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Miller Place High School Newspaper

Julianne Donohue

Lasting Memories

As the school year comes to a close, Miller Place High School students, especially those in the senior class, are reminiscing about their favorite high school memories. Whether the memory is a school event, a particular class, teacher, or an extracurricular activity, all students remember something or someone that they engaged with fondly during this year and in years prior. For senior Salome Davoudiasl, her favorite memory is the homecoming games because they “brought everyone together and started the year off right.” Like Salome, many seniors enjoyed the school spirit associated with homecoming and pep rally, a fan-favorite among seniors because it was revived this year.

For some underclassmen, it seems that participation in extracurricular activities shined a bright light in their years so far. Jonathan Miletti, a freshman, remembers being part of the spring musical “Anastasia” as “one of the best introductions to high school. I made so many friends and I’m looking forward to drama again next year.”

Like Jonathan, class of 2023’s valedictorian Brooke McCormick recalls her freshman year when drama club performed Mamma Mia! as a “memorable high right before Covid, when everyone was together.” Arts at Miller Place High School fueled several fond memories for junior Emma Rosequist as well, a viola player in Orchestra and singer in Vocal Jazz, who cites the seasonal music concerts as “experiences to remember” thus far.

In addition, other students remember school sporting events fondly. Sophomore Claire Wagner pinpoints the Friday Night Lights football games as a stand out in her high school experience while junior Liam Martin recalls the time the Miller Place Baseball team hit a walk off against East Hampton in the playoffs as his favorite memory. “It was a great moment for the team and exciting to advance in the playoffs,” Martin says, and on another note, “winning the Variety Show with the Milk Men was amazing too.”

For many juniors and seniors alike, one teacher in particular represents some of their favorite memories. 11th grader Isabella Romero describes Mr. Parillo’s class an “epic memory” because “I just love him. He’s so funny.” Senior Jane Chamberlin agrees and remembers the time she competed against Mr. Parillo during pep rally this year in a pie-eating contest. The memorable Mr. Parillo will be missed next year after his retirement but the class of 2023 is happy to have such a special teacher to graduate alongside.

For me, my favorite memories lie with the knowledge I got to pass down to others during my time in high school. When I choreographed for my 11th grade drama production, it brought me so much closer to my fellow peers and allowed me to learn more about myself as a person and as a leader. To feel the support from my friends and teachers during that experience made me remember it well and so the memory embodies the friendships, love, and excitement that is captured in everyone’s favorite high school memories.

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🐾 Top of the Class 🐾

Ava Rado & Angelo Ceccarini

BROOKE MCCORMICK

Brooke McCormick, Valedictorian, is attending Cornell University to study Business Analytics. Outside of the classroom McCormick showed her personality and passion for performing as a member of the Varsity Cheerleading team and Panther Players Drama club. She is also a member of multiple other school clubs and honor societies. McCormick displayed her business skills as the treasurer for both the National Honor Society and Drama Club. Her leadership skills are demonstrated by her active involvement in student government as the Class of 2023's vice president.

Mrs. Penske, S.S. Teacher states; "Brooke is an outstanding student who lights up any room she walks into. She is willing to work hard, participate and share her knowledge with her fellow classmates."



"The goal is to turn data into information and information into insight"

-Carly Fiorina, CEO Hewlett Packard

LILAH LINDEMANN

Lilah Lindemann, Salutatorian, is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she will be studying Computer Science with a possible integration of Neuroscience. She is considering a career in cybersecurity or earning a PhD to pursue applied computer science research. She hopes to use the logical yet creative processes of programming to make a positive impact on the world.

Although Lilah has many academic accomplishments, her proudest was the summer before 12th grade where she did Astrophysics research having the opportunity to work with real telescopes to collect pictures and then write code to determine asteroid orbits. She was later able to complete an "orbit integration" finding possible future asteroids--including one where it crashed into Earth!

Lindemann favorite part of high school was her participation in band. Through the swirling melodies, rhythms and improvising she was able to easily lose the stress of school and increase her self-confidence. Participating in the first Robotics Competition is also something she will always remember.

Mrs. Dowd, S.S. Teacher states; "Lilah was an absolute pleasure to have in class this year. Her work ethic was beyond exceptional, and her contributions to whole class discussions were always insightful and challenging. Her ideas had a way of elevating concepts in class, and her diligence as a student was deeply admired."



"Computer Science is the operating system of all innovation"

-Steve Ballmer, Former CEO of Microsoft



Happy Trails To You...

The end of the year brings more good-byes than just to our graduating class, but also to three beloved faculty; Mrs. Feddern, Mr. Tuminello, Mr. Parillo and Mr. Ruggiero. The leaving of such wonderful faculty is truly sad for both the remaining faculty and the students present and future. We wish them the best of luck in their future retirement.



MRS. FEDDERN

Mrs. Feddern has been a special education in the Miller Place School District for 25 years out of her 33 year career. She chose education because she wanted to make a difference in children's lives. Her favorite part of her job is seeing students succeed who have been struggling. Students describe her as caring and approachable.

After retiring Mrs. Feddern hopes to spend more time doing the things she enjoys and spending time with her family.



"Education isn't the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire"
-William Butler Yeats



"Change is the end result of all true learning"

-Leo Buscaglia



MR. TUMINELLO

The Miller Place School District has been lucky to have Mr. Tuminello working as a Speech-Language Pathologist for the last 22 years of his 24 year career. He predominantly worked at LADSBS and over the last few years has been navigating the halls of MPHS as well. Students describe him as friendly and someone that is always willing to help. Mr. Tuminello won't miss the traveling between buildings but will miss the connections he has made with colleagues and students.

Mr. Tuminello is looking forward to his next adventures and spending time pursuing his passions.

MR. PARILLO



Mr. Parillo is a beloved teacher in the MP Social Studies Department over the years teaching; U.S. History, Government and Economics. Besides Miller Place, his 30 year teaching career has encompassed eight years at Brentwood High School and seventeen years as an adjunct professor at Suffolk County Community College.

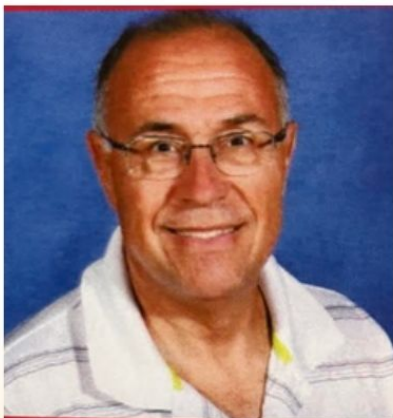
When asked to share his favorite memories of working at Miller Place, he said, "Too many good memories with faculty and students!" Mr. Parillo hopes students will remember his passion and enthusiasm to reach every student every day. His advice for those heading into the field of education, "Be yourself! Don't try to be someone else! Students prefer someone who is genuine and honest! Bring your passions to the classroom!"

Mr. Parillo won't miss the 5:30am wake ups, he plans to spend his free time explore the U.S. and Canada with his wife and pets for at least one year before figuring out his next adventures.



*Tho' much is taken, much abides; and though We
are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven; that which we are, we
are; One equal temper of heroic hearts, Made
weak by time and fate, but strong in will To
strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.*

-Alfred Lord Tennyson, "Ulysses" (1833)



"To share your weakness is to make yourself vulnerable: To make yourself vulnerable is to show your strength"
-Criss Jami

Never think you are too old to ask for help!
-Phil Ruggiero

MR. RUGGIERO



Mr. Ruggiero has been a teacher in the Miller Place High School Social Department for 22 of his 27 year career. Before establishing himself here, he owned two deli's in his twenties and taught in the Copiague and West Islip School Districts.

In his years at Miller Place he took his love for sports and teaching to the athletic fields coaching JV & MS football, MS Softball as well as scorer/timer for the Varsity Soccer and JV Boys Lacrosse teams. His fondest memory was watching the football team he coached for three years make it to the LI Championship ending his coaching career on a high.

Mr. Ruggiero truly loves teaching students, though he dislikes the 5am alarm clock. Students describe him as a teacher that thoroughly prepares you for college with a relatable personality, "amazing teaching skills" and "no slack attitude." He has proven his educational teaching excellence by consistently being recognized as one of the top teachers to have the most AP World History students achieve high passing scores. He always displays a strong work ethic as well as his personality and hopes that students will remember him as "a hard worker, fair and extremely good looking."

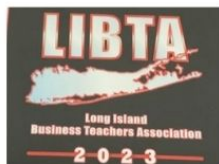
Mr. Ruggiero looks forward to initially enjoy not working or following a schedule after his retirement before rekindling his love of business ownership in some way.

WOW!



Born for Business

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Congratulations to the following students for placing in the Long Island Business Teachers Association spring competition! In April they competed against high schools across Long Island in a array of business areas and proved they stand at the top. On Tuesday, May 23rd six outstanding students and their parents were invited to a special luncheon at Simplay in Hauppauge, NY to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments.

Mrs. Sturtz was asked about her business students accomplishments, "Each of these amazing students work hard every day in my classes to absorb real business concepts and they have always stood out academically and as great people, which is a hat tip to their parents. I'm glad they had the opportunity to represent MPHS business department on a large scale. I'm an extremely proud teacher."

PATRICK MILORD	1ST PLACE ACCOUNTING
JAKE RYAN	2ND PLACE ACCOUNTING
JOHN CASALINUOVO	3RD PLACE BUSINESS PRINCIPLES
DEMETRIOS NAIMO	3RD PLACE PERSONAL FINANCE
AVA RADO	5TH PLACE BUSINESS PRINCIPLES



MOLDING MINDS

Nailah Rahman

On Thursday, May 11th Jacob Huwer eagerly bagged the results of science club's latest experiment: soap!

Four weeks prior, Huwer guided the members of the Miller Place High School science club through the process of making soap. The soap that the science club made consisted of the reactants sodium hydroxide and glycerol trioleate. In this reaction, the hydroxide ion breaks the glycerol backbone off the glycerol trioleate and bonds with it to form glycerol. Then, the sodium ion bonds to each of the three oleate molecules to form sodium oleate. These two compounds formed the soap. After this reaction finished, the students added cacao powder and lavender oil to the sodium acetate, and poured the mixtures into flower molds. After the molds had four weeks to cure, Huwer carefully popped them out and bagged the soap for distribution.

While accompanied by Nailah Rahman, one of science club's public relations managers, Huwer handed out soap to Mrs. Annicelli, Dr. Skolnick, Mrs. Matura, and Ms. Contursi. After witnessing this incredible demonstration of teamwork from his students, Dr. Skolnick, science club's advisor, is contemplating the idea of doing a soap fundraiser for next year.

Nailah Rahman

The Votes Are In



On Tuesday, May 16th, the students of Miller Place High School were tasked with making the hardest decisions of their lives: voting for the 2024 Executive and Legislative student government cabinets. The polls were scheduled to be posted at 9:00 a.m. and closed at 9:00 p.m. On the morning of Wednesday, May 17th, the winners were announced. The Executive cabinet, responsible for overseeing all four legislative cabinets along with events for their grade, will consist of President Shane Lomoscolo, Vice President Nick Nania, Secretary Jack Anderson, and Treasurer Chris Barton.

The legislative cabinets are responsible for running class events and fundraisers. 2024 will welcome a brand new senior legislative cabinet; President Owen Neyland, Vice President Christian Renna, Secretary Molly Caufield, and Treasurer Maris Lynch. President Neyland already has plans for funding a senior class trip, and hopes to continue to build upon pep rallies while making the Class of 2024's senior year a great collaborative experience full of panther spirit.

After a very close election, the members of the junior legislative cabinet, President Lucy Chang, Vice President Taylor McHugh, and Secretary Nailah Rahman, look forward to working with their newest member, Treasurer Bianca Zou. President Chang finds so much fulfillment from dedicating herself to the Class of 2025 along with her other cabinet members, whether that be decorating for homecoming or planning prom. Neyland and Chang's cabinets are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to work with the new sophomore legislative cabinet; President Riley McCormick, Vice President Evie Weiner, Secretary Jordan Miletti, and Treasurer Bella Buonconsiglio.

The executive council and legislative cabinets are excited to start a new year and a new chapter. Now that the sophomore, junior and senior cabinets have been chosen, there's one more question left to ask: Which freshmen will take on the task of running for the Class of 2027 legislative cabinet?



Florida Rejects History

Nailah Rahman



Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is making big strides towards influencing what is taught in state schools by replacing current social studies textbooks. On Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, The Florida Department of Education approved 66 out of the 101 submissions for new textbooks. Due to “inaccurate material, errors and other information that was not aligned with Florida Law”, only 19 books were initially approved, but after textbook publishers made some heavy alterations to their textbooks the remaining 47 textbooks passed the state’s test. These “great” changes included the elimination of references to George Floyd’s murder and the Black lives matter movement. Included among the rejected textbooks were books on Psychology, U.S. History, and the Holocaust.

DeSantis has received mixed feedback on the changes he’s made. Manny Diaz Jr., a Florida Education Commissioner, thanks DeSantis for shifting the educational focus back to textbooks “free from inaccuracies or ideological rhetoric”.

However, DeSantis received some backlash from Florida Representative Debbie Wasserman Shultz, who stated that DeSantis is “bent on dumbing down America’s education system and silencing Black voices”. Publishers that disagree with the state’s ruling have been given the opportunity to appeal their rejections. Florida Public Schools can purchase any of the approved textbooks.

Big Apple Covered in Smoke

Patrick Milord

Not long ago, New York was plagued by an orange haze, a smoky scent, and apparent bad air warnings, but where did all this come from?

As many residents of California can tell you, hot and dry weather makes forests very susceptible to wildfires, all they need is a spark and the whole place is lit up like fireworks on the fourth of July. With increasing global temperatures and drought due to climate change, Canada has seen a record amount of wildfires, 15% more than their national average. Unfortunately for the states, New York in particular, the wind patterns sent all the resultant smoke our way. This smoke led to reduced visibility, the burning smell of a campfire, and air containing fine harmful particles (PM2.5). Thankfully Long Island did not receive the brunt of the blow, but the smoke did cause hazardous pollution; warning individuals to remain inside, as well as schools canceling recess and outdoor activities. Inhaling toxic particles can cause lung and heart damage, as well as be irritants to eyes. Long term effects could occur if exposed overtime, short term effects are likely to heal themselves.

This smoky situation is a warning from the planet, if we continue down our destructive path more wildfires and worse occurrences will happen, so we must make an effort as a society to follow greener lifestyles.





Movie Reviews

Nicholas Ficarola

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL 3:



The third and final film of James Gunn's *Guardians of the Galaxy* trilogy was an absolute highlight of this cinematic year: The Guardians find themselves having to travel across the galaxy yet again to save an injured Rocket Raccoon. By doing this, they not only have to face Rocket's megalomaniacal creator and his army of eugenic freaks and devoted underlings, but they also have to face the heavy trauma of their pasts.

I'd like to preface this by saying that I'm not an avid fan of comic book movies. I feel the medium has become oversaturated and has even started to run itself into the ground. The Guardians films, however, have always been highlights among the series of Marvel films. Gunn's signature style of well crafted and dynamic storytelling, well mixed blend of visceral action, and heartfelt and sarcastic humor make for great experiences all around.



SKINAMARINK

Skinamarink, one of the smaller movies that released earlier this year, and certainly one of the most terrifying, *Skinamarink* is an independent film directed by Kyle Edward Ball it follows a pretty rudimentary story of a pair of children waking up in the middle of the night to find their parents missing and the doors and windows have disappeared. It's been described as "If David Lynch directed *Poltergeist*" which means for the uninitiated: nightmare fuel.

This film was truly one of the most uncomfortable theater experiences for me of all time. It was playing

This last movie in particular was not only what I feel is one of his best films, but a natural and fitting conclusion to the characters and the story.

I enjoyed the various alien locations and fun set pieces, which were mostly done practically. For a studio like Marvel, you'd think they'd just throw the actors on a greenscreen and act like they're in some crazy setting, but *Guardians* puts them "there", in all its intrinsic details.

A standout performance to me was Chukwudi Iwujia as the menacing High Evolutionary. His diabolical actions throughout the film make him absolutely and irredeemably unlikeable, yet it's his commanding presence that makes you relish every frame he's on screen for.

This film also contains some somber and gut wrenching moments towards its climax, regarding animal cruelty... so watch at your own risk.

one night only at Coram Movieland. The entire place was completely silent, and I was one of maybe four or five other people.

Now to be honest, this film is very divisive among moviegoers. Some like me consider it a terrifying art film, while others claim that nothing happens the whole time and that it's boring.

The film lingers on grainy, staticky shots of doorways, corners of rooms, and other places around the house. Although simple, it's effective in how it plays with your sense of reality.

The visual noise can cause you to believe that there's something lurking in the darkness, and leaves you questioning if it's just your imagination because objects move gradually over time.



July 2023 on the Big Screen

Nicholas Ficarola

Oppenheimer

(Directed by Christopher Nolan, July 21st 2023)

Easily the biggest blockbuster of the summer, legendary director Christopher Nolan is back again with what could be one of his best films yet. *Oppenheimer* follows the intriguing story of J. Robert Oppenheimer, played by Cillian Murphy, as he invents the Atomic Bomb in the midst of World War II and how his mentality on the ethics of such a device shifts through his life. The real life story alone is intriguing enough, but seeing *Oppenheimer* brought to life through the soon to be Oscar nominated Cillian Murphy, most well known for his role as Thomas Shelby on the TV show *Peaky Blinders*



Nolan is well known for his immense sense of scale and use of the best visual effects money can buy, best utilized in his films *Interstellar* (2014) and *Inception* (2012), and by knowing his impressive track record, it is nothing short of exciting to see how he pulls off an Atomic explosion sequence on film.

Barbie

(Directed by Greta Gerwig, July 21st 2023)

This film has been highly anticipated since the moment of its announcement, especially with the announcement of Margot Robbie in the titular role of Barbie and Ryan Gosling as Ken. *Barbie* (2023) tells the story of Barbie and how she leaves Barbieland to go to the real world and to find a new meaning in life. Now what makes me personally interested in this film is that I believe it to be deeper than it looks on the surface level. Greta Gerwig, director of *Lady Bird* (2017) and *Little Women* (2019), is known for making contemplative character studies, so a film of this panache is wildly out of the ordinary looking at her previous work.



This leads me to the conclusion that *Barbie* (2023) may not just be bombastic and bubbly, but could be hiding a deeper narrative under the pink and pretty surface, one that could serve as a greater representation of the expectations for women in society. Barbie could be ostracized out of Barbieland for not conforming to the greater idea of what a Barbie (a woman) should be, and she sets off on her own (Ken tagging along) to find within herself an identity, not one assigned to her, in the end becoming what she feels she needs to be in the world.

At the end of the day however, I guarantee the film will be an extremely fun and enjoyable time all around. The question is, which one will you see in theaters on July 21st? *Oppenheimer* or *Barbie*?



JUNIOR PROM: at a Glance



Owen Neyland

On Friday, April 28th the Class of 2024 were in the spotlight as they made their way into Miller Place High School in preparation of their junior prom being held at Majestic Garden in Rocky Point. The theme "Underneath the City Lights" was set and thousands of pictures were taken as parents, friends and family captured these special moments. Sparkles and glitter were seen everywhere as it was found on most dresses. Popular colors of Dark Green, Red and Navy were seen throughout the area.

Students made the short journey on coach buses to Majestic Gardens. Students found the outside area appealing for private conversations/moments and great pictures. Inside early 2000's music played throughout the night, filling the dance floor and at times forming dance circles for students to show off their moves. Christian Renna stated, "I felt like I didn't have to be as scared about dancing as I thought I would be."

In the days following the Junior Prom students were asked about their experience; "The food could've been better. Especially the chicken parmesan." Students would have liked the concept of a bartender for drinks rather than pouring their own and more variety in drink selection. Another student thought "The disco ball could've been bigger and better." Although there were a few disappointments, overall most stated that Junior Prom was better than they thought it would be.

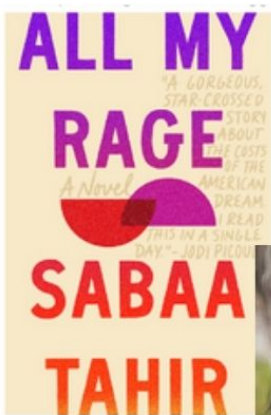
Owen Neyland and Shane Lamoscolo have been elected by the Class of 2024 to represent their interests during the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Some suggestions for Senior Prom 2024 are; appetizers at the beginning, photo booth, favor and dessert chocolate fountain. Many are curiously anticipating the moves that the executive and senior class representatives will try to accomplish to improve the experience of prom, ending high school with a grandiose event.



LYNCH'S CORNER

Mrs. Kate Lynch

Here are some suggested titles to help you embark on a literary adventure this summer with captivating reads tailored for high school students. Dive into gripping tales that transport you to far-off lands, unraveling mysteries and discovering the depths of human emotion. Grab your sunhat, sunscreen, a nice cold drink, find a cozy spot, and let the summer reading journey begin!

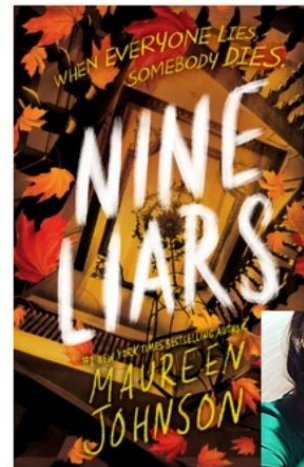


All My Rage, by Sabaa Tahir—A contemporary-fiction debut with this novel about estranged friends Salahudin and Noor, who are finding their way back to each other—or not—in the wake of Salahudin's mother's death. While Salahudin is confronted with the possibility of the loss of the family motel and Noor with the loss of the future she's dreamed about ever since surviving an earthquake in Pakistan, both are forced to make difficult choices that will retest their already-shaky relationship. Through the alternating perspectives of her characters that include interludes from the past, Tahir skillfully and with nuanced handling navigates themes of abuse, found family, guilt, racism and Islamophobia, generational baggage, trauma, and more.



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***Nine Liars*, by Maureen Johnson**—Senior year at Ellingham Academy for Stevie Bell isn't going well. With the cold case of the century solved, Stevie is adrift. There is nothing to distract her from the questions pinging around her brain—questions about college, love, and life in general. Relief comes when David invites Stevie and her friends to join him for study abroad, and his new friend Izzy introduces her to a double-murder cold case. In 1995, nine friends from Cambridge University went to a country house and played a drunken game of hide-and-seek. Two were found in the woodshed the next day, murdered with an ax. The case was assumed to be a burglary gone wrong, but one of the remaining seven saw something she can't explain. This was no break-in. Someone's lying about what happened in the woodshed.



***This Woven Kingdom*, by Tahereh Mafi**—Clashing empires, forbidden romance, and a long-forgotten queen destined to save her people. This is a novel inspired by Persian mythology. To all the world, Alizeh is a disposable servant, not the long-lost heir to an ancient Jinn kingdom forced to hide in plain sight. The crown prince, Kamran, has heard the prophecies foretelling the death of his king. But he could never have imagined that the servant girl with the strange eyes, the girl he can't put out of his mind, would one day soon uproot his kingdom—and the world.

***Better Than the Movies*, by Lynn Painter**—Liz Buxbaum has always known that Wes Bennett was not boyfriend material. You would think that her next-door neighbor would be a prince candidate for her romantic comedy fantasies, but Wes has only proven himself to be a pain in the butt, ever since they were little. Wes was the kid who put a frog in her Barbie Dreamhouse, the monster who hid a lawn gnome's severed head in her little homemade neighborhood book exchange.

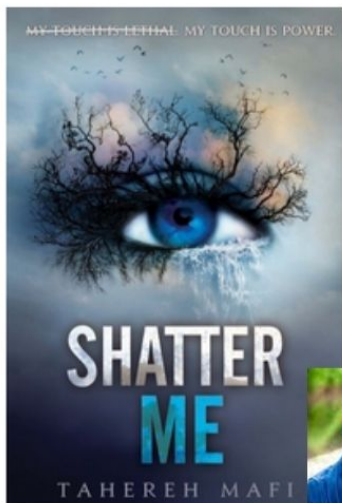
Flash forward ten years from the Great Gnome Decapitation. It's Liz's senior year, a time meant to be rife with milestones perfect for any big screen, and she needs Wes's help. See, Liz's forever crush, Michael, has just moved back to town, and—horribly, annoyingly—he's hitting it off with Wes. Meaning that if Liz wants Michael to finally notice her, and hopefully be her prom date, she needs Wes. He's her in.

But as Liz and Wes scheme to get Liz her magical prom moment, she's shocked to discover that she actually likes being around Wes. And as they continue to grow closer, she must reexamine everything she thought she knew about love—and rethink her own perception of what Happily Ever After should really look like.





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Shatter Me, by Tahereh Mafi—Juliette hasn't touched anyone in exactly 264 days. The last time she did, it was an accident, but The Reestablishment locked her up for murder. No one knows why Juliette's touch is fatal. As long as she doesn't hurt anyone else, no one really cares. The world is too busy crumbling to pieces to pay attention to a 17-year-old girl. Diseases are destroying the population, food is hard to find, birds don't fly anymore, and the clouds are the wrong color.

The Reestablishment said their way was the only way to fix things, so they threw Juliette in a cell. Now so many people are dead that the survivors are whispering war—and The Reestablishment has changed its mind. Maybe Juliette is more than a tortured soul stuffed into a poisonous body. Maybe she's exactly what they need right now.

Juliette has to make a choice: Be a weapon. Or be a warrior.



SPORTS



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Transfer Portal: Help or Hurt?



The world of college athletics set up the opportunity for athletes to leave a university if they desire to go somewhere else and they have been using it to their advantage. The effects of using the transfer portal has pros and cons, and has been a topic of many discussions.

Some would agree that if an athlete has found themselves in a poor situation whether being treated wrongly, home sick or even that their talents could be used somewhere else they should be given the right to take a new path immediately. Others would say by having very little restrictions (especially midseason abandonment) within the infamous transfer portal we are teaching student-athletes to flee when things get tough, not to build resilience and it is ok to not commit. The policies associated to college athletic transferring needs to be evaluated as the focus of most sports was founded on TEAM not individual. There are no guarantees that the next stop on a player's collegiate journey will be the right one and if a coach picks up a player from the transfer portal that they will be that missing piece for their team.

We can't let this be the answer to minor things like frustration with team performance. If players are willing to quit for minor reasons without finishing their jobs, then who's to say that they won't do it again down the road in athletics or other aspects of their life?

Most importantly, building a "team" environment takes time and dedication on and off the playing fields. With the constant inflow and outflow, players' roles are changing sometimes too often and personalities don't have the time to "click". Lets focus on consistent developing, learning, teaching, and supporting instead of the give up attitude.

The future of sports and its values needs to start at a young age and continue as athletes grow, if not we will have many talented student-athletes missing the important concepts such as: work ethics, commitment, communication, problem-solving, etc... Ultimately, the transfer portal can be a good thing for some and is why it was set-up, but if misused like in many cases it can be detrimental.



CREATIVE COMPLEMENTS



Spring & Love

Vincent Martino

Spring can make everything feel much greater

The dove represents her love all for me

But nature always has one dictator

But love almost never has guarantee

Love rarely sometimes comes with obstruction

A tornado rushed over love quickly

All that obstruction comes with destruction

Our love for each other washes away thickly

Our love eventually perished away

Nature finally took its final course

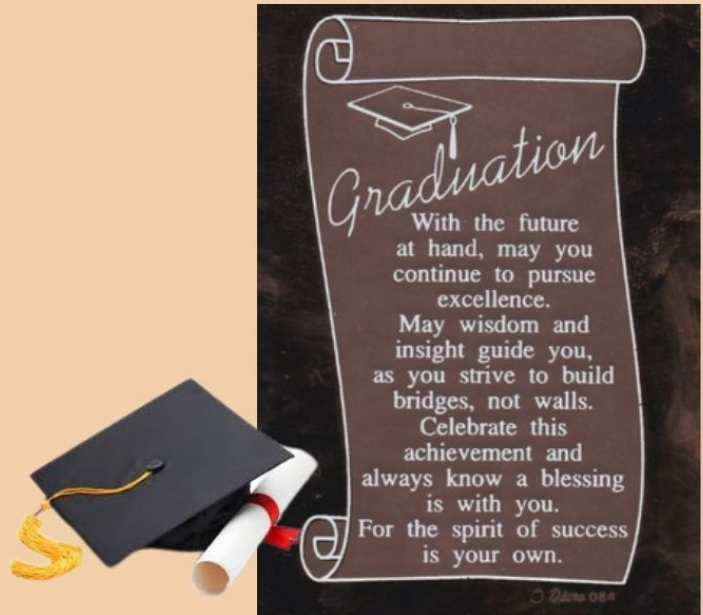
Our hearts finally turned grey when betrayed

The tornado brought into great remorse

After this remorse I was left destroyed

With all of my emotions she had toyed

(Written in Iambic Pentameter)



Vibrant Surroundings

Colton Young

Vibrant warm colors flood my eyes

I whistle along to the songs of the birds

and walk along a rabbit;

Hop

Hop

Hop

gleefully looking for grass to snack on

I smile and think;

I can't believe life was this colorful all along

...before, the birds didn't sing such wonderful songs

and every flower was the same dull pink

Rabbits didn't hop, they simply lugged along

...it took too long to see the beauty of the spring

Later in the season I'll watch the fireflies glow

Their light leading my dreams to the rich dark blue sky-

Forming constellations that future generations will come to know

It will be okay

They spell out,

You too will see a vibrant spring





SUMMER SPECIALS



KROB ACTIVITY PAGE!

Patrick Milord



KROB Riddle:

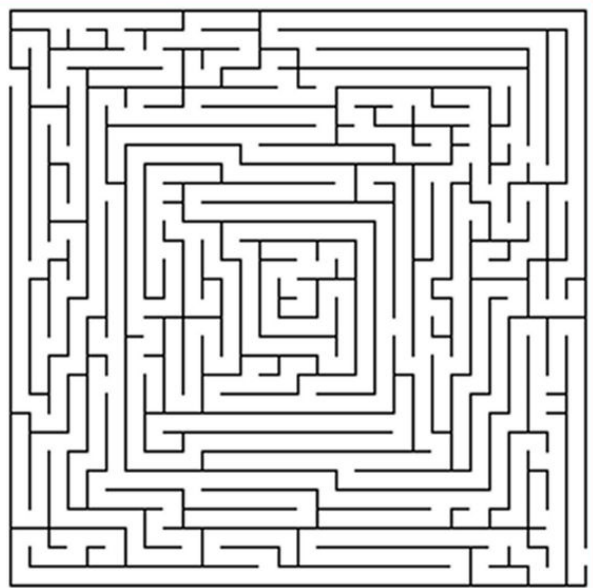
Amira, Beatrice, and Chloe run a 24-Hour Sunglass Hut. At least one of the three partners has to be there at all times. However, Beatrice only works with Amira, and Chloe never works without one of the other two. Which of the women are forced to work all the time.

The one forced to work all hours is Amira. If Beatrice works, so must Amira, and if Chloe works either Amira or Beatrice (with Amira) must work, leading to all possible options including Amira.

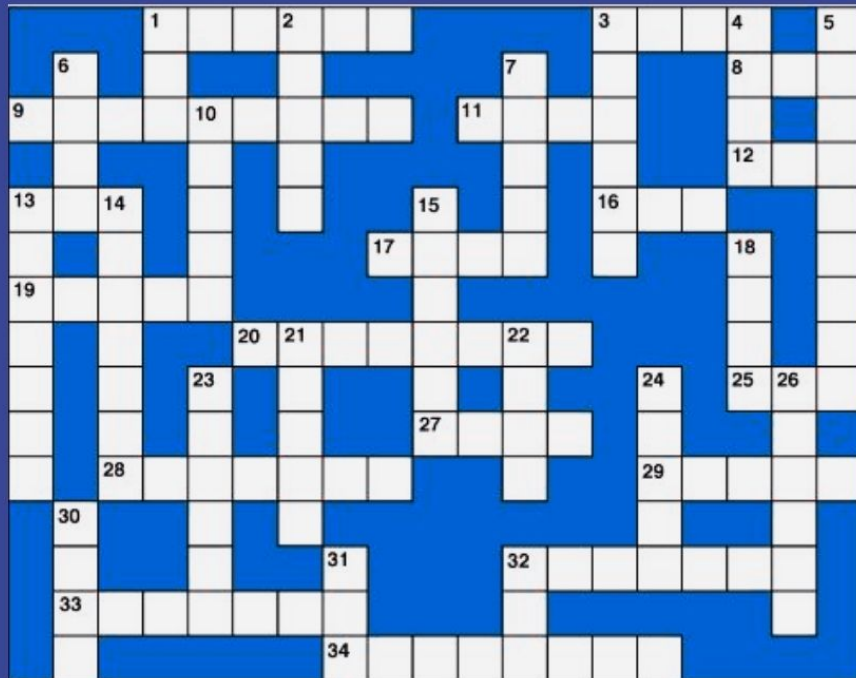
Riddle Solution

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MAZE!



SUMMER CROSSWORD!



ACROSS

1. Light rain
3. String _____
8. Single
9. Jumping & hopping game
11. Summer month
12. Have lunch
13. Very warm
16. City home for wild animals
17. Summer month
19. Sandy spot
20. Water sport
25. Used to pave roads
27. Relax

28. Step back
29. Very humid weather
32. Warm weather foot wear
33. _____ storm
34. Thrilling

DOWN

1. Short form of sister
2. Time piece
3. Cool wind
4. Musical symbol
5. Summer month
6. Go it alone
7. Weather word

10. Capture
13. Leisure activities
14. Follows a car
15. June 21
18. Always do your _____
21. Pools are full of this
22. Birds home
23. Suntan _____
24. Hot & _____
26. Summer month
30. Better _____ than never
31. _____ you sleeping?
32. Take a seat

FUN FACT!

Back in 1905, a San Francisco kid, by the name of Frank Epperson, accidentally invented the summertime treat, popsicles. He had mixed some sugary soda powder with water and left it out overnight. It was a cold night, and the mixture froze. He soon sold them everywhere.

Answers on Next Page



Guide to Seizing the Summer!

Patrick Milord



With two months of summer break ahead of you, it's easy to lose track of time and let your vacation dwindle away, well, KROB is here to help!

When summer first starts, avoid slipping into a listless routine, i.e. waking up late, staying in bed, overconsuming media, sleeping late, etc. Use your days wisely and set up a schedule that best suits you.

Of course, summer is a good time for rest and relaxation, but it's important to also try to use the time away from school as a means of bettering ourselves. For example, you can learn a new skill, update your activity record/resume, create a LinkedIn profile, visit some potential colleges.

To fully take advantage of the summer, try to keep your schedule full. By that we mean to try to sprinkle in a lot of new and fun experiences throughout the summer to keep it eventful.



Upcoming Summer 2023 Events



JUNE 30-JULY 16
NASSAU COLISEUM



EAST MAIN STREET RIVERHEAD, NY

ALIVE AFTER FIVE



THURS. : JUNE 29, JULY 13, JULY 27 & AUGUST 10
PATCHOGUE, NY



AUG. 11TH -13TH
CRADLE OF AVIATION



Harborfront Park, Port Jefferson

Sunset Concerts, Wednesdays

- July 5: The Well Diggers
- July 12: Quarter Horse
- July 19: Arbutus & Vine
- July 26: Pure Joy with Paige Patterson
- August 2: Roger Street Friedman
- August 9: The New Students
- August 16: Teddy Kumpel & Nome Sane?
- August 23: Gene Casey & The Lone Sharks
- August 30: Kaido

Harborside Concert Series, Thursdays

- July 6: Solid 70s
- July 13: Bangos
- July 20: Southbound
- August 10: Fleetwood Macked
- August 24: Foreign Journey (special gues Randy Jackson)

Crossword Across Answers

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| 1) SHOWER | 19) BEACH |
| 3) BEAN | 20) SWIMMING |
| 8) ONE | 25) TAR |
| 9) HOPSCOTCH | 27) REST |
| 11) JUNE | 28) RETREAT |
| 12) EAT | 29) MUGGY |
| 13) HOT | 32) SANDALS |
| 16) ZOO | 33) THUNDER |
| 17) JULY | 34) EXCITING |



Crossword Down Answers

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|--------------|------------|
| 1) SIS | 15) SUMMER |
| 2) WATCH | 18) BEST |
| 3) BREEZE | 21) WATER |
| 4) NOTE | 22) NEST |
| 5) SEPTEMBER | 23) LOTION |
| 6) SOLO | 24) HUMID? |
| 7) SUNNY | 26) AUGUST |
| 10) CATCH | 30) LATE |
| 13) HOBBIES | 31) ARE |
| 14) TRAILER | 32) SIT |