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## A Husky Herald Exclusive Interview: Dr. Condaleezza Rice

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Recently, *The Husky Herald* (HH) was granted an exclusive interview with former Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice (CR). Rice earned her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Denver, got her master's from the University of Notre Dame, and received her Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver in 1981. Shortly after, she joined Stanford University as a political science professor. In 1993, she became the first African-American woman provost at Stanford.

In the mid-1980s, Rice spent time in Washington as an international affairs fellow attached to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1989, she became director of Soviet and East European affairs with the National Security Council and special assistant to President Bush during the dissolution of the Soviet Union and German reunification. In 1987, she served on the federal advisory committee on Gender Integrated Training in the Military. She was appointed National Security Adviser by George W. Bush in 2001, and became Secretary of State in 2005 after Colin Powell's resignation. She also is a concert level pianist, having received music training from her mother, a music teacher.

**HH:** Recently, we were surprised to learn that you are a big fan of Led Zeppelin. Are there any other hobbies or interests that people may not know about you?

**CR:** I think my musical interests are eclectic, because it's not just Led Zeppelin, but also Cream, and I like Earth Wind and Fire. I like a lot of different types of music, though I can only play one kind, which is classical. Music is a big hobby of mine; I play with a chamber music group and then also play sports. I also love sports -- anything with a score a score at the end... and I am learning to play golf.

**"...I started my interest in politics as an observer; I never expected to be going into it."**

**HH:** How is your golf game going?

**CR:** Like everyone's, one day it's good, and one day it's not. I have only

been playing for a short time. I think I am playing pretty well for only three and a half years.

**HH:** It is known you're a big fan of the National Football League. Why is that and what's your favorite team?



The former U.S. Secretary of State, Dr. Condoleezza Rice. Courtesy of Dominique Cuce

**CR:** Yes, I'm a huge NFL fan. The Cleveland Browns are my favorite team, not because I ever lived in Cleveland, but because when I was a little girl growing up in Birmingham (Alabama), Birmingham didn't have an NFL team. The team we saw most on TV was Cleveland, because those were the days of Jim Brown, the great running back.

**HH:** You grew up during an era of segregation in the South. How did those experiences affect you?

**CR:** I was lucky that I had parents and a community that didn't let

segregation really get in our way. We were told we could achieve anything we wanted to. But of course, particularly in 1963, when it was very violent, and when my classmate was killed in the Church bombing in September of that year, it was a very devastating time. [Editor's Note: Rice's 11-year old

classmate, Denise McNair, was killed in the bombing of a nearby church by white supremacists.] It was difficult for parents to tell their kids that they couldn't go into the restroom because you were black. But, somehow my parents, to whom I owe so much, were able to convince me that even though I couldn't have a hamburger at Woolworth's, I could be the president if I wanted.

**HH:** Did those experiences prompt your interest in politics?

**CR:** I went to college to be a music major, then I got interested in

international relations as a graduate student. I was interested in how the

**"...I thought I would see a black President, but I thought I might be 85 when it happened."**

government practiced international politics. Then I met Brent Scowcroft, the National Security Advisor (under President Gerald Ford), and he asked me to come to Washington. So I started my interest in politics as an observer; I never expected to be going into it.

**HH:** What does an African-American President mean to you?

**CR:** It means that America is finally coming together to heal a historical wound. It means that the country can do anything and I think it's terrific, it's amazing. I thought I would see a black president, but I thought I might be 85 when it happened.

**HH:** Dr. Rice, growing up, who were your female role models?

**CR:** I had lots of role models, but my parents and my family were big roles models -- I was very close to my family. Also, I loved people like Billie Jean King, who broke a lot of barriers for women. I thought she was just incredible, and like every little girl, I looked up to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

**HH:** At one point you were a Democrat -- why change?

**CR:** Because of foreign policy -- I didn't like the Carter administration's foreign policy. I thought they were soft on the Soviet Union, and I liked Ronald Reagan's more aggressive approach toward the Soviet Union.

**HH:** What was your typical day like as Secretary of State?

**CR:** I would get up at 4:30 in the morning to exercise. I got to my office at about 6:30 -- I would read the morning cables that had come over every night, read the Intelligence reports. Sometimes they had an intelligence "briefer" that would come and visit with me. I had a staff meeting at 8:00 a.m. Most days I was either receiving foreign leaders or helping the President do that

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# Dr. Rice Speaks Her Mind

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at the White House and also holding meetings with other principles of the NSC (National Security Council), like the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Treasury -- so it was pretty much meetings all day. Sometimes I was involved in ceremonial affairs. I was the person who swore in ambassadors whenever I could. The State Department is a big organization; it has about 55,000 people worldwide, so I spent a lot of time doing a lot of interesting things (within the State Department).

**"...mostly we tried to do the right thing; we kept this country safe..."**

**HH:** What would you say was the hardest part of your job as Secretary of State?

**CR:** Well, the best part of the job was representing this country, which is a great country, but some of the issues you deal with are very difficult -- like the war in Lebanon. To see people being killed, but you can't stop the war on conditions that would be favorable to Hezbollah (a terrorist organization). It's a very, very difficult job because of the issues.

**HH:** Looking back on your service, are there things you would have done differently as Secretary of State?

**CR:** Sure, there were many, but I am a big believer in letting history judge. There are probably a lot of things I would have done differently,

didn't do all of it perfectly, but we tried to bring a Palestinian state. I would be less Baghdad-centered in the way that we tried to rebuild Iraq, and do more out in the providences. I think that we should have tried to build Palestinian institutions earlier, so a state could have come to be.



Editor Dominique Cuce with Dr. Rice.

Courtesy of Frank Cuce

but mostly we tried to do the right thing, we kept this country safe and I think we liberated about 50 million people in Afghanistan and Iraq. We probably

**HH:** What do you miss most about the job?

**CR:** My colleagues and friends at the State Department, the President, Steve Hadley and Josh Bolten. I loved doing the diplomacy, but I really don't miss the job -- it's time to move on.

**HH:** What do you consider to have been your main accomplishments?

**CR:** Getting the democracy agenda launched in the Middle East, for one, and improving relations with India dramatically and with China. You were not supposed to improve relations with China, India, Japan, and South Korea all at once -- I think we did that. I think we managed to keep the country safe after September 11 and that was one of my principal goals.

**HH:** Speaking about September 11, 2001 -- what do you believe are the lessons of that day?

**CR:** I think the country didn't realize that there were people as evil as Al-Qaeda, who were able to infiltrate this country and use our openness against us. So the lesson is be vigilant because we have to be right one hundred percent of the time -- they only

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have to be right once.

**HH:** Do you think the world is a safer place after our going into Iraq?

**CR:** I do. You have to remember that history has a long arch, and that the Middle East couldn't stay the way it was, and have this country be safe. Now, it will obviously take time, but you can't take snapshots of history, you have to let history unfold. And I do believe that when Iraq emerges, and I think it will, as a more democratic friend of the United States, then we will be safe.

**HH:** How do you think President George W. Bush will be judged by history?

**CR:** I think he will be judged well, but as I said, you can't make those judgments three months after an administration (leaves). History really does take a long arch -- nobody would have thought that, in 1980, the Soviet Union would no longer exist eleven years later. So I don't think it's wise to try and make those judgments too early.

**HH:** What is your position today at Stanford University and what are your plans for the future?

**CR:** I'm a professor at Stanford. I'm going to teach, going to write, do some speaking and I'm working a lot on K-12 education. I believe that this country has to improve the educational opportunities for children, particularly unprivileged kids, if we're going to continue to compete and continue to be able to lead. I was lucky -- I had parents who were educators and gave me the very best education. I hope that we can do that for a lot of kids.

**HH:** Finally, what advice would you give to students considering going into politics or public service?

**CR:** I would say, don't think about it exactly that way -- I would say think about it first of all as finding what you're passionate about. I found my passion in studying Russia and that led to all kinds of other things. I was never a great long term planner and I am not very much a believer in long term plans.

You have to find what you are passionate about, then you need to find opportunities to practice that passion, whether you go to school to do it, or you teach, or you go and work on the Hill, or you work on a campaign -- there are a lot of ways to tackle your passion about politics, but you'd better find out what you're really good at doing and what you love to do first. That's the most important thing.



Former Secy of State Rice in action.

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# Marriccini Wins Miss Italia U.S.A

Sam Goldman

Staff Writer

For those who haven't already read about it in local papers like The Journal News and The Harrison Report, Harrison's own Christina Marriccini has won the Miss Italia U.S.A competition. The irony behind her winning this national competition is that it was only because her Italian teacher, Ms. Conte, encouraged her to try out for it that she even considered entering. Unsure of the qualifications for the competition – or pretty much any information about the pageant – senior Christina Marriccini decided to give it a shot. Surprisingly, she won the statewide competition, being named Miss Italia of New York.

With very little expectations of what would become of this, Christi felt uncertain and surprised. She was then asked to compete against all the other state representatives for the title of Miss Italia U.S.A. This competition was held on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. It was a week-long cruise, where all contestants were scrutinized and analyzed. Out of all fifty state contestants, Christina won the competition and was crowned Miss Italia U.S.A.

After having won the national United States competition, Christi now looks to advance as Miss Italia U.S.A for the world competition which is held in Italy. Christi will travel this June to Jesolo, Venice, where she will compete against 49 other contestants, all winners of their respective national competitions. The winner will be crowned "Miss Italia nel Mondo 2009" (Miss Italy of the World).

After entering this competition on a whim, Christi certainly never expected to advance this far. "I really had no clue where I stood in terms of the other competitors in the contest," Christi said. From what Christi explained, it was an unusual experience. She was not used to this type of setting, it being her first time in any sort of competition of this nature. Still, Christina has learned and made prog-

ress with each new level of the contest.

"I'm just taking it one step at a time," said Christi, "and I'm picking it up as I go."

The Miss Italia contest awards prizes to contestants of Italian lineage. The rules and regulations for the contest are pretty basic: a contestant must be a current resident of the country, she must be of Italian origin, and she must be a minimum of 17 years old and a maximum of 26 years old. The contestant must never have appeared, portrayed, or been featured in any way in any pornographic or adult film, plays or shows of any kind, and she must be of a female gender since birth.

Since 1987, the contest has

been broadcast live on television. As of 1990 the chest, waist, and hip measurements of the contestants are no longer judged, and in 1994 the contest was opened to married women and mothers. Several of the Miss Italia nel Mondo winners have gone on to achieve success in film and the entertainment industry (most notably Sophia Loren).

Marraccini is an accomplished student athlete, is a member of The Italian Club, and takes part in many other school activities. She will attend Lehigh University in the fall.

As Christina travels to Venice to compete for the crown as Miss Italia of the World, she has made it clear that none of this could have happened without the help of Ms. Conte. "She is the reason for all this," Christina said. When asked how she felt about potentially becoming the Miss Italia nel Mondo 2009, Christi said, "I didn't think I was going to make it as far as I have. I have no idea what to expect, but I am very grateful for making it this far."



Christina Marriccini is crowned Miss Italia.

Courtesy of misscontest.com

# New Teacher Feature: Ms. Voss

Emma Glass

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For this installment of the New Teacher Feature, the Husky Herald (HH) sat down with Ms. Rachel Voss (RV), of the English Language Arts Department. Read on to learn more about Ms. Voss:

**HH:** Where have you taught before coming to Harrison?

**RV:** I taught in Mamaroneck High School last year and I student taught in Scarsdale before that.

**HH:** What encouraged you to become an English teacher?

**RV:** I had a wonderful high school English teacher my junior year. I think that really encouraged me. Also, my mother is an ESL teacher and that helped me make my decision. I was also an English major in college.

**HH:** Was English your favorite subject as a teenager?

**RV:** [Laughs] Yes. The boring answer is yes.

**HH:** How did you find Harrison High School?

**RV:** The old-fashioned way -- there were advertisements for school jobs in newspapers and on the internet. There was an ad in the New York Times.

**HH:** Where did you grow up?

**RV:** I grew up on Long Island, in a town called Hicksville. The joke on Long Island is that everything is 15 minutes away from everything, but I guess that is what it is like in Lower Westchester too.

**HH:** What was high school like for you?

**RV:** [Laughs] I was counting down until I went away to college! High school was spending time with friends, enjoying music; I played the piano.

**HH:** Do you still play the piano?

**RV:** Well, not as much as I would like to, it's kind of sad. The funny thing is that everyone in my life is involved with music, both my family and friends. [Laughs] I don't even have a piano; we have this old keyboard.



Ms. Voss leading the way.

**HH:** Do you have any sugges-

books. She taught AP Literature actually. AP Language and Composition was a smaller section and if a school was to have only one, it would be AP Literature. I would have liked to have taken AP Language and Composition, though.

**HH:** Do you have any sugges-

of grammar. Even a magazine blurb! Reading is really important to writing well.

**HH:** What is your favorite book and why?

**RV:** My favorite book is *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville because it is really a book about everything. It is kind of what happens when we are faced with the apocalypse.

**HH:** Never having read *Moby Dick*, I thought it was about a fisherman and a whale.

**RV:** It is about a whale, but it is a lot more than just a whale. (Does that sound clichéd?) There are entire chapters where he writes about the science or biology of whales. But at the end, when Ahab is faced with the whale, all that is left is wreckage, kind of like an apocalypse.

**HH:** What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

**RV:** Since everyone in my life is a musician, I am often at music events on the weekends. My best friend is an opera singer and my boyfriend and my brother are in a band. I also love reading, going to museums, hanging out with friends, cooking and eating. [Pause] Especially eating.

**HH:** So what's your favorite food?

**RV:** I actually have been really into Korean food; I just went to a Korean restaurant in Astoria.

**HH:** Are you enjoying your time at the high school?

**RV:** I am enjoying my time so far, yes! I look forward to working with my colleagues and just developing the English program here with them.

tions or words of encouragement for students who may struggle in an English class?

**RV:** Read as much as possible! Read newspapers, read magazines. The more you read, the more you will understand the fundamental aspects



# Two Teams, One Envirothon!

Danielle Hurvitz and Alison Nathanson  
Guest Writers

The primary goal of the Envirothon is to learn about the natural environment we live in so as to be better stewards of the land in the years to come. In preparation for the event, students develop research skills, practice team building, and gain an appreciation for consensus decision making.

On Thursday April 2, 2009, eleven AP Environmental Science students traveled to Fishkill, NY, to compete in the 2009 Hudson Valley Envirothon. There, the students competed with other schools in teams of five in order to win scholarships and awards. According to the rules of the competition,



Alison Nathanson and Danielle Hurvitz.

each five-member team of high school students works together to compete on their knowledge of five environmental topics.

The first team, Team 29, consisted of Danielle Hurvitz, Alison Nathanson, Mario Alciati, Caitlin Occhipinti and Renee Micheli, with Ms. Josie Cain as their faculty advisor. The second team to enter, Team 28, was made up of Joey Hendler, Sasha Tharani, Ilana Lombardo, Julia Conyers and Max Jaffe, with Ms. Nancy O'Reilly as their faculty advisor. Violet Santelia was entered as an alternate and competed in the team "owls" with other alternates from other schools.

Each team participated in five different environmental categories: Soils/Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife and an Oral Presentation on a current environmental issue. Teams chose environmental

issues occurring in neighboring towns. Our Harrison teams wowed the judges with presentations on the Rye Marshlands Conservancy and the Mamaroneck Harbor.

The Envirothon is a challenging competition. Once a team is selected as county winners, they progress onto states. Once a team is chosen as State Envirothon Champions, its members become New York State's representatives at the Canon National Envirothon,

which takes place in August. New York State teams have placed in the top ten teams at national competitions since the first NYS Envirothon was held in 1990.

This is the first year that Harrison has participated in the Envirothon; and the school intends to return next year. Both Harrison teams placed in the competition -- out of 42 teams, Harrison's Team 29 placed nineteenth, and Team 28 placed thirty-sixth.



Julia Conyers, Sasha Tharani, Ilana Lombardo, and Violet Santelia en route on the day of the competition.



Eager environmental science team hopeful for Envirothon success.  
All photos courtesy of Danielle Hurvitz

## Curtains Up on New Theater Program

Judy Florio

Staff Writer

Mrs. Nina Mansfield, a new teacher in the English Language Arts department, has promised big changes and new additions ahead for Harrison High's burgeoning drama department. Mrs. Mansfield's love for theater began when she was no older than four years old, when she saw her first play. Mansfield knew even then that she wanted to pursue a life in theater, possibly as her career. Mrs. Mansfield majored in theater and sociology while she was attending Vanderbilt College, a school which had a small theater department, and then followed this by attending graduate school at New York University.

Mrs. Mansfield knew that being a successful actress would not be an easy career to pursue. "It takes a lot of luck and hard work to succeed as an actress," she said. Still, she realized that there were plenty of other options that didn't involve acting on the stage, most of them just as fulfilling. In addition to teaching, Mrs. Mansfield is now directing locally and writing her own plays.

Mansfield spent years working in the theater business, where she acted in many Off-Off-Broadway productions, in dinner theater shows, and in several independent feature films. She also appeared as an extra in the

well-known movies "Shaft" and "Mona Lisa Smiles."

The business is tricky, and unfortunately success often stems from who you know rather than who you are. Add to that equation the fact that there are thousands upon thousands of talented men and women looking for work in the industry, and the odds of success seem even slimmer. It's good to recognize early that talent alone cannot always get you to the top. Mrs. Mansfield taught theater at the Bronx Theater High School before coming to Harrison.

The class that Mrs. Mansfield will be teaching next year is still in development, but the goal of the high school's new theater program is to give students a very broad view of theater, one that explores far beyond the surface. The class will touch upon

things such as acting, design and production, playwriting, along with a rigorous dose of theater history. For example, one activity to be used during the class next year might be "Commedia Del'Arte," an ancient Italian comedy improvisational art form that involves working with masks.

Students participating in the new drama class will take part in activities such as storytelling, and will also be writing original plays. A goal of the course is for students to be able to showcase their own creativity through the writing of plays, along with being given the opportunity to perform them in front of peers. During the spring of next year, there will be a night where students will perform original works not only for their classmates, but also

for advisers, parents, and friends not involved with the class. The showcase night will most likely be presented in the HPAC and will be open to the general public. Students will perform skits, short stories, and any other original work concocted in relation to the course.

Along with the new drama class that will be offered next year, Mrs. Mansfield will be directing a fall play. Although currently undecided as to what that play might, Mrs. Mansfield is leaning toward something modern and new, rather than say a Shakespeare classic. Interested students can audition in the fall -- whether you have prior acting experience or not. The drama will be performed on the weekend of November 20, 2009, and again, will be open to anyone.

The drama class being offered next year also is open to anyone, and is a place to work on interests regarding any aspect of theater. Mrs. Mansfield stressed the fact that this class is not just for actors, and vows to make the class worthwhile in exploring all aspects of theater, including some that often get overlooked.



Mrs. Mansfield reading yet another play.  
Courtesy of Marissa DeCarlo

# HHS Business Students Visit World's Largest Trading Floor

Jess Chestler

Guest Writer

Even though the nation is in the midst of a financial crisis, one of the world's most elite financial companies, UBS, has managed to stay strong. UBS remains one of the world's leading financial firms, serving a discerning international client base. It is a leading global wealth manager, an investment banking and securities firm, and one of the largest global asset managers. With headquarters in Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, UBS operates in over fifty countries and employs more than 75,000 people worldwide. Through smart management, UBS has avoided falling in with several of the world's failing banking institutions. Recently, the business classes at HHS were fortunate enough to go on an incredible trip to

With the business and economic classes loaded on the buses, there was happy chatter about the prospect of missing a day in school. Little did the students realize that the day would turn out to be so much more. Those at UBS were going to introduce them to an intriguing world of finance and possible future career paths. Robert Wolf, the Chief Executive Officer of UBS America, as well as the company's president, immediately awed the students with the company's large meeting room, where an array of beverages and technological supplies awaited.

Rather than sitting around joking, everyone was captivated by the speakers which included Robert Wolf and three other top UBS leaders including a trader, an executive technologist, and a female executive. This provided a view of many different angles of the company, showing the students that anything is attainable, regardless of race, gender, background, and ethnicity – it's all about smarts!

Today's UBS took shape in the course of the 1990s through a series of mergers and acquisitions. These initiatives transformed a predominantly Swiss business into a top-ranking global institution. In June 1998, Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corporation

(SBC) completed the merger announced six months previously. Just two years later, UBS acquired the U.S. brokerage firm PaineWebber, greatly increasing the size and scope of its business, and increased the firm's U.S. footprint, which had previously been modest or marginal. Then the new firm set the seal on these achievements by proclaiming a single brand.

After hearing from the UBS speakers, the gathering from HHS was lucky enough to get to stroll out on the catwalk and see the world's largest trading floor in action. It was incredible to see every trader working on at least three separate computer screens at once, trading with people globally every second. Robert Wolf was kind enough to make time and provide an amazing tour of his miraculous workplace. Students were duly impressed.

Randi Cohen, a senior at Harrison High School (who will be attending Washington University in St. Louis this fall) said, "It was amazing to see

how much they do in a matter of minutes. We only were at the floor for a few minutes, and we saw millions of dollars flowing through the screens! I'm majoring in business next year,



Mr. Santo, Mrs. Frawley, and Mr. Haley accompany the students.

and must say this was a very nice eye opener as well as scare tactic!"

Chaperones Mr. Joe Santo, Mrs. Diane Frawley, Mr. Paul Haley, and Mr. Dom Zanol all paid avid attention to the intensity of the trading floor as well. Thoughts were compared when the day was done. The consensus was that Harrison's trip to UBS was not only educational, but also inspirational. Many students plan on entering the business field, and after this trip, those in attendance were all walking with their heads high, setting goals on one day joining the ranks of those who were busy on the trading floors.

Photos courtesy of Ms. Kathy Barbagallo



Potential career choices captivate visiting HHS business students.

UBS's largest trading floor in Stamford, Connecticut.

## Debate Team on the Horizon

Judy Florio

Staff Writer

Mr. Chetan Hertzig, Harrison High's new ninth grade global and senior economics and government teacher, has big plans in store for the upcoming debate team. Mr. Hertzig attended Brandeis University, then went on to Boston College for law school, and then to Columbia University for his master's degree. Hertzig has always had an interest in law, and although he constantly toyed with the idea of teaching, he knew that it was very possible he could end up as a lawyer. During law school, Hertzig worked at a district attorney's office, and realized then that he did not want to take the bar, but wanted to pursue a career in teaching instead.

Although he did not become a lawyer, Mr. Hertzig did not give up his love for debate and the law, and has coached debate teams for eleven years now, and is not planning on stopping any time soon. Mr. Hertzig has coached teams in Massachusetts, such as Lexington High School and Sacred Heart, along with other smaller teams along the way. Mr. Hertzig is thrilled to bring a debate team to Harrison, a school that has not fielded such a team in years.

The debate team is not a club to join if the participant is looking merely to bulk up their résumé. "It's going to take a lot of work to make a team that will be ready to go against other schools in competition, but don't be intimidated!" said Mr. Hertzig. "The team is something you must want to do, and if so, it can be life changing."

Mr. Hertzig knows. After competing and coaching debate teams for a large portion of his life, he said the process has completely altered the way he thinks. Overall, he noted, it makes communication come easier for those involved. The debate team improves skills such as speaking in front of peers, which would most certainly help with presentations in front of

classes. Mr. Hertzig stressed the fact that the team also will help prepare students for law school, and for any college that they will be attending, even if not related to law.

Next year's debate team will vie in several competitions. There are local competitions, which typically run for a day long, regional competitions, which last two days, and national competitions which generally last three days. Local tournaments take place at high schools around the county, such as Byram Hills High School and Scarsdale High School. Regional competitions are held at various locations throughout New York and Massachusetts. National competitions take place at prestigious university campuses,

such as Yale Law School or Harvard Law School.

Competitions are formatted with one-on-one events. There are two competitors and a judge. Judges are usually alumni from past debate teams, college students, or teachers. Within the competitions, there are different rounds that you advance to upon winning previous rounds. Preliminary rounds are called prelims, and there are five or six of these. For each round won, the competitor banks a certain number of points. If enough points are earned, you move on to more advanced elimination rounds. Prizes follow the advancement to further rounds.

When asked for details regarding the upcoming HHS debate team, Mr. Hertzig explained that there will be no try outs, but rather that the team is open to anyone who is willing to make a weekly time commitment and put in the effort. The team is not sure yet what day they will be having their weekly meetings, but that decision will be forthcoming early in the next school year.



Mr. Hertzig making a point.

Courtesy of Marissa DeCarlo



# Ms. Tracy Talks Annual Art Auction

Marissa DeCarlo

Photo Editor

Ms. Tracy Gilman and The Art Club held the third annual *Creative Art Project Auction and Exhibition* at the end of March. At the event, several works by talented art students of Harrison High School were put up for bidding. The Husky Herald (HH) was able to get an interview with Ms. Tracy (TG) to get the inside scoop on this event.

**HH: Why did you start holding the art auction?**

**TG:** The Creative Art Project Auction and Exhibition came about after Aida Krgin, a resident and friend of then student, Alexander Fitzgerald, expressed an interest in working with The HHS Art Club to exhibit the artwork of Harrison High School students. At the time The Art Club was beginning to sponsor new exhibition opportunities for the students of the high school and jumped at the chance to work with Mrs. Krgin. At the time, The Art Club was developing new fundraising opportunities so, after brainstorming with Mrs. Krgin, The Creative Art Project Auction and Exhibition was born.

**HH: Were you happy with the outcome this year?**

**TG:** I'm always happy with the outcome of the event. I feel very proud of my students when I see the artwork presented in a formal gallery setting. It places the artwork in a professional context. In addition, I enjoy meeting the parents and witnessing the joy and pride they feel when they see their

child's art on the walls. As far as fundraising, anytime we are able to raise money it helps fund Art Club activities, so whether it's \$100



A painting by student Eddie Saviano.



A photograph of "Punts" by student Lauren Warshauer.



A blockprint by student Jenn Martins.

or \$1,000, it's all good -- but of course the more the merrier.

**HH: What is the money used for?**

**TG:** The monies raised by the auction and the other fundraising activities support The Art Club directly. Two years ago The Art Club began awarding two scholarships, one for a graduating senior, the other for a junior. The Senior Art Achievement Award is presented to any

senior art student who has pursued advanced sequential art courses and has been an active member in the Art Department and The Art Club. The Summer Art Scholarship is a need based award, given to an Art Club member who is a junior participating in a summer art program. The Art Club also uses the money to pay for the publication of the catalogue, refreshments, and snacks, and any equipment the club feels is necessary. For instance, last year the club set aside monies to purchase a digital camera the members of the club could use.

**HH: How much was raised this year?**

**TG:** We are still sorting through all the auction bid sheets and raffle sales, but I'm guessing that we rose a little bit over \$1,000. Not bad, huh! I do want to point out that every year there is an artwork that captures the interest of a number of attendees, thus sparking a bidding war. The first year of the event, it was Susan Sender's Yankees Baseball ceramic jar; last year it was Angelina Gomez's ceramic Calla Lily wall tiles; and this year it was Annie Tobin-Kreiser's ceramic Husky Puppy Bank. Nicole Krgin was the lucky winner, who outbid Sophia Monti, Arthur Gilman, and Doreen Grossman.

**HH: Would you like to make this a yearly event?**

**TG:** It already is a yearly event. The Creative Art Project 2009 was our third annual Auction and Exhibition at the Krgin Gallery.

**HH: Who were some of the kids featured in it?**

**TG:** This year's exhibiting seniors included Cristina Alves, John Benas, Alex Jones, Gina LaPick, Danny Lauro, Alex Lee, Vincent Lovallo, Jennifer Martins, Lorena Salaverria, Eddie Saviano, Jessica Silano, and Jaewon Song. Other students exhibiting work were: Kawai Aoki, Vivian Ayala, Gianna Bruno, Jessica Cysner, Justin Dobrenis, Maia Dolphin-Krute, Aleri Doshi, Mitsumi Hasebe, Yuri Hosada, Noemi Kapusi, Mana Kuwagata, Alyssa Loffredo, Ilana Lombardo, Anne Lysonski, Jennifer Macchia, Max Magee, and Zuri Marin.

## Ms. Tracy Wins 2009 Arts Award for Education

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Photo Editor

Ms. Tracy Gilman was recently presented with the 2009 Arts Award for Education by ArtsWestchester, the largest, private, not-for-profit arts council in New York State. The award is presented each year to an artist or individual, group, school district or organization who, through extraordinary vision and leadership, has enriched arts education in Westchester. The Arts Awards have been presented annually for over 32 years to recognize those individuals, artists, and arts organizations that have made significant contributions to the arts and the community.

Ms. Tracy Gilman's 2009 Arts Award was also accompanied with proclamations from both the New York State Senate and the Westchester

County Board of Legislature officially declaring April 3rd as "Tracy Gilman Day." Ms. Tracy Gilman was delighted and honored to receive such a prestigious award.

This education award was given in part for co-coordinating and co-curating (along with award winner Grace Powers Fraioli of New Rochelle High School) "Feats of Clay," the K-12 Student Exhibition component of "All Fired Up!" a Westchester County Celebration of Clay in the Fall of 2008. Their goal with "Feats of Clay" was to provide a professional exhibition space that would bring the work of young ceramic artists to the attention of the public.

"Feats of Clay" included ceramic art works from 305 students from 24

schools, working with 29 teachers. In addition to coordinating and curating the exhibit, the two award winners published a catalogue, presented awards and scholarships, organized a series of Teacher Forums to encourage teacher participation, as well as set up special receptions for the artists, their families, friends and teachers.

"Making it happen was a tremendous challenge," said Ms. Tracy. "Acknowledging and promoting the tremendous talent that exists in our schools was gratifying in ways that I cannot even fully express."



Ms. Tracy Gilman, whose official day was April 3.  
Courtesy of Ms. Tracy Gilman



Emily Singer

News Editor

In 1933, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the thirty-second President of the United States. The country was in an economic depression that seemed to get worse as time went on, and everyone was counting on the new President to turn the U.S. in the right direction.

FDR knew that he needed to take immediate action in order to save the country, and he promised to do so in a hundred days. Between January 20 and May 1, dozens of laws, acts, and recovery plans were passed to revive the economy. The new President followed through with his promise, and every President after Roosevelt has been complimented, criticized, and remembered for what he did in his first hundred days as President of the United States.

President Barack Obama was inaugurated in a time of economic and foreign crisis. Similarly to FDR, people in the United States as well as all over the world are counting on him for drastic change and improvement. Just as the twelve Presidents before him, the future of Obama's presidency will be foreshadowed in his first hundred days. Here is a brief recap of what has gone on:

Just two days after his inauguration, President Obama signed an executive order to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center within the year. He also banned torture and other coercive tactics such as "waterboarding" during interrogations. Prisoners' trials were put on hold, and it was later decided that suspected terrorists were to be judged based on international law.

On January 29, the president signed his first bill – the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. The act is designed to ensure equal pay, regardless of gender, age, or ethnicity.

Several days later, President Obama authorized a bill to reauthorize and expand the Children's Health Insurance Program so that it would reach approximately eleven million children, compared to the previous seven million children. At the same time, the president announced that companies aided by federal bailout money cannot pay executives more than \$500,000.

On February 17, President Obama signed into effect a \$787 billion economic stimulus plan. The plan will create millions of jobs while creating infrastructure and renewable energy

projects. The stimulus also includes plans for tax breaks and unemployment benefits. A website was founded to accompany the stimulus plan ([www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)) that allows people to see what the stimulus money is being used for and how it will affect them.

On that same day, Barack Obama approved the deployment of 17,000 more soldiers into Afghanistan. Ten days later, he discussed his plans to withdraw soldiers from Iraq. Obama is determined to remove all U.S. forces and combat brigades from Iraq by the end of 2011.

On March 9, President Obama overturned a limit on federal funding for stem cell research. Stem cell research is extremely controversial, but it is very possible that stem cells can be used to cure presently incurable diseases such as AIDS, cancer, and ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

April 2 marked the start of the G-20 World Leaders meeting. The World Leaders discussed the present economic recession and they all had very similar goals. They decided that before anything else can be done, financial markets must be stabilized. Once individual markets are stabilized, the international economic system is to be reformed and strengthened, as to restore people's trust. Finally, the global economy must be put on track for sustainable growth. While the goals are ambitious and will take time to achieve, there is no other way to fix the present economy and prevent further collapse.

President Barack Obama has accomplished a great deal in his first hundred days. Some have said that he has done more than FDR managed to do in the same time period. There is still more work to be done, though. In his "hundredth day" address to the nation, the president said, "The ship of state is an ocean liner; it's not a speedboat. If we can move this big battleship a few degrees in a different direction, we may not see all the consequences of that change a week from now or three months from now, but 10 years from now, or 20 years from now." If Obama continues to work as hard as he has in the past hundred days, he will surely have moved "this big battleship" more than just a few degrees.



Courtesy of tvweek.com

# Tough Economy Shuttters Stores

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The effects of the economy are becoming more apparent as multiple big-name businesses are being forced to close down. The east coast chain, Fortunoff, recently began liquidation after 87 years of business. The housewares store was founded in 1922 by Max and Clara Fortunoff. Since then the chain has expanded to areas outside of its original location on Long Island.

Not only was the poor economy a factor of the bankruptcy, but the discontinuation of certain popular items played a role as well. Fortunoff became admired for its unique selection for bridal registrations. When various products became unavailable, many were no longer interested in registering at Fortunoff.

Another familiar chain, Circuit City, recently announced their closing after 60 years of business. Its 547 remaining stores in the United States are closing down, leaving more than 34,000 employees jobless. What used to be known as the "nation's second largest consumer electronic retailer" is now being forced to sell its 1.7 billion dollars worth of inventory.

Recent pictures were released of an aged and tired looking President Obama. Although his term began in January, Obama is feeling the pressure to improve the economy. According to Dr. Michael Roizen, a president ages twice as fast while in office. He stated, "The typical person who lives one year ages one year. The typical president ages two years for every year they are in office." He also stated that once out of office, the excess amounts of stress can easily be reduced with exercise and being around friends.

Three main things that President Obama and Vice President Biden plan to do to further benefit the economy are tax cuts, encouraging job creation and promoting fair trade. For non-working families, a tax credit will be given of \$500 per person and \$1,000 per person for working families. Families who make less than a quarter of a million per year will experience a tax cut, and taxes will not increase "a single dime," says Obama. He also plans to terminate taxes on small businesses to allow them to flourish, creating jobs for those who have lost theirs. Lastly, the government is fighting for a fair trade policy that allows foreign ports to support American jobs.

Many factors contributed to the downfall of the current economy. The real estate business was a major player in the economic crisis. Values on houses went up because it was simple to borrow money from banks. Mortgages became more expensive, and people bought houses they could not afford because of the easy loans they were receiving and couldn't pay back. When people discovered they could not pay back the loans, they found themselves in debt. Once it was

recognized that they couldn't pay the mortgage, their houses were sold and "no money was lost" and the cycle began all over again.

The 700 billion dollar bailout known as the "troubled asset relief program" is one technique that the government is considering to help out the economy. The specific amount of money that will be spent on each necessity has been promised, but not all the money has been spent yet. Banks are being given great sums of money to help them get back on their feet again. This process has become very controversial. Many Americans are worried about how all that money will be spent. If the banks make the same mistakes as they did before with giving away loans too easily, this could throw Americans into a far deeper crisis.

As of March 1, 2009, the United States was estimated to be in 10,965,095,658,323.89 dollars worth of debt. It has also been estimated that this number will continue to in-

crease about three billion dollars per day. As the downfall of the economy is becoming more apparent, many Americans are beginning to question if it will ever get better. Each day, more and more television networks



Fortunoff in White Plains, NY, closes.

Courtesy of examiner.com

are focusing on shows that investigate various aspects of our current economic crisis.

During this time, many Americans have lost their jobs either due to downsizing or the closing of stores. Jobs that have remained stable throughout this time are: financial advisor, debt collector, physical therapist, college professor/teacher, pediatrician, and dentist. Regardless of tight budgets, people are still aware of the importance of their health and hygiene. As people are beginning to revise their thoughts on how money should be spent, these professions still remain a top priority. On the other hand, jobs that have suffered are: investment bankers, stock market jobs, travel agents, restaurants, and small businesses. Many have cut back on excess spending on things such as eating out, going on vacation and buying materialistic items.

Harrison High School student Jessica Franco had this to say about the recent store closings: "It's weird to see stores that have been around all my life suddenly go out of business. The reality of the economic situation becomes clearer when it begins to directly affect you. I hope other big name stores are able to stay in business through this tough time."



# Columbine, A Decade Later: A Tragedy Remembered

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April 20, 2009, marked the ten-year anniversary of the shooting massacre that occurred at Columbine High School in Jefferson County, Colorado. This tragic event was the fourth deadliest school shooting in United States history. The massacre that occurred on April 16, 2007 at the campus of Virginia Tech currently holds the number two spot.

The two gun men at Columbine were students who attended the high school: Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. The two had intended to use bombs in order to kill as many as possible. Thankfully, many attempts failed because the bombs did not detonate. The two students killed a total of 12 people, all of whom were fellow students except for one teacher at the school. After killing the others, the two then killed themselves. Some 23 other people were injured in the incident.

Recently, talk show host Oprah Winfrey pulled a pre-recorded show set to air about the ten-year anniversary of the shooting. Oprah wrote on her website, Oprah.com, "I decided to pull the Columbine show today. After reviewing it, I thought it focused too much on the killers. Today hold a thought for the Columbine community. This is a hard day for them."

Dave Cullen recently wrote a book entitled *Columbine*. Cullen's purpose for writing the book is to portray the truth behind the Columbine incident by shaking out the rumors and reinforcing the facts. Cullen began writing the book after interviewing survivors, teachers, police, families living in the town, and anyone associated with the shooting. Cullen claims his book is not highlighting the killers in hopes of making them more famous.

In Canada's *National Post*, he was quoted as saying, "Hopefully, I'm not just rationalizing, but this is my take: Columbine is already famous. They are already famous. That horse is out of the barn. I'm not going to make them more famous."

Columbine High School was closed that Monday in order to com-

DeAngelis spoke about the grief that continues to surround Columbine. "We'll never be normal," DeAngelis said. "We just had to redefine what normal is." DeAngelis was the principal at the time of the shooting and while continuing to hold this position, has lent as much support as possible to the community.

in the same situation eight years later at Virginia Tech. Although she wasn't near the shooting that took place in Virginia, Rohde still made headlines. Rohde said she didn't immediately connect the two. She said her initial response was similar to that of Columbine.

"It was a lot of the same reactions," she said. "What's going on? Who's hurt? Where do we go?" Rohde understood better than anyone at Virginia Tech the harsh reality with which the students were going to be faced. Rohde said it would take a while for it to settle in, but kept a positive attitude, regardless. "It takes a lot of time to pick those pieces back up again and continue on," she noted. "Normalcy never comes back. It's a different definition of normal."

When asked about Columbine, sophomore Michael Disante said, "Ever since Columbine the security in schools has changed. Even though many of my peers and I were only 5 years old when this event occurred, I'm still aware of the effect it had, not only on the people of Columbine, but the impact it had on schools across the nation."

One positive to emerge as a result of Harris' and Klebold's crime is that school security has improved nationwide. There has also been an increase in the awareness of violence that surrounds youth, whether in video games, television, music, the internet, or other aspects of everyday society. Columbine can now be looked back upon as a learning experience. Many people have decided to gain from this event instead of forever grieving their losses.

Ironically, Rohde found herself



People attending a memorial service for the students lost at Columbine. Courtesy of blog.nj.com

memorate the anniversary of the worst high school shooting in United States history. The amazing story of survivor Patrick Ireland gives hope to the community of Columbine. Ireland had been shot twice in the head and left in the school library. Ireland crawled toward the window and was rescued by police. Although Ireland had to learn to walk and talk again, he was able to overcome the unthinkable and graduate as valedictorian in his high school class.

In a recent interview for NBC, Columbine High principal Frank

Regina Rohde was a freshman at Columbine at the time of the incident. She was one of the many students who were in the cafeteria that morning, the center of the attack. Rohde quickly fled and escaped before the first 911 call had even been made. In an interview with NBC's Matt Lauer on *The Today Show*, Rohde said, "You can go about your daily life not constantly looking around you. It's taken years to get to that point. [But] you never get back to that complete sense of security."

## Government Meltdown In Iceland

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The economic crisis that originated in the United States has officially turned global. Toward the end of 2008, the recession hit Europe and leaders and their advisors created economic stimulus plans. It seemed as if the failing economy would only hurt the people, resulting in an increase in the number of people living in poverty and causing banks to collapse due to a lack of funds. But no one predicted that it would collapse an entire government.

The European country of Iceland is 600 miles off the coast of Norway and has a population of 320,000. Settled originally by Irish monks, Iceland is ruled by a parliamentary monarchy government. The parliament (called Althing) is made up of 63 representatives, and parliamentary and presidential elections are held every four years.

When the economic crisis went global, Iceland was hit especially hard. The reason being that the country's debt exceeds its annual gross product by six times. Althing passed a law in an attempt to minimize the repercussions of the crisis, but the law failed.

Soon after, the Financial Supervisory Authority of Iceland took over the nation's three largest banks to aid in domestic operations.

Riots, rebellions, and chaos broke out and lasted for sixteen weeks before any major changes occurred.

On January 26, 2009, Iceland's economy fully collapsed. On that same day, Prime Minister Geir Haarde's cabinet dissolved, followed by Althing. Following the collapse of the representative government, Haarde resigned.

Left with no parliament, cabinet, or Prime Minister, citizens proposed that Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir become Prime Minister. Sigurðardóttir had experience in Althing and was popular among many Icelanders. Sigurðardóttir appointed a cabinet on February 1, and Iceland's political reconstruction had begun. Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir is the world's

first openly gay leader.

Sigurðardóttir and her administration have proposed a 100-day plan to balance the economy, which in turn would reduce inflation, unemployment, and the national debt. The 100-day plan also includes creating a new labor policy, revamping the nation's fishing policy, and repairing Iceland's main banks.

Iceland is also applying to the European Union, which would give them a very strong international support system. Critics believe that admitting Iceland to the EU would not benefit the member nations, but Iceland's dominant fishing businesses could be the key to its entrance.

Icelandic journalist, Iris Erlingsdottir has said that the first step to successful economic recovery is to

identify the individuals who got us into our current situation, and force them to accept responsibility for their actions. From there, the government must evaluate how and why the economy was able to become so disastrous, and create a regulatory system to prevent another collapse and to restore faith (both domestic and foreign) in Iceland.

Iceland's economic failure and government overthrow should be seen as a warning to other nations. If the current economic recession worsens in spite of economists' belief that it has bottomed out, several other nations could follow suit. Joining the European Union would surely strengthen Iceland, primarily because of the international support system.

Erlingsdottir's proposition should not just be limited to Iceland's problems. If the perpetrators here in the United States were to accept blame and admit to their wrongdoings, economic recovery would be a swifter, more effective process and security measures could be taken to prevent similar recessions in the future.



Iceland's P.M., Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir  
Courtesy of independent.co.uk



# New Scientific Study Shows More Sleep = Better Health

Marissa DeCarlo

Parents, teachers, neighbors, friends -- basically everyone-- always tell us sleep is an important thing. Now a study proves them right. Researchers reported on Monday January 12, 2009, that people who sleep less than seven hours a night are three times as likely to catch a cold as their more well-rested friends and neighbors.

Sheldon Cohen and his colleagues at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh say that the research supports the idea that sleep is important to immune function. Cohen's team tested 153 healthy volunteers, locking them in a hotel room for five days after infecting them with a cold virus. The volunteers were interviewed daily for a two-week period after being infected with the cold virus; the researchers were gathering information about their sleep behavior. They were tested for cold symptoms after the five-day lock-up and had blood tests for antibodies to the virus.

The researchers found that volunteers who spent less time in bed, or who spent their time in bed tossing and turning instead of sleeping, were much more likely to catch a cold when viruses were in their bodies. The men

and women who reported fewer than seven hours of sleep on average were 2.94 times more likely to develop cold symptoms than those who reported getting eight or more hours of sleep each night. Researchers also found that volunteers who spent less than 92 percent of their time in bed asleep were 5.5 times more likely to become ill than better sleepers!



Seniors Jason Neu and Natalie Yubas need more sleep. Courtesy of Marissa DeCarlo

Cohen stated, "Although sleep's relationship with the immune system is well-documented, this is the first evidence that even relatively minor sleep disturbances can influence the body's reaction to cold viruses."

With all these studies about

sleep-deprivation hurting our bodies, how come school does not lighten up on us? Some kids do not get home until late after school because of sports practice, then end up staying up until midnight doing homework. For most kids, that means only six hours of sleep.

If the research done by Sheldon Cohen and his colleagues at

have to do for that day)-- which leads to a later night, which means less sleep...which makes them even more likely to get sick...again.

Lack of sleep has even hit HHS. With the number of kids involved in extracurricular activities, sleep seems to be the one thing they want to do, but the last that they actually can do. A simple comparison of two students can prove Cohen's point. Samantha Hochman, a HHS junior, says, "After school, I get home and do homework, relax, and watch my TV shows on the nights that they are on. I usually get eight hours of sleep a night and feel relaxed and ready to go the next day."

Samantha Stump, another HHS junior, plays two varsity sports and says, "By the time I get home, it is late, even later on days we have games. I rush around trying to eat and do homework but the six hours of sleep I get does not really provide enough rest for me." She looks forward to better times, saying, "During the winter on my off-season, I feel ten times better because I am able to get home right after school and relax."

## Five True "Feel Good" Stories

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### Anonymous Salvation Army Donor Strikes Again

For the fifth consecutive year, the same anonymous donor gave \$50,000 to The Salvation Army. During The Salvation Army's annual holiday fundraiser, the donor mysteriously slipped five cashier checks totaling the large amount. Similar to previous years, s/he dropped the money in a kettle outside of Missouri's Walmart department store.

Captain Jason Poff of The Salvation Army says, "We try not to plan on it because it is a gift." Yet he openly admits that he does look forward to receiving the generous donation each year. Commerce Bank has attempted to determine the identity of the mystery person, though they are only aware of the donor's cover name, which is "Santa Claus."

### Young Liver Donor Recipient



Maggie Catherwood and her new friend. Courtesy of daylife.com

### Shares Her Miracle

After suffering quite a while from Wilson's disease, 21-year-old Maggie Catherwood was informed that a liver donor is available to treat her illness. Prior

to the procedure, she was clued-in that an 8-month baby girl needing a liver also is a direct match to the donor.

Doctors from Georgetown University Hospital proposed an idea to Catherwood about splitting the donor liver so that a small portion of it would go to the baby. She immediately replied "yes" and even offered to give the entire liver to the infant if she was so desperately in need of it.

The transplant operations were performed side-by-side and portions of the liver were given to each patient. Eventually the liver will grow to its correct size, granting both patients the promise of a healthier life in the future.

### Billionaire Surprises Homeless Woman for the Holidays

Billionaire Tim Blixseth helped out Frances Barton and purchased her a \$20,000 mobile home. After a horrid traffic accident on the highway, Barton's home was destroyed for good. Struggling to generate an income and support her children, the family was forced to live homeless for some period of time.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, Blixseth surprised the mother and family with a spacious mobile home. Immediately, the Bartons were moved to an improved trailer community compared to the small, littered one they were housed in previously. Frances used the remaining amount of money to purchase furniture for her three-bedroom home.

Blixseth's act of kindness generated national headlines and quick attention from the media. Frances Barton is more than happy to be blessed with such a gift and a new life for her family. She says, "I'm scared if I leave this house, something is going to happen."

### 'Foreclosure Angel' Gives a Helping Hand

During such an economic downfall, steering away from debt is only one of the many issues that concerns thousands of

families. In October, Tracy Pottsboro attended an annual foreclosure auction in hopes of paying off her debt. After losing her job not too long before, Pottsboro was left with no choice but to give away the home that she considered dear to her heart for a good portion of her life. "The final farewell to my house...it means so much to all of us," she said. "It's not just a house."

Marilyn Mock, a small-business owner who was assisting her son in purchasing a house of his own, also attended the foreclosure auction in Dallas, Texas. Mock noticed Pottsboro's discontentment and asked if she was okay. Despite the accumulating tears, Pottsboro said she was.

Pottsboro's house was auctioned off with a bid of approximately \$30,000. Soon enough, her house was gone for good - or so she thought. The highest bidder was Marilyn Mock, though secretly she had other intentions with her purchase. Thoughtfully, Mock approached Pottsboro and offered her back the home.

Mock told Good Morning America that she would take a loan for half of the cost and the other portion would be paid off by Pottsboro as time progressed. Instead of paying the bank, Pottsboro was permitted to pay Mock up front when she had enough money. She was ecstatic and extremely thankful for such a pleasant, unnecessary surprise.

"I do a lot of things, you know, loan money out and give it to somebody -- you see somebody in need, you give them money," Mock said. "Or you see somebody in the grocery store, they don't have enough money to pay for it, I'm usually the one behind saying here, here's \$20 or something."

### Stranger Jumps Down Onto Subway Tracks To Save Another

Wesley Autrey, a 50-year-old construction worker, waited at a Harlem subway station when he noticed a young

man suffering from a seizure. Several crowded around him, though it was too late. The man fell onto the train tracks and began to convulse. The small crowd was hesitant and fearful except for Autrey, who immediately abandoned his two daughters and attempted his leap of faith.

The whistles were then blown and the light flickered on, signaling the next train was coming to a stop momentarily. Autrey made a split decision and held the man tightly in-between the two tracks. The train tried to squeak to a stop, but Autrey knew it was coming too fast. He shielded the seizure victim in-between the tracks as the train passed over both of them, only inches away from Autrey's head.



Wesley Autrey, subway hero. Courtesy of Falling Awake

The scene was miraculous, leaving the crowd relieved and in pure shock. Autrey presented his hat on The Oprah Show, its surface covered with grease. That night, he paid a visit to the victim at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center. Holloper, the saved man, is a current student at the New York Film Academy. He claimed that he was okay, suffering from just a few bruises. Autrey refused medical help, stating that he felt completely fine.

He said, "I don't feel like I did something spectacular; I just saw someone who needed help...I did what I felt was right."

# Summer Movie Preview: Something For Everyone

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Everyone loves a good summer flick to let a sunburn heal, or simply as a great way to escape a rainy day.

Summer movies are known to be big budget, action/adventure and while there are plenty of choices in those categories (*Star Trek*, *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*, *Terminator Salvation* just to name a quick trio), there are also plenty of other choices being offered. Although each person has different opinions on what he or she might consider a "good" movie, there are a healthy variety of films this 2009 season that should hold some universal appeal. Here are some previews and recommendations based upon different types of personalities... enjoy!

**For the Music Lover:** Have a passion for the music played in the '60s and '70s? This summer offers two terrific movies that channel the music and stories of these eras. These flicks give you not only a little taste of history, but also the emotions of the people at the time and how important music can be.

Flash back to the memorable "Zaire '74" concert in the movie *Soul Power*. On July 10, 2009 people watching this documentary will experience the adrenaline rush of various talented musicians (such as James Brown, B.B. King, Bill Withers, Celia Cruz, etc.) at the peak of their careers. In addition, viewers will learn about the African roots of the Zairian audience's enthusiasm and support for these musical artists.

The filmmakers that brought you such movies as *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Bridget Jones Diary*, and *Love Actually*, now launches *The Boat That Rocked*. Get into the mood of this movie and tune in for a 1960s flashback when the Rolling Stones and the Beatles were idols in the music industry. This movie shows the battle of rebellious British DJs who tried to overcome the government laws when they were told to shut down their radio station. Who will triumph? Tune in and check it out on August 28, 2009.

**For the Book Lover:** Waiting for that book you love to appear on screen? Maybe you are a die-hard fan of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series or perhaps you love the books of Jodi Picoult...either way, you're in luck this summer because you can get a look at both.



Depp as Dillinger in *Public Enemies*, coming this summer.  
Courtesy Fanatic About Films

Fantasy, action, and adventure all will be found on the big screen as of July 17, 2009, in the much anticipated sequel, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) finds a mysterious book that is the property of the half-blood prince which unlocks dark secrets of Lord Voldemort's past. The movie displays Professor Dumbledore's (Michael Gambon) concerns advising Harry as a wizard and Harry's lifelong quest to defeat Voldemort. You may have already read it, but seeing it brought to life on screen should provide more thrills than you can imagine.

Feeling the drama? Maybe *My Sister's Keeper* is the movie for you. This movie shows the challenges faced by two parents (Cameron Diaz as Sara Fitzgerald, the mother, Jason Patric as Brian Fitzgerald, the father) who are faced with one daughter's life or death illness. They are almost torn apart multiple times through heartbreaks and a court case, but love and family loyalty

produced and where it is coming from, and provides key details about where our nation will be heading in the future. Is our health being jeopardized by food industries whose main concern is the amount of profit to be made? Grab a healthy snack and find out on June 12, 2009.

**For the Perfect Date:** Hey guys -- have problems finding a movie that's girly enough for your date to like, yet funny enough for you to sit through? Try out *Post Grad* on August 21, 2009. It's the story of a girl just out of college, seeking the perfect job to pay for her little loft. See how she ends up living at home with her "different" parents, losing the dream job to her rival, and the hot guy next door.

**For those Pessimistic about Love:** If you don't believe in love, *Paper Heart* may be the movie to give you hope at last. This comedy goes into the main character Charlyne's curiosity as she sets off on a national expedition to film

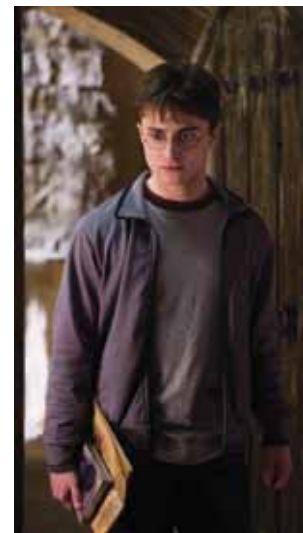


Sacha Baron Cohen unleashes Bruno on an unsuspecting public.  
Courtesy The Bruno Movie.com

a documentary and answer her inquisitiveness about love. Together Charlyne and her good friend Nicholas (Nicholas Jansenov, who also directed this movie) embark to find out if true love really exists by asking pretty much everyone from a random biker to a scientist. On the journey, Charlyne meets another boy (played by Michael Cera), but is it love? To find out more, join in and see *Paper Heart* on August 7, 2009.

**For the Imaginative:** Did you love *Inspector Gadget*? Are you a big fan of outcast kids trying to do all they can to just make some friends? Then you're sure to fall in love with *Shorts* on August 7, 2009. Go see how Mr. Black's "black box of gadgets" and the Rainbow Rock that grants wishes end up helping Toe Thompson (actor Jimmy Bennett from *The Polar Express*) through the mess that used to be a town. Spaceships, crocodiles, giant boogers, and other catastrophic things swarm the streets. This movie addresses the question of what's worse -- a child's imagination or what adults do to a town?

**For the Class Clown:** Find yourself getting into trouble, or at least laughing at the guy always getting in trouble? On July 10, 2009, there's a humorous experience on screen with the release of *Humpday*. The movie highlights two college buddies who were always competing and having good ole fun, to say the least. The movie is set in a time where Ben (Mark Duplass) is married (to a woman named Anna, who narrates the movie) with children. This adult lifestyle is disturbed when Andrew (Joshua Leonard) pops up on his doorstep after traveling the world as a vagabond artist. Turns out the boys go back to competing, but their older



Daniel Radcliffe is back as Harry this summer. selves bring it to a whole new level, such as entering themselves into an amateur porno competition. The movie promises plenty of comedy.

Another comedy success is likely going to be this summer's offering from successful comic writer/director Judd Apatow (*40 Year Old Virgin*, *Knocked Up*, etc.). On July 31, 2009, *Funny People* is a comedy based on an unlikely subject -- mortality. Adam Sandler heads a star-studded comedic cast that includes Seth Rogen, Jason Schwartzman, and Sarah Silverman.

**For The Quentin Tarantino Fan:** When superb and often violent director Quentin Tarantino (*Pulp Fiction*, *Kill Bill*, *Reservoir Dogs*) has something new, people flock to the theaters. In this case, it's a movie about WWII, with an impressive cast headed up by Brad Pitt and Samuel L. Jackson. *Inglorious Basterds* hits the big screen on August 21, 2009.

**For the Gangsta in Your Life:** One of the most anticipated films of the summer will be released on July 1, 2009. Director Michael Mann (*Miami Vice*) always has a penchant for oversized personalities -- in this case it's John Dillinger as played by Johnny Depp. Christian Bale joins Depp and others in *Public Enemies*, a movie that could achieve the rare combination of successful summer film and Oscar contender.

**For the Animated:** When Pixar releases something in the summer, it's usually a guarantee for good family entertainment and this year should be no exception. *Up!* hits screens on May 29, 2009, and features the voice talents of Ed Asner, Christopher Plummer, and John Ratzenberger.

**For the Borat Fan:** This summer, Borat fans are graced with one of Sacha Baron Cohen's other persona, Bruno. Bruno is an Austrian man who has a passion for fashion and getting people on their feet. Just like Sacha Baron Cohen's other characters, Ali G and Borat, this movie follows a formula that spells guaranteed success. You can expect similar scandals as were found in Borat as you follow *Bruno* on his cross-country adventures starting July 10, 2009.

These are only a handful of the many movies scheduled for release this summer of 2009. For more information, to watch trailers of the films, or to seek out additional choices, visit [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com) and other helpful movie sites. Now pass the popcorn and get ready to be entertained!



# Disney Researchers Find Ways To Attract Young Male Audience

Jessica Pena

Music Editor

Over the years, Disney has become a main priority for parents all over the world. Mostly, it is because their children are crazy about shows on The Disney Channel and the stars that arose from the Mickey Mouse Club family. One popular Disney star



Poster and Logo Courtesy of Disney

is 'tween icon Miley Cyrus. For those who don't know, she has become a millionaire through her exposure as Hannah Montana. The show also features her famous dad, country singer Billy Ray Cyrus' daughter, so perhaps fame runs in the family.

Hannah Montana tells the story of Miley Stewart, an average girl, who leads a life of a double superstar. No one can tell that the two are in fact one and the same because of the blonde wig that Hannah uses. Even aside from her television success, Miley Cyrus has quite a lucrative music career. Add to that a burgeoning film career as well – the theatrical movie release of Hannah Montana took in over 34 million dollars its opening weekend.

Stars like Miley and other Disney icons have attracted many viewers to watch The Disney Channel. But shows like Hannah Montana (*Miley Cyrus*), The Wizards of Waverly Place (*Selena Gomez*) and Sonny with a Chance (*Demi Lovato*), all target young female viewers, leaving male viewers out in the cold. What might Disney be doing about this problem?

Disney recognizes this shortcoming and apparently is employing science as a means of seeing how to attract male viewers to Disney. So far, the only male-targeted show is probably The Suite Life of Zack and Cody (*Cole and Dylan Sprouse*) and its spin-off The Suite Life on Deck. These shows target females as well, with such female leads as Ashley Tisdale, Brenda Song and Debbie Ryan.

In order to explore ways to make Disney more boy-viewer friendly, the company hired Kelly Peña (*no relation to the author*), a "Kid Whisperer," to directly address this problem. With her team of anthropologists, Peña has spent the past 18 months peering inside the heads of incommunicative boys in search of a viable answer. And indeed, the company has found its answer. Peña's research has led to the demise of the Toon Disney Channel – it will be replaced by something known as The Disney XD Channel. This channel truly is all about the

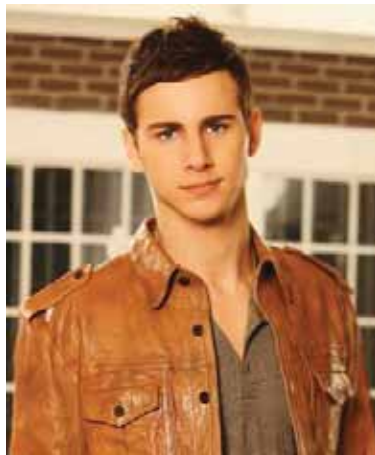
world of boys.

Once upon a time, The Disney Channel had a strict policy about limiting television series to 65 episodes. This policy led to the cancellation of some classics, such as Lizzie McGuire, Even Stevens, and The Famous Jett Jackson.

However, that all changed when shows like Kim Possible and That's So Raven aired more than 65 episodes, and started the idea of extending series through the creation of additional television movies. The new Disney XD channel will allow many to relive memories of many of those classic series, especially The Famous Jett Jackson and Even Stevens.

One of the new series to be broadcast on The Disney XD Channel is entitled Aaron Stone. The series storyline is similar to the storyline of Jett Jackson, where there was an actor who plays an agent/spy on a TV show and the rest of the day he's a regular kid who goes to school with friends. However with Aaron Stone, it is the opposite. He's in fact a student, has friends and deals with teenage problems, but when it comes to saving the world, it's private, meaning that he's leading a double life.

Sixteen-year-old Charlie Landers is a legend of online gaming whose life is changed forever when "Hero Rising" videogame creator and billionaire T. Abner Hall recruits Charlie to become the "real life" Aaron



Kelly Blatz plays Aaron Stone. Courtesy of poptower.com

Stone. As Aaron, he must save the world and defeat the evil Omega Defiance. He gets to wear a protective uniform and employ all sorts of high-tech gadgets, including a supersonic



jet named "The Black Arrow." An indestructible loyal android named Stan mentors Aaron and accompanies him on all missions.

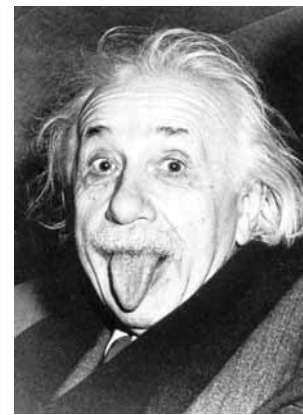
No one knows about his secret life as this James Bond-type character, except his neighbor/friend Emma. But in essence, it's all about a video game that becomes real life. It's a weird twist, but it should draw the attention of male viewers, which is Disney's main object. Still, it took Peña and her team a long time to figure it out.

"It's less about the level reached in the game and more about sharing small achievements," said Peña. Indeed this is true. Boys love bragging about themselves, especially to girls. Disney is so proud of this new headquarters for boy viewers that they are spending \$50 billion in marketing worldwide. That's certainly plenty of money to try and gain a boy's attention.

Other networks have expressed their feelings about Disney's new offerings. Rivals like Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network already have made inroads with boys by serving up rough-edged animated series like "The Fairly Oddparents" and "Star Wars: The Clone Wars." Nickelodeon, in particular, scoffs at Disney's recent push.

Disney has big hopes that The Disney XD Channel will be a huge success. If Aaron Stone can achieve success on the small screen, there are hopes that movies will follow – perhaps one might become as hugely successful as High School Musical. With theme parks, Disney also has the option to create rides based upon the "real life video game" aspect of the show. Right now, that's a

long time away – Disney is just hoping that the new channel will be popular with boys. Only time will tell if this "kid whisperer" and her research really will bring the boys to Disney.



Courtesy of deism.com

## Did You Know...?

The Professor

Guest Writer

The capital of Burkina Faso is Ouagadougou.

The human eye can distinguish about 10 million different colors.

Mel Blanc, who voiced Bugs Bunny, was allergic to carrots.

The scientific name of a tomato *Lycopersicon lycopersicum* means "wolf peach"

There is a fourth wise monkey who suggests that one "do no evil"

The iconic "Uncle Sam" was derived from the name of Uncle Sam Wilson who was a meat inspector in Troy, New York.

The average age of Forbes's 400 wealthiest individuals is 63.

A giraffe can clean out its ears with its tongue.

The word "bling" may have originated with dental commercials in the 1970s that advertised toothpaste or gum that included the word with a flash of light.

On a standard playing card, the king of hearts is the only king without a mustache.

The tongue-twister, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the alphabet.

A man named Charles Osborne from Iowa hiccupped continuously for 68 years and entered the Guinness Books of World Records for longest hiccup attack.

In 1939, Ernest Vincent Wright wrote the novel Gadsby: Champion of Youth, a 50,110-word story that does not contain the letter "e".

A ban on buying and consuming chewing gum was enacted in 1992 in Singapore due to the citizen's improper disposal of their chewing gum.

In 1919, fortune cookies were invented in California and are actually little known in China and Taiwan.

If you would like to dispute the validity of any of the above facts, contact the Husky Herald's faculty adviser, Mr. Glauber, as the author of Did You Know chooses to remain anonymous.

# Chocolate Reinvented By The Bald Man

Joni Cooper

Food Editor

Chocolate is a representation of different feelings and purposes. It symbolizes love and sensation when given as a romantic gift. Some even compare chocolate to a delicate piece of jewelry. Its importance is present in the stock exchange, where it is no longer considered a delicacy, but a commodity from which profits are derived. Lastly, it represents a child's greatest fantasy. Without question, it's the luscious, irresistible taste that attracts consumers all across the world.

Willy Wonka and Chuck E. Cheese are fictional characters. These iconic food figures make up for their lack of human presence through savvy marketing and development that has turned fantasy into full-blown reality. Max Brenner, Chocolate by the Baldman, falls within the same field.

Max Fichtman and Oded Brenner, founders of Max Brenner, worked collectively hard to open a successful chocolate business. After Brenner accumulated his ideas in Paris, he teamed up with Fichtman, a small candy-store owner at the time. Together they launched Israel's first noted chocolate boutique.

Their intentions were to create a chain of chocolate restaurants throughout Israel. Soon enough, the team joined company Strauss-Elite, who publicized the business worldwide. Within years of its first opening, Max Brenner was located on all four corners of the globe, with store locations in New York, Israel, Australia and the Philippines.

Without the spreading popularity of chocolate, worldwide businesses like Max Brenner would never have been accomplished. The delicious commodity was first discovered more than 2,000 years ago by ancient cultures like the Incas and Mayans. Tropical rainforests were searched in hopes of finding the cacao tree. The seeds of cacao trees were used to produce large quantities of chocolate.

To eliminate its uneven texture, natives used the molinillo, a popular wooden stirring stick, to improve the consistency of chocolate. In order to spice up its bitter taste, seeds were mixed with seasonings such as cinnamon and sugar.

During the Columbian Exchange in the sixteenth century, Hernan Cortes

exploited the Aztecs and stole significant amounts of raw materials. Cortes, as well as other conquistadors, shipped chocolate and cacao seeds back to Europe. The seeds were processed and new ingredients were added to create a more desirable taste.

A popular beverage influenced by worldly cultures is the Kanga Roo. Coffee beans from the ancient region of



Oded Brenner displays the famous hot chocolate.

Courtesy of Reuters.com

Yemen contain a rare chocolaty aroma. Over the years, a mixed drink blending coffee and chocolate was created to revive the exquisite taste of these coffee beans. Although its original name is forgotten, Brenner's uses a coffee blend made with original coffee beans to serve as part of the "chocolate cultural creation."

Kanga Roo is one of many examples that incorporate the restaurateurs' dream of a new chocolate culture. Fichtman and Brenner strive toward a unique, revolutionary idea -- to create a

new outlook on chocolate without forgetting about its origin.

Where most chocolate today is sold in typical cardboard or plastic boxes, Max Brenner strays from the usual packaging.

The co-founders feel such packaging of chocolate or advertising in store windows takes away from the experience of warmth and pleasure. Brenner says, "I have 'freed' chocolate from its cage. I let people experience it to the fullest."

From the moment customers arrive, they understand exactly what

the co-founders seek to express. Guests immediately take notice of the chocolate-inspired designs, located everywhere through out the room. Dark brown pipes extend across the ceiling, resembling those of chic lofts in Soho. Mottos and musings are stamped in all sorts of places, from walls to dessert menus. Multiple shades of brown give off the sensation and mouth-watering presence of chocolate.

An entire section of the restaurant is reserved to Max Brenner's chocolate bar. Customers examine the fancy machinery that processes complicated beverages and peculiar desserts. Foods like chocolate pizza pies covered with marshmallows and hazelnut chunks are present across the bar's glass window.

After getting situated, guests are given three different menus to choose from. The menus change depending on the time of day and the introduction of new chocolate creations.

The first consists of regular appetizers and main courses. The motto printed across the top of the pages reads, "First food, then chocolate." Surprisingly enough, Brenner's large selection of chocolate doesn't camouflage its regular food. The multi-ethnic menu includes dishes like chicken paella, Moroccan skillet, and simpler dishes such as Caesar salad and french fries.

Second is the Sweets Menu. From waffles to crepes to "Double Chocolate Fudge Cake," customers are presented with endless possibilities to fulfill their chocolate cravings. Illustrations and mantras hypnotize guests into dessert heaven. A quote within the fondue section says, "Chocolate, like our bodies, is burned by an open flame but soothed by a warm bath."

Customers admire Brenner's intricate, thoughtful dishes. Desserts appear carefully prepared with great attention to detail. Toppings like chocolate sauces, Oreo crumbs and fresh fruit are carefully placed throughout the dish and are commonly found in shapes and designs. Complimentary sides include warm shots of pure vanilla or milk chocolate.

Max Brenner is most known for its infinite selection of hot chocolates from the beverage menu. Over 10 types of hot chocolate are available. The drinks are inspired from different countries that vary from Venezuela to the Swiss Alps. In addition to location, the hot chocolates are chosen by preference of chocolate. Whether it's white, dark or milk, there is no wrong decision.

Drinks are often served in an

innovative cup called a hug mug. Its design is shaped specifically to have a better hold for coffee or hot chocolate. Both hands hug comfortably around its spherical shape, creating a feeling of coziness and contentment.

What makes Brenner's hot chocolate so desirable is its shot of suckao. Suckao is the espresso shot for all chocolate drinks offered. The dose of chocolate is small, yet dense and rich enough to satisfy one's taste buds.

The restaurant isn't just a one-time treat. Customers visit Max Brenner's gift shop in search of memorabilia, gifts, or snacks for the road. Fondue or S'mores kits make great housewarming gifts or activities for the kids. An online shop at [www.max-brenner.com](http://www.max-brenner.com) offers similar chocolates and items.

Eating at Max Brenner is a memorable experience. Whether it be hosting a party in the balcony room or quickly grabbing an espresso during lunch break, Brenner's is nothing but enjoyable. The food is superb and the bill is reasonable.

Despite its overall greatness, people seem hesitant because of chocolate's health factors. It's evident that chocolate is fattening and contains tons of sugar. A popular myth is that chocolate can lead to a tremendous increase in cholesterol. Mayo Clinic Studies proves this myth to be inaccurate, explaining how chocolate contains stearic acid, a neutral fat that has no effect on cholesterol. Many chocolates are beneficial because they promote blood flow and keep high blood pressure down.

This concern shouldn't prevent a customer from becoming a part of Brenner's new chocolate culture. If visits aren't extremely frequent, there should be no worries about the health consequences of chocolate.

Another misconception is the type of crowd that Max Brenner attracts. One would think the restaurant is constantly packed with little children who are desperate for what they love best. Interestingly, a greater majority of customers are adults.

"I don't just invent anything in chocolate," says Brenner. "I just express it in the most evident way -- a way that everyone imagines chocolate and wishes to experience it."

To become part of that experience, Max Brenner's chocolate culture revolution, visit its location on the lower east side of Manhattan.



Chocolate can be healthy.

Courtesy of chocolate.fda.gov



Courtesy of Max Brenner



# Little Bit o'Country (Awards)

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Music Editor

On April 5, Country Music made its mark on Las Vegas when the CMT Awards were aired, bringing out country's biggest musicians. The show was once again hosted by Reba McEntire, who also gave a performance of "Strange," contributing to the high ratings of the broadcast. Another factor to drive up ratings are the 'twens, no doubt all tuning in to see two of their favorite performers, Miley Cyrus and Taylor Swift.

Hannah Montana's Miley Cyrus performed her hit single, "The Climb," which is now available on the *Hannah Montana* movie Sound-track. The performance was introduced by a country music legend who is very familiar with the performer, her dad, Billy Ray Cyrus.

Rising country music star Taylor Swift sang, "You're Not Sorry," which was inspired by her breakup with Joe Jonas. Following her performance, Swift was surprised to receive the Crystal



Miley Cyrus smiles with Billy Ray Cyrus.

Courtesy of accesshollywood.com

Milestone Award, the most prestigious honor of the night. Swift got the award for selling more records than any other artist in 2008 and for bringing country music back to being popular with today's youth. Later in the show, Swift also received an award for Album of the Year.

"I think a lot of people that know me know that if I talk to you for more than five minutes, I'm probably going to write a song about you," said a gracious Taylor Swift. "That being said, I'd like to thank all the characters in my songs."

Another blonde who wrapped up several awards that evening was former *American Idol* Carrie Underwood. She took home both Entertainer of the Year and Top Female Vocalist honors.

"I've had a lot of good moments over the past four years, but this one takes the cake," she said after winning Entertainer of the Year. That award hadn't been won by a female

since the Dixie Chicks won it in 2000. Underwood performed "I Told You So" in a ruby dress, and later wore a white



Carrie Underwood shows the awards she won.

Courtesy of zimbo.com

short, sparkly dress for her second performance, singing "All American Girl."

Joining the blonde power wave on hand was newcomer to the industry Julianne Hough, best known as a dancer on *Dancing With The Stars*.

"I can't thank you guys [fans] enough," she said, after being honored as Top New Artist. "You guys are amazing and I would not be here without you."

After her win, Kristian Bush from Sugarland (a big winner of the Top Vocal Duo award), welcomed her into the

country music business.

Top Vocal Group honors went to America's favorite band, Rascal Flatts (who also can be heard in the *Hannah Montana* movie soundtrack). However this wasn't the only surprise that the evening had to offer, as unexpectedly winning Vocal Event of the Year was Nicole Kidman's husband Keith Urban and Brad Paisley.

The other biggest award of the night (beside Taylor Swift's) was when Garth Brooks presented the Academy of Country Music Artist of the Decade award to George Strait. The presentation concluded an all-star tribute concert that featured performances of his classic songs by country music artists such as LeAnn Rimes performing "Does Fort Worth Ever Cross Your Mind," Toby Keith, Tim McGraw, and Lee Ann Womack, who also performed a new song called "Just Stand There and Sing." Also praising Strait's talents was R&B and Rap singer Jamie Foxx, who performed Strait's "You Look So Good in Love." Matthew McConaughey also entertained the crowd with an amusing story about George Strait.

All told, the crowd was pleased with the night's entertainment and the growing popularity of country music.

## Topshop Brings Fashion's Finest To Soho

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News Editor

On April 2, hundreds of men and women waited in line at the corner of Broome and Broadway, awaiting the grand opening of British fashion's finest – Topshop.

The four-story, 60,000 square-foot store was scheduled to open at 11 a.m. Those waiting in line were treated to goodie bags from a neighboring store, Madewell, free samples from newly opened Pinkberry, as well as gift cards from Topshop ranging in value from \$5 to \$500.

News reporters had gathered outside of the doors to catch a glimpse

of Topshop-mania while onlookers gathered in the street to see what was going on. At 11 a.m., the doors to Topshop opened and confetti began to fall from the sky. British model-turned-designer Kate Moss walked out of the doors, accompanied by Topshop's owner, Sir Philip Green. After a ribbon-cutting ceremony, shoppers poured into Topshop's glass doors.

Inside the store, shoppers were encouraged to indulge in complimentary manicures and hair stylings, and there also was a DJ booth.

Everything on the Topshop web-

site can be found inside the Soho store. The first floor contains the newest clothing, as well as accessories. A mezzanine above the accessories nook houses the main fitting rooms.

The second floor houses Topshop's more exclusive lines, and its denim shop. Just beyond the escalator is Topshop's upscale Boutique line, which features collaborations with designers such as Preen. The highly sought-after "Kate Moss for Topshop" line is also on the second floor, inspired by liberty prints and thrift store finds from the seventies. The denim store has just about every style of denim in every shade imaginable, so every shopper can find the pair of jeans that is perfect for her.

The top floor is home to lingerie, shoes, as well as maternity clothing and petite sizes. Lingerie accounts for just 2% of Topshop's revenue, so the main focus of the top level is the shoes. Impossibly high heels in every color imaginable line the glass shelves, which are situated in front of floor-to-ceiling windows, making the entire floor seem to glow. The maternity and petite areas contain select items from the regular sizes, but feature more belly room and shorter lengths, respectively.

Topshop also houses its male counterpart, Topman, which features collaborations with designers such as James Long and Mjolk.

Both Topshop and Topman focus their inventory on six seasonal trends. For women, Glory Days is the most popular of the six, which is a "mix of post-war nostalgia, coupled with eclectic soft-prints," according to managing director Mary Homer. Top-



Ad Courtesy of Topshop.com.

man's biggest trend is a collaboration with architect Jean Prouve and cyclist Graeme Obree. Together, the duo created structured sportswear clothing.

Topshop, which originated in England, has been likened to an upscale Forever21, but in reality, it is like no other store America has ever seen. Some of the clothing is a bit excessive, such as a pair of off-white suede leggings for over \$500, but the \$12 tank tops are actually less expensive than most stores. Everything is well-made, and the store has such a wide range of clothing that there is surely something for everyone. As an added bonus, Topshop offers a year-round 10% discount for students, so be sure to bring your ID when you go.



The new Soho location of Topshop and Topman.

Courtesy of nitrolicious.com.

# The following is a list of the colleges and universities that some of our Harrison High School seniors will be attending:

Last Name	First Name	College of Matriculation	Last Name	First Name	College of Matriculation
Abele	Matthew	Westchester Community College	Markowitz	Katherine	Monmouth University
Abrams	Robert	Georgetown University	Marraccini	Christina	Lehigh University
Albanese	Kathryn	New York University	Martin-Alciati	Mario	SUNY College of Env. Sci./Forestry
Alves	Cristina	Adelphi University	Martinez	Christian	St. John's University
Angarano	Pasquale	Westchester Community College	Martins	Jennifer	Parsons School of Design
Angilletta	Amanda	Quinnipiac University	Masciola	Marissa	Concordia College
Audia	Amanda	Brooklyn College of the CUNY	Maucieri	Joseph	Westchester Community College
Balboni	Claudia	Mercy College	Mauro	Maggie	Bridgewater State College
Baldanza	Alexander	Westchester Community College	McKiernan	Kristy	Mitchell College
Barbieri	Beau	New York Institute of Technology	McManus	Maureen	Villanova University
Barrera	Jaclyn	Westchester Community College	Mennea	Carlos	New York Institute of Technology
Basciano	Nicholas	Nassau Community College	Mezzancello	Brittany	Berkeley College of NYC
Batjargal	Ugandari	Baruch College of the CUNY	Miele	Jennie	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Battaglia	Anthony	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Miller	Max	Westchester Community College
Blake	Thomas	New York University	Miller-Frankel	Alexandra	Lynn University
Brack	Ximena Ines	Westchester Community College	Misisco	Sara	Boston College
Broderick	Meaghan	Stony Brook University	Morano-Sagliocco	Andrea	Westchester Community College
Cabrera	Melissa	Marist College	Morgen	Jacqueline	Swarthmore College
Calcagni	Jesse	Westchester Community College	Murabito	Christopher	Iona College
Callagy	Leonard	John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Neu	Jason	Alfred State College
Campo	Matthew	Marist College	Neu	Sean	Westchester Community College
Carpiniello	Michelle	St. Thomas Aquinas College	Ng	Jeremy	Stony Brook University
Cassavecca	Christopher	SUNY College at Brockport	Nochez	Jessica	Long Island University, C.W. Post
Castagna	Toni-Ann	Mount Saint Mary College	O'Donnell	Brittany	University of New Haven
Ceglio	Nicholas	Rockland Community College	Occhipinti	Caitlin	Stony Brook University
Chestler	Jessica	The Ohio State University	Ortega	Sheyla	Westchester Community College
Cioffari	Mark	Saint Michael's College	Pagli	Marissa	Manhattanville College
Cohen	Randi	Washington University in St. Louis	Pierroz	Sabrina	Manhattanville College
Colangelo	David	Lehigh University	Pinn	Samantha	Westchester Community College
Colon	Jaclyn	SUNY College at Cortland	Postiglione	Kathryn	University of Maryland, College Park
Coppa	Alyssa	Northeastern University	Protano	Michael	Springfield College
Corona	Nicole	Fashion Institute of Technology	Purinton	Benjamin	Wesleyan University
Cortes	Valentina	Westchester Community College	Rabin	Casey	Boston University
Crozler	Matthew	Indiana University at Bloomington	Rao	Vincent	Westchester Community College
Cuce	Dominique	University of Maryland at College Park	Rappaport	Hilary	Boston University
Castro	Daniel	Westchester Community College	Reibman	Harry	University of Michigan
Delii Carpini	Claudio	Clemson University	Rejala	Allyson	Westchester Community College
DeVino	Deanna	Westchester Community College	Rinaldi	Jessica	Iona College
De Voto	Daniella	Purchase College	Rivera	Michael	Binghamton University
Diaz	Debbie	Monroe College	Rodriguez	Anthony	Eastern Connecticut State University
Diaz	Jessica	Westchester Community College	Rohlf	Zachary	DeSales University
DiCicco	Lisa	Laboratory Institute of Merchandising	Rosenberg	Nicole	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Dickinson	Bert	Roger Williams University	Rossi	Maria	Laboratory Institute of Merchandising
Dillullo	Phillip	West Virginia University	Rovlezso	Danielle	Westchester Community College
DiMilia	Steven	Villanova University	Rozycki	Teresa	Coastal Carolina University
Donino	Alyson	University of Richmond	Rubenstein	Henry	Bucknell University
Drago	Jennifer	Westchester Community College	Russo	Felicia	College of the Holy Cross
Ducasse	Gregoire	Cazenovia College	Saavedra	Maritza	Westchester Community College
Dufour	Lucie	University of Richmond	Salaverria	Lorena	Pratt Institute
Duma	Geris	Stony Brook University	Sano	Makoto	Westchester Community College
Falciglia	James	Sacred Heart University	Santelia	Violet	Binghamton University
Ferri	Stephen	Purchase College	Santos	Jose	New York Institute of Technology
Fraioli	Daniel	University of New Haven	Saviano	Edward	Boston University
Froka	Valerina	State University of New York at Albany	Scappaticci	Michael	Pace University, Pleasantville-Briarcliff
Galeano Valencia	Daniela	Stony Brook University	Scappaticci, Jr.	Richard	Keene State College
Giordano	Jessica	Westchester Community College	Scapperotti	Brianna	Concordia College
Glover	Alex	University of Maryland, College Park	Scatenato	Maura	Dowling College
Goldman	Sam	Union College	Schepis	Adrianna	University of Rhode Island
Gomez	Claudio	Westchester Community College	Schnitta	Alexandra	College of the Holy Cross
Gordon	Elizabeth	Brown University	Scott	Andrew	Swansea University
Heine	Jeffrey	Bucknell University	Silano	Jessica	Roger Williams University
Henderson	Michelle	Westchester Community College	Singh	Nicole	Long Island University, C.W. Post
Hendler	Joey	Western New England College	Song	Jaewon	Purchase College
Iolascon	Anthony	New York Institute of Technology	Stein	Max	Westchester Community College
Jacobson	Jillian	Washington University in St. Louis	Stiso	Pasquale	Sacred Heart University
Jaffe	Max	University of Maryland, College Park	Stuart	Charles	University of Idaho
Jones	Alexander	State University of New York at Albany	Tassone	Annalysa	Boston University
Jones	Robert	St. John's University - Queens Campus	Thompson	Michael	Keene State College
Kernan	Tyler	State University of New York at Albany	Troia	Marco	University of Delaware
LaRusso	Frank	Southern Connecticut State University	Ventura	Maria	Concordia College
Lauro	Daniel	Kent State University	Viserto	Tessa	Long Island University, C.W. Post
La Vigna	Catherine	Westchester Community College	Vittorini	Alessandra	Stony Brook University
Lee	Alex	Pratt Institute	Wagner	Mark	State University of NY at Buffalo
LePino	Ashley	Keene State University	Wojczak	Tatiana	Lynn University
Liebllich	Helen	University of Michigan	Woods	Samantha	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Lopez	Gianna	Hunter College of the CUNY	Yang	Sean	University of Michigan
Lovullo	Vincent	Purchase College	Yantz	Catherine	SUNY College at Potsdam
Lucien	Zachary	SUNY Delhi	Yotides	Catherine	Drexel University
Macchia	Jessica	Fordham University	Yubas	Natalie	University of Hartford
MacInnes	John	State University of NY at Buffalo	Zaltz	Daniel	Boston University
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# CAZZS' CORNER

## Ticket Prices Asking Too Much

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As we all know, the economy has hit its lowest point since the Great Depression in 1929. Businesses are being shut down, millions of Americans are being fired, and families all over the country are suffering. During times like these, what could be better than

heading to Yankee Stadium or Citi Field with your loved ones to enjoy a game and get away from reality? Owners of these teams are taking away the privilege of enjoying such passions as fans by making ticket prices

nearly impossible for an average working American to afford. It was bad enough having to take out a second mortgage to be able to buy a large soda and hot dogs from the concessions; now the owners have taken it one step further.

The New York Yankee organization announced a few weeks back that they will be cutting ticket prices so that more fans will come to the stadium. The Yankees did cut ticket prices, but only for the Field/Legend seating which used to range from \$650 - \$2400 (they currently are \$375-\$1200). The average ticket price to Yankee Stadium is currently \$139.19 for a regular game (not including field or suite seating). The Yankees also have tickets for what they call "Premium Games," which are games against the Boston Red Sox, L.A. Angels, Cleveland Indians, Philadelphia Phillies, and the Mets. The "Premium Game" tickets are double

the price of a regular game. Aside from the exorbitant ticket prices, the new Yankee Stadium is a great sight to see.

The New York Mets also opened up a new stadium with substantially higher ticket prices. The average ticket price to see the Amazin's

many Giants and Jets fans -- if season ticket owners decide they do not want to pay the PSL, they can lose their seats and be placed somewhere else or lose their season tickets entirely to a person or business willing to pay the PSL price.

For people willing to pay for the PSLs, the prices are not cheap. For Giant ticket holders, the cheapest PSL price is \$1,000 for seats located in the "terrace" area (known as the "nosebleed seats"). The ticket price for the terrace seating area (paid in addition to the PSL) is \$85 per seat. The average PSL price for the NY Giants is \$8,600 per seat and the average ticket price is \$242.50 per ticket.

As for Jets fans, the ticket price average is a little higher, but not every seat has a PSL. Jets games in the terrace area can be had for a range of \$95-\$125 per seat, but there is no PSL purchase necessary. The average PSL for a Jets game is \$12,382 per seat and the average ticket price is \$331.18 per ticket. If enough fans do not purchase or show up for the games, it is fairly certain that, after a few weeks' time, both teams will decide to lower ticket prices and possibly rethink the terms of PSL requirements. In theory, there is hope.

Although the PSLs are expensive, the owners of both teams are allowing either a 5-year or a 15-year plan, both of which



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are available with a 6.0% APR financing. What the plans do is help people who want to buy the PSLs to take out loans through the teams, which can be paid back over the course of the selected time period with added interest and down payment. These help make the PSL plans a little more affordable, but they still round off to average about \$4,000 per year (5-year plan).

It seems almost criminal that these owners jack up ticket prices so high that the average person has trouble purchasing them. Some of these people have been loyal fans and ticket holders for their teams for 15-20 years or more. Now they may lose their tickets because the owners of these teams need to have more money than ever. Sure, these stadiums are not cheap and a slight raise in ticket prices is understandable, but some of these prices are ridiculous and these owners should be ashamed.



Blimp view of Yankee Stadium.

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for a "value" game is only \$79.82 per ticket. Again, if you would like to see a better opponent playing the Mets, a so-called "platinum" game, the ticket prices are up to triple the amount of a "value" game ticket. Citi Field has had a little more success in filling up seats than the Yankees have, but it should not stay that way for much longer, especially if owners do not realize the reason behind this lack of fan support. It is embarrassing to watch any local baseball broadcast and see the number of empty seats in the background behind the batters.

There still are many concerns with the new Meadowlands Stadium that will be opening for the New York Jets' and Giants' 2010-2011 season. In late October this past year, it was announced that both teams will be selling permanent seating licenses (or PSLs). This is a one-time fee that is paid to own a specific seat in the stadium. This could be a huge issue for



The new Citi Field on opening day.

*Courtesy of Sipkin/The Daily News*

## School Grassroot Soccer Tournament To Raise HIV Awareness in Africa

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This year the Kids for World Health club and the Freshmen G.O. got together for a great way to raise money for an overlooked cause. Harrison High School's first annual Grassroot Soccer Tournament will raise money to increase awareness of AIDS and HIV in Africa.

Grassroot Soccer is an organization that educates children in Africa about AIDS and HIV through the use of soccer. They provide African youth with the knowledge, life skills, and support to live HIV-free. The organization continuously improves its HIV prevention and life-skills curriculum, sharing the program and concept to effectively utilize the popularity of soccer worldwide to increase its educational impact.

Helen Epstein, noted author of *The Invisible Cure*, believes in the organization. "Grassroot Soccer's work is a refreshing and highly promising effort that can help turn the tide against HIV," she said. "Soccer is like a universal language.



*Courtesy of Grassroot Soccer*  
Grassroot Soccer thus reaches large

numbers of young people with HIV education, and bases its programs on the best available evidence."

The HHS school event will take place on Friday, June 5, on Harrison High School's upper fields. There will be a Faculty vs. Faculty game and a Student vs. Student game. The event will also host a bake sale and a raffle for spectators outside where the event is being held.

Danny Lichtenauer, president of the Kids for World Health Club, said, "This is a great way for the school to celebrate the end of the year and also to show the greater Harrison community that Harrison High School is place where teachers and students care."

# Varsity Softball Team Knocks It Out of the Park

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The Harrison High School Girls' Softball Team has reeled off an astounding ten straight victories in the second half of their season. The team now stands alone atop their league with an intimidating 17-2 record.

Junior pitcher Ashley Marino has been nothing but clutch for the Lady Huskies during this stretch, as her arm is largely responsible for seven of those ten wins. After an earlier loss by a score of 6-5 in an extra inning battle against regional powerhouse Pearl River (16-1-1), Marino has been literally flawless. In her last seven starts, she has only given up one run, including three complete game no-hitters.

While the pitching has been impressive, it isn't the only thing that's getting it done for the Lady Huskies. This team has been averaging just over eight runs a game, and there have been several notables in the batter's box. Gigi Lodolce is batting .366 and Bri Scapperotti has posted an impressive .410 mark to date. Junior Jo-

hanna Valentzas is batting .395, while sophomore Jess Magnolia may be the best of the bunch – she currently leads the team with a gaudy .491 average. Freshman Jenna Webb is unquestionably Harrison's power hitter. She's got a .413 average with 13 runs batted in and two homers so far this season.

Julia Brefere is impressed with the team's dedication and well-bal-

anced attack. "Our coaches know what to do at the right time," she said. "The strength of our offense has been key, as well as the consistency of our defense."

After posting an impressive 16-8 mark in the regular season last year, the Lady Huskies earned themselves the seventh seed in the sectional tournament. They beat Pelham in the preliminary round 5-2. In the second round the Lady Huskies fell to Pearl

River. Their loss came in an unorthodox fashion for this squad – via a shutout.

There's no reason to pout for last year's team, however. This year's Lady Huskies have established themselves as a top tier team in the section, and probably the state. With one game remaining in the regular season, the girls have already secured a number one seed in the sectional tournament – with their first two games probably scheduled against sub .500 teams. These unfortunate foes will most likely have to step into the batter's box against the arm of Marino, whose earned run average is probably negative something, the way she's been shutting out teams. With the majority of the team's lineup batting over .300, you just know these girls aren't likely to ever get goose-egged like last year. There's a feeling of quiet confidence as the playoffs approach; yet these girls are going to make some serious noise in post-season play.



The Varsity Softball Team, 2009 Edition.



The Varsity Softball team practices before their game against Tappan Zee. Pictured top to bottom: Elijah Webb, Brianna Scapperotti, Samantha Lagana, Jessica Troilo, Julia Brefere.

Pictures courtesy of Emma Glass

# Lady Huskies ReLAX and Play Strong

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The Varsity Girls Lacrosse team is looking strong this season, returning most of its roster from last year's squad. They are led by senior captains Jess Chestler, Allie Schnitta, Sara Mi-

sisco, Maureen Mcmanus, and Liz Gordon, combined with the able teaching of Coach Rosen and Coach Zappala. The Lady Huskies are determined to make a hard run into the sectional playoffs this year. The captains surround the playing field, with Chestler and Schnitta on defense, Misisco at center, and with Gordon and Mcmanus at A-wing and D-wing, respectively.

Recently, two Huskies eclipsed the 100-goal mark for their careers, one being junior Melissa Shulman, the other being Sara Misisco. In a game against Pelham which the Huskies won 19-11, Shulman scored seven times, which included her 100th career goal. In that same game, she also tacked on six assists.

Shulman was pleased to reach that benchmark in just her junior season. "Without the team doing well, achieving that milestone would not have felt as good," she said. "It feels great knowing I have accomplished that, but the success of the team is more important than statistics."

Misisco added eight goals and five assists in that victory as she inched toward the milestone. Her century mark came in a 13-13 tie against Byram Hills, as Misisco notched three goals, marking #100 of her own great career as a Husky. Junior Briana Lotrionte came up big in that game as well, scoring three times and assisting twice.

More recently, the Lady Huskies celebrated a big win against their common rival Somers, in a close, tough battle which saw them emerge victorious, 8-7. Misisco and Shulman once again forged the way on the offensive side, combining for seven of the team's eight goals. On the opposite side of the field, Chestler held the Somers attackers in check, limiting their shot opportunities.

Following that game, Shulman added, "In general, you can see how we've worked on gaining team chemistry, which has been achieved especially

in our 8-7 victory versus Somers this past Saturday. We really have come together as a unit, and without each other, success wouldn't be possible."

The Huskies finish up their regular season schedule Tuesday, May 19, against Putnam Valley, and then focus their attention on the sectional playoffs. With the surplus of senior leadership on this team, the Lady Huskies look forward to a successful run and hope to capture the section title.



LAX stars: (l to r) Melissa Shulman, Jess Chestler, Allie Schnitta, Sara Misisco. Courtesy of Marissa DeCarlo



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