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Back-to-Back Sectional Champs!

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Harrison High School finally has a team that is consistently one of the best in the section. This team is the Varsity Girls Volleyball team who, with a 3-2 win over Ursuline, won the Section 1A Championship for the second year in a row, and improved their overall record to 24-1. The only loss the Huskies suffered this year was at the hands of their rival Fox Lane, on September 15. Since that loss, the girls have reeled off 21 straight victories, including defeating Fox Lane in a compelling 3-2 playoff match.

Volleyball games are very competitive and intense, but they do not draw as many fans as other sports at the school. For those who do not know the rules of the game, they are not hard to pick up on. Each match is broken up into five possible games, with each game consisting of 25 points. The first team that wins three games out of the possible five wins the match. The team that scores a point serves the ball, and does not lose possession of the serve until the other team scores a point. There are many ways that a point can be scored in the game, but the most common way to score is getting

the ball to hit on the other side of the court before the other team can reach it. One player cannot touch the ball two times in a row, and the team has to get the ball to the other side in three hits or less. The way the game is played builds in action and

team has been propelled by senior superstars Lily Stokoe and Jessica Segal. Stokoe, who is a captain on varsity, is ranked thirteenth in the state in kills per game, with 3.6. Jess Segal, the other captain, is also in the top 15 for assists per game. Stokoe and

dominate the section throughout the past few years? This question has a very simple answer... lots and lots of practice! Along with playing on AAU volleyball teams during the offseason, the team practices at least 4-5 times a week. Lily and Jessica have both been playing volleyball for Harrison since seventh grade, and have played club team volleyball from November through May since eighth grade. Another reason why the team is winning on such a consistent basis is because the team loves to play volleyball and loves playing with each other.

The team has no shortage of passion.

"I love volleyball because it's not a sport (just) based on skills, it's also a mental sport," said senior Jen Volponi. "A team with less skill can easily bring down the opponent mentally and ending up winning the game."

Another reason for the team's success is that teammates are as close off the court as they are on it.

"I think that being good friends with the team on and off the court really makes it special," said Jessica Segal. "I know I can count on everybody on the team,"

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The champions!

Courtesy of Elisa Santelia

there is incredible suspense in a close game.

Winning the Section Again

This year's championship

Segal are two of the best Section A volleyball players in the State, an incredible accomplishment for the girls.

Some people may ask; how has the team been able to

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Rivals Become Friends Forever

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Janet Joyce and Ann Rodgers have been great friends for a long time. Their lives have been intertwined in many ways: Ann taught physical education to Janet's children at St. Gregory's elementary school, they have worked together at a Westchester Golf Classic, they've done lawn bowling together, and the list goes on from there. Their friendship was inevitable because of all the things they have in common, but one has to wonder how this friendship has survived. Janet was a Harrison cheerleader, and Ann cheered for Rye.

Although Janet is two years older than Ann and they didn't know each other while in high school, the feelings of competition are present yet, especially because their families are deeply rooted within their respective communities. Janet cheered in 1947, 1948, and 1949 for Harrison and was captain her senior year. Ann cheered in 1949, 1950, and 1951, and sarcastically responded "Yippee for you!" to Janet's captain status. From this rivalry has grown an amazing friendship!

Both women recall their high school experience as similar to what still goes on today when it comes to the Rye-Harrison rivalry: traditions, pranks, and a lot of school spirit.

Rye's pep rally celebration started out at the fire station in town, and the cheerleaders and fans did what Ann called a "snake

dance" (or a parade) all the way down Milton Road to the high school. Then everyone would march to the bonfire, which was the highlight of the evening. One of Ann's fondest memories was when she and a few of her friends created a dummy of a Harrison football player before the game and hung it on the flagpole at the

Harrison High School (which at that time was LMK). She said that by the time she got back home, someone had already dropped the dummy back off and it was sitting on the front porch! That's how close the communities were. She and her friends chose to put the numbers of Troilo (Mr. Troilo's father), LePino, and French on the dummy. Ironically, the next day those three players scored the touchdowns that won the game for Harrison.

Harrison's pep rally was similar to what it is today - with the bonfire being the most exciting part. However, in the past, Harrison fans would collect their old furniture, wood, and anything else that could be burned during the weeks leading up to the bonfire. The cheerleaders lead the crowd in singing school songs to the accompaniment of the band, and believe it or not,



Ann Rodgers and Janet Joyce.

Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

many of our school songs have remained the same. The whole town experienced a great sense of unity -- even the fire trucks were maroon and white!

Janet's favorite memory was of her senior year. Each year, in the early morning, hours before the game, the cheerleaders would leave a meaningful symbol on the football players' doorsteps. Janet's senior year, the cheerleaders left a burnt piece of rye bread in a paper bag with a note saying "RYE IS BURNT TOAST!" They would also toilet paper the players' property, as we do today. Janet also mentioned that the cheerleaders and football players would attend 8 a.m. mass together the morning of the game, regardless of whatever religion they practiced. After mass, they would eat breakfast together in the church basement and then proceed to the game.

The winners' tradition has

remained the same over all these years too. The winning team would jump in Harrison's pond or Rye's brook, depending on where the game was held—but only team members, not fans, were welcomed to join in the festivities. Of course, both towns would know who had prevailed in the game almost instantly because the victors would go honking and make it very clear.

Who won the majority of the games back then? It was an even mix, according to Ann and Janet. In 1948, there was a memorable outcome: a tie at 12-12! How could anyone live with that?

As Ann and Janet expressed, the rivalry was all in good fun. It was all about the camaraderie of the sport, and the joy in the competition rather than the cut-throat need to win. Ann's family has remained in Rye, while Janet's children played for Harrison (and their children in turn played for Rye). Janet conveniently has a double-sided seat cushion (Harrison on one side and Rye on the other) for when she attends the games. Ann continues to attend as well. The women agree that no matter who wins, the game is still pure fun. The feeling of the towns coming together is something that can't be replicated -- much like the longstanding friendship of these two women.

The IB Program (so far)

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After seven years dedicated to applications and rigorous training, Harrison High School has finally welcomed the International Baccalaureate Program, becoming the tenth school in the New York Metro area to implement this program.

What is the IB Program? (information adapted from the organization's website ibo.org)

The International Baccalaureate Program is a non-profit foundation that strives to teach students intellectual and personal skills useful both within the classroom and within the greater community. While the organization consists of three programs: the Primary Years, the Middle Years, and the Diploma Program, Harrison has joined an elite group of 752 schools across the country offering the Diploma Program. The Diploma program provides high school students with an opportunity to engage in a rigorous two-year curriculum. The program offers IB curriculum in all subject areas and gives students an option between standard level and high-level classes.

In addition to participating in individual IB courses, students may also opt to enroll in the full diploma program. While both options are highly rigorous and focus on the same classroom material, they differ in the credit received at the culmination of the two years. All IB students are required to sit for final exams at the end of each course, and their performance on these exams dictates whether or not they receive an IB certificate. Those students who complete all IB courses and excel on IB exams receive an IB diploma as long

as they also complete creativity, service, and action project, as well as an additional Theory of Knowledge course.

What's involved in the full diploma program?

By electing to enroll in

full diploma program. CAS requires students to participate in community service projects and school-related events to further develop their sense of community.

"I'm impressed that stu-

with a form of interest, completed and submitted two years prior to the desired implementation date. Harrison submitted application part A in the spring of that first year, and received feedback and commentary. After making changes recommended by the IB committee, Harrison teachers began attending training sessions. Next came a site visit in which a team of IB organizers visited the school and interviewed teachers, students, parents, and administrators in order to assess the quality of the school and its readiness to implement the IB program. Following this site visit, the IB committee either authorizes, postpones, or declines a school's application. If denied, schools must wait another two years before reapplying.

As Supervisor of Guidance for the Harrison School District, Dr. Christopher Miller is quite optimistic about the program.

"It gives students the opportunity to engage in new and in-depth studies both in and out of class" he said, "and allows

Thoughts From IB Students

Junior Micaela Moscoto: "The IB program already seems like a handful. I honestly don't know if Harrison should have brought it to the school. It can make some of those students not involved in the program feel stupid."

Junior Patty Jane Geller: "Well so far I like it and I don't think it's much different than the way we learned in AP, but I'm sure the tests will be the main difference because in AP they are longer and more intense! What I like though is that we have more time to cover issues and we'll have longer time on the tests instead of rushed 35 minute essays."

Junior Serena Takada: "I think the IB program is a course that allows students to study disciplines across the span of two years, which provides the opportunity for students to learn in-depth about fields of their interest. I really like how the program encourages us to take a global view on subjects and how we as students can easily see the connection between classes."

Junior Sarah Berman: "It's a hard transition, and there is a lot more work than I've received in the past. It's much different than what I thought it was going to be, and so far I don't dislike it as much as I had expected I would."

Junior Rajan Mehra: "I don't really like it that much. However, I have to say it has increased coherence in the subjects and I do feel as though my teachers are collaborating with each other much more"

Junior Jake Coonin: "I don't like the amount of work that it brings and I don't like that a few colleges may discount its relevance, but I like that the work and content is spread out over two years."

Junior Elizabeth Crozier: "I feel like there's more discussion in the IB classes than in AP. IB is more about understanding than knowing, which I find appealing. However, the workload will need some getting used to. I plan on working really hard - I'm hoping it will pay off."

the full diploma program, students challenge themselves with highly rigorous junior and senior years, where they must complete four core requirements of the program. The first of these requirements is the completion of six IB level classes, both at standard and high levels. The next requirement is completion of the Theory of Knowledge course, which explores the basis of thinking and encourages students to question the world around them. Students must also complete an extended essay over the course of the two years. Self-directed, this essay explores concepts such as the research process and skills like analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. Creativity, Action and Service, otherwise known as CAS, is the final requirement of the

dents are active and making a difference," said CAS coordinator for Harrison High School, Mrs. Blunt. "For example, we had a group of students go into classrooms for 9-11 and work with other students on building character within the school. Through projects like food drives and working with those in need, it's wonderful to see our kids getting involved in the world around them."

The application process:

All schools looking to become part of the International Baccalaureate program must begin the application process

them to connect the content from class to their individual interests, as well as to one another."



Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

Homecoming a huge success

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Each year Harrison High School throws a homecoming dance a week after the intense Rye vs. Harrison football game. Although we lost this year's contest, the dance still was a huge hit.

This year's homecoming dance was held in the large gym where food, drinks, and even a photo booth were set up for attendees. Large, drape-like

fabric, along with the additional decorations, transformed the gym into a cool place to be.

At this dance, there was a wide variety of foods on display for the high school students. Even though there was a lot of food, no one seemed to even go near it. In spite of this strange occurrence, people had a great time.

"It was a really nice dance," said junior Hayley Kronthal, "and I thought the photo booth was cute."

The Harrison High School student government decided last year that, for all the dances, there would be a photo booth on-site so that students could take pictures with their friends. By the look of the

crowd around the booth, it seemed to be a huge hit.

"I thought it was a very nice dance, but one thing I would want to see next year would be to have the homecoming in the small gym," said sophomore Alex Psaros. "It would be a nice change of scenery and make Homecoming and Winter Formal seem very different from each other."

One issue preventing that change of location might be safety. School dances in the small gym might become a fire hazard, with so many people located in such a small space. Although being in the small gym might make it feel as though the dance is in a different place, safety always has to come first.

All in all, the dance was



Homecoming princes. *Courtesy of Sam Colangelo*

a huge hit. Alex Misisco and Johnny Brefere were the Queen and King for homecoming. A white flowered headband was handed to Misisco and a green leafed headband was handed to Brefere. It has been a tradition for the nominees and Queen and King to walk down the gym in a formal processional to receive their crowns, along with those who were nominated.

It was an exciting and eventful dance, and all proceeds went toward Harrison High School, so that our school can have more exciting events and dances like this one.



And their princesses! *Courtesy of Sam Colangelo*

curtains were hung up above the wooden gym floor. That

students could take pictures with their friends. By the look of the

It's great to live in Harrison!

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There are hundreds of thousands of places to live within the United States, each having their own unique qualities about them. Some towns rise above others: they have good school systems, libraries, public facilities, restaurants, and are considered safe. CNNMoney.com. conducted a poll in September to determine the top 100 places to live within the United States. Surprisingly, the town of Harrison came in at number 70.

Harrison is a great town for many reasons, one of them being the location provides an easy commute for adults to New York City, the place with the most jobs in the world. Harrison is only about a 30-mile drive from the Big Apple, which makes it easy for people to commute from a good job in NYC. But for those who don't want to travel that far, there still are many high-paying jobs right in Purchase. MasterCard

and PepsiCo both have corporate headquarters there.

Another upside for families is that they want a good education for their children and Harrison High School was also rated one of the top in the country for its academics, according to citydata.com. The high school has above-average literacy and math scores, and there also are 120 colleges and universities located within 30 miles of Harrison, according to greatschools.org.

Harrison also is a very safe town with a low crime rate. Some can't even remember the last time that there was a major crime in Harrison.

For entertainment purposes, Harrison also exceeds expectations, having bars, movie theatres, libraries, museums, golf courses, restaurants and ski resorts all close to the town.

When picking a town in which to live, home buyers also look at factors such as

racial diversity and the weather. All of these elements go into determining whether someone will buy a home here or not.

Our faculty at the high school was not surprised at the fact that our town had beaten out so many other places.

"Harrison has many things that would draw people to live here, especially families," said Dr. Chris Miller, Supervisor of Guidance. "We have events over the course of the year that are fun for children and adults to go to, such as football games like the Rye versus Harrison game, the 'It's Great To Live In Harrison Day' parade, and The Festa in June. All of these things bring the students and community together. Throughout all of this, it gives people a strong connection. In Harrison we have a very strong community, probably one of the strongest, and all of the people that live here are very proud. I am not surprised that we made the

list of top places to live. Harrison is a great place to live!"

"People like to live in a safe place, and Harrison is a safe place to live," said school nurse Ms. Sannicandro. "Also, the people here are very kind and our school makes us extremely special. Harrison High School as well as the lower schools has many extracurricular activities such as sports and clubs that students can participate in. We are also very close to the city and the homes are beautiful here."

Perhaps the words of sophomore Rula Samad say it best: "Well it's just really nice and safe all around and it is in a good location."

With or without a magazine rating, Harrison has so many aspects that make it special and separate from other towns. Harrison will continue to be a top-ranked town in the nation because, as the signs say, "It's a great place to live."

Let's go clubbing

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If you want to get involved, there are tons of clubs that may pique your interest. Here are a few of the choices that might appeal to you.

LIT CLUB: This new after-school activity is directed toward those who love to read and learn about new works of literature outside of their English classes. The Lit Club also reaches out to those who may not enjoy reading, but strive to become more knowledgeable readers. Ms. Johnson, the librarian at HHS, is the advisor for this club.

"These days' students are so busy with either studying or other activities that they don't always have time for reading," said Ms. Johnson. "In Lit Club we try to keep in touch with the feeling of why we like to read, even if we don't always have time to read as much as we'd like to, and to encourage others to read when they can".

"Lit Club offers an opportunity for all who don't like to

read as well," she said. "To help such students figure out what the barriers might be that cause them to avoid reading. Hopefully, when we encourage more students to read for pleasure, we also do service projects that non-readers can participate in. For example, this year we plan to raise funds to rebuild libraries damaged in the Haiti earthquake."

If you're interested in books, reading, or even discussing topics, the Lit Club is for you!

REEF CLUB: Interested in saving the environment? Join REEF club. It's a great way for you and your peers to help the community become safer and more eco-friendly. REEF stands for Rescue Earth's Environmental Future. The activities planned further expand your knowledge about the environment. One example from the recent past involved making the courtyard look beautiful after a long harsh winter. Now that this space in the High School has been re-done,



French club president
Marwan Bishtawi.

Courtesy of Christie Suozzo
the REEF club will be back in action and re-planting more flowers and shrubs.

"REEF club is a great way to get involved in your community as well as helping the environment," said junior Daniela Castillo. "Many do not realize the amount of work that needs to be done around us, and by joining this club, it can better enforce the idea of recycling and making our world a healthier environment."

The REEF Club meets

every Friday in D-214 and seeks to better our communities' environment.

FRENCH CLUB: Another club that may interest you is the French Club. If you're interested in getting better at this language or just going to have fun and speak French, this is the club for you. One nice thing about this club is array of cultural differences.

"We even have a girl from Africa that speaks French and joined the French club this year and also a boy that has a Spanish background that is in the club too," said senior Nina Sarmiento. "It's a nice way to meet new people and to get to know them better."

This club also includes fun field trips to museums that better your knowledge of French culture. If you're interested in having an interesting experience in learning about a foreign culture, join the French club by going to C-103 every Wednesday.

Debate vets lend a hand

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The Debate Team has developed a new system in order to integrate novices, or first-year debaters, more smoothly into the Debate realm. In the past, novices have been trained directly by Mr. Hertzog, the faculty advisor. But since learning debate as an underclassman can often be overwhelming for both Mr. Hertzog and the debaters, members from the Varsity Debate Team have stepped up to the plate to guide new members and make the process of learning new terminology, new speech skills, and topics an easier one. In addition, connecting with Varsity Debate members is an integral part of the novices' learning process. Through that connection, they can hear firsthand what the debate experience is like and be coached by their peers, a method proven to be extremely effective.

All of the Varsity debate

members, Mr. Hertzog, and the new assistant coach, Katherine Harris, attend novice practices to judge rounds and provide helpful insight. However, Ally Brabant, a second-year Varsity Debater, has specifically stepped up by offering to share extended amounts of time with these novices. She takes time out of her busy week to teach a class of novices how to be successful debaters, opening them up to the world of debate.

"It's been going really well because the novices seem to be very interested and eager to learn," Ally said. "We're off to a great start!"

During these classes, Ally and Mr. Hertzog train novices how to make speeches within a certain time interval, how to answer confusing arguments, and how to stand up in front of the class and do cross-examination practices. The novices have even learned

how to do a complete round and often practice by debating one another. For instance, the novices are guided to complete research on their current topic about Civil Disobedience.

In addition to these classes and direct instruction by Mr. Hertzog, each novice has been assigned a different Varsity debater that will help them throughout the year, guiding them in writing cases, doing research, and so on. The two programs have been extremely helpful for new debaters. With so much guidance and assistance, it has really enhanced their experience. Two successful novices, Emma LaBarbera and Tory Tiburzi, have described their experience as a positive one.

"The program has helped me a lot because I get the chance to learn about different topics that I don't get to learn about in

school," said Emma. "Mr. Hertzog gives so many analogies and makes sure everyone understands before he moves on."

"I have learned so much from the program," said Tory. "The mentors are really helpful and I've become a much better writer."

With such a supportive team to guide them through their first year, these debaters should be prepared for any curveballs thrown at them when moving onto Varsity Debate next year. The novices have their first tournaments coming up in late October and are hoping to bring honor to Harrison High School, as previous novice debaters from Harrison have done in the past. While the learning process is just beginning, they certainly are off to a fantastic start.

Majorettes: give it a twirl!

Sarah Camillone

Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to be a part of the band without having to learn how to play an instrument? The Harrison High School majorette squad gives you this opportunity. As the marching band takes the field at football games and enters the gym at



The majorettes strike a pose.

Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

pep rallies, the majorettes are by their side. While most high school bands are accompanied by just a color guard, Harrison's band features both the color guard and the majorette squad.

What exactly is the majorette squad? The majorettes are a female comprised group of students that twirl batons in graceful, rhythmic manner. The group gained its prominence and popularity in the early 60's and 70's, but has continued to recruit members ever since. The Harrison High School majorettes recently found a new coach, Ms. Parisi, who offers new and exciting twirl techniques, as well as choreographed dance combinations.

The majorettes perform at the pregame and halftime shows of each football game, leading the band onto the field. Performances consist of specific formations and movements which must be kept in sync throughout. These

performances all lead up to a spring competition in which the band, color guard and majorettes travel to different parts of the country to compete against high school bands from across the country. At the culmination of the competition, the majorettes are awarded a rating of bronze, silver, or gold. Last year the squad was awarded a silver medal for their performance in Atlanta, Georgia. This year the squad will travel to Chicago Illinois, where they hope to continue their success.

What is involved in the twirling itself? Band camp offers students the opportunity to learn the basics of flag twirling and experience beginner combinations. Though long and difficult, band camp is definitely a worthwhile experience. This reporter attended band camp without having any knowledge of flag twirling, but quickly learned the ropes and basic technique. Freshmen Rebecca Oestreicher is new to the squad, and she

shared her thoughts about joining the majorettes. She said, "It was worth it because I got to meet new people and learn new things. When I look back and see how much I've improved in the past couple of weeks, it makes me think about how much more I'll know when I'm a senior."

So, why join the majorettes? The squad is a great way to meet new people and make new friends. You will be amazed at how much you can accomplish by twirling a flag for the first time. Having the opportunity to become a majorette is a rare opportunity that not many people are aware of. Though it is a relatively small quad, the majorettes is an extremely fun and social way to take part in school activities. Freshmen Emma Jorgensen encourages more students to join, saying, "Join because being a majorette is a fun and exciting challenge. It's a great way to get involved in school."

SAT Ringer Revealed

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Junior year is a tough year, no doubt. On top of their grades, and their extracurricular activities, students must worry about taking the SAT or the ACT, and in some cases both. Juniors, imagine the weight off your shoulders, if you did not have to take the SAT or the ACT. It's a tempting proposition; for a group of honor role students at Great Neck North High School in Long Island, too tempting. Recently, it was discovered that these Great Neck juniors and seniors paid a high school graduate to sit the test for them.

It seems to have a highly organized scheme. Sam Eshaghoff, a 19 year old currently enrolled at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, was paid \$2500 by each student to achieve a high score on a test bearing their name. In many cases, it was the student's parents' idea to hire to Eshaghoff.

Those investigating the scandal are not sure how Eshaghoff managed to pass himself off as so many different students, especially considering one of the student's he took the test for was a girl. With regards to this aspect of the case, those checking IDs at the testing sites where Eshaghoff sat the exam clearly have some explaining to do.

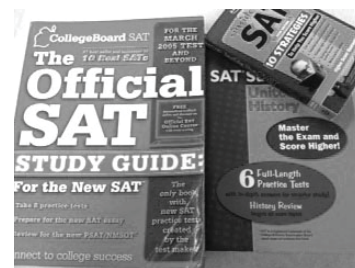
The Harrison High School students whom this reporter filled in on the scandal seemed intrigued, but ultimately repelled by the situation. Junior Hayley Kronthal commented, "If someone were to take my SAT or ACT test for me I would be very relieved not to have to worry about the test! But if I got a bad grade on it I would be very upset because I could have probably done better than the person taking it for me."

The students who paid Eshaghoff to take their SATs lucked out. All of the students (rather,

Eshaghoff) achieved scores between 2140 and 2220 – not too shabby! But Eshaghoff's success as a test taker ultimately led to the scandal's discovery. Some of the students whom Eshaghoff took the SAT for had far lower grade point averages than would normally correlate with such high scores.

Unsurprisingly, the kids and parents involved in the scandal have received widespread criticism. Junior Haya Nesheiwat shared, "It would be great for someone to take the SAT for me but at the same time I would feel very guilty afterwards, knowing how other kids spent hours upon hours working hard to ace the test."

Haya makes a good point, but it may be moot. In the aftermath of the Eshaghoff scandal, the College Board has beefed up security at SAT testing locations. However, those who regulate test are being careful not to take



Courtesy of Angela Troia
things too far. Tom Ewing, a spokesman for ETS, which administers the test for the College Board, stated, "We can't allow the actions of a few to dictate unnecessary measures for the majority of honest test takers."

Ewing's is a wise perspective. As a junior, this reporter is thankful that the actions of a just a few students will not make things more difficult for the thousands of students around the country who take the SAT. Hopefully, the security changes that do occur will fight SAT fraud, without making students even more anxious to what is all ready an extremely stressful event.

Volleyball has historic season

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whether I am on the court or not."

The team has many great qualities that have helped them achieve great success thus far this postseason. Their chemistry off the court allows the girls to be comfortable with each other, and their blend of skills and smarts helps them overpower their opponents. With the help of Stokoe, Segal and the rest of the team: Christie Nannariello, Alison Midollo, Jenna Webb, Carolina Alvarez, Jen Volponi, Allie Fuerst, Patty Jane Geller, Elisa Santelia, Olivia Manley, Alexa Coloccia, and Betsy Sanchez, the Girls' varsity squad now advances to the state regional semifinals.

Post-Season Domination

Once this team headed into the postseason playoffs, they were all business. In the

quarterfinals of the playoffs, the team stormed past the Horace Greeley Quakers in straight games, 3-0.

The semifinals pitted the Huskies against their rivals from Fox Lane again. This time, there was no questioning as to who would win the game. Although two of the three games were within two points, the Huskies pulled both of them out and coasted to another 3-0 victory. In the championship game, Harrison faced undefeated Ursuline at Hendrick Hudson High School in Montrose. When the game began, it seemed the Huskies would go down without a fight. Ursuline dominated the first two games of the match, putting the Huskies at an almost insurmountable disadvantage. However, the girls stormed back to win the final three sets and



Courtesy of Elisa Santelia

took the match in impressive fashion, 3-2.

Captain Jess Segal told *The Journal News*, "Ursuline is a very similar team to us, so we knew we had to be on the top of our game. We knew what we had to do; it was just a matter of shaking off the first two games."

Now that the Huskies

have repeated as back-to-back Section 1 Class A Champions, they are heading on to the state tournament. On November 9, in Elmira, the Huskies took on Section 4, Class A Champions

Horseheads High School in a regional semifinal. They pulled out a victory 3-1 (with respective scores of 25-17; 16-25; 25-18; and 25-17). Unfortunately, the team's spectacular run ended on November 12, when they were defeated by the Section 9, Class A champions from Cornwall in the Regional Final.

Get a jump on summer jobs!

Danny Glass

Opinions Editor

School may have just started, but I think we can agree that many already have next summer on their minds. With summer comes freedom, and the opportunity to cash in, but there are many misconceptions about summer jobs. This article will discuss the proper way to secure a summer job, average salaries one can expect, and the pros and cons of different kinds of jobs.

There are essentially three options for teenagers looking to land a summer job. One is working as a camp counselor or lifeguard. I lump these positions together, because both require spending lots of time around children, and outdoors. The second option for teenagers is working in retail. This includes all jobs in the mall, and at restaurants. The third option is working as an intern. Internships must be considered separately, because they may or may not be salaried.

For those hoping to work as camp counselors or lifeguards, timing is key. This reporter applied for a camp job in March four months prior to the beginning of the summer season. This

may seem excessive, but let me point out, there were four other teenagers waiting in the interview room. We represented only a small fraction of the 54 teens who would eventually apply for the eight available positions. You don't have to pull out a calculator to understand that those are not very good odds. As for lifeguarding jobs, they require weeks of training, plus a lifeguarding test. One's summer employment (or lack thereof) can hinge on a handful of points.

The majority of retail jobs also require early action. And they are usually much harder to come by. It would be foolish to hope to stop by a local mall a week before summer begins, and secure a summer job. Internships are even more competitive, and often require that applicants compile a resume, and be interviewed.

Now, we come to the issue of payment. Everybody wants to reap the maximum reward from their hard work. For this reason, the salary offered is a vital factor in choosing where to apply. This reporter worked at the Rye YMCA for the entire summer. The aver-

age first year counselor works around thirty nine hours a week, and earns a bit over minimum wage (with each summer spent as a counselor, one's pay rate increases). Had I worked at the Purchase Community House, I would have been paid in a stipend rather than by the hour. The method by which you are paid can make a huge difference in how much you earn for the season (in the case mentioned above, almost \$1000).

Retail jobs often pay more per hour than camp jobs, but another factor must be taken into account — hours. My friend who worked at the Nike Running Store earned more per hour than I did, but also worked fewer hours, and in the end made less money. In choosing which job to pursue, you should think about whether the benefits of more free time (and maybe a nice discount) outweigh those of more cash.

Internships are by far the most varying group, in terms of pay. There are minimum wage internships, and there are internships that do not pay at all. It is a case by case basis. If your main

objective in getting a summer job is making bank, an internship may not be the best option, as the majority of paid internships go to more experienced college students.

Before committing to any job, it is important to consider its downsides. To put it bluntly, being a camp counselor is no walk in the park. Harrison High School senior Brandon Ellis worked as a camp counselor at Mohawk Camp this summer, and despised the long hours, low pay, and the difficulties of working with kids. At the opposite end of the spectrum, senior Chris D'Antona, who worked in retail, enjoyed reasonable hours (under 40 a week) and good pay, and generally enjoyed his work. Senior Cayla Pettinato, who took an internship, found her experience worthwhile, but tedious.

The truth is, there are no perfect summer jobs. But by applying early, and weighing the pros and cons of each potential position before committing, you can try to put yourself in the best situation possible. Happy hunting!

Gay marriage legalized in New York state

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Late June marked the beginning of marriage equality in New York State, when the state senate passed the Marriage Equality Act by a vote of 33 to 29. The bill, originally proposed by Governor Andrew Cuomo, grants same-sex couples the same legal right to wed as heterosexual couples, making New York the sixth and largest state to legalize gay marriage.

As a child, almost every-

Robb changed their plans once again, and were married in their beloved home state, New York.

Jason and Robb, are both active members of the gay community, and currently live in New York's capital, Albany. Yet, the couple is closer to Harrison than they appear. Jason, an accountant and treasurer of the Pride Center of the Capital Region, is the son of Harrison High School's literary coach, Mrs. Ganns.

together brought on tears of happiness, yet the arrival of anti-gay religious figures and children from their churches caused her to shudder.

"No true religion is about hate," shared Ganns, as she recalled the moment she witnessed church leaders refer to the gay community as a group characterized solely by AIDS.

There is no doubt that the Marriage Equality Act has

How do you feel about gay marriage?



"I'm happy gay marriage was legalized in New York, because now gay men and women are being treated fairly, like they deserve. If gay couples want to get married, it is their choice. We should all respect that."

- Jake Coonin

"I'm all for gay marriage! I feel people should have the right to spend their lives with whoever they want."

- Victoria Acevedo

"I think marriage is a sacred thing that all people should be allowed to take part in. It is amazing to know that the state you live in is finally thinking clearly. Marriage is for all types of relationships, heterosexual and homosexual."

- Alexis Rubenstein

"I never understood why equality was such an issue. Love isn't restricted to only heterosexuals, why should marriage? I am happy New York finally made marriage truly equal."

- Angela Troia



Jason Ganns takes a stand for marriage equality.

Courtesy of Ms. Ganns

one dreams of one day getting married. Whether gay or straight, the image of saying 'I do' is an affixed aspiration. The legalization of gay marriage in the Empire State allows all New Yorkers to fulfill this universal desire.

Devoted couple, Jason and Robb, waited many months to get married, in the hopes that a marriage equality bill would be passed in New York. When it seemed this wasn't in the cards, they began planning for a wedding in the neighboring state of Massachusetts, where gay marriage has been legal since 2004. However, with the passage of the Marriage Equality Act, Jason and

Prior to the legalization of gay marriage in New York, Mrs. Ganns, along with her husband, joined her son in the fight for equality. She was one of the many determined individuals who bombarded the New York State Senate with phone calls and letters, demanding that the Marriage Equality Act be passed. In the week leading up to the senate's vote on the bill, the capital was inundated with gay marriage supporters, who came to Albany to plead their case. Mrs. Ganns was among them. Her experiences evoked mixed emotions. The sight of gay supporters and straight supporters alike rallying

brought America one step closer to total equality for the LGBT community. However, the nation is still limited by federal legislation such as the Defense of Marriage Act, which prevents same-sex couples from securing equal marriage benefits.

Harrison High School senior and avid supporter of same-sex marriage Alexis Rubenstein commented, "New York is definitely on the right path. I just hope our state's move toward marriage equality is reaches the federal level. Love is love, and anyone who is in love should be able to share a union and bear the same legal benefits."

Apple turns over a new leaf

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Courtesy of Allie Fuller

Over the past three decades Apple Inc. has grown from a garage-based startup to a multi-billion dollar company renowned for its ability to innovate. This past September marked an upsetting milestone for Apple. The company's longtime CEO, Steve Jobs, resigned. On October 5th, Jobs passed away from pancreatic cancer. Jobs' death has left many wondering whether Apple

will remain on top, and whether the new head of Apple, Tim Cook, will prove an effective leader.

Jobs was first diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in October of 2003. Patients diagnosed with pancreatic cancer typically survive only five to six months. Miraculously, Jobs lasted eight years. Jobs endured tumor-removing surgery, a liver transplant, and dramatic weight loss during his illness, yet was still able to do his job at Apple. Following his surgery, Jobs guided Apple through a streak of new products that enjoyed monumental success. However, maintaining a billion dollar company while simultaneously battling cancer eventually proved to be too much. Jobs took his third medical leave in January of 2011, reportedly telling employees in an e-mail, "I love Apple so much and hope to be back as soon as I can."

Jobs died on October 5th, 2011. His death marked the loss

of the world's greatest innovator, and the beginning of a new age for Apple.

In spite of Jobs' condition, many were surprised to hear of his passing. Harrison High School junior Nicole Suozzo shared, "I never realized how seriously ill Steve Jobs was until he resigned. Apple is a company that I have stood by for years. To me, Steve Jobs is Apple. The fact that he did such great things for Apple while fighting cancer is so inspiring. I definitely consider him a role model. The idea of someone else take control of Apple is terrifying."

Jobs' successor as CEO, Tim Cook is no stranger to Apple Inc. Cook joined Apple in 1998, a time when the company had just made a major splash with the release of the iMac. During his time at Apple, Cook has served the company in multiple capacities. Prior to Jobs' resignation, Cook responsible for the company's worldwide sales and operations, including end-to-end management of Apple's supply chain, sales activities, and service and support in all markets. Cook

gained leadership credentials while heading up Apple's Macintosh division, and serving as 'sit-in' CEO during Jobs' leaves of absence.

Cook also steered Apple in an economically sound direction at a time when the United States' economy was struggling. The 2008 stock market crash initially devastated Apple. Shares fell to around \$82 in late January 2009, soon after Jobs announced his medical leave. But under Cook's tactful management, Apple sales soared even as other tech companies struggled. Share prices also surged, reaching nearing \$144 the month Jobs returned. With Cook running Apple, revenues for the year 2011 have reached \$53.24 billion. In 2010, with Jobs at the helm, the company made only \$29.2 billion, during the same amount of time.

Obviously, Cook has the experience, and the economic know-how, to lead Apple in the right direction. The question is, does he have the creative vision? The world will have to wait and see.

Rooney has his last word

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On October 2, 2011, Andy Rooney had his last segment on CBS' news magazine show *60 Minutes*. He began his run at CBS in July, 1978, with an essay discussing automobile fatalities during Independence Day weekend. Rooney's short segments soon became a regular feature, alternating weeks with a debate segment called *Point/Counterpoint*. Once the *Point/Counterpoint* segment was canceled, Andy Rooney became a full-fledged *60 Minutes* commentator. The broadcast would soon become the nation's most-watched program.

Before Andy Rooney's career on *60 Minutes*, he was a reporter for *The Stars and Stripes*, a newspaper that came out during his enlistment in World

War II. In this newspaper, Rooney wrote very risqué piece. This was just the beginning of his writing career. After the war, he wrote for show business legends such as Arthur Godfrey, Garry Moore, and others. Although many did not know that Rooney was the man behind these political comments, he always said it felt good to hear his words on live television.

When he entered the world of television journalism, Rooney promised a unique account of things on a weekly basis. He was one of those people who, when he had something on his mind, would go right ahead and write an essay about it. One essay he wrote a few years back was about popular music streaming through the internet and how he felt left out and in the minority because

he had never heard of Lady Gaga or Justin Bieber.

"I've said it and I'm glad," Andy Rooney stated often during his segments on *60 Minutes*.

"Andy Rooney is an old man that is a sarcastic and critical media man, who I respect greatly," said art teacher Mr. Petrillo.

His segments and essays were to the point, and reflective of the issues of the day. He shared America's anger over the Oklahoma City bombing in April of 1995. He always wrote outstanding and meaningful essays on the war in Iraq, and the 9/11 attacks. His pieces were sometimes controversial, but Rooney continued to speak his mind. He could also write about less serious issues.

"You know something?" Rooney once shared in a segment. "I don't like chocolate chip cookies."

On Andy Rooney's last segment on *60 Minutes*, he discussed his time spent on the show and how wonderful it had been. After thanking his viewers for staying with him throughout the many years at *60 Minutes*, he finished with a classic Rooney one liner: "...If you do see me at a restaurant, please, just let me eat my dinner."

That was the last line uttered on air by the 92-year old Andy Rooney.

Editors Note: On Friday November 4, Rooney passed away due to complications arising from a minor surgery.

Living La Vita Coco

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When we think of the “hot-test new item,” we usually associate it with clothing, accessories, or some new kind of electronics... but how about coconut water? This beverage is the newest and most popular drink on the shelves, and people can't seem to get enough of it. There are many brands of coconut water, including “ZICO” and “O.N.E.,” but a specific one that has made it big is “Vita Coco.”

Vita Coco was created by Ira Liran and Michael Kirban. According to vitacoco.com, one day in February of 2003, the two friends met two Brazilian women in a bar, and when they asked the women what they missed most about Brazil, they answered, “Água de coco.” Two months later, Liran was in Brazil, meeting with coconut plantation owners, while Kirban was researching the possibilities of selling coconut water in the United States. A year later, Vita Coco was born!

It is 100% pure coconut water made from young coconuts, and hydrates you naturally, whereas coconut milk comes from mature coconuts. Besides the plain coconut water, you can find it also infused with other flavors like peach and mango, tangerine, pineapple, acai and pomegranate, or tropical fruit. The beverage has no added sugars, no fat, and a lot of potassium. Vitamin C is also added into the drink.

This reporter bought two different bottles of this coconut water for a taste test: one that had no flavoring and the other flavored with peach and mango. They actually are very good. Although they are both sweet, it is very refreshing, especially on a hot summer day. This reporter preferred the pure coconut water because it was less sweet without the flavorings.

Celebrities have left their Starbucks coffees behind, and are now seen holding bottles of Coconut Water instead. According to abcnews.com, Madonna is

investing a great amount in Vita Coco – around \$1.5 million. Other celebrities such as Rihanna,

typical sports drinks like Gatorade and Powerade, without the added sugars and artificial colors and flavors. If you're an athlete, it's a great alternative to the common sports drinks.”

Another major brand of coconut water is ZICO, which was created by Mark Rampolla. Besides being offered as pure coconut water, the brand comes in different flavors, like chocolate, pomegranate, lime citron, and passion fruit. Similar to Vita Coco, it has a great amount of potassium, five electrolytes, and no added sugars, according to zico.com. This brand, however, doesn't have as many calories and as much sugar in each bottle.

“We use plant extracts to flavor our coconut water instead of fruit puree or cane sugar,” said Laura Sauls, marketing associate of ZICO Beverages. “With the exception of our chocolate flavor, we don't add sugar to ZICO.”

This reporter tasted this brand as well, and found it to have a stronger coconut flavor, with a nutty aftertaste. She preferred its taste to Vita Coco.

Although coconut water has many benefits, like everything else, you should enjoy it in moderation. Half the bottle of the pure coconut water has 45 calories, and 11 grams of sugar. The flavored coconut water has more, ranging between 50-60 calories for half a bottle, and 13-20 grams of sugar for half a bottle. So how much should you drink? According to a video that featured coconut water on Good Morning America, a representa-

tive of Vita Coco said, “Vita Coco is an ideal beverage for consumers with an active lifestyle seeking natural hydration. While we know our consumers enjoy drinking our coconut water regularly, moderation is important and we recommend no more than two to three 8.5 ounce servings per day, each of which has only 45 calories per serving.”

“I have tried coconut water and I liked it a lot,” said sophomore Amanda Friedman. “I don't have a favorite brand, though. I've only had it twice, and I will probably buy it again.”

The claimed benefits of Vita Coco are that it contains more potassium than two bananas, as well as a large amount of electrolytes. These benefits are what have people running to the stores so they can enjoy it after their workouts and intense exercise.

However, according to nypost.com Vita Coco was sued in August of 2011 for \$5 million due to false advertising. Based on a study by ConsumerLab.com, the amounts of electrolytes, sodium and magnesium in Vita Coco were considerably less than advertised on the packaging. The representative for Vita Coco, Arthur Gallego, stated “We are confident that Vita Coco continues to be an excellent, all natural source of hydration and that our products' nutrition labels are accurate and in compliance with the FDA.”

Despite all the recent developments over Vita Coco, the fact remains that coconut water is an all-natural beverage that has risen in popularity. Pepsi has invested in O.N.E. and Coke in ZICO, because these large beverage manufacturers have realized that whether coconut water turns out to be a passing phase or whether it is truly here to stay, it remains a \$100 million dollar a year business that has only just begun.



Rihanna loves Vita Coco.
Courtesy of styleandvibes.com

A-Rod, Demi Moore and Dustin Pedroia have advertised or joined Vita Coco as well. The fact that you see the rich and famous enjoying the drink has of course helped its popularity. More and more people are swapping their sugary sports drinks for the all natural nectar of the Coconut.

“Personally, I do enjoy coconut water,” says HHS Health teacher Mrs. Zanot. “It took some time to get used to the taste at first, but knowing how healthy and natural it is, I really enjoy drinking it. I'm not a huge fan of the fruit-flavored versions - in my opinion, plain is best.”

From a nutritional standpoint, it's awesome! It's high in many natural electrolytes like potassium, and can replace what we lose through exercise and sweating even better than

Irene Wreaks Havoc

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People had been saying for a while that the east coast was due for a natural disaster. Between a small earthquake and Hurricane Irene, you could definitely say we got hit. Even though most people didn't feel the earthquake, it startled many, and put east coasters in a state of mind to expect the worst from Irene.

Whether or not it lived up to expectations, the storm definitely had an impact. Stores were completely wiped out on Saturday the 27th and Sunday the 28th. There was no bottled water available, and many of the canned foods usually lining the aisles were sold out. Many adopted a better safe than sorry mentality, stocking up on dry foods and other necessary amenities in the event they lost power. Packaged ice to keep refrigerators and freezers cool was also in high demand.

After the worst of the

storm had passed, many overwhelmed citizens wrote it off as a joke. It is true, Irene lost much of her destructive power by the time she hit our area, and had been downgraded from hurricane to tropical storm. But not everyone emerged unscathed. Many buildings, houses, and roads were flooded. Some people lost power, due to strong gusts of wind. Even more were stranded in their homes. Harrison High School faculty member Mr. Chiarella, tried to make the best out of a frustrating situation: "I happened to lose power for two days during the storm. It was actually nice! There were no TV's or electronics, so we had some real family time. We play cards, board games, and spent quality family time together."

Senior Lindsey Riehl took a similar approach: "During the storm, my family and I spent a lot of time together. We haven't

had quality time like that in a while!"

Those who feared the worst got out of the area. "I ran away and hid," shared math teacher Ms. Hoover. However, those who chose to head north found they had made a mistake. Roads in Mendon, Vermont and Killington, Vermont were destroyed. Part of the Killington ski resort base lodge was knocked down, and water came rushing off the mountain. Felled bridges were submerged under rushing water.

That Irene wreaked such havoc came as a surprise to several HHS students. Junior Daniela Castillo said, "I was very surprised to hear that small pockets of areas were completely destroyed, and that people are still recovering. I live in West Harrison and didn't even lose power. There was really only strong wind



Before and after Irene.

Courtesy of minutest.com

and rain, not even any flooding. So hearing that parts of the northeast were wrecked really shocked me."

Senior Jared Cummins said, "I thought that the hurricane calmed down too much by the time it reached the northeast to do a lot of damage. I'm really surprised things got so bad in Vermont."

Major reparative progress has been made in the areas most impacted by the storm, but there are still many people out there suffering. Rebuilding is something that can only be made possible with lots of people, and lots of funding.

Dreaming of a white Halloween?

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In October, the leaves begin to change colors, it gets a little colder outside, and we try to hold on to the last remains of warm weather for the year. It usually eases us into the cold brittle winter, but this year, it didn't give any warnings. A record snowstorm hit the Northeast and put it into a partial blackout.

States all across the Northeast were pounded with snow and millions of people were left without electricity and heat. The last snow in October in Central Park was recorded on October 21, 1952, with 0.5 inch of snow. October, 2011, had places receiving up to 30 inches of heavy, wet snow that brought down thousands of trees along with power lines, causing emergency situations all along the east coast.

An official of the U.S. Department of Energy said that utility crews were not prepared for this massive outage, so the response times were much slower than they were during Hurricane

Irene. As of Sunday, November 5, New York still had some 144,000 people without power, while Connecticut had about 678,600, and in New Jersey, 284,000 were still in the dark, according to the Huffington Post. Extra crews from across the U.S. came to help in restoring the power, but the numbers of outages were just too great. It likely will take until the end of this next week (November 11) to restore everybody's electricity fully.

"I lost electricity for three days. In order to keep warm, we had to light the fireplace and sleep in the living room for the first day. For the next few, it was warm enough to sleep upstairs," said sophomore Alba Damaso. "We couldn't open the fridge or freezer in order to preserve the temperature, so we had to eat food that we cooked on our stove which uses gas. Milk and eggs were stored in containers that we put outside and filled with snow. We charged our cell phones and



A tree felled by October snow.

Courtesy of Emma Adler

laptops through the car, but with the limited daylight, I wasn't able to get much work done. There were also a few elderly people on my street without electricity that we checked on. I was so happy when the electricity came back, you have no idea!"

The October storm not only wreaked havoc on the power lines, but it also was responsible for many deaths. According to Reuters News Agency, 13 deaths were caused by accidents on slippery roads, and others died of carbon monoxide poisoning due to clogged fireplace chimneys.

Unfortunately, the snowstorm hit at a very unfavorable

time, especially for children. With Halloween following just two days after the unexpected early winter arrival, many trick-or-treating excursions had to be cancelled. It was too dangerous for children and families to walk around after dark because of all the fallen power lines. Officials urged people in neighborhoods that were especially affected to not venture outdoors after dark to avoid the risk of getting electrocuted. One neighborhood in Connecticut resorted to a "trunk-or-treat" for kids, held in a parking lot before dark. Families in Danbury, CT, were able to take their witches and ghosts for trick-or-treating to the Danbury Fair Mall, where merchants gave out candy between six and eight.

If you think the early snow was just a "trick" of nature, then brace yourself. According to Weather.com, the Northeast is expected to have colder temperatures than usual for the upcoming winter months.

Amanda Knox walks

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In 2007, Meredith Kercher, a British student attending college in Italy, was found dead in her bedroom, following a night out with friends. Amanda Knox, and American college student and Kercher's friend and roommate, was accused of murder. In 2009, following a highly-publicized trial in an Italian court, Knox was found guilty, and sentenced to twenty-six years in an Italian prison. The prosecution had originally asked for life in prison.

However, the case was far from closed. Soon after her conviction, Knox's lawyers began the appeals process, claiming that the initial interrogation forced Knox to make a false confession. Knox's lawyers also claimed that DNA evidence which had been used against Knox was tainted and unreliable, as experts had been unable to find incriminating DNA evidence on Kercher's per-

sonal clothing or on the murder weapon. The verdict was re-discussed by jurors and judges. Luckily for Knox, the court of appeals eventually accepted her case. An emotional climax of the appeals process was a ten-minute address delivered by Knox. Knox claimed tearfully that she had nothing to do with Kercher's murder, evincing grief for her friend's death which had before seemed lacking.

One of the original head prosecution lawyers, Giuliano Mignini, observed the defense throughout the trial and claimed to have had Knox's handwriting on various letters analyzed. Mignini asserted that Knox's handwriting revealed her to be aggressive, manipulative, and narcissistic – traits characteristic of persons capable of murder.

The prosecution was not the only party with a couple of

tricks up their sleeves. Knox's former boyfriend Raae Sollecito, as well as drug dealer Rudy Guede, had also been accused of being involved with Kercher's murder. The defense presented an effective argument about the dispositions of the defendants, by contrasting court sketches of Sollecito gnawing at his nails, with sketches of Knox calmly listening.

After eleven hours of deliberation, the court of appeals ultimately decided to overturn Knox's convictions of murder and sexual assault, upholding only a conviction of slander for having falsely accused her former employer Patrick Lumumba of Kercher's murder. Fortunately for Knox, she already served three years in prison prior to the appeal, enough to fulfill her abridged sentence. Sollecito and Guede also received slightly lighter sentences and overturned



Courtesy of CBS News
convictions. As the defendants broke down into tears alongside Amanda Knox's family, the prosecution sat in disbelief.

Knox is still at risk for an appeal from the prosecution to Italy's Supreme Court. However, even if the Italian Supreme Court accepts the case, it is still unlikely that Knox will be extradited back to Italy.

Harrison High School law teacher, Mrs. Murphey, had this to say about Knox's appeal: "The Amanda Knox appellate decision was a perfect example of how appellate courts are supposed to overturn the mistakes of the trial courts."

Social studies teacher Mrs. Milne had a different take on the situation, commenting "It's weird when Americans get involved in foreign affairs such as in the Amanda Knox Case."

Dictator Gaddafi goes down

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On October 20, 2011, we all woke up to breaking news: one of the most hated dictators of our time was dead. Rebel forces killed Muammar Gaddafi in a vicious battle that began in his hometown, Sirte. When rebel forces invaded Sirte, Gaddafi tried to escape in a convoy that was exiting the city. The convoy was spotted by NATO planes, and was bombed. During his attempt to flee, Gaddafi exited one of the cars and hid in a drainage pipe, until anti-Gaddafi revolutionaries found him and dragged him out. Fighters were seen beating Gaddafi and pulling his hair, and then he was shot in

the head and chest. Gaddafi was loaded into an ambulance and driven to Misurata. Pictures and videos taken from cell phones of Gaddafi's bloody battle soon went viral. According to The New York Times, a fighter claimed that Gaddafi had asked "Show me mercy", which was ironic, considering how little mercy he had shown to others as a feared dictator.

Muammar Gaddafi was born in Sirte, Libya, and he was part of a family of herders, according to National Coldware Exhibition's site. While attending school, his one main interest was always politics, and when he entered the Benghazi Military Academy, he organized a group that planned on overthrowing the pre-Western Libyan Monarchy. After many struggles to gain power, he was able to get the title of President, and ruled the country for over 40 years. In those 40 years, he killed his own people without conscience and never showed compassion. His interest alone lay in his own well-being

and comfort, and he was blindsided by his own magnanimity.

After Gaddafi died on October 20, 2011, at the age of 69, questions about the way he died occurred. Within hours of his death, pictures were seen all over the world of a beaten and pleading Gaddafi, which led to questions as to whether he was killed in crossfire or murdered. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and United Nations Human Rights Chief Navi Pillay were two of the many that wondered whether he was already dead when he was captured, according to Times Live. Senior Director at Amnesty International, Claudio Cordone, was quoted in an interview that it would be considered a war crime if Gaddafi was killed after his capture.

When asked if she thought Gaddafi was killed on purpose, sophomore Julia Ng said "I think that to a degree, yes. Obviously there was animosity towards the leader, which you can especially see in the way he died. Libya's

future depends on what the new structure of the government will be."

Mahmud Jibril, the interim Prime Minister, told BBC's program "Hardtalk" that he wanted Gaddafi to have been captured alive and put on trial. Any investigation into his death is welcomed as long as proper rituals for Islamic burials are followed.

Gaddafi and his son Mu-tassim are now laid out on old mattresses in a storage facility for Libyan people to see. Thousands of Libyans are visiting the shrine but instead of paying homage, they are cursing and spitting at their former tyrant. An autopsy proved that he was killed by a shot in the head, but Libyans weren't concerned over how he died.

After Jibril declared liberation, the first democratic vote in Libya will be held within eight months, followed by a presidential election. Joyful celebrations throughout Libya show the relief and hope for a new beginning.



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Courtyard Complaint

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What is the point of having a beautiful courtyard if nobody can use it? This is the question on the minds of many Harrison High School students, who find the newly "open" courtyard to be anything but beneficial. The courtyard is only open for four minutes in between class periods. Students are afraid that they will be late to their next class, or will be locked out of the school, if they choose to use the courtyard.

Harrison High School Sandee Hirsh sees some potential in the courtyard, but has been disappointed thus far. "The courtyard is really pretty, and I think that it can be useful. I haven't used it yet, but I plan on doing so. However, I don't think that there is a point of having the courtyard if it is closed for the majority of the school day."

This reporter spoke to Assistant Principal Mr. Mastrotta about the current state of the courtyard, and how administrators believe it will be used in the future.

The Husky Herald: How and why did the school decide to try to revamp the courtyard?

Mr. Mastrotta: Ever since Dr. Ruck became principal it has been his goal to make the courtyard a functional and beautiful place.



The courtyard. Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

The REEF Club at the high school has made some efforts to clean up the courtyard in the past few years, and last year Superintendent Wool was granted the funds needed to clean up the courtyard. H: Why are the doors locked at the start of each period?

M: They are locked to make sure that kids aren't there during class time.

H: Is the administration planning on purchasing furniture for the

courtyard?

M: No. Right now, we see the courtyard as only being used for passing time.

H: Do you think that the courtyard will be helpful to students?

M: I do think it will be helpful to the students, and also to the faculty. The flow patterns of the school show that it is busiest near the senior bench, and in the A and B hallways near the cafeteria. The courtyard gives kids another exit point in the school, and will hopefully decrease traffic in the hallways.

H: How often during the year will the courtyard be open?

M: The courtyard will be open on any nice day, as long as it is not too cold or muddy.

The courtyard may prove effective for students, so far as getting from class to class. But with a little more effort, this reporter believes it could become a staple of the high school. If there

were furniture out there, teachers could hold outdoor lessons on beautiful spring days; students could enjoy their lunch period outside.

There are several reasons why the middle school courtyard works, and why the one at the high school may not. At the middle school, the courtyard has also been beautified. However, the LMK courtyard boasts the additional assets of lunch tables and a well-groomed sitting area. The way middle school students' schedules are laid out, there are many opportunities for them to use the courtyard each day. Whereas some high school students rarely find themselves in the A and B hallways, virtually all students at LMK have classes on opposite sides of the courtyard.

The high school courtyard could easily become as successful as the middle school courtyard, but in order for this to happen, the administration must make the courtyard more accessible to students and faculty.

Fall means back to school, and the return of all of our favorite TV shows! What's your can't-miss fall series?



"Breaking Bad. It taught me a lot about chemistry."
- Senior Danny Glass



"Modern Family, because it's entertaining."
- Junior Kim Conigliaro



"Community. I love me some Joel McHale!"
- Sophomore Coby Lefkowitz



"Parks and Recreation, because it's really funny!"
- Freshman Marielle Sheck

REALITY Sheck

In "Reality Sheck," Harrison senior and frequent contributor to the Opinions & Editorials section Izzy Sheck tells it like it is. In this installment, Izzy chews out the gluten-free diet.



Returning to school can be stressful for students who want to look their best for the new school year. While some are lucky enough to kick off the year tanned and toned from weeks of beach volleyball, others have put on a few pounds, and dread the prospect of facing their peers come September. Often, this anxiety can lead to a surge in popularity for fad diets. The most recent weight-loss gimmick to hit Harrison High School is the gluten-free diet.

A gluten-free diet means completely avoiding foods that contain wheat, oats, rye, spelt and barley. This means, popular foods like pasta and cereal are no-goes. It isn't necessarily gluten that makes people overweight (there is nothing in gluten that is directly linked to weight gain), but many foods which contain far more unhealthy ingredients, also contain gluten. Those on gluten-free diets cannot eat fried foods, because of the breading. As a result, they avoid the oils and fats that are an unfortunate part of such fare. In addition, baked goods are eliminated, which lowers sugar and fat intake. Most fast foods are also given up because of the hamburger buns. However, French fries are still



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fair game. This is where some people who take on this diet might get confused. Just because foods don't have gluten in them



Gluten-free fare.

doesn't mean they are good for you. Being gluten-free ultimately forces you to eat less "junk food" and replace it with fresh foods, which is no different from what we have been told since we were five years old. It might make it easier to say no to junk food if you label yourself as being gluten-free, but there is really nothing about a gluten-free diet that helps you lose weight, directly.

In fact, removing gluten might actually cause you to gain weight. Any initial weight loss will occur because people are cutting out all starchy foods from their regular diets. However, after the initial weight loss, you might even put on a few pounds from eating flours made from rice, cornmeal, and buckwheat. In addition, some of the foods that have been marked "gluten-free" actually contain much more salt and extra sugar to make them taste better. These products are also lacking in nutrients like iron, calcium, vitamin B and fiber. Therefore, people might be increasing their salt and sugar intake, while also missing out on essential nutrients from their diets when they go gluten-free. The consequences of this include headaches, due to a lack of carbohydrates.

Despite its suspect science, the gluten-free diet is catching like wild fire at Harrison High School. At the rate students

are jumping on the bandwagon, it would seem celiac disease has become contagious! Though some actually suffer from the disease, which inhibits the body's ability to digest gluten, many others are steering clear of the protein, merely to help them control their weight.

As the gluten-free diet becomes more popular, there is a fear that some chefs could start "cheating" to meet the demand for gluten-free foods, meaning that they would label products gluten-free to lure the consumer, even if it is not entirely true. There is also fear that people won't take the actual disease seriously if there are so many people eating gluten-free. For example, people who have this disease run the risk of developing rashes and severe



free" pizza!

While going gluten-free might help people to lose weight, it is important that the side effects are considered. Just because it is popular doesn't mean that it works for everyone. Being cautious with this diet is essential because the long-term effects could outweigh the initial benefits of the diet. Think twice before giving up gluten!

stomach pains, if they eat just a small piece of bread. Imagine what would happen if they ate an entire "gluten-



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Sound off!

How do you feel about the United States' role in the overthrow of Gaddafi?

"I think we got too involved. We need to back off in terms of foreign policy, and focus more on domestic issues.

- Junior Ryo Inkyo

"He was a cruel and vile ruler. Nevertheless, the people who handled him and the way they took him out were very cruel."

- Senior Jose Porretti

"I think it's great that those people are out of bondage. Let's hope some fundamentalists don't take over."

- Junior Joey Marino

"It is undoubtedly a victory. It's just not clear whose victory it really is."

- Senior Marwan Bishtawi

"We should mind our own business."

- Junior Kaylee Araoz

"It's a mockery."

-Junior Gavin Menchel

"It's a much more effective system than what we used in Iraq."

- Junior Will Barnwell

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LOOKING GLASS

In "Through the Looking Glass" our Opinions Editor Danny Glass discusses the world as he sees it through his exceptionally unique lens. In this debut installment, Danny shares his thoughts on the airline industry.

There is no worse feeling than having some middle-aged creepy man groping you in the

middle of an airport. There is nothing more boring than waiting three hours on a tarmac with zero

complimentary drinks. And there is nothing more annoying than going to baggage pickup, and staring blankly as the carousel fails to deliver your baggage. I hate plane delays, I detest the TSA, and I would love for there to be another way to travel the country or travel internationally in an expeditious manner.

The first criticism I shoot at the flight industry is towards the government subsidized Travel Safety Administration. In the light of 9/11, the TSA has beefed up security as a preemptive strike against future acts of terror. Before this devolves into a vitriolic criticism of the new security system, I would like to preface my thoughts by saying I am in no way making light of these atrocious acts. That being said the U.S. government has spent 1.3 trillion dollars in response to 14,000 deaths between the years of 1975 and 2003. This equates to 90 million spent for each person killed. This is preposterous. Statistically speaking, it is unlikely for there to be another terrorist attack on America. As a result of the public's fear of terrorism, the U.S. government is burning through cash to fight a non-existent threat. Furthermore, the TSA has caused a tremendous amount of money to be diverted from the industry as a response to their fascist security checks. Not to mention that their new security protocols (full body scanners) can be seen as a breach of human rights and privacies. Fellow Harrison High School student Richard Haddad has a similar opinion, stating "The TSA was created as a direct response to terrorism's effectiveness. Essentially, 'The War on Terror' is meaningless. Fighting terrorism doesn't consist of being terrified that everyone and anyone sur-

rounding you is a terrorist. That fight has been lost. In short, the existence of the TSA proves that while he may be dead, Bin Laden has truly won."

My second criticism falls on the airlines themselves. The level of service provided by airlines has fallen to new lows. Last week my flight to Chicago was delayed by three hours. Luckily this did not interfere with the concert I was attending, but I am fully aware of the possibility of technical difficulties every time I fly. The frequency with which these difficulties occur is simply unacceptable. If one were to be kept waiting hours every for a service that can cost thousands of dollars they would most likely not continue that service. In other words, if there was any alternative that was as efficient as flying everybody would be doing it. Matt Shaffer, an icon at Harrison High School, had a different point of view. He shared, "I feel that delays are always bound to happen and they are something that every flyer knows can happen to them. It is like traffic except for aircraft carriers and as there is always traffic somewhere on the roads, there are always delays."

I suggest a solution to fix the complacency of the industry: periodic flight strikes. One day every month, nobody would buy plane tickets. The industry would suffer immensely. If this were to go on long enough there can be no doubt that the industry would have to change its ways. I do not request that flying become an enjoyable process. I am not asking for bigger seats, or better treatment. I am asking that an industry that has been coasting on its own unique ability comes to terms with a modern world and fixes its problems.

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ARTS & entertainment

Will *Bonnie & Clyde* Kill on Broadway?

Amy Carton

Managing Editor

On November 4, 2011, Broadway welcomed its newest musical, *Bonnie & Clyde*, to the Big Apple. Set during the Great Depression, this musical explores the journey of two ill-fated, small-town criminals named Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow who crisscross the United States, robbing



Courtesy of Time Out NY

banks, and murdering numerous people. Along the way, these two improbable outlaws fall in love. The show features an exciting array of musical numbers, dance combinations, and action-packed scenes that are sure to keep the audience at the edge of its seats.

The cast of *Bonnie & Clyde* contains both Broadway veterans and those relatively new to the stage. Laura Osnes, who starred as Sandy in Broadway's *Grease* after winning the television competition *Grease: You're The One That I Want*, takes on the role of Bonnie. Jeremy Jordan, who has performed in shows like *West Side Story* and *Rock of Ages*, portrays Clyde. In the months leading to previews and opening night, cast and crewmembers devoted their time and attention day in and day out toward capturing the essence of the characters and the atmosphere of the Great Depression.

Recently, the Husky Herald spoke with Maggie Brohn, one of the show's producers, about the show. As a principal partner of Bespoke Theatricals, Maggie has worked on shows such as *Legally Blonde* and *Dirty Dancing*. In addition to her involvement with *Bonnie &*

Clyde, Maggie is also currently producing Hugh Jackman's one-man show and working to bring both *Ghost* and a revival of *Evita* to Broadway.

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(HH): How did you first get interested/involvement in theater?

Maggie Brohn (MB): When I was in High School, I

thought I was talented and did a lot of shows...very soon after getting to college, I realized I was pretty slim in the "on-stage" talent department, but I still loved theatre and therefore decided to start working on the backstage aspect. I spent my four years at college focusing on production managing and so looked for a job in a theatrical office right after college.

HH: You currently are a general manager for Bespoke Theatricals. Can you tell us a little about the company?

MB: Bespoke Theatricals was actually called Nina Lannan Associates until September 2011. Nina Lannan has been a highly respected general manager in the Broadway industry for many years. She was a sole proprietor and started the company. I have worked with her company since 1998. I started there answering her phones and doing bank runs! As time went on, I, along with two other general managers, started to do our own shows from within the confines of Nina Lannan Associates, and so she decided to make us full partners, and we changed the name to Bespoke Theatricals and now run the company together.

HH: What are your respon-

sibilities as the general manager of the company?

MB: As a general manager of a Broadway show, the producers hire me to basically make sure the show gets up and running. We do the deals with all the creative team and actors; we make sure the set and costumes get built on time and hopefully on budget. We are entirely responsible for making sure the budget is kept in line.

HH: The theater business is often considered one of the toughest businesses to be a part of. How have you remained optimistic while managing shows?

MB: That is a great question. I guess the fact that I love what I do has a lot to do with it. But it's hard, because I fall in love with every show I work on, and I want them all to succeed. And with the pretty widely accepted statistic that only 20% of Broadway shows AT BEST recoup their investment, it's tough.

HH: What is so exciting about *Bonnie and Clyde*? Why do you think audiences will enjoy the show?

MB: *Bonnie & Clyde* is fantastic because the writers have taken two difficult protagonists (people who robbed and killed people) and made them icons that we, as audience members, want to succeed. Laura Osnes and Jeremy Jordan, who play Bonnie and Clyde, are phenomenal and create a whole world of these characters that you want to watch and listen to for hours!

HH: How do you think audiences will receive *Bonnie and Clyde*?

MB: So far the audiences are loving it—standing up at the end after every performance

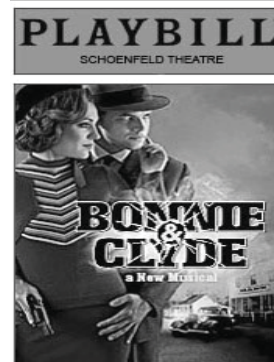
HH: What are some of the oth-

er shows you've been a part of? What did you enjoy about each, and why do those shows in particular stand out to you?

MB: *Flower Drum Song* was amazing for me because it was my first, and I made a lot of mistakes that I learned from. *The Pillowman* by Martin McDonagh was an amazing play—so beautifully written and acted. And it was the first play I managed (rather than a musical) so a very special experience. *Legally Blonde* was so incredibly important for me, because it was a favorite movie of mine, and I just thought the show was phenomenal. It was also the first Broadway show I worked on that had a tour attached to it afterwards, and that was a learning experience.

HH: What advice do you have for high school students aspiring to find a career in the theater business?

MB: Try to spend summers doing internships with various theatre companies. If you can afford to work for intern wages, just get in there—it will help you figure out what part of the business may be the most attractive to you. And then spend time in college doing extracurricular theatre activities wherever possible.



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The Ridge, Revamped

Jenna Clemens

Food Editor

As many of us already know, the Rye Ridge Shopping Center is a hub of restaurants and retail stores, conveniently located just a few minutes past the Harrison border. Over the past year the all ready stacked shopping center has undergone something of a Renaissance, with the opening of several new eateries.

The first addition in the wave of new restaurants was Chipotle. Chipotle is known for its fast-paced assembly line of meal-crafters, who combine fresh ingredients to create personalized burritos, tacos, salads, and more. Customers can choose from several traditional Mexican meats for their main ingredient, and spruce up their selection with a number of toppings, including two types of beans, cheese, lettuce, and salsas. Though the restaurant does have seats, many diners choose to take their meals to-go, a great option for students with a small window of time to grab lunch. One warning: this

fare. Buddha, specializing in Asian Fusion cuisine, is located just around the corner from Chipotle in the lower part of the shopping center. This reporter was very happy to see the restaurant take over the space, occupied for so long by a defunct movie theater. Unlike the other recent arrivals to the shopping center, Buddha is a sit-down restaurant with table service. Diners decide between sitting in the Hibachi side of the restaurant, or at regular tables, and choose from a wide selection of sushi and hot dishes. With its cool and modern décor, Buddha creates a comfortable eating environment for families, couples and friends alike. However, because it is not a fast-food eatery, Buddha carries a heftier price tag than most of the other options in the shopping center. But with its attentive wait staff, comfortable atmosphere and generally large portions

(especially for hibachi dishes), it is worth the splurge.

The latest restaurant to make its debut is Chop't Creative Salad Co., which specializes in (you guessed it) creative salads and sandwiches. Diners can choose

items off

the expansive Chop't menu, or opt to craft their own salads by choosing from several kinds of fresh lettuce, various "choppings," and a host of homemade dressings (also available for individual purchase). Like its Mexican-themed neighbor, Chop't features an assembly line

of staff members who mix each salad's ingredients on the spot, then pass them under sharp semicircular knives that provide

fruits, cereals, and mochi (miniature rice cakes).

If you have some free time on your hands, and a willing

an easy to eat, and thoroughly Chop't, salad experience.

The final addition to the Rye Shopping Center, Red Mango, has yet to open its doors, but many Harrison students are all ready familiar with the do-it-yourself frozen yogurt chain that boasts locations throughout Manhattan, as well as in Larchmont.

Red Mango

has taken over the space Last Licks used to inhabit, and will soon provide shoppers with another tasty dessert outlet. Customers can choose as many varieties of yogurt as they would like, from the ten or so flavors offered, and amp up their treat with an impressive array of toppings, which run the gamut from sprinkles and chocolate chips to

palette, this reporter strongly recommends checking out all of the new dining options in Rye Ridge Shopping Center. Unimpressed with the new options? Don't forget, the shopping center also boast Racanelli's Pizza & Brew, the Rye Ridge Deli, Cerbone's Bakery, Club Sandwich, and a Starbucks. Bon appétit!



fine eatery has been known to experience a high-volume lunch rush most days. If you plan on stopping by during peak hours, you may find yourself waiting on a line that trails out the door.

Following the arrival of Chipotle, Rye Ridge saw the addition of a new outlet for Asian



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Gotta Get Down On Fried-Day

Melanie Singer

Staff Writer

Ever think to try a maggot sandwich, or fried bubble gum? If your answer was no, you're not alone. But every year in Texas, the State Fair gives attendants the chance to sample a wide variety of strange foods. One such exotic option: fried bubble gum. Yes, you read that correctly, fried bubble gum. Justin Martinez, the owner of a small restaurant in Texas, is the culinary mastermind behind this peculiar treat. Not that fried bubble gum is the only trick up his sleeve. Each year, Martinez creates a novelty food item which wows crowds and judges alike. In 2010, Martinez took home the gold for his Fried Butter. Martinez was also a winner in 2010; on that occasion, his fried beer won him gold in the Big Tex Choice Awards. It seems that every year, Martinez steps farther outside the box.

Fried bubble gum is not

quite what you'd expect. This was made clear in a demonstration Martinez did on NBC. First, Martinez dipped a marshmallow in a gooey pink substance which he identified as bubble gum extract. Next, he dunked the coated marshmallow into a fryer. "The fried bubble gum is almost supposed to look like someone is blowing a bubble," explained Martinez.

Fried bubble gum was not the only intriguing item offered at the fair. Foods available include



Fried bubble gum: delectable, or disgusting?

Courtesy of eater.com

deep fried pineapple, deep fried Texas salsa, and fried autumn pie. This reporter asked a group of Harrison High School students which of the aforementioned treats they would try. A majority of the students included answered that it was between fried bubble gum and fried autumn pie. Junior Nicole Golino did not choose a

favorite, stating "They all seem very interesting, but I don't think I would like to try any of them. I'm not very adventurous with foods." Nicole's feelings, I'm sure, are shared by many HHS students.

Apart from the question of taste are the health concerns attached to any food with "fried" in the title. Unsurprisingly, the Texas State Fair did not attract a large number of health food advocates, but their absence from the event did not prevent nutrition authorities from speaking out against it. One critic stated, "You can create exotic foods without having to deal with a frying pan."

This is true, but it is not a fact that seems to hold much sway with the Texas State Fair judges. Martinez's fried bubble gum walked away with the gold this year; we'll just have to wait and see he pulls out of the batter in 2012!

McRib Returns!

Rachel Breslin

Features Editor

Rib-lovers rejoiced when McDonald's reintroduced their McRib sandwich to the menu on October 24, but only for a limited time - until November 14. After being 'permanently' removed from the menu in 1994 and several farewell tours later, the sandwich is back, but only for this short period. This is the second time in the past two years that the McRib has returned to McDonald's.

According to Mike Krumboltz of Yahoo News, the McRib is like "a hundred Christmases slathered in barbecue sauce." The McRib is a row of boneless pork ribs smothered in barbecue sauce on a bun with pickles and onions (which can easily be taken off). Since the sandwich is only available for a limited time, which at this point is becoming a yearly event, when it comes out, people go running to get their hands on one.

Personally, after experiencing this sandwich, all of the commotion about the sandwich is true, to a degree. Yes, it was delicious, but it was not so good that it could be compared to "a hundred Christmases." It is closer to one Christmas, maybe even one and a half. Everything was tasty (after the pickles and onions were removed); the 'pork' was tender and the sauce was sweet, but like anything from McDonald's, you had to wonder, what am I really eating? Seriously, it is a boneless rack of ribs! Do you seriously think that the meat in there is legit if there are no bones? This reporter surely does not.

The sandwich is only about six inches long, and packed into those six inches are five hundred calories (according to the McDonald's website). Almost half of the calories are from fat. There are twenty-six grams of fat, which is equivalent to the amount of fat in

a three-ounce container of regular cream cheese. There are nine-hundred and eighty milligrams of sodium, which is more than half of one's recommended daily intake. Obviously no one goes to McDonald's to eat healthily, but this reporter feels that it's important that her readers know what they're really eating.

When students around Harrison High School were asked about the McRib, the replies were mixed.

One student requesting anonymity said, "The McRib was mystery meat ground up and covered in barbecue. Honestly, I do not know what the fuss is about because it really wasn't



Courtesy of Allie Fuller
that good. I find it odd that it's a rack of ribs without bones."

"It looks delicious!" said junior Lucy Murray. "I'm a vegetarian and I want one."

Obviously it was a bigger deal last year when the McRib returned for the first time in 16 years. That announcement made those who were part of the McRib cult very happy. This year's re-release was a smart move for McDonald's since it not only refreshed McRib fever for old cult members, but it also added newer, younger members to the cult, those who now, for a limited time, also will be able to clog their arteries with this 'sandwich'!

Miss Teen Purchase?

Helina Dawit

Staff Writer

Miss New York USA® and Miss New York Teen USA® are extremely popular and successful beauty pageants. In these pageants, women and teens alike walk on stage to be judged individually by a panel of three judges on swimsuit modeling, interviewing, and other skills. Hundreds of people, contestants and families, would travel to Albany annually to compete in these contests. However, this year they will be taking a different route in pursuit of those extravagant crowns.

Recently, Robert P. Astorino, our Westchester County Executive, got together with Keith Lewis, the Co-Director of K2 Productions of California at 42 Restaurant in White Plains to announce that Miss New York USA® and Miss New York Teen USA® 2012 are set to be held right here in Westchester. These pageants are scheduled to be held at the Performing Arts Center of Purchase College, right here in Harrison. The SUNY Purchase campus seems like the perfect Westchester setting for this event. Large enough to ac-

commodate contestants and their families and friends, the Performing Arts Center is a four theater complex used on a regular basis for a variety of shows and plays.

"I am delighted that Westchester County was selected to host the 2012 Miss New York USA Pageant and Miss New York Teen USA Pageant," said Astorino in an article on Westchester.com. "This is a tremendous opportunity to showcase Westchester County."

"This show promises to be a chic and contemporary event full of fashion and music," said K2 Productions director Keith Lewis.

Both the Miss New York USA® and the Miss New York Teen USA® pageant are divided into three main events. The first event is the talent portion. Here contestants can show off talents as common as singing and dancing and as unique as yodeling and sign language.

"I went to a pageant to support my cousin and one of her contenders was doing sign language for their talent portion," says pageant expert

Trent Lefkowitz. "I was surprised, because that's not a common talent, but I also was extremely impressed."

The second event is the swimsuit competition, wherein women model bikinis and one-pieces to impress the judges and show off their bodies. The pageants then close with the interview portion, where each contender gets asked a question to answer on subjects ranging from politics to personal questions.

Kyle Lefkowitz, a sophomore at HHS, is getting ready to partake in a pageant. She offered some behind-the-scenes insights.

"The reason I did this was because I love to sing and instead of a singing competition, I thought a pageant would be better to show both my voice and personality," she said. "I definitely feel the stress [from preparations] will pay off because from this I made friends, and moved a little bit away from my comfort zone. I tried it out...and really ended up liking it."

Like Kyle, there are



Courtesy of Miss New York USA

many girls eager to put their talents on display. Now with the pageant moving to Westchester, it's never been easier. An estimated 300 girls are expected to arrive in Westchester County on January 13 for this first pageant. In the course of the next few days, they will compete against each other for the ultimate prize of the title Miss New York USA® or Miss New York Teen USA® 2012 and later to continue on to Miss USA® and perhaps even Miss Universe®.

The pageant hasn't been held in Westchester for almost three decades. It is expected to help the region's economy in many ways.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to showcase Westchester County to hundreds of visiting contestants and their families, as they stay in our premier hotels, dine at our top-rated restaurants and visit our many cultural and historic attractions during what is typically a slow period in the industry," noted Mr. Astorino.

Winehouse dead at 27

Cherry Aung

Music Editor

Grammy award winning soul and jazz singer Amy Winehouse was discovered dead in her London apartment on July 23, 2011. She was just 27 years old. Fans around the world were shocked and saddened by her tragic loss. Harrison High School senior Alice Heine shared, "Amy was a talented performer. I was very upset by her death. It's a shame that such an individual spirit died so young."

Police discovered three bottles of vodka at the scene of Winehouse's death. This led to a series of conjectures regarding the cause of death. At the time, many believed Amy might have died as the result of a drug or alcohol overdose. However, Winehouse's parents maintained that alcohol withdrawal, rather than the substance itself, was at

the root of their daughter's death. Amy's father Mitch Winehouse claimed she had been drug and alcohol free for a long period of time.

In spite of her father's belief in her sobriety, an autopsy eventually revealed that the cause of Winehouse's death had in fact been alcohol overdose. The autopsy also revealed that there were no drugs in Amy's body when she died. But the amount of alcohol in her system (five times the legal driving limit) was more than enough to kill her.

Amy's death brought to light the very real dangers of binge drinking. Many believe alcohol is not as life-threatening as drugs, but this is simply not true. A depressant, alcohol can slow down vital functions such as breathing and heart rate. Exces-

sive alcohol intake can lead to a coma and eventually death. This was the case with Winehouse.

Amy Winehouse's struggle with drug and alcohol addiction was well-publicized. Too often, her considerable talents as a musician were overshadowed often by her signature beehive, and perpetual label as "a mess." There is no denying that Winehouse was deeply troubled, but there is also no contesting her artistry. In a music industry dominated by Britneys, Christinas, and other heavily edited performers, Amy Winehouse dared to stand out. Her rejection of bubblegum pop music, fierce individuality, and disregard for her public image, made Winehouse a true musical icon.

Amy Winehouse's death at the far too young age of 27



Courtesy of people.com

inducts her into "Club 27." It is a well known rock and roll phenomenon that more rock stars have died at 27 than at any other age. Previous inductees include Jimi Hendrix, Brian Jones of the Rolling Stones, Kurt Cobain of Nirvana, Jim Morrison of The Doors, and Janis Joplin. Unlike the other "members" of "Club 27," Winehouse released relatively few albums and made just a handful of live appearances. It is a testament to her talent, and impact on the music world, that she is being mentioned on the same list as Cobain, Hendrix and Joplin. Amy Winehouse's death represents a tremendous loss to the music industry. She will be greatly missed.

New iPhone Talks Back

Allison Fuerst

Staff Writer

Apple has done it again! Almost as soon as Apple released the iPhone 4, consumers began wondering what would come next. On October 14, their curiosity was satisfied with the worldwide release of the iPhone 4S. Featuring a spate of new features, plus video and camera enhancements, the latest incarnation of the iPhone has all ready reeled in millions worldwide, including a sizable portion of the Harrison High School population.

One of the most anticipated features of the iPhone 4S is Siri. Siri is supposed to work like a personal assistant. It can make phone calls, send messages, schedule meetings, and set reminders. The program also has the ability to interpret human speech in ways that enables it to respond to questions you might assume would stump a machine. For example, if you were to ask Siri, "Do I need an umbrella today?" the program would know to base its answer on whether or not it will rain. If you were to say "Text my mom and tell her I will

be 30 minutes late," Siri would go through your contacts, find your mom's information (even if it's not stored under the name mom) and send a text. No typing required! This is great news for student drivers, who will no longer feel the need to text and drive, since they can just have Siri do it for them. Though Siri's dependability is still up for debate, one hopes it will prove a success.

Another new feature of the iPhone 4 is the Dual-core A5 chip. This feature is essential for iPhone users who do lots of gaming, and downloading. The A5 chip purportedly enables the iPhone 4S to deliver up to two times more power than the previous iPhone, and graphics seven times as fast. The chip is also power-efficient, resulting in greater battery life. This was the most eagerly awaited improvement, among Harrison High School students. The iPhone's main competitor, the Blackberry,



Courtesy of
Christie Suozzo

is notorious for its poor battery life. How many students have you seen charging their Blackberries during class, after unexpectedly losing power? Junior Taylor

Friedwald stated, "Even if I don't text a single person and I charge my phone the night before, my phone cannot make it through the school day. It's pathetic."

A third innovation of the iPhone 4S is its updated camera. Apple boasts, on its website, "This might be the best camera ever on a phone." The company cites the camera's 8-megapixel resolution, and costume lens with a larger aperture as setting it above all others of its kind. As is the case with many cell phones, the iPhone 4S's camera doubles as a video recording device. Senior Dean Brancucci is particularly excited about this aspect of the camera. He shared, "The video recording on my current phone is of poor quality. I'm interested to see if it is better on the new iPhone." Dean has good reason

to be curious, as the iPhone 4S's video camera will record videos in HD, and will be smart enough to stabilize the shot.

Last, but not least is the iCloud. Like its predecessor, MobileMe, iCloud has the ability to store photos, emails and calendar events, and wirelessly push them from one device to another. However, unlike MobileMe, iCloud is also able to store and push music, apps, and documents. This means that if you were to buy a song on your laptop, the song you purchased would be available on your iPhone in a matter of seconds – no transformation required.

The only feature the iPhone 4S seems to be lacking is 4G, which enables faster access of multimedia content. However, the iPhone 5 (due for release in 2012) is expected to be equipped with this technology.

In spite of this minor drawback, the iPhone 4S appears to be a state of the art device. Hopefully, it prove to be all that is hoped for, and more!

Get Bloggin'

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While it's not a new sensation, blogging is becoming more popular than ever. It is starting to be better recognized as a means of communicating. In fact, most people would be stunned to know how many people actually use blogs. More people are using blogs to get their daily news and information. When catching up online to learn about the favorite TV show missed last night, or to hear the latest celebrity gossip, or even to read the play-by-play of last night's big game, people turn to blogs. Even those who once were reluctant to turn to blogs, currently use them regularly.

Several Harrison High School students have their own blogs, and a majority of them use the website called Tumblr.

"I have a Tumblr and I

love it," says senior Alexandra Paonetti. "I just like posting what I am thinking or feeling. It is a great way to de-stress!"

Years ago, such forms of self-expression did not exist. Now there is a veritable revolution happening. There are arts blogs, literary blogs, sports blogs, celebrity gossip blogs like Perez Hilton's, and more. People with amazing talents and skills are sharing them with the world through their regular online postings. This changing world now offers self-expression to anyone with a blog, and there's no limit to what can be found online. Sometimes it's merely a matter of promotion. Some marketers offer teenagers money to promote their products on their blogs.

"During tennis season, I get home late and occasionally miss my shows that night," says senior Ashley Ossip. "Since I don't want to go to school the next day when everyone is discussing it and not know what happened, I go on my favorite television blog to get the scoop on what happened on last night's show."

Junior Sarah Vallarelli agrees: "I go on BlogTV all the time."

"Whenever I miss the game, I go on the sports blogs the next morning to make sure I am filled in on all the plays and highlights that went on," explains junior Michael Rossi.

Everyone uses blogging. There are even video blogs that



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add audio and video in their postings – kind of like a blogger's YouTube.

"I always learn fashion and makeup tips from different video tutorials on video blogs," says senior Faryn Brown. "I even learned how to French braid!"

Blogging is the new way of sharing our passions and keeping ourselves updated. Blogging is not only a way to have a personal diary; it is so much more than that now. It is a way of communicating in this new world of technology, and there seems to be no end in sight. Expand your universe and check out a few new blogs today!

Winter wardrobe tips

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As Heidi Klum reminds us weekly on "Project Runway," in the world of fashion you can be "in" one day, and "out" the next. Being out of step with current fashions is something many teens dread, especially in the hallways of a high school. However, being fashionable can be easy if you follow the season's major trends. This winter, be sure to swap your usual black and brown gear for some fun prints and brightly colored sweaters, as the fashion world takes on a sunny twist.

Winter fashion is known for its solemn color pallets and excessive layering, a fashion trend that at times can be beyond dull and tiresome. This season the fashion world has finally realized that vivid colors aren't just for spring and summer, but can be worn no matter what the temperature! Whether it's vibrant heels or playful colored denim,

radiant hues will be raging this winter and should find some place in every ensemble. However, be sure to not go to crazy with the neons. Colors such as canary, magenta, scarlet and fuchsia shouldn't overtake your winter wardrobe; instead, they should complement your outfit in the form of accessories, or be paired with modest color tones. Simple black sweaters can easily be matched with dazzling purple leggings or an emerald necklace. The key to this season's fashion is mixing your routine dark winter collection with a few lively colored pieces.

Senior Alexa Nardulli shared, "I'm not one to dress plain. I wear a lot of neon and glitter, so this season's trend fits in perfectly with my daily wardrobe. My favorite fashion trend is pairing a neutral outfit with a bright



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shoe. The shoe acts as a surprise and is very stylish. This winter I am trying my hardest to be fashion forward!"

Designers love this year's color mania, creating collections inspired by the radiant theme. Versace has embraced this winter's color surge with a new line for the inexpensive fashion outlet, H&M. The new line, which hits stores on November 17, features neon yellow and pink mini dresses as well as an array of aqua knee length garments. Prices for these pieces range from \$20 to \$30. Be sure to check out H&M, and other low-priced chains such as Forever21 and Target, for affordable yet chic clothing.

A second trend to be on the lookout for is prints. Prints are an easy and a fun way to vamp any outfit. Whether worn on a date or just to school, prints

can be the factor that separates cute from stylish. Prints come in a number of varieties, including animal, plaid and floral. Animal prints are the hottest right now. This winter, pair a sleek leopard print jacket with a black shirt for a night out.

"I am obsessed with cool and unusual patterns. By adding just a modest printed scarf or cardigan to my outfit I transform into a sort of fashionista," said senior Alexis Rubenstein.

Trends are helpful guidelines for fashion-lovers to follow, but that doesn't mean every trend should be followed. When buying 'trendy' items, one should always keep in mind cost. Trends are often short lived. Often, spending a lot of money on a trend isn't really worth it. The great thing about this season's top trends is their ability to mesh well with last year's wardrobe.

Barbie gets inked

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Do you remember playing with Barbies? Remember the innocent look of Barbie as a professional doctor? How about Barbie as darling princess? Well those are not all of her new looks. The newest Barbie is a bit different from how you might remember her in the past. In her latest makeover, Barbie now is covered with tattoos all over her body.

The Tokidoki Barbie, designed by the "Los Angeles-based fashion brand," went from blonde flowing locks to a pink bob--this is not the typical Barbie we all know and love. The new Barbie has a tiger tattoo surrounding her neck and whole body! These visible aspects of the new Barbie raise questions about the message being sent to kids. What kind of influence will this have on them? In addition, the shocking crossbones on her half-on shirt make this Barbie look more like a drugged celebrity than an innocent child's toy.

Yes, Barbie has had sticker

tattoos before, ones that mock the fake tattoos kids can get today, but this doll's tattoos are permanent. Most kids don't even know what tattoos are, but this Barbie provides a nice introduction to the world of ink. This rebellious Barbie doll has become very controversial because it sends all manner of negative implications and connotations about appearance and behavior.

Because kids always have been influenced by the style of Barbie, it is no small concern. For years, kids have attempted to wear things to match Barbie's own outfits. Does this mean we'll soon see kids trying to rock the tattooed belly-shirt look? It's a long way from conservative style dresses, and it has raised a lot of controversy amongst parents of children who play with Barbie dolls.

"If I give it to my daughter she will think tattoos are okay," said Virginia resident Bill Smith, when speaking to ABC 13 News.

"She may want to go get some."

However some parents prefer Barbie's new look.

"I much prefer tattoos to unrealistic proportions and the message that the most important thing is to be pretty and get a boy," said one parent on Babble blog. "Good for you, Mattel, for making a doll a little more like the rest of us. I consider it a tiny step in the right direction."

She supports the doll because she believes that it is an accurate depiction of society today; however, she fails to recognize that this depiction is but a small percentage of society.

This reporter believes that Barbie's new look is a false representation of today's society. Although it accurately depicts certain celebrities and their looks, it does not represent true societal issues. Children are already negatively influenced by the media and TV, there's no need to have them be similarly influenced by an innocent child's toy.



Courtesy of TokiDoki

This Barbie only maximizes controversy and causes children to be influenced by external forces that they should not be exposed to so soon. Despite some parent's beliefs that this is a good preparation for everyday life, the doll doesn't teach kids how to deal with tattoos. If the youth in Harrison are exposed to these provocative Barbie dolls, it might not be such a good thing.

"These Barbies are a bad influence," said junior Nicole Soltz. "As an older sister, I don't even have tattoos!"

Imagine your little sister playing with a Barbie more advanced than you are. Imagine your little sister asking your mom for a tattoo because her Barbie has one. These types of conflicts will exist because kids will want to emulate Barbie's new style, leaving them susceptible to the harm of getting permanent tattoos.

Class Of 2029

The faculty has experienced a recent baby boom!
Here are some of the newborns of our favorite teachers.



Beau Alexander Frej
9lbs

Born May 31st, 2011
to parents Rostom Frej and Josie Cain



Sophie Burns Peter Burns
6lbs 8oz 8lbs 1oz

Born July 5th, 2011
to parents Aidan and Katie Burns



Ryan Nicholas Grammas
7lbs 8oz

Born July 6th, 2011
to parents Chris and Kristy Grammas



Finley Doherty Orban
8lbs

Born April 6th, 2011
to parents Stephen and Meghan Orban



Samuel Cole Leong
6lbs 7oz

Born May 18th, 2011
to parents Stephen and Cindy Leong

James Anthony Santo
7lbs 8oz
Born September 13th, 2011
to parents Joe and Jonelle Santo



90-Second Interviews



"90 Second Interviews" is a new feature where we sit down with two teachers and see how many random questions they can answer in just ninety seconds. This issue, we sat down with AP Psychology teacher Mr. Kaplan, and Social Studies teacher Ms. Milne.

Kaplan



Milne



Hidden Talent? I make a great apple pie.
Favorite food? Pumpkin bread, without any nuts!
Favorite movie? "Sin City," "Good Will Hunting," "Lord of the Rings" (all three!).
Guilty pleasure? Infomercials, "Jersey Shore," and binge-eating.
Favorite TV show? "Lie to Me," "The Simpsons," "The Office."
Any siblings? One sister named Margo. She's a law professor.
First love? I had a huge crush on a girl named Nabuko.
Weird habit? I pick hair out of my chin.
Best thing about being a teacher? Seeing the things students go through every day. The curriculum is always the same. You guys are very entertaining.
Worst thing about being a teacher? Weird high school smells. And there's always pressure not to grow up.
First car? Chrysler Fifth Avenue with plush seats.
Childhood hero? My teacher Mr. Kolash. He kept me straight during my rebellious stage.
Favorite president? Al Gore. Oh, a real president? Marwan and Chestler. Actually, Teddy Roosevelt.
Best idea? Last meal restaurant. It would only serve meals that death row inmates have requested for their last meals.
Desired super power? Eat any food I want, and not gain weight.
Worst injury? I cracked my head open on the Statue of Liberty in fifth grade. They had to fly me off the island.
Pet peeve? Bad breath, yellow armpit stains, and hairy moles.
Favorite cereal? Cinnamon Toast Crunch and Cocoa Puffs in the microwave.
Catch phrase? Don't be a schmoolie.
Best physical feature? My wife says my hands and shoulders.
Favorite song? "Paradise by the Dashboard Light" by Meatloaf.
Worst subject? Math and chemistry. I still can't conceptualize chem.
Celebrity crush? Hugh Jackman and Jack Bauer.
Favorite decade? The 80s. It was so ridiculous, and we took it so seriously.
Biggest fear? Old women.
Hometown? Rye, New York.
Favorite book? *The Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood.

Hidden talent? Crocheting.
Favorite food? Noodles and dumplings.
Favorite movie? They Live.
Guilty pleasure? Cheese.
Favorite TV show? No TV.
Any siblings? Two, a younger brother and sister.
First love? Shaun Cassidy.
Weird habits? Nailbiting.
Best thing about being a teacher? Sophomores.
Worst thing? Seniors and Robby Tiburzi interrupting.
First car? Chevy Nova - blue.
Childhood hero? Gorbachev.
Favorite president? Hu Jintao.
Best idea? Sony Walkmans.
If you could have a superpower? Time travel.
Worst injury? I am perfect.
Pet peeve? Blocking the box (in traffic).
Best physical feature? Feet.
Favorite song? "Take the skinheads bowling" by Camper van Beethoven.
Worst subject? Math and physics.
Celebrity crush? Hillary Clinton.
Favorite cereal? Granola.
Fashion staple? Mary Janes.
Catch phrase? Oh crap moment.
Favorite decade? 2010s.
Favorite vacation spot? Mexico City.
Biggest fear? Ninth period showing up without homework.
Hometown? Brooklyn.
Favorite book? *Sometimes A Great Notion* by Ken Kesey.

SPORTS

Al Davis: Remembering an NFL Legend

Danny Cuneo

Staff Writer

An NFL legend has passed away. Al Davis, visionary owner, general manager, and former coach of the Oakland Raiders has died at the age of 82. Davis will forever be imbedded in the history books of the National Football League for his service to the league. Davis was a fearless leader who instilled fear in the hearts of all his competitors, while simultaneously gaining their utmost respect.

Davis' list of accomplishments extends over a half century of work with the National Football League. It all started in 1963, when a young Al Davis took over the head coaching position for the Oakland Raiders. The game would never be the same. Davis, who then had only two years of experience with the NFL, completed arguably the greatest turnaround in football history, taking the Raiders from an abysmal 1-13 record to a 10-4 record in just one season.

After three years with the Raiders, Davis was named commissioner of the American Football League (AFL), one of the two leagues that were around during the developmental stages of professional football. It was Davis who (albeit reluctantly) negotiated the merger of the AFL and the NFL into one unified professional league. This

merger, accomplished with the assistance of the NFL commissioner at the time, Pete Rozell, was arguably the most impactful event in the history of football.

With the AFL no longer a functioning organization, Davis became the part owner and general manager of the Oakland Raiders. It was this position that made Davis a household name. Davis revolutionized



Raider fans remember Al Davis.

Courtesy of NBC Football

including the vertical passing game as an integral part of his game plan. Davis wanted touchdowns, and recognized that the most efficient way to get the ball down the field was the long pass. Davis acquired big-arm quarterbacks like Ken Stabler and Jim Plunkett and speedy receivers like Cliff Branch in order to assemble an offense that could score from anywhere on the field. In addition to serving the Raiders well for a long period of time, Davis' revolutionary game plan attracted more fans to the NFL. The excitement of the big plays Davis specialized in was what drew many in to the new game

of football.

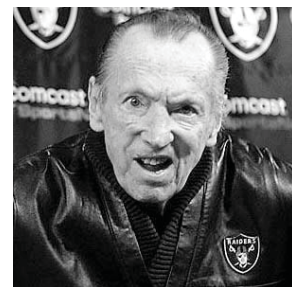
Davis was not only a visionary when it came to a game plan. He also played an important role in the diversification of the National Football League. Davis was the first owner to hire a Latino head coach, Tom Flores, and an African-American head coach, Art Shell. He was also the first to hire a female executive chief of a football team, Amy Trask. Davis was a pioneer who gave hope to men and women of all backgrounds who aspired to be a part of the National Football League.

Davis' trademark slogan was "Just Win Baby," and for a period of time, he did just that, winning three Super Bowls from 1976 to 1983. Davis and his "commitment to excellence" dominated the NFL with miraculous plays such as the "Holy Roller," during which an incompletion (incorrectly assumed to be a fumble), rolled fourteen yards into the end zone, where tight end Dave Casper fell on it to tie the game. Davis was also the commander of a formidable defense line, which included legends like Lester Hayes, Michael Haynes, Howie Long, Ted Hendricks, and Jack Tatum. Many considered Davis' style of defense to be dirty, but he continued to ride others' resentment all the way to Super Bowl championships.

Many fans of my generation, myself included, often forget the incredible things Davis did for the game of football, due to his controversial final fifteen years as owner of the Raiders. Davis

made many questionable decisions, such as trading Coach John Gruden to the Buccaneers. Gruden led the Buccaneers to the Super Bowl title, the same year he was traded. Davis was also criticized for his poor drafting. His most notable selection was quarterback JaMarcus Russell, who was selected as the first overall pick in 2007, but only lasted two years with the team. Additionally, Davis had a tendency to choose only the fastest players in the draft pool, rather than those with the skill sets to succeed in the NFL. Davis may well have overstayed his welcome in Oakland, but this was understandable for a man so committed to his craft.

Over the course of his career, Al Davis accomplished more than arguably any other individual associated with professional football, ushering nine former Oakland Raiders into the Professional Football Hall of Fame, and joining them there in 1992. Davis will forever be remembered by lovers of professional football as a man whose vision, and indomitable personality, changed the game forever.



Al Davis.

Courtesy of Big Soccer

New test has real ImPact

Sarah Mazza

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Beginning this year, all students who want to play a varsity sport must take the ImPact test. What is the ImPact test? It is a non-invasive computerized test, which evaluates one's attentiveness, memory, and word recognition abilities. Each athlete must take the test to establish a baseline, in the event that he or she needs to be screened for a concussion.

Athletic Director Pat Seligman had this to say about the importance of the ImPact test: "Concussions are a very serious injury. Harrison High School has decided to be proactive in this matter. The ImPact test is not mandated by the State but we as a district feel that it eventually will be, and when it is, we will be ahead of the game. This test was just recently made avail-

able to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. When we heard about it, we thought it would be a really great contribution to the athletic department."

The first part of the ImPact Test is comprised of twelve target words and twelve non-target words. For example, ice might be a target word, and snow the correlating non-target word. Athletes need to identify target words, and avoid being confused by the similar non-target words. The second part of the ImPact Test evaluates visual recognition memory, where students must recall various shapes and designs. The remaining components of the test measure students' reaction speed, processing speed and



Courtesy of Impact Test concentration.

Seligman shared, "I feel the ImPact Test is a very safe and accurate way to determine when an athlete can return to playing sports after being concussed. Before this test, determining whether a player could return to sports was a guessing game. The test helps us not only to treat athletes, but to ensure that when they return to their sports, they do so safely. The MRI and CT scans have proven to be generally insensitive in measuring the

subtle effects of concussion, so the ImPact Test is a real innovation." The ImPact test will also benefit the high school, in that supports the mission of the athletic department to provide athletes with the most advanced technology available.

Harrison High School sophomore, and varsity soccer starter Evann Specht is something of an expert on concussions, having been diagnosed with three. Evann was enthusiastic about the implementation of the ImPact test, stating "After my first concussion, my doctors couldn't really tell when I was ready to start playing again, so they left the decision up to me. With the ImPact test, we can get accurate results that will make sure players do not return to their sports too soon."

Swim team cruises to another winning season

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Although there hasn't been much attention on the Girls Swim Team, the team has still strived with a record of 7-2. Led by Coach Dearstyne and Assistant Coach Lavelle, the girls have had another successful season.

Even senior captain Shawn Caparelli agrees.

"We have such a small team," noted senior assistant captain Shawn Caparelli, "so going seven and two is very impressive."

Despite losing Holly Stefensen and Victoria McMullen, who were both very significant swimmers on the team last year, the team was able to rebound coming into the season. The team was able to surpass the win total from last year, and develop new chemistry within the team. With having twenty swimmers, ranging from seventh to twelfth grade, it was a challenge for Coach Dearstyne to organize the squad. Each swimmer was



The girls' swim team. Influential, especially freshman Sarah Hodes, and senior Haruka Maruo.

Shawn, and other captains Olivia Caparelli and Alyx Scaperotti, have been the driving force for the team and have been one of the main reasons for the success. Each of them have

Courtesy of Olivia Caparelli not only been part of the team for 6 years, but have also been captains since their junior year.

Not only has the team, but Coach Dearstyne, have been impressed.

"Shawn practices so hard to try to get better and better. She is a great leader, especially

for younger swimmers to look up to. Olivia is an excellent swimmer and worked very hard to get into states last year. Alyx has great leadership qualities and always works to the best of her ability. It's been an honor coaching such great athletes."

Maybe one of the biggest moments of the team this year for the team was facing up against Horace Greely, which was top ten in the state. Despite losing, the girls were able to grow from the experience and work even harder for the rest of the season.

As the season comes to a close, those who stay will need to step and work even harder for future success.

"The team is losing six seniors, with three of them being our captains," says Coach Dearstyne, "But we also have many recruits, which makes for a promising future. There's no doubt that the swim team is on the rise."

Seniors dominate Powderpuff contest

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Recently the Harrison Senior Girls defeated the Harrison Junior Girls in the annual Powderpuff Girls Football Game. In what was predicted to be a close match, the Senior Girls were led by strong performances from Izzy Sheck and Genesis Ericson. They blew out the Junior squad by a lopsided score of 36-6. The game, a true crowd pleaser, raised a tremendous amount of money for Breast Cancer awareness. In particular, it benefitted the Susan G. Komen foundation.



The juniors' team.

Photos courtesy of Christie Suozzo

This is the second win in a row by the Senior Girls as they defeated last year's Seniors in another nail-biting game. They followed that victory with this one.

In the first quarter the Seniors jumped out to an early lead with quick rushing touchdowns. The Juniors responded with strong passing plays, but were unable to convert them into scoring drives. This is mainly because of the strong defense spearheaded by Emma Shapiro. The Senior defensive line stifled the Juniors' running game. It was clear that the team had practiced hard before the game, as these Seniors came equipped with reverse running plays and unique passing plays. The coaching was also very strong on both sides of the

field.

By the third quarter, it was clear that the Seniors were going to win as they had expanded their lead and retained a constant defensive pressure on the Junior squad. The senior students on the sideline and in the stands were in a frenzy over the impending victory.

"Winning the past few years was fun," said senior Christie Nannariello.

"We practice hard, and played with heart," said an enthused Kimberly DiPliato. "It's a great opportunity for girls to prove that they can be just as tough as the guys."

While the senior girls may have won, it was a moral victory for both teams, as the girls entertained the crowd and helped



Members of the seniors' team.

in the fight against breast cancer.

It is clear that the game was a success that will be repeated year after year. Such success begs the question as to whether there should be additional Powderpuff contests. Perhaps a team of Harrison Senior and Junior girls could take on their rival counterparts at Rye High School. A game like that could truly raise a lot of money and attract a large crowd. Either way, this reporter had a great time at the game, and is expecting a great game next year as well.

Cheerleaders take sectionals!

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On November 12, 2011, Harrison's varsity cheerleading squad won first place in Sectionals. All their hard work paid off. The competition was tough, but they pulled it off.

"Winning section champs was a great way to start of the season," said sophomore Alex DelTufo. "This year competition season is going to be tougher than ever."

All week the team has been practicing to get ready for Sectionals. Practices are always a challenge because of the repetitive nature of the tasks involved. Cheerleaders are asked to do different stunts over and over again until they are done just right. Whether they realized it or not, the squad pushed itself toward this recent achievement.

"It was an amazing feeling," said junior Samantha Chiarella. "All week we worked so hard, and having to change the routine the morning before, we all were a little nervous going into it. But our hard worked paid off."

It was a real challenge at the Somers High School meet where the competition was held. The cheerleading team pushed itself to its limit. It is so difficult to get out on the mat in front of so many people, especially wanting to make Coach Rosa Acocella happy. It was also challenging to watch the performances of the other teams. There's a tendency to think each team is so much better than yours. This increases the anxiety. Perhaps you're so nervous you think that someone might laugh while you're performing the routine. In cheerleading, not everything is as easy as it seems.

From watching the team practicing, it becomes obvious how difficult their routine is. From doing acrobatic stunts to tons of tumbling, the entire routine involves teamwork and discipline. The cheerleaders push themselves hard and take satisfaction in knowing they always do their very best, a very good feeling.

Even though there were stunts that didn't hit at first, the team did its best to get back up. A bit of cheerleading knowledge: it's always better to recover from a stunt that you know you can do, than just marking it out and not doing it at all.

Even some of the parents were scared about the competition. They knew how hard their routine is this year and how many problems the team faced prior to performing their routine.

"It took a lot of work and effort leading up to the day, but we pulled it all together and had an amazing routine,"



Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

said sophomore Ashlee Milone. "We were all really proud of each other, but we still need to make changes for the upcoming competitions to make our routine even better."

The week before the competition, some people got hurt and were unable to practice as much as they would have liked to.

At the competition, everyone was nervous. When Harrison finished its routine, they sat there sitting and watching the other teams. It was a time of extreme nervousness.

When the awards started to get called, that's when everyone held hands and sat together. Again, it was nerve wracking just watching it. They called the second place winner, and finally they called the first place victors. They said, "Harrison," then everyone jumped up and starting screaming. Now the banner will go up in the gym and people will take notice of this notable achievement.

Girls' soccer breaks tradition with twin wins over Rye!

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If you attend Harrison High School, you know the school's biggest rival is Rye High School. In the past 12 years, the girls' varsity soccer team has lost to Rye on a regular basis, by scores that cover the full range of possibilities. This year though, things changed. This past year, the scores were flipped. The girls' soccer team pulled it together and crushed Rye on not one, but two separate occasions – in two outstanding games.

On Friday October 14, the Rye Garnets came to Harrison's grass field thinking that they had this game in hand. They were proved wrong. Both teams came at it full throttle and wanted this game badly. Harrison Girls Soccer seemed to stay calm during the craziness of the game. The team passed the ball accurately on the ground amongst teammates. Rye, on the other hand, seemed to not fully be with it. Finally Kate Faxon, number 20, rocked the ball long and hard into the air. The ball gracefully fell into the goal via the top right corner. The girls on the field and bench celebrated wildly, as this had not happened in 12 years. With Harrison in the lead, the Rye girls were not happy campers.

The next goal scored was by Izzy Sheck who had another



The girls' soccer team.

"Even though I was only cheering on the bench, it was one of the most exciting things to be a part of. Everyone played so well and the team with more heart won!"

The next game the varsity girls' soccer team played against Rye was on October 26. This game was held at Rye's turf field, under the lights. Rye was even more pumped this time, eager to avenge the loss a few weeks before, but Harrison's team was eager to win again. Coach Jon-Erik Zapalla got his girls pumped with one of his inspirational speeches. After this, the girls were ready for the challenge.

The game started with Rye scoring one goal. Angered but still wanting to win, the Harrison soccer team fought back with Izzy Sheck scoring a tying goal. The halftime score remained 1-1. For the second half, the Harrison girls managed to keep the ball on Rye's side of the field. Finally, following up after Rye's goalie fumbled the ball, Cassidy Cohen scored what would prove to be the winning goal.

"It was an amazing feeling to break the streak of always losing to them and it proved that the first game wasn't just lucky, said junior and team captain Kate Faxon. "We were actually better and the team played their hearts out!"

"We have made history," said senior Alexandra Misisco. "We beat Rye twice, which is something that no other girls' soccer team has done in over ten years. Just to top it off, we jumped in their brook, which had to be one of the best experiences of my life."

"Our biggest accomplishment this year was definitely beating Rye twice," said Coach Zapalla. "Our team was always

Courtesy of Alex Misisco made to be the underdogs and we always gave everything we got, every game, all season long."

The team is comprised of eleven seniors, nine juniors, and four sophomores.

With such a big graduating class, how will the soccer team reshape its formation and its starting line up?

"We are graduating eleven girls, and some of these girls are starters," Coach Jon-Erik Zapalla added. "But we have some young talent that I know will work hard in the off season to prepare and come back really strong for next year."

The captains this year were senior and four-year varsity goalkeeper Jackie Fonseca, senior and three-year varsity athlete Alexandra Misisco, three-year varsity player and senior Izzy Sheck, three-year varsity player and senior Nina Sarmiento, and three-year varsity player and junior Kate Faxon.

"The captains always got us ready and prepared for games," said sophomore varsity player Evann Specht. "They always knew exactly what to say to motivate us and were leaders on and off the field."

The team definitely had a very hard season, being in class A and having to face some of the most difficult opponents, including Rye, Byram Hills, Horace Greeley, and Fox Lane.

"The league games were definitely the hardest to play because they really mattered the most," said two-year varsity starter Paige Brabant. "We all knew that for the league games we had to really focus and have a really good warm-up to play our hearts out to try and win."

"We had an amazing season; it started off slow, but we

really picked up," said senior captain and three-year varsity starter Alexandra Misisco. "We won as a team and we lost as a team. I really couldn't have asked for a better season."

"Our assistant coach, Amanda Popoli, is awesome, always motivating us and trying to motivate us and help on our soccer skills," sophomore Rula Samad explained. "She supports us on everything that we do and we are very lucky to have her coaching us. Coach Amanda pushes us because she knows what we are capable of doing and always tries to prepare us for the next game. We are so lucky to have her coaching us and I don't know what the season would be like without her as an assistant coach."

The Harrison High School girls' varsity soccer team ended its season with a sad loss in the first round of sectionals to John Jay. The girls were placed at the fifteenth seed and had to play the second seed John Jay. The game started at John Jay, but due to terrible weather conditions that included snow and hail, the game had to be stopped at half-time. The snow finally started melting and the game resumed days later on Harrison's turf. The game was only supposed to be a forty-minute half, but ended up being much longer. After forty minutes, the game went into two ten-minute halves. When no one scored during that first overtime, it went into two additional five-minute halves. After the four overtimes, the game had to go into two rounds of penalty kick shootouts.

"Going into shootouts had to have been one of the hardest things," said Harrison High School varsity soccer player Paige Brabant.

It was in the penalty shootouts that the team succumbed to defeat and a long season full of worthwhile events came to an end.



Katie Rian lunges for a kick.
Courtesy of Melanie Singer

amazing shot on goal. When the game was over, the fans went wild.

"The Rye-Harrison game was so intense," said bench captain and senior Emily Chestler.

Huskies end season with satisfying win

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The Huskies ended their season on a high note, as they cruised to an impressive 42-27 victory over Gorton High School. While the win marks the end of a sometimes disappointing season, fans and even the players themselves feel proud of the many accomplishments this season also provided.

"Although we all would have liked the season to end better, we were happy that we can end it on a high note," says junior Christian Santamaria. "We just need to learn from our mistakes this year, and work on getting better for next year."

ered this to be a rebuilding year for the Huskies, the underclassmen have stepped up and proven themselves to not only make an impact, but win starting jobs. In the various camps, such as the New Rochelle Football Camp, the Huskies were able to build chemistry as well as develop as a team.

"Camp is one of the most important parts of the season," says senior and captain Alex Beckett. "It gives us an opportunity to learn the playbook and it also gives the coaches a chance to make up roster spots and starting lineups."

ground, the Huskies would fall to the Panthers by the score of 27-14.

But the Huskies would rebound, and in a big way.

The Huskies next opponent would be the Roosevelt Indians, which lost their prior game with Harrison by a tally of 50-6. Despite being favorites, the Huskies still played strong, scoring 34 in the first and 21 in the second quarter. The Huskies wouldn't look back, maintaining their lead and ultimately winning big with a score of 55-0.

Kevin Vendola was satisfied with the victory saying, "It

make the playoffs, the Huskies came up with a must needed win over Horace Greeley, 42-7, and with some help, gained a spot in the playoffs.

With a rematch of the first game, the Huskies matched up against Poughkeepsie. Despite a strong effort, the Huskies came up short, losing 42-6.

"It's one of the worst things to experience, knowing that the season is done," says Credendino. "But overall, I was proud of this team and was impressed with the performance. We definitely learned more about each other and set ourselves up for a



The team prepares to run the next play.

Courtesy of Thomas Lovinger

Despite losing over half of their starters from last year, the Varsity football team seemed in stride as they rolled over Lakeland in a commanding 28-7 win for their first game of the season. Although it marked the third consecutive year that the Huskies opened their season with a win, it also showed fans the new breed of Huskies, consisting mostly of sophomores and juniors.

"I was really impressed with everyone," says third year starter Charlie Credendino. "It was a team effort, with the seniors leading the way and the underclassmen hustling every play. It was a perfect start."

The Huskies lost more than just the State Championship game last year, also losing many key starters such as Tanner Knox, Steve Ricciardi, Duke Alvora and Brandon Bonistall. Although many students consid-

The ready and rejuvenated squad opened the season at home against Lakeland. The Huskies took an early lead in the first half, scoring 28 unanswered points. The Huskies' tough offensive line led by Charlie Credendino led the way for running backs Mike Amacucci and Jake Marino. On the defensive side, the Huskies' Robert Waldman suppressed the Lakeland wideouts with numerous tipped passes, along with his fumble recovery for a touchdown, while Alex Beckett took care of the running game along with his fellow linebacker Tom Lovinger.

The Huskies would then start off their two-game road trip by traveling to Poughkeepsie. Last year the Huskies would come out victorious, winning 42-27, but this game would end up differently for the Huskies. After giving up 226 yards on the

was a major win for us. After a tough loss, we knew that we not only had to win, but win big. Also our second and third teams were able to get a lot of playing time, which was key for us."

The Huskies would return home to face John Jay, a rematch of the Class A Quarterfinals. Although the Huskies won 17-13 last year, John Jay would come out on top this year, winning 27-24 in overtime.

But the Huskies were able once again to rebound with a win, cruising to a 31-0 victory over Ossining. Despite the big win, the Huskies would follow that up with a loss to arch-rivals Rye.

"It hurts," said junior Mike Menache. "We practiced so hard and spent so much time trying to be perfect for that one game. Although we lost, we now have even more to play for next year."

In jeopardy of failing to

better season next year."

Despite the loss, fans have much to look forward to in 2012. With last year's team being arguably one of Harrison's greatest, many saw this year as a time for rebuilding. Still, the Huskies were able to make the playoffs and also had many huge wins throughout the season. Although the team will lose several key starters next year, the team will continue to grow and get better.

"We still have a lot of current freshman and sophomores who are getting bigger and better," says Tom Lovinger. "We don't want to be too optimistic, but we'll have a great running game and a strong secondary. Next year looks promising, but with hard work and determination, we'll be able to overcome any challenge we face."