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## Spoelstra recovering from hip surgery

By Karen Cayford

Junior Joey Spoelstra recently underwent a surgery on his hip. Both his left and right femur bones do not fit into his hip sockets correctly because during his growth spurts, the joints did not grow in the correct spots. The displaced hip caused the bones to grind away at the cartilage that is in the socket, which will later cause arthritis. The condition would not have been so severe this early in Spoelstra's life, but due to continuous athletic activities, the procedure could not be held off. "Doing sports year

round since 3rd grade has sped up the damage. I wouldn't be looking at it for another 10 years," Spoelstra said.

The procedure itself was done arthroscopically, meaning that a small camera was used inside a very small incision at the hip joint. With this small camera, and extremely small tools, the surgeons were able to operate. Joey's surgeons wanted to shave off some of the femur bone and damaged cartilage. With miniature drills, the doctors were able to drill holes into the hip, which produced scar tissue to replace

the damaged and removed cartilage.

Joey had very few worries going in to the surgery. One problem Joey did not want to face was going into surgery with an empty stomach. "I couldn't eat that day. They told me I couldn't eat before the surgery, and all I could think about was food." Joey was also nervous about being drugged. "I've never been put out before... I was worried about being put out." With the surgery behind him, Joey is now looking forward to what the next steps are for

recovery.

"Young people heal quickly, so I'm hoping I won't have to miss my sports," Joey says. Easier said than done, Joey is now facing extensive therapy. Coming up on November 11th, Joey will be going back to his doctor to be cleared to walk without his crutches the first of many steps that Joey will have to take to reach his athletic goals. "My goal is to be able to compete in track, but that would be a really quick recovery," Joey admits.

## Students prepare for challenging musical

By Jordan Dotson

The Lynden Christian High School production of Aida has begun rehearsals, and is set to perform in February of next year.

The musical, written by Elton John and Tim Rice, revolves around the military conflict between ancient Egypt and neighboring Nubia, telling the story of a love affair between the Egyptian military commander, Radames, and the Nubian princess, Aida.

The two principle roles will be played by

juniors (and real life couple!) Kendra Gross and Neal Eaden. Eaden was involved in last year's Fiddler on the Roof, and Gross played a major role in the student production of Little two years ago. "I really didn't see it coming," said Eaden, "It's going to be a lot of fun, and I'm really excited."

The music of Aida is radically different from that of LC's past musicals, featuring elements of rock, reggae, and even gospel. "It's always good to broaden

your horizons. I think people will appreciate the music," said senior Johnny Buys, who plays the principle villain of the show.

Professional choreographers have been hired to plan out and teach several major dance numbers, which will be much more physically demanding than those of recent musicals here, as the cast discovered at auditions. "The dancing was really difficult, but I think it'll look really cool if we can get it," said Gross, "We just

need to work really hard. I don't think everyone realizes how tough it's going to be."

While most feel that rehearsals are coming along quite nicely, some have expressed concerns as to whether the production has enough singers in the chorus to perform the show successfully. With less than forty cast members total, and only 12 men including leads, the chorus will be much smaller than in past years, despite the fact that no cuts were made at auditions.



# Features

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## *Judge Me*

By Ashley Johnson

First impressions are always important. As I hold the black, 8 g, iPod Nano, I burn with curiosity. I go to the playlists, for which there are three: “aaaa” “bbbb” and most interesting, “Sneaker’s Playlist”. Who the heck calls themselves Sneakers? Anyway, in playlist “aaaa” I see a variety of music. I notice quite a bit of The Beatles, along with other older popular artists like Aerosmith, Nirvana, Jimmy Hendricks, Led Zeppelin...and then I decide: this has to be a guy. And this guy is definitely into the oldies. I mean we’re talking Lynard Skynard, Guns N’ Roses, Korn, Metallica, Deep Purple, Pearl Jam, Queen, Pink Floyd, The White Stripes...you get

the picture. Then I was a bit surprised to find other oldies like Bob Dylan, Elton John, a lot of John Lennon, Stevie Wonder—even Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash. I’m getting the notion that this guy isn’t a regular Beat 94.5 listener. He strikes me as a 40 year old hippie/grungy rocker trapped inside of a teen boy’s body. However, as I ventured into “Sneaker’s Playlist” I began to feel more familiar with some of the songs and artists. Stuff like Cold Play, Jason Mraz, Bob Marley, Linkin Park, etc. He’s even got some country in there with songs like “Margaritaville” and “It’s Five O’clock Somewhere”. Besides that, he’s got a few tracks by comedian

Jeff Foxworthy, and a whole album entitled “Blue Collar Christmas”. Yeah, not even kidding. And then I find artists like MIA, Chamillionaire, and The Lonely Island. This kid likes to change it up! So I keep looking. I’m scrolling... scrolling...what’s this? The Beach Boys? Oh c’mon that’s just awkward. I’m wondering if he’s a freshman or sophomore, and if Mr. DeHoog’s PE class hasn’t rubbed off onto this poor, confused kid too much. So after finally getting through all the playlists, and noticing sprinkles of music like Switchfoot, Third Day, and Relient K, I decided maybe there’s hope for this guy. It’s not like all his music is bad...(well minus the Beach

Boys). It’s just that it’s such a diverse assortment, I’m not sure if his head is on straight. After this investigation, I now picture this guy to still be a 40 year old hippie/grungy rocker trapped inside of a teen boy’s body, but I also picture him with a big gold chain, a cowboy hat covering his dreadlocks, a few tattoos, a surf board, converse shoes, and a tractor. I haven’t really seen anyone walking around our halls looking like that, but then again, maybe the appearance of his true self is confined to the contents of his iPod. Well anyways, it was nice to meet you, Sneakers.

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## A Christian Perspective on...*Cutting*

By Amber Tjoelker

I have never cut myself. I have never condoned cutting, but I have had experience with it. And, dare I say, every student in Lynden Christian has had experience with it, at least to the extent of hearing other’s testimonies. So I know the reasons; I have heard the need for control over something. I have witnessed the grief that turns people to cutting. That makes it understandable, but does that make it okay?

Let’s look to the Bible. The only occurrence I found where God’s followers cut themselves comes in Jeremiah 40-41. The

Israelites trick an assassin sent by the Ammonites in order to kill him and his followers. Therefore, that situation holds no strength as an argument for cutting.

Many more telling stories involve God’s enemies cutting themselves. At the competition on Mount Carmel, Elijah’s challengers, the Baal prophets, “slashed themselves with swords and spears...until their blood flowed” (I Kings 18:28). The Bible describes their efforts as “frantic.” The result?

“There was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention” (I Kings 18:29).

Obviously, Elijah’s

efforts proved successful. At his time of stress, he cried out to God, not for his sake, but for God’s glory. He prays, “Answer me, so these people will know that you are God” (I Kings 18:39). Because Elijah had faith despite his surrounding pressures from society, God displayed his power with force and fire.

In another example, Jesus deals directly with a man possessed by demons. Mark 5:5 says, “night and day...he would cry out and cut himself with stones.”

Thousands of demons haunted this man to make him do this, but they had no power in Jesus’ presence;

Legion “fell on his knees” and begged God not to torture him (Mark 5:6-7). The devil has no power over Christians so don’t let him have any.

This is not to say that God’s people never mourned; however, when they did, they tore their clothes or shaved their heads. In our society, no one wants to show their pain. Pain is a weakness. On the contrary, Biblical characters expressed their pain outwardly.

So, now I ask you: Are we too vain to let somebody see our pain? Are our clothes too important to tear while our skin is not?

# Look-a-likes

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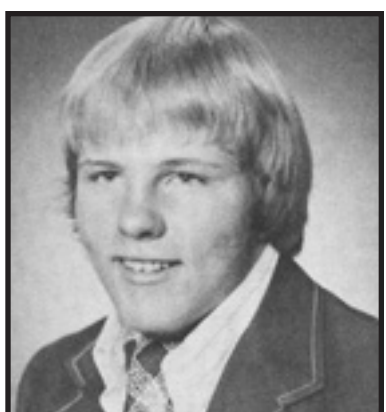
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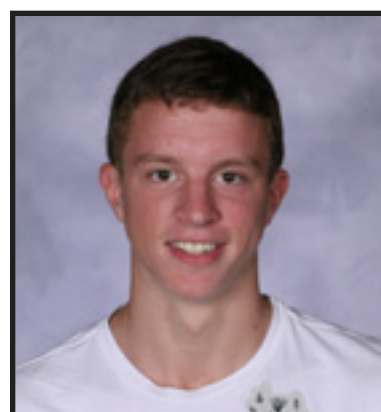
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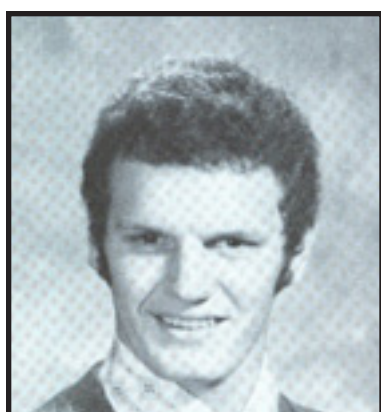
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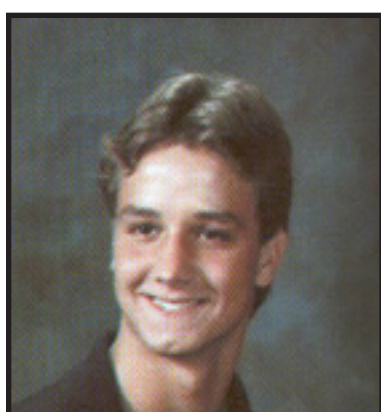
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1. Francis Van Kooten ('52), Calvin Deboer

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# Spirit Week

## The joys of School Spirit!

Photos by Conner Vis



Your King and Queen!



### BLACK&WHITE

"You're being racist, Asian girl."  
-Mr. Jeff Thomas

"Oh, he's my man-partner."  
-Kurtis Reardon

"That gorilla suit is pretty tempting."  
-Mr. Ryan Smit

"Hey Peter....You're not black."  
-Aaron Moreno

"Oh, I'm hot, and in more ways than one, baby."  
-Mrs. Dawn Kroontje

"If people get it, it'll be funny."  
-Zack Knight

"You're going on an excursion. You're excursiating!"  
-Mrs. Shelly Hendricks

"Cassi just said I was a pimp, and that works for me."  
-Shane Riew

# Interest

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## Brett Favre is so hott!

By Peter Larson

Those were the words spoken to me after making the case to why Brett Favre is the worst. Yes, Chelsea, good point, who cares if he has ruined his image and stabbed the team that made him who is in the back? He may be forty years old and long overdue to retire, but all things considered at least he's "hot". I realize that Brett Favre is going to be inducted into the Hall of fame. He has been Three-time MVP (1995-97), Won Super Bowl XXXI with Green Bay, 10-time Pro Bowler, 7-time All-Pro pick and has shattered more passing records than any quarterback in the league. There is no doubt about it; Brett Favre is a great quarterback. But when people say that Brett

Favre is obsessed with the spotlight, they don't lie. In many opinions around the country, Brett Favre has ruined the image of himself. His obsession in the spotlight has lowered him in the eyes of many, including me. I have yet to wrap my head around two of Favre's recent quotes.

The first came from back in 2008, after Favre had retired. On a phone interview with SportsCenter, Favre gave his biggest reason for retirement. "I felt like if I come back this year... this coming season, the only way for me to be successful would be to win a Super Bowl. To go to the Super Bowl and lose, would almost be worse than anything else. Anything less than a Super Bowl win would be

unsuccessful. And the odds of us going to the super bowl, I mean... Their tough." People say Brett Favre just wants to play but clearly he is motivated by more than love of the game. Could Alan Rodgers sharing his spot with the Packers have been a factor in Favre's retirement?

Then his experience with the jets really pushed me. An unnamed Jet told the press, "Brett was very Standoffish. He never participated with team events; rarely did he show up to practice. He never wanted to be a part of this team." He was right too. Brett never wanted to be a part of that team, he was biding time.

He's now a part of the Packers' rival, the Minnesota Vikings, and if that wasn't

giving the Packers the finger, this might put the icing on the cake: "I think physically and from a talent level, this is the best team I've ever been on." This is what Favre had to say about his new team, the Vikings, during the week before he suited up against the Packers.

The Packers were the team who found Favre. They made him who he was. Their decision to bring along Rodgers was a tough one, but it was in the best interest of the future. I find this quote immature and distasteful. Favre was once a humble quarterback who had the respect of millions around the country. But in the eyes of many, including me, Favre's quest for glory has broken that respect.

## I love that kid: Corey Burden

By Aaron Moreno

Ever heard a really high voice almost resembling a black lady, echoing through the halls? Folks, you've heard Corey Burden. I wanted to ask a few people to describe Corey in a few words, but when I thought about it, it would be impossible. So, I think sharing some experiences I have personally had with Corey would be more informative on how great he really is.

A typical day in my summer would go something like this: Wake up at anywhere between 9-10, mope around the house for a bit, and then end up calling Corey and or Neal. Whenever I would call Corey, I'd hear from the other line either a very annoyed "hi" or, just a noise... Put into a

word it may look something like: "GLAFHD." From then on, my day would consist of hanging out with what I just now decided to call the "Lethal Trio," or something like that. Us being lethal, we would obviously be doing dangerous things. For example, sit in Neals room and watch him play games on his computer, all along Corey is doing everything in his power to piss Neal and I off, when really we would just think its hilarious. The one thing that I love the most about Corey hands down is his facial expressions. Without a doubt, just about anything he does with his face is hysterical. His sarcasm is also a key attribute to his character. Me being

a sarcastist, (Yeah I made that up) I thrive off of it, and I thoroughly enjoy it. Continuing the day: We would then proceed talk for on average an hour saying things like: "We need girls." and, "Hey, let's all go through our phonebooks and call girls." After failing at getting any girls to hang out with us, (Big surprise) we decide to go get food. Food, sounds good right? I'm not really sure what my food tasted like this summer when I ate with Corey, because he would never have any money, and would "accidently" leave that element out of the equation. So, me and Neal were pretty much Corey's food supply for this summer. After being all 'Merica and eating at Burger King or

Mcdonalds, we'd leave town looking for a place to swim, most of the time ending up at Lake Samish or a gravel pit or something. The whole ride to wherever we were going, we would frantically be calling girls (again) trying to get at least one to come with us, (that worked maybe twice) and the whole ride there Corey would make fun of every song chosen, even though he loved every single one. The day would finish by watching a movie that Corey would probably pick out, but say he hated, Bringing us back to the hysterical sarcasm that is Corey Burden. So, if you LOVE sarcasm, and want to hang out with a moderately attractive guy, (with a beard) I'd choose Corey.



# Student Life

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## An Hour with... Halloween Shoppers

By Eli Blankers

Wherever you go, you see unique people acting in unique ways. Whether it's one of the most common places you pass by every day, or those places you might experience once a year, there are people who can catch your attention if you take the time to see it. This time around, I spent one hour in the "Spirit Halloween" holiday store, observing the behaviors of workers and customers, as well as examining some of the merchandise itself. One specifically interesting group of people at the Spirit Halloween costume store were the workers. These people had to walk around, helping people pick what they wanted to be. The female workers seemed to think the holiday had already come, as they sported costumes such as "Fifi the French Maid", "Sassy Pirate", and the... "Sexy Rookie"? After seeing the

workers at this store, one might wonder what is really up for sale. While many easily noticed the female workers, it was hard to tell which men there were working, as they awkwardly walked around without any such unique apparel. Do parents really think that every situation they are in with their children, they have to teach them a lesson? Many parents seemed to believe that Halloween stores are the right place for their toddlers to face fears and grow up. One woman was standing in front of a headless zombie statue, trying to push her 4-year-old son toward it. "Face your fear! It doesn't even have a head!" Another mother, probably impressed with the idea from the first woman, urges her five-year-old to stand and experience every one of the button-activated monsters

and headless people. I tend to wonder whether the lesson these mothers were trying to teach will result in bravery or a strong need for counseling. One woman attempted to direct her fully-grown daughter toward the toddler section of the store, trying to convince her that costumes such as princess fairies and ladybugs were better choices than the "Sexy Police Woman" that her daughter desired. Some people knew exactly what they were looking for. A group of three men went straight to the counter, and demanded to see the biggest chef hats they store owned. When they were directed toward the three largest, and only, chef hats in the store, they celebrated their find. Later it became obvious as they tried to find blue suits that they wanted to be the famous Snap Crackle

and Pop from a well known cereal. One boy seemed thrilled at the idea of becoming a gangster, as he walked around the store sporting a pimp cane and a large assortment of bling. Another man struggled with his choice of costume—not that this man did not know what he wanted, but he was unsure on how he would smuggle the desired stripper's suit passed his friends. Halloween is an interesting time of the year. Halloween is when people go around finding things to be that they are not. Though people may put on costumes, wigs, and masks, none can deny that each one of these people is different. No matter where you are, you will see people who act in bizarre ways, in some of the most bizarre places. All you need to do is look.

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## *The Voice of Reason: Mrs. Buiskool-Price*

By Stephanie Honcoop

You know those people, the groups that are too lazy to stand in the hall. They insist to sit during lunch break. They don't just sit down next to a wall where no one dwells so that they can enjoy their lunch. They just sit right in front of other people's lockers. This is not just one person mind you, this is about ten. Not only do they sit in front of other people's lockers, invading their space, there is a group of people surrounding the locker dwellers. This, results in a clog taking up more than half of the hallway, where people struggle to get by them without knocking someone over. So, for all of the lockers they are blockading, how do those poor souls get to their locker? Some

of them patiently hope that maybe someone will notice them and move, but no one ever does. How in the world should this issue be resolved? Especially, if the person struggling is shy, or does not speak much English. Do they push and shove their way to their lockers, or just do nothing at all. Maybe they could start crawling to their locker, as they fend off the locker dwellers. Ordinarily however, that only ends up in frustration from everyone, and more awkwardness to the person crawling. So, how must we solve this issue you may ask, we must look upon someone older and wiser than ourselves like Mrs. Biskool-Price.

"I would say just two things, one to the locker

dwellers and one to the poor souls who desperately want to get their stuff in their lockers. Number one MOVE... dear locker dwellers, I am sure that sitting at the crossroads of school life makes for fine conversations and observations BUT there is an unwritten code of conduct surrounding the space in front of said lockers. It is sort of like the space surrounding your car in the parking lot. You wouldn't want everyone to hang around or on your car after school just because it is close to where they want to stand and wait. If you need to sit in front of lockers, find the owners, ask their permission and sit, sit away. Number two, Pour Souls...first off, don't think that they (locker dwellers)

have done this intentionally to block your way or impinge on your movements. I think ignorance is at play here. There are several things you can do; take this readymade group of friends and join their conversation or start asking for rent money for the use of your space. Maybe, since strength is in number, gather a group of your friends and start a turf war, we could be dancing West Side Story in the hallways. In all seriousness, hopefully our locker dwellers will understand your awkwardness and simply move to the other establishments or you all will come to an understanding and get the use of your locker because they will move aside when they see you come."

# Student Life



## Exchange students adjust to life in States

By Stephanie Honcoop

There are many new exchange students at our school this year, getting used to new things like “big lockers”, and “heavy books” says some of our new students. Living here is very different from their old lives in China according to the international students, Vicky 16, Jesse 17, Ziqi 17, and Tim, 16 and Fifi, 14 (Their American names). Many things here in the States are much different from those in China, “There are 40-50 students in the classes

in China”, and “The students are more respectful there”, says some of the International students. They also have a much stricter schedule and more homework back at home, and classes six days a week, Monday to Saturday from 7:30-5:30 P.M. Even though they have a much stricter course back at home many of the students miss things like friends, family, teachers, and their homes, but not the weather. “It gets up to 110 degrees in summer” says

one of the students.

These new students often get confused with exchange students, who only stay here in The States for a year, rather than these international students, and will be staying at LC until they graduate. Mrs. Price holds a class teaching the five new students in four different main areas, “Pronunciation, reading, writing and grammar, and listening.” She helps them through their courses and how to fit in with a completely

new culture. “It is very hard to fit in here, it’s just different,” Price said. If you want to get to know these students, and help them fit in here, “Smile, say hello, slow down, don’t use volume or complicated words, and just start a conversation with them,” says Price. They are just like you and can always use a friend to help them along, especially in a brand new country, and culture.

## Why date... Brehana Harvey?

By Cassi Flint and Stephanie Honcoop

“Awesome.” One word is all it takes for Senior Brehana Harvey to describe herself. Music and singing are two of her passions, with rock and alternative at the top of her list. Stockholm Syndrome, by Blink-182 is her latest obsession. She describes her fashion as “all over the place,” but mostly “preppy” and “punk.” She has a “unique personality,” which manifested

itself during Spirit Week when she dressed up for Neon Day looking like a mix between Lady GaGa and Retro Barbie. To add to her quirky self, she states that she loves Chinese food, or “anything Oriental.” In her free time she works three days a week at the Qwikstop coffee shop, but she also likes to “just hang out.” She loves an adventure, and is looking for a

“manly-man” who can have fun in any situation to share it with. He must have a good taste in music and be willing to try new things. Brehana says “It’s really about the eyes for me...eye contact is key.” The ideal date for her



involves one-on-one time, eating some “good food,” and maybe “something I haven’t done before.” She’s laid-back and easy-going, and is always there to listen. So if you think you’re what she’s looking for, put on your best smile and “Don’t be scared, [she] doesn’t bite.”

## First LC homecoming lifts school spirit to new heights

By Amber Tjoelker

October 19-23 marked the fall spirit week that annually takes place around this time. However, this year’s spirit week was far from traditional, by anyone’s standards. Lynden Christian High School’s first ever homecoming broke the mold for LC’s customs, and, more importantly, society’s ideas of homecoming. Though some skepticism arose among parents and staff with the homecoming announcement, students “were really excited,” as Tessa DeBoer, ASB President says, “People want change.” Shane Riew, homecoming king, echoes this enthusiasm with his thoughts: “Oh sweet, I can dress up.” Outside the walls of Lynden

Christian, the community has never seen a homecoming quite like this. Instead of the usual popularity contest to decide king and queen, princes and princesses, the ASB members chose these positions according to the most spirited students of each grade. Spirit week consisted of pajama, neon, twin, superhero and blue and white days. Students went all out, from hair-rollers to crayon suits, Clark Kent to clown shoes. Their motivation: those coveted seats on the hay wagon. Mrs. Grycel says, “Spirit week was phenomenal.” DeBoer says that teachers showed enthusiasm for the “best spirit week in over five years.” Friday came, and the ASB

members decided the winners. They named Dylan Carhuff and Chelsea Mason, freshmen, Max Rylaarsdam and Lindsey Turner, sophomores, JT Savery and Emily DeBoer, juniors, and Chris Johnson and Ashley Carhuff, seniors, as each grade’s prince and princess. ASB gave the overall king and queen title to the deserving seniors, Shane Riew and Jordan Biehle. Riew was “astonished” to hear he had won. Biehle felt indifferent towards winning, saying, “It was just cool to see everyone involved.” She claims it was the best spirit week she’d ever seen. Grycel says the week ended better than she expected and feedback has been “great.”

DeBoer agrees, saying she has “heard only good things” and is “happily surprised.” Grycel has big ideas for next year’s homecoming. She hopes to make it a true homecoming—still using this year’s method for choosing the kings and queens—involving alumni and parents. She says, “Hopefully next year we can try to top it.” Everyone seems to agree on homecoming’s success. The biggest complaint came from Biehle: “My crown fell off [on the wagon].” So, what became of those coveted crowns? Both Biehle and Riew admit they are using them for decoration in their rooms.