The Spelling Bee Soars
Huntington's 4th Annual Competition Had Unparalleled Drama
By Charles Beers

The Spelling Bee is one of Huntington's most anticipated events. There is no denying the powerful allure of seeing friends take the stage in a battle of wit and memorization to determine who is the best speller in the building. Fueled completely by the efforts of Huntington's English Honor Society, which heavily advertised this year's event and conducted the practice round which determined the participants, this year's Spelling Bee will be forever regarded as a nail-biting competition full of surprises, tragic losses, and a finale that was predictably unpredictable.

The competition, held on February 14th, seemed to be a sharp contrast to the atmosphere of the day. Valentine's Day, the holiday of love and the expression of burned affection, was completely undermined by the tension that the participants faced in the hours before the contest. Instead of thinking about poems or chatting about the recipients of their roses, these students were waging war against the dictionary, trying desperately to retain the trickiest of words in the hope that one would reappear whilst onstage.

Sixth period came by in a flash, and at that moment students began hastily making their way to the battlefield, discarding their book bags and gathering all the courage they could muster. They took their seat, and the show began.

One of the Spelling Bee's greatest assets was Brian McConnell, the emcee of the day. Despite the immense pressure of the competition, his perpetual smile and humorically wonderful bee puns kept the contestants collected as they waited for their turn to take the podium.

The first round was a massacre. Due to the intensity of both the words being given and the pressure of the growing audience caused many capable spellers to misstep on their first go. Even in the face of failure, every single Huntington student was able to hold his head high and not be ashamed by the difficulty of the competition, a testament to the fortitude of our community.

After the first round took its toll on the participants, less than half remained, many of whom had plenty of prior experience to guide them through the labyrinthine words uttered by Mr. Leavy, who also possessed a commendable composure but never failed to crack a joke now and again. One of the favorites from the early going was Brian Gilbert, who had dominated last year's competition and was looking to reclaim his title. After it was announced that he was going to be the senior valedictorian, the odds were clearly in his favor. However, Gilbert faced formidable opposition within his own grade. There was

Arion Coraor Continues to Shine
Huntington's Scientific Prodigy Advances in Prestigious Competition
By Joe Sackman

The Intel Science Talent Search is an annual nationwide science competition that receives over 1,700 applications from high school students who have conducted original research projects. This year, Aron Coraor, a senior at Huntington High School, has advanced to the semi-finalist round of this competition, being one of only 400 students in the entire country to do so.

His project this year focused on creating a new model for the formation of the moon, challenging the current model developed in the 1970's. "I sought to justify a new model for lunar formation that would avoid these inconsistencies," Aron said, referring to variations between the lunar samples collected during the Apollo and Luna missions to the moon and the current model.

He was inspired to do this project after learning about a chemical mechanism called an "azeotrope" that would explain the formation of the lunar crust, and he has been developing his ideas since the summer of 2012. When asked about his research, Aron possessed an unwavering command of the advanced subject material. "I justified the conclusions of my project by creating a lab [magma] that is similar to what likely would have been formed billions of years ago as the Moon was solidifying. I was able to hold my head high and not be ashamed in front of the participants, less than half remained, many of whom had plenty of prior experience to guide them through the labyrinthine words uttered by Mr. Leavy, who also possessed a commendable composure but never failed to crack a joke now and again. One of the favorites from the early going was Brian Gilbert, who had dominated last year's competition and was looking to reclaim his title. After it was announced that he was going to be the senior valedictorian, the odds were clearly in his favor. However, Gilbert faced formidable opposition within his own grade. There was

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"A beacon of truth."
Cameron Diaz Takes the Stage
Popular Celebrity Inspires Huntington to Live Healthy Lives

By KELE DIAH
On January 13th, Cameron Diaz visited Huntington High School to talk about her new book, The Body Book, and maintaining fitness and nutrition. The school gathered in the auditorium, filled with students equipped with post-its that sought to get Diaz’s attention during the assembly and try to test her unmarked paper.

Through an answering questions delivered from Ms. Tedesco’s women’s studies class, Cam-eron Diaz began to explain what her book was about and what her moti-vation behind writing it was. She told the student body about her desire to always lead a healthy lifestyle no matter what. She also explained how after she turned 40, health became even more important to her. Diaz knew that more than one-third of adults in the United States are obese and in 2010, 18% of children were obese. This startling fact inspired Diaz to try and start reestablish-ing good nutrition and a healthy diet for American teenagers.

Diaz wanted to in-vestigate the human body in order to understand the best, most natural ways to keep it healthy. Then, she wished to share that knowledge with the students. “There are tril-lions of best cells in your body,” said Diaz with determination. She used a combina-tion of both scientific fact and motivational power to explain to everyone in the audi-tory that the power to change their body is for the better. It was appar-ent during the time that Diaz spoke to Huntington students that she was deeply invested in this topic and truly believed in her book. She exhorted a posi-tion that anyone could be healthy as long as they educated themselves on how their body works and make smart, nutritious choices.

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Offering Limitless Opportunities for Community Service

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Every year, we cel-egrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Dedicated to a man that has become a national treasure and a symbol for equality in our collective consciousness, this day reminds us of the struggle that we as a country must always go through in order to ensure that we live up to our ideals.

Up until only a few decades ago, American democ-racy was rife with holes and blind spots that allowed entire groups of people to slip through the cracks. Namely, black Americans were disenfranchised and discriminated against in brutal and ugly ways. They had limited job and financial opportunity, no voice in the American democracy, and a life of struggle and medi-ocre. It was not until the 1960s that Martin Luther King, Jr. and his followers sought to change that and ensure that all Americans were treated with equality and respect. They shook this country’s attitude toward race relations and the dynam-ics of diferent ra-cial groups. The fight for completeness for all is not yet over, and we must always strive for egalitar-ianism. Recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black His-tory Month during this time, the country honors those who have labored to make our society better.

Aron Coraor’s Tradition of Excellence

By LIZ MOSK
Aron Coraor’s Tradition of Excellence is a long-standing tradition at Huntington where students who have spent time in the laboratory with the par-allel to exercise through-out the day for both the students and Diaz. She exuded a positivity that any-thing is possible in any information they could find on it. She told the student body about her desire to always lead a healthy lifestyle no matter what. She also explained how after she turned 40, health became even more important to her. Diaz knew that more than one-third of adults in the United States are obese and in 2010, 18% of children were obese. This startling fact inspired Diaz to try and start reestablish-ing good nutrition and a healthy diet for American teenagers.

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Huntington’s Biggest Fundraiser Kicks off With a Bang

By Katlin Dayton

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Briain Gilbrth Triumphant in Dramatic Spelling Bee

It was a night unlike any other when Huntington School District, Huntington Robotics Club, and Relay for Life combined forces to create an event that was out of this world. RoboticsClub Takes Huntington By Storm

By Cathy Pricezuz

Lately in the Huntington School District, there has been a huge push to integrate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) into more aspects of the curriculum. From founding the Jack Abrams STEM School to employing technology in the classroom, STEM is everywhere. It makes sense then that the newest extracurricular to join Huntington High School ranks is the Robotics Club.

Besides attracting schoolwide attention, Robotics Club has helped numerous students become more familiar with engineering. The club currently has about 30 members and is led by AP Physics teacher Ms. Pazenita and Club President Joe Saginaw. In November of last school year, Saginaw requested help from Ms. Pazenita, a former engineer.

The next generation of gaming has arrived

By Melissa Whiddon

It has been a great launch for the new next-gen consoles this year. Both the PlayStation 4 and Xbox One sold phenomenally well. The PS4 has sold over 21 million copies in America and 4.2 million copies worldwide. Similarly, the Xbox One also sold well with 1 million copies within two weeks across 11 countries. Although both were strong, the PS4 truly won the launch.

We will have to see what both companies, Sony and Microsoft, do with their devices in order to gain more customers. In 2015, Sony will release a new service known as PlayStation Now. PlayStation Now is a subscription service which will allow gamers to stream any PS1, PS2, and PS3 game they want with HD upgrades. This is a great offer for those wishing they could play their favorite classic games on their new consoles.

The Philadelphia Inquirer and www.inquirer.com
The Polar Vortex
How This Winter Has Set Bone-Chilling Lows

By Leah Butz and Olivia Liepa

Global temperatures have been varying greatly for the past few months. In case you haven’t noticed, the Northern Hemisphere has been quite chilly this winter. The polar vortex pushing its way south is to blame for some of these record lows. In contrast, regions in the Southern Hemisphere, especially Australia, have seen extremely high temperatures that have been incredibly detrimental to various ecosystems. The great divide in weather systems between the two hemispheres is causing controversy – what is causing such radical changes in weather systems between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, and what are the implications of these phenomena?

The Southern Heat

PhD Turner of Maree, South Australia managed to fry an egg on a metal shovel in early January to demonstrate as 50,000 bats have died as well. Brazil is also heating up, and zokeepers at the Rio de Janeiro zoo have been feeding ice pops to some of the animals to cool them off. The cause of this sharp rise in temperature is attributed to a combination of global warming and the late arrival of the seasonal monsoon, which usually has a cooling effect. El Niño, the term used to describe warm waters in the Pacific by the equator which usually only occur every twenty years, is predicted to start happening abnormally often - as often as every decade. Australia, Indonesia, and much of South America should begin preparing, because these heat waves are expected to become more prevalent within the next few years.

What is the Cause?

Last March, Europe was hit with the vortex pushing southward and causing some of the lowest European temperatures in fifty years. Australia has recently been seeing overwhelmingly high temperatures, as high as 122 degrees Fahrenheit, or 50 degrees Celsius - killing thousands of animals such as bats and kangaroos. Some argue that global warming is the cause of these extreme fluctuations, and it is a topic that has been researched very thoroughly. Some studies show that climate change is related, but no conclusive evidence has been found. Regardless of the cause, we should try to protect ourselves and the Earth around us. Stay warm in this cold winter, and limit your carbon footprint as much as possible.

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What I Look For in the Newspaper:

What was the best part of this issue?

What was the worst part of this issue?

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Also, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact us at hhsdispatch@gmail.com and we can start a Letters to the Editors section. Thank you for your continued support!

Let’s Take a Quiz!

What It Takes to Be Part of the Prestigious Quiz Bowl Team

By Mary Sheehan

Do you consider yourself a rising Jeopardy star? Come join Huntington High School’s Quiz Bowl team! Quiz Bowl is a voluntary club that is supervised by Mrs. Forbes and Mr. Kenny. It is open to all students who are ready for a challenge.

On the first Wednesday of each month, the students compete against other schools from all over Long Island at John Glenn High School, from November to March. Meetings are structured as a team style Jeopardy competition, involving both JV and Varsity teams. Each team has 5 players, but only 4 are allowed to play at any given time.

Throughout the rounds, sub questions are made so each player is given the opportunity to play. There are four rounds of questions that are posed in a multiple choice format which can include any topic of interest. One round during the competition is to serve as a bonus round for the team to lose points, while in the first round of the competition they offer bonus points. It is important to accumulate the maximum number of bonus points to boost the team’s score.

At the end of the season, the top two schools from each region, in addition to two other teams, are invited to participate in the final competition. The winner is named the “Long Island Champion.” For anyone looking to flaunt their knowledge, or just enjoy the excitement of a Jeopardy-style showdown, should not hesitate. Join Quiz Bowl now, you won’t be disappointed!
The Personal Fitness Controversy

By Chaz Ruggeri

The Personal Fitness program at Huntington High School has been a hot topic in private circles, classrooms, and revolutionary councils ever since its induction. The many voices of the student body have come out in unity, announcing their frustrations with the program.

The amount of recreation out of physical education is one common complaint, as are the high standards that some of the teachers set for unathletic students. One particular offense (one very scalding to the writer’s heart) is its invasion of the celebrated Project Adventure alternate course.

Some of the currently enrolled say the new course hardly even resembles its former self, reporting that team-building and leadership exercises have been replaced by AMRAPs and air squats.

There’s more than one person in this school who would say that personal fitness has been slowly invading our lives with each passing day. That’s why there was a lot of celebration when rumors turned up about the death of the program.

The span tale goes like this: one fall day, while working through the WOD in gym class, a certain girl (one of our sources could name the person, period or teacher) fell and broke her arm. In furious response, her parents took the school to court.

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The Art Honor Society is please to announce its third year of participation in Project Memory, an opportunity where art students create portraits for youth around the world who’ve been neglected, orphaned, or disadvantaged.

A select group of 12 students from the Art Honor Society created portraits for children in Nepal this year. Leah Butz said “Being part of the Memory Project is very rewarding. It’s humbling to know that a simple image can be all that is needed to feel that a child has faced immense challenges in some form of happiness.”
Just because the winter season is coming to a close, it doesn’t mean you should stop keeping up to date with all of the latest trends. To keep your wardrobe looking sharp, we’ve compiled a list of all our personal fashion tips, from accessories to zippers. If you follow our helpful alphabet of style, you’re sure to impress your friends and enter spring with flair. By Bianca Cadet

Accessories—From necklaces to Peter Pan collars to geometric earrings, these additions can show off your festive side with glitter, or make a statement that brings together your outfit.

Beansies—My personal favorite, these hats are versatile and can be worn with just about anything. They can even be customized to your own preference, as well as keep you warm for the winter.

Cardigans—this winter favorite is common and cute for this holiday season. It is a very versatile piece and can make any outfit that you put on stand out.

Xmas®——Warm and cuddly for your toots. Socks or no socks is up to you decide. It is a classic for this time of the year, and can make even the dressiest casual look while still keeping your feet warm.

Leather—A popular trend this year and preparing our outfits for the winter. These are good if you see who’s there.

Ice skating, skiing and such as snowboarding, ice skating, skiing and more. Be sure to tune in to the new winter season to see who’s there.

Yoga Pants—These are great if you just don’t feel like doing anything it’s a great piece and it gives you a casual but with the fit of the pants a more classy look depending on what you pair it with.

Zippers—To the back in the front of your life. It’s a cool way to make your shirt or boot button. Try to find pieces that contain zippers it can vary your own outfit.

The Latest Trends, From A to Z

The sweet smell of peppermi—nt or a winter wonderland can be found in your own fragrance this holiday season. It’s interesting that you can wear your moccasins in many ways and even the simplest outfit can look chic with a plaid blous—e.

Gloves—Leather Gloves are better if you use them to keep your ears warm. Thermal wear is excellent because it is warm.

Leaves—My favorite season is autumn, and preparing our outfits for the winter. It’s better if you use therapeutic massage it can vary your own outfit.

The Lego Movie Review

By Charles Beers

The Lego Movie is, as of right now, the best movie made completely out of Lego bricks, is imaginative and full of colorful characters, ranging from an old western saloon to a over whippingly bright world full of rainbows and magi-cal creatures. The movie really captured the spirit behind Lego: offering limitless potential to create new worlds and not having to follow pre-determined designs in order to create something really special.

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An Incredible Love-Letter to the Famous Bricks

Huntington Gets Ready to Relay With Incredible Kickoff

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Planning team meetings to go over and organize paper work that needs to be filled out as well as jobs that need to be assigned such as who is bringing what food and supplies to the event and who is contributing to team fundraiser Luminarias, paper bags which is a tracked place at 5pm. At the high school on June 7th, an hour before the event starts. There’s still time to register! The event is open to everyone, whether you’re a supporter or any committee members. There are no silly questions, remember, this is a floor event and we’re all in this together. Every Thursday until the event is officially “purp— Thursday” so please wear purple to show your support! Now all that’s left to do is ask yourself this question, “Why do you Relay?”
2014 Oscar Predictions
Who Will Take Home Gold in a Year Full of Masterpieces?

By Brian Gilbert and Charles Bees

The 86th Academy Awards take place on March 2nd, hosted by Ellen DeGeneres. The Oscars are always fun to watch, but in case you want to impress the guests of your Oscar party or just win some bets, here are our 2014 Oscar Predictions.

Best Picture: Twelve Years a Slave

While Gravity was suspenseful and immersive, 12 Years a Slave was the most powerful depiction of American slavery to date. Not only did the film garner universal critical acclaim, but it also served as a poignant reminder of America’s darkest hours for a new generation.

Best Actor in a Leading Role: Christian Bale (American Hustle)

Bale’s performance is a masterful performance as a FBI agent. We believe that this is Bale’s time to shine, and the Academy seems to agree with the animatored that Bale will win this award.

Best Animated Feature: Frozen

Frozen will take home the award for Best Animated Feature. How can you say no to a film that has been widely considered the greatest Disney movie since the Lion King? Breaking box office records, boasting beautiful animation, and reinventing that sense of Disney magic, Frozen warmed the hearts of millions and is almost a shoe-in for the award.

Best Cinematography: Gravity (Emmanuel Lubezki)

Gravity’s greatest strength, apart from the lead performances, was making you feel as though you were in the riveting boots of the astronauts, treacherously danging in space. For this unparalleled dramatic vision, Gravity deserves the win.

Best Director: Steve McQueen (Twelve Years a Slave)

It takes both skill and courage to depict the life of a slave with grace and shockingly realistic detail. Not only did McQueen perfectly demonstrate the stress and oppression that slaves faced on a daily basis, but he did so in a way that neither fell into obvious cliches or blow the events that occurred in the South completely out of proportion. In the end, McQueen deserves the most praise out of all of 2013’s directors, mainly for taking the most risks and still producing a masterpiece.

Best Original Song: “Let It Go” (Frozen)

An instant classic, Frozen’s defining song is still ingrained in the minds of audiences everywhere. Its spirit and the stunning voice of Idina Menzel have no equal this year in film. In short, there is no doubt that “Let It Go” will come home victorious.

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Best Original Score: Philomena

The score was so universally praised that it has already won her a Golden Globe and a BAFTA. Con- sider her the front-runner for the trophy.

Best Original Screenplay: American Hustle

The Academy seems to have a thing for I. Law. Ever since her thrilling performance in the 2010 masterpiece Winter’s Bone, Lawrence has dominated the industry with her perfor- mances in The Hunger Games and Silver Linings Playbook. Her performance as a socialite in American Hustle may be her greatest one yet, and will most likely continue her reign over Hollywood.

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What Other Critics Are Saying

“Frozen impresses by conveying coldness in all its frostbitten beauty, from northern lights and blizzards, to ice magnifying, reflecting and refracting light. The movie is a lovely example for animation enthusiasts to study.” —Steve Perall, Tampa Bay Times

“Let it Go” went from deep-freezing to becoming an instant hit, with the film’s most popular song soaring to the top of the charts. The film’s soundtrack was a hit, and the movie itself quickly became a box office phenomenon.” —The Dispatch

Movie Review: Frozen
Huntington Warms Up to an Instant Disney Classic

By Michelle D’Alessandro

One of the newest and most memorable movie releases of the season is the Disney comedy-adventure production Frozen. Many fans and critics alike regard this movie as one of the greatest animated Disney films ever made and is a heavy favorite for the Academy Awards. This begs the question: Can the Disney magic overcome such massive hype?

This movie follows optimistic princess Anna as she searches for her sister Elsa to reverse the endless winter that has befallen their kingdom. Elsa contains unwarranted winter powers that, when she was provoked, creates Himalayan conditions throughout the land. Anna uses the help of Kristoff, the hardy mountain man who prefers reindeer to human company, and the comical and entertaining snowman Olaf throughout her journey. On their race to save the kingdom from eternal winter, Anna, Kristoff and his sidekick redden Sven encounter magic trolls, wolves and many more incredible animated creatures.

Many students in Huntington High School went to go see Frozen and had a great time. One student remarked, “It’s one of the most popular characters, and people instantly fall in love with the whimsi- cal and virtually indestructible snowman. Always brilliant.”

The film’s plot is wonderful and shows how through hardships, love conquers all (a reoccurring [and classic] Disney theme). However, it is different in that, unlike many other Disney movies, it shows people that girls don’t always need a man to save them. This adds a new Disney theme that many have took to, and hopefully will be expanded on in future Disney movies.

Over all, Frozen is an instant Disney classic. With incredible animation, ending, and with heart-tugging themes on the bond between sisters, this movie is musical score to bring everything together, this is one Disney film that you should never let go.

The movie’s soundtrack was also a big hit among viewers and left them humming. Great songs like “Let it Go” went from depressing feelings of being exiled to being strong and confident. The Dispatch.

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The 2014 Winter Olympics

By Donovan Richardson

The Olympics are always historic in their own ways. This is first Russian Olympics. The first Olympics since the iPhone went widescreen. The first Olympics since people didn’t drop the thumbs down. The media likes to talk about how the upcoming Olympics are bigger, greater, and better than the last, but it is often apparent that not much changes ethically. Since 1994, Winter Olympics (the less popular little sister of the Summer Olympics) have always been held two years after the summer Olympics; before 1994, both the Summer and Winter Games were held in the same year. NBC has covered these games since 2002, and has been criticized for offering 20th-century style coverage to a 21st-century audience. Especially in the most recent London games, NBC drew notable criticism for consistently delaying the broadcast of popular events for hours until prime time in America, even when their results were available on the Internet. These delays and other tactics were designed primarily to increase viewership and satisfy sponsorships in order to ultimately fund NBC’s multi-billion dollar broadcast contract with the International Olympic Committee. While this makes good business sense, the obvious and awkward limitations to NBC’s broadcast style is often unsatisfactory to those who want to truly understand the complexities of Olympic events. Additionally, political tension and the Olympics have always hand in hand, which has been demonstrated time and time again by protests, boycotts, wars, and tragedies that have taken place while athletes are competing. The staggering boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the sleazy brawl that broke out between Russia and neighboring Georgia during the 2008 Beijing games are notable events that illustrate the current political situation surrounding Sochi—the first Russian Olympics to carry all the baggage of being Russian. Even without an iron curtain to divide them, there still are longstanding animosities between the U.S. and Russia and the Olympics have always been hand in hand, which has been demonstrated time and time again by protests, boycotts, wars, and tragedies that have taken place while athletes are competing. The staggering boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the sleazy brawl that broke out between Russia and neighboring Georgia during the 2008 Beijing games are notable events that illustrate the current political situation surrounding Sochi—the first Russian Olympics to carry all the baggage of being Russian. Even without an iron curtain to divide them, there still are longstanding animosities between the U.S. and Russia. The Olympics are designed primarily to satisfy sponsorships in order to ultimately fund NBC’s multi-billion dollar broadcast contract with the International Olympic Committee. While this makes good business sense, the obvious and awkward limitations to NBC’s broadcast style is often unsatisfactory to those who want to truly understand the complexities of Olympic events. Additionally, political tension and the Olympics have always hand in hand, which has been demonstrated time and time again by protests, boycotts, wars, and tragedies that have taken place while athletes are competing. The staggering boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the sleazy brawl that broke out between Russia and neighboring Georgia during the 2008 Beijing games are notable events that illustrate the current political situation surrounding Sochi—the first Russian Olympics to carry all the baggage of being Russian. Even without an iron curtain to divide them, there still are longstanding animosities between the U.S. and Russia.

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Senior Pitcher Kevin Monfusco. “These workouts are important for us to get ready for the season. We are in a tough division and we need to win some games against tough teams to make the playoffs,” said Junior Alex Borman, The Blue Devil baseball team is heading towards a tough road but if they have a good start then they can make a playoff push. In Lacrosse, the girls’ team is hoping to improve on its success that last season in the playoffs and contend for a county championship. Their heartbreaking loss to Harborfield’s High School in overtime last year will give the team experience to other top teams in the county. The boys Lacrosse team has a very good chance to reach the Suffolk finals once again after a tough loss to Miller Place last year. Several starters are coming back this year in order to win Counties and representing Sochi in the Long Island Championship game.

The spring sports season is almost underway in Huntington. New opportunities for championships are in the air. If these teams work hard, then they have a great shot at success while representing Huntington High School and showing the rest of Long Island its colors of blue and white.

Another Sensational Season

By Will Harris

The 2013 NFL regular season has come to an end. The season consisted of many exciting moments as well as many exciting games. The playoffs performances from teams that were successful a year ago. The season showed new stars making their first strides towards greatness, while future Hall of Famers continued to cement their legacy with record breaking numbers and amazing comebacks from injuries. The 2013 season didn’t disappoint and the fans got their money’s worth, whether they were playing in the season’s most thrilling games or the least of blizzards. In the AFC, the Denver Broncos were the big story. With their future Hall of Fame quarterback Peyton Manning, the Broncos clinched the AFC West title, a first round bye in the playoffs, and home field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs with a 13-3 record. Manning was a huge contributor for Denver as he set both the single season passing yardage and touchdowns records. The Broncos were the AFC’s most impressive team in 2013, as they finished with a 12-4 record and were one of the few teams in the league that gave Jamaal Charles and the offense big leads, allowing them to execute their powerful run game and play action passes. Also, the New England Patriots, with their inexperienced wide receiver core, had a lot of work to do. As he always has, Tom Brady turned his receivers, Julian Edelman and Danny Amendola, into key offensive weapons in the AFC playoffs. Tom Brady’s old record of 50. Peyton broke Drew Brees’ former NFL passing record of 5,476 yards by 1 yard.

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In the NFC, the Seattle Seahawks were the powerhouse of the conference with their number one overall defense including Richard Sherman and Earl Thomas. The Seahawks, along with their amazing crowd also known as the 12th man, helped Seattle win seven of their eight home games. Seattle’s dominance at home shrank into the shadows. However, when coach Pete Carroll re-signed John Fox, Cam Newton began to excel. Along with their amazing defense led by Luke Kuechly, the Panthers skyrocketed to the elite of NFL defenses. The Packers as usual went on to win another division title by one of the top quarterbacks in the league; Aaron Rodgers. The San Francisco 49ers and the New Orleans Saints also fought for the divisional berths. Overall, the 2014 season was characterized by dramatic change. Many new stars rose to the occasion while others shrank into the shadows. No matter how you view it, there is no denying that 2014 was a stellar year for football fans, keeping things interesting from week 1 to Super Bowl Sunday and leaving us begging for more.

Super Bowl Sparknotes

By Will Harris

The 2014 Super Bowl was a game that would be competitive to the end and turned out to be a huge blowout where the best defensive team in the league, the Seattle Seahawks, annihilated the Denver Broncos 43-8 in the 12th man’s first Vince Lombardi trophy.

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Seahawks Soar Past Broncos in Super Bowl XLVIII

By Vincent Fredericks

The amount of pressure placed upon both teams at MetLife Stadium on Super Bowl Sunday this February was undeniably huge but the Seattle Seahawks embraced it, and reeled in it. Speaking all week of their respect for Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos' high-powered offense, the Seahawks stood calm and collected until the big day.

To the Seahawks, Manning, despite his decorated career, was just another quarterback to smother and suffocate, force him to make bad decisions and sloppy turnovers that would tilt the game in their favor. This was how the Seahawks had won all season, and this was how they won Super Bowl XLVIII. It was a defensive strategy that made them champions.

Even with a final score of 43 to 8, the margin of victory was the largest in a Super Bowl in 21 years — did not fully reflect the scope of Seattle's domination. It was as if the Seahawks chose to unleash 38 years of frustration in 60 chaotic minutes, scoring the first 36 points in franchise history, an accomplishment that many Seattle fans will remember for the rest of their lives.

The demolition began in 49-degree temperatures, on a night devoid of snow and chill, conditions ideal for a coronation. The Broncos downfall began in the first 15 seconds of the game when a miscue on the Broncos offensive line led to an overthrown snap to Peyton Manning resulting in a safety. This abrupt yet seemingly minor error put the Broncos in a hole from which they could not recover. Not breaching the end zone till the last play of the third quarter, the Broncos, notorious for many amongst the crowd of about 80,000 at MetLife stadium — those clad in orange, at least — had departed by then, having apparently decided it would be more enjoyable to stew in traffic, or in train-related congestion, than to watch the rest of their broken hopes of their team's third championship.

On the bright side, Peyton Manning's 34 completions and DeMaryius Thomas' 13 catches both set individual records for a Super Bowl offense. In addition, the superb halftime show by Bruno Mars and the Red Hot Chili Peppers was enjoyed by everyone at MetLife stadium, distracting them from the rather disappointing game.

The Osprey, sometimes known as the sea hawk, is a diurnal, fish-eating bird of prey. It is a large raptor, who hovers over water stalking fish until the right moment, when it then fiercely dives into the water and scoops up the fish, leaving no chance for escape. The Seahawks seemingly embodied their logo during Super Bowl XLVIII, as they took advantage of every calamity by the Denver Broncos and left no possibility for the Broncos to recover.

Despite critics stating that there were many flukes, such as the Broncos' mishaps on the offensive line in the first 15 seconds of and the various interceptions and turnovers by the Broncos league-leading offense, the Seattle Seahawks undeniably reigned supreme in the 2014 Super Bowl and soared to bold new heights.

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