Global warming linked to harsh winter weather?

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With several heavy downpours of snow and chilly below-zero temperatures, La Porte has experienced yet another harsh winter. Some LPHS students rejoiced at the back-to-back snow days and tour delays, while others groaned at the possibility of extra school days added on to the end of the year.

Sophomore Justice Albertson said, “La Porte has had such a snowy winter because of the arctic air that’s coming down and all the cold wind that’s hitting Indiana. I love it!”

Some students think that recent bicludes that occurred in moderate latitudes to what they call the ‘Breez effect’ of global warming. While strange weather has plagued the Midwest, temperatures in northeastern Connecticut and southern Maine have been at least 20 degrees above normal.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, this strange flip-flop in climate is related to the sinking of 30% of the Arctic Ocean’s surface since 1979. Usually, this sea holds the extra cold air that solidifies at the pole much deeper than it is at lower latitudes. This creates a pressure barrier between the two regions which acts like a fence.

Warmer arctic temperatures weaken that barrier, allowing a stream of frigid air that normally stays inside the Arctic zone in a polar vortex to escape downward. Warm air rushes up to take its place.

“Some atmospheric fence has indeed been seriously damaged, brutally cold, snowy winters may become the new normal in much of the U.S.”

“Global warming is a fact,” stated Brandon Hildebrandt, a senior at LPHS. “The only thing that’s being debated is what exactly is causing it and how to stop it.”

Despite the intensely at severe winter, the famous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil predicted that spring would arrive early. Some students wishing for warmer weather have already started wearing short-sleeved shirts.

“Based on what I’ve observed, I think there will be an early spring,” concluded Hildebrandt. “But I don’t pay any attention to the groundhog.”

Trivia Question!

The answer to last month’s question was A. 103.6! That’s a prize!”

“Some people say that the economy is at its lowest point because many places of employment are being shut down and people have lost their jobs,” said sophomore Zach Gaines.

“The economy will continue with a slow rise if we can’t be created for those who have lost their jobs. The government needs to show the electorate that it will curb excessive spending and help to create new jobs,” said Project ED instructor Ms. Kinsey.

With the republicans taking over the majority in the House of Representatives, state legislatures and city councils, President Obama had to take a more moderate or ‘center left’ approach in his first budget address.

“I think, for the most part, he was successful in his ability to speak to both sides of the political spectrum. For example, his comments on education were very important to me and my teacher, and parent accountability are ideal both for Democrats and Republicans support. His stance an energy was also very neutral stating that in the green energy option, America should continue to pursue nuclear and coal options as well,” said government teacher Mr. Jelf.

President Barack Obama is sending Congress a $3.53 trillion spending blueprint that pledges $11 trillion in spending cuts over the coming years and tax increases.

“If our government continues to increase America’s exports and if Americans are citizens with respect to credit, I believe that the economy will get better eventually,” said sophomore Zach Gaines.

Crisis in Egypt: A country in turmoil

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La Porte, La Porte County, Indiana: The last time I visited the Middle East, I was absolutely astounded by what is happening today. The United States and other Western political organizations have yet to see that happen. I do see why they are upset. I try to picture myself in their shoes. You make a promise to your country, you need to keep it. Otherwise, you shouldn’t be in office,” said sophomore Zach Gaines.

The protests occurred because Egyptians are not happy with the Egyptian president. Mohamed Mubarak has been the president of Egypt for 30 years. He promised more jobs and political reform, and the people have been forced to sit and watch as the government is much more allied need allies to help keep peace between Israeli and Israeli-Palestinians. If Hosni Mubarak would’ve been forced out, it could have made the wider Middle East more volatile, and the United States would be seen as what their actions are doing.

On February 11, 2011, Hosni Mubarak stepped down from power after 30 years of rule. He was taken away from the White House and was replaced by a military government. For many Egyptians, it was a great day, it finally have a chance to get out of poverty, find a good job and have freedom. People will have a chance to get freedom. People that are not being targeted for their actions have been able to speak out and they have been able to share their feelings and ideas with the government.

If they had the opportunity to listen, they would see what’s happening in the Middle East. It’s important to understand their feelings and why they are protesting. If the government could just listen to the people, they would be able to see what’s happening.

“I hope that with the steps that were taken, Egypt finally has an opportunity to be successful. I hope that it stays peaceful. After all those years of being poor due to the lack of a government, I am very happy that Egypt’s citizens might actually get the chance to get the government jobs that they’ve been making below,” said junior Brittany Reed.

It may seem that the crisis in Egypt does not affect other societies, but America is a part of a global community.