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#### German Gingerbread Creations Yummy for Every Sense

Holiday

You may have seen them on display in the library, and chances are, if you saw them, you had the sudden urge to consume them.

I'm not talking about books, of course--I'm talking about gingerbread houses!

They were made by the German classes on 18 December and were briefly displayed in the library before the German students took them home to eat--much to the dismay of everyone else.

German teacher Christine Moll has made gingerbread houses a tradition in her classes since 1993. She has also been making gingerbread houses with her children since they were four-years-old. She admired other people's gingerbread houses while she was in Germany as a university student.

Gingerbread originated in Europe during the eleventh century. This primitive form of the bread did not evolve into the famous house shape until much later. In fact, the bread was baked as biscuits and painted to be put on display in windows in shops.

The bread became a popular food at fairs and festivals in Germany and England in the eighteenth century.

Today, it has become a staple of Christmas culture both in America and Germany. These days, Gingerbread houses usually consist of graham crackers, icing, and candy. These ingredients were used to make gingerbread houses in German classes.

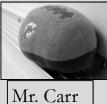
"I thought the coolest "house" in my class this year was actually a gingerbread church, complete with a gingerbread cross and a candy steeple," Moll said. "It was built by Becca Weida, Ian Grafe and Rob Kohl, who named it 'The Church of Graham.'

#### Where in the High School Am I?











By Melanie Lehman

## What is a Fiscal Cliff?

Finance

TV, or read about it in the newspaper, or maybe someone brought it up in casual con-America, but what was it exactly?

First off, the term "fiscal cliff" is a nickname given to the issues that the United States government faced at the end of 2012.

The fiscal cliff would be when the terms of the 2011 Budget Control Act would go into effect, which would be at midnight on December 31, 2012.

The agreement for a deal to avoid the fiscal cliff came three hours before midnight on January 1, 2013. The Senate version of the deal was passed first, and the House of Representatives deal passed 21 hours later.

It is easier to view the fiscal cliff in two parts, the first part being the expiration of the Bush-era tax cuts. The second part of the

You have probably heard about it on fiscal cliff was called the sequester, which was the beginning of cuts in spending.

The new deal that was struck during versation. The fiscal cliff has been a big deal in the fiscal cliff did several things. First, the new deal included a few new changes to the tax code. One of these changes was a permanent extension of Bush-era tax cuts for families whose income is lower than \$450,000 a year.

> A few minor changes were implemented in the new deal as well. Congress decided to extend unemployment benefits for another year, and extended tax extenders for businesses and individuals as well.

The fiscal cliff came and went, and a new tax deal was created. The final results are simply new tax regulations created to replace the old ones.

By Daniel Norton

## Body Zone Hosts Fun Friday Skates

Recreation

Body Zone is known to be a very good sports complex in the area of Berks county. Every Friday and Saturday, Body Zone holds a free skate for everyone to socialize and, of course, skate. Teenagers who don't have anything to do during the weekend are welcome to have a good time at the free skates.

"It is a fun thing to do every Friday By Michael Norton and Saturday night. I encourage everyone who doesn't have anything planned to come out and skate," sophomore Frankie Talarico said.

"Yeah, it is a really good time! I love to go out and skate with my friends" sophomore Austin Young said.

Body Zone is most populated on Friday nights from 8:15 to 10:15. Although it isn't as full as on Fridays, Saturday nights from 8:15 to 10:15 and on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 are also open to the public.

The cost to skate and rent skates is \$12.00. Participants who own their own pair of skates are only eight dollars per person.

"I am always out there on the ice every Friday and sometimes Saturday nights skating with my friends. Everyone who can come definitely should," sophomore Ryan Gantz said.

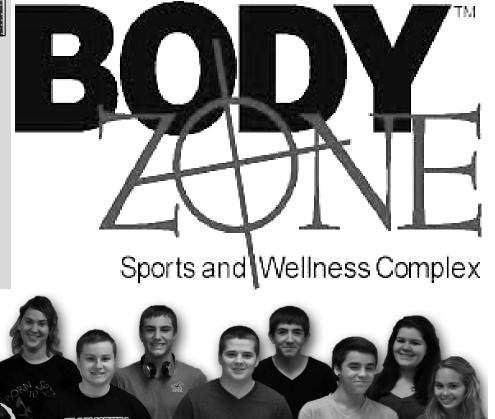
Skating is only open every winter. It is a fun and enjoyable time when you cannot be outside playing.

"Skating is one of my favorite things to do every weekend," sophomore Mitch Ki-

Body Zone also opens up the snack stand for skaters and anyone who is attending the complex.

"I can't wait to go again on Friday," sophomore Joe Kinek said.

By Tyler Rapposelli



### Philly Welcomes Endless Musical Talent

Entertainment/Art

delphia area within the next few months is hoppin'.

Beginning on 1 February, Walk the Moon is coming to the Theatre of Living Arts in Philadelphia, PA.

A Silent Film, an English alternative rock band from Oxford, England, also comes to the Theatre of Living Arts six days later at 6:00 p.m.

Mumford and Sons, an English folk

#### Dates of performances

- 2/01/13 Walk The Moon at Theatre of Living Arts in Philadelphia 8PM
- 2/03/13 Of Mice and Men at Theatre of Living Arts in Philadelphia 6PM
- 2/07/13 A Silent Film at Theatre of Living Arts in Philadelphia at 7PM
- 2/17/13 Mumford and Sons at Susquehanna Bank Center 7:30PM
- 2/18/13 Radio 104.5 Presents: Imagine Dragons-Night Vision Tour
- 2/20/13 Pentatonix at The Electric Factory
- 3/08/13 Dropkick Murphys at The Electric Fac-
- 3/14/13 A\$AP Rocky at Wells Fargo Center
- 3/16/13 Hundredth at Croc Rock 6PM
- 3/22/13 Awolnation at Croc Rock 7PM
- 4/03/13 Best Coast at the Liacouras Center 7PM
- 4/05/13 The Beach Boys at TD Banks Arts Cen-
- 5/19/13 The Killers at Susquehanna Bank Cen-
- 7/19-20/13 Taylor Swift's The Red Tour featuring Ed Sheeran

All credit to TicketMaster. For more information on any of these dates visit TicketMas-

The music scene in the Greater Phila-rock band formed in West London in late 2007 will be playing at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, New Jersey, on 17 February at 7:30 p.m. Mumford and Sons was made famous with their debut album Sigh No More and released a new album September of 2012 entitled

> A band you may have heard a lot about recently, Imagine Dragons, will be coming to Radio 104.5 on 18 February at 8:00 p.m. on their Night Visions tour presented by Radio

> > A\$AP Rocky, a new member of the rap scene, will be coming to the Wells Fargo Center on 14 March at 7:30PM.

Hundredth, a famous name in the punk genre, will be coming to the Croc Rock on 16 March at 6:00

Awolnation, known for their hit single "Sail", will also be appearing at the Croc Rock on 22 March at 7:00 p.m.

Featured in a commercial for Microsoft Windows 8, the indie rock band from Los Angeles, Best Coast, will be coming to the Liacouras Center on 3 April at 7:00

A classic name everyone and his mother has heard, The Beach Boys, will be playing at the TD Banks Art Center on 5 April at 8:00 p.m.

The highly anticipated event, Vans Warped Tour, featuring the bands Man Overboard, Stick to Your Guns, and The Story So Far, is a great way to kick off summer vacation and has tour dates all across the United States. The Pennsylvania dates are in mid-July, but the full tour runs all summer.

By Brianna Reinstadtler

## Key to NHL Lockout Found

Sports

It's back!

The National Hockey League had a very late start to their 2013 season due to a long lockout, but all of that is over.

The season, which now contains 49 games, will have to be played in a span of 99 days.

Considering hockey is a sport that really takes a toll on the human body, this shortened season will be a challenge for the players and the coaches.

The first game of the season occurred on Saturday,19 January, 2013, between the reigning champion Los Angeles Kings and the Chicago Blackhawks, a game in which the 2012 Stanley Cup winners were defeated 5-2.

"I'm so excited that the NHL is back. When I heard that there will be a season this year, I jumped for oy. This will put an end to my boredom," sophomore Matt Masenheimer said.

Gary Bettman, the National Hockey League Commissioner, declared the lockout of the members of the National Hockey League Players' Association

(NHLPA) after a new agreement could not be The season was originally scheduled to begin on 11 October, 2012. The 2012-2013

season was shortened from 82-48 games. That is a reduction of 41.5 percent, or a loss of 34 games. The much shortened season will end on 27 April, 2013.

This unexpected loss in time caused the NHL to lose very exciting games, including the 2013 NHL Winter Classic between the Detroit Red Wings and the Toronto Maple

In addition, the NHL cancelled the 2013 All-Star Game, which was scheduled for



"Even though [the Flyers] didn't have a hot start to the new season, I'm glad that I can at least watch some hockey now," junior Jake Lash said.

A short season is far better than no season. Many of the hockey fans around the world are full of joy at the start of the new

By Tyler Rapposelli

## Zero Dark Thirty Is Proficient, Painful, and Patriotic

Zero Dark Thirty is an odd film in that we all know how it ends before we even watch it. It is commonly known that Osama Bin Laden was killed by Navy Seal Team 6 on 2 May 2011.

So, why bother watching if we know what happens?

For starters, Zero Dark Thirty is much more than just the hunt and assassination of Osama Bin Laden. It is a scattershot portrait of the messy war on terror and the questionable tactics used by Americans when trying to fight it.

Much has been made about the film's bleak and cringe-inducing depiction of torture. Some have gone far enough to suggest the film is pro-torture, though film doesn't obviously come with any political agenda. Instead of endorsing torture, the filmmakers just showed it how it was.

Realism is one of the film's strongest attributes. The script, written by Mark Boal, contains razor-sharp dialogue, and not a single

line rings false. More importantly, he manages to take the entire story of the hunt for Bin Laden, which theoretically started on 9/11 and dragged on for the better part of a decade, and condense it into a thorough yet entertaining two and a half hour narrative.

It was up to director Kathryn Bigelow to work out the complex pieces of the puzzle. Zero Dark Thirty contains a lot of information, statistics, names, and places, but this is balanced out with tense sequences of

Overall, it works perfectly as a historical film: you learn something while being entertained.

The story is mainly told through the eyes of Maya (Jessica Chastain), a strong-willed CIA agent who was pivotal in finding Bin Laden's safe house. The audience is able to identify with her more than any of the males in the film, mainly because Maya isn't completely de-humanized by the rampant torture and



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world, though, she is bold and devoted to her work. Chastain finds a

perfect mix of human-

ism and professionalism

in her performance. But at the end of the day, it was the guys who got Bin Laden. In the most intense stretch of the movie, the raid on Bin Laden's safe house by Seal Team 6 is depicted in almost realtime.

The scene has a documentary-like feel to it. Needless to say, it is riveting, and it's hard not to feel proud to be an American while watching.

## Hitman: Absolution Worth Playing

After a 6 year hiatus, Agent 47, one of gaming's most prolific assassins finally returns with Hitman: Absolution in full force.

The series always followed 47 and his exploits as the most deadly assassin for the International Contract Agency; however, Absolution ventures from this formula.

Agent 47 is sent to kill his old handler (the person who gave him his assassination contracts) Diana Burnwood, who has gone rogue. But as she dies in his arms, 47 promises to become the new caretaker of a mysterious child Diana kidnapped from the Agency

The rest of the game follows 47 kill-

HITMAN

ing anyone who endangers the child and discovering why she is so valuable.

Despite the fun action story this game sets up, it turns out to be surprisingly bland, archetypical, with key plot points either under-

explained or not explained at all.

The main villain besides the Agency is a rich, fat, obscene, evil Texan named Dexter who wants to kidnap the girl and sell her to the agency for an exorbitant sum...and rule the world or something.

Besides Dexter, almost every character is archetypical and poorly written, and the dialog isn't much better.

Villains and their henchmen are flamboyantly obscene, sophomoric, and raun-

One of the most immaturely stupid By Michael Norton scenes is a tradeoff between Dexter and the

leader of the Agency throwing insults that you would expect to come out the mouths of sixth graders and not middle-aged men. Fortunately, the Hitman series' play-

how-you-want style eclipses the drab story and abundance of awful characters. This game literally gives the player

almost infinite choices in how to kill targets and progress to the next objective. It also accommodates almost every possible play style. Throughout the game, weapons,

items, and, environmental hazards can be used to accomplish your mission. Agent 47 has plenty of tricks to help him accomplish them as well. This includes disguising to "point

shooting," feature in the game that allows 47 to stop time to lock on to assailants and then quickly execute them. This feature harks

back to a similar system found in Splinter Cell Conviction Besides that, controls are very rea-

sonably smooth and responsive with actions reasonably well-animated. The game also has a neat multiplayer feature called Contracts, which allows players

to create assassination objectives for other players to complete online. Overall, Hitman: Absolution is a fun

little game that is worth playing despite the awful story and characters.

By Leif Greiss

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#### Girls' Basketball Takes Huge Leap Forward ASAP Rocky's

This year, the girls are in a tight race to the County Playoffs in

Berks Division II against

and Conrad Weiser.

Hamburg, Berks Catholic,

Think that's

Three seasons ago, no one would have ever thought Fleetwood girls' basketball would be in the position they are now. After the 1-20 season ended in 2010, no one knew what was to come for future

That is, until computer room monitor Matt Kellet took over coaching and did a 360 with the program.

"We've grown as a team and have learned from our mistakes. We are driven to do the best, and it shows through how we play," senior and points per game each. captain Maureen McGarry said.

tough? All four of those teams have won at least two-thirds of their games. "Tight race" is an understatement.

McGarry leads the way in scoring with 12.6 points per game. Kendra Bamberger and Xiomara Toledo complement that with a solid 9.1

Cyre Virgo also provides a strong

rebounding presence, along with 8.4 points per

With four balanced scorers backed by point guards Madison Bossler and Hannah Stump, Fleetwood girls' basketball is off to one of their best seasons in years, earning an 11-3

The girls are currently in third place, falling just one game behind from an early loss to Hamburg in December that was eventually avenged in a 55-39 win on Thursday night. Toledo and McGarry have 20 points apiece, and Bamberger added 10.

We still have those games that don't go our way, but we've come a long way since being 1-20," McGarry said.

By Kyle Flannery

## Gangster Squad a Mediocre Film Kelly Chooses

No names. No badges. No

mercy.

Gangster Squad is a drama based on the true story about the taking down of Mickey Cohen (Sean Penn) and the undercover police who did so.

In the beginning, the audience is introduced to Sgt. John O'Mara (Josh Brolin), a guerrilla soldier from World War II who is dedicated to stopping Cohen's reign over Los Angeles, and the five other members who will help him with this suicidal task.

This movie is nothing really special; in fact, it is nearly forgettable. I agree with Connie Ogle of the Miami Herald when she said, "It's the cinematic equivalent of Bon Jovi's You Give Love a Bad Name: You know in your heart it's a crappy song, and every wince-inducing line is an affront to your intelligence, but hey, it's on the radio, so you turn up the volume and sing along anyway."

Plus, the film also has underdeveloped characters. I would love to know more about how the cowboy and 'Navidad' got to work together and just a bit more from each character, like we did with Sgt. Jerry Wooters (Ryan Gosling) and Sgt. O'Mara.

The R rating seems appropriate because some of the best parts of the entire movie were also some of the most gruesome. For example, a man is at one point tied between two cars and pulled apart.

The storyline is a bit confusing, going between wanting to be a really good action-drama and wanting to be a mindless violent action movie, but the worst part of the entire movie was that there was not enough of Emma Stone for my liking.

I did like that during some of the dyer parts of the movie, one or two of the characters would make a witty remark, engulfing the theater with laughter.

Overall, Gangster Squad was a mediocre movie with a lot of violence, police corruption, and underdeveloped characters.

This movie was a modest success at the box office, grossing \$17.1 million dollars opening weekend.

According to the very popular website "Rotten Tomatoes," the movie was a flop, with critics giving this movie a 33%, which still seems a bit harsh.

I'll give it a 62% because of the lack of development of the characters and because the score was too modern in some of the fight scenes. The cinematography during some of the fights scenes reminded me too much of Guy Ritchie's Sherlock Holmes in the way the picture was slowed down when someone was hit and then sped up again.

I recommend that you do watch it at least once, but wait until it hits Redbox later this year.

By Michael Lasher

## Eagles over Ducks

Sports

On 16 January, Chip Kelly shocked everyone when he decided to change his mind and make the jump from college football to the

After leading the Oregon Ducks to the Fiesta Bowl, Coach Kelly was interviewed for a bunch of NFL coaching jobs, but he announced that he would return to coaching at the University Oregon.

After a couple of weeks, Kelly changed his mind and signed a 5 year \$32.5 million dollar contract with the Philadelphia Eagles

The 49-year-old Chip Kelly played defensive back for the University of New Hampshire and was an assistant coach for the University from 1994-2006.

Coach Kelly was the offensive coordinator for one year at Oregon before becoming the head coach

At Oregon, Kelly coached for four years. Each year he was head coach, the ducks went to a BCS bowl. He also won three Pac10 conference championships along with many coach-of-the-year awards. Kelly had a 46-7 record at Oregon, including a BCS Championship appearance where the team lost to Auburn in the

Chip Kelly is known for his up-tempo offence that he implemented at Oregon. His offense includes a lot of unpredictable play, including 4th down attempts, trick plays, and

Kelly is known to call a lot of optiontype plays that involve the quarterback having to run. This makes fans wonder what he will do about the quarterback position for the Eagles.

He might keep Michael Vick because of his speed and running ability, use less mobile second year quarterback Nick Foles, or draft a new quarterback.

Many Eagles fans are eager to see what Chip Kelly decides in the next couple eks and how he plans to use his offense in his first NFL job. One thing is certain: the Eagles definitely need a lot of changes after a 4-12 sea-

The one thing the Eagles do have is speed, and speed is exactly what Kelly's offense

If Kelly and general manager Howie Roseman can draft well and rebuild the offensive line along with parts of their defense, the eagles can be a much better team next year.

The move to hire Chip Kelly is an exciting move for Eagles fans; it brings an exciting style of play to Philadelphia.

It also raises a lot of questions on what he is going to do next and if it can be successful.

Passionate Eagles fans are eager to see what's going to happen with this offense and if it can turn the Eagles back into a successful

By Ryan Steward

#### Expectations Rakim Meyers, better known as ASAP ROCKY, is an American rapper from Harlem, born and raised in New York City. He released a mix tape titled "Live Love ASAP" to critical praise, and his first album "Long Live ASAP" does not disappoint in

"Long Live"

**Fulfills** 

the slightest.

Released 15 January, the album features guest appearances from Schoolbov Q, Santigold, OverDoz, Kendrick Lamar, 2 Chainz, Drake, Big K.R.I.T., Yelawolf, Danny Brown, Action Bronson, Joey [Badboy], Gunplay, A\$AP Ferg, and Flor-

The first single of the album is "Goldie," a smooth and chilled-out track with lyrics about typical rap themes, like how much money and how many girls he has. With an almost sinister backing beat to it, the song is made whole.

The second single off the album is "[Bad] Problems," which features rappers Drake, 2 Chainz, and Kendrick Lamar. It's a fun and fast track with 2 chains providing only the repeated lines in between the rap-

In "1 Train," the track features Kendrick Lamar, Yelawolf, Danny Brown, Action Bronson, Joey [Badboy], and Big K.R.I.T. It's a collective song that allows all of the individual rappers to show their unique styles and give perspectives into what they rap about, with ASAP giving his own gangster style and lyrics, Kendrick his fast rhymes building an image in your head, Joey his slow lyrics and punchline-esque style, Yelawolf his fast rhymes, Danny Brown his low brow lyrics, Action Bronson his slowed down rhymes and raps about all he has, and finally Big K.R.I.T, who gets special mention for a verse that is just so much fun.

ASAP Rocky's style and rhymes are a perfect end to what, in my opinion, is the best track on the album.

By Cody Millard

## Safe Grad Hosts Fun for Seniors and Middle School Students

School

Every year, the senior class holds a Safe Graduation Dance for the middle school students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. This year, many seniors of the class of 2013 helped in coordinating the dance.

The dance took place in the middle school 5-6 gym on 1 February 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Each year the seniors help with the dance by collecting money at the door, serving food in the cafeteria, making sure no food or drink is brought into the gym, preventing running in the hallways, and monitoring the students in the gym.

All dances the middle school holds serve snacks and sodas. This year, seniors also sold hot dogs to the middle school students. At 9:00, cookies, brownies, and hotdogs went on discounts to the students.

This year, many helpful parents from the senior class helped with the dance. Michelle DuGuay and Nina Perone helped with money at the door along with concessions in the cafeteria later into the night.

Mrs. Buck, Anne Norton, Mrs. Wanner and many other parents attended and helped with the concessions stand and monitored students on the dance floor.

When the senior class of 2013 was in middle school, they remembered the seniors carrying around rulers for the slow dances. It has been a joke to embarrass middle school students by sticking a ruler in between couples when they

Because this has become a tradition, current seniors continued it, and Mrs. Heffner brought rulers for seniors to use. John Heck, high school technical shop teacher, helped student Melanie Lehman make a 30-inch ruler to stick in between students instead of a normal 12 inch

Student Colton Plucker had much amusement with the ruler and carried it around most of the night. One middle school student was enraged by the ruler tradition and broke senior Robert Kohl's ruler in half.

Kohl retaliated by returning with another wooden ruler.

At the end of the night, the DJ played the graduation song, and all the seniors gathered in a huddle. They all danced, and some even cried a bit, thinking about all the memories they had

Due to the seniors hard work, advisors Dina Heffner and Jennifer Neiman wanted to reward the seniors with an ice cream party. Any senior who put any amount of time helping at the dance was allowed to join the ice cream party in room #7 on 4 February 2013.

"It is always hard to tell who has more fun on this night, the seniors or the middle school students," middle school principal Christopher Redding said.

By Kristina Scatamacchia



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#### I'm Sorry.

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对不起 (Duìbùqǐ) Chinese

Croatian Žao mi je Danish Jeg er ked af **Finnish** Olen pahoillani

French Je suis désolé

German Es tut mir leid Greek Λυπάμαι (Lypámai)

Indonesian Saya minta maaf

Italian Mi dispiace

ごめんなさい Japanese

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Spanish Lo siento

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By Holly Wagner & Nikkole Hagginbothom

# Language Many Entertaining Events at the Buck Transportation This upcoming spring/summer the Meanwhile 22 to 1.2.

events at The Buck in Lancaster will soon begin

Starting on 27 April, the mud bogs and tuff truck series will be starting the new year off. The next events, as of now, are scheduled and assigned to the following dates

The next event will be on 4 May with the Diesel pick-up powerfest series. The diesel pick up powerfest series / Semi -truck pulling will be held on 11 May. The East coast trucks and tractor pulls will occur on 18 May. On 25 May, The Buck will be holding a Memorial Day weekend derby and firework show.

On 1 June, the Diesel pick-up powerfest series begins. Another East Coast truck and tractor pull is planned for 8 June. On 15 June, the semi-truck pulling and drag racing is scheduled.

truck series, 26 June the diesel pick up powerfest series, 6 July the Fourth of July Weekend special with a Demolition Derby and 'Firework spectacular' show, and 13 July the monster truck show and tuff trucks.

On 20 July, a demolition derby and combine demolition derby will occur, and on 27 July, mud bog and tuff truck series again. This 3 August will bring the East Coast trucks and tractor pulls, 10 August the Diesel Pick-up powerfest series, 17 August Truckers' day special with pulling and drag racing shows, and 24 August the monster truck and tuff truck series. On 31 August, a Labor Day weekend demolition derby and fireworks is planned.

Then, on 7 September, diesel pick up

tember will be the Buck pull-offs and East Coast pulling finals (21 September will be a rain date). To end a great year, 28 September mud bog finals and tuff truck finals will be followed by a 5 Octo-

The Buck is an adrenaline-pumping place to watch trucks rip through mud, smash into each other, or show their tough skills in sled pulling as well as tractors. Whether it's a Dodge, Ford, Chevy, John Deere, International, or other, spectators can watch the events take place.

Directions to the Buck, times, pictures, and further information can be found on the Buck's official website: www.Buckmotorsports.Com

By Kelsey Steiner

## End of the World Disappoints Many

Environment

December 2012 has passed, and Earth and its people

date was rumored to be the end of the world because it was the exact date of the end of the final cycle of

are still here.

the Mavan

calendar; however, whether the end of the Mayan calendar meant the end of the world split many people. Skeptics and non-believers pointed out the abundance of end of the world prophecies that never came true, the fact that the Mayans couldn't predict the mysterious demise of their own civilization, that the end of the Mayan Calendar is just like the end of any normal calendar,

"I thought the whole thing was just stupid," junior Aaron Kulaga said. Believers prepared for the apocalypse and looked for ways to prove it, citing that Nostradamus also had predictions that said the world would end in 2012. The Nostradamus claim was never concretely substantiated.

It is now clear that the world has not ended. Despite this, there is no denying that the date was pop culture phenomenon.

The movie 2012 was made about it, and it could easily be said that the date was probably the most interesting thing about the year 2012.

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tions for the end or joking about how stupid they thought it was.

Now that it is gone, what's next? For those who never cared about it in the first place,

"I'm glad it's over. I thought it was ridiculous," senior Anthony Parzanese said. For the believers, though, it's just more

By Leif Greiss



time to prepare

## The day has come and gone for another year...

## What do you think of Valentine's Day?



"I don't like it." -- Josh Ravel, Grade 11

"I like to spoil my girlfriend with

gifts." -- Kyle Young, Grade 11



I think it's [dumb]. You should show your love every day, not just one day a year." --Bri Bailey,



"[I] love it because I like getting flowers and being with



"It is just another boring day at school." -- Ryan Kline, Grade 10



"Pointless...not needed." -- Cameron Weeks,

"Waste of money!" -- Jacob Christman, Grade 10



"[It's] only a girl holiday." -- Dane Yuengel, History Teacher

my boyfriend." -- Morgan Waters, Grade 10

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