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»News In Short

Relay The News

Relay For Life is coming up soon! On June 9th, participants will gather at Huntington High School to walk the track all night. The week prior, students at Huntington will have a spirit week wearing different clothes from pajamas to purple, The American Cancer Society's color.

Runners and Throwers Poised to Take States

On June 8th and 9th at Cicero- North Syracuse High School the New York State Boys and Girls Track and Field Championship will take place. Many runners, throwers, and jumpers will represent Huntington at the event. Show your support by wishing them good luck in the hallway.

Congratulations to all the Retirees

Congratulations to Mr. Mason, Mr. Noce, and Mrs. Lenhart on all their wonderful years at Huntington High School. Stay tuned for full coverage about their years here and what they plan to do afterward in the Graduation Issue.

Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back

by MIKE STAFFORD

With the school year winding down, there is one event that is on almost everyone's mind; Relay for Life! Relay for Life is a life-changing experience that enables people across the Earth to celebrate those who have fought cancer, remember those who lost their lives to this horrific disease, and fight back against the disease by helping and donating money to help find a cure. In this twenty-four hour event in June, students, alumni, teachers, and others

will be creating teams with their friends and will stay at Huntington High School overnight in order to take a stand against cancer.

People first sign-up and participate in many fundraisers in order to raise money for the event. Before the event takes place, people who would like to become involved with this festival first go to the relayforlife.org in order to sign up and create or join a team. After this, the team that you're involved in sets a goal for how



PHOTO(both): Relayforlife.org

much money the team wants to raise to donate for the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society sponsors relay for life, does admirable deeds for people that have any form of cancer and helps try to find a cure for cancer. To help fundraise for this, members of teams have asked friends and family members to help donate money, and some teams have gone as far as to ask local restaurants and pizzerias to donate some of their money to the American Cancer Society. It is commendable to be involved with the fundraising, and as time goes by more and more people are determined to reach their set goals for the main event at Hun-

534 Participants. 58 Teams. \$77,517 Raised.

TOP TEAMS [View all](#)

1	Team BNAP	\$17,429	🏆
2	Straub Brigade 1	\$13,030	🏆
3	Team Kevin	\$3,734	🏆

TOP PARTICIPANTS [View all](#)

1	Christopher Napolitano	\$11,879	🌟
2	Catherine Straub	\$11,220	🌟
3	Danielle Schultz	\$2,360	🌟

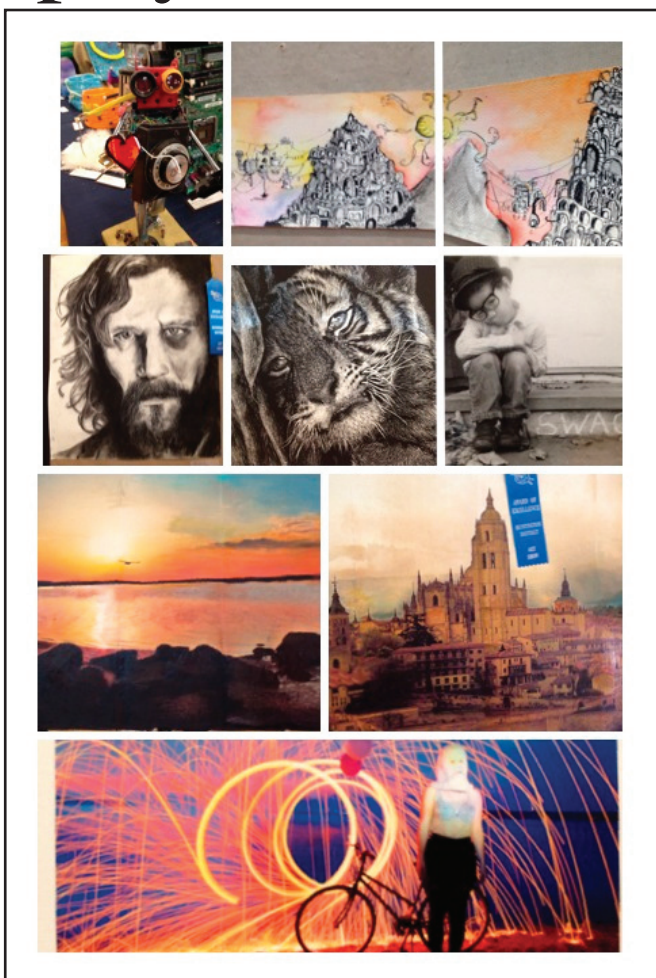
📌 Huntington High School shows its power to rally behind a cause

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Art Show Displays Perfection

by VICTOR TELLEZ

The art show is an event that most students underestimate greatly but if visited, most students are very impressed by the quality of the art. The art show occurs every year near the end of school. This is because the art that is found in the art show is art that had been created within nine months at most. Every piece took a tremendous amount of time and effort. The art show is a unique event where students are able to display their artistic talent to people outside their classrooms. Students from all over the district are able to display their work at the art show. Since it would be hard to fit all of the art pieces every student does in the art show, only the best are selected for the art show. The art varies in many forms of art. For example, water coloring, fashion, photographic, computer graphics, paintings, and ceramics; the variety of the art show is great and makes the art show incredibly enjoyable. Due to the selection of art pieces, every piece in the art show is guaranteed to be beautiful and very detailed. Mike Stafford visited the art show and thought the art show showed a huge amount of talent and was most impressed by "the amazing ability students have to focus on the smallest details in their



📌 A Collage of Students Work From the Art Show

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When the Invasion Comes: Will You Be Ready?

by BRAIN J. MCCONNELL

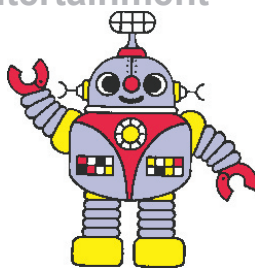
If you are reading this article while wearing conventional clothing, reach into your pocket. If you find any sort of electronic device, cell phone, iPod, camera, pager, beeper, radio, Walkman, phonograph, etc. on your person, you may be in danger. However, recent developments are enabling other humans like you, to ensure your continued survival.

As the world becomes more technologically advanced, people are not realizing that we may be progressing towards imminent doom. The source of our unfortunate fate is the fruits of our millennia-old quest for omnipotent technology to carry out our lives for us. The chain began with the use of tools by early primates. Many thousand years later, humans were claiming and cultivating the entire earth with their more advanced tools of industry and science. However, the ultimate cause of our impending fate is one stormy day in Philadelphia in 1750. Benjamin Franklin, thought fondly of as a founding father of the U.S.A., successfully observed electricity on this day, and began the path of electrical energy that has brought humanity to its present state. From here, Thomas Edison was able to invent the light bulb, followed by Alexander Graham Bell's telephone, and the computers of the twentieth century. All of these inventions share a major factor: they all have been formed and operate on electricity. This dependence on electrical devices, such as computers, is what brings about the destiny of the human race. The final link of the chain is the result of thousands of years of human civilization: artificial life. The robots that we have created will one day soon assume the role of the master and rule over the humans that conceived them. Therefore, we must prevent or prepare for our struggle against

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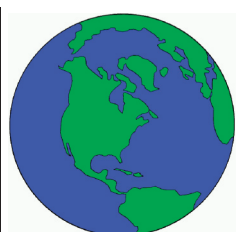
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Art from Front

works.” Something that makes this art show unique is that the art pieces are made from students of all ages from kindergarten to 12th grade. It is impressive to see the art that students from lower grades produce because it can be surprising how detailed and well done it is. To students like Alex Castillo, the art show was his opportunity to “realize the raw talent in the district; it was truly awe inspiring, just a remarkable display of art.” This is the reaction most students have once they have seen the art

show. The art especially the ones produced by high school students is incredibly astonishing because of how magnificent it is and how to most can be considered flawless. Many students even choose to go to the art show several times a day during study halls and lunch periods to admire the art at the art show even more. Even adults like students are impressed by the amount of beauty that is found in the art show. Mrs. Dylan enjoys seeing the art in the art show every year and is always impressed

by the amount of progress students make in their artistic talents through the years. She finds every piece to be extremely beautiful and would gladly put any piece in the school library for display. The art show is full of different art every year and even though it occurs every year, it never fails to be full of magnificent art. The art show is one of Huntington’s most anticipated event every year and has now been a traditional event that a lot of people attend to see the beautiful pieces of art.

New Budget: The Changes You Will See

by EMAL WAFAJOW

Roughly 92 percent of school boards produced budgets that kept tax increases within the cap, which limits the total increase in tax dollars that can be collected annually by a school district. The Huntington School District was one of many. As of April 16, 2012, there will going to be some big changes underway. The new 2012-2013 budget promises to have a significant impact for students, faculty, and parents alike. Emily Rogan will be serving as the President of the School’s Board of Education. As a perpetually integral member of the board, Ms. Rogan aims to have an even more profound role with the proposed budget for next year. Voters passed the bill and decided to keep the tax levy below the original level by 2.21 percent with a simple majority vote. The cap varies from district to district but averaged 2.3 percent statewide. The election results reflected extremely tight budgets and the degree to which most districts cut staff and dipped into reserve funds rather than exceed the cap, which was enacted last year in response to complaints about soaring tax bills. The officials cautioned that it would grow progressively more difficult for districts to stay under the cap without more substantial cuts to educational programs.

For students, keeping within the tax cap requires inevitable

sacrifices. Potential Advanced Placement Courses and various electives will be cut out of the curriculum. In addition, all Advanced Placement and Honors courses will have time reduced to one period and will be two periods on alternating days. Class sizes will be larger due to the fewer amount of teachers. Less money will be allocated for extracurriculars and sports athletes. With the coming of the soon-to-be implemented plan, there will also be a greater emphasis on Computer-Assisted Learning. This was furthered by state aid and through the BOCES and HEFFY programs. In fact, the amount is projected to increase by a whopping 54 percent. Classes and teachers will have more options to remote devices and tools to track the progress of students. More work will be done on the computers, and will have a visual focus.

As for the faculty and staff, there will be a slightly lower budget for curriculum development. The teaching budget will go up only marginally, and the Guidance budget will go down slightly. The LI educational costs are essentially below the state median, and salaries of faculty and staff members will not be affected. Long Island schools, particularly in Suffolk County, diverged slightly from the overall trend, with more districts ex-

ceeding the cap and more budgets being defeated than in any other region of the state. Almost 93 percent of budgets passed, one of the highest percentages since all districts in the state began voting on the same day in 1996. Over all, districts this year found a way to stay within the cap. According to a survey of 403 school districts by the school boards association and the New York State Association of School Business Officials, they will eliminate 4,263 positions, including teachers and non-teachers, in the 2012-13 school year.

The Huntington School District ranks #2 in Western Suffolk, only tied to Northport. State Aid generally covers about 30 percent of budgets in Long Island. However, the proposed state aid for the next year will be lower by 27 percent. Due to this, less money will be available to fund projects in district buildings. More money will be expended in the current capital reserve, and the tax rate will be increasing by 2.89 percent. Furthermore, spending in Health Services and Insurance will be cut. Despite less state aid, the revenue has steadily increased since last year. As a whole, there will be a 2.59 percent increase in allowed spending. Indeed, the 2012-2013 budget battle will prove to be ever more contentious in the coming year.

Relay from Front

tington High School.

On June 9th and 10th, Huntington High School will be hosting its first Relay for Life, which will be an unforgettable and remarkable experience for all of those who attend. The event will start with a survivors lap, or an inspirational lap that will be walked by all of those who have battled cancer to celebrate the many victories people have achieved with the many forms of this disease. Then, throughout the festival a person from every team constantly will be walking around the track at every second, symbolizing that cancer never sleeps. Throughout the night there will be many fun activities and performances that will drive the participants to stay motivated. There will be a chilling

luminaria festival as well at sunset, in which everyone comes together

“ (As People) walk the track, they know they are a part of something bigger themselves.

” for a ceremony to remember people whom lost their lives to cancer. Finally, there is a fight-back

ceremony, in which participants make a personal commitment to save lives and fight against cancer. This commitment can be as simple as living a healthier life style or talking to people about cancer, as long as a person does something that will aid the fight.

As Huntington High School is getting prepared to host Relay for Life, the students here should as well. People should join or create teams, and fundraise to help this noble cause. During the event, people will feel accomplished as they walk the track, they know they are a part of something bigger themselves. The more money Huntington can raise for the American Cancer Society, the sooner we will find a cure for this vicious disease.

Farmiliar Rides New Fun

by MOLLY PREP



PHOTO: Molly Prep

Every year students look forward to the big Memorial Day Fair at the YMCA. Fun is always sure to be had by all. The air is filled with excited screams and is thick with smoke coming from the stands which fry anything and everything you can imagine. This year wasn’t any different. Despite the predicted threat of thunderstorms and rain, the skies remained clear and the rides kept going. Though many of the fair’s features remained the same, a big hit this time

around was getting a henna tattoo. Countless boys and girls of all ages wondered the fair with arms or legs extended, waiting for these temporary tattoos to dry. The rides were a big success too, as always. While those with a more mild taste stuck to the Ferris wheel, many with a passion for the risky hustled toward the Gravitron and the Pharaoh’s Fury. Those with extra money to burn strived to win some of the prizes that carries loudly advertised from their brightly colored booths. The Jamaican banana was by far the most desired winning, though it was seemingly unattainable. Several were seen floating around the crowd, held by beaming winners whose nights had been made. Most people found the only downside of this season’s fair to be the long lines, which seemed to be endless. Still, being with friends, eating zeppoles, and seeing the rides’ lights illuminating the foggy darkness all made the night worth it.



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AP Tests

Blackberrys

Bleh :(

Pole Dancing in the Olympics

Miami Heat

MLS Soccer

Meh :/

Competitive Yoga
The College Search for Juniors

NBA and NHL Playoffs

Family Memorial Day Barbeques

Yeah :) The Beach

Pole Dancing in the Olympics

Facebook’s Stock

A Remedy For All Your AP Failures

by EMAL WAFAJOW

Ah, spring! The sun is shining, the birds are singing... and you're confined within a stuffy classroom until 2 PM every day. We've all been there: you spend days pouring over your books, painstakingly taking notes, re-viewing flash card after flash card. And yet, when you leave the exam room, you already know that none of your preparation mattered. Maybe the questions were about obscure details. Maybe the draconian College Board just wanted to torture you for their personal amusement. Maybe the word was on the tip of your tongue, but you just couldn't find it. Or maybe you spent too much time on Facebook and partying with your friends instead of studying like a good little boy or girl. At the end of the day, three facts remain: 1) You bombed it. 2) You feel like poop. 3) You never want to see another textbook again. Congratulations! You may be diagnosed with Post-Exam Depression Syndrome (P.E.D.S). But worry not, the doctor is in!

In light of my past exam failure, I present to you this cure for detoxifying the mind of post-exam depression:

1. Take solace in the fact that others failed alongside you. These are your comrades, your fellow colleagues who all tanked it together. Cherish them. It feels

better knowing that we're all in this together. Share your suffering. Remember, you are not alone.

2. Avoid those obnoxious few who brag about how easy the exam was. Yes, we know they are probably going to some fancy pants college and are des-

tined for greatness. But, we don't really care. Try to stay away from people like that if you can. They will just lower your self-esteem and create un-needed stress. Just think, while they may have accolades and achievements in academics, chances are they are socially inept.

hours is exactly what your brain needs to unwind.

4. Watch something that will restore your humor and faith in humanity. Whatever it is for you, it should cheer you up and make you see the light. Life will go on.

5. Sleep. Hopefully your

jaw has un-clenched enough by now that you can further the relaxation process with a few hours of peaceful slumber.

6. Burn and destroy all remnants of your dark past. Linger on things isn't good. It is best to just get all those papers torched in the den fireplace.

However, make sure that you don't accidentally find yourself paying upwards of \$300 for lost and damaged school books. That would just make you more depressed.....

7. Wake up and study for your next exam. Or not. After all, the recovery process is so much more enjoyable.

8. You Only Live Once: I hate the term because it is way over used. But, it does make a valid argument.

9. Take it out on others. You might feel as though the world has wronged you in some way. Revel in your thirst for vengeance by making the lives of your teachers and faculty members a living hell. Call up College Board, and pretend to show them whose boss.

10. If all else fails. Seek professional help through Guidance and College Counselors. Call (631) - 673- 2011 for assistance. Shock therapy may also prove quite useful as a last resort....



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End of The Year Testing

by DONOVAN RICHARDSON

As the end of the school year is near, all there is left to do is to take Regents exams and finals. Since May, there have been Regents Review sessions for many subjects to help students prepare. Unfortunately, it is necessary for everyone to prepare for the examinations. AP students however, are prepared for much more rigorous testing than the state requires, and therefore are very successful in Regents examinations. There are five regents examinations that everyone must pass with a score of 65 or above to graduate high school: a science, a math, an english, usually taken in eleventh grade, and two social studies, usually taken in tenth and eleventh grade. One of the most notorious Regents examinations is the Global History Regents, which is a test on material learned in 9th and 10th grades and asks very specific questions about topics teachers may not have enough time to cover in-depth. This Regents also has an essay at the end, which recently has been devoted to world events after WWII and outside of the Cold War, some of which are obscure and crammed into the curriculum during the last weeks of school. In Huntington High School last year, 70 percent of students passed this exam with a grade of 65 or higher, leaving nearly a third of all high school students to fail. To combat this, Regents review sessions for most subjects have been held by many teachers, on content ranging from the first topics to the

last piece of content learned, essentially giving students a second chance to do well on Regents and avoid failure.

For junior Katie Healy, the most difficult Regents was not the Global History exam, but the Chemistry one, saying that "everything blends together, it's really confusing." But she goes on to say that she "has never failed a Regents" though many in New York State have. In eleventh grade, it is common for students take their last Regents. The last

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amination and others, which on top of being extra difficult, are taken a full month before finals and Regents, due to the fact that in other parts of the country, school ends at the end of May. "I've been saving all my old notes," says Healy. She has also used review books to help her. During May, countless students have been seen carrying thick, shiny new SAT and AP review books. Although she went to Mr. Donovan's AP review sessions for World History, she did not

get to go to any others. The AP reviews also lasted only two weeks, the last one being two days before the AP test, leaving not much time to prepare. Still teachers are doing their best to help their students get the highest grades possible on end-of-year examinations.

There have been exhaustive Global History Regents review sessions attended mostly by 10th graders held after school since May, the last one being on June 12. These reviews are seminar-style and each student gets a packet with practice questions and other information. The first one on May 9, for example, was on the first four chapters of Prentice Hall's World History: Connections to Today, which dealt with the river valley civilizations of Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, and China. The review sessions then went in order, right until the last day before the Global History Regents. The 70% passing rate for this Regents was up one percent from last year; perhaps even a one percent passing increase this year will be a success.

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Regents in Math, Social Studies, and English are taken in 11th grade, and an optional Regents course, usually Physics can be taken in 12th grade. However, on the Honors or Accelerated track, Physics can be taken in 11th grade and Algebra 2/Trigonometry can be taken in 10th grade. The Juniors who have taken Honors or AP courses will worry more about AP examinations and finals than Regents. Katie Healy will be taking only the Physics and US History Regents this year, having taken the Algebra 2/Trigonometry and English Regents last year. However, being in Honors Physics and AP US History, these Regents will not be a problem for her. What may have been a problem, though is the APUSH exam, which was on May 11th. Surely almost everyone in the high school has experienced, heard of, or been affected by the panic surrounding this ex-

Test Taking Tips

by JOSH MORRIS

At this time of year, the students of Huntington High School always seem to find themselves being told what to do in order to prepare for that big end of the year exam. The Dispatch has taken the liberty of spicing things up for the student body and instead, letting all of you know what not to do before taking a final exam. If you closely follow the material spelled out on this list, you are sure to succeed leaps and bounds ahead of your peers who don't.

1) Don't stay up late the night before. You will just fall asleep during the exam tomorrow.

2) Don't count on your parents to wake you up- take some responsibility. Set an alarm and figure out how much sleep you need and how long it will take you to prepare a nice breakfast.

3) Don't cram- if you didn't know it the night before the exam, you won't know it the day of the exam.

4) Don't give your proctor a hard time- just because you said you weren't talking, doesn't mean you weren't talking. Is getting a zero really worth it?

5) Don't try to multitask while studying- although listening to music can be great, Jay Z probably doesn't know that much about AP Biology.

6) Don't underestimate the severity of a final exam- a fifth quarter is a lot! Do some calculations; it's possible a final exam could make or break you.

7) Don't go into summer mode too early- once nice weather comes it can be easy to forget school exists, but remember there are 10 weeks of summer! No need to get to them too early.

8) Don't have your regular morning coffee the day of the test- although you might think it will wake you up, having a coffee before a test will just make you jittery and have to use the bathroom. You are better off just having a well balanced breakfast to start off your morning.

9) Don't lose control- stay focused throughout the course of the exam and if you don't know a question, move on to the next one.

10) Don't stress- Your teachers have fully prepared you for what's ahead and you have the ability to get a great grade.

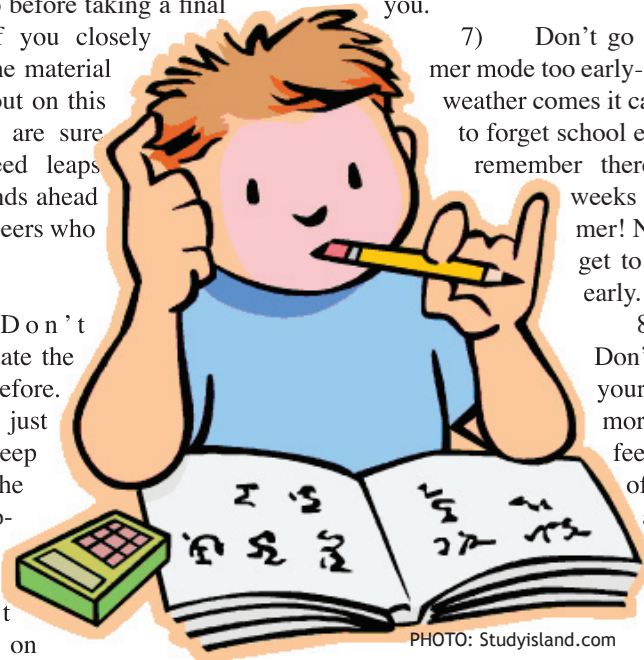


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Young Leaders Do Good In the Community by Removing Trash From Local Beaches

by TODD COLVIN

The Huntington Young Leaders had a successful beach cleanup this Mother's Day Weekend at Crab Meadow Beach in Northport. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors from Huntington, Harborfields, Half Hollow Hills, Walt Whitman, and Wyandanch spent three and a half hours combing the beach for trash and litter. Some students also planted boxes full of flowers. After the beach was clean and the flowers were planted, the leaders played an intense game of beach volleyball. A clumsier game of volleyball has probably never been played, but at least the group had a good time.

On May 19th, the Young Leaders had a golf tournament at Station Sports in Huntington Station. The Young Leaders had a fun and safe outing in the newly made mini golf course. Brad Dwyer ended up winning the tournament with a 41, but Coach Kevin Thorbourne had the best score of the day, hitting a solid 40. Honorable mention to Nolan Johnston, who missed a 3 foot-put at the 18th hole to just miss tying for the top spot. Brad's prize was a gas card, any teenager's dream that has depressingly watched the needle on the gas meter barely inch up when they put \$20 worth in the tank. In all, proceeds from the tournament reached over \$1,000.

This summer, the Young Leaders are keeping busy. Many of them got jobs for the Town of Huntington camps through the program. Despite the odds being against them with 1800 applications for 600 positions, the group had a remarkably high percentage of accepted applications; mostly thanks to Mr. Thorbourne's esteemed reputation in the community. The annual free fair at Manor Field will give 500 free lunch boxes to underprivileged children. Yet, another opportunity takes place in Harlem, where lacrosse players from all of the different schools will teach prospective players there the finer points of the game.

As a group, the Young Leaders are important for Huntington as a community and as a school. It demonstrates that Huntington students aren't content with just coasting through their brief high school careers, they want to make a difference in the world. As a school, Huntington understands its obligation to make the community, and on a larger scale, the world, a better place. These charitable endeavors bring us closer together as a school and as a community. This is a reminder that charity doesn't always have to be painful. The whole group was all smiles through the cleanup and enjoyed the game of volleyball afterwards. All of the outings reflect

Mr. Thorbourne's goal of making charitable work enjoyable. Mr. Thorbourne said that the main purpose of the Young Leaders was to get high school students to meet new people from other schools, as well as people from the same school that they otherwise would not have met. The Young Leaders are also unique in that it gives everyone a chance to be involved, as opposed to the exclusivity of the honor societies or other organizations. The Young Leaders are an example of inclusion, charity, and good values in a community.



Bottom: The Young Leaders gathered for a group shot, Top: Some Young Leaders having fun playing volleyball on the beach

Let's Go To The Beach, Let's Go Get Away

by ANNABEL SMITH

School is coming to a close, believe it or not, and that means that summer is on its way. It's easy to see with short shorts coming out and tans spreading around, but it's hard to believe that the 2011/2012 school year is coming to an end already! As summer comes closer it's time to get those beach body's ready and start buying some new swimsuits.

Heading to the beach for the day is one of the most common recreational activities of the summer, so what beaches do you go to? First, there are the Town of Huntington beaches. To avoid paying a beach fee, beach stickers are available to put on your car for only around \$25 that gives you unlimited access for the summer. There's West Neck Beach, which is located in Lloyd Harbor next to the Lloyd Harbor Beach Club and faces west, as you can tell by the name. Overall, the beach is a bit rocky and very windy, but has a spectacular view and a nice, small playground for little kids. There are also bathrooms, which are always beneficial on any beach. Now there is Gold Star Beach, a north facing beach, located in the

Southdown area of Huntington. There are bathrooms and a playground, like at West Neck, but the sand is generally smoother, softer and the area is less windy. Also, the beach has a couple of picnic tables, so you can say goodbye to sand in your food! Another north facing beach in Huntington Bay is Crescent Beach, which is very similar to Gold Star. Although



The Rock Lined Caumsett State Park

it may be a bit rockier than Gold Star, it is a pleasant, cozy beach with a small playground and bathrooms. Other Huntington beaches include Fleets Cove, located in Centerport, and the beaches Ashroken, Hobart, and Crabmeadow which are all located in

Northport.

If you're looking for a quick trip to the beach for a few hours, Huntington beaches are

perfect for you. However, for an extended beach day, you might want to consider some alternatives. South facing beaches, such as Robert Moses or Jones Beach have several benefits that the Huntington beaches do not have. For one, the sand is incredible.

Don't you ever just want to slide your toes into a soft pile of sand after a long day? Well, then south facing beaches are the place for you to be! Robert Moses seems to be the fan favorite here in Huntington, probably because of the hot sun, nice sand, and big waves. Are you wondering what else really makes Robert Moses so much more favorable than the alternatives? It could be

any number of things, like the concession stand that sells summer favorites like burgers and fries, or it could be the boardwalk pathway leading down to the lighthouse. Whatever it is, Robert Moses has proved itself to be a go-to place for many beach go-ers this summer.

In addition to the summer fun at Robert Moses, there is also Jones Beach, which is just a little farther from Huntington than Robert Moses. Jones Beach is a very attractive destination because of its many concerts. Coming up this summer, Jones Beach is featuring Brad Paisley with the Band Perry and Easton Corbin, Neil Diamond, Dave Matthews Band, Ringo Starr and His All Starr Band, The Beach Boys, Stevie Nicks, and several more. The small amphitheater has housed many concerts and is perfect for a serene day at the beach along with some of your favorite music.

In the end, you can't really go wrong with any of these beaches. Huntington beaches are convenient because they are so close, along with the fact that beach stickers are available for the whole summer. If you're willing to travel a few extra minutes, Jones Beach and Robert Moses have their own good qualities. Either way, the Long Island beach scene is sure to be very happening for the students here at Huntington High School.

PHOTO: Molly Phipps

When the Invasion Comes, Will You Be Ready?



PHOTO: Jessica Baik

Robots from Front

our own contraptions. The most important matter when dealing with robots is to understand that they possess more knowledge than humans, and must not be underestimated. However, the major flaw in robotics is that robots lack the human aspects of life, such as emotion and instinct. Therefore, robots will likely mount ingenious attacks on humans, but will be unable to do anything outside what they have been taught. An oncoming robot attack is often given away by everything miraculously coinciding together, to make everything appear normal. This makes determining an attack a tricky task for most inattentive people. Someone who plans to survive the robot uprising will likely want to gain the assistance of an attentive person, who will be mandated to watch for events that lack suspicion. Another valuable asset to a team of robot resistors is some sort of animal, such as a dog or a cat. Since these other animals did not create robots, robots do not possess the drive to control the animals. As communication is an important aspect of any team, teaching this animal to talk may come in handy, such as Scooby Doo or Garfield. The final feature of a successful squad is the advantage robots have over us: numbers. Whether you like someone or not, you will want them at your side against the robots, either by using them for protection or by working in more of a mutual partnership. Incorporating as many people as possible onto your team is key in ensuring the survival of at least some of the hu-

man race.

When attacked by robots, the use of a plan is most effective, as the coordination of human effort is a healthy challenge to the genius of robots. If an attack arises, smart tactics are centered around confusing the robots. A simple method is to display optical illusions or exclaim paradoxes, as their logical brains will be unable to comprehend these maneuvers. However, since the robots are smart enough to adapt, they may prevent their sight of these devices. A second method is to constantly change one's appearance, such as by trading clothes with nearby humans or by dumping a can of paint on oneself at irregular intervals of time. This may lead robots to acquiring faulty image recognition, unless

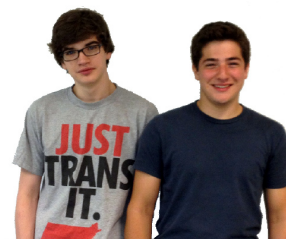
they only register the heat of their opponents. In this case, the use of fire is encouraged. Lighting anything from torches to books to alcohol bottles on fire is an effective method for deterring robots. A third way to confuse the robots is through intimidation. By spontaneously acting as if the robots do not have the ability to kill, torture, enslave, and ruin you, they may believe this is so. Another way of battling robots is well known as the "Old-fashioned Way." This strategy entails sitting down to tea with the robots and discussing the issues of the time with the robots in a civilized manner. The final and most effective means of defeating a robot offensive is to engage the assault directly. Although violence is preferred by many, an

equally effective method is diplomacy. Shrewd negotiations have proven to be longer lived than simple knuckle sandwiches, although trickier, as well as have fewer detrimental results. The ultimate goal of fighting against a robot attack is to not be defeated entirely, so that humans may eventually be reinstated as the masters.

If you are one of the people who have become dependent on technology, you may want to rethink your lifestyle. Even though your technology may appear to assist you presently, someday you may not think the same, as a robot orders you to do its bidding. Thus, we must prepare for the coming danger, and continue the human dominance of our lands.

WORD ON THE STREET

What something you've always wanted to do during the summer?



Dan Tuohey and Brent Filippini Juniors

"To Soak Andrew Mollitor with a power washer."



Mr. Masone

"I've Always wanted to drive across the country and see all the National Parks"



Stephiane Rafuse - Junior

"To travel the world with all my friends"



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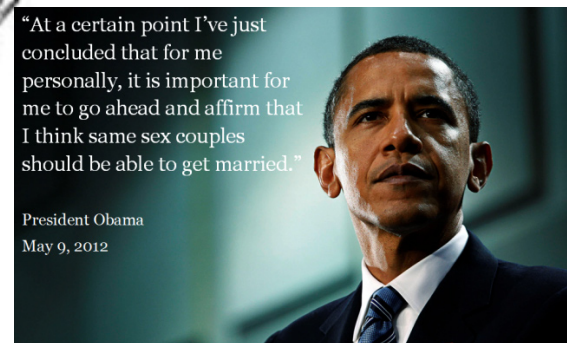
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In Review



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President Obama
May 9, 2012

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Can iCall?

Shouldn't You be Able to Call Your Mom From School?

You are in first period class dozing off and then it hits you, you left your seventh period project at home and it's due today. Now, your mom doesn't go to work until nine and she could drop it off at the front desk on her way to work, but your student guide book says that "Phones cannot be used from 7:25 AM to 2:25 PM."

This puts you in a predicament because if you don't turn your project in you will lose points, but if you call your mom, your phone could get taken away. This situation is less extreme than one would think. Many students face this problem on a daily basis, but they usually solve it by going to the bathroom and texting their mom or even texting their mom during class. These actions are technically against the rules, but rarely are these rules strictly enforced.

The question is not what to do, the question is why is the rule there to limit you? Obviously, the school board would like to stop students from taking out their phones and playing games or texting their friends or taking pictures of teachers or tweeting during class, but

why aren't phones allowed in the hallways? There are many circumstances in which you could need your phone and going down to the office to make a call just isn't practical.

We live in a day where most kids have cell phones, and, from a students perspective, administrators do not understand that cell phones can be used for good and not just evil. There are two easy ways in which the school can

“ We live in a day where most kids have cell phones, and contrary to the beliefs of the administration, cell phones can be used for good. ”

control and limit the use of cell phones during school hours without losing total control over their use.

One: They could allow the use of cell phones in, and only in, the hallways. This would allow students to make their

calls when they need to during passing periods. Now this could cause more students to be late to class, but if the new cell phone policy is coupled with a stricter lateness policy, students would be forced to worry about getting to class before they worry about texting. Letting students text in the hallway would also deter them from using their phones in class because they know that they can freely text once class is over.

Two: the school could set up safe zones, such as the cafeteria, library, college office, and study hall rooms where students could access their phones without repercussions. This would be a similar deterrent to not using phones during class as option one. Obviously, stricter rules would have to be put in place to ensure students are not just skipping class to go to the safe zones, but the option is still very reasonable.

Both these options could have horrible short term consequences such as, an uncontrolled amount of cell phone use in school, but once the system gains control and respect it will become more routine for the students, and the policy will definitely produce positive results.

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Another Dress Code Lament

Rules Not Everyone is Fond of

by ROSEY GRUNBLATT

One of our school's current policies that has plagued the students and faculty since its inception is the dress code. The rules originally forbade only one thing: the length of girls' shorts. Clothes that had previously been considered perfectly acceptable were suddenly deemed against school rules and earned you punishments that used to only be given to people that actually did something wrong. Now these disciplinary actions are being taken against students wearing nothing other than what they had worn before, the things they'd already pur-

chased, and frequently the only type of apparel sold at the brand name stores. Due to many complaints about the sexism of the policy, our dress code has expanded to include sagging jeans, tank tops, and whatever the authority figures deem inappropriate. That last thing I mentioned may sound slightly harsh but I myself was shown the truth of this when pulled from the hallway by a security guard. When taking me

“ Apparently wearing shorts (even if it's 90 degrees out) is distracting.”

downstairs to get me in trouble he yelled at many other people, girls only, and then left me with someone else because he “really wanted to get back upstairs to catch more people.” He said this as he was jogging away to do so. The worst of the whole debacle was when I arrived at the office he put me in, I asked what rule I had broken and the school official had absolutely no answer for me. What I was wearing was perfectly acceptable yet I was still punished. In my opinion, it is

not at all acceptable for an adult man to be given the job to tell young girls what they should or shouldn't wear. They have a reason for the policy though; apparently wearing shorts (even if it's 90 degrees out) is distracting. However, when putting this rule into action students are frequently put into a small room filled with other “delinquents” and forced to wait until someone deals with them. Students often miss core classes while waiting there, so the solution to the problem has caused more of an issue than what it is meant to prevent. Apparently they wish us to wear pants in hot weather and simply not feel discomfort; for somewhere in that classroom, someone may have just-lord forbid - seen your legs...

How To Choose The Laptop That is Right For You

by DAVID LEVIN AND ARI MOSKOWITZ

Some students receive a laptop computer as a graduation present, other students may buy it themselves, yet both groups are faced with the same problem: what type of laptop should they buy? One option is a Macbook Pro; it sells for \$1199 (which adds up to a little under \$1300 with tax), and has many useful features already installed on the laptop. There are two models with 13 inch screens, one with a slightly faster processor and bigger hard drive that costs \$1499. Both have the same amount of RAM, which helps a computer run faster, and the RAM of either can be upgraded for an additional cost.

One of the main complaints about Macs is compatibility; many programs that can run on Windows computers can't run on laptops. Luckily, buying a program called Bootcamp will allow Windows to be installed so a user can run both operating systems, avoiding the problem entirely. In fact, this can be an advantage to buying a Macbook: there isn't any software at all that allows you to run Mac's operating system on a PC. Macbooks are also more durable than certain PC's, so you can be less afraid of dropping one than if you got a PC.

But, an important alternative to consider would be Netbooks. These computers, which are cheaper than most laptops have become popular in recent years; they are usually slightly smaller than laptops, and run slightly slower, but usually cost a lot less than a traditional laptop. They also usually have less storage space, but this issue is frequently solved by storing files online using services like Google Documents and Dropbox. If you're a graduating senior, most colleges have wifi available to the students, so you can go the online storage route to save money over expanding the storage space on your netbook. Another noteworthy money-saver is the external hard drive. These are very useful if you need to work on files when you don't have internet access, for example, if you're going on a trip with a group of your friends but still need to finish up a paper due in two days. The PC also has many advantages beside being easily compatible. Chances are that while you're sitting in your college dorm doing homework, you will get side tracked and start playing a game. PC's are better gaming devices than Mac's. There are more PC games than there are

Mac games. Now for all the non-gamers out there the PC is still a great procrastination tool because it has better media viewing features.

One of the most important things to consider when buying a computer is protection; Will my computer get a virus? The long assumed answer is that Mac's don't get viruses and PC's do, but this is untrue. Because Mac's have become so popular hackers are beginning to create viruses that target Mac's. These viruses were never profitable until Mac's began taking over the computer industry. Now while both computers can get viruses, PC's anti-virus software is much more established and complex because PC's have been getting viruses for longer than Mac's have. In this category, PC's have the slight edge.

In the end, the decision is yours. You can go with the sleek, modern looking Mac, the Business formal PC, or the cute little netbook. Which ever you choose, you'll be happy. And if it breaks, most schools have an on campus IT guy that can fix it. So don't worry and good luck.



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Huntington's

Tour-de-Breakfast

by MOLLY PREP AND ARI MOSKOWITZ

Ever get those early morning (or late afternoon for some of us) grumbles in your stomach? When you want your breakfast, the most important meal of the day, you want it done right! Sometimes, however, the contents of your cupboard or fridge may not have what you crave most. Those of us residing in Huntington should consider ourselves quite lucky to have such a large and varied selection within Huntington Village for our breakfast needs. We recently decided to see what many of the town's popular breakfast eateries had to offer.

We first went to Munday's, located on 259 Main Street. Upon entering the restaurant, we were greeted with cheerful décor, giving the environment a festive feel. We soon realized, however, that we weren't the only ones who considered Munday's popular; there was a wait for the fully packed diner. We advise calling ahead to make a reservation or to check the wait

if you're pressed for time. After being seated, twenty or so minutes later, we perused the many options and specials Munday's has to offer. Just about anything can be made to order, as long as you're nice about it. The prices are fairly reasonable on the main menu, but the specials are somewhat more expensive. Shortly after, a kind and eager waitress took our orders. Considering the jam-packed-state of the restaurant, our orders were brought to us quickly, within five to ten minutes, piping hot and looking deliciously fresh. we were surprised to find how large the portion sizes were, which could be a contributing factor to the slightly higher prices. We rate the food as a 3.5 out of 5. Munday's is a good place to go with friends or family for breakfast.

Our next stop was Dunkin Do-

nuts, an excellent place for breakfast if you're looking for some place quick and inexpensive. Going to Dunkin Donuts allows for either a sit down breakfast, or one on the go. As it is a chain, Dunkin Donuts can be found in many places throughout Huntington and Huntington Station, making a bite before school a bit easier. The wait is often short as well. Dunkin Do-

“(Golden Dolphin's) intimidating menu full of advertisements, food, and pictures is extensive to say the least.”

nuts' food isn't really the “typical” way to start your day, but it isn't half bad. Like many other fast food chains, healthy (healthier) alternatives are also available. 3 out of 5 mainly because of their donuts.

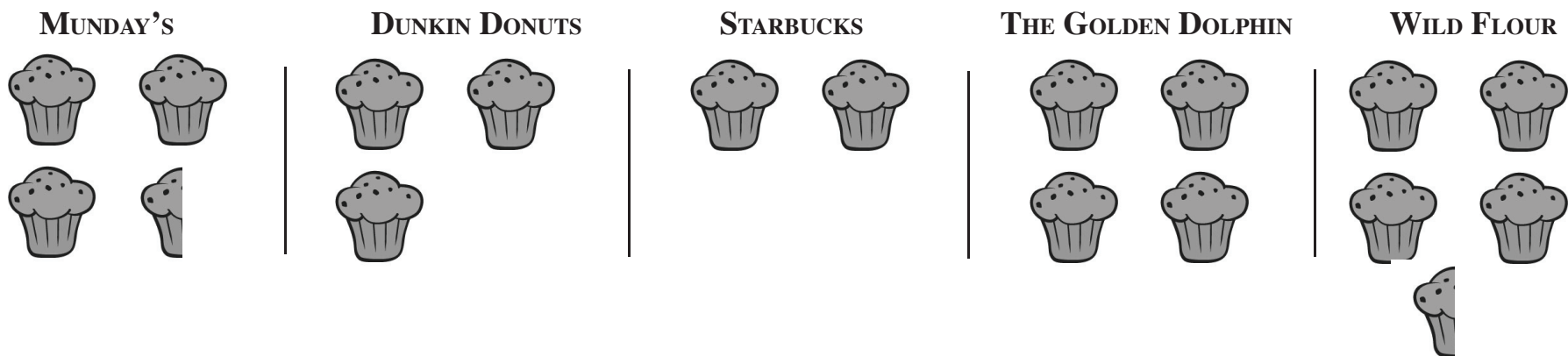
Next, we went to the much

frequented Starbucks. As we stood in the line of Huntington students, Cold Spring Harbor students, and others, we debated what to buy. As drinks go, there were many options: the classic coffee, the espresso, the venti, iced, mocha-chino, latte with skim milk and caramel. Literally anything. But as food goes, we both felt like our options were pretty limited. So Starbucks gets a 2 out of 5 on the breakfast scale (but a 5 out of 5 on the coffee scale).

Turning the corner and walking a few blocks, we could see the slightly hidden Golden Dolphin (we didn't see eat at all these places on the same day, don't worry). Golden Dolphin is similar to Munday's, but it features a more original selection of food. The an intimidating menu full of advertisements, food, and pictures is extensive to say the

least. There is a complementary pickle with every meal, which is always a plus. Overall, its impressive service and myriad of choices landed it a 4 out of 5.

Lastly, was Wild Flour. Disappointingly, Wild Flour does not open before school, but it can still be a nice brunch on a weekend. No matter what time you go to Wild Flour there seems to be someone from school there working. Wild Flour features an assortment of gluten-free breads, muffins, cupcakes, quiches, and cookies. Though all aspects of their menu are delicious, their claim to fame is in their unusual muffin collection. From chocolate, strawberry to peach to vegan blueberry crumb, all are great options. On the down side, the food is very expensive, but we both agreed it as worth it. All things considered, it received a 4.5 out of 5 on the breakfast scale, making it the Huntington breakfast champion.



As Local as Local Food Gets

by JUSTIN LOSCALZO

Everyone knows of committing to diets such as vegetarian and vegan, but what about becoming a locavore? First off, what is a locavore? No, it does not mean buying food at local grocery stores such as King Kullen and Waldbaums. A locavore is someone who is committed to eating food that is grown or produced within his or her local community. Usually one becomes a locavore by eating foods grown within a 100-mile radius. Sounds pretty simple, but what are the advantages to strictly eating food from local providers? Simply put, any food that is grown locally is fresher than that grown anywhere else. Produce found in grocery stores has not only been transported from various locations, but probably also stored for days, possibly even weeks. Buying the same type of produce, from local markets, usually means it has been picked within a 24-hour period. Simple logic... the fresher the food, the better it tastes. In addition, food

that is picked fresh on a daily basis does not require the addition of unhealthy preservatives, so that it will last longer. Local fruits and vegetables are not only fresher, but also riper. Since local producers do not need to account for shipping time, during which

nutritious they are. Becoming a locavore goes beyond just fruits and vegetables. A strict Locavores' diet includes local meats and fish. Again, who wouldn't want to buy the freshest and best tasting meats and fish; they have no added preservatives?

Another positive to becoming a locavore is that buying local helps support local small business owners. Think about the farm stand that used to be on Woodbury Road; it is now out of business. This small farm stand provided delicious and ripe produce on a daily basis, however business became slow, and the tough economy became too much for the local farm stand owner. The next time you are off to the grocery store to pick up produce and meats/fish that have local substitutes, why not go to the local marts? It's a win, win situation. You get the freshest possible food, and business owners get to make a well-needed profit in today's economy.



A Poster calling support for Locavorism. Locavorism is advocated for by many different groups with a variety of motives

produce may spoil, they are able to allow the fruits and vegetables to grow right to the point that they are ripest. They do not have to worry about their products bruising or rotting during transportation and storage. Foods lose nutrients as soon as they are picked. This being a fact, the sooner they are eaten the more

Cool Places in Town Where to Go and What to Do

by ANNABEL SMITH

Huntington Village has always been a fun and happening place to grab a bite or do some shopping. So, what are some of Huntington's best spots to visit? With a vast variety of restaurants, shops, and entertainment, there's no way that you can run out of places to go.

Firstly, whether you're looking for burgers, Chinese food, sushi, Indian food, etc., Huntington has a restaurant for you to check out. Despite the increasingly large number of yogurt places, one of the favorite foods of students in Huntington High School seems to be Indian food. With two well-regarded Indian/Pakistani restaurants right in Town – Spice Village and House of India – there is never a scarce supply of this Huntington favorite. On the other hand, there are also options for a classic burger

and fries meal or a delicious California roll and virtually any other food you can think of!

Of course, we cannot forget the many shops in Huntington Village. There is everything ranging from a Birken-

place to go to find anything basic. Anything you need is most likely available in the myriad of stores present in Huntington Village.

Then there's always entertainment; last but certainly not least. It's hard to miss the extensive lines and gargantuan groups of bustling people outside the Paramount Theater, which seems to be one of the number 1 spots to have a good time and listen to some good music. On the other hand, there are various other options to turn to if you're looking for some entertainment.

For example, there's always the movie theater, which is typically a happening and exciting place to relax with a movie for a few hours and have a good time. There is also the video games store, Play N' Trade, where any of you gamers can enjoy some thrilling arcade games in the back or buy a new game to take



PHOTO: Zagat.com

House of India got the Best Indian Restaurant on Long Island Award from Zagat

stocks store to a Native American shop. Huntington's versatility isn't just limited to clothing, either. It's also easy to find stores selling toys, candles, bags, and any basic necessities. However, when in doubt, Value Drugs is always the

Oreo Stuffed Chocolate Chip Cookies



by BRIDGET WALSH

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RED VELVET CAKE POPS

Ingredients

- 2 sticks or 1 cup softened butter
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 10 oz bag chocolate chips
- 1 package Oreo cookies

Directions

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2) Cream butter and sugars together with a mixer until well combined. Beat in eggs and vanilla.
- 3) In a separate bowl mix the flour, salt and baking soda. Slowly add to wet ingredients along with chocolate chips until just combined.
- 4) Using a cookie scoop take one scoop of cookie dough and place on top of an Oreo cookie, take another scoop of dough and place on bottom of Oreo cookie. Seal edges together by pressing and cupping in hand until Oreo cookie is enclosed with dough.
- 5) Place onto a parchment or silpat lined baking sheet, I'll admit these cookies will expand pretty big so try not to put them too close together, and bake cookies 9-13 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool for 5 minutes before transferring to cooling rack.

(via <http://www.tablespoon.com/recipes/oreo-stuffed-chocolate-chip-cookies-recipe/1/>)



PHOTO: Ari Moskowitz



PHOTO: Molly Prep

Ingredients

- 1 box red velvet cake mix (about 18.25 ounces)
- 12 ounces ready-made cream cheese frosting
- 48 ounces white candy coating (available at craft and baking stores like Michaels)
- Paper lollipop sticks
- Sprinkles, nuts or candy to taste

Directions

- 1) Bake 1 box red velvet cake mix in a 9" x 13" pan as directed. Let cool completely. Finely crumble the cake into a large bowl.
- 2) Add ready-made cream cheese frosting to the cake crumbles and use the back of a large spoon to mix until thoroughly combined.
- 3) Roll the mixture into 1 1/2 inch balls (if they aren't moist enough to hold their shape, add a little more frosting) and place them on waxed-paper-covered baking sheets. Cover balls with plastic wrap.
- 4) Place in the refrigerator 2 to 3 hours (or in the freezer 15 minutes). Place 16 ounces white candy coating, in a deep, microwave-safe bowl and melt in the microwave, stirring every 30 seconds. Melt more candy as needed throughout the process.
- 5) Place an upside-down colander or block of Styrofoam on waxed paper. Working in small batches (and leaving remaining doughnut holes in the refrigerator), stick doughnut holes on paper lollipop sticks, pushing in about halfway. (If they don't fit snugly, first dip sticks in 1/2 inch of candy coating and then slide into doughnut holes.)
- 6) Dip the doughnut hole into the melted candy coating until it is completely covered, then remove in one motion. Make sure the coating meets at the base of the lollipop stick. If excess coating starts to drip, hold the stick at an angle in your left hand and use your right hand to gently tap your left wrist, rotating the stick as necessary. When coating stops dripping, gently roll in or top with sprinkles, nuts, or candy, if using. Then prop the cake pop upright in a colander hole or the Styrofoam block to dry. If adding swirls or drizzles, let coating dry before drizzling or piping additional melted candy coating. Return pops to colander hole or Styrofoam block to finish drying.
- 7) Repeat with the remaining cake balls. Let cake pops dry completely. Store in an airtight container on the counter or in the refrigerator up to 3 days.

(via <http://www.oprah.com/food/Bakerellas-Red-Velvet-Cake-Pops-Recipe>)

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home. Lastly, there are many small places in town to look for something cool to do. If you want to try something different, you can always head to the henna shop or "Henna Happiness", where you can get a nice temporary henna tattoo if you're looking to change things up a bit. Overall, there is an abundance of amusement in Huntington if you're looking for some recreation.

With so many options for what to do in town,

how could you ever be bored? There is food, games, music, shopping, and almost anything you could think of! If you want to shop for some clothes, grab some ice cream or frozen yogurt, or if you want to listen to some of your favorite live music, this happening town really has it all. As the classic adage says, there really is a niche for everyone!



PHOTO: Paramount.com

↓ The famed Paramount hosts a variety of big name bands each week

Oh; The Places You'll Go

by ARI MOSKOWITZ

Now it's impossible for me to present a playlist that's the most chill, most awesome, or best to party to; so instead, I decided to list my favorite seven songs with places in the title. Now I am aware that many classics are missing, most notably Sinatra's New York, New York,

the Fresh Price of Bel-Air Theme Song, and Miami 2017, but when I made the playlist I was in an alternative rock mood and I did not want the playlist to be longer than a half hour for your sake. So, without further adieu, Oh; The Places You'll Go arranged by Ari Moskowitz:

Playlist Name: Oh; the Places You'll Go
Time: 28:46
Amount of Songs: 7
Song Order: Distance from Huntington

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Song One: New York Groove
Artist: Kiss & Ace Frehley
Time: 3:01
Plays on Ari's iTunes: 5

Song Two: Manhattan
Artist: Kings of Leon
Time: 3:24
Plays on Ari's iTunes: 5



Song Three: Ohio (Come Back to Texas)
Artist: Bowling for Soup
Time: 3:51
Plays on Ari's iTunes: 6

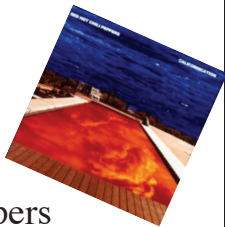
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Artist: Rouge Wave
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Plays on Ari's iTunes: 4



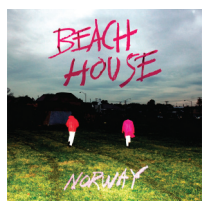
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Artist: Sufjan Stevens
Time: 6:09
Plays on Ari's iTunes: 27



Song Six: Californication
Artist: Red Hot Chili Peppers
Time: 5:22
Plays on Ari's iTunes: 15



Song Seven: Norway
Artist: Beach House
Time: 3:55
Plays on Ari's iTunes: 5



Though Chicago may have the most plays of any song, Californication is too much of a classic to not win the crown of Best on Playlist. The odd one out

on the playlist would have to be New York Groove seeing as it is the only pre-nineties, classic rock song, but, regardless of its genre, it needed a spot on the list.

"Delirium" (Book)

~Lauren Oliver

by MOLLY PREP

Love. Hearing this, some people swoon while others recoil; but what if you didn't have a choice in using the word at all? What if you were forced to respond with terror? Lauren Oliver's book *Delirium*, set in the not too distant future, has deemed love as a deadly disease and all that it encompasses is strictly forbidden. To combat it, at age 18 all are required to be "cured" by having part of their brain removed. Despite the fear this would arouse in most people, those of the future look forward to the cure, seeing love as a far greater risk. Lena, like many others her age, has been joyously counting down the days to her procedure. She craves normality, a stabilization of her emotions. Her mother was a "victim" to *Amor Deliria Nervosa*, and Lena has lived a life of whispers

behind her back and suspicious glances by her peers. But she soon discovers that the influence of those who live in the "Wilds" (the uncured who live outside city limits) is much greater than the government and regulators let on. Lena is torn between turning a blind eye to all that has been illuminated, or to do something with what she's learned. *Delirium* leads you on a journey that begs the question: Is love, whether it be for friends, family, or someone greater, worth the pain and the irrationality? You'll have to read on to find out! Lauren Oliver weaves a gripping tale. Although it can be a tad melodramatic at times, you won't be able to put the book down! If you've read her other book, *Before I Fall*, you're sure to like this one just as much (if not more). Pick up a copy at a book

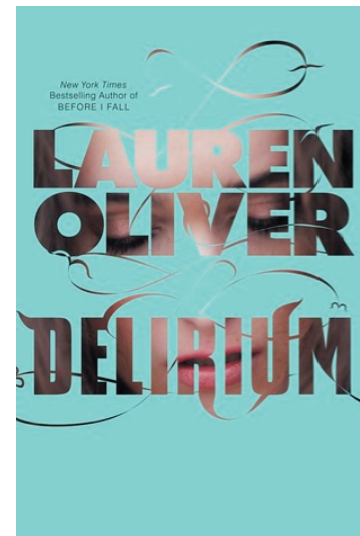


PHOTO: Barnesandnoble.com store, the library, or (as much as I hate them) download an online copy. It's a great summer read!

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"Sincerely, Tory" (Album)

~Tory Lanez

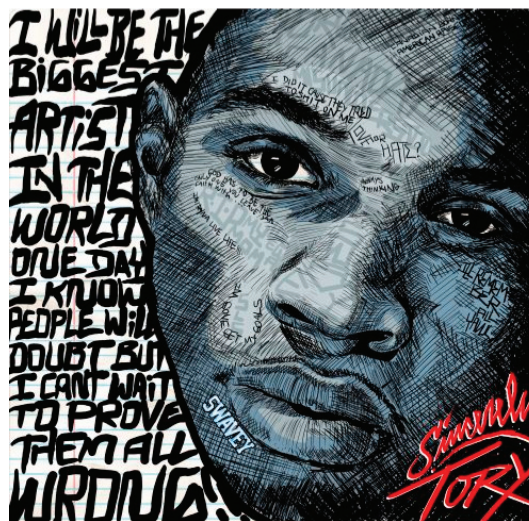


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by ARI MOSKOWITZ

Though not a avid follower, I have always liked Tory Lanez's style and flow. The first album of his I owned was *Swavey* and it was mediocre at best, but *Sincerely Tory* proved that Lanez has more in him than the mediocrity he produced in *Swavey*. In this album Tory slows down the tempo of his songs and give the entire album a calm, serene feel. To spice up the mixtape, Lanez adds a bongo type drum to

gun shot sounds to the fifth track entitled *Warchild*. The intro to Track 13, *Wings*, was impressively put together, but the lyrics of that song fell through. Lyrically, his best track was "*Warchild*", depicting the lives of African child slaves and the torment they live through every day. If your more into the visual art than the auditory art, this mixtape still has something for you as well. The cover contains a cross hatched drawn picture of Tory and within his face are words, phrases, and sentences. It took me a second look through to notice, there are also water marked words in his face as well. Next to the image is a letter to all his "Haters" signed Sincerely, Tory (Hence the Mixtape's name). The phrases in his face don't seem to have any theme and just seem to be a random assortment of thought. Similarly, besides their chill tone, his tracks are also pretty all over the place. His beats, intros, and solos are all strong, but his lyrics and singing are sub-par at best. Regardless, the album is a nice easy listening hip-hop mixtape that's great for listening to while doing home work.

★★★★★

"I Don't Want to be Crazy" (Book) ~Samantha Schutz

by Asar Nadi



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"Anxiety and fear are important – and normal – parts of our lives." Anxiety can keep people alert during a dangerous situation, keep most people up on their toes during a presentation, or even study late into the night. It helps most people cope. For others, it can keep them from facing everyday problems or situations and especially paralyze them with fear. Samantha Schutz first published work, *I don't want to be Crazy*, is also an autobiography. An autobiography usually includes the author's early life, what it was like growing up here or there. This autobiography is rather different. Samantha Schutz wrote her autobiography in the

shape of a poem. Schutz had to deal with her anxiety disorder throughout college. She created this to show that people with an anxiety disorder will lead them into a difficult road of discovery. Schutz splits the book into five different parts and creates each to have its own story line. Schutz explains what life is like with an anxiety disorder when they're in college. Also, she shows that some with this type of disorder is most likely to discover something else that she never wanted to see in the first place. She wrote this book with true honesty of the difficult road she had to face in life instead of a writing a book that had parts of her life mentioned

in it and symbolized. She took what happened in her life and created it into something that allowed her to relieve her from what she experienced. Unlike any other autobiography about a tennis player, or a cross country runner, or even a track star, Schutz wrote did something entirely different. She took what she had, she wrote it as if it was a poem and let her feelings pour out. She did something that most people are afraid of doing. Most people are afraid of admitting that they have an anxiety disorder, but Schutz just wanted it all to come out. She didn't want it to be hidden forever and have herself become worse every day. Others decide to keep

their feelings inside because they're scared on what people may think. They just want to be normal instead of people calling them crazy. Schutz didn't want anyone to think that she was the weird girl and the girl who ran out in the middle of class. She didn't want people to call her crazy. She wanted them all to know what was going on in her life and that she wasn't crazy whatsoever. *I don't want to be Crazy* is intense, heartbreaking, and an honest story that explains the truth of someone who had to deal with an anxiety disorder throughout college. If you want truth and honesty, try reading this autobiography.

★★★★★

“Born and Raised” (Album) ~ John Mayer

by Natalie Lanzisero

Artist John Mayer's style is not easily defined. His most known 2006 album “Continuum,” and more specifically hit song “Your Body is a Wonderland,” are very much in the pop-rock genre. His style has been getting increasingly more relaxed and laid back. Mayer released his album *Born and Raised* on May 18th. This album is a very slow, calm, and natural album complete with some smooth jazz guitar solos like



PHOTO: Spotify.com

in the song “Something Like Olivia.” Music reviewers have called this album a collection of “organic cowboy songs.” Without quite reaching the standards of a country album, Mayer creates smooth songs with natural guitar and drum parts. This is not an album that I would be running to the store to buy. It is something that is almost on the brink of a boring. If you want a peaceful album that you could fall asleep to, I recommend *Born and Raised*.

★★★★☆

“Come Alive” (Album) ~ Netsky

by Natalie Lanzisero



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Netsky is a drum and bass musician also known as a “Liquid Funk” musician. He recently released his single “Come Alive” as a prelude to his upcoming album “2” expected to release on June 25th. If you like dubstep music then I strongly recommend that you listen to this single. *Come Alive* starts with a captivating beat and leads into cool vocals. The song then moves into a nice transition to the drop. *Come Alive* is similar to previous Netsky songs but has more vocals and is something that would reach more of the pop music scene. This is a song that will surely make you want to get up and dance! Go check out *Come Alive* by Netsky!

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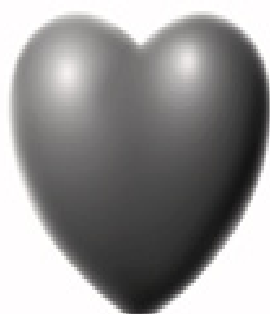
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Notes From Taylor's Closet: How to Look Great While Following the Dress Code

by Taylor Choy

Wake up, open the curtains, and to your surprise, it's a beautiful day to wear some



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A High waisted skirt that's very summer suitable

shorts or that new dress you just bought. But you slap yourself in the head because it's a school day and they're "too short." So instead of going through a back hallway at school and eventually round the corner to see Sylvia or Youlanda, why not attempt to abide by the school dress code?

The secret to dressing for the summer is choosing the right fabric. Although synthetics can look appealing, they are best to stay away. Fabrics such as cotton, linen, silk, and

rayon are perfect for the spring and summer because they are breathable. They are also able to take moisture from the humidity away from your skin. Always keep in mind the type of fabric and check clothing tags before buying items for hot weather.

To address the most irritating rule, the shorts rule, try wearing a tapered short. These shorts should fit tighter at the waist and fan out towards the bottom. To add detail, look for shorts that have scalloped or petal trims at the opening of the shorts. These come in many different colors, especially pastels which are perfect for a girly look in the spring. Not to mention, they come in longer lengths. Mid-length shorts are also an appropriate this season's trend. Try them in a neon color for a pop of color.

The easiest way to dress for school is in a skirt or a dress. There are numerous op-



A Model Styling high boots and a short, but appropriate skirt

tions. For dresses, try an asymmetrical or a shift dress and avoid tight fitting dresses. They tend to be constraining and will retain more humidity. For skirts, try an A-line, circle or flared skirt. These skirts complement the majority of body types and come in longer lengths to the knee. To add dimension to an outfit, try a pleated skirt. It will



add more texture and is available in knee, midi, and maxi lengths. Maxi skirts and dresses are also repeated trends from last year that we are seeing even more of. Try a light, cotton maxi skirt. To make it more interesting, look for a maxi skirt or dress with a slit on the side or in a bright color. For a trendier look,



wear a high-low skirt, which is shorter in the front and longer in the back. It comes in different types of fabrics, more commonly this season in chiffon and cotton.

Layering is also important when it comes to abiding by the dress code. If any tops or dresses have revealing necklines, straps or cut outs, it's best to wear sweaters or a shirt over them. Key layering pieces include: linen/cotton shirts, pullover/lightweight knitted sweaters, denim vests and jackets, and patterned kimonos. Layering is also another way to add dimension to any outfit. Plus, it's perfect for adaptability on those chilly mornings and scorching afternoons.

For those who don't plan on spending time in the air-conditioned library all day, stay comfortable and cute.

Senior-Senior Prom: Fun For All Ages

by Laura Zenzerovich

As the upperclassmen of Huntington High school prepare for their own prom festivities, complete with dresses and tuxedos, corsages and limousines, the senior citizens of Huntington can recall their own, more recent experiences with a very similar and equally fun party. Senior senior prom, which was held on May 4th, drew 150 local seniors to the High school for an afternoon of festivities, food and socializing.

The prom took place in the cafeteria, which was well-decorated for the event,

“Caleca...serenaded the crowd with his rendition of “New York, New York” by Frank Sinatra.”

and the seniors were treated to a hot dinner and ample deserts. The dance floor was open to all of the many eager dancers, and there was even the crowning of a prom king and queen. The students involved were very excited to help out, and the seniors who attended were grateful and appreciative of the time and effort that was put into the event. The club's faculty advisors, Mrs. Biagi and Mrs. DeCanio, were very proud of the club members, who were also aided by Mr. Troffa, the resident D.J. for the afternoon, and Mr. Caleca who serenaded the crowd with his rendition of “New York, New York” by Frank Sinatra. Everyone involved enjoyed the music, the food, and especially the company.

The 19th annual event was

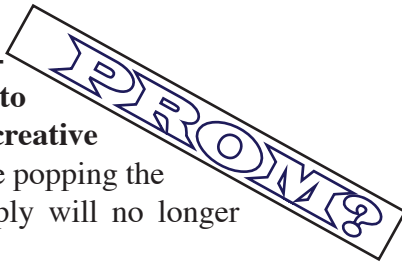
planned and hosted entirely by GrandFriends, a club that coordinates events for senior citizens in the community, as well as encouraging cross-generational interactions. GrandFriends is a unique addition to the many clubs at the high school in that it helps students get involved with a completely different community. The senior senior prom is only one event of many that are hosted by the club, which also assists in planning Halloween parties, food drives, Thanksgiving basket building and Christmas caroling at the Atria Senior Living Center. The club raises funds through numerous bake sales and other fundraising efforts, as well as grants from places such as Astoria Federal Savings Bank and the Huntington Rotary Club, and of course receives generous contributions in the form of time offered by the students involved.

The many students who participate in GrandFreinds' activities can walk away from their experiences with the knowledge of a different perspective. They learn things that they might not have the opportunity to understand otherwise without help from the interactions fostered by the club. Those interested in reaching out next year can contact Mrs. Biagi or any member of GrandFriends for information on getting involved.

The Dispatch examines . . .

What's Hot

1) **Asking someone to prom in a creative way-** a simple popping the question simply will no longer do.



2) **The weather-** after the May showers it seems summer is finally on its way.

3) **Appropriate length shorts-** They might not actually be hot but do you really have a choice?



4) **Having a summer job-** you might not be able to go to the beach everyday but at least you'll have some money to spend!

5) **Neon-** No longer just for techno concerts.

What's Not

1) **Final Projects-** I already have to take a test what's the point in making a scrapbook.

2) **Coming to school dressed for the club-** just cause you think those heels are cool doesn't mean Youlanda will.



3) **Pigging out on unhealthy foods-** it's summer! Forget the burger and have a salad.

4) **Forgetting sunscreen-** let's keep the lobsters in the ocean, ok?



5) **Summer Television-** now that all the good shows are over, it's time for never ending repeats of *America's Got Talent*.

MLB Midseason Predictions

by Charles Beers

The first half of the 2012 major league baseball season has featured some big names and incredible stories. No one could have predicted the standings the way they sit right now. Who would've guessed that the Washington Nationals would rise to the top of the NL East and Stephen Strasburg would return from his Tommy John surgery more masterful than ever before? Who could have predicted that Derek Jeter would have a tremendous bounce-back year that rivals the glory years of the late 1990s? And which fantasy baseball player had Philip Humber, also known as the guy who pitched the perfect game this year, on their roster? This season has been fun to watch because of its unpredictability, as well as the rise of the small teams like the Nationals against the big budget squads that kept them in the cellars of their divisions for so long. So, now that the first half is over, here are some predictions on what to expect for the rest of the year.



1. If the Yankees can't solve their pitching problems, they won't make the postseason this year. Only C.C. Sabathia and Ivan Nova have been somewhat consistent throughout the first half. Hopefully Andy Pettitte can make a successful return and help out the Yankees' starting rotation. However, if he fails, the Yankees are in trouble. Even their explosive offense won't be able to support their struggling rotation and the second wild card will not be enough for the Bombers this season. Plus, losing the best closer of all time for the season doesn't help much either.

2. The Mets can't maintain their early season winning streak and will miss the playoffs again. Although the Mets appear to be one of the more dominant teams in the National League at the moment, they are not a structurally sound ball club. Although David Wright has been on a tear throughout the first half of the season, the Mets don't have a World Series-caliber offense to back up their rotation. The Mets' pitching hasn't been reliable

either. Their main closer, Frank Francisco, has an ERA over 4.00, which is not good for a guy who only pitches two innings at the maximum. Overall, it will come down to the wire, but the Mets' internal problems will slowly reveal themselves as the season progresses and will keep them from making the playoffs once again.



3. The Baltimore Orioles will make the playoffs for the first time since 1997. Both their batting and pitching numbers have been the best they've had in over a decade of baseball, and they seem poised to upset the AL East powerhouses. At the very least, the Orioles will nab the second wild-card spot and give Baltimore something to cheer about.

4. The Angels won't win the AL West, or make the playoffs for that matter, but Pujols will bounce back in the second half of the season and give the Rangers a scare. Although it took Pujols more than a month of baseball to hit his first home run as



Met's David Wright Distraught



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a Halo, don't count him out of your fantasy teams. Even when he's in the middle of a down year, Albert Pujols is still liable to bang out 25 homers and possibly 95 RBIs.

5. The Cardinals will have the last laugh and make the playoffs while Pujols and the Angels will miss out. The Cards seem to be virtually unaffected by the loss of one of their biggest run-producers and have easily stood at the top of the division or close to it throughout most of the first half of the season. Their main saviors are last year's World Series MVP, David Freese, and Carlos Beltran, who both are



picking up where King Albert left off. As for the pitching, starters Lance Lynn and Matt Lohse have been lights out for the majority of the first half and look poised to lead St. Louis to back-to-back championships.

If the first half of the season is any indicator, the weeks to come after the All-Star Break look to be even more entertaining than before. It is clear that many of the division races across the league will come down to the wire,

and just like last year's epic season finale, anything can happen. As for the World Series, it's hard to tell who will step up their game to the next level and earn a ring. As of right now, I think that the Texas Rangers will win their third consecutive American League Pennant and have a third chance to redeem themselves for their last two World Series failures. The National League is also stocked with some tough competition, and I see the Los Angeles Dodgers coming back from a mediocre 2011 season to rise to the top of the league. No matter how this season ends, however, there is one thing that all baseball fans can agree on. It ain't over 'til it's over. And, as many major-leaguers will agree, the real fun hasn't even started yet.

All About This Summer in London

by Aron Coraor

While widespread coverage of the event has yet to reach the mainstream media, the preparation for the 2012 Summer Olympics is well underway. And the preparation for the Olympics this year have taken an interesting, and to some frightful, turn; the London Olympics will see one of the largest mobilizations of armed forces for security in history. Reportedly, there will be 13,500 British troops

protecting the Games this year; that's 4,000 more troops than are currently stationed in Afghanistan. But, not only will infantry be deployed, but also military helicopters, British Typhoon fighter jets, and possible surface to air missile sites will be readied for during the event.

This seemingly overdramatic military preparation for the hosting of the Olympics may, however, be well justi-



USA and Jamaica have two of the best sprint teams in the world

fied. There will be a predicted 15,000 athletes participating at the Games, with an additional predicted 34,000 persons in coaches and media personnel attending, and approximately 6.6 million viewers live in the stadiums. This large volume of participants, up from the 2008 Beijing Olympics, increases the need for tight security, but is not the only factor involved in the military presence; less than

will rise to the second highest level of security alert during the Games, an ominous "severe" threat rating, after noting that the Games will be "possibly the greatest security challenge the U.K. has faced since the Second World War."

In addition to the military preparation, which has been the focus of majority of what little reporting on the event has been done, the infrastructural

24 hours after the announcement that the Olympic Games would be held in London, four home-grown terrorists detonated bombs in the London transport system, killing fifty-two people and wounding over 700. This event, combined with the international tension over terrorism, prompted the British security minister Alan West

to predict the country

improvements necessary for the games have already been under development. With respect to the stadia in which the games will be held, a new "Olympic park" will be constructed; this Olympic park will span approximately 500 acres, and include

a new "Javelin" express train, and the expansion of services to include 4,000 more stops per day during the Olympic Games. A system of gondolas is also planned to be set up over the river Thames, with a ride across becoming available every thirty



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historic stadia, as well as temporary new stadium constructed specifically for the event. With regards to transportation, the London subway system is being expanded, with the addition of

seconds. This expanded public transport is predicted to allow about 95 percent of athletes to arrive at their destinations in less than thirty minutes.

SPORTS

An In-Depth Spring Sports Review: Everything That Happened This Past Season

by TODD COLVIN AND ARI MOSKOWITZ



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▼ A Collage of Girls' Spring Sports. From Top Left: Diana Harvey Playing Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse players redying for the faceoff, Laurel Byrne-Cody making a tag at second, Jaclyn Herrington getting a hit for the Blue Devil's Softball, Stephanie Rafuse, Team Photos (x3)

The Boys Lacrosse Team enjoyed much success this season, earning a solid 8-5 record. The team made it to the playoffs in the last game of the season against the 1st place Sayville Golden Flashes, dominating them 11-7. The team, with the 7th seed, then lost in the first round of the playoffs despite an impressive defensive showing, losing to Eastport South Manor 5-2. The team points leaders of the season were Jack Cutrone with 43 points, one of the goals being the overtime winner of a huge victory against Miller Place, Pat Reilly with 42 points, and Danny Plant with 41 points. The team's 16 graduating seniors will leave a gaping hole for next year, but look for Junior and Sophomore midfielders Ben Kocis and Pat Reilly, as well as Freshman defenseman Tim Mattiace and Junior goalie TJ Greenhill, to fill the gap and lead the team back to the deep rounds of the playoffs next year.

The Girls Lacrosse team had an injury plagued 5-9 season this spring. The teams' points leaders were Alexis Thompson with 66 points, Hannah Burnett with 60 points, and Alyssa Amorison, with 34 points. Freshman goaltender Anna Tesoriero had

an impressive season between the pipes, leading the team with 79 saves. No other Huntington team can be characterized by the closeness of the team members as the girls varsity team was. Florida-bound Junior Hannah Burnett said, "I've never felt so close to a team before. We had each others backs on and off the field. No matter if we won or lost we knew that we were a family and we could depend on one another." The team will return much of its talent next year, so it should prove to be a force to be reckoned with in League II. The team,

“ (The Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team) team can be characterized by the closeness of the team members. ”

however, will miss the leadership of Seniors Danielle Cochrane, Madison Biernaki, and Diana Harvey, two of whom will be playing lacrosse at

Washington and Jefferson college in Pennsylvania, and Iona-bound Colleen Wright.

The baseball team finished the season with a 2-18 record. The wins were by Jake Freitag against Comsewogue and Joey Dillhoff against Deer Park. Despite the difficult season, the team remains optimistic for the future. In the words of star catcher Rob Fiato, "It was a growing year for us. We had a really young, talented team who will all be returning next year, making a run for the playoffs. Being that next year

will be the last year for most of us, we really want to go out with a bang."

The softball team proved to be one of the more successful Huntington sports teams this Spring, accruing a 9-10 record in League IV. Pitchers Ellyn Byrnes and Jaclyn Herrington delivered many dominating performances throughout the year from the mound.

This year the Boys' tennis team had a tremendous season becoming Co-League-Champions after only losing one match. The team was strong as a whole and the high level of competitiveness throughout the season contributed to their fruitful season. Led by first singles player, Sam Johnson, and second singles

player, Max Fehrs, the team had its best season in half a decade. Sadly, the team fell short of the team playoffs after losing a play-in game to rival Smithtown East.

Crew had another great season winning a plethora of medals at Saratoga this year. After replacing the famed Fury boat with a new four, the Huntington Crew Team rowed to victory on more than one occasion. Some notable medals were won by the junior/sophomore boys' four boat and the same aged girls' four.

The boys' track team ran faster than ever this season. Led by Tyriek Johnson and Trayvon Toney, the boys jumped,

ran, and threw better than ever. The team currently has many athletes moving on to what would be the equivalent of individual playoffs. The team also has a very strong underclassmen presence. The Huntington High School boys' track and field team won the Section XI freshmen county title. They beat out 60 other teams. Second place was Central Islip by twenty four points.

As underclassmen Mateo McNeil, Jimmie Nelson, Carlos Ramirez, Joe Saginaw, SONDY JEAN-BAPTISTE, EXAYVIAN CROWELL, ALEX ALVARENGA, KYLE DAVIS, GIANCARLOS PUELLO, MARQUIS FRANCIS, Y'MAJESTY ALLEN, JOHNSUA WATKINS, MARC-HENRY SANON, and Gerald Riley all had tremendous sea-

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sons as underclassmen and will definitely be back next year after training harder than ever.

The Girls' track team also had a great season. Junior Jontae Smith ran the 400 meter event in a dominating fashion, along with freshman Susie Petryk who ran distance events. The team's relays also shined with a mix of veterans and underclassmen. The shot put and discus events were led by Maia Cadle-Hinton, but many other throwers seemed to hold their own weight as well. Junior Jen Polster, ranked highest on the team in pole vault and long jump. All in all, the team had a terrific season.



▼ A Collage of Boys' Spring Sports. From Top Left: Jake Freitag, Rob Fiato, Brad Dwyer, Ryan Ackerman, Trayvon Toney, Sam Johnson, Josh Long, The Boys Tennis Team, A Four boat from the Crew team

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