Now that you've got all the tools at hand, check out the places I frequent and pick from the dizzying array of entertainment. Be sure and drop by Blockbuster, Cheapo Records in St.



Paul and Minneapolis, The Source Comics and Games on Snelling and Larpenteur Ave. in Falcon Heights, Barnes and Noble, and Suncoast Video.

After drooling over whatever genres you adore and hopefully purchasing a few choice discs and books it's time to trade. Get wise, pal, you don't have taste yet; chances are, you need to expand your view and try new things. You save yourself lots of dough this way.

At this point, you've made nice-nice with your friends and their poor choice in movies, so it's time to move on to the group activities. Make a quick trip to Blockbuster for the goods: cheesy Science fiction films and video games. Next, spend a few nights at your buddy's house (don't call it a sleepover or a slumberparty, please). Remember, no night is complete without an endless supply of caffeine, folks.

Now that I've spilled my philosophical guts, there are undoubtedly a few stubborn prunes out there who'll brush me off as a sack of lazy bones. Listen closely, you close-minded fools, I'm stressing a greater understanding of good entertainment and fellowship, not lack of progress.

Don't waste your time with simple cinema, repetitious music, repulsive television, and lifeless literature. Help yourself, with cash in hand, to the countless flavors of entertainment available. And lastly, don't buy into the epic blockbusters and chart-toppers. Dig deep in search of the media that makes you think. Now, go forth and spread the word, you *can* be lazy this summer, just don't let your mind sleep the whole summer.

# An act of patriotism

## World stage of soccer worth watching

by Andy Setterholm



To many Americans, the 2006 FIFA World Cup beginning in June isn't a very exciting prospect. Soccer, while growing in popularity here in the US, is still a minority in the sports scene.

This comes as no surprise to me, seeing as America's soccer league, the MLS is light years behind the highly competitive leagues of Europe and the rest of the world. The truth is, most Americans have never seen a decent soccer game. Lucky for us, ABC Sports and ESPN have partnered up and will be televising each and every one of the 64 World Cup matches this June. Here lies the perfect cure to America's inexperience in the soccer world.

The World Cup is the Holy Grail of soccer. The most elite teams in the world clash on the field with the dream of hoisting the golden statue emblazoned in their minds. The flashiest and most exciting attack players in the world are matched against the immovable defenses of powerhouse countries.

A recurring complaint against soccer is the low scores of league games, sometimes ending 0-0 after 90 minutes. Rest assured, the World Cup will have none of that. There is no strategy here except outscoring your opponent to advance to the final. Sometimes in league play, teams are content to sit back in defensive formations and play for a 1-0 win or even a draw. In the World Cup, every country will be putting their best attackers on the field in attacking formations.

Another feature of the World Cup is the quality of every team entered. The level of play most Americans have experienced here in the US is pitiful. Most people have only seen their siblings' youth games or maybe a chunk of an MLS game. Not to say Landon Donavan and Eddie Johnson aren't exceptional players, but most people in the States have never experienced the sheer electricity of Ronaldinho slicing through opposing



defensemen. How many of us can say we have witnessed perfection in a Ludovic Giuly volley shot, or the immaculate free kick of David Beckham? Few Americans can honestly say they have watched soccer at its best. Let me tell you, soccer doesn't get any better than the World Cup.

If you're still convinced that soccer, the world's game, isn't worth watching, watch it simply to support your country. Personally, I hate alpine skiing, but I watched it in the Olympics just to see how the US performed. The same applies to the World Cup. The USA is desperately striving to gain respect from the rest of the world, and their success depends largely on their placing at the World Cup. For the sake of patriotism alone, watch the US soccer team and cheer for your country.

# Record breaking?\*

## Barry Bonds' record race not legitimate



by Josh Nelson

You may have heard the saying, "[Babe] Ruth did it on hot dogs and beer, [Hank] Aaron did it with class." But with what is Bonds going to break the homerun records?

Outfielder Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants finally has 715 homeruns. Now, Bonds goes for 755, the current record held by Hall of Famer Hank Aaron. You'd think there would be joy amongst major league baseball for such a feat, but controversy surrounds it.

Take one look at the current Barry Bonds now and ten years ago and tell me he isn't loaded with steroids. If you poke him with a needle, little pills and syringes will probably pour out of his system.

Nothing has yet been proven, but the pictures are worth a thousand words. A guy would have to spend 25 hours a day in the gym to look like Barry does now after how he looked before. With the help of Balco owner Victor Conte, and Bonds's personal trainer Greg Anderson, I think Barry has had help from them in getting as big as he did. At the same time, it amazes me how he manages to dodge the so-called "random" drug tests that MLB Commissioner Bud Selig calls for.

What amazes me the most is that Barry Bonds may not even know what he was taking. Anderson reportedly contacted Conte about a "new workout regiment" for Barry Bonds after a batting slump. Conte has been linked to scandals involving former Olympic sprinters Tim Montgomery and Marion Jones, as well as former NFL linebacker Bill Romanowski. All of whom were convicted of using performance enhancing drugs. So, it's possible for Bonds to have taken an illegal dopamine without knowing it.

Now, it seems as if the MLB doesn't care if Bonds passes the record, or at least they will scarcely recognize it. When Barry finally hits number 715, how will fans react?

In my opinion, the records shouldn't stand, but if and only if he is tested positive for performance enhancing drugs. To me and many others, the sight of the current Barry Bonds screams "he's juiced," but still, we must look at it as a case of innocent until proven guilty.

Another issue with Barry Bonds is his

attitude. His "smart-alec" responses to kind reporters' questions, really angers me.

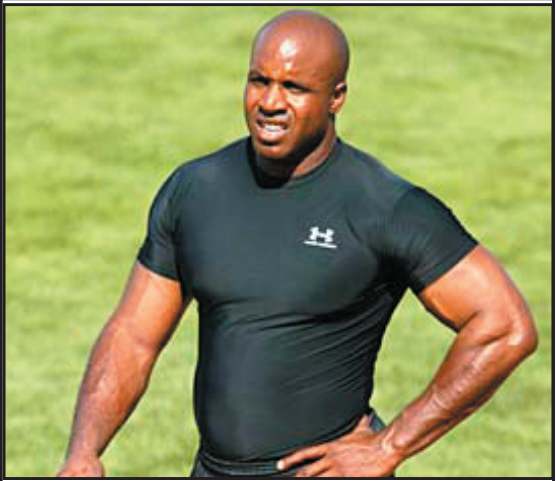


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As a possible future career, it is discouraging to see that this is the way reporters are treated by bullies like him. I'm not saying he has to answer all of the questions they ask, but it seems whenever they ask him a question, even ones that are strictly related

to baseball, he demeans them with his stupid, undignified answers. When questions were asked to Hank Aaron, and Babe Ruth, they answered the questions in a kind and professional manner. This doesn't mean that Bonds has to be a model citizen all of the time. We know Babe Ruth wasn't a model citizen. But he could try and cooperate more than he does.

We don't know yet whether or not Barry Bonds will return for a 22<sup>nd</sup> season in 2007. Unless he does, it seems the record of 755 by Hank Aaron may be



... and Now.

untouchable for Bonds. He'll have to hit another 40 homeruns this season to reach that mark. The way his body is holding up right now, he'll have to shoot up a few more times just to make it another season.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Barry Bonds hit his 715th homerun on May 28 allowing him to break Babe Ruth's homerun record. The hunt to meet and beat Hank Aaron's 755 homeruns continues.

Disclaimer: Anyone absent from school for driving lessons, is unexcused.

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## Racists, call it quits!

by Katie Walker



Let's face it, Forest Lakers, our high school has a reputation of being racist-close-minded-people, and it's your job to not live up to it. The stories people outside of Forest Lake hear, are ones of the discrimination of people for their culture and/or race.

I've seen this many times at our school, so we can't say it doesn't exist. Don't get me wrong, I know that there are many students here who aren't racist, but at the same time no one here can say that they do not know someone who is racist. Racism as a whole is a disease that affects the entire world. Since the very beginning, there have been people who won't accept others because 'they're different': they don't believe in the same things, they don't think the same way, they look funny. Well I say, do they not feel the same about you? Weren't we all put on the same planet to live?

Living in Minneapolis, I never thought there was a school like Forest Lake, with so many racist students, who haven't ever bothered to get to know someone from another culture. They're spitting images of their racist parent's beliefs. It's a shame we aren't more like the cities with more diversity, and understanding of other cultures. There are many different cultures that live in the Twin Cities area, and they live just fine next to each other, working and going to school, with one another.

So, why students are so open with their racist beliefs? My answer: Because too many people just accept it. They think, oh there will always be racism. If you don't believe in it then why become friends with people who are? And why let your fear of the unknown hold you back from broadening your horizon and giving others a chance?

In a political science class I had, I was

quite surprised at the many random racial-stereotypical comments that were made. We would talk about things like wearing the confederate flag in school, and the majority of the class thought that was okay, that the school shouldn't care. How could wearing something like that be good? It stands for racism, and slavery. That sign will never be looked at as something good unless you're racist. Then when I argued that, they wondered why it was a bad thing. This is a place to learn not show off your red-neck ways.

The hatred many people have for other races comes from such superficial things, like being told that those people are racist against them too, (and when a white person says someone is being racist against them, that's actually prejudice, because they're not the race in power) Another reason is someone having one bad experience with one person from a different race and automatically blaming the entire race: to me that's not very fair, no one ever lets one bad thing a white person did reflect on the whole race, so why do that to other people?

"Racism will never change," is a comment I get from many students.

Racism *will* change. You can make it happen. You just have to believe in its ability to change, and not accept it.

The way to stop racism is to be aware that judging a person by their skin or culture is wrong. Take all other things into account rather than what you see on TV or what people around you think. Think for yourself. Do not accept racism.

It's a chain reaction. By accepting anyone with an open mind, others will accept you, and so on. If everyone practiced this, we would have a more accepting world. We would have a more accepting Forest Lake High. It's time to start the dominoes.

## Rock, rap or reality? MTV2 needs to return to its roots

by Tash Thompson



Music Television (MTV) is the queen of music videos, right? No, the shows include reality show after reality show. So, viewers complained about the lack of music on MTV. Then, MTV births MTV2, which was supposed to be half rock half rap. MTV2 only plays rock past 11:00 p.m. The rest of the day is devoted to rap videos.

MTV keeps on kicking off more reality shows, and they need to re-play the program later in the day. But MTV is too busy to keep their stinky reality shows to itself. MTV2 becomes over-run by reality shows and rap, and rock gets pushed until 3:00 a.m.

Why is rock pushed back all the time? Is it popularity, censorship, or MTV2's disrespect for its viewers who like rock 'n' roll?

Rock 'n' roll is getting pushed to later times all the time because rap is supposedly more appropriate for kids to watch during the day, then they should watch the program on Video House 1 about the women who dance in the rap videos. The majority of those women who are in the videos are strippers who can barely make enough money to feed, cloth, and shelter their children. In the videos, on and off screen, the women are treated like prostitutes. Is that really appropriate for kids to be watching? Rock videos respect the women in the videos, who are friends of the band, and are dancing with and like the men in the videos.



If rock is being pushed due to popularity, then MTV doesn't realize how many people, who like rock, would spend time watching rock videos. Fuse, a lesser known music channel, has been mostly rock for its entire existence, and they're expanding their database to include every genre. Fuse has one or two reality shows and they're hardly ever aired. If this is the problem, then only you, the viewer, can change the station. Email or snail-mail MTV about how you wish that there was more rock on MTV.

MTV2 is deciding to disrespect its viewers by having the viewers' favorite programs air while no one's awake. Once again, it's up to the viewer to tell MTV2 what they think. MTV2 should not be pushing your favorite programs past when you're still asleep. If MTV2 doesn't start to change now, then they never will. Soon, we'll have a television company with two to three different channels devoted to reality shows.

And who wants that: television channels devoted to high school drama. Didn't you have enough of that just going through high school?

MTV and MTV2 viewers are the best way to change what is happening to our Music Television. Those people out there, who bang their heads and mosh, write MTV a smart letter. Don't just write to them complaining about what's happening. Use constructive criticism; give specific examples. If they think that you're stupid they won't think about what's being said. If they don't change, stop watching. They won't continue if their ratings drop.

Let's make MTV live up to its name as the queen of music videos. Make them move the reality shows. Bring back the rock 'n' roll and equal out the rock and rap on MTV2.

## Letter to the Editor

### Live and Learn: Lessons lived out at FLHS

Dear Readers,

I took four classes each quarter and was busy in after school activities, I couldn't help but see the following lessons lived out at FLHS this year:

Sophomores can make a high school stand strong, popular people are not jerks except for those who are jerks and somehow popular, some kids will be forgotten but others will have courage and find what they are good at, the past does not control your future but it does contribute, it takes more strength to say I am hurt then it does to say I am fine, Kids are created shy and also outgoing and we both

need each other, racism is stupid and most racists don't represent any part of their race's thoughts, kindness is a universal language and is easy to speak back, don't look for a date in every girl/guy you meet.. Be a friend no matter what mood everyone on the bus is in., it is okay to date, it is okay not to date, money is just money (unless you're in school) Stop talking gibberish and be honest, almost everyone likes to be liked except Sparby, old friends can be made new with some effort, it never hurts to ask.

- Jake Loeffler, '06



## Summer Fashion Match you wardrobe to the weather

By Maya Bryn



The weather has transformed itself from snowy, rainy and cold, to sunny and warm. Now is the time to transform fashion as well. Throw out the down jackets and slide on the shorts. Teen girls and guys can both have fun in the sun provided they have the hot new styles to match the great weather.

This season, the fashion world is bringing back the polished, clean look. The excessive skin exposure isn't as popular as it has been, now, the ladylike look is trendy. According to fashion-era.com, this season is "Modern, but quirky." and, "Creates shape, form and figure." Elegance, and the "grown-up" fashion helps moves customers towards defining figures. The new look is cleaner and has booted out the Boho s c e n e .

Fashion catwalk collections everywhere are including simple colors like different shades of whites, neutrals and pinks with nude buff tones. However, the classic black has crept back in. The combination of white and black



has sprouted this season; this look is a style that just about anyone can pull off. There are a few tricks to pulling off black and white clothing. The best way to wear these tones is using solid black tops with a white bottom. Another way is to try using textured fabrics to spice up the solid colors. Black and white is great for swim wear as well. The contrasting colors can be

slenderizing.

Summer time calls for shorts! The hot look is knee length shorts, but ones that are have

tighter thigh and knee bandings. Short shorts are still a must have for summer. Keep in mind the balance factor. Skimpy tops and itty-bitty bottoms do not work. Wearing a skin tight belly shirt with a mini skirt or shorts isn't a great look anymore. Now, combining big with small is an essential in fashion. Try wearing a looser tunic tank top with a cool pair of jean shorts.



One of the most vital parts in a summer wardrobe is the swimsuit. This year bold bright colors and patterns dominate the fashion scene. There are many different styles one can choose from, varying from slenderizing stripes, plaids and polka-dots.

Teen guys aren't being forgotten, this summer fashion for him is hotter than ever. The key word for men this 2006 season is individuality. Just like the gals, boys fashion moods are clean cut and more sophisticated. This summer guy style is still tailored but is less preppy than last year. Designs that resemble those that come from tennis, golf and yachting are surprisingly popular this season. Shades of white and beige have taken over the men's fashion world. As for shorts, neutral colors, camouflage and plaid cottons are everywhere. Board shorts in bright colors and patterns are very popular this, and, leather accessories, like bracelets, are extremely popular and have seemed to replace the so called "bling". This summer it is easy for guys with both large and small bank accounts to look great.



It will be interesting to see all the clean cut and classy fashions this summer. The fashion world has matured and discovered that elegance can equal stylish and cleanliness can be classic.

## Have a fun and safe summer!



# Looking back now



**Jake Haider:** Most memorable moment was “Homecoming”



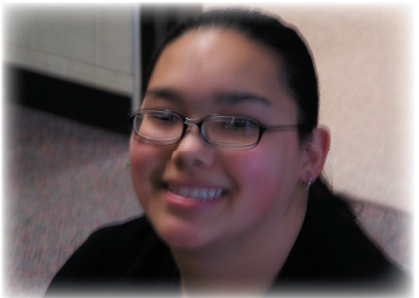
**Eric Sparby:** “Enjoy it while you can, your senior year moves faster than you think.”



**Joe Finstrom:** “Be a T.A. as often as possible”



**Connor Becker:** “If you are nice enough with teachers, you can get away with murder.”



**Melinda Meyers:** Most Memorable Moment was “Meeting new people, and expanding my education.”

## Diploma day approaching

by Stacey Johnson

The football field will be lined with maroon gowns and gold tassels on Thurs., June 8 when the Forest Lake High School class of 2006 will be graduating.

There will be about 590 students graduating and 4-5 speakers. Earlier on this spring, Don Thompson was chosen by the seniors to be the main speaker.

“I’m nervous. I’m going to need a lot of chalk,” said Thompson, showing his chalk covered hands.

Along with Thompson, Dr. Massey and three seniors will be speaking at graduation.

The deadline for speaking at graduation was Fri., May 12. Students who were interested in

speaking were asked to submit a draft of a 3-4 minute speech to the English department. This year’s student speakers are Paul Joachim, Ashley Paul, and Matt Jover.



Practice for graduation will be held at 8 a.m. on graduation day (June 8) in the Field House. After practice, caps, gowns, and tassels will be

picked up. Students must pay a cash only deposit of \$20 in order to receive their cap, gown, and tassel. The option of returning all materials on June 9, between 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. is available and the deposit will be returned.

Graduation will be held outdoors until further information is provided.

“People need to assume it’s outside,” said Karen McCurdy, Administrative Assistant. “The final decision will be announced at 1 p.m. on the day of graduation.”

Seniors can watch WCCO TV or call the senior hotline at 982-8500 for more information on the indoor/outdoor location of graduation.

## Senioritis

FLHS sees various degrees of this common ‘disease’

by Tommy Monahan

Senior slack, senior slump or just plain laziness is all associated with one word: senioritis. Many students are slowly going down hill with their grades due to this.

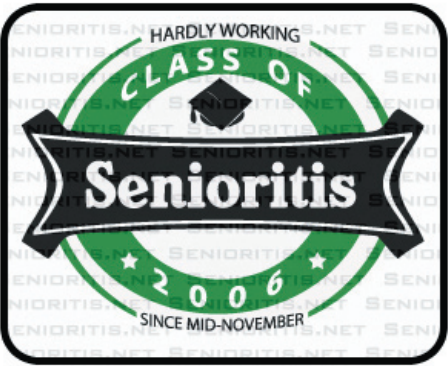
Senioritis often appears toward the middle of the year, when many students have met graduation requirements and mostly start taking electives.

Everyone has a little senioritis in them at one point in time but it could greatly affect your life after high school. Nearly one-third of students entering college require remedial help for the new changes and some colleges can even revoke admissions and scholarships.

Many students are coasting through their senior years, spending less time trying in school. It gets even harder for students who work. According to the Labor Department, students under 18 who work more than 20 hours per week don’t do as well in school. About 44 percent of 16- and 17-year-olds work at some point throughout the year, either while in school or during the summer, but in surveys of high school students, about 80 percent say they held a job during the school year at some point in high school.

It is expected that each senior will catch a bit of “senioritis”, but some FLHS students have suffered more than expected in their last months of high school. Senior Joe Raasch is experiencing senioritis while doing his homework. “Whenever I start attempting my homework I just

stop and don’t feel the urge to finish it,” said Raasch. This is not uncommon. Most students who go through this, some are just too burned out and don’t have the motivation they had at the beginning of the year. Senioritis might not only be affecting seniors towards the middle and end of the year. Senior Matt Joyer admits to being



in “the slump” since the first weeks of school. “I’ve been affected for way too long, ever since I walked in the doors on the first day, senioritis hit me,” said Joyer. “It’s getting really bad lately. I haven’t even been able to bring a pencil to class.”

In reality, the effects of senioritis may be hurting those headed to college. “The 12th grade is the biggest wasteland in America,” says Charles Reed, chancellor of the California State University System. Reed says half the students are

unprepared in math or English because they didn’t take rigorous classes as seniors.

Not every senior uses senioritis as a way out of not working hard their last year in high school. Senior Jake Haider is not taking the easy way out by taking easy classes; he feels he is pushing himself hard.

“Senioritis is a big myth, and a lie; everyone uses it as an excuse to be lazy,” said Haider. “I believe over 94% of the student body feel they are affected by it.”

Haider is also not the only one that thinks senioritis is an excuse. Some teachers at FLHS feel it is an excuse for not working hard.

English teacher Tim Newcomb feels that it really is not that big of a problem because most students he has are affected.

“I don’t see it much because I really don’t have very many seniors,” said Newcomb, “but I can think of three. My teaching assistants sometimes have it come over them.”

Whether or not senioritis truly exists, students still feel they have it, and their work ethic is affected. Contrary to popular belief, there are some ways to prevent it. Teachers seem to combat it using things like research papers, senior projects, and other major assignments of significant weight.

There is only a limited amount of high school left, so seniors, don’t finish off on a bad note with the thought of senioritis in your mind. Get your work done and complete your year on a positive note.



**Jim Wilson:** “Say hi to Dr. Steve every morning.”



**James Harnett:** “Get your credits done early so you can screw around later.”  
**Margaret Mattison:** “Get a map and some bubbles. It makes the time fly.”  
**Sam York:** “Take easy classes 4th quarter.”

The staff of *The Breeze* asked FLHS seniors what their favorite memory was of FLHS and v



# Ward, ring forward

## Dorm Room Necessities

by Katie Walker

It’s coming soon, for seniors very soon. The day students move into dorm rooms, one of the first steps to their college future. Students are going to be asking themselves, what items can students bring? Will they fit? Where can I get a good deal? One thing to do before shopping is talking with your roommate, so the two of you can coordinate whose bringing what, so both of you don’t buy TVs, and fridges.

According to Val Handstad, Career Resource Specialist, it’s important to check your college dorm room check list. Handstad is in the Career Resource Center (CRC) with the inside scoop on dorm room necessities. “Every student should bring a fan! Each dorm’s different, but most don’t have air conditioning,” said Handstad.

When researching dorms, current college students input can be very helpful, especially when coming from a different state.

“What students should bring, depends. Like, if they’re coming from another state they should bring pictures,” said Tracy Seapin, St. Cloud State University student, “If you’re going far away, it’s important to keep your family and friends close.”

“The best things to bring are, school supplies,

a computer, and an alarm clock,” said Seapin.

“With enough supplies, you’ll feel prepared for class, and the alarm clock will wake you up, which is very important,” said Seapin.

“Everyone should bring shower shoes for the showers, because you’re not going to want to walk around with bare feet,” said Handstad.

According to both Handstad and Seapin, general stores, like Target and Wal-Mart are the best places to get your dorm room necessities.

“You can get many things from any general store; such as: fridges, desk lamps, shower shoes, totes, and more,” said Handstad.

“One thing students forget about is the size of the beds. You need extra long twin size sheets, instead of regular,” said Handstad.

While there are many things students should bring to dorms, there are also things students should avoid bringing. According to Handstad, students shouldn’t bring candles, incense, and pets.

According to briomag.com, making good use of the limited square footage that you’re sharing with your roommate requires organization. Doing this means shopping for items that will make your living space functional, uncluttered and separate from your roommate’s things.

If you don’t have a dresser for socks, toiletries, medicine or hair supplies, then try stacking plastic drawer tubs with wheels. They’re lightweight, movable and should stack nicely inside your closet. Invest in a canvas shoe caddy that hangs in your closet to keep your shoes together and off the floor. To use every spare inch (like under your bed) purchase flat, plastic storage bins to store items you don’t need on a daily basis, like bulky sweaters.

“Don’t bring big things, or things you don’t usually use at home. Most likely if you don’t use something at home, you’re not going to use it in your dorm room,” said Seapin.

“Be picky about what clothes, don’t bring whole your whole closet, you’re going to live in jeans and tees anyhow,” said Handstad.

For many seniors, this information is very useful. At the same time all of you juniors and sophomores should take notes, because you will be walking this journey a lot sooner than you think. Websites to check out: [www.dormexpress.com](http://www.dormexpress.com), [www.umn.edu/housing](http://www.umn.edu/housing), [www.target.com](http://www.target.com), [www.JCPenney.com](http://www.JCPenney.com), [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) - keyword: dorm room checklist

Source: [www.umn.edu/housing](http://www.umn.edu/housing), [www.briomag.com](http://www.briomag.com)



Senna Hasic: “Be true to yourself.”



Marke Schuld: Most Memorable Moment was C Lunch 4th Quarter



Sarah Wolfe: “Be friendly towards others and they’ll treat you with respect.



Liz Powell: “Don’t turn away new opportunities. Take advantage of all the opportunities that present themselves.



Rachel Piersdorf: “Just have fun and don’t worry about all the drama.”



Jessica Kelley (right): “Senior year is fun, but it’s not all it’s cracked up to be.”

Amanda Luke (left): “Be cool. Join theater!”



Tyler Sahr: Favorite memory: building the new ticket stand.

what advice they could give to current sophomores and juniors about surviving high school.



# DaVinci Crud

by Abby Pooch

I need to find a library, quick!” This line, from the *Da Vinci Code*, is just as dry and disappointing as the entire movie. I read the book and I loved it. I know that the things in it aren’t real or by any means true, but it is made even more entertaining because of them. The book was great, however,the movie was worse than any I have seen in a long time.

Having made its debut out on May 19, *The Da Vinci Code* was made to mirror the book bearing the same name. The book is a story of a symbologist named Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks)

who receives a telephone call saying that a man he had never met, Jacques Sauniere (Jean-Pierre Marielle), was dead. Not only was he dead, but his body was artistically twisted and left behind in the Louvre, a famous French art museum in Paris. The worst news of all? He distorted his body *himself*. Robert Langdon goes to the Louvre at the request of the French police in order to help them decipher the clues left by the body. Unbeknownst to him, however, the police have brought him there for a different reason. Finding a strange message in the clues, Langdon teams up with French cryptologist Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou) to find out where the clues lead.

Readers and non-readers of the book will both be united on one side concerning this movie; it was horrible.

For readers, you will follow the plot knowing exactly what will come next. The director Ron Howard follows the book to a T - most of the time. However, in some parts, in fact in some of the more important sections, Howard skips over key parts in order to twist the story his way. This will leave readers frustrated, wanting to see all of the buildup of the story. Instead, they will be appeased by a large segment, mirrored perfectly to the book, only to have it be horribly distorted by the terrible travesty of misguided changes.

For non-readers, they will be lost in a labyrinth of quickly-stated facts. If you haven’t read this book and don’t pay close attention, you will miss a huge chunk of the plot and sit wondering how in the world the plot got from here to there. As someone who has read the book, I know that at times I was waiting for an

explanation of something that happened. I’m still waiting. I found myself having to remember things that happened in the book in order to understand what in the world was happening in the maze of mediocre explanations. Also, some things were explained, adapted or interpreted poorly in order to save time, and this compromised the overall effect of the film.

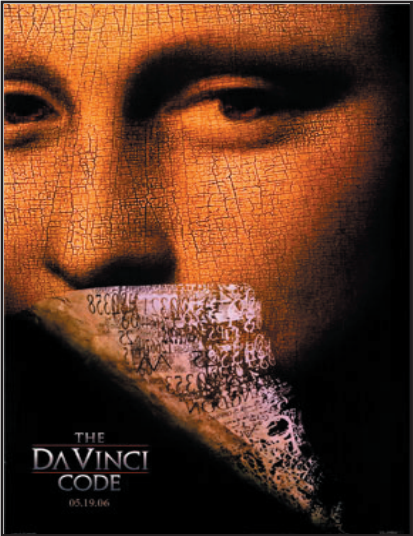
The cast for this movie was very dry. Tom Hanks, who is usually lively and humorous in his roles, was awkward in this drama/thriller.

Robert Langdon would have been better played by someone who was more comfortable with this kind of movie. Audrey Tatou, who played Sophie Neveu, was not a good pick for the role. She was depicted, not as an educated woman who had grown up being taught cryptography, but as someone who was very gullible. In the long sequences in which Langdon and Teabing are explaining things to Neveu, she is usually found staring in their general direction with a blank look on her face, as though she is trying to make them think she understands their strange babbling.

The only good actor who pumps a little light into this dry film is Ian McKellen, who plays Sir Leigh Teabing. His role is interspersed with wittingly placed humor that no longer makes one cringe at the uncomfortable dialogue and sickeningly obvious fallacies that make this plot very hard to swallow.

This movie would have been made more bearable if there had been a little less car-chasing and a little more explaining. Many things were very, very quickly explained and if you weren’t listening carefully, you wouldn’t be able to catch why things were happening. Especially in Teabing’s house, when Langdon and Teabing were talking over one another, it was terribly confusing and the dialogue moved so fast that one had to listen just as hard to be able to follow the story line.

Due to these atrocious changes, mediocre casting and the deviation from the book, I’m giving this movie two stars out of five. (And I’m being generous.)



# Movie Mania

## Moviegoers beware of the madness

by Tyler Scanlon

Summer is here, which means the weather is hot, school is almost out and the biggest movies of the year are going to be hitting theaters everywhere.

This year has its own unique group of movies with a famed superhero returning to the screen after a near twenty year hiatus, a blubbering pirate gaining laughs in a highly anticipated sequel and Jack Black in tights.

### May Madness

The summer started out very quickly in May with *Mission Impossible 3*, *The DaVinci Code* and *X-Men: The Last Stand* bringing in huge audiences and having a flair for the spectacular. This is a peek at what to watch for this summer at the cinemas.

### June

June 2 opens hot with the last year’s summer stud Vince Vaughn (*Wedding Crashers*) and perennial golden-girl Jennifer Aniston (*Bruce Almighty*) in a romantic comedy *The Break-Up*. If the cast isn’t enough to entice you *The Break-Up* pits the two stars against each other as a couple on the rocks that is unwilling to give up their shared condo, which results in psychological warfare seeing who can outlast the other in winning the condo and maybe winning back each other.

Next week brings two big films with the Satan child remake *The Omen* releasing on 6/6/06 and Disney/Pixar unleashing its next computer animated film *Cars* on June 9. *Cars* brings the title to life on the racing circuit with an absolutely

s t a c k e d voice cast including O w e n W i l s o n (*Wedding Crashers*).

*Nacho Libre* heads up June 16 starring Jack Black (*The School of Rock*) returning to comedy as a priest who joins professional wrestling to save an orphanage. In *Click* arriving on June 23 Adam Sandler receives a universal remote that controls real-life from a quirky scientist played by Christopher Walken. On June 30 a legendary superhero gets new life in *Superman Returns*. Superman himself is being played by a relative unknown, but Lex Luthor should be fun with Kevin Spacy (*The Usual Suspects*) stepping into his shoes onscreen.

### July

June should be a pretty fun month, but July is where the huge movies are hitting their stride right away with the highly anticipated sequel *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest* on July 7. *Pirates* is a dream come true for fans with the whole cast and director returning for the sequel and the third film releasing next

summer.

Also premiering on July 7 is *A Scanner Darkly* with a visually capturing style and a deep cast headed by Keanu Reeves (*The Matrix*).

The summer m a d n e s s t u t t e r s for a week with studios a v o i d i n g *Pirates* mania and then come right back on July 21 with M. Night Shyamalan’s (*The Sixth Sense*) next freak fest *Lady in the Water* starring the always dynamic Paul Giamatti (*Cinderella Man*). Also opening on July 21 twelve years after the original film is Kevin Smith’s comedic sequel *Clerks 2* with all of the Smith regulars making appearances.

Closing July on the 28 is 80’s TV show brought back to life in *Miami Vice*. Vice should be interesting with crime drama extraordinaire Michael Mann (*Collateral*) behind the camera and with the leading roles being filled by Colin Farrell (*Phone Booth*) and Jamie Foxx (*Ray*).

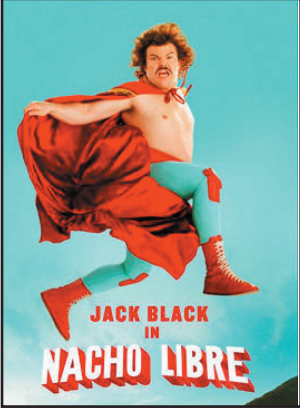
### August, etc.

August 4 starts out the month funny with Will Ferrell’s NASCAR comedy *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby* and *The Ant Bully*; another animated film with an enormous cast lead by Nicolas Cage (*National Treasure*) about a boy shrunk down and put to work by ants. 9/11 gets its second film of the year next week on August 9 with Cage starring as a firefighter in *World Trade Center*.

August 18 looks very solid with the self-explanatory titled thriller *Snakes on a Plane* starring Samuel L. Jackson (*Pulp Fiction*). August 25 closes the month with the *Super Troopers* makers back in action with *Beerfest* a comedy about the secret tradition of competitive beer gaming.

Finally the big summer movies trickle into September on the 1 with two very intriguing films. The first being *Idiocracy* the first film directed by Mike Judge since Office Space about a average man (Luke Wilson) who travels 1,000 years into the future, only to find himself as the most intelligent person in the world. The second release of the week is *Crank* starring Jason Statham (*The Transporter*) as a hitman who must keep his adrenaline level high by any means possible or die from a toxin in his blood. Think *Speed*, only with a person that happens to be a hitman, should be entertaining.

This summer as a whole is sure to be like most summers at the movies with big explosions, gut-busting laughs and the fantastic. Schedule accordingly.



# A New Thrill

## Assassination game finds players at FLHS

by Tyler Scanlon


It’s a normal morning like any other. You woke up, showered, ate breakfast and are now heading out to your car. Out of the corner of your eye you notice a flash of color, but think nothing of it in your morning stupor. As you open your car door, two people come running out of your bushes one carrying a gun and shooting you. Luckily for you it is just a squirt gun and this is just part of a game, the assassin game.

The assassin game is new to FLHS, but not to America. It has been played in many campuses across the nation for several years. The first game this year in FLHS was pretty small with fifteen players and was organized by seniors Joe Raasch and Erik Sparby. “The game is pretty simple. It starts with you paying the \$5 entry fee (all of which goes into the pot)to the judge who holds onto the pot throughout the game. Then you receive a card with your name and the person you must assassinate on it,” explains Raasch, the judge of the first game.

The cards are organized by the judge who is different every game. The judge makes decisions on a tough call like rule infractions and must be informed when someone is assassinated. “You can get people with either an Airsoft, squirt gun, or duct-tape weapon and can get people anywhere except for at school, church

or work (while working). When you terminate somebody you get their card and try to assassinate whoever they were supposed to continuing on until only one remains.” Raacsh explained. The game isn’t all about danger and adrenaline rushes with many restrictions in it to protect its players and keep the game moving “If you shoot somebody in the face with an Airsoft gun you forfeit your card to that person. Also, if you are trying to assassinate somebody and they refuse to leave their house you can announce your presence and they have to flee their house within five minutes. In every assassination attempt, you must bring somebody with you to be a witness so there is no foul play or lying,” said Raasch.

The first game at FLHS had its rough edges due to the inexperience of the players, but eventually reached a conclusion with senior Jakob Haider taking home the \$70 pot. “The game is awesome, jumping your friends as they come out of their house and making them fear your skills,” said Haider. “It’s lots of fun.” A new assassination game is already in progress and more are likely to come as the year continues. “It’s the only game you can play that you can shoot your friends,” said a smirking Raasch.





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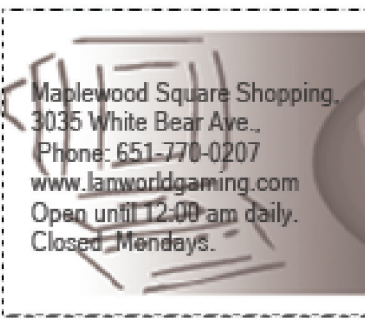
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# Summer sounds

Fun in the sun with these concerts coming to MN

by Natasha Thompson

### .Vans Warped Tour 2006

The .Vans Warped Tour is for all you Punk Rockers out there. This year the .Vans Warped Tour is on June 18 at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. Some of the confirmed bands include AFI, Against Me, Bouncing Souls, Helmet, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Less Than Jake, Motion City Soundtrack, and NOFX. Tickets range from \$27.50 to \$29.75 and the gates open at 10 am.

### Ozzfest

The Iron Man of metal, Ozzy Osbourne’s tour, Ozzfest is back. Ozzfest is going to be back at the Float-Rite Amphitheater in Somerset, Wisc. on July 14. Unfortunately our Iron Man is not scheduled to play at the Float Rite Amphitheater. But never fear for there are many more rocking bands to watch: System of a Down, Disturbed, Hatebreed, Lacuna Coil, Black Label Society, Atreyu, Uneath, Bleeding Through, Norma Jean, and many more. The line up is scheduled to change; which means that Ozzy may still turn up. Tickets range from \$50 to \$70 and the gates open at 11 am.



### Taste of Minnesota

Grab a little taste of Minn. with the Taste of Minnesota. Enjoy shopping and deep fried everything. Every day there’s a mixture of bands at two different stages: the Star



Tribune (main) and the 92 KQRS/Drive 105 stage. Party with the likes of Alice Cooper, Los Lonely Boys, Roger Hodgson, Soul Asylum, and David Cassidy during the week from June 30 to July 4. The Taste of Minnesota is free, so go on down to Harriet Island Park and join the fun!



### Lollapalooza

It’s not a dream. Lollapalooza is real and in Chicago, Ill. this year. Bang your head to some alternative rock and meet some cool new people. This year’s line includes 130 different bands on eight different stages. Lollapalooza is starring Red Hot Chili Peppers, Kayne West, Wilco, Death Cab For Cutie, Queens of the Stone Age, and Matisyahu, among others. Lollapalooza costs \$140 but the prices may go up. So take a road trip to witness this awesome event.

### Minnesota State Fair

The unforgettable Minnesota State Fair. This year’s state fair starts on August 24 and goes through September 4. The band stand isn’t quite full this year, but there are some good acts; they include: Flaming Lips, Rascal Flatts, Bonnie Raitt, Steve Miller Band, Alan Jackson, and Brooks & Dunn. Come down to the State Fair grounds to grab some rueben-on-a-stick and a bit of Minn. culture.

### INTERESTED?

For more information on these upcoming concerts, check out each website on-line or Ticketmaster.com



**Sweet Sounds of Strings:** The FLHS String Orchestra, with conductor Dave Livermore, practiced in the sun during 4th hour on Friday, May 26, 2006. They were rehearsing for the music department’s annual Pops on the Green concert that was held Wednesday, May 31.  
Photo by Katie Walker

# X-Men stands strong

## Long-awaited movie doesn’t disappoint

by Andy Setterholm

The long awaited third installment of the X-Men series hit theatres last Friday, delivering the same eye popping effects and intense action sequences as its predecessors. X-Men: The Last Stand is a solid film overall; heavy on the action, with enough plot to keep viewers on the edge of their seat. Where the typical sequel fails, X-Men surpasses expectations.

The plot from the previous films is carried out in full, as our favorite mutants live through the crisis situation that is “the mutant problem”. A medical science company has developed a so called “cure” to the mutant syndrome, a drug that permanently destroys the mutant genes. As expected, protests break out and the extreme Eric Lyncher (Magneto) wages war on the humans. Surprisingly enough, The Last Stand also has its own storyline that adds to the tension of the trilogy. A new mutant has emerged, more powerful even than Professor Charles

Xavier, and the team must fight to keep it from becoming a threat to their existence. The imminent war between humans and mutants ignites with visuals fit for the future of film.

The action promised by the trailers for the film is, if anything, an understatement. The visual impact of X3 is more than X 1 and 2 combined, smashing barriers set by its peers in the action genre. Every scene in the movie is stunning with the amount of SFX integrated into the foreground and background of the picture. Then there are the scenes that absolutely blow your mind. Houses are flipped, fireballs frozen, and entire armies of mutants battle in a single frame. As one movie-goer said,

“Take X1 and X2, add them together, and then multiply that by ten and you’ve got X3” said Jon Swanson.

Another success of The Last Stand is the cast. The entire cast returns for the third episode except Alan Cumming who played Nightcrawler in X2. Some sequels fail in not getting all the actors back, but X3 makes a point of it. There are even some exciting new additions to the all-star cast, including Kelsey Grammar and Ben

Foster as Beast and Angel. Returning veterans Ian McKellen, Hugh Jackman, and Halle Berry add depth to the relatively young group of actors.

While the cast did remain the same for the third installment there was a director change which concerned many fans going into the film. The director’s chair switched from the heavily dramatic Bryan Singer (*The Usual Suspects*) to the respected, but much lighter Brett Ratner (*Rush Hour* series). Ratner is undoubtedly able to handle action sequences, which he does quite a good job of in this film, but he also enjoys his comedic moments. In X3 Ratner’s quick wit often comes through in the action sequences in the form of sharp one-liners, especially at the end of the film. While the comedy is fun, it does detract from the intensity of the film at times.

Overall, X-Men 3 delivers all the action it promised along with a decent plot, given it doesn’t strictly adhere to its comic book origins. Witty dialogue keeps the mood light in the face of the tense moral dilemmas of the characters, and the effects are worth the ticket alone. If you enjoyed the first two films, you probably won’t be disappointed with X3. The plot and the action don’t always mix perfectly, but the overall result is worth a trip to the local theater.



# Concerts on the go

## Summer concert calendar

by Natasha Thompson

### JUNE

11	7pm	Les Claypool	Quest	18+	\$20-22
11	7pm	The Pink Spiders	Varsity Theater	18+	\$10-12
11	7:30p	Bruce Springsteen	Xcel Center	All Ages	\$55-85
16	7:30p	Sheryl Crow	Orpheum	All Ages	\$85-100
18	10am	Warped Tour	Metrodome	All Ages	\$28-30
24	5pm	Cinderella	Myth	18+	\$27.50-42.50
26	6:30p	Pearl Jam and Tom Petty	Xcel Center	All Ages	Sold Out
27	6:30p	Pearl Jam and Tom Petty	Xcel Center	All Ages	Sold Out
30	6:30p	Ministry	Quest	All Ages	\$30

### JULY

2	TBD	Candlebox	First Ave	All Ages	\$20
8	4:30p	Slayer	Roy Wilkins	All Ages	\$37.75
9	5pm	A.F.I.	Quest	All Ages	\$21
9	6pm	Panic! At the Disco	Myth	All Ages	\$20
14	11am	Ozzfest	Float-Rite	All Ages	\$50-70
18	6:30p	Def Leppard	Target Center	All Ages	\$37.75-67.75

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# ACTIVITIES

## Tip top tennis Boys tennis has year to remember

by Jamison Hull

The Forest Lake Tennis has had a record setting year so far and they hope to build upon the success of Senior Captain Luke Odegaard. Odegaard set the all-time career win record with his 82<sup>nd</sup> victory against John Holt of Roseville on May 2.

“I think it really helps the team to have such an experienced player on our team as we near the post season,” said Senior Jeff Kohler.

Forest Lake lost their last match on May 15 against Cretin Durham Hall. The match came down to the third doubles team needing to win, but they lost in the third set tiebreaker. This match puts the team’s record at 7-7 this year with a 2-6 conference record heading into the section tournament.

“We have one of the toughest conferences in the state and that shows in our record, but we feel that we have been competitive in almost all the matches,” said Kohler.

With their non-conference record being 5-1 The team has high goals for section play. Last year, they were in the section finals and lost to Grand Rapids, once again Grand Rapids is the section favorite.

“We really want to make it to state this year and beat Grand Rapids on the way. We feel that we have an improved team this year and really



Senior Luke Odegaard hits the ball at practice. photo by Andy Setterholm

have a good shot to make it,” said Kohler.

As for individual sections, Seniors Luke Odegaard and Dan Cromwell will be playing doubles and Kohler will be playing singles.

“Luke and Dan have a really good shot of making it at doubles and I have a good shot at singles,” said Kohler.

On May 22 Forest Lake beat North Branch 7 to 0 and on May 23 Forest Lake defeated Andover 6 to 1 in section play. Forest Lake faced Hibbing on Friday May 26.

## Tee it up

by Brandon Anderson

The FLHS boys’ golf team is getting ready for sections as the regular season is quickly coming to an end. They have had a lot of young talent leading the way this season. Some of the team leaders this year include: junior Kyle Lewis, sophomore Andrew Kelly, and freshman Doug Jeans.

The team started the month of May with the Blaine Invitational. They finished in second place out of twenty teams behind White Bear Lake. On May 17, the team went to Keller Golf Course to play in the Suburban East Conference finals where they finished in fifth place with a team score of 315. Winning the meet was Woodbury with a score of 296. Forest Lake finished the regular season in fifth place in their conference. Now the team is headed to sections and possibly the state meet.

The section prelims were on Tuesday, May 23. The section finals were on May 29. The State Tournament starts on Wednesday June 7 and will take place at Bunker Hills Golf Course.

“Our goals for the rest of the season are to qualify for state as a team and have some individuals make it as well,” said Coach Buck.



## Synchro at state

by Stacey Johnson

Synchronized swimming ended their conference season with a 6-2 record on Tues, May 9 with both losses against the Stillwater Ponies.

“Our conference season went good, 6 and 2 again,” said junior Ann Husfeldt.

The Rangers competed at sections May 19 and 20 and sent at least one routine from every division to state. The top four teams in each divisionatsections are able to compete at state.

“We sent more people to state then I can ever r e m e m b e r ,” said Husfeldt excitedly.

The swimmers included juniors Alissa Moberg, Carrie Peterson, Francis Van Sloun, Heather Ristow, Heide Bolenbaugh, Ann Husfeldt, and Jenna Smoczyk. Sophomores included Dianna Schave, Amanda Nyberg, Sophie Kuschnir, Ellen ..., and Nicole Olsen. There were also several junior high students that competed at state.

Many of these swimmers competed in more than one division. The divisions included short, long, and extended solo, short, long, and extended duet, short, long, and extended trio, and short, long, and extended team.

State was held on Thurs, May 25 and Fri, May 26 at the U of M Aquatic Center. We were unable to post the results due to press time.



## Top of their game Rangers baseball is number one

by Josh Nelson

The number one ranking is the goal every sports team tries to achieve. The number one ranking signifies being at the top, better than any of the rest. It’s the spot currently held by the Forest Lake High School baseball team. According to the St. Paul Pioneer Press, the Rangers, at 16-4, are ahead of Eden Prairie, Hopkins, and Coon Rapids in the metro rankings.

The Rangers are led by a power packed offense and an even better pitching staff. Jed Hansen is second in the state in strikeouts thrown, and is also among the state’s leaders in several other offensive and pitching categories. Head Coach Brian Raabe, the leader of this powerhouse Rangers team, is not only happy about his team’s start, but is optimistic about his teams chances in the post season as well.

“This year has definitely been fun. We’re playing as a team. Everyone understands their role,” said Raabe.

The Rangers scored dominating wins over



Senior Jed Hansen warms up on the mound. photo by Abby Pooch

Stillwater 12-2, a squashing of Woodbury 12-3, and another impressive win over Cretin Derham Hall, 7-3 and Hastings, 8-3. Forest Lake was on an eight game winning streak, before losing to New Ulm 5-4, and Chisago 1-0 in the final regular season games. But with the loss by Hastings to Cretin Derham Hall on May 18, the Rangers won the Suburban East Conference championship for the second year in a row. The Rangers then opened the section 7AAA playoffs on May 30, and then

hope to contend for a state title.

“We have the talent to compete, that’s for sure, but we have to play well. You can’t predict what will happen. Teams pull upsets, things happen. We have to execute,” said Raabe

When the paper goes to press, the Rangers sections will be underway, so good luck to the Rangers in whatever postseason games they participate in. The State Tournament will take place on June 15 and 16 at Midway Stadium in St. Paul.

## Break by the lake Many options for the summer

by Maya Bryn

Summer is a time for teens to take a deep breath and relax. However, for those who like to stay active and not vegetate, summer camps and activities are a must have. There are many different camps to choose from, each with varied interest focuses. Teens can also decide whether or not to stay overnight or just travel daily. There are many local and state-wide camps and summer activities.

There are many community clubs right here in Forest Lake for teens to try. We have Community Helping Hand, Hoop Club, Lake Area Woodcarvers, Sportsmen’s Club, Forest Lake Garden Club and Masquers Theater. Forest Lake also offers Athletic Clubs and Associations as well as Booster Clubs. The sport include, skating amateur wrestling, baseball hockey soccer and the Scandia Riders Saddle Club. Youth Organization groups include, Boy Scouts: Northern Star Council, Campfire USA

MN (for both girls and boys), Girl Scouts and the Youth Service Bureau. William O’Brien State Park also offers Naturalist Programs which are outdoor education programs that are offered year-round.

If outdoors work is not desired there are plenty of other camps geared to academic activities. For example, the ID Tech Camps provide hands on technology fun. This camp is located in Minneapolis and is a place where students learn the latest technology. Participants are introduced to products that film and edit digital movies, special effects, video games, game modding and designing websites. If you want more information about this camp, visit, [www. MySummerCamps.com](http://www.MySummerCamps.com)

This summer teens everywhere are getting up off the couch, and getting active. To find out more about local organizations check out the Forest Lake Area Schools website at, [www.forestlake.k12.mn.us](http://www.forestlake.k12.mn.us) and look at their community resources.

## Softball finishes season

by Dan Carey

The Forest Lake Rangers softball came to an end May 24 as the girl lost the Centennial Cougars who where ranked number 6 in state and number two in the section by a margin of 2-1. The Rangers looked to fend of the Cougars but the Rangers ended their season with a disappointing 4-16 record with late season loses to Suburban East Conference rivals Woodbury, Hastings, and Cretin-Durham Hall.

The Rangers will be losing four seniors next season but the Rangers will look to look past the loss of senior capatians Michelle Secor, Marke Schuldt, and Cassi Freerks along with Carly Dean and rely on the Rangers’ five sophomores and seven juniors to improve on this season and come out next year to once again challenge for a spot atop of the SEC.



Senior Marke Schuldt catches a pitch while sophomore third baseman Jess Skogen looks back the runner.

## Life in the fastlane Track taking the inside lane

by Mellisa Monson

With the school year coming to an end, the spring sports season is coming to end as well. The FLHS boys and girls track are no different. **Boys**

The boy’s track team has used the right mind set and visualized their way to success. The team took second and third at invitational, as well as fourth at the Section II Team Meet. The team’s good luck could be due to the many talented athletes on the team. Senior Derek Peterson is in the top 10 for the shot and discus. Junior Tyler Kleinhuizen is a great at the shot and discus as well, according to the Head Coach, Paul Kendrick. Senior Erik Stolberg is another member that deserves recognition for being in the section’s top 3 short spring and long jump.

With such a great season so far, what are the team’s goals for the end of the season?

Kendrick says of this year’s goal, “We’d like to be section 7 champions.”

**Girls**

The FLHS girls track is doing well and full of possibilities for advancement in the near future.

“We’ve had a really good season, we finished third at the Roseville invite,” said Head Coach, Janet Howe.

Assistant Coach Jen Wagner agrees with Howe.

“The season is going very successful [and the] possibilities for doing well in sections [are good],” said Wagner.

Although the season has been going good, the track team will suffer some losses with the students that are graduating this year. This year’s losses include Captains Shawna McNamara, who has been a varsity trackster since seventh grade, and Lacey Enfield. Varsity member Nicole Schroeder will also be leaving. However, Howe explained that the team is very young with most of its people in eighth, ninth, and tenth grade.

Wagner and Howe have faith and high hopes for the team and next year’s team.

“[I hope they] do the best that they can do,” said Wagner, “[and] strive to do the best they can.”

“[I hope we] finish in [the] top four of conference and [we can] advance as many people as we can to the state meet,” said Howe.

Both the girls and boys teams competed in the conference meet on May 23 and 25 at Stillwater. Both teams went to North Branch for Sections on May 31. However, when *The Breeze* went to press, this information was not yet available. Those who qualify will continue to state on the June 9 and 10 weekend.



# ACTIVITIES

## Bigger, faster, stronger

by Brandon Anderson

Looking to get fit this summer? Sign up for Forest Lake High School’s strength, speed, and conditioning program. This program is for all students, grades 7-12. It prepares athletes for competition and fitness, not only physically, but also mentally. This program provides student-athletes with top-notch strength training regimens as well as flexibility, plyometrics and conditioning. With this program, any athlete can improve your speed, strength, and self-confidence.

“The program is designed for all sports and all genders,” said coach Joe Jurison.

Students will receive many benefits from doing this program. They will increase their strength, speed, and agility and the three coaches on staff will be there for personal instruction. Some more benefits will include: improving an average of .2 seconds in the 40 yard dash, an average of .2 seconds in the pro-agility shuttle run, an increase of up to 4” in the vertical jump, and reduce the likelihood of a sports related injury.

The treadmill helps athletes lengthen and strengthen their stride, so you are faster and more agile. The intervals on the treadmill will gradually increase in intensity, so your body gets conditioned to recover quickly from certain enzymes, which are released during intense bursts of activity.



“Athletes who sign up for this program will increase their strength, help their agility and conditioning, and build team comradery,” said Jurison.

The program starts June 12 and goes through August 11. For \$100, students can choose between 1 of 5 hour long sessions that go from Monday through Friday each week. There is also treadmill sessions available 2 days a week for an extra \$100.

To sign up, students can either ask for a brochure in the activities office or register online at [www.communityed4u.org](http://www.communityed4u.org).

## In the Penalty Box: Vikings make big moves in off-season

Commentary by Dan Carey

Probably the biggest upset of the off season happened in the NFL draft happened April 29. “With the first pick of the 2006 NFL draft, the Houston Texans select Mario Williams,” blared through the P.A. system at the Radio City Music Hall in New York City. You may ask what’s so shocking about that? The answer is two words Reggie-Bush. Projected to be the first pick of the ’06 draft since he declared for it, the Texans decided to address their defensive needs.

Among other NFL draft shocks, one of the biggest would have to be former Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart falling down to the number ten pick where he was selected by the Arizona Cardinals. You can’t forget LenDale White slipping out of the first round into the second.

The Minnesota Vikings who probably had one of the worst drafts in the league filled many of their gaps including linebacker as they took Chad Greenway out of the University of Iowa with the 17<sup>th</sup> overall pick in the first round. The Vikes had a chance to move up to the number 11 spot and take Vanderbilt quarterback Jay Cutler and draft the future quarterback of the Vikings. Instead the Vikes played it safe and took Greenway who will immediately make an impact on the Vikes defense.

“He has a knack for making big plays,” said Hawkeyes head coach Kirk Ferentz about the 6’2, 242 pound Greenway.

Coach Ferentz also said that Greenway runs well and has outstanding strength but many critics say that Greenway may lack “NFL” strength in his lower body. But either way the two position Hawkeye star will help the Vikes at ‘backer, a position in which the Vikings have been weak at the last several years.

The Vikings also made a huge splash during Free Agency adding stars such as guard Steve Hutchinson, fullback Tony Richardson, running back Chester Taylor, safety Tank Williams, and linebacker Ben Leber.

When the Vikes tried to sign one of the best guards in the NFL in Hutchinson, the Vikings engaged in a contract war with Hutchinson’s former team, the Seattle Seahawks. The Vikings added a “poison pill” in Hutchinson’s contract saying that the 6’5, 313 guard would have to be paid the most out of all of the Seahawk’s offensive linemen or else his entire contract is guaranteed to him. The Seahawks retaliated and added a poison pill in the contract of Nate Burleson stating that if he plays more than five games in Minnesota. But since Burleson was a restricted free agent, the Vikings received a

third round pick from the Seattle Seahawks in which they traded for a 2<sup>nd</sup> round pick and took quarterback Tarvaris Jackson. All in all it was basically a trade which the Vikings got the better half of; Hutchinson and a quarterback that could be the Vikings next quarterback for an average wide receiver.1

Hutchinson, who will start left guard for the Vikings lining up center Matt Birk and left tackle Bryant McKinnie making the Vikings o-line one of the best in the NFL. New Vikings running back Chester Taylor should have a fun time running behind the Vikes o-line as Chester is hoped to be the answer for the Vikings at running back.

Taylor, who came over from the Baltimore Ravens signed a four year deal with the Vikings on March 11, will look to get out of the shadow of former teammate Jamal Lewis and look to



earn a full time job with the Vikes. Taylor, who only has 373 carries in his four year career, brings the added element of a wide receiver

in the back field as the Viking’s new offense scheme, the West Coast Offense, relies heavily on a running back with solid hands. He should be able to give the Vikings what they are looking for but his main question is, can Taylor shoulder the full load of an every day running back or will the Vikes go back to a running back by committee format. If Taylor shows the yards per carry he did as a back with limited carries, he should easily eclipse the 1,000 yard mark the Vikings have been looking for since Robert Smith.

The Vikes will look to contend in the NFC North with their new players and maybe make it to the playoffs. The Vikes are probably one of the favorites to win the NFC North. The defending champs, the Chicago Bears, will have to rely on their defense as they have an offense that had difficulties all season registering stats towards the bottom of the NFL. The Vikes should show off their improved defense and perhaps have a record of around 10-6 or 11-6 and take home of NFC north crown.

We’ll find out Sept. 11 as the Vikings start their new season and the new era of Vikings jerseys complete with new coaching, owners, and even new uniforms.

## FLHS’ Golden Glove Senior Jed Hanson a jack-of-all-trades

by Abby Pooch

If you go to a Forest Lake varsity baseball game, odds are you are going to see him. Hanson may be pitching or catching; he may be in the infield or outfield or he may be taking his batter’s stance at home plate. Wherever he is on the field, he seems to be emanating a lighthearted confidence. Not only is he wearing the signature grey jersey with a maroon 12 on the back, but he is seldom seen without the jovial grin on his face that tells you the baseball field is the place he most likes to be.

Jed Hanson-Michelson is a senior this year at Forest Lake Senior High School. He plays on the Forest Lake Rangers varsity baseball team and the Forest Lake summer baseball league. When he was four years old he started playing baseball with his dad and has played it ever since.

“The best game I’ve ever played,” said Hanson, “would have to be the time last year when we beat the team from Rapid City.”

The Rapid City team is made up of the best players all around Rapid City, South Dakota. Those players tour the country and play against other high school teams. They almost always win. The Rangers beat them, though. Hanson held them scoreless throughout the whole game, and Andrew Pooch got a homerun so that the Rangers ended up winning two to zero. It was a surprising and exciting victory.

Hanson has had an incredible career in high school baseball. However, graduating this year makes one realize that it is time to look ahead.

“When it comes to my future,” said Hanson, “I want to play baseball as long as I possibly can.”

He hopes to go to the U of M or maybe play for the Iowa Hawkeyes for college, and is contemplating majoring in something like architecture or Sports Management. Hanson was home schooled from sixth grade to a quarter of the way through sophomore year.

“I like home school better than public,” said Hanson, “because there is more attention put on one person and you can go as fast or slow as you like.” With home school, there is also more time for baseball.

Hanson is described by many as a very unique person. You can’t paint an accurate picture of him without mentioning his long blonde hair.

Hanson said “When you look around, the majority of people have short hair. Ever since I could grow my hair out, it’s been long.”

“Jed’s definitely the best player on our team,” said one of his teammates. He can pitch 89 mph which is phenomenal for a high school player. However, his remarkable talent for baseball isn’t the only thing that makes him so great at the game.

Hanson’s teammates said, “One of the aspects of Jed that make him such a great baseball player is the incredible attitude he always has towards the game.”

Hanson himself said, “I can attribute my talent to one main thing, and that is my incredible dedication to baseball.”

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# The Breeze Bunch

**“What will you remember most about Journalism?”**

**PICTURED L to R:**  
**Dan Carey ('07)**

“Getting quotes from  
IA Head Football Coach”

**Carl Magnuson ('06)**  
“Deadlines”

**Tyler Scanlan ('06)**  
“Going to midnight  
movies for reviews”

**Maya Bryn ('07)**

**Tash Thompson ('06)**  
“That we’re better than the  
Ranger News”

**Katie Walker ('06)**  
“Interviewing movie stars”

**Tommy Monahan ('07)**  
“Pizza days”

**Laura LeVake  
(Adviser)**  
“Getting to work with a great  
group of students”

**Brandon Anderson ('07)**  
“Field trip to the Star Tribune”

**Melissa Monson ('06)**  
“Meeting the cast of  
*She’s the Man*”

**Abby Pooch ('08)**  
“That I was the only  
sophomore”

**Stacey Johnson ('07)**  
“There was never a  
dull moment “

**Jamison Hull ('06)**  
“Katie Detlefson”

**Andy Setterholm ('07)**  
“Snow shoeing pics”

**Josh Nelson ('06)**  
“Twins Media Day”



As the year comes to an end and the last issue of *The Forest Breeze* circulates among the school, The “Breeze Bunch” would like to thank you for letting us bring you the news for the school year.

It has been our pleasure filling you in, and we hope the seven issues of *The Breeze* were as fun for you to read as it was for us to create.

As the year progressed, we learned the value of creating good news that you, the reader, would enjoy reading. We cannot thank you enough for all of the feedback we received on how to make *The Breeze* more enjoyable to the readers.

As a staff, we hope we raised the standards of what to expect as good news, and even sparked discussions in your circle of friends. Perhaps we urged you to be a part of this great news publication.

Finish strong through these next few days and have a safe and relaxing summer vacation!

Sincerely,  
*The Forest Breeze* staff

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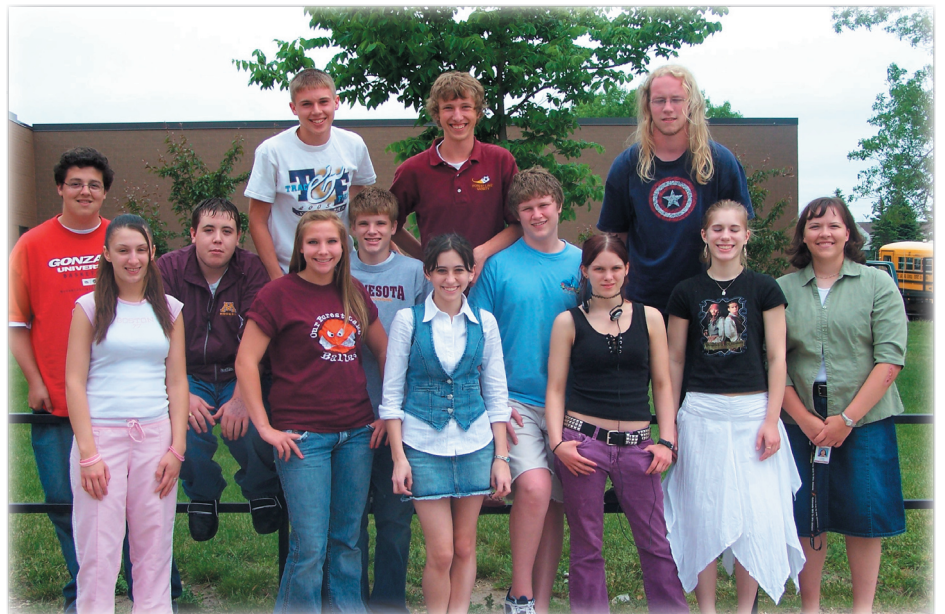
## The Breeze Bunch Poll:

### YEA:

- Katie Detlefson
- Pizza Parties
- Movies
- Gatorade
- Field Trips Outside
- GoogeVideo.com
- Thunderstorms
- Skirts in the Winter
- Stacey’s Chocolate Cake
- Easter Egg Issue
- Jamison’s Snow Shoeing Pics
- Scavenger Hunt

### NAY:

- Dan’s Leather Jacket
- Country Music
- Texas Bellringer
- Taylor Hicks
- Anchovies
- Sideburns
- Brad Radke
- Guys Wearing Pink
- Yearbook
- Drastic Climate Changes in the lab
- Stringbooks



The Breeze Bunch poses outside. Not pictured is Ben Fick and Maya Bryn.