

GoogleGlass: Innovation or Intrusion?

By: Logan Iskra
Editorial Editor

Imagine you are out with your friends having a good time. Suddenly, something happens that you want to remember for the rest of your life.

You tell them not to move, you reach into your pocket and... nothing! You have forgotten your phone at home! You now have no way of commemorating this moment.

You have your own memory, of course, but who uses that anymore?

This has happened to most people at some point in their lives. However, thanks to Google, this may no longer be a problem.

That's right people: The human race has finally taken its first step to becoming Cyborgs with the advent of Google's latest invention, Google Glass.

GoogleGlass is the name of the new pair of glasses that will be hitting the market near the end of the year. These glasses will do most basic things smartphones can do now via voice activation.

But, you'll be wearing them.

By first executing the vocal command, "Ok glass" you can surf the web, take pictures, record a video from your own vantage point, text a friend, stream live video or start a video chat hands free. All this could be yours for the modest price of \$1,500!

Up to this point, the concept of a

Even when technology became small enough to keep with you all the time, fashion was a big issue. It turns out that wearing a computer chip on your face may get you some weird looks. Google, however, plans to team up with certain retailers to make the device more aesthetically-pleasing.

GoogleGlass may be defeated, however, before it even reaches consumers due to safety and privacy concerns. In theory, a person with these glasses could discreetly snap unwanted pictures or record a private conversation between two people and then upload it to the internet.

Wearing these augmented reality glasses may prove a danger to drivers as well. Alerts or text mes-

One GooglePlus user even noted that current legislation in countries like Russia and the Ukraine may cause GoogleGlass to be illegal in these places.

The future of wearable information technology depends on how the public receives GoogleGlass. We should all pay attention to the development of this product. The way we live our lives and the way we view our self-proclaimed right to privacy, will depend on it.

Katie's Radz-Rant

By: Katie Radzwion
Staff writer

Sometimes it can be hard to figure out when something should be kept private. Today, people complain about how we don't have any privacy anymore.

Then why do we share everything about ourselves on every social media website out there?

I mean your address, phone number, and what hours of the day you aren't at home probably shouldn't be written on your Facebook page for everyone you don't know to see.

Just saying.

And as much as some may argue, I really don't need to know that you're "Sooooo tired right now (insert frowny face here)".

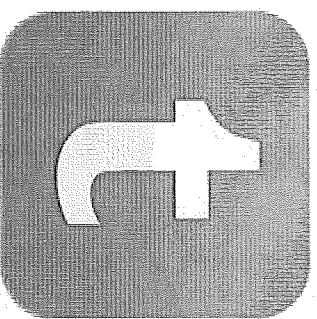
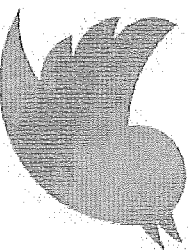
Because maybe if you're that tired, go to bed and quit scrolling through Facebook

More things that should be kept private is making out in the hallway. I don't need to see a scene from the movie The Notebook being re-enacted as I am trying to make my way to Eng-

lish class. Sorry RHS, but leave the acting to the professionals.

A simple peck on the lips is fine by me, but a drawn out kiss is something that should be kept private and not shown to your fellow students and teachers.

Words Of Wisdom: If you have to spend time questioning whether or not to keep something private, that's a sign it should DEFINITELY be kept private.



ACT Scores

By: Kelsey Williams
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The testing is over and now what? The Juniors of RHS are playing the waiting game for their ACT scores to return. The students usually have to wait between three and six weeks to get their scores and some students have already received their scores in the mail. Krystal Nowak received her score over spring break.

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"I thought I did good, but I thought that I could've done better," said Nowak.

Krystal, along with other Juniors,

plan on retaking the ACT sometime this summer.

Despite the waiting for test scores, Nowak agreed that being timed on testing day was the most nerve-wrecking part of the ACT.

"I was nervous and dreading how long it was going to take and the short amount of time for each section," added Nowak.

This was the majority of the atmosphere on testing day. Even teachers could feel the nervous energy.

Juniors weren't the only students who had to be nervous for testing. The Freshmen and the Sophomores both took ACT-like tests in order to prepare them for the big test their Junior year.

There are many other ways to prepare you for the ACT, however. Nowak took online practice tests, wrote essays in-class and took practice tests in class as well. Other students, like Leya Gonzalez, took ACT prep classes through Macomb Community College.

"I think that they helped me a lot so I knew what to expect," said Gonzalez. "Waking up and driving down to Macomb on a Saturday was sometimes annoying but I think that it paid off." Gonzalez

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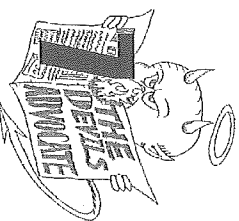
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Staff Editorial:

RICH WHAT? RICHMOND!

Now where have we all heard that chant before?
That's right, at every Pep Assembly. Be it for a sport, a team, or an upcoming game, Pep Assemblies help to get the school fired up about something. There's no better send-off than running through a tunnel of your peers.
Pep Assemblies are for the benefit of two groups of people: one being the students in the school who support the sport/event/game, and the players themselves.

We know that not everyone enjoys Pep Assemblies. People may think they're stupid or pointless. There's always going to be a complaint.

But they do serve a point.
The teams may be leaving for States, but what are they without supporters back in their home town? Someone has to be cheering from home base, and those same people have to be here, ready to celebrate when they come back.

That's what Pep Assemblies do. They give all the students pep, hence the name 'Pep Assembly.'
Who doesn't like pep? It's a good

feeling to just be happy for even a little while. All the yelling and screaming at the assemblies is a sort of stress reliever isn't it?

Nothing makes you feel better than screaming as loud as you can.
Then, let's not forget about the players.

Pep Assemblies are all about them. They couldn't do well if they knew people didn't care about the teams.

It's really a shame that that the Robotics Pep Assembly was canceled because of the power outage, but we still supported them from here at home.

And let's not forget all the people who don't get Pep Assemblies, such as the band, the choir, the art program or the theatre program.

They don't always get their time to run through the tunnel. But they do just as good at the things they do.

The Chorale is going to State Festival, Urinetown was a hit, and the band is doing wonderful things for the spring concert this year, and art students have won several awards this past year.

So let's give a big shout out to all the teams and everyone else out there making the Richmond name known.
And at the next Pep Assembly, let's yell even louder!

Question of the Week

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How would you describe the weather?

Staff



Mr. Whiney thinks spring is "Not very Spring like" this year.

Senior



Hannah Rigwalski thinks April is acting more like November.

Junior



Melissa Resk and Natasha Woodruff don't expect to be playing sports in weather like

Sophomore



Max Leech thinks Mother Nature is slacking.

Freshman



"Lovely" said Stephanie Woodruff sarcastically.

Seniors of the theater

Senior theater actors and actresses take part in their last school play.

By: Rosie Urban
Staff Writer

This past weekend, RHS Drama Club gave its final performance of this school year's musical, *Urinetown*.

The seniors also gave their last performance on the RHS stage.

"I will miss the people and the opportunities it gave me the most. Everyone involved with theatre is part of this huge family," said Kurt Misteravich, senior. "It's so great to know that I have these close relationships with people that really care about each other. I will also miss the opportunities to be in amazing shows every year with some of the best people in the world."

Misteravich, who has been doing theatre for almost 14 years, is really glad that he performed in *Urinetown*.

"It was great being with everyone I love for the last time," said Misteravich.

Being involved for so long has created many memories for Misteravich. "My favorite memory is of my freshman Theatre Arts class. Every-

insane amounts of new things," said Misteravich. "I really learned so much from the older/more experienced upperclassmen. I had far too much fun and if I had to pick my favorite class, Theatre Arts would definitely be it. I think that's really where I felt welcomed into the theatre family here at RHS."

Misteravich started doing theatre back in 1999, where he performed as a mouse in *Cinderella*.

"I have videos of it and everything.

My babysitter was Cinderella," said Misteravich. "Mr. Applegate actually has scripts from the show that the old director gave to him when she left."

Misteravich would very much like to pursue acting as a career.

"I would love to be an actor. Of course, it's an extremely hard career to be able to have, but I feel really driven," said Misteravich. "I'd love to work in film and act in front of a camera, but I believe that I'd feel most comfortable as a stage actor. Broadway is the dream."

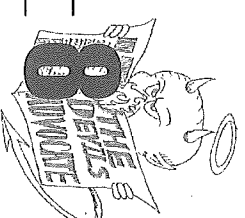
For Kurt, theatre has been such a huge role in his life for so long and is very important to him.

"Theatre is just something I genuinely love, and anyone can relate to loving something with all of their heart," said Misteravich. "It's something so personal to me, because it's something I have so much fun doing with the people I love being with."

Misteravich has been involved in many shows, but his favorite would have to be *Fools*, a show he was in during his freshman year of high school.

"I think it's because it was my first show at RHS, and that's why it's so close to my heart. The memories I have from that show are so great. I get so nostalgic," said Misteravich. "I guess I would say that Slovitich from *Fools* was my favorite role I've ever had. I love being cast as something completely different from anything I've ever played before, but that show will always be my favorite."

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Might as Well Walk?

By: Olivia Kesler
Features Editor

Complaints are circulating around the sports teams about the lack of busing home from games, meets and matches. A few have even complained to administrators.

Is busing really that big of a deal? Isn't that a little *too* far?

Yes, it is pretty inconvenient for parents to drive to your game/meet/match just to get you home. Yes, it can be annoying to wait for your ride to get to you when it used to be in the parking lot waiting.

But I will let you in on a little secret. Ready? It is not the end of the world.

You heard me right. The sky is not falling, nothing is exploding, and the zombies are still in the ground (for now). I understand how frustrating the situation is. I am in the same boat. The track team has no home meets and doesn't have any busing home either.

But think about it from the school's perspective for a second.

The funding for busing just does not exist at the moment. It is unfortunate, but true.

The school isn't out to get you, athletes. The situation is annoying, but only temporary.

Next year, each sport may get the busing they do not have this year. The athletic department won't be able to know for sure whether this busing situation will continue until next year has begun and funding for the buses is reassessed.

But for right now, there really isn't any reason to complain because nothing is going to change. I mean, if you *really* want to make a sign and riot in front of the school for a bus, that's up to you. But really?

It's not anyone's fault, but people are assigning blame. Unfortunately, the economic times are difficult, and many other school districts are doing the same thing.

No one *wants* to be left out in the rain to wait for a ride. And the athletic department doesn't want to have athletes sit outside in the rain either.

We still have busing *to* most events, don't we? The school could have cancelled busing altogether, but they didn't. So, the situation could have been worse.

Look on the bright side. At least we aren't walking there.

That would have been apocalyptic.

Prom?

By: Shelby Stewart
News Editor

Raise your hand if you're going to prom!

Put your hand down. I can't see you, silly.

Anyways, Prom is just around the corner and everyone is excited for it. It's that magical last dance for seniors where they dance all night long and have a fantastic time. For the last time, girls will put on dresses and boys will put on ties and head off to enjoy the night with friends.

All the princess dresses. All the tuxedos. The music. The lights. The makeup. The hair.....

Prom takes a lot of work doesn't it?

Murphy's Law: If something can go wrong, it will.

Not to mention all the money that goes into

this huge event.

After the dresses and the tuxedos and the stress, students still have to pay for the tickets, the limo, the hair appointments, the nail appointments and anything else that isn't included in the dance itself.

It can get pretty overwhelming for mere teenagers to handle.

But let's not forget the main purpose of Prom night.

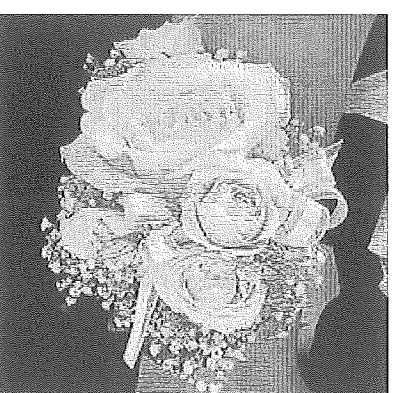
It's not about the money, or the hair and nails, or even the dresses and tuxedos.

Prom is about celebrating the year we have gone through. It's about having fun and dancing the night away with your friends.

For all you seniors out there who've worked their tails off to get this far in high school, you've deserved it. You've all got one more major dance before you leave high school.

And whatever happens, you'll still have a ball at the dance on Saturday.

Have fun, stay safe, and I promise that you won't forget this night for a long, long time.



Looking for Alaska, a Novel by John Green

"When adults say, 'Teenagers think they are invincible' with that sly, stupid smile on their faces, they don't know how right they are. We need never be hopeless, because we can never be irreparably broken. We think that we are invincible because we are. We cannot be born, and we cannot die. Like all energy, we can only change shapes and sizes and manifestations. They forget that when they get old. They get scared of losing and failing. But that part of us greater than the sum of our parts cannot begin and cannot end, and so it cannot fail."

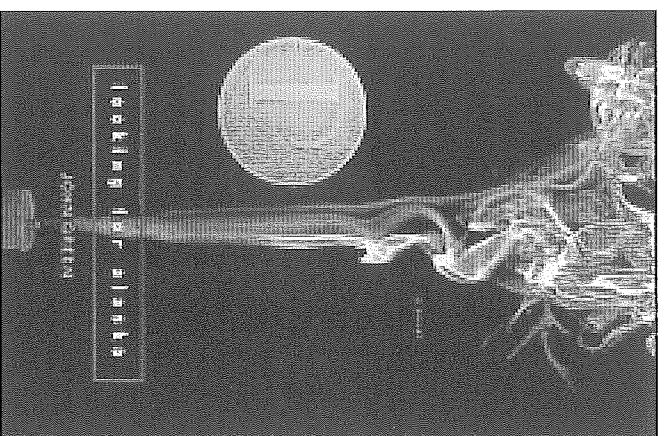
- From Looking for Alaska

By: Caitlee Hawley
Editorial Editor

A lot of books written for teenagers are about things that go bump in the night. Vampires (sparkly and otherwise), Werewolves, Demons, and every creature in between has a love story of its own. I think that's dangerous territory, especially in young readers. It encourages a real disconnect between what is possible and how real people interact. No one is Jace Herondale. No one is Harry Potter. No one, dare I say it, is Christian Grey.

John Green's novel, *Looking for Alaska*, reminds us of what we can forget when we get wrapped up in a typical YA fiction novel - that some of the scariest things we can face as young adults are not supernatural, but occur every day under normal circumstances.

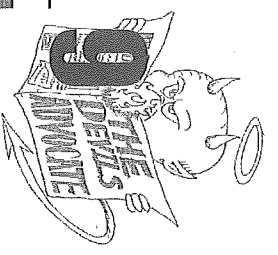
This book hits every single one of the sore spots that we talk about in freshman Health, but does it in a way that doesn't talk down to



us as young adults. Instead of "If you drink alcohol you will get pregnant and die," it presents the information in a real way that resonates with us.

Miles is a geek. The Colonel chain smokes. Alaska sleeps around. John Green's characters are real people with real faults. They aren't Pauly and Matilda from our textbooks, but they want to tell us the same things - that everything we choose to do, and everything we choose not to do, has an impact on the people around us.

Really, the only thing that needs to be said about this novel is that it is honest. Brutally, painfully, uncomfortably honest. In a genre where fantasy is more important than reality, Green's novel is a breakthrough that puts him in line with J.D. Salinger and Steven Chbosky. Every teenager should consider reading this book before they leave high school.



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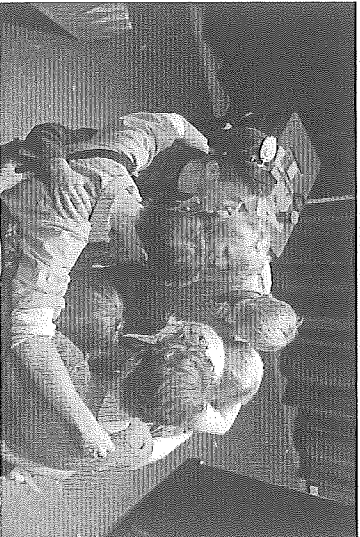
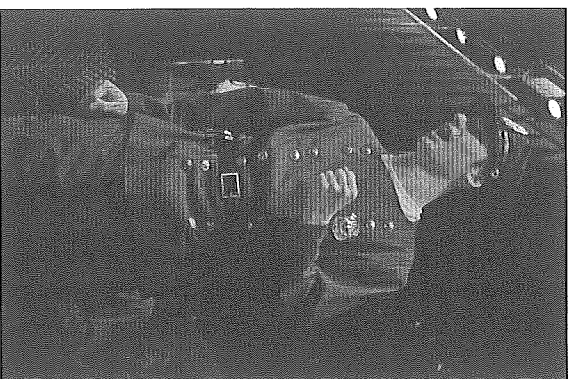
Would you rather?

Would you rather go up north in the summer or go down south in the winter?
Senior, Lindsay Omelia, would rather go up north in the summer.

Would you rather be able to do a 360 slam dunk or hit a 400 foot homerun?
Senior, Jeff Sepienza, would rather hit a 400 foot homerun.

Would you rather go to a Redwing's game or a Tiger's game?
Senior, Julie McQuiston, would rather go to a Tiger's game.

Theinetown!



TALENT SPOTLIGHT



Steve Radzom, senior, has been acting in the high school productions since becoming a freshman.

"It's a passion of mine, and I enjoy it a lot," said Radzom.

This favorite play was West Side Story. After high school, he plans to minor in Theater Arts.

Show us your stuff!



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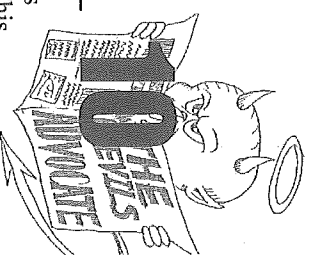


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Features and News



From Snow to Song

By: Logan Iskra
Opinion Editor

Anyone in Nashville, Tennessee from May 15th to the 18th has a chance of hearing a musical anomaly. The usual twang of country music will be interrupted by the harmonious singing of the Richmond High School Choir.

This year, the choir will be taking their biannual trip to Tennessee create a professional recording of themselves singing.

Nashville has come to be known as the capital of the music industry, thereby getting the nickname, "Music City."

Of course, one could not visit the music capi-

tol of America without seeing some of the sights.

Among the wonders that the Choir will be visiting on this trip is Graceland, The famous fifteen thousand square foot mansion which formerly belonged to the king of Rock and Roll himself, Elvis Presley. While they are there, they will have the chance to learn about the life of the King and examine his career and rise to greatness.

In addition to this, the choir will receive a tour of the Grand Ole Opry. The Opry is home of the country's oldest continuous radio program.

During this tour of the history of music, it seems only fitting that the choir will be visiting RCA's Studio B to explore Nashville's oldest surviving radio station. This is where they will be recording a song with a professional sound engineer.

After they are done working, it will be time to relax by going to see The Country Music Hall of

Fame where the most famous country stars have attained immortality in their genre. This will be a very exciting moment for hardcore country fan, Shelby Stewart.

"I always loved country music, so seeing the country music hall of fame will be fantastically amazing," said Stewart.

To end their tour of the lifestyle of rich and famous country musicians, the choir will be visiting Fontanel Mansion, the 27,000 square foot former residence of Barbara Mandrell.

For Stewart, a senior, this trip is similar to a going away party, one that she looks forward to.

"I had a lot of fun when we went to New York," said Stewart, "and I am hoping that this trip will be just as much fun, if not more."

Federal amateurs

By: Jacob Thomas
Sports Editor

Who's the murderer?

It's spring and that means it is time for the forensics class to begin their annual forensics crime scene.

Mr. Roodbeen's forensics class will team up with Dr. Ladd's Law and Justice Class to complete a mock crime scene.

Freshman Julia Foster was selected as the murder victim for the crime scene.

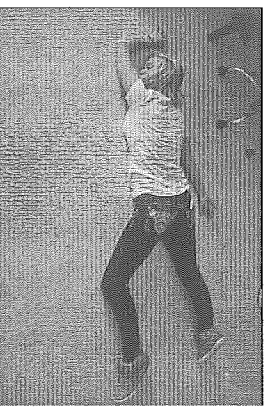
"I talked to other colleagues such as Dr. Ladd and Mrs. Michon for a couple of days to come up with a scenario," said Mr. Roodbeen.

The crime scene is an important event for the forensics class, as it is part of their final exam.

"I like to do it because it's part of the final exam, and it helps the students use a majority of what they have learned throughout the year," said Mr. Roodbeen.

The crime scene is also important for Dr. Ladd's Law and Justice Class.

"Usually I try to get the students and the Law Class together and it takes about



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two weeks to complete. The actual process of investigating and scenario varies every year but we try to use all of the techniques that the students have learned," said Mr. Roodbeen.

Senior forensics student Kayla Czarniecki voiced her excitement about the upcoming crime scene.

"I'm looking forward to collecting the evidence and finding out what a crime scene looks like," said Czarniecki.

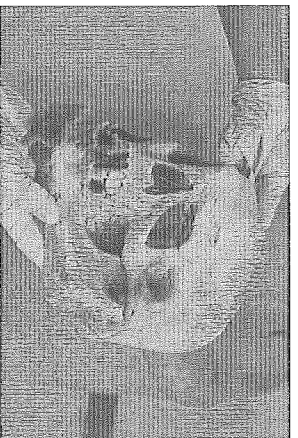
Czarniecki signed up for the forensics class because she enjoys crime scenes in television shows.

"I watch a lot of crime scene shows and I wanted to know how to collect evidence and what to look for in a crime scene," said Czarniecki.

The students in the class had to apply the methods they have learned throughout the year such as fingerprinting objects, and measuring blood splatter as well. They started applying their skills when they went to room 403 where the "murder" happened.

"We learned how to lift fingerprint off of windows and how to measure blood splatter. This helps determine where the victims were standing and how the bullet impact was," said Czarniecki.

Everybody in the class has been partnered with another classmate and given a spe-



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cific role in the investigation. "Everyone has a certain position in the investigation. Me and Lindsay Omelia are the leaders of the investigation. I am the chain of custody so all the information has to be reported back to me before being presented," said Czarniecki.

Taylor Job, who is also a senior in the forensics class is excited to begin the murder investigation.

"I'm really just excited to find out who the murderer is," said Job.

Job has learned many aspects of being an investigator.

"I get to see what a real investigation looks like behind the scenes. You see a lot of details that the average person does not," said Job.

Job expects the investigation of finding the murderer to be pretty difficult.

The investigation of the crime scene is expected to be a two week project for the forensics class. Both classes will be scene running around finding evidence and trying to pinpoint who the killer is.



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