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The Perfect Season

By Staff Writers Michelle Bingert and Tyler Trumbauer

Northern Lehigh's football program rarely lets its fans down, and this year was no different. This season, NL football finished 10-0 and was a mainstay at the top of the Colonial League throughout the regular season. The great regular season was highlighted by a shootout win over Wilson in the second week of the season with a final score of 52-36.

Also, the biggest game of the regular season was week five's home match up against Pen Argyl. The contest was a "battle of the unbeaten," and Bulldog Stadium was packed and loud throughout the contest. Lucky for us, the Bulldogs came out victorious with a 35-20 win. When the regular season concluded, and the standings were final, Northern Lehigh stood in first place with an undefeated record of 10 wins and zero losses.

During the regular season, Cody Remaley broke numerous records, including surpassing the 6,000-rushing-yard mark in his career. "I broke a lot of records and, like I always say, I owe it all to my team," Remaley remarked of all his record-shattering.

"They deserve it all. The past four years were amazing. We seniors, we became a family."

On Saturday, Nov. 13, the Olympians of Jim Thorpe rode into Slatington to battle the Bulldogs in the opening round of the PIAA District 11 Class AA playoffs. NL came out of the gate scoring and kept on scoring. Although Jim Thorpe staged a comeback, the Dawgs, lead by Dylan Hofmann, Jake Kern, and Remaley, persevered and won the game with a final score of 34-19.

The next playoff game for the Bulldogs was against undefeated North Schuylkill at Bulldog Stadium. This showdown was one of the closest games of the year for the Bulldogs; NL had just an 18-7 lead at halftime. In the second half, Northern Lehigh came out of the locker room with only one goal in mind: victory. With scores from Gill, Remaley, and Kern, Northern Lehigh won the game and District 11. "We did not have a let-down game. We rose to the occasion of every game," stated quarterback Dylan Hofman about making it this far in the playoffs.

The 2010 PIAA District 11 Champion Bulldogs traveled to J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown to take on their first competitor in the state playoffs, Wilkes Barre GAR. Hoffman's main concern about this game was, "their speed; they are a very fast team, [they have] a lot of athletic players."

The Dawgs' defense took care of that concern and contained the Grenadiers, allowing only 14 points. The Dawgs' offense took advantage of the great play of their defense and piled on 50 points. With the victory, NL moved on to the second round of the state playoffs.

Northern Lehigh took the field at J. Birney Crum for the second straight week on Dec. 3. This time their foe was West Catholic. From the beginning, the game didn't go the Bulldogs' way. Turnovers on offense and great drives by the Burrs resulted in points for West Catholic that turned out to be too much for Northern Lehigh. Unfortunately, with a final score of 55-14, NL's magical season came to an end that frigid night in Allentown.

As the Bulldogs left the field, they kept their heads and spirits high. "It's a great accomplishment; we never wanted our season to end," Hoffman said. The optimism was seconded by Kern, saying, "We would have hoped to go further. None of us wanted it to end so soon. Yea, we are happy with the legacy we left behind, which was

hard work on and off the field and in the weight room."

The Morning Call's 2010 Coach of the Year Joe Tout reflected on his team's finish in 2010. Commenting on whether they reached his expectations, he asserted, "Absolutely. I think they bypassed them to an extent. As a team, we don't preach championships. As a team we want to get better every day and that is what we tell the kids. As a coaching staff, we think that is a way we don't put pressure on people. We want you to get better. If you are better today than you were yesterday, that is a plus. We had a goal, an unspoken goal, which was we wanted to win the Colonial League. Then the District 11 title was just the icing. North Schuylkill was as good as everyone built them up to be. They could have won a state championship. For these last two teams, it would have been horrible to see them not winning a title two years in a row."

Coach Tout also had praise for some of his players. "Kyle Schomp is one player who we asked to move to defensive tackle.

Even though it isn't a popular position, he did it because it helped the team. He has only been playing organized football for two years, and he was first team all-league at defensive tackle."

He continued, "Andrew and Daniel Ruth are two kids at the guard positions that we got a lot out of. We didn't know they would be that good. Another one is James Geronikos. He was a fullback and we asked him to move to center. We told him it would give him a chance to play. We had a lot of players that sacrificed for the good of the team."

Looking back at the marvelous season that NL fans got to witness, we also notice a great deal of tremendous work by other players on the team; David Getz, Trevor Yashur, Jake Moser, Caleb Johnson, and Mike Buresh just to name a few.

The 2010 football season is one few of us will ever forget. It was filled with records, high scores, breakout players, and just all around triumph. Everybody in the Northern Lehigh area is proud of their "Boys of Fall."

Northern Lehigh Theatre Helps to "Give Haiti Hope"

By staff writer Maggie Surdovel

It has been a little over a year since a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the poor island nation of Haiti, and the devastated nation has improved little since the disaster on January 12, 2010. Northern Lehigh High School lent a hand to the recovery efforts this spring, with Northern Lehigh Little Theatre's Operation Jewel. This fundraiser ran in accordance with NLLT's spring musical "Once On This Island," which takes place in Haiti.

"Once On This Island" tells the story of TiMoune, a poor peasant girl from the Haitian countryside who falls in love with a rich hotel heir from the other side of the island. The musical shows the poverty that the peasants live in as they pray to the

four gods of the island to spare their lives. Each of Northern Lehigh's performances opened with a short video showing the current conditions in Haiti and the hard work the students put into the fundraiser.

In the weeks before the



musical opened, you may have been asked to buy orange bracelets to support Haiti. The bracelets read "Operation Jewel: NLLTC Gives to Haiti" and were sold for one dollar each. In addition, students mailed letters to local businesses asking for donations, and a collection was taken at the end of each of the four performances of "Once On This Island." The proceeds from the businesses, bracelets, and collections were sent to "Give Haiti Hope," an organization that gives donations to schools in Haiti. The students felt that since NLLT is a school organization, it would be appropriate to

give to students in Haiti.

Also, the actors and crew members spent a lot of time researching the current conditions in Haiti and discussing the connection to the characters in the musical. Some students made posters to display in the lobby before the performances or wrote the letters to local businesses that asked for donations.

The first rehearsal of the show even began with a video of pictures and clips from Haiti set to "The Human Heart," a song from the show. Sydney Martin, who played one of the peasants, said, "it made the cast realize just how lucky they are to have the

things they have, unlike the characters in the musical and the citizens of Haiti."

Haiti has a long way to go before all the damage from the earthquake, various hurricanes, and the Cholera outbreak can be erased. Even though Haiti needs more than the donation given through Operation Jewel, the appreciation the students gained from the experience is invaluable. If you attended any of the performances of "Once On This Island," you too may have gained a greater sense of how lucky we are.

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Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger's Tides

By Staff Writer Laura Grammes

Many fans thought it was over, but the tale of Captain Jack Sparrow and his relentless adventures are not finished! In *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger's Tides*, the witty and notorious pirate sets out once again onto open waters, only this time not for treasure but for the long sought Fountain of Youth. However, when a lover from his "eventful" past comes into the picture, his exploits become much more complicated than he ever planned...but then again, this is nothing new for the spontaneous, womanizing, sarcastic, drunken, and above all boyish Jack Sparrow.

The story begins as Jack sets sail in search of the Fountain of Youth, an exploration that picks up right from the third movie. Along the way he comes across Angelica, the daughter of the notorious Blackbeard and Jack's former lover. She decides to

accompany him on his quest, and, although she is as radiant as Jack remembers, he cannot help but think that her charm may just be a ruse in finding the fabled fountain. The plot thickens as he is inevitably forced onto the ship of Edward Teach, aka Blackbeard himself, who also wishes to find the fountain. Will Jack be able to escape yet another death-defying adventure? Or will this finally be the day when our own Captain Sparrow finally is caught?

Although the film is the fourth in the Pirates franchise, producer Jerry Bruckheimer stated this movie is not a continuation of the trilogy but rather a spin-off. Many agreed, including the Disney Chairman of Walt Disney Studio of Entertainment Dick Cook, that there was great interest in preparing and presenting a fourth installment of Pirates to the people. As early as

September of 2008, executives decided that another addition to the Pirates franchise would hit theaters in the future.

Academy Award winner Johnny Depp once again reprises his role as our favorite pirate, Captain Jack Sparrow. Who else would play such a witty, sarcastic, fun-loving pirate? With Depp's impeccable traits as an actor, no one can bring a character to life quite like him. Without him, this movie, as well as the entire Pirates franchise itself, would be as Disney officials put it "dead and buried."

Sadly however, Depp will be one of the few familiar faces returning to the silver screen. Kiera Knightly and Orlando Bloom confirmed that they would not be reprising their roles of Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann due to the fact that the Will/Elizabeth plotline officially came to an end in

Pirates: At World's End. Don't let that stop you from seeing this imaginative and adventurous spectacle.

New cast members such as Ian McShane, Stephen Graham, and Penelope Cruz make their Pirates debut in the series' fourth installment. All of them could not contain their excitement, especially Miss Cruz, who expressed great joy in portraying Angelica, Sparrow's love interest. Her character has been described by movie officials as "Jack's foil and equal in many ways." Who wouldn't want to finally see a female pirate hand it to Captain Jack Sparrow? Of course, we would!

A classic pirate's story never gets old, and there is no doubt that Disney's latest masterpiece delivers exactly what every fan of the franchise needs: an adventurous tale full of action and witty humor. This film is rated PG-13 for

violence, language, suggestive themes, and of course lots of bottles of rum. Join



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Captain Jack Sparrow on his thrilling, cliff-diving, building exploding, sword clashing, and rum guzzling exploit for a long-lost fabled fountain that may or may not even exist as *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger's Tides* sails into a theater near you May 20th 2011...

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of...Pop Culture?

By Staff Writer Laura Grammes

For centuries, pirate lore has captured the imagination of both young and old alike. From countless pirate movies to ridiculous Halloween costumes, we all are guilty of indulging ourselves in pirate tradition without even thinking



twice about it. However, what is it exactly that attracts us to these sea-loving bandits? Could it be Hollywood's glamorized portrayal? Or perhaps just a mere guilty pleasure for the pirate in all of us?

Today's pop culture has been reviving and initializing the glamour of piracy for decades past. In fact, without modern society's influence on such tales, would anyone even associate black eye-patches, squawky parrots, or enticing (and sometimes cursed) treasure into one intriguing adventure? Probably not. Thanks to today's pop culture, the everlasting tales of pirates fighting to the death is an image that constantly thrives in our minds and hearts.

However, it is also thanks to pop culture that many stereotypes are placed upon pirates. When we think about pirates, we think about crude men living aboard ships on the open seas in search of easy wenches and precious gold, but do we think more of it? Many who envision pirates think about rough men, mostly those from Spanish and English descent, adventuring during the Golden Age of Piracy. Also, it is this era that is mainly shown in pirate films, stories, and even songs. In fact, pirates depicted as mystified beings, in most cases historical figures, such as the notorious Captain Blackbeard, are associated on the same terms as fic-

tional characters, such as Captain Hook and Captain Jack Sparrow. So much so, those historical figures are more often found in storybooks than in textbooks.

These are just some things that we may briefly notice about pirates, but in reality pirates are all around us. Have you ever heard of the Pittsburgh Pirates? The Tampa Bay Buccaneers? Maybe you are aware of the small franchise simply titled *Pirates of the Caribbean*? Pirates seem to be everywhere these days, whether we like it or not. Heck, even every year September 19th is Talk like a Pirate Day! If that day cannot come fast enough for all you pirate-lovers out there, Facebook has its own specialty "pirate language"

underneath its language options to make any pirate feel at home!

As you can see, whether it's a sea bandit, a captain, or your friendly waiter at any pirate-themed restaurant, it's pretty much safe to say that pirate influences are everywhere. No matter how much we grow up or how long their stories have been around, the life of a pirate will never cease to amaze us. Who knows what the future has in store for these rowdy sea-bandits? Only time will tell...that is unless you shall walk the plank! Arrrrrgggghh!

Book Review: *The Kite Runner*

By Staff Writer Kelsey Hosford

The Kite Runner is the break out novel for the newly discovered author, Khaled Hosseini. Born in Afghanistan where this novel takes place, he later moved to America and not only became a doctor but also a bestselling author. His novel explores the change in Afghanistan as terrorists take over and the connection between two boys with a very special bond. After traveling through the mix of emotion during the novel, the reader will be happily surprised when the novel comes to a satisfying conclusion.

Even though war politics underlie this story, the most important part is the plot. Right from the beginning, the reader is thrown into the complex relationship between two young boys,

Hassan and Amir. They have a brother-like rapport with one exception; Hassan is Amir's loyal servant. As the story is told from Amir's point of view, the reader experiences many emotions relating to Hassan. From love to jealousy, the boys' turbulent relationship grips the reader. These mixed feelings are driven by Amir's intense need to get approval from his father, Baba, who has an uncommon love for Hassan.

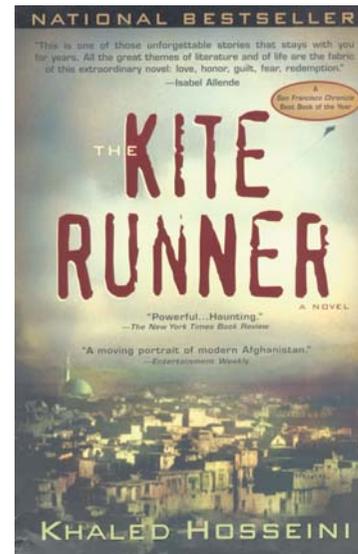
After years of being the disappointing child of the wealthy town leader Baba, Amir finds a way to make him proud. Of course, Hassan is right by his side the whole time. However, later when Amir has the chance to save Hassan from a horrific situation, he chooses not to. This one

decision will change both their relationship and their lives. Amir is filled with a new emotion, shame, and his jealousy increases. As depression and anxiety set in, Amir's thirteenth birthday draws near. Amir's party will be his last look at his life up to this point.

The plot then undergoes another sudden change. War breaks out, and Baba takes his family to America. They go from rich to poor in a matter of days. Fighting for the American dream, Amir accomplishes it in many ways. In the process, Amir faces several battles, including his father's death. However, his life continues to go on, and he is doing well until he gets a call from an old friend.

After receiving an urgent call from his home country,

he decides to travel there. Finally, all of Amir's childhood questions are answered, and the secrets



kept from Amir are revealed. Amir does not know how to feel about the new informa-

tion, but in the end he makes the best decision. He takes a chance by going through the worst part of Afghanistan and attempts to heal his childhood wounds. In order to heal the wounds, he must first face his worst fears.

When readers think Amir could not possibly face any more challenges, they learn about his troubles getting back to America. Although he is not finished fixing all his past mistakes, Amir comes to terms with his childhood and turns a new chapter in his life.

This great story, with a riveting plot, gripping emotions, and an inspirational ending, gives the reader an opportunity to think about what they would have done had they been faced with the same situations as Amir.

Benefits of Video Gaming

By Staff Writer Luke Senko

Many people have seen the YouTube video of a kid enraged at a video game, which is one of the reasons video games have a label for causing anger problems and other issues. Video games, however, should not have this bad reputation. In fact, games can help you learn, are good for your soul, and can motivate and improve athletes.

Video games teach kids the basics and build up to more complex skills. When kids start playing a game, they most likely go through a tutorial that shows the basic mechanics of the game and how the game operates. From this point, the game gradually introduces more skills, moves, and actions that the player must eventually master in order to succeed in the game.

This method forces kids to realize that, in order to become good at a skill or sport, they must first learn the basic mechanics of the skill and then work their way up. In this way, video games challenge kids and teach them to study and train. From the tutorial, and throughout the game, the player is submerged in challenges; their enemies get smarter, weapons become more deadly, and bosses more complex.

Opponents are normally weighted by difficulty level and presented to the player in a logical order. All the while, the player improves

almost without knowing it; each race, each fight, each swing of the sword, the player absorbs and learns techniques that improve his or her level of play. Failing to accomplish this goal, the player realizes a different strategy needs to be implemented.

This skill of learning from success and failure is often transferred to real-life, players then try to adjust their own weaknesses. If they are



not good at a subject or social interaction, they will work at it until the skill improves, just like in the video game, and they eventually meet the goal they are trying to achieve.

Video games are good for your soul. Here's a quote from James Paul Gee, Tashia Morgridge Professor of Reading at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, "If people are to nurture their souls, they need to feel a sense of control meaningfulness, even expertise in the face of risk and complexity. Good video games are food for the soul."

What Gee is trying to say is that video games, with their depth and realism, provide experiences that prepare the players' minds for real-life experiences. The complexity that is described is the emotional attachment of grief for something in the real world. If someone is going through a hardship in real life, it could be reflected in a video game character, and what that in-game character does after suffering a loss, moving on and continuing to fight. This gaming experience teaches players how to act in the face of despair. Not only can video games help with personal problems such as depression, but they can also alleviate stress in a non-violent way.

In the words of psychologist Carl G. Arinoldo, "Playing casual puzzle/word games helps people in reducing stress. By concentrating and focusing on the game, a person can take a 'mental vacation' from whatever it is at the moment that is causing stress in their life." Although most puzzle games can be found in paper books, more complex games on the computer, such as Bejeweled and Mahjong to name a couple, provide the same or even better effects than paper book games. Puzzle video games even provide vital mental stimulation to keep a brain active and could actually reduce the chances of

getting Alzheimer's.

Video games provide simulations that can improve and motivate athletes. Games can give players the edge by breaking down strategies and movements used by professionals. Players often encounter something they find tricky in a sports game and then try to mimic it in real-life. They can even go through virtual replays and see the body movements associated with those maneuvers and try to recreate them on the field. Teams use sports games to weigh the pros and cons of different sports strategies. In the football game Madden, the player can actually choose a formation and play to see why it was successful or why it was not.

Games allow customization that not only improves athletes but also motivates them. Sports game players can often make their own character in the game itself. They can customize the name, size, shape and skill of the character they create and develop that character through training or by completing challenges. This may motivate many young players by actually seeing their own name on the back of a jersey or their face on the player. Games may also include sports superstars that provide helpful in-game tips.

The positives of video games are best described by

journalist and author David Shelf, who says, "By playing video games, children gain problem solving abilities, perseverance, pattern recognition, hypothesis testing, estimating skills, inductive skills, resources management, logistics mapping, memory, quick thinking and reasoned judgments," all of which are skills exhibited by successful athletes and businessman today.

All things considered, video games provide insight into how the brain learns and can be applied to the way that we teach our children in the future; certain video games provide good, clean mental stimulation that helps people with the



everyday stresses of life, and by breaking down sports game play and including motivational elements, video games can improve the athletes of tomorrow. With this said, the bad reputation video games have received is unjust and embellished. When viewed more closely, the benefits of video games become clearly evident, and many arguments for their bad reputation lose potency.

Northern Lehigh Students Host Students from Landau, Germany

Edited by Jonathan Haab

On September 30, 2010, Northern Lehigh High School students and their families welcomed 20 students and two teachers from its partner school in Landau, Germany. Northern Lehigh students and

homes of Frau Schmidt and Mrs. Mattiola.

The students from Germany and the Northern Lehigh Students who hosted them were all part of the Northern Lehigh German-American

school) in Landau.

"Being a part of the German Exchange Program is by far one of the best experiences of my life. I never imagined how connected I would feel with my exchange student. We

really changed my life and I will always treasure the memories," commented Jennie Fronheiser.

During their 12-day stay in the Slatington area, the students from Germany learned about American culture, American family life, and the American school system. As part of the experience, the German and Northern Lehigh students visited local Pennsylvania attractions including Philadelphia and Amish Country in Lancaster County. On the weekends and in the evenings, they attended parties, went to Dorney Park, the Gathering, football games, bonfires, and went bowling, shopping, and to the movies.

Kristy Pfrom remarked, "Having the German students at our school was wonderful, because they taught us so many things about Germany that we did not know. They also allowed us to see how similar and different their lives are compared to ours." Jill Zeiser added, "Everyone had a great time doing

many group activities and created bonds that will last a lifetime. My exchange student, Christoph Loeffel, and I really got along well."

On Tuesday, October 12, the Northern Lehigh students accompanied their German guests to New York City for the day and returned to Slatington that evening, while the German group remained in NYC for a few more days before flying back to Germany on October 15. The American and German students, who had become very good friends during the short period of time they spent together, shed many tears as they said goodbye.

"At first everyone was nervous about what our Germans would be like. However, after the first day together we all became great friends. It was so much fun to go to all those places and become even closer. I will never forget Corina and all of our great friends from Germany" declared Calli Zaleski.



their families housed each of the German students, and the two English teachers who accompanied the students were guests in the

Exchange Program. The program is a partnership between Northern Lehigh High School and the Eduard Spranger Gymnasium (high

became best friends! Having her stay with me was an amazing opportunity that I will never forget. Meeting Nicole and the other students

Library Club

By Editor-in-Chief Jonathan Haab

Students and staff may not be familiar with Library Club, since the club has not been active in over seven years. Our high school librarian, Mr. Schmidt, is the advisor. Library Club is primarily dedicated to reading and library-related activities; however, the group does enjoy doing other things as well. Currently the club is planning numerous activities and fundraisers, such as:

- Hosting movie nights

- Holding game nights
- Participating in the Reading Olympics
- Reading to students at Peter's Elementary
- Selling chocolate bars
- Selling drinks and snacks after school in the Library
- Raised \$200.00 for Loose Change for Literacy

In addition, the club is planning to host a Book Fair at Barnes and Noble. The book fair will take place one night in the

near future at the book store in the Whitehall Mall. The idea of the book fair is that Barnes and Noble will give the club money for every book sold that night as a result of the club's efforts.

Library Club President Jonathan Haab believes, "Library Club is great because it is what you want it to be. We have few restrictions and endless possibilities. We're always looking for new members to bring origi-

nal ideas to the group. We are willing to listen to any suggestions students have, and we know everyone has something unique they can contribute to the club."

All things considered, Library Club is an excellent option for students looking to get involved in extracurricular activities. Students have the opportunity to contribute to the school, while having fun and enjoying the camaraderie



of the group. If you are interested in joining Library Club, listen to the announcements for the date of the next meeting and be sure to invite plenty of your friends!

HOROSCOPES

By Staff Writer Taylor Vrabel



Aquarius (1/21-2/19)

Love - Your love life will take a turn for the better this week, but watch out for a friend who has his or her eyes on your prize.

School - A project is stressing you out. Make sure you take time to relax. Try your best, and focus on your other work before you get too far behind.

Celebrities - Ellen DeGeneres, Oprah Winfrey, Jennifer Aniston, John Travolta, and Mrs. Evans



Pisces (2/20-3/20)

Friends - You are meeting a lot of new people this year. Do not forget your other friends, but remain open to new opportunities.

Work - A promotion you have been waiting for is finally available. Wear your best smile, and be prepared for anything; your waiting may just be up.

Celebrities - Barbie, Jessica Biel, Reggie Bush, Kesha, and Mrs. Cinicola



Aries (3/21-4/20)

School - Your grades are better than ever! Since all your long hours of studying paid off, take a break and hang out with good friends.

Friends - You will reunite with some old friends and have a great time. Make sure to keep in touch.

Celebrities - Alec Baldwin, Victoria Beckham, Mariah Carey, Lady Gaga, Mrs. Waz, and Sr. Hauck

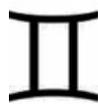


Taurus (4/21-5/21)

Love - The love mill hasn't been turning out these days, so when the perfect someone catches your eyes, it will be a great surprise! So keep your eyes open!

Work - All work and no play is your motto, but it is time to take a break. Try to have some fun, and spend time with your family. They are starting to forget what you look like!

Celebrities - Jessica Alba, Megan Fox, The Rock, and Channing Tatum, Mr. DeAntonis, Mr. Yadush, Mr. Defrain, and Mr. Lehtonen



Gemini (5/22-6/21)

Friends - New friend drama has come up, and you do not know how to fix it. Try to talk it out. Your true friends will listen.

Love - Could not be better! You and your partner are taking it to the next level. Meeting the parents? No worries, they already love you. All the good comments from your partner really have them on your side.

Celebrities - Johnny Depp, Angelina Jolie, Shia LaBeouf, Natalie Portman, Mr. Jordan, and Mrs. Mattiola



Cancer (6/22-7/22)

School - It is the same old, same old, and you want some excitement. Food fight? Maybe not, but your fun personality will get everyone in the mood for school spirit!

Love - Take time off of your never ending search for love. Having some "you" time will really put things into better perspective. Soon you will realize all the fun single things you have been missing out on!

Celebrities - Kevin Bacon, Vin Diesel, Selena Gomez, Lindsey Lohan, Mr. Oertner, and Mrs. Simms



Leo (7/23-8/21)

Love - You will be torn between two love interests. Consider your options before jumping into either relationship. In the end, your decision will be clear.

Friends - As you move through this month your life may become hectic. Do not get lost in all the craziness around you. Remember who your real friends are, and keep them close. They will help you through the confusion.

Celebrities - Amy Adams, Sandra Bullock, Ben Afflack, Jenifer Lopez, Demi Lovato



Virgo (8/22-9/23)

School - Study hard, and focus on your goals. It is important to have a social life, but remember not to get lost in it.

Work - This is your time to move forward. When an opportunity for a promotion becomes available, go for it!

Celebrities - Lance Armstrong, Chad Murry, Beyonce Knowles, Nick Jonas, and Mrs. Everett



Libra (9/24-10/23)

Friends - Explore new options for friendship. This could be your opportunity to expand your social circle.

Work - When a problem with a coworker arises, stick in there. The problem will soon be solved.

Celebrities - Matt Damon, Rachel McAdams, Will Smith, Usher Raymond, Dr. Quay, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Guss



Scorpio (10/24-11/22)

Friends - When your friends offer their help, take it! Even you occasionally need someone to lean on.

School - Now is the time to get ahead. When a problem comes up later, you will be thankful.

Celebrities - Owen Wilson, Emma Stone, Julia Roberts, Leonardo Dicaprio, and Mrs. Leslie



Sagittarius (11/23-12/22)

Love - After leaving your current relationship, do not jump into another one. You need time to heal, and committing again won't help.

Work - Do not give up on the job hunt. You will come upon the perfect job, and be glad you kept trying.

Celebrities - Miley Cyrus, Christina Aguilera, Jay-Z, Taylor Swift, Brad Pitt, Mrs. Turoscy and Mr. Schmidt



Capricorn (12/23-1/20)

School - It is possible to work too hard. When you feel overwhelmed, step back for a second, and stop worrying so much.

Love - When a friendly relationship turns into something more, beware! You do not want to lose a great friendship.

Celebrities - Dolly Parton, Orlando Bloom, Al Capone, Jim Carrey, and Mrs. Smith

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Interact Club

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Over 100 years ago, a man named Paul P. Harris formed a service association in the city of Chicago, Illinois. His club became celebrated and others of the town joined him in his endeavors. The members were faced with a problem: what would they call the new organization? As more constituents joined, rotating meetings were held in each of the members' offices, a practice responsible for giving a name to the club. From then on, the organization was known as the Rotary Club.

Their ideas began to spread across the United States, and by 1921, numerous Rotary Clubs were formed on six continents! This is when the name Rotary International was adopted.

Rotary's mission is to serve professional and social interests as well as give help to struggling communities. They meet society's changing needs by addressing pressing issues such as environmental deprivation and world hunger. Rotary even participates in United Nations conferences.

Today, over 1.2 million members are dispersed among approximately 32,000 Rotary Clubs in 200 different areas of the world. In every deed they do, they live by their motto: "Service Above Self."

In the Northern Lehigh area, community members can find our own Rotary club doing great things for our town. They meet on Thursdays at The Terrace Restaurant in Walnutport.

Northern Lehigh High school's Interact Club, a type of Rotary Club for young people ages 14-18, is guided and sponsored by the district Rotary Club. The advisor is our very own history teacher, Mr. Sander.

The group takes part in activities similar to the Rotary Club and meets when there is crucial information to share. Numerous opportunities to earn volunteer hours as well as a chance to better the community are

reasons to join.

Over the past few years, the Interact and Rotary Clubs have helped at frequent basket bingo parties to raise money for their personal use as well as to aid other charities and organizations. They have fundraised for many causes, recently supporting the campaign to "End Polio Now." Many members volunteered their time at several canal festivities. The clubs also collect canned

food to donate to the food bank as they walk in the annual Halloween parade.

Remember, it's never too late to join! Interact is your chance to make new friends, improve your community, develop leadership skills, and make a difference in the world. Also, next time you run into a Rotarian, thank them for all the good they do and the help they give.

