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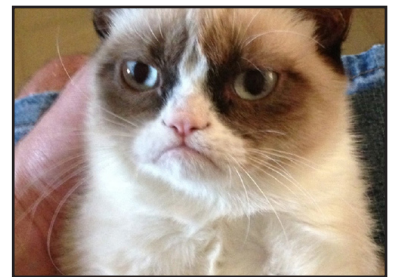
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Delete your online mistakes

By De'Varryia Smith
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Many, if not all of us, know that feeling of dread that comes from reading a post on a social networking site, leaving us wondering what could have compelled us to press "Post". Luckily- or unluckily- for us, the state of California will be implementing a new law that may make it possible to kiss those embarrassing posts goodbye.

January 1, 2014, California will make use of a law commonly referred to as the "erase button". True to its name, this will allow minors to erase posts made on social networking sites, also screening the ads that appear to people under the age of eighteen. James Steyer, chief executive of Common Sense Media, believes this could do wonders for the kids whose futures are jeopardized by things they have posted online. "Kids often self-reveal before they self-reflect," he says.

While many are planning for the law, there are some limitations that keep others from doing the same. A number of people wonder whether the posts will truly be "deleted" or not, seeing as the sites are not required to wipe them from their

servers completely. Others wonder if kids online behavior will get worse as they know they can always still delete it later, and still others wonder if it's even worth it at all. "I mean, why would a college or

ing saved in the servers indefinitely, posts not made directly by the person cannot be deleted. This means that pictures or posts that people are tagged in aren't affected by the bill, leaving many

ther side, the bill has, in fact, already been made into law and will take effect immediately in the new year. There is no way to know what will result from the decision until then.



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job even look at you if you've erased things from your profile?" Maggie Hernandez, a sophomore, replies. "It doesn't say a lot about them."

Along with personal posts be-

worried that it won't do much to save their kids from posts they didn't even ask to have put up or that friends uploaded "for a laugh".

Regardless of the viewpoints of ei-

Fact: "By the time they are two, more than 90% of all American children have an online history."
-James Steyer,
CEO of Common Sense Media

A community in mourning

Locals say goodbye to Burgess Hu

By Mallory Muniz
Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of Mercurynews.com

The young life of Burgess Hu was tragically cut short, devastating several communities in the Contra Costa area. The 12-year-old was

struck by an SUV while riding his bike to Excelsior Middle School on Monday, September 23rd, 2013. The driver had just dropped her

own children at school when she made a right turn and hit Hu. "She felt she had struck some sort of object. After pulling over,

she realized she had struck a child," claimed California Highway Patrol Officer John Fransen. Burgess was well loved by his peers and many admired him for his leadership qualities. "He was an excellent role model, very smart and respectful," said Jeremy Slack. Burgess was involved in many activities such as Boy Scouts, theatre, and volunteer work. He took pride in giving back to the community, reportedly having completed forty three hours of service. "Burgess was a great kid. We are all very shaken up by this loss," said Mr. Cunningham, Athletic Director here at Liberty. A vigil in honor of Burgess was held at Timber Point Elementary, Hu's former school in Discovery Bay. Hundreds showed up to participate in the ceremony and sang songs, lit candles, and bid farewell to Burgess. He will be solely missed by not only those who knew and loved him, but by all who are deeply saddened by this accident.

A healthy cigarette?

There's no such thing
By Laura Gomez
Staff Writer

The sensation known as the hookah pen has spread all around the nation sparking an interest in teenagers. Most teenagers don't know what exactly the hookah pen is. It is flavored tobacco smoke which sweetens the scent and taste of hookah tobacco. Hookah pens or hookah sticks are similar to electronic cigarettes otherwise known as e-cigarettes. However, both e-cigarettes and portable hookah products contain nicotine, a highly addictive drug. Scientists have proven that electronic cigarettes actually cause problems to the lungs instead of helping smokers quit their habit of smoking. Although the risks of hookah pens are still being tested, professionals are almost sure that hookah pens encourage a smoking-like habit and that is the last thing an adolescent needs to experience. Dr. Donald Bucklin, a Regional Medical Director for U.S. Healthworks commented on the subject. Dr. Bucklin stated, "Perhaps twenty years from now we will be able to tell you positively whether hookah pens lead to smoking. In the meantime, my kids don't play with guns or e-cigarettes, what about you?" Although hookah pens can easily be purchased at gas stations and mini-marts, hookah pens are illegal for teens under eighteen. Hookah pens can cause heart disease, reduced fertility, lung cancer, oral cancer, and less functioning of the lungs. Diana Mendoza, a former student of Bonner Springs High School, gave her opinion towards hookah pens. Diana Mendoza mentioned, "I have friends who know people that use hookah pens, but I didn't know that they could hurt the health of someone." Many adolescents don't know that hookah pens are as dangerous as cigarettes are. But, the packaging and the flavors of those products grab the attention of their targeted audience, teenagers. Therefore, the bottom line is to not get misled by the colorful packaging of portable hookah products.



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Breaking News

Syrian War

By Leo Dagle
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Amidst the loud ruckus of gunfire and artillery in Aleppo, a child has looked for his mother that has yet to be found...alive. The intense civil war in Syria is still counting its own casualties – up to 110,000 this year. With 10,000 of those being women and children according to the UN casualty counts. May it be for the better or worse, our administration is pushing for some involvement. It's still being decided, if we will send military forces; may it be troops on the ground or military aircraft. Right now Syria is in outright chaos with rebel fighters and Al Baashar Assad's army of soldiers fighting every day of the week. Bullets are being launched through every portion of some cities and tearing Syria up into a war zone. Most recently, several countries (including our own) are discussing peace options with the uncertain Syrian representatives. Russia

has also given Syria the chance to give up their weaponry to gain political respect. However the Syrian representative only "welcomed" the plan, maybe due to his position in the chain of command. Nevertheless this represents a possible conflict in the area of military control and power. In the end if we do not get involved then one side will eventually consume the other, as it stands the Free Syrian Army holds about 50,000 troops. The Syria Liberation Front and the Syrian Islamic Front combined are at about 50,000 as well. However the difference in power is not in numbers, the soldiers fighting for Assad have the advantage in weaponry and military tactics. As far as the Syrian rebels go, their leader Khaled al-Hamad ate a dead government soldiers heart to show just how far he is willing to go for his cause. The Syrian rebels are just some civilians given

military equipment, in which they train through actual combat unlike organized military. The civilians seem to commonly support the rebels however it goes both ways. In the case we do get involved then we will see most likely see many of our attack drones be sent out to bomb the buildings and soldiers of Assad's army. And because of this we will of course have to spend more tax dollars on military expenses, something that our administration will most likely consider before taking action. As for teenagers, the worst of it may be that we may lose someone we know who is in the military; however, many doubt that ground troops will be sent in on the ground due to the military luxury of drones without pilots. Whatever the outcome of our country's decision it will have to be quick or else Syria may not be able to hold together for long.

Crafters Welcome

By Madison Hughes
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The newest addition to Brentwood, Hobby Lobby, has something for everyone. Near PetSmart and Old Navy, it is a fun stop while running errands. You can drop by on the weekdays and Saturday. If you bake, scrapbook, make jewelry, and knit, or any other crafty pass

time, this is the store for you. For special deals it is easy to download an app on your phone and get coupons for awesome deals. Although it opened in September they still have many items on clearance from the grand opening, so stop by to get great deals while you can. The warm and friendly feeling comes from the amazing employ-

ees who are trained very well and help to make it a fun and enjoyable experience every time someone walks through the store. Not only do they have craft supplies and wonderful customer service, but a not-so-secret fact about Hobby Lobby: they are closed on Sunday because the CEO, David Green is Christian. "We believe that it



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is by God's grace and provision that Hobby Lobby has endured. He has been faithful in the past, and we trust Him for our future."

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Discover the delicious, mysterious secrets

By Austin Trenholm
Staff Writer

You walk into In-N-Out, and you finally get to the front of the line. You order a cheeseburger as you can smell the freshly cut fries you look up at the menu and think, "Is this all they have to offer?" The answer is no; most restaurant chains have their own secret menus that end up not being so secret after all.

"You've heard the rumors (about our secret menus), probably wondered what was on it... But in reality, we don't have any secrets... It's just the way some of our customers like their burgers prepared, and we're all about making our customers happy"(In-N-Out website). Most secret menus are posted on their websites for everyone to see, just like the In-N-Out secret menu, but other restaurants, such as McDonalds, take a little bit more time to find.

There must be a reason why there are many secret menus, is it to heighten their sales with items to make you feel like an

insider? Who even comes up with these item ideas?

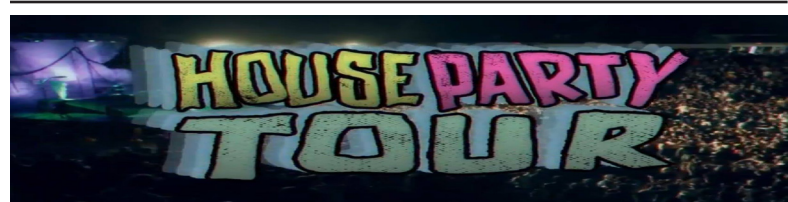
For example, secret menu items like the Pink Starburst from Jamba Juice are created by patrons, employees, and food designers. Secret items earn their names to help simplify even the most confusing of orders. Some of these items vary from the chains of the restaurant and not all places sell the same secret items.

From McDonalds, there are special dessert items such as the classic rootbeer float to more uncommon items like the neapolitan shake. There are many tasty treats that come from an assortment of restaurants and other food related companies(Starbucks, Jamba Juice, Panera, Etc.). Most commonly known secret items consist of the animal style cheeseburger of In-N-Out, Biscotti Frappe from Starbucks, the White Gummy Bear from Jamba Juice, and Subway's Pizza Sub.



One of many choices, the decadent Cotton Candy Dream—a combination of Vanilla Bean and either Raspberry or Strawberry n' Cream—is available upon request at Starbucks

Photo by Austin Trenholm



Photos by Alicia Evans,
Editor in Chief

On September 20th, San Jose State University hosted the House Party Tour, featuring Pierce the Veil, The Wonder Years, All Time Low, and A Day to Remember.



All Time Low delivers a memorable performance of "A Love Like War"



A Day to Remember rocks the stadium with "If it Means a lot to You"

Thinking of a holiday job?

By Alicia Evans
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The holidays are most people's favorite time of the year, but especially teens that need some extra cash when just receiving gift cards aren't enough. In this economy it's unbearable for anyone to be hired at a new job, especially if you are a teenager with no experience. But, luckily there is a solution to that crisis: holiday hiring. Kohls, Wal-Mart, Target, Party City, JCPenney, and Amazon are just a small variety of the places hiring for seasonal jobs this winter. Even though online shopping has increased 13% more for holiday gifts, stores still need

extra hands for more traditional shoppers spending their money on gifts for loved ones. Macys is the top store to hire around 83,000 employees last year for the Christmas time, but Amazon follows close behind by hiring 70,000 workers. One of the most widely shopped places in this area is Target; although they are hiring 18,000 workers less than last year they still need teens to fill the store with helpful hands. In the not very good economy we have today seasonal jobs are a perfect way to earn cash and maybe if you are doing good be hired for the rest of year.

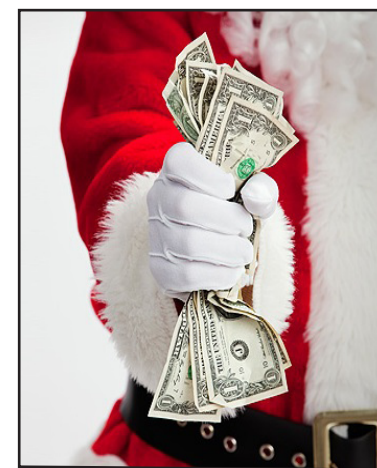


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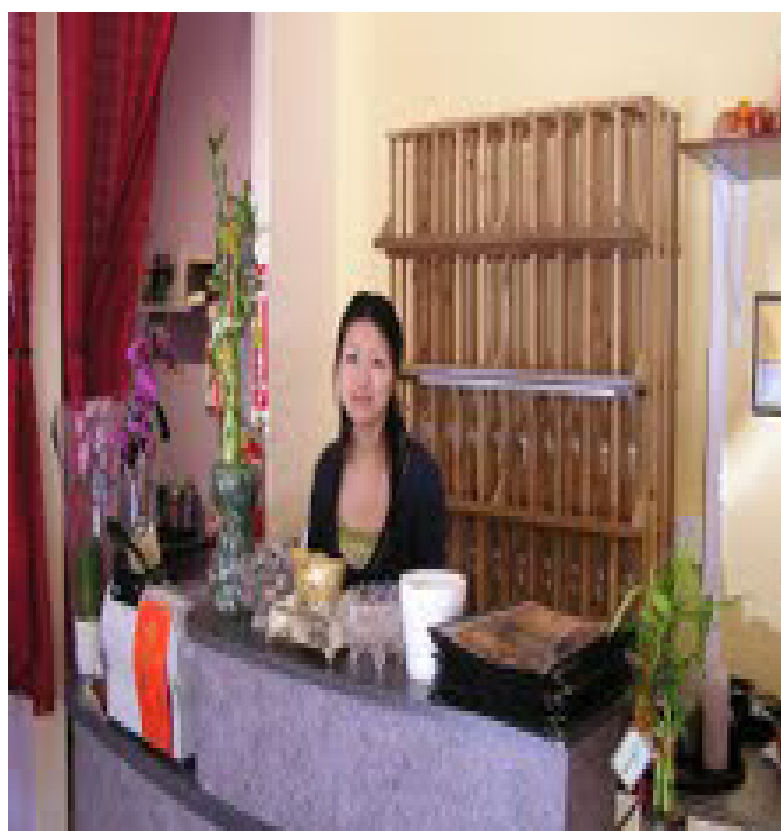
The Lion's Cafe

A delicious meal right out on the savannah

Pho Vietnam-nom-nom-nom-nom-nom

By Matt Albright
Staff Writer

There are few times in life when one gets to enjoy a culinary experience that is not only delicious, but fairly priced and all together a wonderful twist of flavors. I was able to experience one of these rare moments when I went to Pho Vietnam with my mother, who was being as obvious as possible when she learned I was going to this eatery for the purpose of writing a review. While she was sitting there looking all serious after we had been led to our table by a very nice server I had a good chance to observe the restaurant itself. Pho, like most Asian restaurants, has a large amount of culture via Imperial age paintings. Pho had this, and more, with a large assortment of flora and a tiny sculpture. The one vice I had with the place was the space for movement; while I didn't feel crushed in you had to do a bit of a zigzag to get to the restrooms across the way. Other than that, the main dining area was well



The friendly staff at Pho Vietnam is always happy to help Photo by Matt Albright

decorated and airy. I was snapped out of my observations by the return of the server, and I quickly scanned the menu (which had great variety and some very interesting drink choices which I am saving for a rainy day, literally) and chose the pork chop combo meal, which was \$8.95, and a soda. After he left, then came back again with the coke (the entire time being polite and nice as possible, along with a few jokes!) then speedily returned again with my meal.

What happened next is kind of hard to describe. Firstly, this meal could feed a family of four easy; two pork chops, three fried shrimp, four egg rolls, a large hill of rice with a large fried egg on top. There was a salad too, which I'm sure was just fine, but I'm not much of a salad dude. Anyway, regardless of my opinion on salads, each thing on that plate (aside from the salad) was utterly delicious. That's all I can really say to give it justice, I ate the whole thing so fast



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it's hard to describe how good it was, leaving me excessively satisfied. The best part, though, would have to be the price. It was only 8.95! \$8.95! For that large feast! This, combined with the culturally decorated restaurant and amazing, attentive service make Pho Vietnam an amazing place which everyone should enjoy.

Campus Life

Secrets to “going viral” - do they exist?

By Richard Montalvo
Staff Writer

Ever since the Internet went mainstream in the 90s, sharing comedy with friends and family has never been easier. In fact, a funny video or meme can find itself with millions of views a day, achieving the coveted status of "gone viral." But, with these incredibly popular videos, there are many other funny videos that don't have nearly the same number of views. Is there a secret to their success? Karen Chang, the owner of a viral dance video, believes there is.

Karen's secret is simple: she posted her viral dance video on many sites - including Reddit, Facebook, Twitter, and sent the video to well-known dancers and bloggers that covered other viral dance videos. Her video received over three million views - many of which had come from Reddit.

But is a Reddit post the only thing you need to make something go viral? Kevin Allocca, Youtube's trends manager, believes there's three characteristics to the success of a viral video - a tastemaker (a famous person such as Jimmy Kimmel (the host of a late-night television program) that re-posts or links to funny content), the



The popular meme 'Grumpy Cat' is an example of total viral successes

Photo courtesy of google.com

ability for a creative participating community to form (such as what happened with My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic, where many people began to create and distribute tons of original content that related with the show), and an additional element of surprise.

"By being totally surprising and humorous, Casey Niestat (the creator of a viral Youtube video which featured himself unexpectedly running into various obstacles on NYC's bike lane) got his funny idea and point seen five million times," he explains in a presenta-

tion he gave at TEDYouth. "This approach holds for anything new that we do creatively."

Creativity and advertising seem to be important for any potential viral video. But do image memes work under the same principles? While looking through various pages of

comments on multiple meme websites might not give you a clear answer to that question, you will find at least one new rule: You can't "force" a meme. Forcing a meme is when you repetitively use it in such a fashion that one can tell you want it to become popular. This behavior is badly disliked among people on the Internet, and you will get called out for it if you try it. Other than those principles, though, it's hard to tell why people like them so much.

It's just like what Jeremy Quiliza-pa, a student here at Liberty, said when asked about Internet memes. "Memes are like chips. Nobody knows why they like them, but they just keep eating them."

So, in conclusion, is there any sure-fire secret for a meme to become viral? From what it looks like, you can try, and you can even become somewhat popular through your attempts, scoring a few million hits on a video or even getting a decent number of people to laugh at a joke. But creating an Internet sensation that will be talked about by many? It doesn't look like it. And if there is a secret for it, the world may never know what it is.

Jordans lace up some chaos

By Samantha Cheshire
Staff Writer

Prepare yourself for long lines, crazy crowds, tight spaces and yelling people are just a few of the encounters you could face with trying to get your newest pair of Air Jordans. Yes, the new Air Jordans will be released in November. New Jordans are released every year in order to keep up with the latest trends, with hopes of making people happy every year. Hundreds of people wait in line and some are being arrested. At Greenspoint Mall, Texas people by the dozens ignored the barricades and rushed to the mall doors.

However, despite the craziness and commotion people still were happy to get their hands on the new shoes. Resulting in multiple arrests and warnings for wreck less and for being impatient with wait times.

The line of shoes was first made ready for the public for 1985. Although Jordan has been retired since 2003. The Jordans shoes have



The new "CMFT 11 VIZ" Air Jordans have generated excitement. Photo courtesy of olx.com

brought Nike about \$105 million since March of 2010. In 1996 Nike had bought Jordan s, financially a great decision. Michael Jordan isn't the only one who wears his shoes. From Jay-Z to Lily Allen, these shoes have almost made it on every celebrity's feet and more, which will always keep the sales going up.

In addition, the stores are just as excited as you are. Some stores that could be selling them are Finish Line, Foot Locker, and Nike. One could also buy the new shoes online. The new shoes range from

\$100 to \$170. "Oh I'm relieved, very relieved," a customer comments after getting a pair.

Customers all over the world are relieved once they've bought their new shoes because they don't have to wait in a huge line anymore. Next time you are going to get your hands on the newest Jordans just remember that you might have to wait in a long line, you might have to listen to people complain but the outcome will be worth waiting for.

"Thiggy" moves up the ladder

By Elijah Mesina
Staff Writer

After teaching for twelve years Wendy Thingpen has moved on to bigger things. She is now an assistant principal for the ninth and tenth grade class, alongside Sara Branstetter, the other assistant principal for those two grade levels. The Liberty High School teacher originally became a teacher because "I strongly believe in education, because it allows people to become anything they want." Along with the twelve years of experience, when asked what else she brought, she replied, "I have experience in two different school districts, and I've been a special education teacher, and have worked in alternate education." When asked why she became an administrator she



Photo by Brittany Frerking

"I'm ready for the next challenge..."

said, "I'm ready for the next challenge in my educational career, and I also would like to help students in other ways." While her days as an admin have just started, her future is full of promise. "In the future I would like to be an admin somewhere with at risk kids, and continue alternate education."

As Thanksgiving approaches, What are you most thankful for and why?

NAME:	GRADE:	ANSWER:
Andres Morales	10	"Family because they give me joy and are a part of my life."
Paris Bell	11	"Being alive, my family, and being blessed."
Kasey Doll	9	"My family and friends."
Leonel Castaneda	12	"My family and health."
Mauro Perez	10	"My family, food and having a home."



Poll by Lonave LeDoux

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Halloween recap

By Ale Velez
Staff Writer

Even though this year's Halloween fell on a Thursday, there were activities and costumes abound. If trick-or-treating isn't your thing there were plenty other options. On October 26, from 5-8 p.m. Liberty High School transformed the Allen E. Jones Performing Arts Center into a haunted house with the help of Playmakers; tickets were just \$7. Also, the City of Brentwood hosted a Movie in the Park, showcasing "The Goonies" at 7 p.m. in the city park. Families brought blankets and chairs, and settled in for some Halloween fun.

However, if you did trick-or-treat this Halloween, some popular costumes this year included "The Walking Dead" costume, Iron

Man, Batman, and Toddlers and Tiara's, complete with tutu, binky, and tiara. Although, if you have a special someone there are plenty of couples costumes like the Great Gatsby 'Roaring 20's' costume, Top Gun, and Monsters University.

Some outrageous costumes this year have been named "2013 Most Bizarre/Controversial Costumes," according to Ibtimes.com. The costumes you'll be sure to find this year are based off of the "Breaking Bad" series which includes a hazmat suit, but if you're more into reality-TV there's also a risqué "Duck Dynasty" costume, with camouflage vest and orange tutu.

Blitzing for breast cancer



Photo courtesy of LHS Football Facebook page

By Mauricio Baltrons
Editor

Throughout the month of October, Liberty saw a lot of pink. Especially in the form of a curlicue ribbon; we saw pink socks, pink shirts, pink buttons- pink everything. The decided purpose of this pastel parade was to raise awareness for the hundreds of women battling breast cancer in America. While those who participate by "rocking" a pair neon-pink socks think they are doing their part, Liberty Lions took a whole new

perspective on "raising awareness". In a sensational effort to really "put your money where your mouth is", the Liberty Football and Cheer teams organized a "blitz" (in this case, a series of fundraisers) against breast cancer.

"Coach Walters inspired us to give more thought to things like Breast Cancer Awareness month. I mean, that's what 'Pride Matters' is all about: doing all you can in your school, your community, and your

life. I hope that other people will see all the tough work we put into this fundraiser and try to do some of their own," says Varsity Football player Trevor Robinson.

Talk of a super-fundraiser began with the inception of October. Jeff Walters, our newest addition to Liberty High's family and Varsity football coach, pushed the team to "take it to the limit" and spearhead Breast Cancer Awareness month.

First, the teams held a car wash out front Liberty High on October 2nd. JV/Varsity Football players and cheerleaders alike saw a rewarding turn-out of about one hundred cars. That same night, a family movie night was held at the track field. Those who attended spent a relaxing evening on the field, chowing on popcorn while watching "The Iron Giant". Lastly, and perhaps the most touching, a donation booth was open at Liberty's game

against Antioch High School. The game was especially noteworthy for another reason: it was played in honor of someone very special to Coach Jeff Walters. After Walters warmly explained to his team that his mother had once lost her life to breast cancer, the team ardently vowed to play their absolute hardest and dedicated the game to her memory.

Freshman Athletic Prodigy *Liberty's Kai Bohannan wows the crowd*

By Ryan Frerking-Ramos
Staff Writer

She runs like the wind, shoots and scores, she makes the crowd roar. She is the hare, not the tortoise. She is Liberty's newest edition. She is Kai Bohannan. Kai Bohannan is a freshman athlete that plays many sports that include cross country, track, and basketball. Kai has participated in various sports teams. These teams include Warrior Basketball League, Excelsior Middle School Track team, and Liberty Cross Country. While on these teams she has traveled to San Diego for Warrior League, broken track records in middle school, and achieved personal best records for the cross country team this year. Her hopes for her future in regards to sports includes a full ride scholarship to a university in Hawaii for basketball, track, or cross country. Aside from sports, Bohannan enjoys hanging out with friends, bonding with family, and supporting her favorite pro basketball team Oklahoma Thunder. She would like to thank her dad



Photo by Ryan Frerking-Ramos

for his positive encouragement, her former coach Rob for his help in basketball, and Athletic Director Cunningham for this acknowledgement. If you don't know Kai Bohannan, Liberty's Newest Athletic Edition, you should do so. She truly knows Pride Matters.

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Predictions for the 2014 Superbowl

By Nate Silver
Staff Writer

Cameras, bright lights, screaming fans, and championship rings are what every NFL player dreams of. Each year the NFL has the Superbowl to determine which widely known football team is the best. Only the best and elite two teams will play in the epic showdown know as the Superbowl. The first Superbowl was held on January 15 1967 and the Greenbay Packers won over the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10. The big question is which two teams will be battling it out to win the title of Superbowl champions this year?

However no one can be 100% sure about what two teams will play against each other, but nevertheless experts can make some pretty good predictions based on teams statistics, and records. Based on the predictions of seven sports experts from SI.com state "In Superbowl 48 the Greenbay Packers will be playing against the Denver Broncos".



Photo courtesy of predominantlyorange.com

So from these experts we have a pretty good idea of who will be going to the Superbowl, but we don't know who will win that big game. I guess we will have to wait and see what Princess the 26 year old Bactrian camel says. This camel has predicted the winners of the Superbowl correctly six out of seven times, since last year she predicted the Ravens to beat the 49ers, the process is that

the camel has two graham crackers to choose from and each graham cracker has the teams logo on it, so whatever graham cracker Princess eats first is the team that will win. But lets not leave it up to a camel to decide the outcome of the Superbowl, we will just have to wait and see for ourselves.

Take aim: hunting and fishing tips

By Trevor Robinson
Staff Writer

Have you ever heard the story of a massive fish getting caught by a friend at school, or a 14 point buck getting away from your dad or uncle? Chances are, you have! Fishing and hunting are extremely popular sports. Not only can anyone can fish or hunt, but hunting and fishing allow people to get food and the sport is fun. In fact, fishing has become so popular that several students at Liberty High School started a fishing club! And, if you are interested in getting started, the Big Break marina in Oakley has fishing competitions almost every weekend. These two sports are both challenging and frustrating with a reward that pays off better than any other sport. There is no feeling like the one you get from bagging a trophy buck or catching a massive fish.

From the barbaric method of noodling to the more advanced types of ocean fishing with braided line and powerful poles and reels, all styles of fishing are unique and require different skills. For example, a fly fisherman may be able to catch fish on top of the water with a fly, but a normal angler fishing may just throw a worm out and let it sit. The fly fisherman may not catch many fish but he has to fish his fly different than the angler with the worm. Depending on the type of fishing a person is doing, it may take a long time to catch a bigger fish while someone else may catch many small fish quickly. Fishing is a decision making sport that can affect the outcome of the fish you catch in a given amount of time.

These are some tips that will improve how you fish. When you cast a pole and feel a bite, simply pull up on the pole and set the hook. This will force the hook to dig into the fishes' mouth to make sure the fish does not come off. Another good trick is that if a fish bites and you didn't set the hook, throw your lure back to the same spot and try again. The only thing the fish thinks when you don't set the hook is that its prey got away. The greatest tricks for fishing know where the fish are. The best fishing spots consist of areas where the fish can ambush prey. Most fish like where

the water is at a warm temperature. If it is too hot, they sink towards the bottom and, if it is too cold, they head for the top of the water. Many fish like heavy cover such as thick grass, the shade of docks, areas surrounded by algae, and even sunken garbage.

Fishing spots are important, but success also depends on the lure you use. Depending on the time of year, fish eat different things. When they are spawning, they will attack crawdads, fake or real worms, even other fish their size! During the summer, a green senko worm will catch many fish. It has been a top selling lure for many years and many record breaking fish have been caught on them. Late summer and early fall is when frogs, spooks, top water poppers, and other top water baits are most successful. A little after mid-fall is when the fish start taking speed traps and other hard plastic lures. This is because shad flood into lakes and rivers and many types of fish fight over the shad. As the beginning of this implies, fishing is a decision making sport where you have to experiment with lures and fishing styles to find what fish are biting on.

People hunt for all sorts of animals from squirrels to lions. In some ways, hunting and fishing are similar. However, there are also many differences. Like fishing, hunters generally know where the animals they are wanting to hunt can be found. However, these areas are often vast and require the hunter to track the animal, sometimes for miles or in challenging terrain. In this way, hunting can be more challenging than fishing because it can be physically demanding. For example, hiking in the mountains for several days chasing a trophy buck can be exhausting. To increase the level of difficulty, the exhausted hunter must then land a precision shot and also to take the buck back down the mountain to get the prize catch home.

Like fishing, in hunting, the hunter generally knows where the best places to find game will be. Different types of animals like being different places. Ducks can generally

be found near bodies of water and in marshes and, along with geese, can be caught migrating to warmer weather. Doves and pheasants can be found in fields. Other animals, such as deer, boars and large game, have to be found in forest or mountainous areas and aren't so easy to spot. Hunters often spend time hidden in camouflaged areas, waiting to catch site of their prey. Duck hunters make camouflaged covers for their boats so that their boats blend into marshy or swampy areas. These are called duck blinds. Deer hunters often perch in trees in order to camouflage themselves and use binoculars to spot deer from a good vantage point. No matter what you hunt, it can be a challenge to find and or shoot.

Hunting is a sport of accuracy. The tips for hunting are extremely easy to use and mainly involve weapon modifications. For bird hunters using various types of shot guns, the choke on the gun can be modified. For those who don't know what a choke is, it controls the spread of the shells many pellets and BB's. If you have a double barreled shot gun, many suggest a full choke for your first shot. This creates a tighter spray and is more accurate for longer ranges. For the under part of the barrel, many suggest a cylinder or improved cylinder which creates a large spread quickly. Although this isn't accurate at long ranges, it provides the marksmen with a chance to hit the bird or animal missed with the first shell. If you have a pump or semiautomatic shotgun, you can experiment with different chokes when hunting for different animals. For example, you may need a cylinder for a fast moving animal, like a dove or squirrel. However, for a slower, bigger target, like a turkey, a full choke might be more effective because you may be a greater distance from the target. Large game hunters may use higher powered rifles because they will be shooting at greater ranges than if they were hunting for small game.

Special sights and proper care and maintenance of your hunting equipment will yield the best possible results. A good optic sight is needed

by any game hunter, particularly those hunting large game. You may get only one shot on an animal, so you want to make it your best shot possible. Iron sights make you accurate, but a scope puts you right on target. You should also spend a day at the range to get your weapon sighted in so you know that you can hit a target from far away. A good cleaning is also needed so you know there won't be any jams or slip ups in the weapons feeding, loading, firing, and ejecting systems.

Today, fisherman and hunters are equipped with different and amazing equipment to fit every possible need. Fishing equipment varies widely based on type of water where the fisherman will be fishing, the type of fish the fisherman is seeking to catch, casting style, season, temperature or water, and many other aspects. Likewise, hunting equipment varies widely as well, with bird hunters using shotguns and large game hunters using rifles. Whatever the gun, it needs to be accurate over hundreds of yards to make the perfect shot on an animal. Fishing and hunting are sports that challenge your wits, stamina, strength and self-control. To bag a trophy buck or catch a trophy bass, you need to think like the animal you are after. Hunting and fishing are two popular sports that involve brains, strength and tough decision making skills, but you will always know when you make the right decision in hunting or fishing because of the reward at the end.

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Who is really in that lion costume?

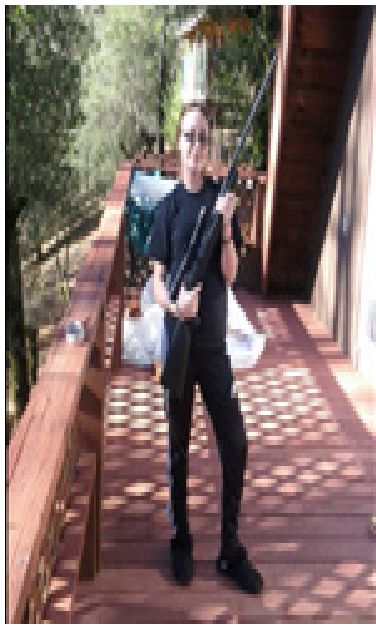
By Cassidy Connors
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Who gets you pumped up for the game? Of course it's the Liberty Lion! Many people do not know who the Liberty Lion is, or how the person is chosen. The mascot is not only one individual but multiple volunteers. For most of the year so far it has been Alexis Ballew. Alexis enjoys being mascot because it brings a different type of spirit to the games and brings joy to people, but that's not the best part. Alexis proclaimed the best part was, "Kids wanting

to hug you, take pictures with you, and hug you." She first volunteered her sophomore year and has worn it 8-9 times since and absolutely loves it. Alexis said that it gets really hot in the costume and it is important to bring water. It is also important to have an escort because the costume makes it hard to see. A person's height measurement isn't a common problem for incoming mascot volunteers because the suit forms to anyone.

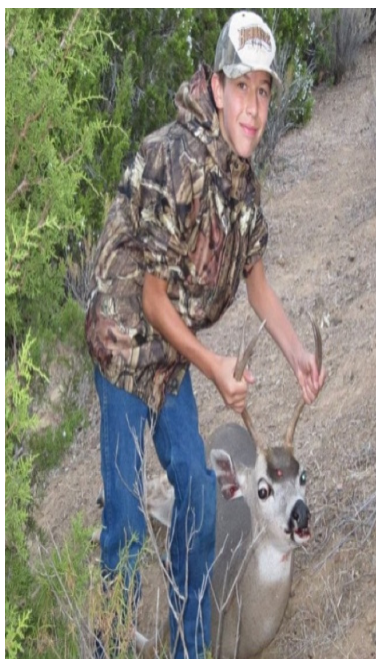


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Sophomore Carmen Walton poses with her rifle.

Photo courtesy of Carmen Walton



Sophomore Justin Kennedy shows off his prized buck.

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Staff Writer Trevor Robinson takes pride in his catch of the day.

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Opinion

You really SHOULD stop “twerking”

By Matt Albright
Staff Writer

I have, over the course of my entire student career, never actually been to a school dance before. Imagine my parents' amazement when I told them that not only did I want to GO to Homecoming this year, but that I had also managed to procure a date as well! (Who was in fact, pretty awesome) So, after a long wait, lots of driving, sitting around my date's friend's house and watching the really big boxing match that was going on that day (Mayweather vs Caneloa I believe), we were all ready to go, and drove off to Liberty. Then we were walking, talking, standing in line whilst my date chit-chatted up all her 'girlfriends' and I stood in the back, being the lampshade that we all know and love.

Finally, after a lot of yelling and a security gate, we were through the door! Music was bumping, people were laughing and talking, the DJ was enticing the crowd with thoughts of rhythmic pleasure, and naturally, I got into it, moving along with the rest of the crowd and my pretty awesome date, waving

my hands in the air with the rest of the guys and shouting just because we could shout.

However, something happened: towards the middle of the dance the crowd slowly started to part really deep in the middle for what appeared to be two partners dancing. 'Was it a slow dance?!' I thought eagerly to myself (even though my awesome date didn't care for them much). But then, after a few more minutes, I got to an angle where I could really see what was going on. In the middle of the crowd, this guy in a white suit was bending his date over (not sure if I should be ashamed of my gender or my awesome date's gender, probably both) and pretty much just humping her. My mouth dropped in horror: 'Dear god!' I thought mostly to myself, 'What on Earth could they be doing?'

Then, after the initial shock, I thought it was some sort of isolated incident. Nope. After a few moments it slowly spread like a disease over the populace of the dance. Corrupting, twisting, and turning what was to be my first dance experience

into some sort of “orgy porgy” right out of *Brave New World*. Luckily for me, and most of the people around me, my awesome date and her 'girlfriends' looked about disgusted as I did, so we slowly moved our way over to the side of the dance floor to get away from this disgusting dance craze.

Now, I'm going to stop my story-telling for a moment and say a few things. To all guys that do this disgusting form of dirty dance: what in any major religious figure's name is wrong with you? You're supposed to go there to dance with her in a NICE AND RESPECTABLE WAY. Not bend her over, then lift her skirt so everybody can see her butt and panties (this seriously happened, no joke).

To girls: WHY?! Why would you let yourself be degraded in this way? All the girl's faces there that were twerking disgusted me in the worst way possible. Their eyes were rolling in the back of their head while they backed themselves up on the guy, shaking their backsides like they didn't even notice

there were OTHER PEOPLE AROUND. I cannot fathom why anybody would view this as fun, interesting, or even sexy; it just looks like two drugged up teens mounting each other in the middle of a dance.

So please, fellow teenagers, stop it. For everything sacred and holy, preserve the dances, the good ones that we did, and don't degenerate into some weird form of grinding for a sexual thrill. DJs, stop playing music that sings about butts to incite this reaction, because nobody wants to see it. More

importantly, teachers: Grab a ruler, jump into the crowd like a Viking of old, cuff them, then kick them out. Just do SOMETHING to stop this catastrophe of a dance craze.



Miley Cyrus twerks upside-down. Photo courtesy of thehollywoodgossip.com



Miley Cyrus displays her twerking skills

Photo courtesy of people.com

NaNaNaNaNaNaNaNaNa...Ben Affleck?

By Alec Douglas
Staff Writer

In the year 1939, a legend was born. That legend was named Batman. The character of Batman has been an icon in pop culture since his first appearance in *Detective Comics #28*. Since 1943, Batman has been played by multiple actors over the past 70 years: Louis Wilson, Robert Lowery, Adam West, Michael Keaton, Val Kilmer, and infamously, George Clooney. Clooney's version of the movie is considered one of the worst, if not the worst movies of all time. It was critically panned due to over the top acting and for the fact that it was basically made to sell Batman toys. (Seriously, this movie is really bad. They put nipples on the bat-suit). The Batman film fran-

chise appeared to be dead until the release of “Batman Begins” in 2005 starring Christian Bale. The movie was a box office and critical success due to the darker, more psychological interpretation of the character.

In 2008, the sequel to “Batman Begins,” called “The Dark Knight,” made over 1 billion dollars, and in 2012, the trilogy was complete with “The Dark Knight Rises”. Now that the trilogy is over, fans and mainstream moviegoers were eagerly anticipating the release of a new Batman film.



After the release of “Man of Steel”, (the 2013 Superman reboot directed by Zack Snyder and produced by Christopher Nolan) the release of “Man of Steel 2” was announced at Comic Con 2013. It was

also announced that it will co-star none other than Batman. As you might expect, fans and moviegoers were dying to see who would take on the role of Batman and to see two legends together on the silver screen for the first time ever. Actors like Ryan Gosling, Gerard Butler, and even previous Batman actor Christian Bale were rumored to have been offered 30 million dollars to play Batman. On August 22nd, 2013, it was announced by Warner Brothers that actor/director Ben Affleck had obtained the role. Yes, Ben Affleck.

Unless you have been living under a rock you

should know that everyone and their grandmother has hated this decision. The casting of Ben Affleck caused people to create a petition stating a new law that declares that it is illegal for Ben Affleck to play another superhero. The reason for this is because Affleck played the superhero, Daredevil in the movie “Daredevil” which was not very well received by fans and moviegoers. It also doesn't help that some of his movie credits include some pretty bad movies that he has made in the past. When I first heard this news I was very cross country practice, went on the internet, then boom, “Batfleck”). After a while I

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started thinking about how weak of a decision it was, but after a couple of more days I thought about actors that have been in similar controversies. For instance, when actor Michael Keaton was cast to play the dark avenger in “Batman”, people hated it because he was known for comedies. His most famous movie before “Batman” was “Beetlejuice” and if you have seen that movie you know that the character of Beetlejuice is nothing like Batman. One of the other complaints was that he was too short, (Keaton being 5’10 and Batman being 6’2) and was not good-looking enough to portray Bruce Wayne. But when the film was released everyone was surprised at how excellent he was at the role. I don’t even remember smiling or cracking a joke when I saw the movie at a young age. The Keaton version of “Batman” was one of the first versions of “Batman” I saw, so when I think of Batman, I think of that version. Another example is that when Heath Ledger was cast as The Joker for The Dark Knight, people had a very similar reaction to the one that Keaton and Affleck received. Ledger was being hated on for being too “pretty” for the role and it did not help that one of the movies he did before “The Dark Knight” was “Brokeback Mountain”. Again, the movie was released and everybody loved what he did with the character. People still quote The Joker’s lines from that movie to this day even though the movie came out five years ago.

What I am trying to say is that people just need to calm down and wait to see how an actor does in a role, especially since most of the complaints by fans have been

really unfounded. I mean, there are a lot of qualities that Affleck has that are perfect for Batman. For example he played Daredevil. There are many things wrong with the movie but Affleck was not one of them. Affleck did a very good job in this role because he played a troubled soul who has been through so much sadness and anger in his life, and lost his childhood the day his parent died. Daredevil failed not because of Affleck, but because of the directing and story decisions. Another complaint is that he is not “tough” or “intimidating” enough. Affleck is 6’4 (two inches taller than the character is supposed to be) and is known to get into seriously good shape for action films. Another complaint is that he has a Boston accent. I think it could be kind of cool if Batman had a Boston tone to his voice. I mean if Christian Bale (a British actor) can put on a Batman voice that sounds like he has throat cancer, why can’t Affleck use a more deep version of his own voice? What people need to remember is that not only is this the “Batman vs Superman” movie, this is actually “Man of Steel 2,” which means the star of the first movie, which is Superman, (played by Henry Cavill) is going to be the major focus of most of the film, (especially after the way Man of Steel ended). We don’t even know how many times Affleck is going to get to wear the Batman suit. For all we know he could just be playing Bruce Wayne most of the time. So overall, do I love the idea of Ben Affleck playing Batman? No, not really. Do I think he has the potential to be a great Batman? Yes I do. So we are all just going to have to wait until 2015 to see if “Batffleck” was a good idea.

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He Said, She Said

Advice from the male and female perspective

How do guys and girls view revealing Halloween costumes? Our writers sound off

By Matt Albright
Staff Writer

There are times when I am utterly ashamed as a guy, mainly when I have very 'guy' instincts. For example; I hate yoga pants, but I cannot stop my eyes from wandering when a troupe of girls walk by me in the hall. I hate low cut tank tops, but I can't help but watch when an attractive member of the opposite sex walks by with her belly button open to the breeze.

It is the same thing with skimpy costumes during Halloween. Yes, I hate them. They are often the only

choice a girl has when shopping for a cheap costume, as more reserved costumes can be more expensive, meaning that a girl would have to either make her own, or fork over lots of dough for one. But, when it comes down to me and my “guy feelings”, I can't help but wake up on Halloween ready to see what sort of revealing costumes certain girls will be wearing

over the school day. And yes, I should probably feel ashamed of myself. But I won't be, because I know I'm a guy. I just have certain feelings and instincts that in any situation will probably override any idea of chivalry. So guys, next time you find yourself staring, just remember that you're a guy! Yes, it may be bad or disgusting! But dang it, that's how we are!



By Brittany Frerking
Editor

From short shorts to risqué Halloween costumes, teenage girls everywhere are conforming to this hot trend, whether it is from peer pressure to simply making the choice themselves. This Halloween many girls will dress like a risqué version of a police officer, or a catching Native American with a short skirt. Having their own reason as to why they dressed the way they did. The costume selection for teen girls is both astonishing, and debatable. Some of these costumes come with fish net stockings,

and skirts that you would get dress coded for at school. Others have revealing tops that are see through. It is amazing how many costumes are equipped with such provocative clothing, or lack there of.

Many teenage boys use words like sexy, or hot to describe the way girls look in these outfits.

Is this how girls want to be thought of? Why do they wear these costumes? Why do they put themselves out there like that? It seems more and more

every year, costumes become more provocative one way or another. Bottom line: risqué costumes are becoming more revealing every year and more and more people are choosing to wear them no matter how risqué they are.

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