Huntington’s Clubs Continue to Give Back to the Community

By Katie Duval

The holiday season is a time of generosity and compassion, two things that can describe Huntington High School students in a big way. Many of us will have more than enough to eat and plenty of gifts this year, but there are many in our community that will struggle to make this time of year as special as they would like it to be. For people struggling to get by this year, the holidays can be a stressful time. Many clubs at Huntington recognize this and have dedicated the better part of the last few weeks and months to organizing charity events to help the less fortunate in our community.

The Key Club is hosting its annual Sears Shopping Event on Saturday, December 13th. Run by Mrs. Krycinski and Mrs. Colica, the Key Club puts in tons of preparation for this event, which is as much fun as it is hard work. “It’s one of our biggest events of the year,” Mrs. Krycinski, a Huntington English teacher, told the Dispatch. “We meet at the Sears in Commack on the third Saturday of December in order to provide holiday gifts to underprivileged children in the Huntington area.” Upon arrival, the students meet up with fifty clubs from around the area, including the Huntington Key Club. Volunteers then shop for presents, and the students help the children pick out winter essentials, such as a coat, boots, clothes, and a toy, that the parents may not be able to afford. The money to fund this is donated by the Huntington chapter of Kiwanis, an international volunteer organization. The Key Club is closely tied to Kiwanis. 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**It’s the Holiday Season!**

How the Inspirational Blue Devil Community Gives Back

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*By Lesli Joy*

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As many immigrants in this great land, the Estados Unidos, nosotros los hispanos no somos excepción de diferentes y nuevas costumbres. Nuestras tradiciones y costumbres muchas veces son muy distintas a las de los anglosajones. Este no nos determina que somos diferentes a ellos, pero sí que tenemos la tarea de tratar de entender que muchas veces no celebramos lo mismo o que no nos entendemos.

Así como un ciudadano mexicano como su comida tradicional la cual es tacos, un Salvadoran paseos, un hondureño bailemos entre otros, de la misma forma un estadounidense como su comida tradicional la cual es hamburguesa. A esto se le conoce como costumbres o tradiciones propias de una persona o nación en general. Entonces, cuando una persona emigrar a este país debe estar dispuesto a dejar sus propias tradiciones y adaptarse a las nuevas del país en el cual ahora vive? Desde luego no, no así, como un pa- jierto que vuelca de lugar nunca cambia su estilo o color, de la misma manera nosotros debemos de mantener nuestras costumbres, la misma manera aprendiendo de las nuevas.

Como muchos, los inmigrantes de estos países, de esta nación no somos unos novatos en este ambiente, por eso debemos hacer de un nuevo ambiente, por eso debemos dar nuestras costumbres propias y aceptar las del nuevo ambiente. Este mensaje es dedicado a todos esos estudiantes que se den cuenta que no esta mal adaptarse a las costumbres estadounidenses, pero sin olvidar que nosotros tenemos nuestras propias tradiciones, que somos hermosas y únicas que no deben de ser desechadas, sino que lo contrario debemos de seguir practicando y seguir consiguiendo de ellas.

Seamos americanos ejem- plares y copiamos lo bueno, constante de este país e ignoramos lo que no nos trae nada bueno. También continuemos con nuestras buenas tradiciones, no dañemos a otras personas. No olvides de ser verdade- ros latinos, todos somos parte de nuestra cultura en alta, no con tontearlas o ma- las acciones si no por el contrario, demostraremos a los Estados Unidos y sus ciudadanos que somos valiosos y beneficiosos para esta gran nación que nos ha abierto sus puertas.

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**The Ultimate Holiday Playlist**

**The Best of the Holiday Classics**

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1. Nat “King” Cole - *The Christmas Song*
2. Brenda Lee - “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”
3. Bobby Helms - “Jingle Bell Rock”
4. Mariah Carey - “All I Want For Christmas Is You”
5. Andy Williams - “Most Wonderful Time Of The Year”
6. John Lennon - “Happy Xmas/War Is Over”
7. Jose Feliciano - “Feliz Navidad”
8. Band Aid - “Do They Know It’s Christmas?”
9. Leroy Anderson - “Sleigh Ride”
10. Johnny Mathis - “It’s Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas”

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*Decking the Halls*

Huntington Chorus and Orchestra Hit All the Right Notes

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The chamber choir will be singing “Land of the Dances” a piece conveying mixed emotions, “Rock believers” that giving back, a piece with popular Hanukkah song, “Chased” but especially a seasonal song for video game Civ- ilization IV. The group will also sing “Con Amores”, an elegant, melodious piece based on a classical Spanish tune, and Elijah Rock, a traditional spiritual. “Hallelujah” on the concert choir will offer renditions of “Rock a Hamba” a Zulu traditional song, “Jemini A Song of Peace”, and a fan-favorite “Charlie Lee” a musical Christmas. The choir will perform pop tunes “The Scientist” and “No Moun- tain High Enough” as well. Besides getting to walk into a fun perform- ing performance, it’s always fun to support your friends and the music department. The holiday concert is sure to be a spirited fest that any experience for all who attend. “Is the season to be jolly, so come join in the fun and movement of the holiday concert!”

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The Immigration Issue

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Lately, the immigration issue has two very different perspectives. The people who agree with Obama believe in his campaign promise to promote an immigration reform that would allow almost five million illegal immigrants to live and work. They argue that immigration reform would be an important step to the integration of the immigrants. On the other hand, those who disagree with Obama believe that illegal immigrants are taking jobs from legal citizens and causing social, economic, and environmental issues. The debate continues as the Congress and the President try to find a solution to this problem.
Ocean Acidification: A Threat to Our World

By Lindy Sagan

Since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, carbon dioxide emissions have added to the global atmosphere and created an imbalance in the amount of atmospheric carbon dioxide, causing the earth's oceans to acidify. As a result, marine life is at risk, and the acidity of the oceans is causing serious consequences for the natural world.

Ocean acidification is the process in which the pH of the ocean is decreasing due to the increased amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. As carbon dioxide dissolves in the ocean, it reacts with water to form carbonic acid, which can then react with other substances in the ocean to form other acids, such as sulfuric acid. These acids can then react with other substances, such as organic matter, to form other compounds. This process can cause the pH of the ocean to decrease, which can have serious consequences for marine life.

One of the most concerning aspects of ocean acidification is the impact it has on coral reefs. Coral reefs are home to many different species of marine life, and they provide a vital habitat for many fish and other marine animals. However, as the pH of the ocean decreases, the ability of coral reefs to survive is threatened. As a result, it is important for scientists to study the impact of ocean acidification on coral reefs in order to understand the effects of this process on marine life and to develop ways to mitigate its impact.

Another aspect of ocean acidification that is of concern is the impact it has on the ability of fish and other marine animals to survive. As the pH of the ocean decreases, the ability of fish and other marine animals to survive is threatened. As a result, it is important for scientists to study the impact of ocean acidification on fish and other marine animals in order to understand the effects of this process on marine life and to develop ways to mitigate its impact.

Finally, the impact of ocean acidification on humans is also of concern. As the pH of the ocean decreases, the ability of humans to use fish and other marine animals as a source of food is threatened. As a result, it is important for scientists to study the impact of ocean acidification on humans in order to understand the effects of this process on human health and to develop ways to mitigate its impact.

In conclusion, ocean acidification is a serious problem that has far-reaching consequences for marine life, and it is important for scientists to study the impact of this process on marine life in order to develop ways to mitigate its impact.
Top 10 Gifts Under $20

The Best Deals on the Best Presents For The Holidays

1. Starbucks gift card - $20: In a world of coffee addicts, a Starbucks gift card is highly appreciated. Do you really need to say more? Both genders will love the gift. Guaranteed!

2. Book from Book Revue Book Revue is the local book store in our village. If you don't know where it is, use your GPS. Books are not only inexpensive, but also entertaining. If you think reading is uncool, too bad because we still love it. Keep in mind that dystopian books are totally awesome.

3. Nail polish- Girls absolutely love having their nails painted with bright, fashionable colors. So our obsession saves you money while making us happy. It’s a win-win situation!

4. Jewelry from Forever 21- Forever 21, located in Walt Whitman mall, is filled with modern, stylish jewelry. Cool accessories are always happily welcomed in any girl’s closet. Whether it’s your sis, friend or girlfriend, they will definitely enjoy your gorgeous and useful present.

5. Perfume from Victoria Secret- There are always the 2 and 5 for $15 perfumes by the register before you check out. It is a good gesture for any girl because girls love perfume.

6. Car accessories- Guys love to have their own sets, or just one that’s the right size, cover it up, maybe decorate with sharpie, and add an air freshener.

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8. Sports team- Men also love sports. Get them a nice poster of soccer or football or whatever sport they Into. They can hang it up in their room and always think of who got it for them.

9. Hats/Scarfs- A nice fuzzy hat or scarf will be able to keep your man (or brother) warm while also looking cute. Hats don’t cost a lot of money and you could both be happy.

10. Bake them cupcakes- “The fastest way to a man’s heart is through his stomach.” It doesn’t cost a lot of money to get all the ingredients and make cupcakes for the guy in your life. It shows that you really care about them enough to bake them food.

The Many Faces of Santa Claus

How the Rest of the World Sees Old Saint Nick

We all know him as the round-bellied, white-haired, jolly-faced, bucket of joy. Santa Claus, a.k.a. Papa Noel, Father Christmas, and Jolly old Saint Nicholas, has been spreading Christmas cheer to young people all over the world, but with cheer comes fear.

In some countries, such as Germany and Holland, Santa is believed to travel with a companion. This companion is Santa’s alternate ego come to punish all the naughty children on Christmas. Instead of Santa delivering coal or some other punishment by himself, the punishment is delivered by Schwarz Peter (Black Peter). The children of Holland are often on their best behavior during the Christmas season out of fear of this whip carrying menace. In some parts of Germany they have a second figure, Knecht Ruprecht or Krampus. He is a big, horned monster clothed in rags who carries a birch branch. He punishes the small children who misbehave by giving them nothing but a bundle of birch, like someone in America would receive coal. He is the one to scare the small children. Around the fire older children like to tease the younger children with scary stories of Krampus, Santa’s wrath affecting companion.

Japan’s version of Santa also has a creepy side to him. He is known to have eyes in the back of his head, perfect for spying on naughty children. Some other cultures have a different tradition entirely and do not believe in Santa Claus.

In Russia, instead of Santa, they believe in Ded Moroz or Grand-Father Frost. He travels from house to house with his granddaughter Sangu-rochka, Snow Girl, planning parties and handing out gifts to children. This duo is believed to arrive on white horses bringing Christmas cheer to all. While many cultures show off a different side of Santa, others keep to the same beliefs that we in the United States do. But it’s cool to know that our jolly-faced, pot-bellied Santa is not the only one spreading Christmas cheer. Each country’s version of Santa has a different style. Some stick firmly to the belief that he is a saint who resembles a Pope instead of a man who ate way too many cookies and drank too much wine. Others have different beliefs entirely such as gift bearing goats, witches, gnomes, and gnomes, anything else you could possibly imagine.

However, everywhere there is Christmas, there is a gift giving, spreader of good cheer. The spirit of Santa Claus or Saint Nicholas is everywhere you turn, even if it is bearing a different face and name. So, this Christmas, try to remember all the other sides of Santa!
Lack of Z’s, Lack of As

Research shows that it is an innate tendency for teenagers to stay up late at night and wake up later in the morning. So, if this is true it begs the question, why doesn’t school start later? When I asked my friends how they felt about having to wake up early for school I got varied responses, a little violence—a little profanity.

“When I wake up for school in the morning I feel like I’m gonna cry because I’m so tired” said junior Gabby Pellechia.

“I want to gouge my eyes out,” were the words of sophomore Chloe Liepa.

Emotionally unstable, sophomore Anna Gulotta told me. While these statements are obviously meant to be tedious and unenjoyably waking up for school can be.

Recently, there has been much talk about why schools should push back their hours by at least an hour. In August, right before school started, the American Academy of Pediatrics published a new policy statement entitled, “School Start Times for Adolescents.” In the statement, they conveyed the proven idea that teens have sleep patterns that can be up to two hours later than adults and children.

They ultimately implored schools to start later starting the customary early start time could be a contributing component to chronic sleep deprivation among adolescents. It is believed that if kids weren’t so tired they could not only retain more information, but it could prevent car accidents, depress times to be more in sync with teen’s sleeping patterns. House Congressional Resolution 135 or the “ZZZ’s to A’s” Act would encourage individual schools and school districts all over the country to move school start times to no earlier than 8:30 a.m. in 43 states, school districts heeded the advice of doctors and returned school hours to healthier times.

Although some scheduling issues have arisen, it has been found to be ultimately constructive. In New York, places like Whaia and Elmira have pushed their times back to 8:30 and 8:15. However, 43% of schools in the country still start before 8 am. Still many schools such as ours refuse to push time back in order not to interfere with extracurricular activities. This is a valid problem, however schools should find ways to fix sports and clubs around later starting times because many students such as senior Greg West believe that starting school later would provide students with a much more efficient learning experience because they would get more sleep, and frankly, sports and clubs can only get better as a result of well rested, happier participants.

By Sarah James

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

If you would like to submit a piece, contact Ms. Mohanty and email the PDF file to hhsdispatch@gmail.com, along with a brief artist statement that features your name, grade, and inspiration for the piece.

My inspiration for this photography is that in winter, spring and fall, the dock at Gold Star Bat-

tion Beach is a peaceful place to watch the sunset. This photo was taken in late October. The sun had just set and as you can see, the electric lights on the dock were just beginning to turn on. There’s an interesting contrast between the soft fullness of the clouds and the rough, weathered texture of the boards of the dock. The subdued, blue-grey of the sky makes the darker greys and blacks of the boards stand out. The “worms eye view” of the shot gives the shot an interesting perspective. This photo was shot with a Nikon D3200, 24 f megapixel DSLR camera using an 18 – 55 mm lens without a flash. This camera has an autofocus function that helps adjust to low light situations such as this.

I enjoy photography because it’s a way to capture the essence of the times around you. There is only so much that can be done with a paint brush, pencil or piece of charcoal. I feel I can actually think outside of the box when I edit my photographs. This is done by adding different treatments, tools that enable you to change to appear- ence of the selected subject. Some artists that inspire me are Brandon Stanton; he runs the photoblog Humans of New York. Also, Erica McDonald, she is a documentary photographer whose images are powerful. They really tell a story about how the subject is feeling, or what they are experiencing.

Jean Miller

Kiara Roman

Kiara Roman, a 12th grader, is currently taking AP Drawing and Painting and is a member of the Huntington High School Art Honor Society. Her inspiration for this piece was the quote “without struggle there is no progress.” This quote helped determine the elements that are included in the artwork. The vines repre- sent spiritual growth, the spiral is a tornado which symbolizes struggle, the broken piece to the right represents the damage that’s been done and lastly the cir- cle to the top right represents the sun or light meaning there’s hope.
7 Ways to Beat Boredom Over Break

Whether you’re out on a trip or stuck home during the break, boredom is something that can be impossible to get rid of sometimes. Here’s just some of the ways that get you up and out of those moments whenever you get trapped by the suffocating boredom.

By Taylor Haberkern

#1 Read a book
I know, I know, reading during a break, you might as well start doing math in your free time! But reading can be helpful. You can read something you’re into, whatever that is. Aliens, how to annoy siblings, what to cook for dinner, there’s bound to be a book on what you like somewhere, you just have to look. You can probably read a Christmas story to a younger sibling or something. Plus, not all books are all words. There are graphic novels out there that can resemble the comic books you might’ve read as a kid.

#2 Watch a Youtube Video
Youtube, the main place everyone watches videos these days. It has videos from video game playthroughs to cute cats videos. It’s bound to have something to your taste, if you search for it, which is really just typing stuff in a search bar. Want to see an explosion? They got that. Want to see someone fail at a skateboarding trick? They have that. Want to learn that new make-up trick you’ve been dying to learn? Youtube is the ruler of random videos; it’s there, just look.

#3 Watch TV
You see that thing in the corner in your living room? That’s a TV. It may have been overlooked by Youtube, Podcasts and all that it still works fine. If you have a friend who’s visited a remote, you’ve heard of it? It uses it to change channels. There’s got to be something on that you would like. Maybe a childhood movie like Shrek, My Little Pony, or whatever else you’re into. A lot of cable providers gave you a nifty search feature somewhere so you can pretend it’s the internet and search for whatever you want to think about big things.

#4 Go out and do something
It won’t kill you to do something that doesn’t involve a screen, remote, or ‘Made by Apple Inc.’ label on it. There are other people out there who are probably bored too! Call up a friend and maybe go out to the village. Catch a movie with them, go out to eat, walk around the park, with a friend the possibilities are endless! You can even do it alone if a friend isn’t available or you want sometime to watch. Plus, there’s always something you can rent. A demand that new movie you’ve been meaning to see. Or just go on Netflix... Netflix works too, maybe rent a Christmas movie.

#5 Volunteer
This can relate to the get out and do something idea, but this one, in case you’ve been spacing out all year, is required! If you look on that report card you might notice that little community service grade. You know, 10 hours need to be done by the end of the year or bust! You can’t graduate without 40 hours of community service under your belt. If that managed to ring a bell in you, then glad you snapped back to your senses. You can always spend that free time doing something productive. Shovel your neighbor’s sidewalk for them, or whatever you can do in your neighborhood.

#6 Do something creative
Everyone’s got a talent, in one way or another. Why not brush up on it or make it better in your free time? Maybe practice your free throws because you want to get on the team or your photography skills for class. Sing a song, dance around, paint a pretty picture, the possibilities are endless. It even once wrote a poem when I was bored about being bored! Even if you can think of anything, just do something! Write about what you’re doing, maybe start a journal. Maybe you like cooking and can spend the day trying out a new Christmas themed recipe? Make a homemade card or gift for a loved one? You can practice an out there talent you’ve been keeping secret to master it and surprise everyone. What’s a better way to challenge boredom than with creativity?

#7 Be positive
I think what you’re saying is, ‘Either “How the heck will that help” or “I’m not an optimist, I’m a realist.” Or may be way off, I don’t know. I’m not a mind reader, I’m a person typing stuff that you’re reading. But hear me out here, (or just keep reading). A positive view can always make a situation seem less dire. Instead of seeing the day as, “It’s partly cloudy and the clouds are blocking out the sun,” look at it like, “It’s partly sunny and I can still see a lot of sky!” Sometimes boredom can link back to the fact that you’re not doing something and you don’t feel like doing anything.

The first place that we do and we are bored. In that sounds confusing, now you know how adults view us, but the point is that being positive can make this better. Maybe being positive will open your eyes to something you didn’t notice before. How messy your room was, maybe something you did wrong in the past, someone you have spoken to in awe and should probably talk to. Noticing things not so bad and thinking of these things can not only give you things to do but also make things a bit brighter. Maybe now you’ll see why your glass is half full, or something meaningful like that. Who knows, it’s your life and after all, just make it work.

Year in Review: 2014’s Hottest Raps

By James Alleyne

This upcoming 2015 year will be very interesting, especially for those in the Hip-hop/rap genre. There is huge competition and conversation about whether underground may be becoming a little less underground. The current top dogs like Kendrick, or Ab-Soul will try to remain at the top where up and coming artists, such as Roscoe Gibbs, and Isaiah Rashad will be looking to make a name not only for themselves, but for themselves and for the underground. Rashad is commonly associated with Kendrick Lamar and Schoolboy Q released his solo album this year. Rashad’s solo album is called “These Days...” on June 24th, 2014. Where Ab-Soul’s solo album he stated he “skipped a space of life” I want to try and touch as many bases as possible. I want something on there for everybody. There will be an atmosphere to the vibe of today; the sound of today and the subject matter of today.” In other words if you listen to hip-hop you may find a song that relates to you, more or less and it could be your new favorite track to listen to. Ab-Soul believes he can provide that for you on his album “These Days...” With contributions from artists like Action Bronson, Schoolboy Q, Kendrick Lamar, Jay Rock, Danny Brown, and many more. The album is definitely one to listen to if it varies it’s what you’re into.

When it comes down to Wu-Khalifa’s “Black Hollywood” there’s more Hollywood producing than Wu-Khalifa’s actual lyrical talent, and it shows. Wu-Khalifa is seriously lacking originality and creativity and “Black Hollywood” is a prime example. There is a missing identity and Wu-Khalifa is not like Khalifa who was used to hit albums like “Deal or No Deal” and “XOII” which propelled his career to where he is now. Overall the album is not something to be brag about.

It’s right in the Village. I recently interviewed Vincent Alony, a Huntington High School senior, about his experience at The Paramount. He said, “It’s great! I saw Oatsch and I was so close to the stage.” After interviewing Vincent I spoke to another senior at our high school, Gabrielle Goodridge. She had gone to a few events at The Paramount and plans on going again soon.

I was asked what my favorite concert was at The Paramount and why. She said, “Definitely Sublime. It was the best concert I have been to. It was an amazing experience.” When she was asked if she would go to a show wouldn’t hesitate to visit this venue again. It may be a little expensive, but according to some seniors that wouldn’t stop them from having a good time at the concerts.
**CritiC’s Corner**

**Album Review: Salad Days**

Two Thumbs Up For Mac DeMarco and His Unique Album

By Nick Castelli

This year Canadian musician Mac DeMarco released his second studio album, Salad Days. Most well-known for his quirky music and funny antics, DeMarco has defined his own musical genre with his second release. Salad Days has proved to be an excellent blend of jangle-pop and rock. This review will cover three songs on the album, titled respectively as “Salad Days,” “Blue Boy,” and “Chamber of Reflection.” Each of these songs help to lay the foundation for an album that is truly unique and genuine in its musical style.

The first track, “Salad Days,” starts the album off with a very lazy and comfortable sounding guitar and bass melody. The drums follow a basic pattern and keep the beat throughout the song. The guitar sound used by DeMarco is heavy on the chorus effect, which gives it a very light and heavy tone, further adding to the comfortable sound of the recording. The lyrics of the song express feelings of yearning to go back to his youth. Singing about how he wishes to return to his “salad days”, DeMarco wishes he could return to his “salad days,” and rock. This review will be able to visit the lyrics very well in the studio album, titled respectively as “Salad Days,” “Blue Boy,” and “Chamber of Reflection.”

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The music of “Blue Boy” is actually very interesting. Its main feature is a catchy bass line that carries the song. The rhythm guitar latches directly onto the bass part, but the lead guitar follows a series of very short flutters and arpeggios. These riffs follow the main chords of the song titled “Chamber of Reflection,” which is a big departure from the style and sound defined in this album. The track starts out with a lone, slow paced, drum rhythm, lasting only two bars. Then, an organ chimes in, blasting done so on any of his songs before. The melody that the synthesizer lays out is very stagnant and gives the song a peculiar feeling. Lyrically, this song differs greatly from the majority of the songs on the album. Instead, DeMarco took inspiration from a ritual performed by Free Masons for the lyrics of this song. In Free-Masonry, the Chamber of Reflection is a place where members of the order go to perform the ritual that initiates them into the organization. In the chamber, the person is locked inside a small room for a period of time and is meant to use the time to reflect upon their life and how they wish to change it and move on. DeMarco did this because he likened his apartment where he recorded the album to one of these chambers. The song’s music has a very trance-like effect on the listener, which makes the song fit well with its lyrical content. Overall, these three tracks from Mac DeMarco’s Salad Days give a true taste of the musical originality achieved by DeMarco on the album. For those who have yet to listen to the album, give it a try. This piece of music is among its own tier of style and music and should be at least given a chance by any lover of music. I’m sure you will give it a thumbs up, just like I did.

Other Reviews

AllMusic 4.5/5
The A.V. Club  A- 
Consequence 8/10
of Sound B- Exclaim! 9/10
The Guardian 4/5
Paste 7/10
Pitchfork 8.5/10
Pretty Much 8.5/10
Amazing B+
Rolling Stone 3.5/5
Spin 8/10

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Interstellar Review

By Charles Beer

When I left the theater after watching Interstellar, they were reverberating in the depths of my mind. The first was the thought-provoking questions the movie posed, as well as the truly mind-boggling twist that upends everything you thought you knew about the adventure. The second was my own inner turmoil as I struggled to place sci-fi epics somewhere on the list of Christopher Nolan’s greatest films. Did it de throne The Dark Knight or Inception, or was it even that good in the first place? The last was I couldn’t shake that headache that follows any intriquing movie, a result of the desire to know about the director’s inner motives and also to get Ham. Zimmer’s ear-shattering, yet addictive, soundtrack out of my subconscious.

It’s been nearly a month since I saw the movie, and I believe, as the awards season draws near, that this is good as a time to evaluate Interstellar as one of the year’s most ambiguous films. To start off, was the movie any good? In my opinion, it was exceptional. I was won over in that Nolan would focus too much on explaining the worlds and the story. However, Nolan navigates around these narrative traps and makes sure the audience is emotionally invested at every step in this seemingly endless journey. In one particularly moving scene, Nolan demonstrates his mastery of blending scientific and emotional story elements into one incredibly moving work of art. During one of the astronauts’ missions to examine a planet and see whether or not it can sustain human life, the main characters spend about an hour trying to battle the nature of the planet and escape the information they need. In that short span of time, decades pass aboard the ship they left in orbit, and also back on Earth, where the explorers’ families feel the inevitable strain of time.

For instance, McCoaughney’s daughter Murph, played by Oscar winner Jessica Chastain, is presented as the protagonist on Earth who felt like an artificial plot device. But perhaps my main problem with the movie is, while it handles its scientific subject matter extraordinarily well, I think it assumes too much of the audience when presenting the topics of interstellar travel in the beginning. During the first stages of the journey, the explorers took the time to illustrate what they were doing and how the complex process of space travel worked, making it easier and enjoyable for viewers to follow along. However, by the film’s mind-boggling conclusion, I felt like I was racing through a race. While I was fascinating and struggling desperately to retain my line on my final lap, the filmmakers were already accepting their position on the podium. The film holds no punches in its ending, and every word makes the audience members use their brains. However, unlike Inception’s ending, which was easier to follow due to the simplistic ambiguity of its final scene, Interstellar throws tons of images, symbols, and references to extraterrestrial beings in a matter of minutes, catching me completely off guard and making me feel like a running top again. However, in spite of these occasional missteps, interstellar is a truly remarkable film due to its powerful acting, careful and meticulous representation of the subject matter, and an extensive array of scientific and emotional storytelling.

As for another of the movie’s success stories, Tavares told ESPN. I am not a huge fan of The Intern’s comedies, but Tavares, the veteran captain of the team, appears to have been awarded for his decision to remain loyal to the team that picked him first out of everyone in the 2009 NFL draft. They draf ted me, invested a lot in me as far as being part of turning things around, Tavares told ESPN. However, not all of New York is excited about the Islanders’ comeback. Greater New York is not won four Stanley Cups and 19 straight playoff series, it never is going to happen.

In fact, the Island ers, even in the past when I was at their best, were deeply dete cted by a large segment of the hockey fan populace around the tri-state area of the state. The Devils have tried for most of the past 25 years to serve as the Rangers’ surrogate rival, and there have been some lasting memories borne out of that to be sure, but the Islanders are still the main nemesis.

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Huntington Fencing Fights for Kuver
Team Remembers Inspirational Coach For New Season

By Hanae Wada

This season for the Huntington fencing team is a huge change. On July 1st 2014, former head coach, Alan Kuver passed away due to esophageal cancer. He was an inspiration to many of the alumni fencers and the previous fencers on the team. Rumors have been around if the fencing team will still continue, but as the winter season has come around, Athletics Director, Georgia McCarthy confirmed that the fencing team is still up and ready and will be supplemented with a new assistant coach. This season's coaching staff consists of the head coach Mike Fabio, assistant coach Valinda O’Garra and another assistant coach and new to the team Vernon O’Garra. Coach Vernon had fenced on the Huntington fencing team and had attended Huntington High School. Senior foil fencer Eli Goldman states, “Although Coach Kuver had passed, I think it will bring the team closer together. I’m personally dedicating my last season to him. In the beginning of the new season, things will be rough and be really different, but it will even out and we will do great. Coach Fabio has been with us and is doing a great job as head coach and the two other coaches are bringing great aspect and skills to our team.” Plans have been made to dedicate Coach Kuver throughout the season and Georgia McCarthy has been deciding on performing a memorial before the annual relay comes up in January. Junior epee fencer Elisa Puca returns to the mat after going 31-5. Mock is back after a great season last winter that saw him compile at a 32-3 record as a sophomore and he is the only individual who is irreplaceable and meant so much to us, not just for the team, but for the faculty who had the chance to work with him. I know he was one of those people who pushed me to do my best and take risks and I am proudly to say I had an honor to be taught by him. As for the new season, the new coaches will be tough but successful. We have our favorite coach Mike Fabio and even having alumni fencer from the team, Vernon will be a great honor to have. All of them will push us as hard and Kuver did and it will be all worth it by the end of the season.”

As the new season has begun, Huntington’s fencing team will have its first meet on December 8th at 5:00 pm at Jack Abrams STEM Magnet school against Commack High School. Please come out and support the team!

Huntington Wrestling Looks Competitive

By James Alleyne

This winter will be a very competitive one for the wrestlers of Huntington High School. Coming off a fourth place league finish last season, returning champs such as Jonny Arceri, Kyle Mock and Joseph Puca look to improve that placing this season. League place winners Ethan Dwyer and Jorge Villela, and first round league tournament match winners Jared Leake, Will Thomas and Carlos Pereira are also key wrestlers in the blue devil line up. Huntington freshman to ever win a Suffolk wrestling crown. “We are optimistic about the coming season,” Smith said. “We have some of the best wrestlers in the state,” Huntington has compiled a record of 570-163-7 record in 65 seasons of competition. The wrestling program is one of the strongest athletic programs offered by Huntington. Although they lack-depth in their lineup the wrestlers they have are extremely strong and talented at what they do. We look forward to seeing a successful season from the blue devils wrestling squad.

Key Stats From the 2013-2014 Season

- Huntington is 57-19 over the past seven seasons.
- During that span the Blue Devils won the league dual meet title in 2008, were co-champs in 2009, finished third in 2010 and 2011, placed fourth last year and fifth in 2012.
- The team finished fourth in the league tournament in five of those seven years, was second in 2010 and third in 2013.
- Arceri compiled a 35-3 record as a sophomore and is 101-19 over the past three seasons on the varsity. He is the only Huntington freshman to ever win a Suffolk wrestling crown.