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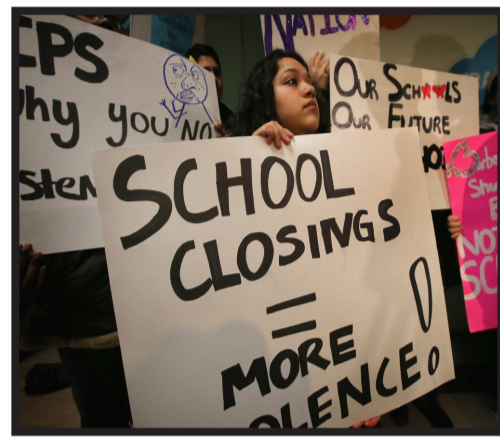
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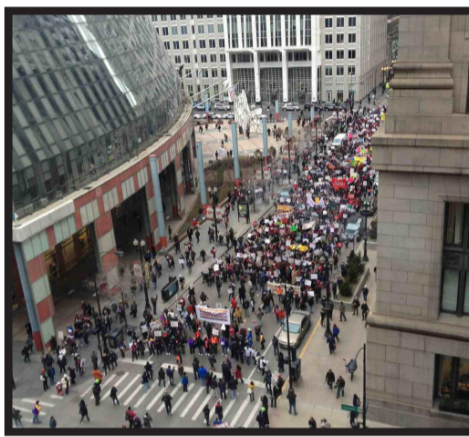
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NEWS

They Can Close How Many Schools?

By Conor Smith
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The Emmanuel Administration has the potential to safely close, or overhaul, up to 80 Chicago Public Schools. A final report of commission, from about two months ago, voiced the misgivings of closing schools without major upheaval. Through a panel's recommendations, even though filled with many disagreements, gave Mayor Emmanuel and Chicago Public School's CEO, Barbara Byrd-Bennett, support as they made a list of schools that could be closed. The Commissions on School Utilizations noted that this interterm report filed in January questioned if the closings were not only possible, but logistical. The list was made off of a list consisting of 129 schools that can be closed. While the district was working out the lists, they reported that CPS could afford to only cut off 60-70 schools maximum, and the commission's report shows that the distance for students would be too difficult to travel if 70 or more schools are closed.

Out of the 129 schools on the block, a total of 53 elementary schools are to be shut down by the end of the year, as well as a high school program. Chicago Public School's CEO, Barbara Byrd-Bennett, pulled high schools and high performing elementary schools off the list claiming that they would only be shut down if the school building were a hazard to students. On Wednesday, March 27th, the Chicago Teacher's Union led a rally with support from not only teachers and students, but also people who are against the school closings. The Chicago Police Department estimated that between 700-900 protesters were there. After the rally at Daley Plaza, about 150 people had a sit-in on the LaSalle entrance of city hall. It was noted that 127 people would risk arrest, but instead were detained until off the premises and ticketed. CTU President Karen Lewis feels the school closings are an act of racism because the schools being closed are mainly populated by African-American students. "Let's not pretend that when you close schools on the South and West sides, the children affected aren't black," Lewis said. "Let's not pretend that's not racist." (Quote taken from Chicago Tribune source). Many of the students affected are going to schools within the vicinity of their old schools as well as higher performing schools. On March 27th, day of the rally, Mayor Emmanuel said that negotiations were over, but the rally went on anyway. The school board is expected to plan out the school closings that will take effect next year.

NEWS Keeping Families United:

Possible Immigration Reform

By Maria Sandoval
Staff Writer

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: This is a possible immigration reform being proposed by the House of Representatives and the Senate that says dreamers, immigrant children that have been brought to the U.S, general public (undocumented), have the right to citizenship.

The House of Representatives propose that any Non-Dreamer immigrant goes through the citizenship process and go to "the back of the line." This means that any Non-Dreamer will wait approximately 26 years to become citizen. Dreamers, on the other hand, will have to go through minimum 2 years of college and wait for 5 years to obtain their citizenship. There are thousands of dreamers across the United States awaiting a possible immigration reform. A former Hubbard student stated "I believe everyone who is undocumented has the same right to be here as those who are legal citizens."

Those who are undocumented are trying to push for an Inclusive Immigration Reform, which unlike the Compre-

hensive Reform, asks to pardon those who have committed felonies such as D.U.I.s, traffic violations, ect. This Reform wants everyone to have the same chance and not exclude anyone except those who hold a criminal record. Additionally, those who have been deported will be allowed to return to be reunited with their families here in the U.S. Jesus Zepeda, senior, agrees with pushing toward the Inclusive Reform, "Our lives are built here in the land of immigrants and we have the human right to better our lives in an honorable way. Having this reform will not only benefit me but the thousands of dreamers and non-dreamers out there who want to have that better life."

The struggle between The House of Representatives and the Senate will continue for an unknown amount of time, but those who are undocumented are hopeful for a possible immigration reform.

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Appreciating Hubbard Students

By Franco Landa
Staff Writer

It has been customary to reward the Top 10 students for their academics, but there are other students within Hubbard that deserve recognition. That is the purpose of the expanded incentives for students. In the past, Ms. Cassidy would give luggage and Subway gift cards to students to award them for perfect attendance. Mr. Vazquez and the Local School Council (LSC) have now been working to expand the perfect attendance incentives to reach more students. Such new incentives include debit gift cards and school dances. However, there are even more new ideas that have been proposed such as a Great America trip for Seniors, a White Sox outing, and even rewarding students with iPads! "I pinpoint the students with their needs... I look for any opportunity that benefits the students," Mr. Vazquez said. Of course, to receive such awards, all that is being asked is perfect attendance. When asked, Mr. Vazquez stated that better attendance would ultimately result in a lower dropout rate and reduce the disruption of tardies throughout the day.

Rewards such as iPads and debit gift cards are attractive, but what did some students think about idea of rewarding students for attendance? When asked, Joyce Fung (Div 302) felt that incentives for students based on attendance are necessary because "...a lot of people ditch school all the time". Javier Abarca (Div 301)

found the incentives attractive: "I owe a lot of debt and when they said that if I have perfect attendance for 4 months...they are going to cut my debt in half and that definitely motivates me to go to class on time". Myron Luo (Div 302) said that students should not be given incentives based on attendance and "you should be only rewarded for going above expectations". Yessica Garcia (Div 303) feels that although students should already be attending their classes, it is necessary because "the school wants to improve attendance rates and most students will only attend their classes if they know they will get something in return".

Although these incentives seem to be rewards for something students should already be doing, Mr. Vazquez sees the incentives as a way to appreciate student performance that typically goes unnoticed. What events can we be looking forward to soon? There is a Perfect Attendance Dance that is scheduled for April 19th, and requires perfect attendance for the month of March 1st-April 18th. As long as Mr. Vazquez continues to find the resources to have such incentives, he plans to continue to reward students.

Have an idea for an incentive? See Mr. Vazquez.



The Glass Slipper Foundation

By Carolina Gallo
Staff Writer

For the 11th consecutive year, the Glass Slipper Foundation is going to take place on April 20th, 27th, and May 4th, 2013. The event's location is 4421 S. State Street. The event is first come first serve; it starts at 9 AM and your school ID is required for entrance. The Glass Slipper Foundation is a non-profit organization event that helps low income girls attend prom in style. They provide the girls with dresses, accessories, makeup, and shoes. Last year, the donations reached a total of \$1.5 million. This was distributed among the 700 girls they helped last year. If you already have your dress and just want to help out or know someone who does, and atleast over 18, you can sign up to volunteer at www.glassslipperproject.org. If you have any further questions you can contact the Glass Slipper Foundation Hotline at (312) 409-4139. So take advantage of this great opportunity, because every girl deserves to look like a queen.

It's a Laptop! It's a Tablet! It's Microsoft's Latest Creation

By Brenda Manzo
Staff Writer

Microsoft has yet again made another tablet, or as others may call it, a laptop. A short time after Surface RT came out; the Microsoft Surface Pro made its debut. This device was released on February 9, 2013 and immediately sold out. Due to the Surface's originality, many people were interested in the device. The Surface Pro's design is meant to replace any laptop such as MacBook Air or ultrabooks, but also to replace tablets like the iPad and Nexus 7. In less than a week after its release, Microsoft stores and Staples sold out their first batch. Due to the success the tablet had in the United States, they decided to distribute it worldwide.

This device is sold only as a tablet for \$899; keyboards, pens, and other accessories are sold separately. The pen is \$29.99 and the Type Cover keyboard is \$119.99, which brings the price up to \$1000. This device seems to be extremely expensive, but the reviewers have said it's worth every dollar to them. Compared to the Surface RT, they are completely similar in design, but have differences that matter a lot. The difference between them is the thickness and weight. The Surface RT weighs 2 lbs. and the Surface Pro weighs 1.5 lbs. Also, Surface RT is 0.53 inches thick while Surface Pro is 0.37 inches. Also, what makes the Surface Pro better is that it runs with a higher-power processor and Windows RT, which is a version of the Windows 8 operating system that can't run older Windows applications.

In my opinion, the Microsoft Surface Tablet Pro is one of the best creations yet, but it's way too expensive for me and, I'm sure, for any other student. This device could be a big help for school, but it's not for those on a budget. Due to the reviews I've read, I've learned that this device has everything. The way sales are going, I'm sure the Microsoft Tablet Pro could even beat out Apple's tablet line.



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Are You Ready for the PS4?

By Luis Rosaslanda
Staff Writer



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In February, PlayStation teased their customer base with a mysterious post of an upcoming event; many customers were quick to assume that this was a tease to set the date for the release of the highly anticipated next generation console, the PlayStation 4, or better known as the PS4; many customers were right. The event held on February 20th 2013 revealed the next-generation console known as officially the PS4. Many fans were thrilled by the announcement of the next-generation console to be released before the end of this year, others were skeptical of this announcement.

- To cover the main story out of this two-hour here are a few things we know:
- The PS4 will be released before the end of this year.
- Sony will release their 4th version of the DualShock controller for the PS4 that will feature a touch pad for multiple game functionality as well as a Share button that will help connect the gamer to a more social gaming experience.
- Sony's PS4 will launch an all new social networking platform for PS4 users that can be accessed through the PS4 itself as well as applications that are set to be released for iPod/iPhone/iPad devices and Android OS.
- A handful of launch titles are set to be released with the PS4 including Drive Club, The Witness and Killzone: Shadow Fall.
- Sony's PS Vita will be incorporated to function seamlessly with the PS4.
- Titles expanding back to the original PlayStation console will be available to download and play instantly while the title is downloaded.
- The console, itself, was not revealed.

So what exactly does this mean?

For starters this event announcing the Playstation 4 was a huge tease for hardcore gamers and loyal Sony user mainly because customers didn't get a chance to see what this next-gen console looks like. Aside from that, the wide public got a tease of what is to come with Sony's next console and as an overall gamer it sounds pretty impressive. Being able to instantly play games with the push of a button rather than waiting for the game to load. The integration of live-streaming gameplay from the system itself will make live-streaming sites such as Twitch.Tv and Ustream.Tv obsolete.

Aside from these all these announcements, with the previews of Sony's Dual Shock Controller and a few new games leaves many impressions to customers. The previews makes drivers excited to race around the world in the fastest cars in the PS4 launch title; Drive Club. The Witness is an all-new puzzle game that will leave gamers overthinking the obvious while Killzone: Shadow Fall will get Killzone fans excited for next installment in the Killzone franchise. Something that left an impression to the wide majority is the design and features of the new remote. Sony's Dual Shock 4 will feature everything that its predecessors had but will add a touch pad on the front side of the controller that will be used in gameplay for certain games. It is unknown how this new feature will change the gameplay overall but surely expect the touch pad to be integrated into gameplay in upcoming titles.

Lastly, this event challenges competitors, such as Microsoft and Valve to meet the standards by Sony's PS4.

Attention All Google Users

By Geovanna Estrada
Staff Writer

Do you use Google? Does anyone you know use Google? The answer to these questions is most likely "Yes". Google is a search engine used by millions everyday all around the world. Virtually anything you want to know or find out about can be Googled. Whether it's on our computers, smart phones, iPod's, laptops, or anything else that uses the internet, we all Google. It's become something we've relied on to get our information. So what else can people do to access Google? Well, to answer this question is Google's latest invention, Google Glass. Google Glass is an amplified reality wearable computer with a head-mounted display (HMD) that has been developed by Google in the Project Glass research and development project.

Apart from the fact that Google Search can be used on it, the Google glasses take technology to a whole new level. The reveal of the Google glasses showed us that they could be used in different and unique ways, regardless of person, place, or time. Google glasses were worn while people jumped out of airships, crashed New York Fashion Week, and someone was even seen taking a ride on the subway with them. As an added bonus, Google Glass was listed in Time magazine's article for best inventions of 2012.

In order to improve the glasses and receive some feedback, a limited amount of these impressive glasses have been released. Applications were available online to anyone who wanted to be the first to try out these glasses, with only a limited amount being available



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for \$1,500 each. The users will then proceed to tell Google inventors the pros and cons of Google Glass and what changes they want made to the glasses. A major request for the glasses in question would most likely be some sort of prescription lens attachment, as Google Glass cannot be worn with prescription glasses and do not come with prescription lenses.

So what can Google Glass do? First off, Google Glass is voice activated. The Google Glass has the ability to take photos and record 720p HD video; a recording light is displayed above the eye, which is unnoticeable to the wearer. As if this wasn't impressive enough, Google Glass has already-existing Google applications onboard such as Google Now, Google Maps, and Google+ hangout. The glasses can also perform web searches, display the weather, search photos, translate, give directions, send messages, and give flight details.

Google Glass has received both good and bad criticism alike, but there is no doubt that this is an astounding invention. This invention can even be used in school. Teachers and students would both use it a lot and it gives students the opportunity to expand their knowledge and research whatever the teacher desires. Since the glasses are voice activated, the teacher will hear if the student is searching what he or she asked him/her to search, and will know if the student is on task or not. Since the glasses can be used anywhere by anybody, in any situation, it is safe to say that Google Glass is certainly a thing to look out for in the future.

////// The ACT is just around the corner! Have an

Bianca Escobedo (Div 304)

Just relax, try your best, try not to worry, and get plenty of breakfast & rest the night before."

Jordanny Gonzalez (Div 303)

"Don't stress over it at all. Just keep calm. Pretend it's just another practice, but try your best on this one. Definitely get a good night's rest... A good scrambled eggs, some toast, a cup of milk, and a cup of orange juice. Don't study the day before..."

Franco Landa (Div 303)

"For ACT Reading: Be sure to time yourself for 8 minutes per passage. Move on to the next passage after the 8 minutes regardless of whether or not you're finished."

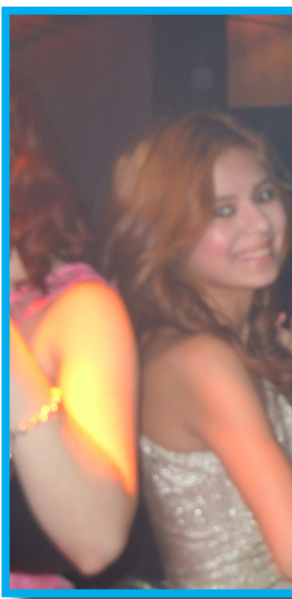
Tips gathered by David Sanchez

Fun at Formal

By Orlando Ortiz
Staff Writer

"I'm not getting anything out of the \$25" and "It's going to be lame." Those were some of the comments students were saying about the Winter Formal that the Senior Officers prepared for the juniors and seniors. To everyone's surprise, the dance was a success. Many students, and even some teachers, enjoyed the dance! The DJ played all kinds of music to satisfy everyone there. A room was booked at the Excalibur Night Club for the seniors and juniors to enjoy for the night. The club provided the students with appetizers such as chicken strips, finger sandwiches, and beverages. The event, however, was on the brink of getting cancelled because not many students wanted to go and not enough tickets were sold. The officers managed to keep the event by renting a smaller room to fit their budget. "I was glad that our class was the first to participate in the Winter Formal. It was a great experience and I hope Hubbard makes it a tradition", says Senior Vice President, Viridiana Munoz (Div 312).

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Food, Fr

Winter Formal 2013

Jonathan Cruz (Div 312)

"Don't stress, study a week before, know your mathematics formulas, eat a good breakfast with an apple because it takes a while to break down so you won't get hungry and fall asleep on the test, get a good night's rest, and answer every single question to the best of your knowledge."

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That 4 Year Plan: Being on Track for Graduation

By Gabriela Santoyo & Maria Sandoval
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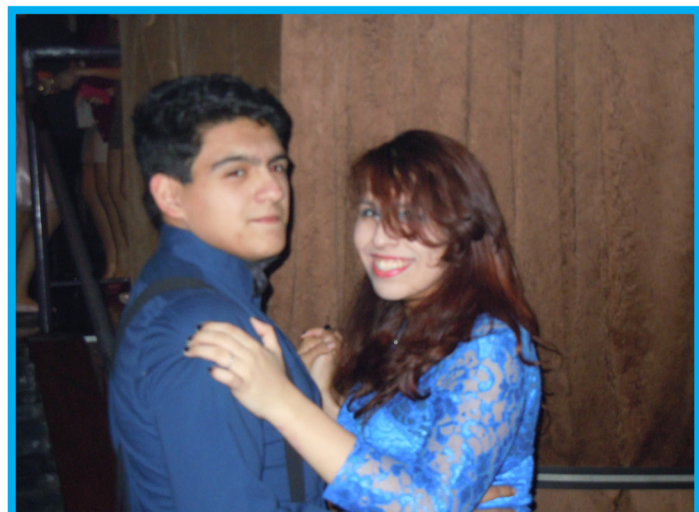
Are you ready to graduate? Think about that before you answer. Graduation is right around the corner for seniors and it's time to check if you're on track to graduate. Don't THINK you are on track to graduate; make sure you met all the requirements. Waiting until the last minute is not a good idea, go talk to your counselors about it. It's time to get your act together and start thinking like an adult.

The requirements in order to graduate as a senior are as follows: Pass the Constitution test, Consumer education (offered through Senior Seminar), 40 approved Service Learning Hours, Driver's education, the PSAE exam (ACT and State Work Keys), and have all 24 required credits. It's suggested you turn your service learning hours before May 1st to Ms. Breslin, who will process them to go on your academic record, which will show up on May 15th.

You need 10 service learning hours to pass each year, resulting in 40 after 4 years. The PSAE Exam is two exams that will be taken over the course of two days. The first exam on the first day is the ACT, which colleges and universities look at to determine things such as scholarships and enrollment. The second exam is the Illinois State Work Keys, which is a test on locating information often found in work places. If you pass, you will receive a certificate which gives you certain advantages when applying for jobs at certain businesses.

Underclassmen, don't be like some lazy seniors and wait until the last minute. Get your act together and be on track! Juniors, take the ACT very seriously because it will not only be a major factor in determining your future, but it's a graduation requirement. The ACT is on April 23rd and 24th so make sure to bring your own number two pencils with erasers and calculators. It's better to take it on the day you're supposed to rather than wasting your time later and having to make it up. The same applies to the Sophomores and Freshmen for your Junior year. Do things the right way in school now, or you'll be sorry later!

Winter Formal!



Friends & Fun!



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The Croods

A Family Adventure in Pre-History

By Conor Smith
Staff Writer

A pre-historic family comedy, *The Croods* tells the story about a cave-man named Crug who tries to keep his family safe at all costs, but they soon have to find a new cave-home after an earthquake destroys their own. On their adventure to find a new home, they run into a nomad named Guy and his pet sloth named Belt. Soon, Guy becomes a favorite of Crug's entire family, especially Crug's daughter Eep. Some of the bigger names in this movie include Emma Stone, Ryan Reynolds and Nicholas Cage, whose voice acting was so good that I didn't know they were the voice actors until I saw the credits.

While the plot does sound over-done, it is surprisingly original due to the simple fact that it doesn't rip off other pre-historic cartoons or try to connect with modern times with versions of our modern technology. One of the things that I enjoyed about the movie was not only the character development, but the plot development. While the movie does start out slow, it starts to pick up after the Croods lose their home, and it's also after this part that we start to see some changes in the overall pace and mood of the movie. Another thing previously mentioned that I liked in this movie is the development of the characters and how they interact with each other, such as how Grug and Guy eventually learn to care of each other, or even the interactions between Guy and Eep as they fall for each other. Additionally, some of the background characters pulled the movie together more than some of the main characters, such as Crug's mother-in-law (who remained nameless) to even Belt and other outside animals; another thing about the animals is that unlike other kids' movies, these animals don't talk and fit in with the time period.

Lastly, while the plot is slightly over-done, the colorful scenery and details of it fits perfectly. With some adult humor, as well as Looney-Toons style slap-stick comedy and better jokes than I had originally thought, this movie has something for the adults as well as the kids and, to an extent, will pull on your heartstrings a little because when it comes down to it, it's just a story about a guy who wants to keep his family safe and is afraid of losing them. Like this movie, I'll end this review with a good ending and give it about three and a half to four stars; it's a good movie for kids, so take your little siblings to go see it.



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The Last Exorcism

By Geovanna Estrada
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When we think of the sequel of a movie, we always expect it to surpass the first. However with the *Last Exorcism Part II*, this was not the case. With what could be only be described as boring, somewhat suspenseful, and not very scary, the *Last Exorcism Part II* is unquestionably a disappointment. Unlike the first *Exorcism* movie, this one is not presented in a found footage format, a format that most would prefer. The beginning of the movie shows the ending of the previous one which is usually always a buzz kill; it's boring the audience already knows how it ended. The making of this movie was useless and it did nothing to push its original sequel forward.

As mentioned in the previous paragraph the movie starts off by showing some footage from the previous movie. It takes us back to Nell Sweetzer (Ashley Bell) being exorcised and the murder, done by her brother Caleb (Caleb Landry Jones), of the camera man. We see that the camera that captured all this is still lying in the woods. Nell is taken to a doctor by a couple whose home she was in. Once there, Nell has barely any memory of the incidents that occurred in Ivanwood. Nell is taken to a home for girls, ran by Frank Merle (Muse Watson). Everything seems to be going great for her; she makes friends, and even meets a cute boy named Chris (Spencer Treat Clark). This part of the movie, while slow and considerably boring, gets a bit more interesting when the demons of the past come back to haunt. The video of her exorcism is released and everyone knows what happened in Ivanwood. From here the perfect new life Nell has found turns upside down. The ending which should have been the best part was actually the worst.

Although the movie had the basic essence of the first, it lacked some originality. The movie seems to be just a copy of the first movie, with every single event that occurs in *The Last Exorcism Part II* seeming to be just pulled out of the prequel. This movie is just the story of how Nell tries to recover from what happened to her in the previous movie. The ending could have been predicted easily which makes watching the movie a waste of time. This movie will definitely not give you any nightmares. It can be described as a horror/comedy rather than a horror/thriller movie. Overall the movie deserves a 4 out of 10.

The Walking Dead

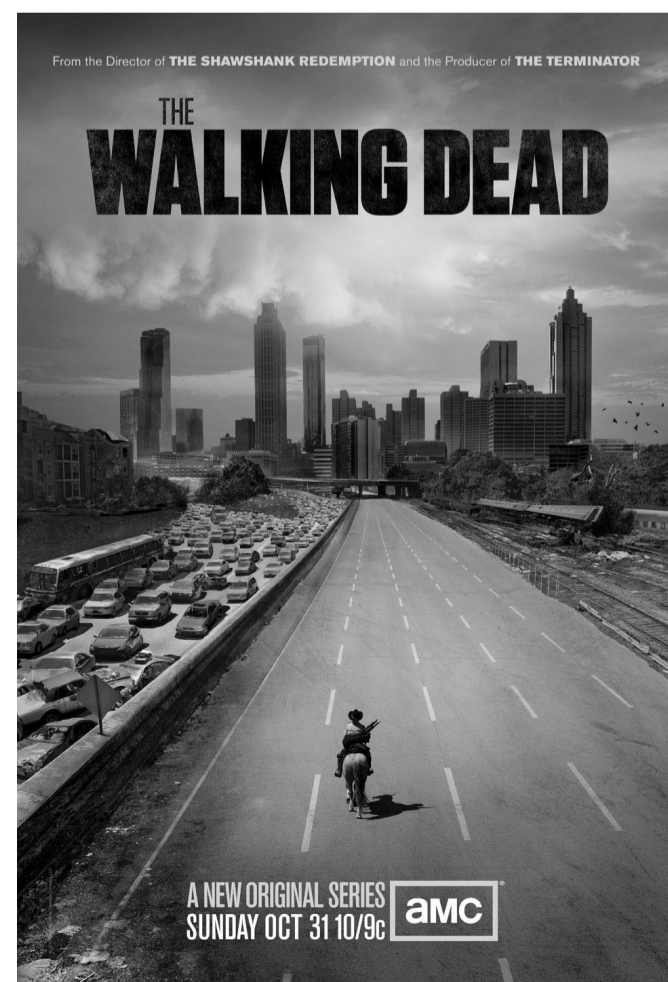
By Raul Sanchez
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The Sunday of March 31st, 2013, *The Walking Dead* (the popular TV show that tells the tale of a group of survivors in a zombie infected, post-apocalyptic world) aired the finale of its third consecutive season. The premiere, which aired at nine o'clock, set a personal record in terms of audience size, clocking an audience of around 12.4 million people; serving as a testament to the series' constantly growing fan base. To many people, the finale had everything they could have ever wanted; a fight, deaths, and a semi-happy ending. A great deal of people would even say that the finale was a perfect end to a season filled with rising tensions and a never ending amount of problems.

However, there is quite a large amount of people who would say the opposite. To many people, the finale was underwhelming, dull, and overall a big letdown. As fate would have it, I unfortunately have to agree. Fans that enjoy the violent, shocking nature of *The Walking Dead* are in for a large surprise. The season finale does not feel like a suitable closing to this season. We spent 16 episodes watching tension and conflict grow between the prison group and Woodbury, with Merle's kidnapping of Glenn and Maggie, the Governor interrogating them, Rick's raid, the Dixon brother showdown,

Rick's rescue, and Michonne and Andrea and Tyrese going back and forth, only to end it with an uneventful letdown. While there is a large fight, no one from the prison kills anyone from Woodbury, unless you count the unnamed woods runner, which isn't in battle. And, unless you count Andrea's death, which isn't in battle, no one from Woodbury kills anyone from the prison. There is little to no closure, no solution to the myriad of problems the people in jail face, and a ton of unanswered questions.

If there is one redeeming quality of the season finale, however, it would have to be the small closure to Rick Grime's story. One needs to remember that the Season 3 conflict was never between the prison group and Woodbury. The season finale showed an end to Rick's journey, Rick's story, Rick's conflict -- how much he's willing to trust people, how much he's willing to let people in. Rick starts the season with his dictatorship and continually pushes people away, starting with his wife. The entire season is basically Rick learning; learning what happens to people who don't let people in, don't allow people to make their own decisions. The season finale did an amazing job at that. In that light, the finale is almost everything we wanted.



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Teenager Dependancy of Technology

By Carolina Aceves
Staff Writer

Can you imagine if one day all of our electronic devices were to suddenly stop working? There would be chaos, especially amongst the younger generation. A day without internet, phones, or even television is unimaginable in our society. We teenagers use some type of electronic device every single day, without fail. They make life easier; there's no doubt about that. Still, aren't we becoming just a little too dependant on these devices?

Computers, iPads, smartphones, apps, social networks, the list goes on. They're all so easy to get used to, but so hard to stop using. Most people who go a day without their phone get anxious, and I get it. Whenever I forget to bring my phone somewhere, I feel disconnected from the world, and it's not a fun feeling. Still, I can't help but wonder what on earth we are going to do with ourselves if one day, for some reason, we lose these commodities. Can you imagine how out-of-sorts we would be? Even if it were just internet that wasn't available anymore, we'd be cut off from the rest of world in a way.

Electronic devices are great for a lot of things. They come in handy, especially smartphones. I mean, what can't you do on your cell phone nowadays? You get lost, look up the directions. You need the phone number to somewhere, just Google it. You're on a long road trip and you're bored, play some games. There has to be an app for everything now, it's just a matter of actually looking for it. Technology has made our lives very easy in the last decade, and although that's all great, being so dependent on it isn't such a great thing.

Just as it has a lot of positive things about it, it also has its negatives. Like I said before, when someone doesn't have their phone, even for just a couple of hours, they get anxious. It's ridiculous how most people, including myself, can't go without their electronics for even a little while. We're hopeless without a cell phone in our hands, and if we don't have internet at home, we panic. Also, they can be a huge distraction, especially for students. Its always easy to pull out your phone during a boring class, and the fact that we're not allowed to use them tempts us even more.

"MESSAGE BLOCKED": Prevent Texting and Driving

By Daniel Cueto
Staff Writer

About half of all teenagers admit to texting and driving. With newer technology, cell phone companies should already come out with the phone that automatically locks itself while the car is in drive. Cars now a days should have something installed that stops cell phone users from texting and driving. We need better apps for phones that won't let us text and drive. There's a new category of apps just for this like iZup, tXtBlocker, and CellSafety. Although there are already apps for this, they are not as effective as they should be. These phone apps rely on your phone's GPS to calculate your

speed. Once you are going 5 or 10 miles an hour your phone locks up so you can't text, call, email or surf the web. You will know when the software is in effect. You will get a "MESSAGE BLOCKED". A texting driver is 23 times more likely to get into an accident than a non-texting driver, so next time you want to text and drive, think twice.

Everyone's a Wee-Bit Irish

By Conor Smith
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March 17th is celebrated as St. Patrick's Day, in memory of St. Patrick who is credited as having been a major influence on the spread of the Catholic faith in Ireland and is the patron Saint of Ireland. While not being an official holiday in the US, many people celebrate it by going to all sorts of different events, such as parades, parties, church events and even seeing some bodies of water being dyed green. Many Irish-Americans celebrate by having family over and eating dinners made of corned beef and cabbage. However, many other people have different ways of celebrating it. There are many well-known, hard working Irish people in many communities; we are fortunate enough to have some here. Hubbard's current acting principal, Mr. Gilligan, who was born in Ireland, spent the day resting at home, and Hubbard Law teacher Mr. Fitz spent the day in good spirits with friends at Fox's Pub.



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Persepolis: Is it appropriate for Seventh graders?

By Edith Mesa
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Currently in the CPS seventh grade classroom curriculum, the memoir of a young Iranian girl named Marjane Satrapi is being deemed inappropriate for seventh graders because of images containing the torture and violence that many Iranians had to suffer during the Iranian Revolution. However, many CPS students and staff disagreed and protested in front of Daley Plaza and CPS headquarters to voice their concern with CPS having the proposal for banning the book.

Personally reading the book, it can be seen that there is moderate violence throughout the memoir to show how the events played out throughout the revolution. The story consists of a young Iranian girl who wants to become a prophet when she grows up. Soon enough, however, she discovers how her plans are destroyed when the revolution occurs and many rules are changed. One of the main changes was extreme religious customs and the making mandatory for women to wear a veil. In this memoir, Satrapi explains how bombs, protests, and war killed millions of people, including children who were recruited to be soldiers. The story portrays how people who were against the revolution and those viewed as communists were arrested and sent to prison to be tortured into confessions, and most of the time the inmates being tortured were innocent.

Although the book does contain drawings of the violence and an occasional torture, much of the violence is shown in a way that students at the seventh grade level can comprehend without creating trauma. Much of the memoir is Satrapi examining her life, dreams, and wants. With the violence being moderate, I believe that the book is appropriate because it not only explains and narrates how the war really happened, but also provides a personal feeling of someone who lived through it all. Not only does it show the oppression of a country, but it shows how life can change in an instant. This book can complement what history books say, so that students may know not only the historical facts, but know what the citizens of Iran lived through and felt.

Law Classes for Upcoming Juniors and Seniors

By Kimberly Trujillo
Staff Writer

I highly encourage upcoming Juniors and Seniors to join Law as a class for next year. You'll have many great experiences during your two semesters. For example, you could participate as an election judge and get paid \$250 as well as service learning hours. I also attended Loyola University Chicago School of Law Alumni Association for four Saturdays. This was a great experience for me because I got to see mock trials and I met attorneys who talked about their journey to where they are now. Having them talk about their life struggles to where they are now was very overwhelming because it really did prove that there isn't anything to prevent you from reaching your goals in life. Many students in our era need pep talks like this because they might be falling into the wrong footsteps.

Law is a great subject because you learn various vocabulary words, as well as laws you probably didn't know about. Although Mr. Fitz gives midterm exams with up to 200 questions, there really isn't a reason why you shouldn't pass because he tells student four to five weeks ahead of time to study, and again its manly vocabulary words.

On March 9, 2013 many students in Law participated as a Juror and got to witness attorneys practicing on a law suit. We got to hear both the plaintiff and defendant on why they were suing. We got to see the 13 steps in a trial with a real life judge. The students also got paid \$20 if they stayed for two trials. How many students can put that on their college applications? Not many.

Law class is very different from any class I've had my four years at Hubbard. With Mr. Fitz as your Law teacher, I could guarantee you that you'll learn a lot about the laws in Chicago and how the court system works.

HUBBARD GREYHOUNDS COMPETITIVE TEAMS



Bachata Club Fever

By David Sanchez
Staff Writer

The Hubbard Bachata Club is getting ready for the annual International Day at Hubbard High School. The club, represented by both Ms. Bautista and this year's assistant principal, Mr. Perez, has been a great success in the past, and is sure to be a great success this year as well. This year, however, is different from the last. Faced with an abundance of people without dance partners, Bachata Club decided to mix things up. Rather than exclude people who wouldn't ordinarily have a partner to dance with, they will instead teach those without a partner to do solo dances such as Salsa, Samba, and other forms of Bachata, and incorporate these dances into the paired dances. This will surely make Hubbard High School's International Day a sight to behold. This year, the club decided to have a board to run the club, handle funds, and make various other important decisions. The board, which consists of President Celia Munoz, Co-President Lilian Martinez, Vice President David Sanchez, Co-Vice President Lorybeth As-

troga, Secretary Isabel Rueda, and Treasurer Gabriela Santoyo, have represented the club with great honor, and will ensure that the Bachata Club shows the school exactly what they're made of.

Oscar Urbina, a former Hubbard student, comes after school and acts as the choreographer, teaching all the routines and steps for the Bachata Club to memorize. They practice two times a week and began practicing in March. While not fully prepared, this will most certainly change with the help of Oscar Urbina. The rigorous practice, while hard at times, only ensures the club's readiness to perform for Hubbard's International Day. Practice also increases the chances of the Bachata Club performing at outside venues, further showing off the skill and majestic movements of these talented dancers. Certainly the cultural mix of dances and styles will be a sight to behold this International Day.

Release the Hounds!

By John Abarca
Staff Writer

The Hubbard Girls' Soccer team training has begun and this season is something they can look forward to! They are training Monday through Friday for three hours, putting time and sacrifice into their team. Mid-Fielder Kenya Torres (Div 301) tells us, "It's going to be a great season. So far my Varsity squad is ready and committed to practice. We want to make our school proud." This is how many of the senior girls at Hubbard feel; they wish to leave the soccer team with a bang by giving it their all to win City or even State. One of their main goals is to stay out of the lower divisions and move up to the more competitive divisions, where more scouts come out to the games to look for talented players. Hubbard has won both matches they have played, so far giving them a winning streak of two games. Lucero Lerma (Div 307) tells us, "We started our season better than expected and the girls have great team work. We are looking forward to continuing our awesome streak." The girls' first game was a stunning 5-0 score against Brooks, and at Rockne facing Kelly 3-2.



Competing for First

By Alexis Jorge
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When most people think of the JROTC program, they think of plenty of yelling and discipline, but few actually know about the traveling national competing teams in the program. These three teams (Black sheep, H-Squad, and Scarlet Griffins) compete city-wide and nationally. The commanders of the three teams were glad to be interviewed and showed their view of their own teams.



Alexander Aguilar, Div 371
H-Squad Commander

Alexander Aguilar is the H-Squad commander and competes in the armed exhibition section at competition with his team. The team's biggest competitions at Nationals, also their hardest competition, is John Jay (Silver Eagles). The team practices for two hours every morning and after school every day for thirty minutes. His favorite part of competition is the adrenaline rush he gets before he goes on the floor. Alexander states that in the city the team places high in competitions and out of state they usually place from 5th-7th place. In order to place at Nationals, Alex believes they have to work on sharpness, unity, and discipline. If this occurs, he believes the team could place highly at Nationals. He also believes the duets and solos could do well. He is excited to bring back trophies because it is his last year.



Jonathan Pimentel, Div 311
Black Sheep Commander

Jonathan Pimentel is the Black Sheep commander and competes in the unarmed exhibition section at competition with his team. The team's biggest competition at local meets is Waukegan and at Nationals, which is their hardest competition, it is Douglas MacArthur and Francis Lewis. The team practices hard every day from 6-7 AM, five days a week. For Jonathan, his favorite part of competition is winning, but his favorite part of being on the team is having a lot of memories to look back on after graduation. When he was asked what place the team usually gets, he replied proudly, "Usually we get first, especially this season we are doing very well." Since Nationals is their biggest competition, Jonathan believes that the team needs a lot of work still, such as showing up to practice on time. Once that happens, he believes his team could place in the top five at Nationals. He stated he is most excited to go to Florida to win a trophy because it is his last year.



Julissa Carranza, Div 505
Scarlet Griffins Commander

Julissa Carranza is the Scarlet Griffins commander and competes in the alternative arms competition. The team's biggest competitor is Fern Creek's Lady Leathernecks. The team practices Monday-Friday for two hours before and after school. Her favorite part of competition and being on the team is that her team gets to work together. Nationals are their hardest competition and this is their first year going to nationals so Julissa is excited to see how well they do. To do well at nationals Julissa believes the team needs to work on sharpness and their inspection questions. She is most excited to see how well the team works together this season.

Check out our Hubbard Water Polo Team in action!

