By Brittany Freking

Lead Editor

The roaring of fans filled the Al- lan E. Jones Performing Arts Cen- ter on February 7, 2014. Battle of the Bands was kicked off with an introduction from hosts Mi- chaela Pippin and Kaurie Engle. First up was Sucker Punch. Their first song was “Man in the Box” by Alice in Chains. The four boys rocked out as they belted out the heavy metal tune. Af- ter their final song, “For You” by Staind the crowd rose out their seats and roared with approval. Next up was Business as Usual. They were unfortunately missing their lead singer/ auxiliary drum- mer. The show went on and they performed with a man down. Af- ter their performance many people were surprised at how well they handled themselves without a key member of the band. Three out of the four songs they sang were orig- inals. The one song they per- formed that was not an original of theirs was a “M a d World” by Tears for Fears. Follow- ing them was The Clever 5, featuring lead singer Idara Akapaka. They per- formed songs from Stevie Won- der to Maroon 5. Idara belted out her signature high notes while her band mates played smooth sounds. Then there was the crowd fa- vorite, Pyrite Sidewalk. Like their introduction from hosts Mi- chaela Pippin and Kaurie Engle. They had all the girls screaming with excite- ment as they worked the crowd. To wrap up this musical battle was Record Line. They were the only band to per- form all original songs. In the end there could only be one winner. That win- ner was Sucker Punch! It makes you wonder what goes into putting something like this together. I had the privilege to get that informa- tion from Mrs. Laura Carreon. “It was hard to find com- mitment, but it was not hard to find bands,” she stated. She also stated that they needed to make sure the facility was avail- able, the technological and student needs were met, there was enough advertisement for the event, and the bands had equipment, songs, attire, and appropriate musician skills. She believes the event was a success, and is happy they met their maximum goal.

Battle of the Bands: letting the music speak

By Samantha Cheshire

Staff Editor

A good cause: giving blood

Some people give blood be- cause of family, some people do it because they want to. Some people don’t do it at all, because they don’t like needles. “I’m deathly afraid of need- les, I always have been,” Ju- nior Loretta Segura, says. However, the most common re- strictions are medical conditions, illness, sexual pref- erence, sexually transmitted dis- eases, and medi- cal treatments. Some people think that the restric- tions are too over- whelming, and hard but they are put in place to pro- tect those who will receive the blood. “My sister needed..."
Community college may be the right choice for you

By Laura Gomez
Staff Writer

Many myths regarding community colleges lead students to question the "greatness" of these colleges. However, not many students know the truth or the reality regarding community colleges. Many are taught that they should not attend a community college due to beliefs that are influenced by others. The truth is, that community colleges are not an awful idea; they are also not as "easy" as individuals think they are. The first myth is that students attend community colleges because they are not accepted into a four-year college. In reality, there are a variety of reasons for which students decide to attend community colleges rather than a traditional four-year college. The number one reason for which students make such a decision is because of tuition fees and the cost of a four-year college compared to the cost of a community college. For example, the estimated undergraduate student budget for California residents attending UC Berkeley was $33,320. Meanwhile, out of state students paid $56,198 per year for the 2013-2014 Academic year. Therefore, students would rather pay approximately $2,544 which is far less expensive than what was mentioned above. In addition, attending a community college would allow students to work and to have time to save money without compromising their education due to the flexible schedules that are offered. Another common community college myth is that of having few credits transferred once a student decides to switch schools. When a student intends to transfer to a four-year school, the student must make sure that he or she is selecting the adequate classes. Then, the student should meet with a counselor or an advisor before or during the first semester. Once the student has selected the adequate classes, the student may even be ahead of students at their new school. Thirdly, some individuals believe that the quality of education must be worse if costs less to attend. The classes offered at four-year schools and community colleges are nearly identical. This is due to the fact that some college faculty members also hold teaching positions in other four-year colleges. Kathleen Brill, a staff writer for the Washington Post stated, "Some classes are even more challenging because professors are motivated by their students, who often display more drive than their four-year counterparts, and designed to commercial aviation standards." Amazon also says. Actually, the drones have very quick delivery times. 30 minutes or less after you order your product, the drone can carry. But wait, there's more; you have to be a Amazon Prime member to use the Amazon Air delivery option. So when will we really see fleets of Amazon air vehicles delivering packages? Definitely not this year. On that same FAQ Amazon says, "We hope the FAA's rules will be in place as early as sometime in 2015. Therefore, do not be surprised to see some younger faces walking around campus. Lastly, many people believe that the degree earned at a community college will not get someone as far career-wise as a degree from a four-year college will. This assumption is not true due to the fact that many recognized people attended community colleges on their paths to success. Fashion designer Calvin Klein, Oscar winners Morgan Freeman, Clint Eastwood, and Tom Hanks, astronauts Eileen Collins, James McDivitt and Fred Haise, the man responsible for our childhood memories, Walt Disney, and Master Card founder, Melvin Salveson all attended community colleges. Who says no one successful attends a community college? A very common myth is that all community college students are "garden-ops." According to the American Association of Community Colleges, the average age of a community college student is 28 and only sixteen percent of the students are 40 or older. In addition, there are some community colleges including Los Medanos allow high school students to enroll in classes. The winter with no rain

By Madison Hughes
Staff Writer

California is facing the worst drought on record. "I have experienced a really long career in this area, but this year has never been this high," said executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies (a statewide coalition).

There has not been enough rainfall and snowfall to maintain adequate levels of water in the reservoirs that we get our water from. Supply has not kept up with demand, causing this draught. The draught is effecting almost everyone California and even more people if the draught gets even bigger. Water rationing may become necessary, and signs of water rationing will be visible throughout the country. This means people would have to take shorter showers, not water their lawns, etc. If you go over your permitted amount of water you will pay higher taxes and face potential fines.

If the draught gets any more, criminal charges may be pressed on those who go over permitted water usage activities, such as swimming at the local water parks, will become more expensive and water fountains may be shut off. County, and state taxes will be raised to be able to offset the water costs on the municipality. All food will become catastrophically more expensive. There may be less people participating in water activities due to having to pay for the more expensive groceries and water bills.

The future of shipping: Amazon drones deliver

By Leo Dagle
Staff Writer

Could package-delivering toy helicopters be another step forward towards what we all imagine as the future? Maybe. However, Amazon seems very sure of their "octocopters","AKA drones. So sure, in fact, they state in a FAQ on their website that "One day, Prime air vehicles will be as normal as seeing mail trucks on the road today". Disregarding all skepticism, this could be a plausible business move for Amazon even though they are the number 1 online retail store. But could they really go through with this? Despite much public concern with flying regulations and possible problems, Amazon and designed to commercial aviation standards." Amazon also says. Actually, the drones have very quick delivery times. 30 minutes or less after you order your product, the drone can carry. But wait, there's more; you have to be a Amazon Prime member to use the Amazon Air delivery option. So when will we really see fleets of Amazon air vehicles delivering packages? Definitely not this year. On that same FAQ Amazon says, "We hope the FAA's rules will be in place as early as sometime in 2015. Therefore, we will be ready at that time."

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By Kassidy Connors
Staff Writer

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Would you give up your iPod? Your cell phone? And more? This man did.

By Emily Wylie
Staff Writer

In our society we are constantly barraged by commercials trying to get us to buy products. We give in to them so easily that some of us are so caught up in all of the new and cool clothes, TV, and electronics that we don’t take the time to look around and interact with people. Such a man that created the talking baby commercial persuading people to get insurance, is doing something unimaginable: Tor Myhrven is giving away one personal item away for a whole year as a New Years resolution; he calls it “The Purge Project”.

Some might think he’s crazy, but he’s doing it for a good reason. “This is not a commentary on consumerism,” he says. “The Purge Project was just for me. To see what I really wanted, and really needed.” A recent study by UCLA found that Americans are staggered under the weight of their stuff. There are 2.3 billion square feet of self-storage in America. Myhrven explains, “You realize what are those trigger point of things that are truly important to you, and what are the things that are just stuff.”

Each Sunday, Myhrven posts seven items he owns on Facebook that he has chosen to give up. (It must be on a social media so he can’t back out). All of his items are up for grabs by his friends and family on Facebook. The first person to ask for something wins the prize and Tor will send it to the person on his own. Most expensive giveaways are worth about $300.

People need to realize what is and what isn’t a necessity in life. It’s almost as if we rely on object to make us happy, when really we should distance ourselves from things that aren’t important. Instead of giving your items away to your friends, another idea could be to give them to people in need.

New apps of 2014

By Nate Silver
Staff Writer

“Apps”. Whether free, cheap, or expensive, everybody has them. Everybody wants them for unique and exciting games to pass time, or little gadgets that can be used for everyday life. This new year means some new “apps” for 2014. A popular one is the Deer Hunter 2014 by Glu Games Inc and is free. In this game you are able to customize your weapons (frankly, assault rifles, shotguns, and even trenches). You can shoot shots rapidly, choose your focus and exposure points, and even use a self timer for that quality selfie all at the price of $0.99. Some of the top apps as of now is Instagram being known as a knock off of the huge up rise of the addictive Flappy Bird game where you spend who knows how long tapping, your screen helping a poor bird who can’t properly fly by itself. While there is no other point to this game besides tapping the bird through Mario like green pipes, it seems to be extremely addictive. And some online reviews of the game state “beware this game will ruin your life and don’t say you haven’t been warned”.

So how can you have such a harmless looking game. Yet luckily we still have some of the greats such as Fruit Ninja, Temple Run, Jetpack Joyride, Candy Crush and many more. The truth is most apps come and go one year Flappy Bird will be very popular, and the next another witty game takes over for a while and then the next and then next and so on. In contrast, some apps, although rare, will always be popular. For example the Deer Hunter 2014 has made them better. Don’t ever think positive thinking is something in common with all of us.

The voices in your head: The power behind positive thinking

By Richard Montalto
Staff Writer

Think back to one of your most depressing days. Perhaps you scored lower on a test than you expected. Maybe you took a look at your grades and had a panic attack. Or maybe your friend blew you off for another friend of theirs, ruining your day’s plans. There’s a sense of emptiness from these memories; it’s possible that a simple perception change could have made things better. Don’t believe me? Look at the facts. Goodhart DE studied the psychological effects that are associated with positive and negative thinking over stressful event outcomes. College students were given an event-outcome evaluation questionnaire that was designed to create either positive or negative thoughts about the outcome of recent stressful events. Their well-being was then analyzed both immediately after taking the questionnaire and eight weeks later. While the students who had the positive questionnaire did not keep the positivity for the right week delay, they immediately reported a higher well-being after the questionnaire. What does this mean? It means that your perception can be changed for the better. And recently, on June 25th, 2013 at the Weizmann Institute, it was proven that sudden waves of brain activity leave a sort of mental “mark” for a minimum of 24 hours after it has taken place. Along with this, we think about certain things, it can cause long-term change in the way our brains pair, think, and store. And that is a concept known as “neuroplasticity”. This means you can change your perception of items in such ways that can effect you for a long, long time. Becoming a positive thinker isn’t that hard. Here’s five new questions to ask yourself:

1. How do you change your perception? Or, at least, your mood, which changes your perception?
2. There are many strategies, but there is one I’ve used that seems to work and has floated around for a while known as the Circle of Excellence. Here’s how it works: First, imagine a circle right in front of you. Give that circle a color, and do whatever you’d like with it to make it visual. Attractive. Then, pick a word or short phrase that symbolizes an appropriately powerful state. It could be “Wooohoo!” “Yes!”, or many other possibilities; use what works for you. Now, recall a time when you’ve felt like you were doing your best. Perhaps it was the one time you scored perfect on a test, or you successfully wowed a girl. Use a really good memory to do this! Now, imagine yourself back at that time. Use your senses in that memory; the sights, the smells, the sounds, the feelings… Also notice what you were doing and think about the time. Now, as you feel like you’re in that memory more and more, take a deep breath, say the code word, and step into the circle. While you’re in the circle, relive that moment you were thinking about, intensify the memory in your mind, and get all of those good feelings from doing something well. Now, just imagine another circle that looks similar to the first, and repeat what was done earlier with a different memory, with all of the feelings from the first circle still there. Then, do the same with a third circle and a third memory. You probably feel a lot better, don’t you? That is a method for making yourself feel better created by Dr. John Grinder, a linguist, author, management consultant, trainer, and speaker credited for co-creating neurolinguistic progrlemming, which is essentially mental therapy through words. It’s not rocket science. It’s rocket star. Must have to know how to get there!
**School stranger danger?**

**Are we really safe here at Liberty?**

By Mauricio Baltrons

Editor

Heaven forbid Liberty High School ever be met with a threat as serious as the one that is present on campus. Or an arsonist. Or even a kidnapper. However, one must take into account that the world is filled with uncertainty and school safety cannot always be guaranteed. Nevertheless, school safety should be a top priority on the mind of every teacher, administrator, maintenance personnel, and student. With everything that's been going on around us, one can only question their safety. And questioning one’s well-being is not an act of duress or paranoia, but one of circumstance. Let’s begin with what has been going on right here at Liberty. Remember how in January there was a fight between students almost any time? The school cannot release the exact number of fights that occurred on campus (was anyone counting?)

It can be said that more fights took place at Liberty than at any other school within a twenty mile radius. While you may feel that a fight between two people does not affect you, you have to realize what it does for the school climate. An increased number of fights tells students that violence is an effective means of solving their problems because the school has a difficult time controlling them. When a school demonstrates a level of ineptitude in preventing fights, the school also demonstrates a level of innocence when it comes to such matters. Granted, these fights were mostly unnoted within a few minutes of their inception, the mere fact that they took place is alarming. Now let’s take a look at Liberty’s layout. On the surface, there are approximately seven open entrances to the main campus: two by the P.A.C., one by the lion statues, another by the main cafeteria, and the remaining four alongside the baseball field. For only four main campus supervisors, seven is a tough number of bases to cover. Of course, few dare enter the school through the main entrance, but that still leaves at least two entries. The atmosphere and friendly staff of Dad's Cafe makes this a great place to hangout while the food wasn't mind blowing the service and the atmosphere makes this a great place to hangout and meet before and after school.

**Student body meets city council**

Provided by Gina Capelli

The Liberty High School Social Studies Department, along with the Brentwood Lion’s Club and the City of Brentwood, sponsored the 7th Annual Youth in Government Day on February 25, 2014. The activity involved 20 of our former student to walk onto campus through the main entrance, but that still leaves at least two entries. (Not including the enfferably easy fence to scale behind auto-shop). To test the possibility of someone getting on campus through these “holes in the fence”, we asked a former student to walk onto campus during school hours and see if he/she was able to enter the school. Six out of seven times, the student easily made it onto campus without being stopped or questioned. In addition, the student was able to stop at a few classrooms on their way to the office. While this may not have been the best way to test our school’s safety system, it was the quickest and most effective method. Nonetheless, six out of seven times that parent was able to walk right onto campus and possibly endanger the welfare of each and every student here at Liberty. Even though we are far from suggesting that Liberty is an unsafe school, there is no harm in reviewing the steps our school takes to ensure our well-being. Remember that if you ever feel unsafe or in danger, please tell a teacher or an administrator on campus who you trust to properly handle your situation. Also, keep in mind that you as a student are part of the solution to a safer school.
Liberty’s annual dodgeball tournament continues next week. Come to the old gym at lunch to find out who will triumph and who will be eliminated.

Liberty Athletics

Ready, set, throw

Baseball season begins at Liberty

Baseball season got off to a slightly rocky start; Liberty’s varsity team lost in their season-opener vs. Clayton Valley, 3-1. However, hopes are high that the team’s work ethic will help them succeed in the long run.

Throwing some heat: Liberty senior Nick Marcelli warms up his pitching arm during varsity baseball tryouts.

Photos by Kristina Busch

CONGRATS
COACH WALTERS

The Positive Coaching Alliance is a national non-profit developing “Better Athletes, Better People” by working to provide all youth and high school athletes a positive, character-building youth sports experience. This organization annually gives Double-Goal Coach Awards to 25 youth and high school sports coaches from throughout the U.S. who embody the ideals of striving to win while also pursuing the even more important goal of teaching life lessons through sports.

Today the Positive Coaching Alliance announced 75 finalists from across the United States. Our very own Jeff Walters is one of the 75 finalists. The national winners will be announced on March 4. Congratulations to Jeff! He is a talented educator, an excellent coach, and a wonderful person. Wish him luck; we hope he wins one of the 25 national awards.

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**My teacher did WHAT?**

When you think of a teacher, you probably think of someone who knows everything about quadratic functions, someone who enjoys adjective clauses, or a person who can quote the Second Amendment. But believe it or not, many of your teachers were athletes who competed at the college level. Check out the list of Liberty staff college athletes below:

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**Lady Lion dons helmet and shoulder pads**

By Mauricio Baltrons  
Editor

What's your favorite sport? Wrestling? Baseball? Mixed Martial Arts? Maybe Cross Fit? If you were to present Allison Capocci with those options, she would likely answer with an enthusiastic "all of those and more!". Capocci, a junior here at Liberty High, enjoys pushing herself to her limits and taking things to the extreme. And as Larry the Lobster would tell you, there are no limits. Upon following that sacred credo, Capocci has proudly declared that she intends to be a part of the 2014 Varsity Football team.

"I believe that a football team is like a family and anyone should be allowed to be part of that family," affirmed Capocci. "Furthermore, I want to show other people that they can do anything if they let go of their fears".

Furthermore, contrary to popular assumption, Capocci does not plan to simply be a kicker or a punter. In fact, Capocci plans to play as either a lineman, safety, or receiver. "The whole process makes me a little nervous, but not to an overwhelming extent. I know I'm going to have to prove myself, but everyone has to at some point," Capocci annunciated.

Undeniably, Capocci has earned an astounding amount of support from her friends here at Liberty. Like Grant Mathias who stated "I'm happy to welcome anyone on the team," when asked how he felt about having a member of the opposite sex on the team. Yet, perhaps the most commendable display of approval has come from none other than Coach Jeff Walters himself. "I expect the players to treat (Capocci) with the same respect they should treat each other with.

No matter where the next obstacle may be located he on the football field or in the classroom-Allison Capocci is ready for it. Her choice to join the football team is both admirable and adventurous. However, in hopes that one does not patronize or over-exalt this Lady Lion, we recommend you meet her to join the team, " when asked how he felt about having a member of the opposite sex on the team. Yet, perhaps the most commendable display of approval has come from none other than Coach Jeff Walters himself. "I expect the players to treat (Capocci) with the same respect they should treat each other with."

Nevertheless, March Madness is one of the most-watched sporting events in history. "Millions of people play brackets every March, so why not take a shot becoming $1 billion dollars richer for doing so?" says Warren Buffet, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway. Because of this, people place bets to create brackets to predict the winner for the year, but Arizona is the number one team according to recent polls. But there is still a chance for any team to make it to the "Final Four".

The article does not accurately chronicle the 100th anniversary of alumni game", the article does not accurately chronicle the game and scores.

The correct information is as follows: Varsity and JV both won their games versus the alumni. The freshmen lost their game versus the alumni by one point.

Although the author takes full responsibility for the mistakes, they would also like to note that the information was provided by a third party.

Thank you for your understanding.
**Opinion**

The odds aren’t always in your favor

An editorial on wealth by LHS senior Muhamad Tarakji

We are currently living in an age where the rich are shamed for their success, and others are glorified for their lack of ambition. We live in an age where we tax the rich if they have a job, and tax them more if they have a good one. We live in an age where those who fail are given welfare, many of which contribute less to society than the middle class does, and take this country for granted.

Some people nowadays believe that if someone made money, he made it at the expense of someone else. The more the rich have, the less other people have. It’s almost like the economy is a pizza ready to be sliced. The bigger the piece someone takes, the less there will be for the rest. However, this is not the case.

Bill Gates for instance, didn’t take money from anyone by making Microsoft. Instead, he made the world richer. Instead of taking his part of the pizza, he made dozens of pizzas with his business smarts. Entrepreneurs create things. Good entrepreneurs become rich. Some people, however, will say otherwise. In addition, many “poor” people nowadays have access to free healthcare, technology, and cars that rich people dreamed of having decades ago. In fact, statistics show that 72% of Americans below the poverty line have two cars. However, some will say the fact that a gap exists between the rich and the poor is simply “unfair.” Freedom isn’t fair, if fair means equal. When people are free, some will be more successful than others. Some people are smarter, luckier, or just even better looking. Globalization and free-market capitalism multiply the effect of smarts and luck, allowing some people to get a lot richer than others.

Besides, unlike a lot of other countries around the world, we live in land full of opportunities. A poor person can become an influential individual in his society if he wanted to. Look at Benjamin Franklin. Look at Jim Carey. Look at Daniel Craig. Opportunity allows people to take risks and make changes to one’s life. Opportunity is what will allow an individual to achieve great things.

“I have observed that the more public provisions were made for the poor, the less they provided for themselves, and of course they became poorer. And on the contrary, the less that was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and they became richer.”—Benjamin Franklin.

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**Open campus: why not?**

By Ale Velez

Staff Writer

Having breaks between classes is great, but having breaks off campus is even better. The situation at Liberty High School is that you either have to go to O.C.S, or even worse. Save the stress of getting caught for now, just get a town pass and go out for lunch, but on November of 2005 a car accident occurred that killed two Smithtown seniors, and a third teenager. Since then, Long Island has re-evaluated their open-lunch policies in recent years, according to school officials and parents. Maybe sparing lives of students from potential car accidents over lunch is worth having, rather than an open campus. Even though we don’t have an open campus right now at Liberty for now, just get a town pass and save the stress of getting caught and going to O.C.S, or even worse.

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**Reality TV is distorting our reality**

By Alec Douglas

Staff Writer

The world of television is something we have not had for a very long time. Television has been has been around for almost 100 years. It has been through many changes such as color, format, and rating laws. In the last couple of years, a new form of television has become all the rage: Reality TV. The point of this form of television is for you the viewer to take a peek inside the life of a celebrity couple, friends, or family. Examples of this are “Keeping Up with the Kardashians,” “Rock of Love,” “Jersey Shore,” “Here Comes Honey Boo Boo”, and the smash hit “Duck Dynasty.”

Now do I watch TV like any other human being, but there is a point when I watch any of these shows that I think my IQ levels are slowly lowering the more Honey Boo Boo Boochildie and Uncle Si spout their famous catchphrases. So the question is: is reality TV entertaining or a waste of space? The answer is, it depends; you can find some entertainment in some of these shows. Duck Dynasty does have some funny moments and Honey Boo Boo, while stupid (very stupid), gets an occasional laugh from me. I can’t say

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**Who’s a better driver: you or grandma?**

By Alicia Evans

Lead Editor

You’re finally sixteen. You know everything. There is nothing more you want to do than ask for the keys and drive your little heart out. But even though you do know everything, there may be one thing you do not know. Senior citizens are better drivers than teenagers. But there are other old and can barely see; maybe they even forget where they are driving sometimes: sorry to tell you they are a safer choice to be behind the wheel. Both teenagers and seniors are 5.5% more likely to get in a fatal accident than middle aged people. Beginners on the streets have inexperience which causes the number one death for teens. In the case of seniors, the safest driving age is sixty-four to sixty-nine years old, even though they do have a lot of experience they drive less which helps them in the area of accidents. Next time you decide to grab the keys, you may want to get some tips from your elders!

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You unlock this door with a bold question, and then you are put into a dimension of pain, a dimension of want, a dimension of awkwardness. Brace yourselves for we are about to enter... The Friendzone! A sentence some would consider worse than total rejection, the Friendzone is infamous for taking friendships that one person wanted to turn into something and ruining them, even if it’s used in the best intentions. A zone that, when put into it, can make one person that wanted to make a companion out of the other hurt emotionally, and force them into the awkward position. This zone is most commonly used by girls, as guys can usually consider friendliness as attraction. And from experience, I can tell you two things. One, this zone can lead to some of the worst emotional pain possible, and does indeed ruin friendship. And two; there is nothing that can be done to get out of it unless you put in massive amounts of effort. Often has this happened to me, and often have I put in that effort, and often have my endeavors failed utterly. As guys we must simply learn to stomach the friend zone and try to preserve the companion we have made, lest it fall into an awkward pit and ruin any chances we have to make something in the future.

By Cole Parsons
Staff Writer

We ladies have come a long way in terms of rights and privileges. We’re able to vote, hold jobs, and we’ve even begun making our presence known in the government. Yet we do not let this upward spiral fool you, because while we have indeed climbed higher, there is still much we need to fix. Women in this day and age are still oppressed, and many times we are silenced, allowing the mistrustment to occur unchallenged and under everyone’s noses.

What’s Going On During Spring Break 2014?

By Cole Parsons
Staff Writer

“We will know that Spring Break is glamorous as an amazing two weeks of craziness and fun, in exotic places with friends or family! According to Liberty students, you can’t really beat a night at home with the family having a movie night! For me it’s relaxation time, but maybe not for others.”

Mexico is, apparently, where it is at. I’m not completely sure what “it” is, but I’m assuming that it is just a good time. Matthew Diaz told me that he was heading there during spring break, and where ever Matthew goes a good time follows.

You can find so much cool stuff at flea markets! According to Ivan Vazquez he has no idea where he was heading there during spring break, and wherever Matthew goes a good time follows. He was heading there during spring break, and wherever Matthew goes a good time follows.

Not knowing what you are going to do over break can be almost like a spontaneous adventure! According to Ivan Vazquez he has no idea where he is going over break, and that is half the fun of it.

Another spontaneous adventure! Lynette Zamora thinks that she is just going to stay home most of the break and just relax, but she says that she will tag along where the wind takes her!

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