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PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEXT 1,000 YEARS

By Shari Gamm

Rapid advances in technology will change everything from cars to vacations. Tired of the Grand Canyon, Los Angeles, and Disney World? Want to get a real blast? Then take your next vacation in outer space. Travel companies will offer a first-class luxury vacation into space. But at \$100,000 per person, only high-rollers and lottery winners will be able to afford this adventure.

Business travel will be largely replaced by virtual reality conferencing. Simply put on a headset and you are in a conference room in Hong Kong while you sit at your kitchen table. On the downside, just think how much you will miss all of the wonderful airline food!

Supermarkets may not exist. In their place will be massive distribution centers which will deliver produce

and prepared meals to your door within minutes of your electronic order, which will be paid for by credit card. Most importantly, while the physical act of supermarket shopping will cease to exist, the pleasure of eating will still remain.

Negotiated prices will replace fixed prices. Buyers and sellers will negotiate everything based on the supply and demand of the moment. This is already happening on web sites such as Priceline.com, and will be extended to virtually every consumer purchase.

With respect to health issues, most ba-

bies will be born outside of the body where the embryos will be inspected for disease and then grown in artificial wombs. Protein sensor chips will detect early chemical changes to the body which, if undetected, would lead to cancer and other diseases. Gene therapy will cure any disease that may slip through this defense system and human organs will be grown to replace worn out parts. Body tune-ups will be the rage! All of this will result in an average life span of several hundred years or more.

The automobile will undergo dramatic changes. The gauges on the instrument panel will be video images and can be customized to the owner's preference. A thermal imaging night vision system will allow drivers to see further down the road and a safety system will automatically maintain a safe distance from the car in front, even if the driver falls asleep at the wheel. Instead of cars annoying people telling them that the "door is ajar" or "the lights are on," voice technology will allow drivers to tell the car what to do. Change CDs, get e-mails, plot the route and control the climate are just some of the functions that future cars will do. Most importantly,

the antidote to listening to only radio stations in your area is coming in the form of DARS - Digital Audio Radio Service. At a cost \$10 per month, people will be able to access over 100 CD-like digital stations in about a year no matter where they drive! Distributed by satellite, it will be offered as a third radio band along with AM and FM bands.

Well, the future sure looks exciting, and judging from the rate of technology, it will be upon us in a nanosecond. See you there.



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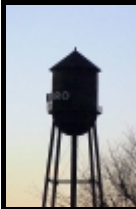
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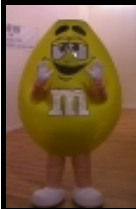
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Sensei-tional Japanese Festival

By Michael Mashioff

The Japanese Club began its year as soon as school started in September. While the newcomers were learning the ropes, the officers were busy at work planning the events for the upcoming year. The first priority was the Japanese Festival. Booths needed to be thought of, food needed to be purchased, and layouts needed to be designed. Moreover, every year something new and exciting is needed in order to promote attention. Finally, after weeks of thought, the club came up with ancient cultural activities, such as meditation and fortune telling, in addition to modern attractions such as Dance Revolution and Pokemon.

As people entered the student lobby, Japanese lanterns and signs surrounded them, truly giving them the feeling of being in a Japanese community. Freshman Bryan Mashioff said, "I love the lanterns, I want one for my room." Too bad for him; they were not for sale. However, one could purchase Pokemon accessories, including pens, calculators, and stickers at the Pokemon booth. Japanimation is used to create the characters that are so popular among many children and teens. Dance revolution is also popular among many teens. This Japanese game show has been brought into the home by Sony Play Station. "Watching people dance from the computer thing was interesting," said junior Kara Schulman. From the beginner to the expert, energy was up at the Dance Revolution booth. The other video games were also very popular, as students fought for the title in games such as Tekken.

Ancient Japan was also integrated into the festival. Meditation, led by senior Paul Bozzello, provided a relaxing and renewing experience. Students were given a brief explanation of the history of meditation and then actually meditated to the sounds of the ocean. Origami, the Japanese art of paper folding was also popular among many students. Throughout the day, art could be seen on the hands and faces of students walking around the school.

Japanese characters, known as Kanji, were painted on all who wanted strength, wisdom, and love in their lives. People could also be seen wearing sumo costumes and kimonos, which were available to try on to have photographs taken. No Japanese festival could be complete without sushi. California and cucumber rolls were sold straight out of a Sushi boat, and said to be "yummy" by all. Finally, for the third year, Japanese trivia was conducted by Rohit Barman a.k.a. Baruma. His voice was known throughout the student lobby.

This year's Japanese Festival was one of the best yet, with only better ones to come. However, the future of the Japanese festival, can only be predicted by Syosset High Schools own, world renowned fortuneteller, Lisa Poggiali. And what is her prediction? Well, come to next years festival and find out.



Top: Mr. Durante tries out one of the more popular activities, a computerized dancing game; **Middle:** Senior Kevin Poulter is painted by Erin Connolly; **Bottom:** Sensei Watson and Dr. Schneider pose while the latter holds some calligraphy.

news

Recycle-A-Cycle Has A Handle On Success

By Carly Weinreb

Speeding into the spotlight is a group known as Recycle-A-Cycle, which gives bicycles to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them one. Recycle-A-Cycle is part of the Syosset Teen Council, both of which are run and directed by Tom Montalbano. Syosset Teen Council is open to all high school students, and does community service such as drives, hospital visits, and walk-a-thons.

The idea of having a Recycle-A-Cycle program showed up on Mr.



Some Recycle-A-Cycle members with a bike that was prepared for a 6-year-old cancer patient at Nassau County Medical Center.

Montalbano's doorstep in the Spring of 1997. There he found two bicycles from the garbage heaps. He took the parts off one, and used them to fix and enhance the other to make one great bike. The kids on his block saw him doing this and wanted to help, so Mr. Montalbano formed a group in the fall of 1997. This small group made six bikes and gave them away for Christmas. It went so well that they made some more bikes. The group started to grow, so Mr. Montalbano had a block party to recruit volunteers and make bikes for his group, which he named Recycle-A-Cycle. After a while, the Town of Oyster Bay gave Recycle-A-Cycle space to work in the Syosset-Woodbury park, which is where the group still works today.

Recycle-A-Cycle gives the bikes that they make to many organizations and causes, such as St. Edward's Church, St. Mary's Boy's Home, Kosovo refugees living at St. Dick's in New Jersey, Ghana, Africa and during the holidays, to a children's shelter in Deer Park. The group also donates bikes to individual families who can't afford to buy their child a bicycle. Recycle-A-Cycle brings a rare smile to the faces

of many of these children and gives them some happiness in a troubling time. The children and their families (if they have any) are always very grateful for the bicycles Recycle-A-Cycle gives their family, and sometimes write thank-you notes. Unfortunately, the Recycle-A-Cycle members do not normally personally give the bicycles to the children. The children do not want to be brought into the spotlight because they are disadvantaged. On rare occasions though, the Recycle-A-Cycle members get to personally deliver and visit the child they made the bike for, as they did recently for a six year old girl, who is a cancer patient at the Nassau County Medical Center.

Recycle-A-Cycle is currently very close to building their 500th bicycle, which will most likely happen in the spring, along with a party to celebrate. However, a few obstacles lie in the way of this group's success. They need money donations and bicycles in good condition.

An event that Syosset Teen Council was recently involved in, was the town tree lighting on Sunday, December 5th. The SHS Jazz Ensemble and the Adelettes were also there. An upcoming event will be going to TOBAY beach after the holidays to take discarded Christmas trees to build up the sand dunes. This will help prevent erosion, which is eating away at the continent a few centimeters each year. This event will take place in mid January.

If you are interested in doing community work year round, then the Syosset Teen Council is for you. If you'd like to join this group, email SyossetTC@aol.com a letter expressing your interest to join the club. Syosset Teen Council meets Tuesday nights. This group really makes an impact on people's lives, and anyone can become a part of it.



Harris and Schanker re-build a bike from the ground up.

Drug-Free Club Takes Off

By Jeremy Meller

The Drug Free Club is a relatively new club at Syosset High School. It currently has about twenty active members, and is working to support the concept of being able to be drug free while enjoying the life of a typical Syosset teenager.

The club was established a year and a half ago, under the leadership of school social worker, Chuck Gleason. After several Syosset High School students attended the Operation Pride Conference at Nassau Community College, interest built. Operation Pride is a drug free club that is based in Freeport, has over 150 members, and has participated in and led activities nationwide.

The conference was an extremely motivating experience, and upon returning to the High School, it was decided that a similar club could be developed here at the High School.

Upon its creation, the mission of the club was to support those who were drug free, to educate fellow students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol use, and most of all to express the possibility of being drug free, and still living the life of typical Syosset High School students by providing alternative activities to drinking, smoking, and using other drugs.

Unfortunately, the club started quite late in the year, and although it was able to participate in the freshmen orientation in August, it had a difficult time maintaining its active members. This was not the end of the club, however, as advertising and campaigning brought about an entirely new member population.

This new population, which began meeting in March of this year, has accomplished quite a lot more than the original group had. During May and June, members of the group visited eighth grade physical education classes at Southwoods Middle School to speak to incoming ninth graders about the high school, answer any questions they had, ameliorate their concerns, and dispel any misconceptions about the high school, especially in the areas of peer pressure and substance use. Mr. Gleason says, of these types of activities, "I am encouraged by the diversity of the members of the Drug Free Club - the fact that we have many different types of people involved in the club should help us in our attempt to influence eighth graders."

The Drug Free Club began this school year by holding officer elections. Jeremy Meller was elected president, Josh Rieger, vice president, Dani Peress, treasurer, Karen Rabinowicz, Secretary, and Karen Marks, representative to student council.

The Drug Free Club has been selling candy, such as lollypops and candy bars, in order to make money to utilize for club activities. Members hope to make enough money to support a drug free event or trip of some kind.

On October 29, two of the members of the Drug Free Club, Jeremy Meller and Danielle Baker attended a hearing at the Nassau County Legislature. They joined twenty-six students from all over the county to express their concerns about county spending on anti-smoking campaigns. The county wanted to use .1% of the money it received from the suit against Tobacco companies on anti-smoking campaigns. The students who attended the hearing advocated for 20%



School social worker Chuck Gleason takes a moment to talk about the Drug-Free club.

of the funds to be spent on anti-smoking campaigns. Although the legislators did not seem terribly receptive to their concerns, the Drug Free Club's presence at the hearing was a step in attaining recognition beyond the boundaries of the high school.

At this time, the Drug Free Club is planning for several potential activities both at the high school, and in the school district's two middle schools. Members are hoping to develop several programs that will help students realize the dangers of substance abuse, the possibility of being drug free, and having a great life both academically and socially.

Although the club got off to a rather slow start, it is now working hard to become a positive force in the community. If anyone is interested in joining the club, please speak to Mr. Gleason, a club officer, or come to one of the meetings which take place on Tuesdays, after school, in Room C-8.

Mall Property Sparks New Protests

By Adam Malin

In 1997, the Taubman Company made plans to develop an old industrial property into an upscale mall. This property is located by the railroad tracks at the end of Robbins Lane in Syosset and is also known as the Cerro Wire Property. It is under intense scrutiny by the town, and the local Birchwood Civic Association, because the complex planned to be constructed there. Currently the large black water tower viewable from the Long Island Expressway notes the aging Cerro Wire property. This mall has been proposed to be a one-million-square-foot complex with three anchor stores, yet to be determined. The property also would have 100 specialty stores and three-tiered deck parking to accommodate 4,800 cars on the 39-acre site.



The Cerro Wire tower, site of a controversial plan to build a shopping mall.

This might all sound great to the average Syosset residents, but to those few people who live on Robbins Lane, this planned commercial entity is horrible. The current Birchwood Civic Association President said, "that the most menacing threat is the potential for dangerously high traffic and congestion levels, with car volume exceeding the capacity of local roads." The location of the Cerro Wire property and the future Mall at Oyster Bay is not the best place for a mall. This is why County Legislators Judy Jacobs and Edward Mangano both stressed in 1997 that the site should be used for reasons other than commercial shops and property. Also Oyster Bay Town Supervisor said this year that the town must remain neutral in the Cerro Wire battle. He did this after asking Taubman Company to revise its plans for the mall to not rely on the expansion and construction of roadways on the town's property. All the government officials want to leave the fight for the mall between the residents and the Taubman Company. In an environmen-

tal study funded by Taubman, a prediction of approximately 3,000 cars per hour would go down Robbins Lane during peak shopping periods. The residents of the areas nearby complained about possible traffic problems if the mall were to be built, and the fact that Robbins Lane would have a lot of traffic and the shoppers would take shortcuts through nearby neighborhoods. All these complaints were voiced at a protest in November.

On Saturday morning November 20, members of the Birchwood Civic Association and anyone else that wanted to join them protested the planned construction of the Mall at Oyster Bay. Popular slogans and phrases on signs were "No Mall", "No Mall Here", and "No Mall No Way" at the rally in front of the Cerro Wire property on Robbins Lane. The local residents thought that the mall would be ugly and would deface their community, but a popular response of the Taubman project was that the only thing ugly and defacing about that property was the state that the property is in right now. The Birchwood Civic association says

that the Mall at Oyster Bay will diminish the quality of life in Jericho and Syosset, especially for the residents living near the mall. The area already has the Broadway Mall, why another one so close?

When asking Syosset students about the mall, mixed responses were received. Some students want a mall, but feel sorry for the people living there. Brooke Tancer said, "For me, since I don't live there, I guess it would be cool if they built a mall there, because it is close. I don't know what the people that live there would think about it because of the traffic. The kids that live there probably want a mall, but the adults don't, and I don't blame them." Another student said, "I do not believe that they should build another shopping complex because Syosset/Jericho will become more congested and it will begin to deteriorate the community and not help it." Some people do not even know what is going on in Syosset, One student said, "I don't know anything about it."

Backstage at Madison Square Garden

By Brendan Kahn

Tuesday, November 16, Mr. Muller's sports marketing class and Mr. Baratta's four classes had the chance to visit Madison Square Garden and go on the back stage tour of this world famous arena. We left school promptly after first period not to return to school until the late bus. The majority of the students were freshmen and there were only a couple of girls. This wonderful and mature group charged the big apple on an early train taking up a full car. Once arriving at the garden, we marched directly to Madison Square Garden Theatre. Here our tour began. We were told all sorts of facts about the stadium and then headed up the elevators to the top of the arena to see the luxurious suites. These suites only cost \$975,000 for three years, and you have to rent them for at least three years. We were told that in order to get one of these suites you have to put your name on a five-year

waiting list. Probably one of the highlights of this trip was going to the Manhattan Mall to eat lunch. There was an array of foods to choose from, ranging from Japanese to the all famous Blimpies. Most of you probably don't know the Manhattan Mall for it's fine dining, but for the People Court's Opinion Corner, that happens to be a great part of that fine show! After eating lunch all the kids ran back over to MSG to see the Chase Championship. While we sat and watched these excellent female athletes play tennis, I saw a kid with an extra large tennis ball. Me being me, I had to get one. I had a little extra cash so I bought an extremely large tennis ball at the price of \$35, probably not my best buy ever, but I was happy. After the exciting tennis match was over we went back on the train and soon arrived home. As we rode into the school circle I thought to myself, "This has been the greatest day of school!"

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maybe you
should
think again...



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features

The Crucible



By Lauren Falcone

On November 18, 1999 many Syosset families and students came to see the Syosset High School production of "The Crucible", by Arthur Miller. The show was performed by ACT (Association of Creative Thespians) members who put in a great deal of time and devotion in order to assure that this play would be a success.

Many of the students involved in the production of the play spent their evenings and many of their Saturdays at school, often until 10:30 at night, preparing for the play. As one could imagine, that is a very long time for high school students to spend in school. Front man Justin Starr, who played the role of John Procter, worked tremendously hard for this show. Once he took on this role, Justin never came out of character. He actually took on the life of Procter once he stepped into rehearsal.

Another amazing job was done by Alex Sovronsky, who played Judge Hawthorn. He put on an absolutely frightening performance. Joe Boccarossa also did a wonderful job portraying old Giles Cory. His costume, from the gray hair to frills, was quite different than his usual daily school attire.

One of the best scenes in the play was the courtroom scene. Every little detail that was needed to understand the play was incorporated into that one scene. The actors that were in that scene include Andrew Rubino, Ethan Hova, Stephen Goodman and Dave Goldman among others. Other students who took part in the play are Jennifer Pino, Lauren Falcone, Caryn Lewi, Aimee DeShays, Michelle Williams, Jamie Rog and Alexis Hudesman.

When asked to describe what she thought of the play, Collyn Gold said, "It was intriguing and very well performed. The scenery was amazing." Everyone who did not see the show, definitely missed a great performance. ACT's next production will be "A Midsummer Night's Dream".



Top: Justin Starr and Aimee DeShays as John and Elizabeth Procter; Middle: Caryn Lewi as Abigail; Bottom: (left to right) Kate O'Connor, Caryn Lewi, Ethan Hova, and Andrew Rubino crowd around Pia Finnegan.

From the Editor

By David Roseman

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Syosset High School and Syosset community a happy holiday and a happy new year on behalf of the entire *Pulse* staff. I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable vacation, and look forward to seeing you in the next millennium.

It was nice to see that so many people in the school were interested in the last issue of *The Pulse*. However, I would like to remind everyone that the articles in the newspaper that are not news articles are the opinion of the writer and not necessarily the opinion of the entire newspaper staff or the school administration. If you have an opinion that differs from that of the writer, you are always free to write a letter to the editor. Also, if you feel that an article is a misrepresentation of the true facts, you are also always welcome to voice your opinions in a letter to the newspaper.

After reading through the last issue one more time, I noticed that the beginning of the Gay and Straight Club article was not as tasteful as it could have been. I apologize to anyone who may have been offended by what was written.

Happy Holidays from the Staff of The Pulse



MILLENNIUM

MILLENNIUM SCHILLENNIUM

By Nicole Notowitz

Is anybody else starting to get really annoyed by all of the hype surrounding the next millennium? When the ball drops at midnight, are all our computers going to crash? Will the world explode? Besides, what is so exciting about the next thousand years anyway? Chances are, the millennium does not even start on January first of the year 2000. There are numerous possible dates for the actual start of the new millennium. It may even have already begun.

The most probable date for the start of the millennium would be January first of 2001. This date seems most logical, because our calendar system began in the year one. There was no year zero. Decades are measured on a ten year scale; for example the 80's, the decade of bad hair, started in 1981, not 1980, and ended in 1990, not 1989. Throughout history days have been added and deleted from months numerous times to make the years

more accurate. To correct some of these mistakes, Pope Gregory XIII announced 'The Great Correction', in which everybody went to bed on October fourth of 1582, and woke up on the fifteenth. This corrected many errors, but don't you feel bad for the people who missed their birthdays during this time?

Also, our calendar system is based upon the birth of Christ; however the world's population is only 33% Christian. Most popular religions have their own calendar system, and are way past the year 2000. In Buddhism it is currently the year 2542, and in Judaism, it is already the year 5760. So, if we want to use the year 2000 as an excuse to wear silly hats and eat cocktail franks, it's fine with me. But are we really celebrating the coming of the new millennium, or just the passing of one more year? Millennium, Schmillennium, Happy New Year!

WITH INSANITY PLEA BY JED EVANS

Pretty soon we will be ushering in the New Year, the year 2000 in fact (as you should already know unless you've been locked in a closet or hiding in the trunk of someone's car for quite some time). I'm looking forward to a happy new year, and I realize that the only way that can happen, is if we all work together, and follow a couple basic rules. So I've devised a set of rules (I call them resolutions) which should, if you follow them, make this new year one filled with joyfulness, harmony, and cream cheese. Remember, by following these simple guidelines, we will all have a happy new year:

- New Years Resolutions for the Year 2000
1. Never attempt to ice skate on a soccer field (or any field, for that matter).
 2. Avoid Hostess apple pies.
 3. Think happy thoughts.
 4. Clap for Tinkerbell.
 5. Never put honey on your toothbrush instead of toothpaste.
 6. Never apply ketchup to an open wound.
 7. Avoid leprechauns in general.
 8. Never attempt to psychoanalyze a broom.
 9. Never consult a Ouija board for advice.
 10. And most importantly, buy more Pokemon cards (but please, don't try to swipe them through credit card machines, it wears out the edges).

WILL SMITH & DR. DRE TAKE ON THE MILLENNIUM

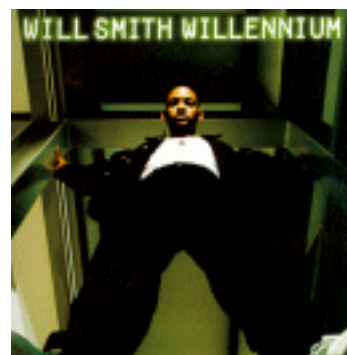
By Soren Gandhi

The Millennium has arrived, and the many faces of music are presenting and releasing new albums in accordance with the year 2000. Y2K has posed problems around the world, but in the music industry, many artists are bringing new sounds, hip beats, and uptempo hits. In the world of hip-hop two artists have released albums dealing with the Millennium. Actually, that is *Willenium* according to Will Smith who released his second solo album. Also new in stores is *Dr. Dre 2001*.

Will Smith, or Fresh Prince, the Philly rapper who instantly turned action-movie superstar, released his second solo album *Willenium* with great enthusiasm after his 1997 CD *Big Willie Style*, which came up big at the sales making it multi-platinum. Not a gangster, but a fun-filled writer and producer, Smith creates a fun-filled CD with nifty, humor-and-melody infused hip-hop hits. The ever so corny hit "Will 2K" (which features samples of "Rock the Casbah") flashes Will's zealous and energized side, but he teams up with Tatyana Ali and Mc Lyte in a striking and moving beat song "Who Am I." Although half of the songs display his flashier

Hollywood style and the other half shines on his old roots, most of the songs contain samples of old hits. Will Smith obviously needs help in this CD only taking up 60 minutes including the even cornier hit "Wild Wild West." The CD has its moments; DJ Jazzy Jeff teams up with Will again and produces old turntable beats and scratches. He sings another Latin beat song "La Fiesta" which continues from his old hit "Miami." Slick Rick, Biz Markie, his wife Jada Pinkett, Lil' Kim and others are also featured on the CD. *Willenium* presents Will Smith and his enlivened side that will definitely make this CD a party to go album. If Will continues to infuse rap with such dull and corny hits then rap will eventually die out.

In the cases of people like Will Smith, who will destroy rap, but enliven hip-hop, there will always be hardcore rappers and gangsters that will prevent rap and its collapse. Dr. Dre released his CD as *Chronic 2000*, but changed the name to *Dr. Dre 2001*. Reunited



with two of his protégé rappers—nimble and sly Snoop Dogg and quick-witted Eminem—with this album Dre has fashioned a worthy successor to *Chronic* as musically intricate, lyrically salacious and full of rolling beats and sing-along choruses as its predecessor. Again, however, the CD

showcases sex, drugs, and murder. Nevertheless, the CD is great, hot, quick and just plain old rap. "Still D.R.E." was the first single to hit radios and stores. The beats and raps are just great, proving that once again Dre will provide the nation with some hardcore pure rap. His 1992 CD, *Chronic*, was successful, making it one of the must have rap CD's of the century, but before the clocks hits 12-0-0, *Dre 2001* is yet another must have. Other artists have released albums dealing with the Millennium (Backstreet Boys, Moffats). However at the turn of the century, rap seems predominate in the music culture of today, along with the "ever-so-charming boy bands."

TOP TEN GAMES OF 1999

By Matthew Friedlander

Well, it was a tough choice this year to choose the top ten games of 1999, but I did it. I spent long narcoleptic hours locked in my room choosing which game was superior to another, but here's the list I formed over a 12 hour period filled with coffee and sugar.

1. Soul Caliber (Sega)
2. Street Fighter vs. Capcom (PSX)
3. Final Fantasy VIII (PSX)
4. Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver (PSX, PC)
5. Tekken 3 (PSX)
6. NFL Blitz 2000
7. WWF Attitude (PSX and N64)
8. Sega NFL 2000 (Sega)
9. Medal of Honor (PSX)
10. Omega Boost

SPACED OUT 2000

THE HISTORY OF MANNED SPACEFLIGHT

By Michael Kass

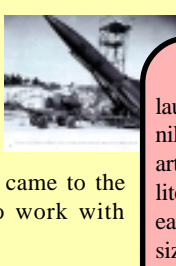
This month's Spaced Out is a little different. It's a timeline of the history of manned spaceflight.

Just a follow-up of last month's article, the Mars Polar Lander did land on time, but NASA lost communication with it and has not regained it since. Until the point of loss of contact, the probe was functioning perfectly, and scientists are optimistic that it is a minor malfunction that will be corrected.

Also, a note that *The Pulse* beat *Newsday* to the article about the polar missions. Yes! We rule!

Germany begins the use of rockets in missiles, specifically in the notorious V-2. These rockets did not meet much success beyond launch, as they

had no guidance system. One of the German scientists working on the Nazi missiles was Werner Von Braun. He later came to the United States to work with NASA.



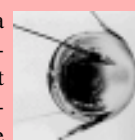
Robert H. Goddard creates the first practical chemical rocket. Goddard is considered to be the founder of modern rocketry, and NASA has named their Maryland space center after him.



1931

WWII

Russia launches Sputnik-I, the first artificial satellite to orbit the earth. Sputnik was about the size of a basketball and had several antennas attached to it. The sole function of the satellite was to send a radio homing signal.



1957

Explorer-I, the first American satellite, is launched.



Explorer had a more conventional cylinder shape, and was about five feet long. This satellite also carried the first camera into space, and discovered the Van Allen radiation

1958

1961

Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becomes the first person in space. He is launched in a capsule mounted on the Russian



Proton rocket and orbits the earth. Shortly after, Alan B. Shepard is launched in a Mercury capsule and lands a short time later. It was several missions before an American orbited earth.



features

Turning the Tables on Unwanted E-Mail

By Michael Kass

Anybody who has an e-mail account knows how annoying forwarded messages are. Usually, they've been through several rounds of forwarding, and still have all the e-mail addresses the message has ever been sent to, which means your downloading of the message will be prolonged. As you read the message, you notice that there are many many arrows at the beginning of each line, and in some cases, lines have been wrapped and the text is misaligned, making the message extremely difficult to read without sitting for a moment to decipher it.

Then, of course, there's the content. Often, you receive jokes that are about three pages long and aren't funny. Some people feel it necessary to send chain letters that promise you good luck as long as you continue forwarding the message. I've received false virus warnings, for example, "Don't turn on your computer or it will format your hard drive. There is no cure." Sometimes you receive corporate newsletters and you have no clue how you got on their mailing list. And perhaps the most time-consuming of all these kinds of messages are Profiles, also known as surveys.

Getting rid of corporate newsletters is easy. Most of them have a paragraph which describes a procedure along the lines of replying with the word REMOVE as the e-mail's body text. This does not work for all of them. Usually the instructions are at the beginning or end of the message. However, only do this with companies whose names you recognize. Some of these e-mails are a way of verifying your e-mail address, that is when you reply they are sure that they have a valid address and will send you further unwanted mail.

There is an easy way to

stop such newsletters, both corporate and otherwise in one step. This procedure doesn't work on America Online (sorry), but if you have Eudora, Outlook, Netscape, Claris E-Mailer, or another e-mail client, read on. Somewhere in the program is a feature called "Filters." Usually, this will be under the edit or options menu. Go into filters. Since most mass mailings are directed to some e-mail address along the lines of list1@listserver.com, and not your e-mail address, you can set up a filter that says "If To: Does Not Contain (the second half of your e-mail address, i.e. @longisland.com) Then Delete It." Now, your e-mail client will automatically delete messages not addressed specifically to you.

Unfortunately, this still doesn't solve the problem of those pesky profiles. Every time I get one, I have to read it because I want to know about the person, then of course part of the bargain is that you have to fill it out and send it back to everyone you know. It's not uncommon to spend twenty minutes on one of the longer ones. But now there's a new kind of profile that's much more fun and definitely more telling than the old kind.

It's called a reverse profile. It contains questions about you. You send the blank form to everyone you know, and they return it with what they know about you. This way, you get to see who knows you the best. It's a great new spin on an old idea, and they're generally less than a quarter as long as normal profiles. There's a sample reverse profile at The Pulse's website, <http://www.simtech.net/pulse>. You can view it and use it if you want.

If you have questions or comments about these methods, please send an e-mail to pulse@longisland.com. Do you know of any other ways to get rid of mass e-mails? Send those to us too! We'd love to hear from you.



All About Tri-M

By Angela Fang

As a newcomer to the entire Syosset community, it was extremely hard to jump into the world of after-school clubs—with all of those strange new faces, it was not for me. But with a little will power, I walked my way down to the orchestra room to the first meeting of TRI-M.

TRI-M stands for Modern Music Masters, hence the three M's, and it is the National Music Honor Society. There are always things to do in this large club. For example, quartets or quintets are needed to play together for certain occasions, such as parent teacher conferences or for homeless agencies. In late October, TRI-M had their own special booth at the carnival where music fundraisers were held.

Even though several bonus points are needed to be inducted and become a so-called "real" member, I think most people are having just as much fun as me. These are some people who performed at the Parent Teacher Conferences.

Lisa Lew said, "It was a great experience and I enjoyed it a lot."

"It was a good experience for our quartet because it gave us a chance to work together," said Janis Choy.

Tracy Mak added, "Although we were not able to practice much for this event, we still had a lot of fun."

To many people, music is a nonverbal way to express their feelings. It has had a positive effect on the lives of student musicians. Steve Macklin declared "To me music is another way to express myself."

Chris Kan expressed similar feelings "Music has had a profound influence on me. It has helped to make me a well-rounded person. It helps me express my emotions, share my talents with others."

TRI-M is a great club that meets every Wednesday after school. People are always performing at the meetings, and sometimes they even serve food. Join and you can also enjoy this rewarding musical experience!

Broadway Reviews

By Jeffrey Stern

This upcoming season for Broadway Theater promises to be the best in years for new and revived musicals. Five new musicals will be featured this season, including *Marie Christine*, based on the infamous Greek tragedy, *Medea*, starring Audra McDonald, along with *Putting It Together*, a Sondheim musical review starring Carol Burnett (Kathie Lee Gifford on Tuesday evenings). Two other new musicals have appeared on the Broadway scene this year. *Swing* is a 2 1/2 hours of swing music and dancing, and *Kat and the Kings*, winner of the Olivier Award for best new musical in London, is two hours of enjoyable, upbeat, do-wop music. In February, Disney's *Aida*, written by Elton John and directed by Robert Falls will open to audiences of all ages.

In the revival category, four shows stand out - *Kiss Me Kate*, loosely based on William Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* features an incredible cast, lead by *Ragtime* stars, Brian Stokes Mitchell and Marin Mazzie. The other revivals, *Jesus*

Christ Superstar, *The Music Man*, and *Finian's Rainbow*, will be opening after the New Year.

My first review is of *Kiss Me Kate*. I saw the final preview of this show and it was very deserving of the fantastic reviews that it received. Although the opening number was stagnant and vocally weak, once the two leads (Mitchell and Mazzie) appeared on stage for the first time, the show was wonderful. It was truly entertaining, capped off with a phenomenal dance number, "Too Darn Hot" to open the second act. It is a must-see for all!

Kat and the Kings offered a night of pure entertainment as well. The show had little plot, but had tons of 50's style songs that were fun and light. This show promises to lighten everyone's mood! You can even get tickets for this on the TKTS line up to four hours prior to show time for half price!

Stay tuned for more reviews in future issues, including the review of *Marie Christine* and much more.

Cosmonaut Alexi Leonov exits his capsule and becomes the first human to walk in space. There were difficulties getting him back into the capsule, as his suit became inflated. The CCCP was ready to abandon him in space when Leonov removed his glove for a fraction of a second to deflate the suit. Later that year, Ed White aboard Gemini 4 becomes the first American to walk in space.

1965

In a turn of events for the Americans, Gemini Eight performs the first docking in space. Astronaut Neil Armstrong is at the helm, and joins his spacecraft with an Agena satellite. During the time they are docked, the right-facing thruster on the Gemini capsule becomes stuck open, and the spacecraft enters a flat spin. Armstrong disengages the Agena, and after several minutes of violent rolling manages to get the capsule under control.

1966

The Apollo program signals the American takeover in the space race. An unfortunate fire during the Apollo 1 Test program delayed the space program through much of 1967. Over the course of eighteen months, NASA constructs the Saturn-V rocket, the largest to date, the 3-person Apollo Command-Service Module (CSM), and the revolutionary Lunar Module (LM). Finally, on July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to walk on the moon. His first words: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." However, the word 'a' was cut out in a communications interruption.

1967-1969

Apollo 13 transmits the first live color broadcast from space. Immediately after, the oxygen tank suffers an explosion and cripples the ship for five days. Another common misquote is when Jim Lovell says "Houston, we have a problem." The actual transmission was "Houston, we've had a problem." The crew returned home safely.

1971

1973

NASA launches its first space station, Skylab. Americans join the pre-existing Soviet Salyut space stations. Three manned missions follow before the government abandons the project. Skylab disintegrates in the atmosphere a few years later.

features

Mmmm...Chocolate...Show

By Brett Muney

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the 2nd Annual Chocolate Show was held in New York. The Metropolitan Pavilion set the scene in downtown Manhattan. Imagine this picture

in your mind: Over 50 different exhibitors from around the world, displaying their finest chocolate and chocolate products, encouraging you to taste. In addition to tasting chocolate, other features of the show included chocolate fashions, chocolate architecture, seminars, cooking demonstrations, book signings, and

the history of chocolate. There are far too many exhibitors to mention but some of my favorites included: Neuchatel Chocolates, Nirvana Belgian Chocolates, and Jerbeau Chocolate.

Neuchatel Chocolates is a Swiss choco-



You're not seeing things, this is a chocolate diner! A hand-crafted example of fine chocolate architecture.

late manufacturing company located in Oxford, Pennsylvania. Truffles are one of Neuchatel Chocolates' specialties. From their Champagne to their Raspberry Truffles, their confections are luscious. Some of Neuchatel's most renowned products include: truffles, buttercreams, nut-clusters, hand-dipped fruits and gourmet snacks. Neuchatel's gourmet snacks include: chocolate covered pretzels, animal crackers, caramel popcorn, and even potato chips! I found the chocolate covered potato chips to be both the best and most interesting product offered by this company. The chips had just enough salt with smooth, velvety chocolate on the outside.

If you want a large selection of Choco-

late, this company was the place to hit.

Nirvana Belgian Chocolates offered chocolates with a variety of fillings such as cream, nuts, fruits, and caramel as well as marzipan and other fine chocolate products. An interesting gift idea that this company offered was a champagne bottle made out of milk chocolate that was filled with a variety of wrapped chocolates. The chocolate was very good, having just the right consistency of flavor and texture.

By far my favorite exhibitor at the show was a company I have never heard of, Jerbeau Chocolate. I tasted this wrapped piece of chocolate known as a "Juffle" and flavor exploded within my mouth. It must have been the greatest piece of chocolate that I had ever eaten. The chocolate was velvety smooth and infused with an intense chocolate flavor. They offered other fine flavors such as peanut butter, mandarin, and cappuccino. The flavor was mixed in with the chocolate as opposed to the chocolate being filled with a flavor. Their slogan for these "Juffles" is terrific: "Try not to smile."

"Tell me what chocolate you like... and I

will tell you who you are," asserts Murray Langham, author of Chocolate Therapy. His new book is an entertaining guide to "discover our inner center" through an unusual medium: chocolate. To make the process easier the author has categorized chocolate in several criteria: shape, type, filling, and post-chocolate behavior.

Other features of the show included chocolate sculptures of buildings such as the empire state building and other attractions throughout the world. An interesting chocolate sculpture was a sculpture done in white chocolate of the Air France Concorde. It was tempting to take a bite. Some of the dresses on display were fascinating as well. At one point, models were walking around wearing dresses made of chocolate.

All in all, the 2nd annual Chocolate Show held at the Metropolitan Pavilion in downtown Manhattan was exceptional. I have never attended anything like it in my entire life. I was most impressed with wide variety of chocolate and chocolate products from around the world. The show through my eyes was a great success and a pleasure to attend. I look forward to next year's show, and hope you will attend.

An American Hero at Syosset High School

By David Roseman and Sunjay Kelkar

To commemorate the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, "a day that will live in infamy," Syosset High School was privileged to have World War II veteran, and survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack, Donald DuBrul, speak to several social studies classes. Mr. DuBrul, Social Studies Chairman Dr. Parson's father-in-law, discussed his experiences and thoughts on World War II, particularly the events surrounding the attack on Pearl Harbor, in the Little Theater on December 7.

Mr. DuBrul joined the Navy in 1938, and was a 2nd class signalman aboard the USS Argonne, part of the Pacific fleet, but when he joined it, the ship was stationed in Cuba en route to the World's Fair. The ship never wound up going to the 1939 World's Fair, as President Roosevelt reviewed it while it was still at a US naval base in Cuba, and a few days later, it was sent back to the Pacific, and Hawaii.

On Sunday, December 7, Mr. DuBrul was waiting to be

relieved of his four-day watch, when at five minutes to 8:00, he saw and heard dive-bombers coming down. At first he did not think anything of it, as pilots routinely trained early in the morning like that, and when he saw the first hangar explode, he thought, "Someone will catch hell for that, because it wasn't supposed to happen." After everyone realized that it was the Japanese, "all hell broke loose," and after a 1 to 2-hour raid, "the harbor was left in shambles."

When asked if he believes Roosevelt allowed the bombing of Pearl Harbor as an excuse for entering the war, Mr. DuBrul answered that he doesn't "subscribe to the plot theory," and that it "is not the way we do business in our country. We were suspicious of what they [the Japanese] were doing, but we didn't know what they were doing." If anywhere, those in the military thought a Japanese attack would occur in the Philip-

pines. He doesn't "think they [the Japanese] thought it was

a success, despite propaganda. They left tank farms, which were "sitting like ducks in a row," untouched when they easily could have been bombed, and they were "only interested in putting ships out of commission." Using all sorts of bombs, the Japanese temporarily knocked out the American fleet, but the only ship destroyed was the Arizona, which had a crew of 2500 to 3000, 1100 of whom "were entombed in the bulk of the ship." Other ships were "salvaged and put back into commission." The Japanese towed 'midget subs' 50 miles into

the harbor, but never fired a shot, because "we caught and got every one of them." "We didn't think it was successful. It awakened the sleeping giant, and we did everything!"

The Arizona now serves as a monument in Pearl Harbor, with its flag still flying above, and any survivor from the Arizona who wishes, can have their ashes buried in the ship with their fellow

mates. "It is a very touching thing to see."



Donald DuBrul and Dr. Parson discussing the attack on Pearl Harbor with social studies students.

The Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. An American Apollo capsule, docks with a Soviet Soyuz craft and the two crews (among them are Deke Slayton and first man to walk in space, Russian Alexi Leonov) work together for two days.

1975

NASA launches STS-1, the first Space Shuttle. The mission was one of five test flights of the Columbia Orbiter. Ken Mattingly, would-be pilot of Apollo 13, commands STS-4. Over the next few years, four more operational orbiters were made: Atlantis, Challenger, Discovery, and Endeavour.

1981

The Space Shuttle Challenger explodes during launch. All seven astronauts on board are killed. The Challenger explosion set the space program back several months, as many design fixes were designed and implemented on the remaining four

1986

The Lockheed-Martin X-Series spacecraft are slated to begin service. See the October/November issue for more information.

2003

FEATURED BIO OF THE MONTH: DEKE SLAYTON

Donald Kent "Deke" Slayton (1924-1993) - One of the original Mercury Seven astronauts, and scheduled to pilot Mercury 2, Deke Slayton was grounded because of a heart murmur. Slayton stayed with NASA to become Director of Flight Operations, and slotted himself for the Apollo-Soyuz test project in 1975. Slayton stayed with NASA through 1980, and was active in the development of the Space Shuttle. In 1980, Slayton died of complications from a brain tumor.



For more information on any of these events, and for updates on the manned spaceflight program, go to <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov>

opinions

What's Wrong With Society?

By George Chan

The problem with society is that we have lost feelings for each other, and the only time we do care is if a tragedy occurs. What happened to this society? Some people say that we are just too busy to care, well what I say is that we just weren't taught well enough, our parents work and so they come home late, if they were with us through the times when we needed them maybe life would be different. Or maybe it's just because the feelings of hate or spite have corrupted the society to a point where kids in their youth are corrupted and their morals are destroyed, but out of the hundreds of people in society there are at least 5-10 people that do care for others. Can society be changed back to where people do care?

When this issue was presented to students of Syosset High School, Senior Robyn Brooks stated, "I think people do care but no one shows the part of society that is really good... It's all focused on the bad."

Senior Andrew Rubino stated, "I agree to a point, that there are many people like that, but not everyone"

Senior David DiGregorio said, "I think that unfortunately people tend to look at society as something that is there only for them. It's simply the tragedy of the commons; people look at life with an attitude that says, "If I don't do this, somebody else will" and because of this outlook (despite how true it is) everyone participates in the greed-fest that has become the 90's. As far as changing this, I don't see a plausible way out; too many people think like this, it has become the "norm" so to speak. Only through slow and careful teachings can the damage be reversed and if that is even possible, we have yet to see."

Junior Viney Chopen says, "I don't think it's the people in society that's lost their feelings, Mankind has been like that all along. It's just the

media and other sources that have dulled our senses. Not necessarily a bad thing."

Junior Melissa Intendoli states, "our parents can only take us so far before making our morals, after a certain point kids will have to rely on themselves"

A junior states "Although society doesn't care for one another, this has always been a problem for many years, but we are not the first to be plagued by this problem."

Sophomore Francesca O'Brien says "Personally, I think that although parents are considered to do a great deal of influencing as we age, they can only lead us so far before we start to realize that we're old enough to create our own morals. I suppose if you believe strongly enough that society can be changed for the better, there could be improvements, but it'll never go back to a time where everyone cared for each other. If there ever was one to begin with."

Sophomore Katharine O'Connor says "No. Today's society is very competitive and everyone is taught that to survive, you need to look out for yourself. Unfortunately, in order to do that, it is most often necessary to disregard the needs of others...."

Freshman Kiran Kelkar stated, "I think that this article discusses a very good point. What all the people do is help themselves and the people that do care are then alienated in society."

Freshman Andrew Dove said, "I agree, because people must care more for other people, other than when something goes wrong. I think that society can be changed if only people around the world work for it."

The teacher Mr. Luke stated, "yes, there is lots of truth to what you say but—I think most people are "good" and give "things" a "fair shake" that's why our system(US) works certainly needs improvement. Contrary to cliché, genuinely nice guys most often finish first or near it."

Jack Of All Clubs, Master of None

By David DiGregorio

No longer do we live in the days in which clubs are joined for fun, now they are joined because they look great on a college app! Often students go through four years here thinking about nothing but college acceptances and what can they do to have the edge. It's become the driving force behind most students to do well in class and be an active, well-rounded student. What happened to joining the newspaper because you want to write? Or joining the Human Awareness Club because you want to help people, not because your college app. is due soon and you have no community service.

Most clubs have a minimum attendance to receive credit for membership, however some clubs don't keep track, don't have meetings, or just plain don't care. The result it a student who is in so many clubs and activities, that even if they wanted to participate in them all, it would be impossible in the amount of time they have.

Then there is the elusive temptation of a position because now even membership isn't enough. People want to be the vice president of a club they don't care about and never participate in. I myself have been, and am currently, in several clubs and extra activities and I've watched many people who couldn't care less about the club or it's purpose come in and abuse the club as much as they possibly can and end up putting it on National Honor Society applications and college applications. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that everyone who joins clubs does it just for college apps. For some, that is just a nice perk of doing something they love. However there are still problems within the club communities here at Syosset High School.

After speaking with Ms. O'Brien in the guidance department (who happens to be head of the honor society) as well as the admissions office at NYU, I learned some interesting facts. Let's say for example you submit a college application that says you're a member of Human Awareness, Newspaper, Electronics, DECA, Tri-M, Ken Magazine, BASIC, WKWZ, Mural Club, PAL and you also play two sports and have a job. College admissions officers are not stupid people by any means. They'll realize that if you're spread so thin, you can't possibly have commitment, and commitment is what colleges are really looking for. I was told that just one club that you show true commitment to is better looking on an app. then having membership in ten clubs that you probably don't participate in. So in some cases, having "Newspaper Editor in Chief" on an app.

can be better than a list of clubs you're merely a member of.

So what does all of this mean? How can an end be put to this? Well, I asked around and tried to speak with students whom I know are very active in the clubs of which they are members. The overall opinion was best conveyed by our very own Michael Kass when he said: "I think it's insulting. People should only sign up for clubs if they intend to participate. Holding an office in a club is a very important responsibility and should not be taken lightly by anyone regardless of the purpose. It is especially low to do it solely for the reason of having it look good on your college application."

Personally, I myself think that before putting anything on a college activity record the advisor of the club should have to approve it. The

way things are now you can write down you're president of every club in the school and nobody had to approve it! There should also be stricter rules in place for electing officers for clubs. I spoke with some of the club officers to find out how they elect officers and here is what I learned. Some

clubs officers are elected solely by the advisors. Now this may seem like a good idea since the advisors are the adults and are the most capable of making such decisions. However I found this not always to be the case. Sometimes the advisors are not involved as much as some of the students, after all, their roll is advisory. So this method may not work because although it may seem to the advisor that one person is doing a lot of work they may just be putting on a show for the advisor and in actuality doing nothing. The other method I saw and in my opinion works the best was in use by only a few clubs. When it comes time for elections everyone who wants to run fills out an application (this is standard) and then the officers of the club use a weighted voting system to determine the new officers. For those of you not fortunate enough to be taking Mr. Kalish's discrete math class a weighted voting system in one in which different voters have different weights so the president of the club gets the most votes, then the vice president and so on and so forth. This way is very efficient because it lets the students keep control of the club and almost ensures a qualified group of officers will be elected.

To sum things up I'd just like to say that although we are fortunate enough to have so many clubs here at the high school, don't abuse them. Join the ones you're really interested in and participate in them. You'll feel better about yourself, people will think better of you, and college admission officers will love your commitment.

Activity	Grade(s)	Positions Held	Hours Per Week
DECA	12	None	0-1
Interact	12	None	0-1
School Newspaper	12	None	0-1
Electronics Club	12	None	0-1
BASIC	12	None	0-1
Radio Station	12	None	0-1
Tri-M	12	None	0-1
Literary Magazine	12	None	0-1
JSA	12	None	0-1
Model Club	12	None	0-1
Spanish Club	12	None	0-1

The Good Side of Drivers' Ed... And The Bad

By Staff Writer

A teenager climbs into a car, turns the ignition and hastily presses on the accelerator: drivers beware. Have no fear though, because God chose to create the infamous course called Driver's Education. Without a question, Driver's Education is a beneficial course. After all, it allows future full-time drivers to learn from actual road situations, and is important in maximizing the probability of safety and experience. However, that is, sadly, the sugarcoated version. While Driver's Education is not only useful but necessary for people who want to drive, like virtually all other things, it has a down side. Here is a look at what I am talking about.

What to like about Driver's Ed: The instructor in the car has access to an emergency brake in case the welfare, safety and lives of the people in the car are endangered.

What not to like: Don't worry though, the brake is never left unguarded because it is under constant pressure from the instructor's foot.

What to like: Anyone can be granted possession, albeit limited, to a car for an extended period of time.

What not to like: The car, in all probabilities, is older than you are.

What to like: Drivers travel along new routes every week, encountering different situations and predicaments.

What not to like: This all holds true of the course only if the overused engine doesn't fall through the car first.

What to like: The sooner you take the course, the sooner you can obtain your license.

What not to like: That is if you remember the instructor's words of wisdom and not everything else he/she had to say.

I know my comments on Driver's Ed seem pessimistic, and perhaps I'm stretching the truth just a bit, but do not despair. To some extent all this information, especially the information about Driver's Ed's good side, holds true.

reviews

I Survived the Godsmack Concert

By Rob Volk

In case you don't know who the heck Godsmack is, I'll give you a little background. Godsmack is a Boston-based band who simply made a record using a friend's money in '96. A DJ got a hold of the CD, started playing it, and like that, they started selling thousands of copies a week! So now they are touring and playing in New York for me to critique.

The opening high-adrenaline performance by Reveille was amazing. Real hardcore guitar ripped through their mesa-boogie amplifiers and then proceeded through our ears. Reveille's sound was great, but the audience came to hear Godsmack and as a result didn't respond to them. After the few mosh pits fizzled out, it was time for the next show.

Next up was the Jim Rose Circus, synonym for "Freak Show." Rubber-Band man slid himself out of a straitjacket and through a tennis racket! The Jim smashed some glass in a bag, then put his face in it and had a girl stand on him! The green-haired freak took skinny metal rods and stuck them through his cheeks and out his mouth. He then drank his own stomach bile! I won't talk any more about this, just in case you're eating lunch while reading this!

Waiting for the final band Godsmack, I notice the miscellaneous smoke billowing from the crowd. From behind the black curtain curtailing



Godsmack band members (left to right) Robbie on bass, Sully on vocals, Tommy on drums, and Tony on guitar.

our view of the stage, I noticed some fog seeping out. I could tell this was going to be a great show already. The black wall was lifted and red lights swirl around, reflecting the light off of two stone gargoyles. Two scorching pentagrams on either end of the stage supported their Wicken religions, then out from the smoke I saw Sully Erna, lead

man for Godsmack begin to emerge. The rest of the band came out and opened up with the powerful hit "Whatever." The crowd loved this and

stage crew and threw his guitar on the ground. I thought it was pretty funny. Sully went crowd surfing at one point, and the funny part was everyone was trying to rip off his snapa-ways! He got a little irate at that.

Godsmack played a ten-minute version of "Keep Away" which was really sweet. Sully picked up his guitar so, when it was time, Tony Rombolo could wail away on his solo. On their last song (before the encore of course) the crew brought out a Mexican drum set for Sully and Tommy Stewart to duel for a while. The drummer stopped and jumped in to the crowd. In a short while the curtain dropped and they were gone, until the audience forced them to come on because of the void of "VooDoo" that had to be filled.

This was Godsmack's last stop on their tour and Sully was happy to see it was one of their best performances with the best audience (thank you very much). My ears are still ringing from this performance, but the experience was worth it. After the show I met with one of the freaks from the Jim Rose Circus and this just made the night!

If you would like to see this review with more pictures and some others online at <http://www.robvolk.com/concerts>.

Metallica Rules All

By Dave Anderson

Here's a broad definition of the world. There are three types of people in it. One type hates Metallica and everything that has to do with them. Another type only likes the Metallica from the early 80's. Then there is the third type: the type that loves Metallica and accepts anything that they do musically, appearance-wise, etc... I happen to fall into the third category and I am proud of it. Over the course of the last five years, I have seen Metallica five times, and every single show has been amazing. The most recent time was November 23 at Madison Square Garden. The only difference this time was that Metallica played with the Orchestra of St. Luke's under the direction of Michael Kaman.

Metallica played with Michael Kaman and the San Francisco Symphony twice last year and recorded their new album, S&M (no, it stands for Symphony and

Metallica rocks at Madison Square Garden.



bill included the order of songs that would be performed as well as some information about Metallica, Michael Kaman, and St. Luke's Orchestra.

There was much speculation as to how the crowd would react to this sort of concert. Some

the two half-hour sets.

All aesthetics aside, the music was incredible. The orchestra added a great deal of texture and depth to the music. Metallica was in top form for the whole night and although the volume wasn't as loud as it should've been at the beginning (the crowd was singing louder than the band at some points), everything was near perfect by the end of the night. The show started with the song "The Ecstasy of Gold." Real fans will recognize this as the song that is played before Metallica comes on stage at all of their shows for the last ten or so years. This time it was special because it was actually played live by the orchestra. Nothing else describes the songs except for the word amazing. The setlist was the same as the new S&M album, so if you want a list of the songs, buy the album.

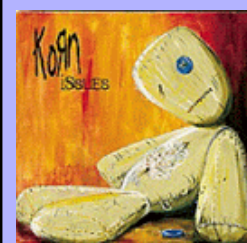
So in closing, Metallica is one of the greatest bands ever. I do not take this phrase lightly.

They are one of the few bands that are actually experimenting with their music. For anyone that doesn't like this combination of Metallica and orchestras, don't worry. The three shows that they played with orchestras were the first and last. A new album of new material sans symphony is going to be started around April, but at the rate that it takes for Metallica to record an album, we might have to wait for another two or three years to hear it.

CD Review of the Month

By Jonathan Maisel

Korn: Issues –Not many people are aware that Korn has been around since 1993. They had been playing around the LA music scene until they released their 1994 self-titled debut. It is good to know that they are still around after all this time and still producing high quality material. Their album Issues is their fourth one to date and was released to rave reviews. The music came together quite fast for the band this time around and within two weeks of entering the studio they had made eight new songs. To show their



closeness with their fans they have released three different artwork covers. The covers were made by fans and submitted through a contest. Their sound has developed much more since their last album and the songs are very melodic and still very heavy. The song "Falling Away From Me" is their first single. Some other outstanding tracks are "Beg for me", "Make me bad", "Wake up" and "Dirty".

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Behind the Scenes:

Syosset Kickline 1999-2000

By Margaret Wang

Have you ever wondered who is hard at work, behind the scenes while the skilled athletes of Syosset High School take a breather? Ever wondered who are the most loyal and supportive fans of Syosset Braves athletics? Our high school's very own kickline of course! We have the great opportunity and fortune of having Lisa Congro and Alyse Pollack as our coaches, and seniors Danna Manheim, Nicole Penucci, Lauren Seraita, and Lauren Stein as captains of our 1999-2000 kickline team. We have been at the height of our performances this year! Together with our talented and reputable cheerleading squad, the Syosset kickline serves as the backbone to our sports teams, and rules the half-time at annual varsity football and basketball games. In order to provide support for our Syosset Braves in every way, our kickline team has devoted a tremendous amount of time and effort to our after school practices held through out the week. Doing so allows us to show off our school pride and spirit during our performances. Homecoming '99 was an excellent example of the overwhelming school spirit that our kickline carries for our high school. We make sure when we get out there to perform that we stick to our most emphasized goal, to

entertain and amaze our guests and supporters!

Our kickline not only supports our high school, but we are also considerate and caring towards our community. Our holiday show for the residents of United Presbyterian, held on December 23, 1999 shows we love all those around us! Speaking of love, the nineteen kickliners on our team have devoted their time to participate in fund-raisers at fairs and activities so that we can provide ourselves with leisure activities as a reward for our hard work. Trips into the City to watch Broadway performances, holiday gifts, and end of the season parties are all held as relief to our intense in season rehearsals. Thanks to our two wonderful coaches and our four responsible and dependable captains, we have been able to work together to improve ourselves and transform our kickline team in to the best that we could be! We have no where to go but to the top! Congratulations and much thanks to every single kickliner on the team, coaches, and the captains of 1999-2000 kickline team.

This article is dedicated to the four fabulous captains: Danna Manheim, Nicole Penucci, Lauren Seraita, and Lauren Stein. Congratulations on your four years together on Syosset Kickline!!

The Greatest Off-Season Won't Be That Great

By Andrew Schatz

Many people think that this year's off-season for baseball will be the greatest of all time. I beg to differ. All the speculation of who is going where and will they stay is simply just hype. With many players having the option of exploring free agency next year, what good will it be to trade for them? And even if this will be the greatest off-season ever, it could also be called the stupidest off-season ever. My guess is that so many of these teams will lose their marquee players, who they have given up so much for, to free-agency.

Okay, so maybe it will be the busiest off-season ever, but the question on every baseball fans' mind is where are Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez going to end up when the regular season starts on April 2. Here's what's happening on the Griffey front: nothing. Unless the Mariners are willing to lower their asking price, he's not going anywhere. No one is willing to give up their whole team or future for one player, who isn't even guaranteed to be on the team in a year from now. Does it make sense? Of course not. As for Arod, like he said he'll explore his options next year. That means that any team that is willing to give up everyone for Arod is foolish.

Where could Griffey possibly go if he were traded? Cincinnati seemed like it might be the right fit. But, they just recently dropped out of the Griffey sweepstakes. All this talk that Griffey wants to be near his family will have virtually no affect on the trade. There is no team that is that close to his family that would really suit his needs. That's right.

Atlanta isn't going to get him; they want his teammate, Rodriguez. With the Reds dropping out of the race, that leaves two main teams left, the Mets and the Indians. The Mets have started talking very seriously with the Mariners and can offer many players without giving up Edgardo Alfonzo. The Indians can offer any great players and are on Griffey's wish list. Despite these rumors, don't expect anything for where Griffey is going. He could go anywhere. All that I can say is that Griffey most likely won't be on the Mariners when the season starts.

Arod, on the other hand will most likely stick with the Mariners, at least until the start of next season. The likeliness of a team trading for him isn't that great. He wants the team to be a contender; that rules out all of the small-market teams. He doesn't want the team that is trading for him to give up key prospects and he's made it loud and clear that he wants to explore his options at the end of next year. So why would any team trade for him? The only teams in which a trade for Arod might end up with him sticking with that team would be the Mets or Braves. The Braves have the money and the resources to trade for him. As of now they seem like the most likely team to get him. Meanwhile, the Mets still have a chance, being the fact that he wants to play in the same town as his best friend, Derek Jeter.

But, the only problem is that the Mets don't want to give up so much for him. The most likely thing for all teams to do is to wait it out until next off-season and let the bidding begin.

Congrats Sports Award Winners!

Boys Varsity Cross Country

Coach: Bart Sessa

All County: Garrick Huie, Dan Abramowitz, Billy Vasilyadis, James Duade, and Earl Han;

All Division: Sauget Sen and David Morcos; Most Valuable Player: Billy Vasilyadis;

Coaches Award: Dan Abramowitz and James Duade; Most Improved Player: Earl Han; Outstanding Senior: Garrick Huie; Most Valuable Player: Henry Kung; Coaches Award: Chris Kan; Most Improved Player: Josh Ruderman

Boys Freshman Cross Country

Most Valuable Player: Gino Richter

Most Improved Player: Irwin Kim

Girls Varsity Cross Country

Coach: Doug Schumacher

All Conference: Beth Alizzi; All Division: Katherine Yau; Most Valuable Player: Beth Alizzi; Coaches Award: Maria Lam; Most Improved Player: Katherine Yau

Girls Junior Varsity Cross Country

Most Improved Player: Rachel Wolther

Varsity Football

Coaches: Paul Rorke, Brian Fitzgerald, Spencer Meehan, and Mike Murtha

All County: Daniel Mannix; All Conference: Nino Othman and Josh Friedman; Most Improved Player: Daniel Mannix; Most Improved Player: Joe Wendelken

Junior Varsity Football

Coaches: Jamie St. John and Kevin Simmons

Most Valuable Player: Matt Assmus; Coaches Award: Rich Lenz and Joey Goldberg; Most Improved Player: Mike Koziatek

Freshman Football

Coaches: Richard Powell and Tom Rooney

Most Valuable Player: Chris Jacobi; Coaches Award: Matt Sussman and Brandon Unger; Most Improved Player: Stu Shisgall and Coskun Aydin

Boys Varsity Soccer

Coaches: Larry Rose and Mike Borra

All County: Peter Barkoff; All County Honorable Mention: Ian Herrick

All Conference: Justin Miller, Jason Popik, Chong Han, Doug Moliterno and Erick Gutflais; Most Valuable Player: Peter Barkoff; Coaches Award: Chong Han; Most Improved Player: Eric Gutflais; Outstanding Senior: Douglas Moliterno

Boys Junior Varsity Soccer

Coach: Hubert Laisney

Most Valuable Player: Michael Matos; Coaches Award: Ryan Turner; Most Improved Player: Ross Kandel

Boys Junior Varsity Soccer

Coach: Steve Silverman

Most Valuable Player: Russel Skolnik and Aaron Nass; Coaches Award: Brad Lamendola; Most Improved Player: Seren Ozcan

Girls Varsity Soccer

Coaches: Diane Alleva and Diane McLoughlin

All County: Andrea Fasano, Kristy Maugeri, and Susan McAleavey; All Class: Sam Alexander, Abby Levine, and Karen Zelenka; All League: Lisa Fasano, Marsha Gee, and Melissa Kline; Senior Scholar Athlete: Karen Zelenka; Coaches Award: Erin Connolly and Sarah Milo; Most Improved Player: Melissa Weinstein

Girls Junior Varsity Soccer

Coach: Terri White

Coaches Award: Rachel Cohen and Erica Curasi; Most Improved Player: Dana Liberman

Girls Varsity Swimming

Coaches: Barry Grodin and Christina Boersen

Most Valuable Swimmer: Cathy Serpico; Coaches Award: Jaclyn Friedlander; Most Improved Swimmer: Shreena Bindra; Outstanding Senior: Dina Ismail

Girls Varsity Tennis

Coach: Larry Levane

All County: Rachita Agarwal and Heather Zelkin; All Conference: Alexis Brill, Allison Kurtzman, and Nicole Liebman; All Division: Lauren Friedman, Shivani Kamdar, Brooke Tancer, and Jaymie Zurlo; Most Valuable Player: Aleis Brill; Coaches Award: Jaymie Zurlo and Brooke Halpern; Most Improved Player: Allison Kurtzman; Outstanding Senior: Rachita Agarwal and Heather Zelkin

Girls Junior Varsity Tennis

Coach: Dean Strohmayer

Most Valuable Player: Samantha Weintraub; Coaches Award: Lisa Bernstein; Most Improved Player: Talia Rubin and Chantal Beneskenazi

Girls Varsity Volleyball

Coach: Alice Shander

All County: Allison Hoyt; All Conference: Jean Chiang and Lindsay Klimkowski

Scholar Athlete: Kristina Chau; Most Valuable Player: Allison Hoyt; Most Improved Player: Maria Bacalocostantis; Coaches Award: Jennifer Belk; Outstanding Senior: Kristina Chau; Carrie Durkin Award: Eileen Lee

Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball

Coach: Elizabeth Christiansen

Most Valuable Player: Kara Tesoriero; Coaches Award: Cheryl Abramowitz; Most Improved Player: Krista Tesoriero

Winter Track Preview

By Tom Cafiero and Dan Abramowitz

Now that the Runnin' Braves have finished a successful Cross-Country season, they are ready to tear up the track in the winter season. Last year a relay team qualified for the nationals, and missed becoming All-American by a few tenths of a second.

Many of the track meets this season will be held at The Armory in Manhattan, a world class indoor track, where the winter track nationals will be held in February.

The Braves are pumped up and ready to go in the winter season. Senior Mike Chen stated "Now that Cross-Country is over, we go to track. When you are a senior there is no holding back. You leave it all on the track." Junior Albert Lin said, "Track is different from Cross-Country. You usually don't have a pace, instead you just run as fast as you can the whole way." The Braves will be running as fast as they can as they shift from the Cross-Country course to the track.

This year's distance winter track team includes Seniors Garrick Huie and Dan Abramowitz, Juniors Billy Vasilyadis and James Duade along with Sophomore Earl Han.

While the Braves have an unbelievable long-distance running program they also have fast sprinters and a strong field program. Leading the way for the sprinters and middle distance runners are Seniors Mike Chen, David Morcos, and Rob Volk, Juniors Suagat Sen, Wesley Cheng, Tom Cafiero, Albert Lin, and Chris Kan, Sophomores Josh Wong, Henry Kung, and Tien-Lun Chuang. The field program is also looking to have a great year. The Braves have two shot putters that are looking to qualify and place in the top three at the county meet. Joe Curren and Robert Karpenski are experienced, determined, and ready to go. Also the Braves have an outstanding High Jumper, Wesley Cheng. Wesley is looking to become All-County and set Syosset records in that event.

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Braves Three-Peat as County Champs

By Saugat Sen & Dan Abramowitz

When Mr. Sessa took over as the coach our Cross-Country team, many years ago, we were struggling to qualify for the County Championships. Now, the Braves are the defending County Champions for the third year in a row.

From being the scrubs of the Nassau County the Braves are now well known throughout New York State as a strong and threatening team. The enormous success

Braves were ranked as the number six team in the entire North East and as the number one in New York State. At the state meet the Braves went in with some big goals. The Braves finished a prestigious but disappointing fourth place in the New York State Championships. Junior Billy Vasilyadis placed third over all in the State Meet and was ranked 40th in the United States.

Post season honors included two All-



Team members (left to right) David Morcos, Earl Han, Garrick Huie, Dan Abramowitz, Billy Vasilyadis, James Daude, and Saugat Sen celebrate their victories.

of the team is not unearned. It is the result of months and months of hard training. The Braves started to train after the spring track nationals last June. With eight runners running over 500 miles this summer, (one running over 800 miles,) and many more running over 300 miles it was no surprise when the Braves season started with a win at the Suffolk Coaches invitational beating some of the best teams on Long Island.

After their first league meet, Bethpage State Park was shut down for the rest of the season due to the virus-carrying mosquito scare. The next invitational was at Delaware and once again the Braves came out on top, defeating teams from Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland. During the regular season the Syosset Cross-Country team kept winning one invitational after another. The Braves post season was successful as well. They won their 2nd consecutive Division championship and their 3rd straight overall county championship, a first in Syosset sports. Billy Vasilyadis, a junior, was able to defeat the toughest runners Nassau County had to offer and was able to capture the overall county title with an amazing time (15:23 over 3.1 miles)—winning by over ten seconds.

During the course of the season the

State runners (Senior Garrick Huie and Junior Billy Vasilyadis) five All-County runners (Seniors Dan Abramowitz and Garrick Huie, Juniors James Duade and Billy Vasilyadis, and Sophomore Earl Han) and two All-Division runners (Junior Saugat Sen and Senior David Morcos).

The Junior Varsity team also had a great season. Because of the amazing depth of the team it would be impossible to list all their achievements. Members of this team included Seniors Rob Volk, Tom Mui, Viraj Gadkar, Cyril Malika, Yuta Koda and Mike Chen, Juniors Tom Cafiero, Wesley Cheng, Albert Lin, and Chris Kan and Sophomores Henry Kung, Josh Wong, Tien Lun, Josh Ruderman, Rob Baronawoski, Aidi Su, Kunal Johar, and David Tobais.

The Braves would like to thank all the grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and friends for their support throughout the season.

Congratulations to Coach Sessa for becoming the Nassau County Coach of the year for the second year in a row. He is the only Class A coach to ever receive this award.

For more information about the Braves cross-country season or just to stay up to date with the Braves visit their web site: <http://Braves.cjb.net>

Bowling Looks To Strike

By Dominick Caccippio

The 1999 Boys Varsity Bowling team is looking forward to a very successful season. The Varsity and Junior Varsity teams got off to a great start this year by winning all of their games against Oyster Bay. The high games were Ross Ratner with a 228, Rob Caliolo with a 214, and Dominick Caccippio with a 203. The boys bowling team is coached by Mr. Orr. The team has a very strong lineup this year with many returning and experienced players. The team is led by Senior All-County bowler Ross Ratner, and Seniors Rob Caliolo, Daniel Parerra, Ernest Kerkenides, and Dominick Caccippio. Juniors Steve Macklin, Scott Orkin, Joel Friedlander, and Ken David. Sophomores Joe Parinello, and Michael Reens. The boys practice at Syosset Bowl and their matches are on Mondays and Wednesdays at Sheridan Bowl. The team's goal this season is to win the county's and move onto the states!

Volleyball Serves Up A Winner

By Allison Hoyt

The 1999 Girls Varsity Volleyball Team has done something that they haven't been able to do in the past three years, they ended up with a winning record! The Lady Braves concluded their season with an overall record of 13 and 6. They worked hard all season and were determined to make it into the playoffs. The girls extra practice time and their very competitive Syosset tournament games paid off. The girls reached their goal of making it into the post season. They fought hard but ended up losing to the number two team in their conference, Long Beach, in the first round of the playoffs. The team was very happy with their accomplishments and are looking forward to next season. Three girls on the team received postseason honors. Sophomore setter Jean Chiang received All-Conference, Senior outside hitter Lindsay Klimkowski received All-Conference and Senior Allison Hoyt received All-County. The team would like to congratulate its seven departing Seniors and wish them good luck in college! Kristina Chau, Diana Gasparini, Megan Huenke, Allison Hoyt, Kim Jacobs, Lindsay Klimkowski, and Eileen Lee will be missed!

Syosset Hockey is Flying High

By Andrew Schatz

The Syosset Braves Varsity ice hockey team is off to another great start. They are already among the top of the league and the season is only halfway through. They have had little difficulties in defeating opponents, but lost one game to the other top team in the league, Long Beach, by a small margin.

Despite the fact that many members of last years Nassau County champion team has moved on to college, the team still had kept its great play and tenacity. By losing so many good players, one would think that Varsity wouldn't be able to maintain their outstanding level of play, but they have proven skeptics wrong. The team's coaching is another reason, in which they are playing so well. Coaches Jocelyn Tremblay and Bob Levine have kept the players on their toes and have greatly aided in the development of each player, along with the team as a whole. The team is led by Captain Casey Tremblay, the teams leading scorer, and Assistant Captains Eric Sukoff and Justin Rabinowitz. The outstanding play of starting goalie Josh Green has aided the excellent defense. Meanwhile the forwards never

fall short on providing the team with offensive firepower needed to outscore the opponents.

Junior Varsity started off the season on a good note winning three of its first five games, but has faltered as of late. The team struggled in its last couple of games against some of the leagues elite teams, but hopefully was just in a short slump. With the schedule getting a little easier in late December and January, hopefully the team can get back on track.

JV is coached by Head Coach, Jason DePierro, and Assistant Coach, Bob McCauley. Both are what we call player's coaches, but never let the important factors, like practice and hard working slip away from their coaching strategies. The team is led by Co-Captains Andrew Schatz, Andrew Korn, and also starting goalie, Paul Bullock. JV has yet to put up the offensive numbers in which it would like to, but with the reorganizing of some positions, hopefully they can put some more points on the board. The defense has regained some of its strength with this new shake-up. Hopefully this is just what the team needs.

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