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Hillary Clinton visits Village School

By Kristen Haunss

In her book, *It Takes a Village*, Mrs. Clinton says, "Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes children to raise up a village to become all it should be. The village we build with them in mind will be a better place for us all." How fitting that she addressed her beliefs of this book in front of a full house of educators and parents at Village Elementary School on April 20, 1999.

In front of this excited crowd with the press and secret service in tow, Dr. Hankin mentioned that "it is fitting that we are meeting in the Village School. In Syosset Schools, we are all a village working together for our children." Dr. Hankin commented that forty one years ago, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt came to the Syosset School District. She believed it was an honor then, and that it is in honor now to have the Educational First Lady in Syosset to speak today.

Dr. Hankin then handed the microphone over to the well-known fifth grade teacher, Ray Evans, commenting that he is a "teacher's teacher, a master teacher." Mr. Evans proved to also be a wonderful and witty speaker, opening by saying, "Tomorrow I leave with our fifth grade students and my colleagues on a field trip to Washington D.C. I knew we were going to Washington, but I didn't know that Washington was coming to us." In a moving speech, Evans thanked Mrs. Clinton and the President for making "education a top national priority." Evans then finished his speech by commenting, "a community like Syosset and a nation like the United States that does its best for its children guarantees that so many of its

dreams will come true."

After this remarkable speech, even Mrs. Clinton had a tough act to follow. But, proving to be a poised, intellectual and witty speaker, Mrs. Clinton immediately won the hearts of the audience, at least the fifth grade students who were in the gymnasium listening, when she invited them

Syosset parents for being involved, mentioning that here, parents are "partners in education."

Mrs. Clinton offered some advice for the improvement of schools. First, she sees the need for 2 million more teachers because there are more kids in school now than there were at the height of the baby boom. She also wants to connect every school to the Internet, to keep kids up to date in the computer age. She also stated that schools need to be repaired and rebuilt, and that there must be more after school programs and summer school programs. Mrs. Clinton also believes that there should be school report cards on the national level, much like the ones used here in Syosset. High School Principal, Dr. Schneider agreed with these statements and added that "it was satisfying to know that Mrs. Clinton is very aware of what good education is all about and that she is truly interested in the future of our nation and our children."

Hillary Clinton speaks about education in Village School

for a tour of the White House. Delighted by the offer, fifth grade student Michael DiGregorio said, "It was exciting to meet the First Lady, but it will be thrilling to actually visit her at the White House."

"Help children learn to learn, and hopefully help children love to learn." That is what the First Lady believes is going on in Syosset. After seeing a science lesson about African frogs, she saw happy and engaged students. Although not commonplace, this is what she would like to see across the country. Mrs. Clinton also praised

"There is no cookie cutter recipe for success," commented the First Lady. Schools and teachers are unique, and the Syosset Administration knows this and they have created a climate in which teachers are free to create their own style to help children learn and reach their full potential. She said, the "strategies you have working here are the strategies I would like to see used in more schools around the country."

At the end of her speech, Mrs. Clinton said, "Every child can learn, no excuses, no exceptions." It is this belief that Mrs. Clinton hopes more individuals will understand and will help children learn in their own unique way.

Juniors triumph at Battle Of the Classes

By Sunjay Kelkar

Battle of the classes, held on Friday April 16, 1999, was a smashing success. Since admission was only a dollar we were able to raise over \$500 for charity and school purposes! That sure shows school spirit. For those of you who have been living in a void for the past few weeks, Battle of the Classes

From the beginning the sopohmores were completely outnumbered by everybody. But they worked just that much



Enthusiastic Juniors strike a pose before the games begin

was a competition between: the Freshmen, Sophmores, Juniors, and Seniors, in many different events. For example there was a tug-of-war, miscellaneous relays which included ping-pong-balloon-on-a-spoon, balloon popping, and balloon racket relays.



Kevin Poulter leads the Tug O' War and pulls the Junior team to victory

harder to win two events. The Juniors however, completely dominated the competition, showing oodles of spirit with face paint, and a whole lot of cheering. They put up quite a fight and were able to dominate many of the events. The freshman also put up a heck of a struggle but were outmatched, outclassed and outsized. But they always have next year to redeem themselves. The seniors really gave the juniors a run for the money. If not for their Herculean effort, the juniors would

have totally cleaned up. Kudos to Matt Rubino, and Matt Ajemian for the fight they put up as anchors in the tug o' war and the many great laughs we got from the M&M eating contest. Even with this amazing competition, the juniors were able to pull themselves together to victory, literally. Congrats to Dean Tsakinikis for being an amazing anchor for the tug o' war that won it for the juniors. That definitely took a lot of effort.

All in all, everyone had fun and we look forward to next year's battle of the classes which is sure to be just as successful.



Matt Ajemian lines up his throw for the football event.

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Right On Track

By Eda Uca

Syosset High School is a place of opportunity and education. With a vast array of classes, clubs, and real world connections, it's easy for one to find his talents and interests and cultivate them. When creating a schedule, however, the options available can be overwhelming. The factors that decide which class a student should choose are intelligence, determination, direction, ambition, recommendation, luck, and finally, the student's consent.

Let's examine the last factor- "The Student's Consent". What exactly does that mean? Well, generally, it's a tornado of pressure from parents and (believe it or not) peers, a concerned guidance councilor, and of course, personal ambition. But the true question at hand is what that "personal ambition" is aimed towards. How exactly does one choose which classes to take?

For many of us, our classes are stamps of our identity- "Student", "Artist", "Actor." Since we are continually being told that "these are the best years of our lives!", and "YOU HAVE

TO GO TO COLLEGE!" these stamps of identity not only show our interests, but also, our possible futures. (Pressure, anyone?)

It seems odd that with a 138 page curriculum manual, so many of us feel as though we have no options. Many of us fall into unsatisfying, predictable, and boring schedules, based on fear of the unknown ("Could I really stand a whole year of Forensics Science?"), and the lack of prestige of certain classes ("Does Cornell want kids who didn't take AP Macro?"). Well, the only advice I have for those people is to calm down. There is a whole world outside of these flyer covered walls, and much of our personal experiences are meant to prepare us for it.

So go crazy. Take "Public Policy and the Native American" (page 114), or "Broadway and the Popular American Theater" (page 19), because chances are, you may not have the opportunity to take them again. And in that way, by fulfilling your needs academically and emotionally, you'll most likely get "right on track".

Letter to the Editor

By Greg Jaime

It should be common knowledge that a person's identity runs much deeper than the clothes he or she wears or the body part they chose to pierce. Unfortunately, due to many acts of violence, hate crimes and actions of some disturbed children, many people are looking for "warning signs". "What would drive a person to do such evil acts?" people ask, with good reason. Please, don't answer this question. It is a rhetorical question. Meant for us to look inward and not at other people in halls, behind closed doors, behind trench coats or sitting by themselves. There isn't a movie, a color, a song, an artist, a musician, or a TV show we can blame. I hate to

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Letter to The Editor

Dear Pulse:

As teachers of the eleventh grade English, we would like to correct two erroneous impressions created by David DiGregorio's article in the last issue. The results of the January, 1999 English Regents were consistent with the results on past English Regents exams and, therefore, quite as good as expected. Also, we worked very hard to prepare our students for the exam. Since we had less time to prepare our students for a January exam than we have had in the past for the June exam, given these time constraints, we were very pleased with the results.

Sincerely,
 Teachers of eleventh grade English

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the students say...

Compiled by Ken Spector

WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT THE WAR ON KOSOVO?



"Terrible. I hope it ends soon. I hope it doesn't turn into another Holocaust."

SENIOR ERICA MANOFF



"I don't think we should be involved. We don't need this now, even though we are the strongest country. I don't want fellow Americans to go over there and get killed. It's not our country."

JUNIOR JESSICA JACKSON



"[Milosevich's] ethnic cleansings are totally wrong. I believe that our involvement is a necessity. Otherwise, another Holocaust might start. The refugees being destroyed is a casualty of war. Some people are gonna die, but that's what happens. That's what war is."

SOPHOMORE JUSTIN STARR



"This is a ridiculous situation that has been at hand for about eight years or so. All of the sudden, there are numerous gravesites and burnings. I don't think we're doing enough to help the refugees. Our school should do something to help them."

SENIOR BETTY KIM

features

How Strong Are You With the Force?

By Michael Kass

You've probably heard the news: *Star Wars Episode I* will be coming out on May 19. This long-anticipated sequel is sure to draw record crowds to theaters and bring out the best in every fan. —But just how good are you? To help you prepare for this momentous occasion, take this test on your *Star Wars* trivia and find out just how strong you are with the Force. Answers on page 7.

1. Episode IV (*Star Wars*) is titled:
 - a) Return of the Jedi
 - b) Shadows of the Empire
 - c) A New Hope
 - d) The Phantom Menace
2. Before becoming Darth Vader, Luke's father was known as:
 - a) Palpatain
 - b) Anakin
 - c) Boba Fett
 - d) Dash Rendar

Mark Hammil as Luke Skywalker

3. The genius behind the movies is:
 - a) Gene Roddenberry
 - b) Steven Spielberg
 - c) Ron Howard
 - d) George Lucas
4. Slave-I was the property of:
 - a) Boba Fett
 - b) Jabba the Hutt
 - c) Han Solo
 - d) Chewbacca

5. Han Solo won the *Millennium Falcon* in a bet from:
 - a) Greedo
 - b) Lando Calrissian
 - c) Luke Skywalker
 - d) Obi-Wan Kenobi

6. The universe's most versatile protocol droid is:
 - a) R2-D2
 - b) Slave-I
 - c) C-3PO
 - d) Greedo

7. *Star Wars*' theme music was written by:
 - a) James Horner
 - b) Jerry Goldsmith
 - c) Cliff Eidelman
 - d) John Williams

8. The actor heard in every movie but never seen on screen was:
 - a) Mark Hammil
 - b) Frank Oz
 - c) James Earl Jones
 - d) Anthony Daniels

9. The rebel base in Episode IV was located at:
 - a) Hoth
 - b) Yavin
 - c) Dantooine
 - d) Alderaan

10. The Special Edition added this character to Episode IV:
 - a) Greedo
 - b) Lando Calrissian
 - c) Jabba the Hutt
 - d) Palpatain

Star Wars Episode I is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, May 19. For more information about the movie, visit the official *Star Wars* website at: <http://www.starwars.com>

Top 10 Most Useful Websites

Compiled by Dave DiGregorio

10. **College Depot**
<http://www.collegedepot.com/>
 A great site to load up on all that useless college gear such as inflatable chairs and lava lamps.

The Cool Atmosphere site of [CollegeDepot.com](http://www.collegedepot.com)

9. **The Shakespeare Online Page**
<http://emiko.igcom.net/~bruce/shake.html>

Fed up with not understanding Shakespeare? This site can give you help with all the Shakespeare classics. They also have the entire books online in case you forget yours in school and need to do some reading.

8. **Survival Skills for Students With Special Needs**

<http://www.liworks.org/skills/>
 An excellent site for those of us that are coping with a disability in school. The site has information about how to deal with it.

7. **Web Elements**
<http://www.shef.ac.uk/uni/academic/A-C/chem/web-elements/fr-genr/periodic-table.html>

This one is great for chemistry students. The entire periodic table is here with full and detailed information for each element.

6. **The Semantic Rhyming Dictionary**
<http://www.link.cs.cmu.edu/dough/rhyme-doc.html>

A great resource for poetry writing. You can enter a word and it will output all words that rhyme.

5. **Associated Press Homepage**
<http://www.ap.org/>

Most news websites only have the most recent news, but Associated Press has news archives from years past. Great for research or that ever tiring Driver's Ed project.

4. **Peterson's College Guide**
<http://www.petersons.com/>

If your just starting your college search process or if your want more information on the school you will be attending, Peterson's is the place to visit. It's a highly comprehensive site with a great deal of information about most schools.

3. **Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia**
<http://encarta.msn.com/>

Great for research, Microsoft's encyclopedia has got information about almost anything you can imagine.

2. **Translations**
<http://babelfish.altavista.com/>

Easily translate words from English to Spanish, German, Italian, French, Portuguese and back!

1. **Mapquest**
<http://www.mapquest.com/>

This is one of the most useful sites out there. You can create driving maps and directions to anywhere you would like. Great for the unexperienced driver.

The Pulse would like to congratulate:

Mr. & Mrs. Cascone on the birth of their son, Michael Alexander, who came in at 9 lbs. 11 oz.

Mr. & Mrs. Conklin on the birth of their daughter, Molly Brooke, who came in at 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Mr. & Mrs. Cook on the birth of their son, Walter Joseph, who came in at 7 lbs. 10 oz.

features

A Moment With Spector: The Pulse Movie Review

By Ken Spector

Ah, spring. The perfect time for slacking. Just about every senior has caught the highly contagious senioritis as have some juniors I know. Strangely enough, so has the Hollywood industry. For we have not one but two! Yes two, count em', movies about the big ol' prom. We can all start dancing in a second, but first, let's take a look at the Spectroscale!!!

SPECTROSCALE

A: Better than your average bear.
B: Your regular movie.
C: Typical crap fest.
Z: Almost as bad as GI Jane.

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| <i>Never Been Kissed</i> | Comedy |
| Spectroscale Rating | B |
| MPAA Rating | PG-13 |

Walrus-faced Drew Barrymore plays a reporter pretending to be a high school student with all of the odds against her. This movie gives a freaky sense of being somewhat unrealistic, but somehow Barrymore covers it up well. A bunch of hidden media gags are supplied throughout this film. Such as the school band playing *The Simpsons* theme song and the students shouting *Austin Powers* catch phrases. Ok, now I don't know if I'm the only one who has noticed this, but does drew Barrymore's head seem to be

changing shape in every movie? For instance, in "*The Wedding Singer*" it looked like the left side of her face got run over by a truck! Now that's freaky.

BASIS: A geeky 30 year old news reporter is assigned to go back to high school to get a story. She rises up through the ranks and gets to relive everything, even her (dare I say it) **PROM** all over again.

Ten Things I Hate About You

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| | Comedy |
| Spectroscale Rating | B |
| MPAA Rating | PG-13 |

This somewhat amusing, mildly humorous, not bad, but not great film demonstrates many things: love in high school; the changing of peoples inner feelings towards the world; and, how to get the date of your dreams to go with you to the **PROM!!!** For some strange reason every student who goes to this high school has an enormous vocabulary and loves Shakespeare. Even the teachers rap to Shakespeare's writings. And we are supposed to believe this? This teen flick answers the age old question, *Can love be bought?* Of course it can't. Unless you have a lot of money. But it's not real love. Well it kind of is, but...whatever.

BASIS: Because of her strict father's rules, a girl can't go out on a date until her anti-social

sister does. And finding the right guy for her becomes the top priority.

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| <i>Life</i> | Comedy |
| Spectroscale Rating | B- |
| MPAA Rating | R |

Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence star as two innocent criminals who are sent to a prison, where they work on a chain gang. However, we get quite a different concept. This is not one of your regular "criminals trying to escape" film. *Life* shows prisoners just trying to go through everyday in captivity without going insane. Definitely not one of Eddie Murphy's best films, in fact this is hardly one of his good films. It seems to endlessly drag towards nowhere with a few small jokes. And even though it has nothing to do with this movie, I would just like to add. Prom!!! Sorry. It's a running gag.

BASIS: The duo are stuck on a chain gang for forty years, due to a crime they didn't even commit.

SOON TO BE IN THEATERS

The Mummy starring Brendan Fraser opens May 7th with some killer special effects. He stars as a scientist who unleashes an ancient power that should not be meddled with.

Will Smith's newest movie *The Wild Wild*

West opens this summer. He plays another special agent, but finally, no aliens.

And, of course, *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* shall be opening in only a few short days. People are already lining up for tickets.

MOVIES TO COME

Sidney drops out of school and goes to Hollywood in *Scream 3* which opens in December.

Miramax is trying to sell the rights of Kevin Smith's *Dogma* to another distributor. Now that they have decided that it would be too risky to put something that might offend too many people under the Disney name. However, Kevin seems even more interested in working on his new animated series *Clerks* which should air by Super Bowl 2000.

Beavis and Butthead Do America 2 is being worked on right now along with the long awaited *Simpsons* movie, that Matt Groening has selected as his next project.

Anyway, I'm all out of room. So until next time, keep watching the classics and avoid the popcorn.

"Movies to come" information came from *Cinescape* magazine, *View Askew Online* and *Cinescape Online*. All of the information is true. Otherwise it would just be a waste of time.

Fans Bid Farewell to MST3K

SciFi Channel Cancels Mystery Science Theater 3000

By Michael Kass

It's happened again: *Mystery Science Theater 3000* (MST3K) has been canceled. The cult television series that has endured for ten seasons may be coming to a close never to return.

The show, starring Michael J. Nelson as Mike Nelson and his robot friends Cambot, Gypsy, Tom Servo, and Crow T. Robot has become a cult hit. Fans calling themselves MSTies are crying for a revival. The show has been canceled by three other networks in the past, starting with a local station in its home state of Minnesota to Comedy Central and then NBC three seasons ago.

seems to be that it's only a matter of time and effort before the show is picked up by another network. Says fan, Syosset Junior David DiGregorio, "We can only hope that the show will be revived by another network and the comedy of the series will be continued for many years to come."

Observer (the Brainguy), Professor Bobo, and Pearl Forrester perform a musical routine

Many aren't concerned simply because of the show's enduring tradition. After the second season, the show's creator and original star, Joel Hodgson, left the show. A movie version flopped in the box office mainly because more attention was given to advertising the film *Barbed Wire*, released by the same company. After Comedy Central dumped the show, most of the robots' puppeteers were replaced as it headed for NBC after *Saturday Night Live*. With the coming of the SciFi Channel, there seemed to be hope, but that turned out to be

short-lived.

The three seasons on SciFi have been among MST3K's most popular, but ratings apparently aren't enough to satisfy the network. It would seem that plot would never be a problem, since every show has the same basic formula: make fun of cheesy movies from the 50's and 60's and make fools of the main characters in the process. The ideas for the brief sub-plots of Mike and the robots trying to escape captivity haven't run dry yet. SciFi channel has agreed to continue the series to the end

Mike and the 'bots prepare for what is sure to be an onslaught of cheesy super-imposed bees

of the tenth season, leaving about a dozen episodes remaining to be aired.

While there are no plans for the show's immediate future, it's certain that it will live on and be known as television's most enduring low-budget science fiction/comedy

series. In the meantime, you can watch the remaining episodes on the SciFi channel Saturdays at 11:00AM – 1:00PM and Sundays at 11:00PM – 1:00 AM. Who knows? Perhaps the series will become another *Star Trek*: re-runs will bring it popularity and a new series will be created in twenty or so years; *Mystery Science Theater: The Next Generation*.

Unfortunately, it doesn't seem like that will happen, and so the MSTie community prepares to bid a final farewell to their beloved show. In twelve episodes, MST3k will be no more.

For more information on *Mystery Science Theater 3000*, visit the official website at www.scifi.com/mst3000 or check out MSTies Anonymous at www.mindspring.com/~mstanon. Episodes of the first through fifth seasons are available on Rhino Home Video.

Crow T. Robot, Michael J. Nelson, and Tom Servo get ready to endure another movie

Based on the e-mail newsletter I received, the SOL Post (the Satellite of Love is the featured spacecraft of the series), the attitude of most MSTies

Planet MST3k, a familiar sight to MSTies around the world

news

Forty years of SHS History England and Japan

By Eda Uca

Syosset High School's first senior class graduated 40 years ago. The valedictorian of that class was Ms. Nienstedt, currently the Social Studies Chairperson. She has been in the school district for about 34 years including 9 years at SHS. Through the years, she has experienced the evolution of SHS into one of the finest schools in the nation.

In a recent interview with Ms. Nienstedt, she recalled four years of hard work and lots of fun at SHS as she and her classmates, one of whom was Mr. Lukaszewski, walked on planks between "project areas," as are an A, B, C, D were then known and through hallways still under construction. "The school and student body were so much smaller then, and life so much simpler." She remembered, for example, her Senior Prom which was held in the school gymnasium, decorated by the students and catered by the parents. "A far cry from the Waldorf Astoria, but just as special and just as much fun."

Ms. Nienstedt participated in several extra-curricular activities, such as the "Pep Squad," which sold refreshments at athletic events and promoted activities to build school spirit. She was also the President of the Student Council, a member of the Foreign Language Club, and a winner of the Spanish Award.

When asked to talk about the environment at SHS in those days, Ms. Nienstedt smiled. "It was exciting and challenging and we were very proud of being the first graduating class. It was a wonderful place to grow as individuals and to learn." When asked to draw comparisons between SHS then and now, Ms. Nienstedt indicated that number and variety of academic and extra-curricular experiences available to students

have grown dramatically. "SHS is a microcosm of the outside world. There is something here for everyone and endless opportunities to pursue one's talents and interests." Ms. Nienstedt also pointed out that today's student population is "far more ethnically diverse" than it was in the first graduating class and "much more worldly." Today's high-tech environment also provides students with many more distractions from their studies.

Beyond the addition of activities, Mrs. Nienstedt mentioned other changes in both our school, and our town. Today, there are more ethnic groups. When she was a student, "there were no Indians, Asians, Latin Americans, or Muslims." This diversity of people makes the high school more exciting in her department. The variety of cultures which the kids are exposed to adds to the teaching environment, as the ideas in their text books are illustrated by their classmates.

Other than the new opportunities to expose oneself to new activities and cultures, Syosset High School has grown in size. "The school used to have only three wings", and the 9th graders went to the Woodbury School, rather than SHS. While the original school accommodated students from North Syosset, the district has expanded so far, that it now serves multiple communities.

Regardless of the changes that SHS has experienced over these 40 years, the talent of our student body, the dedication of our faculty, and the support of the Board of Education and community have always been outstanding.

"I've been very fortunate to have grown to an adult and to have continued as a life-long learner at Syosset High School. What a dynamite place to have enjoyed a wonderful career and each day is still exciting."

SADD Week

By David Roseman

From March 22, through March 26, SADD held its annual SADD Week. Throughout the week, activities were held to make the students of Syosset High School aware of the dangers of making destructive decisions.

To begin SADD Week, facts regarding the dangers of drinking were distributed to all teachers who posted them for their students to see. In addition, the members of SADD made posters which were hung around the school, as well as in each classroom.

On Tuesday, Bobby Petrocelli came to speak to the students of all grade levels. Bobby Petrocelli is a motivational speaker whose life was changed dramatically when a drunk driver crashed into his house, killing his wife.



Bobby Petrocelli tells about his tragic experience with a drunk driver

He spoke to the Syosset High School body about his tragedy, and how he has coped with his loss, and how to endure the tragedies that we must face in life. He emphasized how important it was to make good decisions, and that ten seconds are all that it takes to change someone's life drastically.

On Thursday and Friday of SADD Week, members of SADD sat in the cafeteria during lunch periods to distribute stickers, keychains, pens and pencils to the students. They also gave out sponsor sheets for the SADD Walk on April 17. In addition, SADD members stayed in the cafeteria everyday after school during the week in order to collect donations for SADD.

On Friday after school, the members of SADD completed the week of activities by painting the speed bump in front of the high school. The bump was painted white, with the message "Drive Safe, SADD" on it in red.

Mrs. Belanger, the advisor to SADD, said, "I was very pleased with all the positive feedback about our speaker, Bobby Petrocelli." Co-President Pam Fisher added, "Bobby Petrocelli was a spectacular speaker. I hope that the students heeded his advice and will learn for the future." Co-President Carrie Willensky said that, "the Bobby Petrocelli assembly was great, and that I hope everyone listened to his message."

Trips A Success

By Ari Stern and Staff Writers

This February Syosset students enjoyed the first of many proposed trips to England and Japan.

Sensei Watson and Dr. Schneider headed the group of twelve Syosset students who went to Japan. The trip ran for ten days and included seven different cities. Students saw the Imperial Palace, the Asakusa Kanon temple,

Westminster Abbey in London as well as taking an evening walking tour in the bloody footsteps of Jack the Ripper. They also attended a performance of Phantom of the Opera at the theatre and saw street musicians playing at Covent



Sensei Watson rings a traditional Shinto Bell

Garden. Other outings included a trip to Bath which Lindsay Pattinger described as "pretty, antique-y and quaint" and to see the historic monuments of Stonehenge.

One of the ideal parts of this trip was that students didn't have to repack their luggage every couple of days to move to a new place. The group was centralized at the Strand Palace Hotel, and no matter where they went one day, they also came back to the same place. The only part of the trip which people truly disliked was the food. When speaking about the overall trip, sophomore Manisha Lotlikar said, "The En-



Big Ben Up Close and Personal

Akihabara Electric City, and the Fukuoka Castle ruins. Sensei Watson emphasized how her students learned a lot about Japanese culture from their pen pals in a sister school near Kyoto. She also pointed out how, unlike on other school trips, she was able to be the school's tour guide since she was in her "old hood," which allowed for her to pick out things she felt would be valuable to her students. While she felt everything went well, she would have liked to have spent about another week in Japan. Dr. Schneider said, "It was a very unique experience to learn first hand about a wonderful culture."

Ms. Costanza and Ms. Sibener organized the eight day trip to England for photography students to see both historic and contemporary aspects of English culture. The nineteen students, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Yanosy, visited the National Gallery and



The famous and mysterious Stonehenge, photographed from above

gland trip was an amazing experience for any photography or art student." Robyn Brooks and Anne Milman thought London much safer and cleaner than New York although they found everything much more expensive.

Since both trips were so successful, their coordinators have already started making plans for the next trips to England and Japan, which will take place in two years.

The Pulse would like to offer its condolences to the friends and family of Jonathan Lee.

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10th Grade Takes Trip to Jewish Museum

By Soren Gandhi and Staff Writers

This past March, all 10th grade social studies classes visited the Jewish Heritage Museum in Manhattan.

Buses departed the school for each trip in the morning to arrive at the museum at 10:00. Each student entered through different tours held by experienced guides all who were knowledgeable about Jewish history in Europe, America and other parts of the world.

The museum exhibited a story told through objects and texts. It offered an interpretation of two complex questions: How have the Jewish people survived through the centuries? and what constitutes the essence of Jewish identity?

All students discovered that Jews have been able to sustain their identity through culture and continuity, despite wide dispersion and sometimes tragic circumstances, by evolving a culture that can adapt to life in many countries and under various conditions. The ex-

hibition explored the dynamic interaction between continuity and change within Jewish history and culture.

On the first floor students learned about Jewish culture, including the bar and bat mitzvah, the Torah, prayers and clothing. On the second floor, students revisited the Holocaust by reading and viewing many posters, showing everything from German dictator Adolf Hitler's Third Reich to the burning of Jewish houses committed by the Nazis. This floor was set by dark and gloomy lights creating the mood and atmosphere of the Holocaust for many students. Among the exhibits that were most intriguing were the walls of pictures that displayed many of the children who were persecuted during the worst time in history.

The various movies of the Jewish people and all the exhibits made the trip interesting and educational for many of the students.

Locker Room Thefts Leave Students Concerned

By Rachel Stanton

The answer to the question, "Is Syosset High School a safe place?" may seem obvious to some, but a recent string of thefts has left many Syosset students asking themselves this very question.

The latest thefts occurred during the third and fourth weeks of March. One sophomore, who wishes to remain anonymous, had her wallet, TI Graphing Calculator, and basic calculator stolen. She had left her bag unattended in the girls' locker room for a brief time. When she returned to her bag a few minutes later, she found the previously mentioned objects, which had a combined value of over \$125, missing. The very next day, another student reported her money missing from the girls' locker room.

These two students were lucky. The students responsible for the thefts were caught, and the stolen items, minus the money, were returned to their rightful

owners.

Despite these thefts, most students still feel that Syosset High is a safe place. "I leave my bag out in the locker room all the time, and nothing ever happens to it," remarked one sophomore, who, for obvious reasons, wishes to be left anonymous.

Sophomore Violet Stupin agrees. "I once left my gym bag, which contained my clothes and sneakers, inside a classroom. Nothing was stolen from the bag, and someone was kind enough to return it to me."

Members of the administration feel that Syosset High School is very safe as well. "[Crime] here is not normal," said Administrative Assistant Mr. Kimmel. "It is the result of a handful of kids violating the rights of the other students. At this school we have a zero tolerance policy concerning crimes violating students' or staff members' rights."

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Dolly Says Hello to SHS Community

By Marissa McGowan

There was a great deal of adrenaline in the air as the curtains opened on Wednesday March 24, 1999 for the opening perfor-



The dancing waiters scene was a hit with the crowd. Everybody loved the crazy antics of this talented bunch.

mance of *Hello Dolly!*, this year's school musical. The pit sounded wonderful, costumes looked beautiful, sets looked great and the cast was terrific!



Erin Edelstein as Dolly Levi and Adam Dreyfus as the Head Waiter

For those of you who do not know the story of *Hello Dolly!*, it is derived from Thornton Wilder's *The Matchmaker*. It is centered around Mrs. Dolly Levi, played by Erin Edelstein, a woman who's main job is meddling in people's lives. She is arranging the marriage of the well known Yonkers millionaire Horace Vandergelder (Lee Goodman) to Mrs. Irene Molloy, played by Marissa McGowan. However Dolly has other ideas for who should be his new wife, such as herself.

Of course the plot thickens when Cornelius Hackyll (Jared Morganstern), the head clerk of Vandergelder's hay and feed store, goes to New York and catches Mrs. Molloy's eye. After hiding in Mrs. Molloy's hat shop and ruining her chances with Mr. Vandergelder, he convinces her and her loyal assistant Minnie Fay (Dawn Slawitsky), that he and his "side kick" Barnaby Tucker (Jeffrey Stern), are rich. The two couples go on an adventure to the most elegant restaurant in the city, the Harmonia Gardens, where the dancing waiters provide a spectacular show.

Meanwhile Dolly is fixing up Mr. Vandergelder with the heiress, Ernestina Money, played hysterically by Rachel Leventhal, while she is helping Ermangarde (Michelle Rosen), Vandergelder's niece, because she loves

the dancing painter Ambrose Kempler (Damien Augustin). *Dolly* has her plate truly full, but somehow it works out in the end as most musicals usually do. Mrs. Molloy and Cornelius fall in love and Horace realizes that he the perfect wife he is looking for is none other than Dolly.

The musical provided special memories for the graduating seniors. *Hello Dolly!* was highly acclaimed by members of the school board, teachers, parents, and students. Thanks to direction by Ms. Esslinger, choreography by Mr. Conner, and set design by Mr. Alma it was definitely a show to remember!

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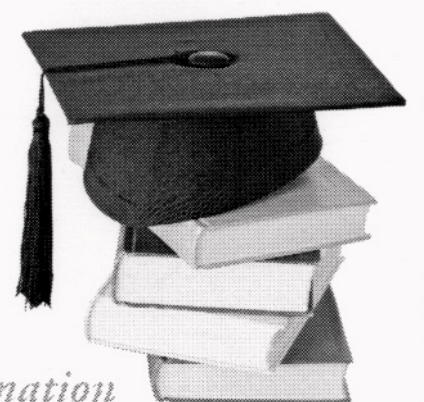
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Locker Room Concerns

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We actively pursue and investigate every situation brought to our attention."

The administration has taken an active role in preventing thefts and other crimes from occurring at Syosset High School, but if students feel that they are being victimized in any way they should report it to a teacher or a guidance counselor. Most of the students who commit crimes while at school are caught.

When a crime (like the recent thefts from the girls' locker room) does occur, depending on the circumstances, the student or students responsible may be subject to police action. Usually a student caught committing a crime such as theft is given a 5-day suspension by Dr. Schneider. When the 5-day suspension is over, district Superintendent Dr. Carole Hankin has the option to suspend the student or students involved for more than five days, or enact a more serious consequence.

The best way to stop crime at the high school is to prevent it from occurring at all. Students can avoid crimes like theft by using common sense and locking up their valuables instead of letting them lie around. A theft can occur anywhere in the school, but it is a lot less likely to occur if students do not leave their possessions unattended.

Although many students feel that Syosset High School is a safe place, the recent crimes have left them angry and upset. As Senior Iris Weiner stated, "It's disgusting that we have to be worried about our personal belongings in our own school."

Letter to the Editor

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say, "These things just happen", but it is much safer to say that than over speculate. By doing too much speculation based on people's appearance we are limiting people's individuality and saying that he who wears black is homicidal or even angry. This, I assure you, isn't true. I could get into the history of the color black and how it represents grace and dignity, or the history of gothic culture and how it stems from poetry, fantasy, and love, but that would be glossing over a much more important issue. People are not defined by how they look. The one reason one person may choose to wear one particular clothing item may be a completely different reason someone else may choose to wear that exact same clothing item. Teenagers, like all creatures of the world, are in fact much more complex than the experts think, and as a result cannot be generalized about accurately.

Answers

Star Wars Trivia

1. C A New Hope
2. B Anakin
3. D George Lucas
4. A Boba Fett
5. B Lando Calrissian
6. C C-3P0
7. D John Williams
8. C James Earl Jones
9. B Yavin
10. C Jabba the Hutt

*James Earl Jones Is the
Voice of Darth Vader*

cartoon of the month

By Joshua Sauberman

"Buddy, where were you during the time of the incident?"

sports

Lacrosse Currently Undefeated Softball Slides Home

By Kristen Haunss

After a disappointing season last year, the members of the Syosset Girls Varsity Lacrosse team have vowed to make up for last year's season. In the newly formed Conference I-B, the girls no longer face rivals Port Washington,



Lady Braves Lacrosse players gear up for the game

New Hyde Park or Farmingdale. However, it is not only the new seeding, but also an improvement in the team's skills that have led to their success. Under the leadership of Coaches Christiansen, Borensen, and McGloughlin, the Braves look like a new team with a strong transition that can run most opposition to the ground.

The team is led by Senior Co-Captains Rachel Friedman and Rachael Neumann, both returning for their

fourth varsity season. Joining them are Seniors Kristen Haunss, Molly Ellwood, Lynn Alampi, Lauren Carleton, Lauren Glaser, Juniors Kim Jacobs, Gena Schuster, Kristy Magueri, Samantha Alexander, Alison Finkler, Kara Langhamer, Rachel Merson, Nicole Pennucci, Jackie Pinkow, Alison Kurtzman and Sophomore Jen Belk.

With big wins over rivals Massapequa, and East Meadow, the Braves are off to a great start. They have already set two records in Syosset Girl's Lacrosse history. First, they have become the first team to record a shut-out, and second, they are the first team to have more than 6 wins in a season. With these two accomplishments under their belt and the season just halfway over, only time will tell what other records could be set. The team's main goal of the season though, is winning the coveted conference banner, which at this point looks like it could be a reality. The next few weeks will be telling for the Braves as they continue their season with the mentality of "refuse to lose." With these thoughts in their heads, the Lady Braves are the team to beat.

Lifeguarding Takes Watch Tennis Serves Up Another Season

By Kristen Haunss

One of the most popular physical education classes is the lifeguarding course. Currently taught by Mr. Powell and Ms. White, the course provides certification for CPR for the professional rescuer, Standard First Aid Certification, American Red Cross Lifeguarding and the opportunity to take the Nassau County Lifeguard exam.

Physical Education teacher, Mr. Powell, commented, "this is an opportunity many high school students don't have. It is a good opportunity for someone to learn to save someone's life."

In order to take the class, one must do well in general physical education swimming. An interested student must also be recommended by his/her ninth or tenth grade swim teacher. The class is open to all eleventh and twelfth grade students, but tenth graders with permission of his/her teacher. An applicant must also be sixteen years of age. This class also offers one the opportunity for summer and year-round employment. This class is an active recruiting center for summer jobs at Ms. Babcock's, Mr. Powell's and the Town of Oyster Bay pools.

The class is not only made up of swimming, but also lectures and classroom time. A student will also be required to take written and practical tests.

Senior Keith Gross, who took the class two years ago said, "Lifeguard training provides one with important survival skills not only for the workplace but for life itself."

If you are interested, see guidance, Mr. Powell or Ms. Babcock for information.

By Matthew Cohen

After a disappointing 1998 season, the Boys Varsity Tennis Team has completed rebuilding its notorious "top-caliber" team under Coach Dana Kaplan. Nassau County Champions in 1997, the team's players have one thing on their mind, and that's to bring the championship home after Roslyn won it last year. Led by one of the states top junior tennis players, co-captain Peter Harjes and Marc "Boom Boom" Lohser, Syosset is looking better than ever to go the distance. Along with Peter and Marc, the team has many returning seniors but Coach Kaplan has added some much-needed depth. Returning Varsity players are as follows: Co-captain Matt "Scooter" Cohen, Andrew Schaffler, Jason "Fatty" Greenberg, Ricky Goyal, Jeff Kleinman, Josh Zellner, Rob Kuhn, Shehzaad Zaman, Adam Saltzman and Jason Gerstien. Newcomers Justin Wein, Jeff Fong, Jared Platt and Ian Sands round off the team. Looking at this team on paper, the guys have the ability this year to destroy the competition and take the title back to Syosset. Standing in the Braves way will be the teams from Roslyn, Great Neck, Jericho, Bellmore, and Port Washington. Watch out for the Boys Varsity Tennis Team in 99 cause they are as hungry as ever and they won't accept anything less than excellence.

By Allison Hoyt

The 1999 Girls Varsity Softball team is looking forward to their upcoming season. Missing the playoffs by one game last year has made them determined to make it this year. With a big win against the 1998 Conference Champions, Baldwin, last season, the Braves have a good shot at improving their status. At the beginning of the season the team was stranded with no coach, due to the fact Ms. Maryann Concessi is out on maternity leave. But now once again, they have a very strong coaching staff. Mr. Powell has taken over as the varsity head coach, and Mr. Andersen is his assistant. Mr. Grecco is the junior varsity softball coach. The team is extremely strong this year with 10 returning players, and a strong bunch of new players. The team is led by senior captains Liz Horan (3rd base) and Lisa Pitter (outfield). Seniors Mary McCue (pitcher) and Amy Weissburg (outfield) will also play a tremendous role this season. The juniors are Kristen Buda (3rd base), Valerie Buscemi (catcher), Andrea Fasano (outfield), Nicole

Hershman (2nd base), and Diana Pettigrew (2nd base). Sophomores Samantha Brookes (1st base) and Elyse Morshauser (outfield), and freshman Jean Chiang (catcher). The Braves are returning three players who received post season honors last year. Sophomore Lisa Fasano, an outstanding outfielder received All-Conference, Sophomore Michelle Mianulli, a tremendous short stop also received All-Conference, and junior Allison Hoyt received All County. The Braves have a very demanding schedule ahead of them playing top notch teams such as Baldwin and Our Lady of Mercy. The Braves are dedicated, excited, and working hard to reach the post season. Watch out Baldwin! GO BRAVES!!!

JV Lacrosse

By Sal Cataldo

When March 2nd came around, a new season in the Syosset lacrosse program began. Under the coaching of Coach Rizzi, Coach Brace, Coach Reilly, and Coach Kopp, this years junior Varsity lacrosse team looks good. Since so many players tried out for the team, the ever-growing lacrosse program had to create a second, freshman team, led by coaches Reilly and Kopp.

So far this year the JV team is off to a good start. Sophomore defensemen David Constantino and Jason Kim, and sophomore goalie Matt Koenig lead the JV team. Defensemen Brian Liebman, midfielder Rich DeTrano, attacking John Weissburg, and goalie Sal Cataldo lead the freshman team. Coach Kopp of the freshman team said, "They are a great group of young guys."

The season looks to be a promising one. The teams have had success in the pre-season, and look to continue this success throughout the season.



A Braves Lacrosse player in action

Golf Takes Off

By Jose Garrido and Ari Pillar

This season is looking exceptionally bright for the returning Long Island Champion, Syosset golf team. Senior captains Jose Garrido and Ari Pillar hope to lead the team to another winning season. Returning juniors Keith Hendrickson, Ross Morgan, Ernest Fong, and Jon Shifren are working hard to make more contributions to the team this season.

There will be an additional amount of pressure on the team this season due to last year's success. The expectations for the team are very high, and with so many returning players from last year's championship team, the Braves are looking forward to another successful season.

The key for success this year, like last year, is to take one match at a time. The team has to keep its focus throughout the season in order to repeat as Long Island Champions. Another important point for the team to remember is to have fun in the competitions. These keys will lead the team to another memorable and successful golf season.

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