



The Raider Reporter

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Just Class Clash?

By Lara Malaver and Jennifer Vargas

It's about that time of year again! The time when the students of Alexander Hamilton High School unite within each class to show their spirit. This special event is called the *Class Clash* and has been a tradition since 1989, when Ms. Abbate brought it to us from Maria Regina High School. Class Clash has become a joyous and competitive time through the years.

This year, *Spirit Week* will be held December 19th to the 23rd. Each grade is assigned a different color (see box below).

These colors are key to themes, decorations, clothing, and performances. During a typical *Class Clash*, each group will decorate their portion of the gym according to their theme. Teachers are selected ahead of time to judge each class based on how many students actually participated.

For the most part, the seniors are dominant when it comes to organization,

creativity, spirit, and teamwork. However, the seniors do not own the competition; other classes have left their mark.

So, you might be wondering if a prize is involved in this week-long celebration. As a matter of fact, the winning class gets their names engraved on a plaque. Plus, you get the pride of winning! In the past, winners received the spirit stick and attended a pizza party.

You must be excited for what's to come in December. Well, start planning now with your peers! We've only got a little more than a month left, but remember that *Class*

Clash is supposed to be a celebration. We never want the competition to get the best of us. Speak with your Grade Advisor to get started. While Advisors help with important decisions for the teams, the individuals on the teams must be self-motivated. Practices often take place after school and during lunch periods in designated classrooms. The teams who win are those teams who are best prepared, and that takes time.

And remember, you won't just be performing in



The Class of 2011 - Winners of the 2010 Class Clash

front of your peers and teachers; *Class Clash* has become such a tradition that it attracts alumni and other community members as well!

Bring your school spirit... see you in December!!!

Junior High
Yellow & Green
Freshmen - Black
Sophomores - Blue
Juniors - White
Seniors - Red

Think About Jealousy

By Angelene Dimaano

What are we jealous of? Material things? Personalities? Looks? Abilities? Life-styles? People? Yeah, I think that just about covers it. It almost seems like what a person doesn't have, they loath, desire and yearn for. Jealousy is an ugly trait that, sad to say, everyone has. But why are we jealous? Why does jealousy even exist?

You want to know why jealousy exists? I'll tell you exactly why. Because each person is unique; because human perfection does not exist; because we are ourselves and not others; because we can never truly change who we are; because we want what we do not and cannot have.



Jealousy is one of those traits, even though incredibly distasteful, makes us human. It shows that we care, that we have feelings, that we are aware of the world around us. It is a greedy trait that is never satisfied no matter what we do, no matter what we get, no matter how hard we try. I'm sure everyone agrees that jealousy is an emotion that is hard to control. But if you think about it, is jealousy even worth it?

Take a moment to think about all the good things in your life: every moment that took your breath away; every person that made you smile; everything that you associate with happiness. Compare all that to what you are jealous of. Be honest with yourself. Because when you think about it, what you're jealous of simply does not and won't ever compare to all the good that you already have.

Next time you're yearning for something, remember that life is good and beautiful; don't make it ugly with unnecessary jealousy.

Raider Reviews Presents: L.A. Noire

By Gage



Rockstar games returns with another groundbreaking gaming experience.

Targets: Basically anybody! *Rockstar* doesn't target specific people; they just want to make sure the games are played at all!

Details: *L.A. Noire* takes place in post WW2 Los Angeles in the year 1945. Officer Cole Phelps is returning to L.A. after the war and is slowly learning about the darker side of the once great city.

Gameplay: *Rockstar* follows previous games and gives you the best free-roaming experience possible. You begin as an LAPD officer, solving small murder crimes and getting in fist fights. As you complete cases your rank goes up and you are given more cases, the difficulty slightly increasing as well. The cases become more serious as you encounter thugs, crime lords, and random sociopaths. The game also requires you to interrogate suspects, judging whether they had a part in the crime by using evidence. The most epic part of the game: GUNFIGHTS!!!

That's right. *Rockstar* gives you the best gun fighting perspective, almost as good as an FPS! (first person shooter) And always, in the end, Detective Phelps pulls an "Indiana Jones" by grabbing his signature hat and replacing it on his head.

Overview: *LA Noire* provides a solid gaming experience and is definitely worth the high \$60 price. The campaign is lengthy, yet once beaten the game loses its flavor. But don't worry; it will be a long time before then.



Grace Potter & The Nocturnals

Awesome rock band. They bring back the classics with a better twist.

ARTISTS TO CHECK OUT

by: HALEIGH BROWN =]



Vampire Weekend

Such an interesting band with a funny writing style, & a song on their second album you might recognize.



Florence + The Machine

Very creative singer/band who has a very different alternative style.



Landon Pigg

He has amazing songs and soooooo much talent.



John Mayer

One of the best musicians that deserves more credit that he already has.



Demi Lovato

Always has been great. She's gotten even better with her new style that she put her heart and soul into.



Lucy Schwartz

You probably don't know her but she's one of the best. Now...

GO LISTEN TO HER!!!!

As a child, what was your favorite video game, and why?

As always, The Raider Reporter would like to thank everyone who answers the poll question

Ms. Luccioni Guidance Department	"Ms. PacMan: Every Friday afternoon my friends and I would go to DJ's pizzeria and play all day to get the highest score."	Mr. Florio Tech & Web	"Twisted Metal 2 on the Sony Playstation. I used to play Twisted Metal with my brother and friends for hours. I loved the New York and Paris maps. We played so that the loser gave up the controller, so you did everything you could to keep your win-streak going so you could keep playing."
Mr. Ribeiro Language Department	"As a child I enjoyed sports games in general...Madden, NBA Live, etc. However, my favorite video game was FIFA. I first played FIFA on my Playstation. Now you can play it on some great video game systems like Playstation 3, Nintendo Wii & Xbox 360. Soccer is the most popular sport world wide. Who wouldn't enjoy being able to score a hat trick with Lionel Messi in Camp Nou Barcelona?"	Ms. Asaro History Department	"Pac Man. So - as a child THERE WERE NO VIDEO GAMES!! My childhood excitement came when we got our first color TV! (no cable) Fast forward to early adulthood - - - I was chaperoning one of my first class trips (yes I used to chaperone these events!) and I came across my very first video game from Atari - PONG - Don't get excited - the game was in black and white - but I loved it! I must have played the game for most of the weekend. After that - I think I have to say Pac Mac is my all time favorite."
Ms. Sclafani English Department	"Okay, I know I'm dating myself and this will sound pathetic, but my favorite video game was "Pong." That's right, low-tech "Pong." First of all, my parents wouldn't buy us video games, but one of my brothers bought it and I thought it was cool. Secondly, the game rocks on an old black-and-white GE tv set."	Ms. Tenzer Home & Careers	"My favorite video game was Zelda for Nintendo (the original)! It was my favorite because I loved the music and it took me forever to pass the entire game!"
Ms. Wilkins Business Office	"My favorite video game was Ms. Pacman. It was exciting to see how far I could get gobbling up everything in sight. I played it in the arcade. I don't know if the students even know what I am talking about."	Mr. Barone Technology Department	"There were no video games when I was young, but when Pong came out, we played the heck out of it!"
Mr. Pollok Physical Education	"Mike Tyson's Punch Out - Nintendo. It was a nice chance to get in the ring with Mike Tyson. I still remember the code to fight Iron Mike: 007-373-5963 ...or was that my SS#?"	Mr. Rios Music Department	"Super Mario Brothers-- I played that for so many hours of my life. Hours and days... god. But Donkey Kong Jr. is my all time favorite."
Ms. Schulze Math Department	"Donkey Kong on ColecoVision - and we were the first ones on the block to have it!"	Ms. Uricchio Special Education	"Thanks a lot! How about us people who did not grow up with video games????? How about pinball????"
Mrs. Brenna English Department	"Pac Man. When my husband and I were dating I would play Pac Man on an arcade game while he played pool. Sadly, I was never that good; I never made the top score list."		
Mr. Budzynski History Department	"That's a tough one, but I always loved the Sega Genesis NHL game. Couldn't beat playing with Gretzky."		
Mr. Vergara English Department	"As a young kid it was Burger Time on IntelliVision.....as I got older (college) it was without question Madden on Sega Genesis."		
Mr. Egan English Department	"Zelda. I spent hours of my pre-adolescent life playing this game. The graphics were awesome, but I hated not being able to find those secret hidden doors in the sides of mountains and behind bushes. I wasted so many bombs on doors that just weren't there..."		
Mr. Hernandez Business & Technology	"Superman for the [Sega] Genesis. That game was great."		
Ms. Martucci School Psychologist	"Nintendo - Super Mario Brothers. At the time, it had the best graphics. The saving the princess part, which meant you "beat the game", was what made the game exciting to me. I liked competing with my friends to see who could save the princess first."		
Mrs. Leis Math Department	"I love to play "Tapper" on my ColecoVision. As the bartender you had to serve root beer to angry costumers and if you weren't fast enough the customers would throw you across the bar."		
Dr. Peters Superintendent	"They didn't have video games when I was a child, so I had to wait until I had children of my own to participate. I remember playing Pac-Man on the Atari system. There were other games, too, but that was one of my favorite."		
Mr. Thompson Science Department	No way would Mom and Dad spend money on a game system when I was a kid...too expensive. When I could do it on my own, while not a game, Commodore 64 Flight Simulator. Absolutely the best for its time!		
Ms. Dwyer Special Education	"Duck hunt on Nintendo... the nameless dog was a favorite of mine..."		



What's Poppin'?

By Chris Clough

In the new *Fantastic 4* reboot *The Thing* (a rock monster) is going to be completely C.G.I. (computer graphics imaging). In the first two movies the actor Michael Chicklas was in a suit. Why would they do this? I personally think that in the Marvel movies to follow *The Thing* will possibly fight the *Hulk*. If they do that would be pretty awesome. Don't you think? (Source: Clevver Movies)

If you're a fan of the *Uncharted* series like me you'll either be delighted or crushed by finding out that some guy at Hollywood wants to make it into a live action movie. Who should play Nathan drake? Well, Mark Wahlbergh of course. If you played the game, you might be able to tell that the character of Nathan Drake was modeled after the actor Nathan Fillian. The creators themselves even said this. Why do you want Mark Wahlbergh to kill another video game franchise turned movie? And, yes, I equally hated the Max Payne movie if your wondering. (Source: imdb.com)

Marvel's next step after the avengers is the Inhumans I personally never read a single issue of the comic so I can't give any more in-site but from what I've seen from panels it is a super hero group kind of like the x-men. (Source: Clevver Movies)

Some other Super hero comics possibly being turned into movies are *Guardians of the Galaxy* and *Ant-Man*. I don't know about the *Guardians*, but I do know a lot about *Ant-Man*. The movie is supposed to be directed by Edgar Wright known for *Shaun of the dead*, *Hot fuzz*, and *Scott pilgrim vs. the World*, and was aimed for a 2012 release.

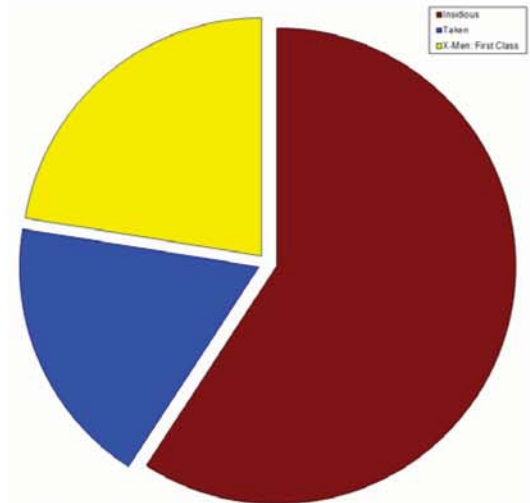
The screen writers of *Iron man*, Art Marcum and Matt Holloway, are starting on making a *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* reboot along with Michael Bay. The reboot is supposed to be released in 2012 and goes back to the original darker, more violent Eastman/Laird version instead of the cartoon version that we all know and love. (Source: Clevver Movies)

If you like *Ghost Rider* and hated the 2007 movie adaptation starring Nicolas Cage, I think you'll be happy to know that there is a sequel entitled *Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance* set to be released on February 17th 2012. The movie stars Nicolas Cage, reprising his roll as Johnny Blaze and is directed by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor, better known for directing the *Crank* movies. They released a poster and trailer and even

have a competition challenging fans to make their own poster that will be featured as the main one. So far the poster released looks like this and the trailer looks pretty cool. I'm betting that it will be the most unique marvel movie coming out next year. (Source: imdb.com)



You spoke... we listened!



Insidious won-- beating out Taken, and X-Men: First Class

Movie Night
Tentative Details

December 16th
6:30 PM
Auditorium

Insidious



Frank's Funny Time

By Frank Zambrano

- Why do Americans choose two candidates for President but, 50 for Miss America?
- Last night I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky and I thought to myself, where the heck is the ceiling?
- If you die in an elevator, be sure to push the Up button.
- Headline: Energizer Bunny arrested, charged with battery.
- Q: What you call dog with no legs?
A: Don't matter what you call him, he ain't gonna come.
- Girls are like phones. they love to be held, talked too, but if you press the wrong button you'll be disconnected!
- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- Worst excuse for not turning in homework: I couldn't find anyone to copy it from.
- Q: What are the three words guaranteed to humiliate men everywhere?
A: Hold my purse.
- You know the speed of light; so what is the speed of dark ?

Thank You

See you in the next edition!

Guidance Department presents...

Financial Aid Night

**December 8th, 2011 7:00 PM
In the Hamilton Library**

***This meeting is for all
high school parents***

The Sun'll Come Out Tomorrow As Alexander Hamilton High School prepares to perform Annie Jr.



Competition will be tough this year for students planning to audition for the musical production of Annie Jr. at Alexander Hamilton High School. A pool of very talented students coming to us this year from Grady will raise the bar in the fight to land the lead roles in the show this year. **The show is scheduled to be performed on March 23rd and 24th in 2012.** Auditions are taking place in December and rehearsals will begin in mid-January.

Mr. Rios will once again head up the production as Director, pulling off two very successful shows in the past with "Little Shop of Horrors" and last year's production of "Grease."

ANNIE is a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil plans, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new family and home in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

**If you would like to help with
the performance--
acting, stage crew, promotion, etc--
see Mr. Rios, Room B19.**

BE A MAN : TERRIBLE COMICS

CREATOR: ANGELENE DIMMAND
CO-CREATOR: KRISTAL CLARK

THIS IS BILL. HE LOVES FOOD.

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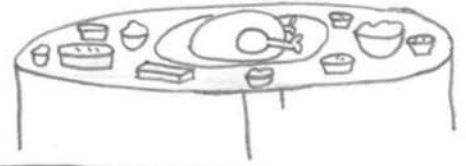
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FOOD YUMMY.
FOOD GOOD.
BILL LOVES FOOD.



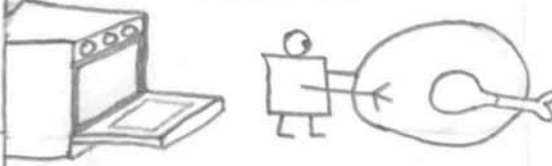
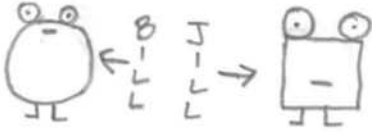
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!?!?



THIS IS BILL'S MOM: JILL

JILL ALWAYS MAKES THE TURKEY.

AND BILL STARES... *OMG!*



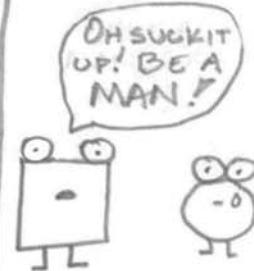
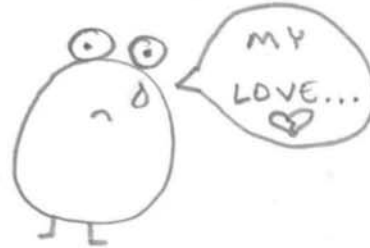
ITS IN THE OVEN...
SORTA KINDA BUT NOT REALLY...

AT DINNER... *LIFE IS AMAZING*

BUT THEN!?!? *YOU CAN'T EAT ME!*



TALK ABOUT HEARTACHE



Spirit Week Schedule

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Red & White Day	Twin Day	"Gender Switch" Day	Tacky Day	Class Clash
Afterschool: Volleyball	Afterschool: Punch - Kickball	Afterschool: Frisbee	Afterschool: Tug-of-War & Dodgeball	Afterschool: Home Coming Theme: Vegas



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