Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back

By Mike Stafford

With the school year winding down, there is one event that is on almost everyone’s mind: Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a life-changing experience that enables people across the Earth to celebrate those who have fought cancer, remember those who lost their lives to this horrific disease, and fight back against the disease by helping and donating money to help find a cure. In this twenty-four hour event in June, students, alumni, teachers, and others will be creating teams with their friends and will stay at Huntington High School overnight in order to take a stand against cancer.

People first sign-up and participate in many fundraisers in order to raise money for the event. Before the event takes place, people who would like to become involved with this festival first go to the relayforlife.org in order to sign up and create or join a team. After this, the team that you’re involved in sets a goal for how much money the team wants to raise to donate for the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society sponsors relay for life, does admirable deeds for people that have any form of cancer and helps try to find a cure for cancer. To help fundraise for this, members of teams have asked friends and family members to help donate money, and some teams have gone as far as to ask local restaurants and pizzerias to donate some of their money to the American Cancer Society. It is commendable to be involved with the fundraising, and as time goes by more and more people are determined to reach their set goals for the main event at Huntington High School.

534 Participants. 58 Teams. $77,517 Raised.

TOP TEAMS

1. Team BHPU $17,426
2. Straus Brigade 1 $13,620
3. Team Kevin $3,734

TOP PARTICIPANTS

1. Christopher Napoliello $11,670
2. Catherine Straus $11,220
3. Danielle Schulz $2,960

Huntington High School shows its power to rally behind a cause.
works." Something that makes this art show unique is that the art pieces are made from items of all ages from kindergarten to 12th grade. It is impressive to see the art students create art that students produce because it can be surprising how detailed and well done it is. To students like Alex Castillo, the art show was his opportunity to "realize the raw talent in the district; it was truly awe inspiring, just a remarkable display of art." This is the reaction most students have once they have seen the art show. The art especially the ones produced by high school students is incredibly astonishing because of how magnificent it is and how to most can be considered flaw less. Many of these students choose to go to the art show several times a day during study halls and lunch periods to admire the art at the art show even more. Even adults like students are impressed by the amount of beauty that is found in the art show. Mrs. Dylan enjoys seeing the art in the art show every year and is always impressed by the amount of progress students make in their artistic talents through the years. She finds every piece to be extremely beautiful and would gladly put any piece in a display. The art show is full of different art every year and even though it occurs every year, it never fails to be full of magnificent art. The art show is one of Huntington’s most anticipated event every year and has now become a traditional event that a lot of people attend to see the beautiful pieces of art.

New Budget: The Changes You Will See

by EMAL WAFAJOW

Roughly 92 percent of school board budgets nationwide kept tax increases within the cap, which limits the total increase in tax dollars that can be collected annually by a school district to one percent. Huntington School District was one of many. As of April 16, 2012, there will be a slight increase. This increase will serve as the President of the School’s Board of Education. As a perpetual integral member of the board, Mr. Ragan aims to have an even more profound role with the proposed budget for next year. Voters passed the bill and decided to keep the tax levy below the original level by 2.21 percent with a simple majority vote. The cap varies from district to district but averaged 2.3 percent statewide. The election results showed extremely tight budgets and districts who seem to have grown emerged from the stands which fry anything and everything you can imagine. This year wasn’t any different. Despite the predicted threat of thunderstorms and rain, the skies remained clear and the rides kept going. Though many of the fair’s features remained the same, a big hit this time around was getting a henna tattoo. Too. Countless boys and girls of all ages wondered the fair with arms or legs extended, waiting for these temporary tattoos to dry. The rides were a big success as well, always. While those with a more mild taste stuck to the Ferris wheel, many with a passion for the risky thrilled toward the Gravitron and the Pharaoh’s Fury. Those with extra money to burn strutted to win some of the prizes that carries loudly advertised from their brightly colored booths. The Jamaican banana was by far the most desired winning, though it was seemingly unattainable. Several were seen floating around the crowd, held by beaming winners whose nights had been made. Most people found the only downside of this season’s fair to be the long lines, which seemed to be endless. Still, being with friends, eating zeppoles, and seeing the rides lights illuminating the foggy darkness all made the night worth it.

Familiar Rides New Fun

by MOLLY PREP

Every year students look forward to the big Memorial Day Fair at the YMCA. Fun is always sure to be had by all. The air is filled with excited screams and is thick with smoke coming from the stands which fry anything and everything you can imagine. This year wasn’t any different. Despite the predicted threat of thunderstorms and rain, the skies remained clear and the rides kept going. Though many of the fair’s features remained the same, a big hit this time was getting a henna tattoo. Too. Countless boys and girls of all ages wondered the fair with arms or legs extended, waiting for these temporary tattoos to dry. The rides were a big success as well, always. While those with a more mild taste stuck to the Ferris wheel, many with a passion for the risky thrilled toward the Gravitron and the Pharaoh’s Fury. Those with extra money to burn strutted to win some of the prizes that carries loudly advertised from their brightly colored booths. The Jamaican banana was by far the most desired winning, though it was seemingly unattainable. Several were seen floating around the crowd, held by beaming winners whose nights had been made. Most people found the only downside of this season’s fair to be the long lines, which seemed to be endless. Still, being with friends, eating zeppoles, and seeing the rides lights illuminating the foggy darkness all made the night worth it.

AP Tests Blackberries

Bleh:

Pole Dancing in the Olympics

Miami Heat

MLS Soccer

Meh:/

Competitive Yoga

The College Search for Juniors

Family Memorial Day Barbeques

Facebook’s Stock

The Beach
5. Sleep. Hopefully your last piece of content learned, essentially giving students a second chance to do well on Regents. Remember, you are not alone.

2. Avoid those obscure few questions that you may have been diagnosed with Post-Eexam Depression Syndrome (P.D.S). But worry not, the doctor is in!

3. Watch something that will require little to no brain power such as a movie. I recommend for a couple of hours is exactly what your brain needs to unwind.

4. Watch something that will restore your humor and faith in humanity. Whatever it is for you, it should cheer you up and make you see the light. Life will go on.

5. Sleep. Hopefully your jaw has un-clenched enough by now that you can further the relaxation process with a few hours of peaceful slumber.

6. Burn and destroy all remnants of your dark past. Lingering on things isn’t good. It is best to just get all those papers torched in the den fireplace.

However, make sure that you don’t accidentally find yourself paying upwards of $300 for lost and damaged school books. That would just make you more depressed...

7. Wake up and study for your next exam. Or not. After all, the recovery process is so much more enjoyable.

8. You Only Live Once: Have the term as it is way over used. But, it does make a valid argument.

9. Take it out on others. You might as well do what it’s possible to wronged in some way. Revel in your thirst for vengeance by making the lives of your teachers and faculty members a living hell. Call up College Board, and pretend to show them whose boss.

10. If all else fails. Seek professional help through Guidance and College Counselors. Call (631) 677-2011 for assistance.

Shock therapy may also prove quite useful as a last resort.

By DONOVAN RICHARDSON

As the end of the school year is near, all there is left to do is to take Regents exams and find out if you have been Regents Review sessions for many subjects to help students prepare. Unfortunately, it is necessary for everyone to prepare for the examinations. AP students however, are prepared for much more rigorous testing than the state requires, and therefore are very successful in Regents examinations. There are five Regents examinations that everyone must pass with a score of 65 or above to graduate from high school: science, math, an English, usually taken in eleventh grade, and two social studies, art and music, typically taken in eleventh and eleventh grade. One of the most notorious Regents examinations is the Global History Regents, which is a test on material learned in 9th and 10th grades and asks very specific questions about topics taught in those early years. It is a test that everyone has to take in order to graduate from high school. This masterful exam has been Regents, which are often referred to as the Regents. Regents are the Regents Review sessions are put on end-of-year examinations. These are the AP reviews and Practice Hall’s World History: Concepts and Connections to Today, which deals with the river valley civilizations of Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, and China. The review sessions then went in order, right until the last day before the Regents. The 70% passing rate for this Regents was up one percent this year from last year; perhaps even a one percent passing increase this year will be a success.
Young Leaders Do Good In the Community by Removing Trash From Local Beaches

by TODD COLVIN

The Huntington Young Leaders had a successful beach cleanup this Mother’s Day Weekend at Crab Meadow Beach in Northport. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors from Huntington, Harborfields, Half Hollow Hills, Walt Whitman, and Wyandanch spent three and a half hours combing the beach for trash and litter. Some students also planted boxes full of flowers. After the beach was cleaned and the flowers were planted, the leaders played an intense game of beach volleyball. A clammer game of volleyball has probably never been played, but at least the group had a good time.

On May 19th, the Young Leaders had a golf tournament at Station Sports in Huntington Station. The Young Leaders had a fun and safe outing in the newly made mini golf course. Brad Dewyer ended up winning the tournament with a 41, but Coach Kevin Thorbourne had the best score of the day, hitting a solid 40. Honorable mention to Nolan Johnston, who missed a 3-foot putt at the 18th hole to just miss tying for first.

Mr. Thorbourne’s goal of making charitable work enjoyable. Mr. Thorbourne said that the main purpose of the golf tournament was to get high school students to meet new people from other schools, as well as people from the same school that they otherwise would not have met. The Young Leaders are also unique in that it gives everyone a chance to be involved, as opposed to the exclusivity of the honor societies or other organizations.

The Young Leaders are an example of inclusion, charity, and good values in a community.
When the Invasion Comes, Will You Be Ready?

Robots from Front

our own contraptions. The most important matter when dealing with robots is to understand that they possess more knowledge than humans, and must not be underestimated. However, the major flaw in robotics is that robots lack the human aspects of life, such as emotion and instinct. Therefore, robots will likely mount ingenious attacks on humans, but will be unable to do anything outside what they have been taught. An oncoming robot attack is often given away by everything miraculously coinciding together, to make everything appear normal. This makes determining an attack a tricky task for most inattentive people. Someone who plans to survive the robot uprising will likely want them at your side like someone or not, you want to gain the assistance of an attentive person, who acts as a dog or a cat. Since these other animals did not create robots, robots do not possess the drive to control the animals. As communication is an important aspect of any team, teaching this animal to talk may come in handy, such as Scooby Doo or Garfield. The final feature of a successful squad is the advantage robots have over us: numbers. Whether you like someone or not, you will want them at your side against the robots, either by using them for protection or by working in more of a mutual partnership. Incorporating as many people as possible onto your team is key in ensuring the survival of at least some of the human race.

When attacked by robots, the use of a plan is most effective, as the coordination of human effort is a healthy challenge to the genius of robots. If an attack arises, smart tactics are centered around confusing the robots. A simple method is to display optical illusions or exclaim paradoxes, as their logical brains will be unable to comprehend these maneuvers. However, since the robots are smart enough to adapt, they may prevent their sight of these devices. A second method is to constantly change one’s appearance, such as by trading clothes with nearby humans or by dumping a can of paint on oneself at irregular intervals of time. This may lead robots to acquiring faulty image recognition, unless they only register the heat of their opponents. In this case, the use of fire is encouraged. Lighting anything from torches to books to alcohol bottles on fire is an effective method for deterring robots. A third way to confuse the robots is through intimidation. By spontaneously acting as if the robots do not have the ability to kill, torture, enslave, and ruin you, they may believe this is so. Another way of battling robots is well known as the “Old-fashioned Way.” This strategy entails sitting down to tea with the robots and discussing the issues of the time with the robots in a civilized manner. The final and most effective means of defeating a robot offensive is to engage the assailant directly. Although violence is preferred by many, an equally effective method is diplomacy. Shrewd negotiations have proven to be longer lived than simple knuckle sandwiches, although trickier, as well as have fewer detrimental results. The ultimate goal of fighting against a robot attack is to not be defeated entirely, so that humans may eventually be reinstated as the masters.

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A Year In Review

September 2011:
Protestors camp out in Zuccotti Park in New York City to make a stand against income inequality, sparking the “Occupy Wall Street” Movement

October 2011:
Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi resigns due to involvement in sex scandals and the worsening European debt crisis

February 29, 2012:
After the European Union passes a ban on purchasing Iranian oil, Iran announces it will accept payments in gold

March 25, 2012:
The Hunger Games has the third highest grossing opening weekend for a film in box office history

April 12, 2012:
A United Nations backed ceasefire is issued in Syria

May 9, 2012:
United states President Barack Obama becomes the first president to publicly support same-sex marriage

June, 2012:
Huntington High School’s Newspaper, The Dispatch, publishes its first 16 page issue since April of 2005

June 12, 2012:
The Dispatch, published by Emily McGoldrik.

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Can iCall?

You are in first period class dozing off and then it hits you, you left your seventh period project at home and it's due today. Now, your mom doesn't go to work until nine and she could drop it off at the front desk on her way to work, but your student guide book says that "Phones cannot be used from 7:25 AM to 2:25 PM.

This puts you in a predicament because if you don't turn your project in you will lose points, but if you call your mom, your phone could get taken away. This situation is less extreme than one would think. Many students face this problem on a daily basis, but they usually solve it by going to the bathroom and texting their mom or even texting their mom during class. These actions are technically against the rules, but rarely are these rules strictly enforced.

The question is not what to do, the question is why is the rule there to limit you? Obviously, the school board would like to stop students from taking out their phones and playing games or texting their friends or taking pictures of teachers or tweeting during class, but why aren't phones allowed in the hallway? There are many circumstances in which you could need your phone and going down to the office to make a call just isn't practical.

We live in a day where most kids have cell phones, and, from a students perspective, administrators do not understand that cell phones can be used for good and not just evil. There are two easy ways in which the school can control and limit the use of cell phones during school hours without losing total control over their use.

One: They could allow the use of cell phones in and only in, the hallways. This would allow students to make their calls when they need to during passing periods. Now this could cause more students to be late to class, but if the new cell phone policy is coupled with a stricter lateness policy, students would be forced to worry about getting to class before they worry about texting. Letting students text in the hallway would also deter them from using their phones in class because they know that they can freely text once class is over.

Two: the school could set up safe zones, such as the cafeteria, library, college office, and study hall rooms where students could access their phones without repercussions. This would be a similar deterrent to not using phones during class as option one. Obviously, stricter rules would have to be put in place to ensure students are not just skipping class to go to the safe zones, but the option is still very reasonable.

Both these options could have horrible short term consequences such as, an uncontrolled amount of cell phone use in school, but once the system gains control and respect it will become more routine for the students, and the policy will definitely produce positive results.
Another Dress Code Lament

Rules Not Everyone is Fond of

by Rosey Gruenblatt

One of our school’s current policies that has plagued students and faculty since its inception is the dress code. The rules originally forbade for the first time: the length of girls’ shorts. Clothes that had previously been considered perfectly acceptable were suddenly deemed against school rules and earned you punishments that used to only be given to people that actually did something wrong. Now these disciplinary actions are being taken against students wearing nothing other than what they had worn before, the things they’d already pur-

chased, and frequently the only type of apparel sold at the brand name stores. Due to many complaints about the sex-

iness of the policy, our dress code has expanded to include sagging jeans, tank tops, and whatever the author-

ity figures deem inappropriate. That last thing I mentioned may sound slightly harsh but I myself was shown the truth of this when pulled from the hallway by a security guard. When taking me downstairs to get me in trouble he yelled at many other people, girls only, and then left me with someone else because he “really wanted to get back upstairs to catch more people.” He said this as he was jogging away to do so. The worst of the whole debacle was when I arrived at the office he put me in, I asked what rule I had broken and the school official had absolutely no answer for me. What I was wearing was perfectly acceptable yet I was still punished. In my opinion, it is not at all acceptable for an adult man to be given the job to tell young girls what they should or shouldn’t wear. They have a reason for the policy though; apparent-

ly wearing shorts (even if it’s 90 degrees out) is distracting. Apparently wearing shorts (even if it’s 90 degrees out) is distracting.

How To Choose The Laptop That is Right For You

by David Levin and Ari Moskowitz

Some students receive a laptop computer as a graduation present, other students may buy it themselves, yet both groups are faced with the same problem: what type of laptop should they buy? One option is a Macbook; there isn’t any software at all that allows you to run Mac’s operating system on a PC. Macbooks are usually smaller than laptops, and run slightly faster, and usually cost a lot less than a traditional laptop. They also usually have less storage space, but this issue is frequently solved by storing files online using services like Google Documents and Dropbox. If you’re a graduating senior, most colleges have wifi available to the students, so you can go the online storage route to save money over expanding the storage space on your netbook. Another noteworthy money-saver is the external hard drive. These are very useful if you need to work on files when you don’t have internet access, for example, if you’re going on a trip with a group of your friends but still need to finish up a paper due in two days. The PC also has many advantages beside being easily compatible. Chances are that while you’re sitting in your college dorm doing homework, you will get side tracked and start playing a game. PC’s are better gaming devices than Mac’s. There are more PC games than there are Mac games. Now for all the non-gamers out there the PC is still a great procrastination tool because it has better media viewing features.

One of the most important things to consider when buying a computer is protection; Will my com-

puter get a virus? The long assumed answer is that Mac’s don’t get viruses and PC’s do, but this is untrue. Because Mac’s have become so popular hackers are beginning to create viruses that target Mac’s. These viruses were never profitable until Mac’s began taking over the computer industry. Now while both computers can get viruses, PC’s anti-virus software is much more established and complex because PC’s have been getting viruses for longer than Mac’s have. In this category, PC’s have the slight edge.

In the end, the decision is yours. You can go with the sleek, modern looking Mac, the Business formal PC, or the cute little netbook. Which ever you choose, you’ll be happy. And if it breaks, most schools have an on campus IT guy that can fix it. So don’t worry and good luck.
Every get those early morning (or late afternoon for some of us) grumbles in your stomach? When you want your breakfast, the most important meal of the day, you want it done right! Sometimes, however, the contents of your cupboard or fridge may not have you craving most. Those of us residing in Huntington should consider ourselves quite lucky to have such a large and varied selection within Huntington Village for our breakfast needs. We recently decided to see what many of the local breakfast eateries had to offer. We first went to Munday’s, located on 259 Main Street. Upon entering the restaurant, we were greeted with cheerful décor, giving the environment a festive feel. We soon realized, however, that we weren’t the only ones who considered Munday’s popular; there was a wait for the fully packed diner. We decided ahead of time to make a reservation or to check the wait if you’re pressed for time. After being seated, twenty or so minutes later, we perused the many options and specials. Munday’s has to offer. Just to note anything can be made to order, as long as you’re nice about it. The prices are fairly reasonable on the main menu, but the specials are some-what more expensive. Shortly af- ter, a kind and eager waitress took our orders. Considering the jam-packed state of the restaurant, our orders were taken quickly, within five to ten minutes, piping hot and looking deliciously fresh. We were surprised to find how large the portion sizes were, which could be a contrib- uting factor to the slightly higher prices. We rate the food as a 3.5 out of 5. Munday’s is a good place to go with friends or family for breakfast. Our next stop was Dunkin Donuts, an excellent place to grab a coffee and breakfast. Tours de Breakfast (Golden Dolphin’s) intimidating menu full of advertisements, food, and pictures is extensive to say the least.

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Cool Places in Town
Where to Go and What to Do

As Local as
Local Food Gets
by Justin Loscalzo
Everyone knows of committing to diets such as Weight Watchers, vegan, but what about becoming a loca- vore? First off, what is a lo- cavore? No, it does not mean buying food at local grocery stores such as King Kullen and Waldbaums. A locavore is someone who is com- mitted to eating food that is grown or pro- duced within his or her local community. Usu- ally one becomes a loca- vore by eating foods grown within a 100-mile radius. Sounds pretty simple, but what are the advantages to strictly eating food from local providers? Simply put, any food that is grown locally is fresher than that grown anywhere else. Produce found in grocery stores has not only been transported from various locations, but proba- bly also stored for days, possi- bly even weeks. Buying the same type of produce from local markets, usually means it has been picked within a 24-hour period. Simple logic... the fresher the food, the better it tastes. In addition, food that is picked fresh on a daily basis does not require the ad- dition of unhealthy preserva- tives, so that it will last longer. Local fruits and vegetables are not only fresher, but also ripen. Since local producers do not need to account for shipping time, during which

Munday’s

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Oreo Stuffed Chocolate Chip Cookies

by BRIDGET WALSH

Ingredients

- 2 sticks or 1 cup softened butter
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 10 oz bag chocolate chips
- 1 package Oreo cookies

Directions

1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2) Cream butter and sugars together with a mixer until well combined. Beat in eggs and vanilla.
3) In a separate bowl mix the flour, salt and baking soda. Slowly add to wet ingredients along with chocolate chips until just combined.
4) Using a cookie scoop take one scoop of cookie dough and place on top of an Oreo cookie. Take another scoop of dough and place on bottom of Oreo cookie. Seal edges together by pressing and cupping in hand until Oreo cookie is enclosed with dough.
5) Place onto a parchment or silpat lined baking sheet. I’ll admit these cookies will expand pretty big so try not to put them too close together, and bake cookies 9-13 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool for 5 minutes before transferring to cooling rack.

Red Velvet Cake Pops

Ingredients

- 1 box red velvet cake mix (about 18.25 ounces)
- 12 ounces ready-made cream cheese frosting
- 48 ounces white candy coating (available at craft and baking stores like Michaels)
- Paper lollipop sticks
- Sprinkles, nuts or candy to taste

Directions

1) Bake 1 box red velvet cake mix in a 9” x 13” pan as directed. Let cool completely. Finely crumble the cake into a large bowl.
2) Add ready-made cream cheese frosting to the cake crumbles and use the back of a large spoon to mix until thoroughly combined.
3) Roll the mixture into 1 1/2 inch balls (if they aren’t moist enough to hold their shape, add a little more frosting) and place them on waxed-paper-covered baking sheets. Cover balls with plastic wrap.
4) Place in the refrigerator 2 to 3 hours (or in the freezer 15 minutes). Place 16 ounces white candy coating, in a deep, microwave-safe bowl and melt in the microwave, stirring every 30 seconds. Melt more candy as needed throughout the process.
5) Place an upside-down colander or block of Styrofoam on waxed paper. Working in small batches (and leaving remaining doughnut holes in the refrigerator), stick doughnut holes on paper lollipop sticks, pushing in about halfway. (If they don’t fit snugly, first dip sticks in 1/2 inch of candy coating and then slide into doughnut holes.)
6) Dip the doughnut hole into the melted candy coating until it is completely covered, then remove in one motion. Make sure the coating meets at the base of the lollipop stick. If excess coating starts to drip, hold the stick at an angle in your left hand and use your right hand to gently tap your left wrist, rotating the stick as necessary. When coating stops dripping, gently roll in or top with sprinkles, nuts, or candy, if using. Then prop the cake pop upright in a colander hole or the Styrofoam block to finish drying.
7) Repeat with the remaining cake balls. Let cake pops dry completely. Store in an airtight container on the counter or in the refrigerator up to 3 days.
**Critic’s Corner**

**Oh¡ The Places You’ll Go**

by Ari Moskowitz

Now it’s impossible for me to present a playlist that’s the most chill, most awesome, or best to party to; so instead, I decided to list my favorite seven songs with places in the title. Now I am aware that many classics are missing, most notably Sinatra’s “New York, New York.”

**Playlist Name:** Oh¡ the Places You’ll Go

**Amount of Songs:** 7

**Song Order:** Distance from Huntington

**Song One:** New York Groove

**Artist:** Beach House

**Time:** 3:01

Plays on Ari’s iTunes: 5

**Song Two:** Manhattan Artist: Kings of Leon

**Time:** 3:24

Plays on Ari’s iTunes: 5

**Song Three:** Ohio (Come Back to Texas)

**Artist:** Bowling for Soup

**Time:** 3:51

Plays on Ari’s iTunes: 6

**Song Four:** Lake Michigan

**Artist:** Rouge Wave

**Time:** 3:10

Plays on Ari’s iTunes: 4

**Song Five:** Chicago

**Artist:** Sufjan Stevens

**Time:** 5:09

Plays on Ari’s iTunes: 27

**Song Six:** Calibration

**Artist:** Red Hot Chili Peppers

**Time:** 5:22

Plays on Ari’s iTunes: 15

**Song Seven:** Norway Artist: Beach House

**Time:** 3:35

Plays on Ari’s iTunes: 5

Though Chicago may have the most plays of any song, Calibration is too much of a classic to not win the crown of Best on Playlist. The odd one out on the playlist would have to be New York Groove seeing as it is the only pre-nineties, classic rock song, but, regardless of its genre, it needed a spot on the list.

**“Delirium” (Book)**

by Lauren Oliver

Love. Hearing this, some people swoon while others recoil; but what if you didn’t have a choice in using the word at all? What if you were forced to respond with terror? Lauren Oliver’s book Delirium, set in the not too distant future, has deemed love as a deadly disease and all that it encompasses is strictly forbidden. To combat it, at age 18 all are required to be “cured” by having part of their brain removed. Despite the fear this would arouse in most people, those of the future look forward to the cure, seeing love as a far greater risk. Lena, like many others her age, has been joyously counting down the days to her procedure. She craves normality, a stabilization of her emotions. Her mother was a “victim” to Amor Deliria Nervosa, and Lena has lived a life of whispers behind her back and suspicious glances by her peers. But she soon discovers that the influence of those who live in the “Wilder” (the secured zone outside city limits) is much greater than the government and regulators let on. Lena is torn between turning a blind eye to what has been illuminated, or to do something with what she’s learned. Delirium leads you on a journey that begs the question: love, whether it be for friends, family, or someone greater, worth the pain and the irrationality? You’ll have to read on to find out! Lauren Oliver weaves a gripping tale. Although it can be a tad melodramatic at times, you won’t be able to put the book down! If you’ve read her other book, Before I Fall, you’re sure to like this one just as much (if not more). Pick up a copy to read a book gun shot sounds to the fifth track entitled Warchild. The intro to Track 13, Wings, was impressively put together, but the lyrics of that song fell through. Lyrically, his best track was “Warchild,” depicting the lives of African child slaves and the torment they live through every day. If your more into the visual art than the auditory art, this mixtape still has something for you as well. The cover contains a cross hatched drawn picture of Tory and within his face are words, phrases, and sentences. It took me a second look through to notice, there are also water marked words in his face as well. Next to the image is a letter to all his “Haters” signed Sincerely, Tory (Hence the Mixtape’s name). The phrases in his face don’t seem to have any theme and just seem to be a random assortment of thought. Similarly, beside their chill tone, his tracks are also pretty all over the place. His beats, intros, and solos are all strong, but his lyrics and singing are sub-par at best. Regardless, the album is a nice easy listening hip-hop mixtape that’s great for listening to while doing homework.

“Sincerely, Tory” (Album)

by Tory Lanez

Though not a avid follower, I have always liked Tory Lanez’s style and flow. The first album of his I owned was Swavey and it was mediocre at best, but Sincerely Tory proved that Lanez has more in him than the mediocrity he produced in Swavey. In this album Tory slows down the tempo of his songs and gives the entire album a calm, serene feel. To spice up the mixtape, Lanez adds a bongo type drum to

“I Don’t Want to be Crazy” (Book)

by Samantha Schutz

"Anxiety and fear are important – and normal – parts of our lives.” Anxiety can keep people alert during a dangerous situation, keep most people up on their toes during a presentation, or even study late into the night. It helps most people cope. Anxiety is intense, heartbreak-ing, or situations and especially par-ticularly. Schutz splits the book into a diffi-cult road of discov-ery. Schutz splits the book into five different parts and creates each to have its own story line. She created this book, with true honesty of the diffi-cult road she had to face in life instead of a writing a book that had parts of her life mentioned there and symbolized. She took what happened in her life and created it into something different and allowed her to relieve her from what she experienced. Unlike any autobiography about a tennis player, or a cross coun-try runner, or even a track star, Schutz wrote something en-tirely different. She took what she had, she wrote it as if it was a poem and let her feelings pour out. She did something that most people are afraid of doing. Most people are afraid of admit-ting that they have an anxiety disorder. Schutz just want-ed it all to come out. She didn’t want it to be hidden forever and have herself become worse ev-ery day. Others decide to keep their feelings inside because they’re scared on what people may think. They just want to be normal instead of people calling them crazy. Schutz didn’t want anyone to think that she was the weird girl and the girl who ran out in the middle of class. She didn’t want people to call her crazy. She wanted them all to know what was going on in her life and that she wasn’t crazy whatsoever. I don’t want to be Crazy is intense, heartbreak-ing, and an honest story that explains the truth of someone who had to deal with an anxiety disorder throughout college. If you want truth and honesty, try reading this autobiography.
ARTIST John May-
er’s style is not eas-
ily defined. His most
known 2006 album
“Continuum,” and
more specifically his
song “Your Body is
a Wonderland,” are
very much in the
pop-rock genre. His
style has been get-
ting increasingly
more relaxed and laid
back. Mayer released
his album Born and
Raised on May 18th.
This album is a very
slow, calm, and natu-
ral album complete
with some smooth
jazz guitar solos like
in the song “Something
Like Olivia.” Music re-
viewers have called this
album a collection of
“organic cowboy songs.”
Without quite reaching
the standards of a coun-
try album, Mayer creates
smooth songs with natu-
rall guitar and drum parts.
This is not an album that
I would be running to the
store to buy. It is some-
thing that is almost on
the brink of a boring. If
you want a peaceful al-
bum that you could fall
asleep to, I recommend
Born and Raised.

**No rating**

Netsky is a drum and
bass musician also known
as a “Liquid Funk” musi-
cian. He recently released
his single “Come Alive” as
a prelude to his upcoming
album “2” expected to re-
lease on June 25th. If you
like dubstep music then I
strongly recommend that
you listen to this single.
Come Alive starts with a
captivating beat and leads
into cool vocals. The song
then moves into a nice tran-
sition to the drop. Come
Alive is similar to previous
Netsky songs but has more
vocals and is something
that would reach more of
the pop music scene. This
is a song that will surely
make you want to get up
and dance! Go check out
Come Alive by Netsky!

**5/5 stars**

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Notes From Taylor’s Closet: How to Look Great

While Following the Dress Code

by Taylor Choy

Wake up, open the curtains, and to your surprise, it’s a beautiful day to wear some shorts or that new dress you just bought. But you slap yourself in the head because it’s a school day and they’re “too short.” So instead of going through a back hallway at school and eventually round the corner to see Sylvia or Youlanda, why not attempt to abide by the school dress code?

The secret to dressing for the summer is choosing the right fabric. Although synthetics such as cotton, linen, silk, and rayon are perfect for the spring and summer because they are breathable. They are also able to take moisture from the humidity away from your skin. Always keep in mind the type of fabric and check clothing tags before buying items for hot weather.

To address the most irritating rule, the shorts rule, try wearing a tapered short. These shorts should fit tighter at the waist and fan out towards the bottom. To add detail, look for shorts that have scalloped or petal trim at the openings of the shorts. These come in many different colors, especially pastels which are perfect for a girly look in the spring. Not to mention, they come in longer lengths. Mid-length shorts are also an appropriate thing for this season’s trend. Try them in a neon color for a pop of color.

The easiest way to dress for school is in a skirt or a dress. There are numerous options. For dresses, try an asymmetrical or a shift dress and avoid tight fitting dresses. They tend to be constraining and will retain more humidity. For skirts, try an A-line, circle or flared skirt. These skirts complement the majority of body types and come in longer lengths to the knee. To add dimension to an outfit, try a pleated skirt. It will also wear a high-low skirt, which is shorter in the front and longer in the back. It comes in different types of fabrics, more commonly this season in chiffon and cotton.

Layering is also important when it comes to abiding by the dress code. If any tops or dresses have revealing necklines, straps or cut outs, wear a sweater or a shirt over the top. It seems summer is finally on its way. Forget the burger and have a salad.
The first half of the 2012 major league baseball season has featured some big names and incredible stories. No one could have predicted the standings the way they sit right now. Who would’ve guessed that the Washington Nationals would rise to the top of the NL East and Stephen Strasburg would return from his Tommy John surgery more masterful than ever before? Who could have predicted that Derek Jeter would have a tremendous bounce back year that rivals the glory years of the late 1990s? And which fantasy baseball player had Philip Humber, also known as the guy who pitched the perfect game this year, on their roster? This season has been fun to watch because of its unpredictability, as well as the rise of the small teams like the Nationals against the big budget squads that kept them in the cellars of their divisions for so long. So, now that the first half is over, here are some predictions on what to expect for the rest of the year.

1. If the Yankees can’t solve their pitching problems, they won’t make the postseason this year. Only C.C. Sabathia and Ivan Nova have been somewhat consistent throughout the first half. Hopefully Andy Pettitte can make a successful return and help out the Yankees’ starting rotation. However, if he fails, the Yankees are in trouble. Even their explosive offense won’t be able to support their struggling rotation and the second wild card will not be enough for the Bombers this season. Plus, losing the best closer of all time for the season may, however, be well justified for the hosting of the Olympics this year; well underway. And the preparation for the Olympics this year have taken an interesting, and just like last year’s epic season finale, anything can happen. As for the World Series, it’s hard to tell who will step up their game to the next level and earn a ring. As of right now, I think that the Texas Rangers will win their third consecutive American League Pennant and have a third chance to redeem themselves for their last two World Series failures. The National League is also stocked with some tough competition, and I see the Los Angeles Dodgers coming back from a mediocre 2011 season to rise to the top of the league. No matter how this season ends, however, there is one thing that all baseball fans can agree on. It ain’t over ‘til it’s over. As many major-leaguers will agree, the real fun hasn’t even started yet.

2. The Mets can’t maintain their early season winning streak and will miss the playoffs again. Although the Mets appear to be one of the more dominant teams in the National League at the moment, they are not a structurally sound ball club. Although David Wright has been on a tear throughout the first half of the season, the Mets don’t have a World Series-caliber offense to back up their rotation. The Mets’ pitching hasn’t been reliable either. Their main closer, Frank Francisco, has an ERA over 4.00, which is not good for a guy who only pitches two innings at the maximum. Overall, it will come down to the wire, but the Mets’ internal problems will slowly reveal themselves as the season progresses and will keep them from making the playoffs once again.

3. The Baltimore Orioles will make the playoffs for the first time since 1997. Both their batting and pitching numbers have been the best they’ve had in over a decade of baseball, and they seem poised to upset the AL East powerhouses. At the very least, the Orioles will nab the second wild-card spot and give Baltimore something to cheer about.

4. The Angels won’t win the AL West, or make the playoffs for that matter, but Pujols will bounce back in the second half of the season and give the Rangers a scare. Although it took Pujols more than a month of baseball to hit his first home run as a Halo, don’t count him out of your fantasy teams. Even when he’s in the middle of a down year, Albert Pujols is still liable to bang out 25 homers and possibly 95 RBIs.

5. The Cardinals will make the last laugh and make the playoffs while Pujols and the Angels will miss out. The Cards seem to be virtually unaffected by the loss of one of their biggest run-producers and have easily stood at the top of the division or close to it throughout most of the first half of the season. Their main saviors are last year’s World Series MVP, David Freese, and Carlos Beltran, who both are picking up where King Albert left off. As for the pitching, starters Lance Lynn and Matt Lohse have been lights out for the majority of the first half and look poised to lead St. Louis to back-to-back championships.

If the first half of the season is any indicator, the weeks to come after the All Star Break look to be even more entertaining than before. It is clear that many of the division races across the league will come down to the wire, and just like last year’s epic season finale, anything can happen. For the World Series, it’s hard to tell who will step up their game to the next level and earn a ring. As of right now, I think that the Texas Rangers will win their third consecutive American League Pennant and have a third chance to redeem themselves for their last two World Series failures. The National League is also stocked with some tough competition, and I see the Los Angeles Dodgers coming back from a mediocre 2011 season to rise to the top of the league. No matter how this season ends, however, there is one thing that all baseball fans can agree on. It ain’t over ‘til it’s over. And, as many major-leaguers will agree, the real fun hasn’t even started yet.

All About This Summer in London

by Aron Corsar

While wide-spread coverage of the event has yet to reach the mainstream media, the preparation for the 2012 Summer Olympics is well underway. And the preparation for the Olympics this year have taken an interesting, but to some frightful, turn; the London Olympics will see one of the largest mobilizations of armed forces for security in history. Reportedly, there will be 13,000 British troops protecting the Games this year; that’s 4,000 more troops than are currently stationed in Afghanistan. But, not only will infantry be deployed, but also military helicopters, British Typhoon fighter jets, and possible surface to air missile sites will be readied for during the event. The security team put up an extensive world-wide military preparation for the hosting of the Olympics may, however, be well justified. There will be a predicted 15,000 athletes participating at the Games, with an additional predicted 34,000 persons in coaches and media personnel attending, and approximately 6.6 million viewers live in the stadiums. This large volume of participants, up from the 2008 Beijing Olympics, increases the need for tight security, but is not the only factor involved in the military presence; less than 24 hours after the announcement that the Olympic Games would be held in London, four home-grown terrorists detonated bombs in the London transport system, killing fifty-two people and wounding over 700. This event, combined with the international tension over terrorism, prompted the British security minister Alan West to predict the country will rise to the second highest level of security alert during the Games, an ominous “severe” threat rating, after noting that the Games will be “possibly the greatest security challenge the U.K. has faced since the Second World War.” In addition to the military preparation, which has been the focus of majority of what little reporting on the event has been done, the infrastructural improvements necessary for the games have already been under development. With respect to the stadia in which the games will be held, a new “Olympic park” will be constructed; this Olympic park will span approximately 500 acres, and include historic stadia, as well as temporary new stadium constructed specifically for the event. With regards to transportation, the London subway system is being expanded, with the addition of a new “Javelin” express train, and the expansion of services to include 4,000 more stops per day during the Olympic Games. A system of gondolas is also planned to be set up over the river Thames, with a ride across becoming available every thirty seconds. This expanded public transport is predicted to allow about 95 percent of athletes to arrive at their destinations in less than thirty minutes.

USA and Jamaica have two of the best sprint teams in the world

by Charles Beers

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An In-Depth Spring Sports Review: Everything That Happened This Past Season

by TODD COVILN AND ARI MOSKOWITZ

The Boys Lacrosse Team enjoyed much success this season, earning a solid 8-5 record. The team made it to the playoffs in the last game of the season against the 1st place Sayville Golden Flashes, dominating them 11-7. The team, with the 7th seed, then lost in the first round of the playoffs despite an impressive defensive showing, losing to Eastport South Manor 5-2. The team points leaders of the season were Jack Catrone with 43 points, one of the goals being the overtime winner of a huge victory against Miller Place, Pat Reilly with 42 points, and Danny Plant with 41 points. The team’s 16 graduating seniors will leave a gaping hole for next year, but look for Junior and Sophomore midfielders Ben Kocis and Pat Reilly, as well as Freshman defenders Tim Martiace and Junior goalie TJ Greenwich, to fill the gap and lead the team back to the deep rounds of the playoffs next year.

The Girls Lacrosse team had an injury plagued 5-9 season this spring. The teams’ points leaders were Alexi Thompson with 34 points, Hannah Burnett with 60 points, and Alyssa Amorison, with 34 points. Freshman goaltender Anna Tesoriero had an impressive season between the pipes, leading the team with 79 saves. No other Huntington team can be characterized by the closeness of the team members as the girls varsity team was. Florida-bound Junior Hannah Burnett said, “I’ve never felt so close to a team before. We had each other backs on and off the field. No matter if we won or lost we knew that we were a family and we could depend on one another.” The team will return much of its talent next year, so it should prove to be a force to be reckoned with in League II.

“The Girls’ Varsity Lacrosse Team) team can be characterized by the closeness of the team members.”

The softball team proved to be one of the more successful Huntington sports teams this Spring, accruing a 9-10 record in League IV. Pitchers Ellyn Byrnes and Jaclyn Herrington delivered many dominating performances throughout the year from the mound.

This year the Boys’ tennis team had a tremendous season becoming Co-League-Champions after only losing one match. The team was strong as a whole and the high level of competitiveness throughout the season contributed to their successful season. Led by first singles player, Sam Johnson, and second singles player, Max Fehrs, the team had its best season in half a decade. Sadly, the team fell short of the team playoffs after losing a play-in game to rival Smithtown East.

Led by Tyriek Johnson and Trayvon Toney, the boys jumped, ran, and threw better than ever.

“The team currently has many athletes moving on to what would be the equivalent of individual playoffs. The team also has a very strong underclassmen presence. The Huntington High School boys’ track and field team won the Section XI freshmen county title. They beat out 60 other teams. Second place was Central Islip by twenty four points.

As underclassmen Mateo McNeil, Jimmie Nelson, Carlos Ramirez, Joe Saginaw, Sondy Jean-Baptiste, Exaayian Crowell, Alex Alvarenga, Kyle Davis, Giancarlos Puello, Marquis Francis, Y’ Majesty Allen, Jobina Watkins, Marc Henry Sanon, and Gerald Reiley all had tremendous seasons as underclassmen and will definitely be back next year after training harder than ever.

The Girls’ track team also had a great season. Junior Jontae Smith ran the 400 meter event in a dominating fashion, along with fresman Susie Petryk who ran distance events. The team’s relay’s also shined with a mix of veterans and underclassmen. The shot put and discus events were led by Maia Cadle-Hinton, but many other throwers seemed to hold their own weight as well. Junior Jen Polster, ranked highest on the team in pole vault and long jump. All in all, the team had a terrific season.