



THE DRS STAR



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Let's Bring Sports Back to Nassau - By Yitzchak Carroll

With one more season left until the Islanders leave Long Island for good, it's time to bring a professional sports team to Nassau for good. While Nassau is a great place to live and raise a family, it lacks the "oomph" to attract people to move here. What is there to do on weekends in Nassau? Visit the Rock Hall Museum? The Cradle of Aviation? No thanks. We need a team to move to Nassau for good and make us proud to live here.

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With Bruce Ratner designing the new 13,000 seat refurbished coliseum, all hope is not yet lost. Ratner hopes to attract a minor league hockey team, and perhaps bring the Islanders and Nets to the Coliseum for a few games, as well. While residents may not exactly

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Up until 2010, the Jets used to practice at Hofstra University in Hempstead during the summer.

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Gun Control: An Infringement of the Second Amendment?

By Aaron Koffsky

The issue of gun control is one that is constantly debated at the highest levels of government authority. Guns are weapons that can be used for constructive purposes, but are more commonly known for their destructive purposes. However, the true problem with a gun isn't the gun, it's the person who owns it.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution says that the citizens of America have the right to own a firearm. As a result, people have bought, sold, collected and passed down their prized firearms for generations. In many communities, firearms are a staple of the social atmosphere. However, many people don't just own guns because they look nice

on a wall; many people also believe that they should have the ability and the right to defend themselves without government involvement, when necessary. Many believe that owning a firearm is an expression of freedom in America. Some argue that guns help to save lives rather than taking them. This can be explained by proving that many crimes have been stopped by law abiding citizens carrying a concealed firearm.

Many people are against the idea that all American citizens should have the right to own a firearm. This idea arises whenever a gun falls into the wrong hands and is used irresponsibly, and

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The JV Hockey team is on a roll, winning four in a row to give them a record of 7-1! The team beat HAFTR, Flatbush, HANC, and Westchester, putting them in first place in the division. The team will continue their streak after winter vacation, having two more games before the playoffs. Go Wildcats! Photo and caption by - David Itzkowitz

Basketball Teams In Contention for Playoffs

By Eytan Aryeh and Zev Ben-Ami

It has been an exciting first half of the season for the Wildcats Basketball teams! Although there have been ups and downs for the Varsity team, the JV team has been better than ever.

The Varsity season started off with a rematch of last year's championship game against the Ramaz Rams. There was a lot of

anticipation leading up to this game. The game was intense and hard fought, but despite the outstanding performance by senior Yaakov Schwalb, the Wildcats fell to the Rams by a score of 48-43. They came back strong after the loss to win their next two games, defeating the HANC Hurricanes 44-27 and Derech Hatorah 43-27.

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Red Defeats Yellow in Third Annual Color War - By Yehuda Posner

On December 5-6, students were called down to a "candle lighting ceremony" assembly. At the assembly, Rabbi Kaminetsky called up a few students to light candles on the menorah and speak about what each candle represents. For the final candle, senior Yonatan Kerstein was called up, and announced that the miracle the last candle represented was that the Varsity basketball team won the championship last year. Rabbi Kaminetsky told him to come back to the menorah and read off the

script, instead of an impromptu improvisation. After a few minutes of arguing, they announced Color War 2013.

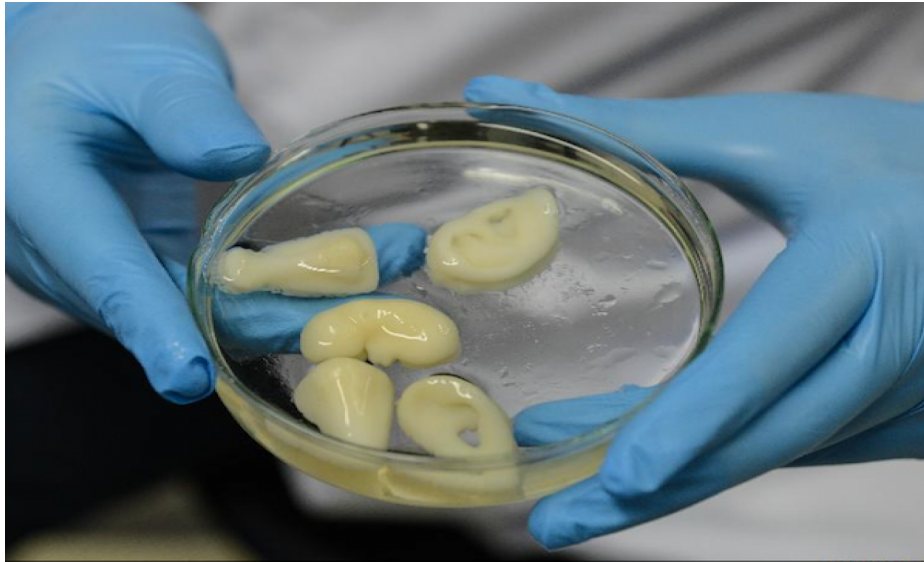
The following day, the entire yeshiva was full of excitement. The administration prepared a fun-filled day for the students. The day began with breakfast, team cheers, and shiur, followed by the color war activities. Starting with team time, the two teams prepared for the many activities ahead, sports, trivia,

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TECHNOLOGY CORNER: 3D PRINTERS BY DAVID HERMAN

Seven year-old Billy has been sick all his life. He was born with liver disease, which will likely kill him before his next birthday. Only a transplant can save him. A huge search is on. Time is running out. No match has been found and they aren't likely to find one. Miraculously, doctors use Billy's cells and poof! They make him a new liver. Billy swiftly recovers after the surgery and is home within the next few weeks. Sounds like science fiction, doesn't it? Well it's not. In a few years, many organs for transplant will be created with 3D printing.



The 3D printer was created by Chuck Hull in 1984, but didn't become technologically advanced until the early 2010s. Now, instead of just toys and trinkets, the 3D printer can be applied in the fields of biotechnology, architecture,

education, aerospace, and even in the military, just to mention a few.

How does it work? First, advanced programming takes a digital 3D blueprint of any uploaded object. The program separates the object digitally

into sections and layers, since the object needs to be printed layer by layer. The specific materials to be printed are chosen. These can be paper, plastics, metals, even living cells!

The 3D printer scanner passes over the platform one time for each layer, and deposits that layer's material. The entire project may take a lot of time, as hundreds and even thousands of layers must be made. Finally, the desired product is completed.

Why is the next generation of 3D printers so cool? 3D printing is such an innovative advancement because a 3D printer can print such a wide

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Fantasy Football: The Championships By Baruch Weissman

Fantasy football playoffs are in full swing, and in most leagues, this week is the championship game. With so many stars and key players not being available due to injury, your last hope will be free agency. But don't worry, there are plenty of options at every position that will help you win the final and most important game of the fantasy football season.

One of the biggest problems for fantasy owners is Aaron Rodgers. He's been out since Week 10 and will probably sit out the final week of the fantasy football season. One viable fill-in option is Ryan Fitzpatrick. Coming off of a 35 point fantasy day last week, Fitzpatrick gets Jacksonville's third-worst defense this week. The Jaguars have given up 22.42 points per game to opposing quarterbacks, and Ryan Fitzpatrick has been on fire of late.

Another major problem for fantasy owners is the inconsistency of star wide receivers. It's hard to trust a boom-or-bust wide receiver in the

championships. One very consistent WR is Brian Hartline. He's averaged 11 points in the last four weeks and seems to be getting more involved in the Dolphin's offense every week. Cecil Shorts III has also consistently produced, although his status for Week 16 is up in the air due to a groin injury.

Rashard Mendenhall has surprisingly done very well for 5 straight weeks, and coming off of a 20 point game, he's worth at least a flex spot on your championship roster. Daniel Thomas is also worth considering for your flex spot. Coming off two straight games with a touchdown, Thomas's role in Miami's offense is increasing and he may reward owners with a touchdown in the matchup of the fantasy season.

Tight ends Anthony Fasano and Dennis Pitta can successfully fill a TE void on your team, as both have been and will continue to be key parts of their respective offenses.

Good luck in the championships!

Did You Know? - By Matan Bauman

Students always think that teachers are all about school 24/7, but that's not entirely true. Teachers, like all adults, have had many interesting encounters in their lives. Each teacher has had encounters that have shaped them into the people they are today. We can only hope to have the encounters that shape us into the people we will one day be.

English teacher Mr. Deutsch has fourteen grandchildren, two of which are currently at DRS.

While in college, history teacher Mrs. Legum was a radio DJ. She also has lived in six different states.

Also, Rabbi Erlbaum has twelve children, ten of which girls, and two are

In addition, Ms. Lopez has played the violin for the Pope, and worked as a producer before going into education. Plus, Rabbi Fleksher waits for Se'firat Ha'omer every year to see if he can finally grow a beard. Furthermore, math teacher Mrs. Borroni has a collection of rubber ducks, and works as a librarian outside of school. Next, Mr. Scanlan is a huge comic book fan. His favorite is Batman. He also coached football before coming to DRS. Lastly, Rabbi Farber can play the harmonica with his nose.

Hopefully these little snippets into our teacher's lives will show us that they are not all about school 24/7.

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COLLECTIVE KNOWLEDGE?

BY MAURY ROSENFELD

Let's take a step back from halachic view for a second. In fact, let's also take away the ethical perspective, and while we're at it, throw away the societal norm. People cheat. It happens. But is it wrong?

People would undoubtedly say yeah, of course. It's cheating! Cheating's not allowed. So... the obvious question: why do people do it?

According to statistics found by Stanford University, the percentage of high school cheaters is between 75 and 98 percent. Again, that's 98 percent. That would mean the overwhelming majority of people reading this article have cheated at some point. It would also mean that there's a great chance I plagiarized this whole article.

So before we get down to the roots of the problem, let's analyze it now. Why are so many students cheating? The answer can be found in that same Stanford report. At this point, the sheer amount of cheaters outnumbers the honest students so greatly, that people feel it's justified. That's no new concept. Surely, many of us have been in a position at some point in our lives when we grab for the excuse "but it's not just me! Everyone was doing it!". It makes it considerably more difficult for the student who is drawn between cheating and not cheating. He is far less more likely to choose not to cheat if all of his surrounding classmates are doing it themselves.

Many different ideas have been tried in practice to prevent cheating. For example, telling students that if they cheat, every form of beneficence that comes from grade is stolen. But this doesn't even compete with the lust students now have to achieve the high grades, which the educational system has stressed in recent years. Instead of taking an ethical victory and failing a test, a student will be far more inclined to pass that test by cheating and reach the goals expected of him by his teachers, and maybe even his parents.

The Stanford study suggests that cheating originates in the earlier stages of education, places like Pre-K and kindergarten. When kids are pitted against one another in what may just be a fun, innocent game, they will be far more inclined to succeed. They will do whatever it takes, whether it's denying being tagged outside in recess or asking a friend how to spell "cat." If the child succeeds because of these actions, then he will do it more and more, until it becomes a subconscious second nature.

The study conducted by Stanford shed light on some disturbing figures. In 1940, a little less than 20 percent of college students had cheated at some point. Now, that figure stands closer to 95. A 1998 poll yielded that 80 percent of the country's top middle schoolers cheated, and than half said they felt no remorse.

The bottom line is that cheating seems to be effective. With less effort, a student can achieve honors-quality grades. With the internet,

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Goldsmith Sets Conference Record - By Jordan Eidlisz

The Wrestling team is off to a great start! So far, there have been two matches, one against Saint Joseph's, and the other against SAR. Both matches had their ups and downs, as well as some some good wrestling.

The first match was against Saint Joseph's and began many team member's wrestling careers. There was a mixture of excitement and nervousness filling the bus as we got ready to go. Sophomore Jacob Goldsmith set a conference record, pinning his opponent in 9 seconds. Junior David Haskell pinned his opponent as well, in a well-fought battle.

The SAR game included good wrestling as well, including junior Judah Wagner's excellent match. Through much practice, every team member has greatly benefited and improved their wrestling skills. The whole team has improved a lot since the beginning of the year. They have been practicing, working on their moves, and improving their physical fitness condition. The team is looking forward to continued success in their next matches against Kuschner, and ultimately the Wittenberg tournament.

Editorial: The Day I Almost Got Suspended

By Brian Chernigoff

It was a typical day at DRS. I came to school, had all my regular classes, including gym.. As my class before gym ended, without thinking, I ran to the gym and dropped my bag in front of my locker on the way. This was just another normal school day, right?

Wrong. After gym, I came back to my locker to find my bag missing. I didn't know where it could have possibly gone, so I decided to tell the guard to be on lookout for it. And to my disbelief, my bag was sitting right next to him. A little confused, I just went to go get my bag. He turned to me, and asked me if it was my bag.

I gave him a quick nod and wanted to get on my way, but he indicated that he wasn't finished speaking. He asked me if I had read the student handbook. "Yeah ... of course," I said while thinking "who actually reads the handbook?" He told me that it is school policy that bags are not allowed to be left out in the hallways, and that the next time I would violate this rule, I would be suspended. Well that was a close one.

Has anyone ever wondered why this rule is in effect? What logical reason could possibly exist explaining why this is?

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Bringing the Five Towns Together By Yitzchak Carroll

The Five Towns is arguably one of the greatest communities in the entire country, and perhaps, the entire state. It is small enough that everybody knows each other, yet large enough to provide all of the necessities to prosper and raise a family. I have always wanted to get involved in the community that we call home, and to contribute to its prosperity.

Although the Five Towns is not an independent municipality, and has no governing body, various civic organizations collaborate to make this community one of the best on Long Island. Hewlett and Woodmere have a business association, a school board, and a newly-founded civic association. Lawrence and Cedarhurst are incorporated villages, and have a business improvement association, as well as a school and library board. Inwood has its own civic association. Various civic-minded associations, including the Five Towns Community Center, Community Chest, and the Nassau County Auxiliary Police Unit 109, serve the entire Five Towns region.

I personally am involved in a few organizations in the Five Towns, primarily the Five Towns Community Chest. At Community Chest, I serve on their Youth Board, which is comprised primarily of students from Hewlett and Lawrence High Schools. We collaborate to serve the community by planning and working at Chest's events, which raise vital funds for various organizations and funds in the community, which Community Chest sponsors. We work at the annual community fair in September, as well as the annual 5K run, basketball tournament, and much more. Together, students of all backgrounds, whether Jewish, Christian, or Muslim, come together to help the community.

Civic organizations and leaders within the Five Towns collaborated to revive the Hewlett-Woodmere Memorial Day Parade, as well as to start the "Arts Below Sunrise" festival in late September. It was the teenagers in the local organizations that were instrumental in starting these community-spirited events, and worked with adults to make their plans come to fruition. Today's civic-minded teenagers will be tomorrow's leaders, guiding this county, state, and nation to success and prosperity.

Besides for the satisfaction of making a difference in the community, teenagers who volunteer at civic organizations can earn community service credit and have a valuable extracurricular activity for their college transcript. Civic volunteerism builds leadership and teamwork skills and makes the impossible become possible.

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For some reason, they left the Island and headed to Florham Park, NJ. The Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale also played host to the now-defunct New York Dragons from 2001-2008. However, after the league canceled its 2009 season, the team became defunct, and now Nassau is left without any professional football team.

With the Coliseum now being redone, it is time for Ed Mangano and the rest of the lawmakers in Mineola to bring professional sports back to Nassau. Whether football, baseball, hockey, or basketball, Long Island residents deserve a permanent sports team.

Gun Control: An Infringement of the Second Amendment?

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results in the deaths of adults and children. People are concerned about gun control because in the wrong hands, guns can kill people. Almost everybody agrees to this. The issue arises when people are given suggestions as how to insure that guns aren't distributed to the wrong people. Many argue that the solution isn't to get to get rid of all the guns, but rather to educate people in the proper usage of firearms. Another possible suggestion is to implement government tests to ensure a person is responsible enough to own a firearm. However, this solution becomes problematic because if there's a person who cannot fulfill these requirements for any reason, it will be an infringement of their Constitutional rights.

Firearms are used for a variety of purposes. From an innocent decoration, to a means of committing murder, guns and their impact on society have been at the top of the political discussion for many years. Some people believe that guns are dangerous weapons which should only be handled by trained government officials. Others believe that although guns are dangerous, people should have the right to own them as long as they can pass a variety of government testing, while others believe that they have a constitutional right to own a firearm without any government supervision.

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dodge ball and miscellaneous. These activities were dispersed among each grade throughout the day. The day concluded with a basketball game in which the red team played the yellow team with the freshman playing the first quarter, the sophomores playing the second quarter, the juniors playing the third quarter and the seniors playing the fourth quarter. Halftime featured various contests for the entire school, and delicious mini babkas made by junior Pinny Kwestel for the entire school were served.

Color War is an enjoyable activity that allows students to exercise their many talents that are not usually utilized in school. "So many students have multiple talents that need to be developed and honed," said Menahel Rabbi Kaminetsky. "Color War provides a strong platform to allow them to expand their horizons beyond the classroom."

On Friday the closing ceremonies took place. Each team presented a shiur, comedy video, theme song, stomp, poetry slam, and a reverse video. After all the amazing presentations, Rabbi Farber announced that the Red Team of Tevah had defeated the Yellow Team of Nes in this year's Color War.

Students from both teams thought color war was an important and fun experience that promoted friendship and teamwork. "The point of color war is to work together as a team through many fun activities," said Yellow Team Captain Jeremy Brody.

"Color war this year was an amazing experience. It gave us a great opportunity to have fun playing sports and bonding with our friends", said Red Team Sophomore Captain, Ruvie Sturm. Color war offered the students quality time with peers in a friendly and competitive environment. It allowed everyone to have fun with friends while participating in team activities. The student body is looking forward to next year's Color War!

Technology Corner: 3D Printers

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range of products. It can also produce objects like dolls, smartphone cases, furniture, guitars, prosthetics, airplane parts and even plastic guns.

Cody Wilson, a 25 year old student at the University of Texas invented the first plastic gun made through 3D printing. Another inventor who utilized the technology of 3D printing is Scott Summit, co-founder of Bespoke Innovations. He created the first printed guitar. Boeing also uses 3D printers to make some components, and is constantly working on more ways to use the technology.

Perhaps the most important innovation of all is the ability to print human organs, known as bio-printing. Dr. Anthony Atala, a surgeon at the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative

Medicine, used this technology a few years ago to engineer a gall bladder, and recently made a human kidney. With this technology, there is a real possibility that the printed organ will be the norm. Every day, patients die waiting for organs that never become available. Soon there will be no shortage. Lives will be saved every day.

With all these possibilities, application of this technology is here to stay. The technology is advancing and the cost is decreasing rapidly. In the next few years, you may have the privilege to see how the 3D printer works with your own eyes.

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The wildcats split their next two games, beating Rambam, but losing to TABC. HAFTR was up next. The Wildcats kept the game close, but HAFTR pulled away in the second half, defeating DRS 47-31. The final game of the first half for the Varsity squad was against Great-Neck based North Shore Hebrew Academy. This game was very close throughout, but DRS couldn't hold on, and lost 47-43, going to 3-4. "I feel very optimistic about it because we played the toughest part of our schedule already," said senior Shimmy Savitsky about the team's first half.

The JV team started off the season with a bang, defeating Ezra Academy 60-17 with the help of Judah Levine's 12 points in the fourth quarter. They continued to make a statement by defeating the Rambam Ravens 70-30, and the HAFTR Hawks 68-27. During these two games the "Twin Towers," Abie Perlow and Gabriel Leifer, scored a combined 87 points. The JV team continued their outstanding play with a win

over the North Shore Stars, despite not having two of their starters. The game was close until midway through the second quarter, when Gabriel Leifer stole the ball and threw down a tremendous dunk. He did so again in the third quarter. The JV team had a little scare in their next game against HAFTR. The Hawks came out very strong and kept the game close until the final seconds of the game. DRS was able to come out victorious by the score of 51-37. The team improved to 6-0 in their final game of the first half, beating Rambam 62-34. "I think the first half of the season was very good, I think we need to have more practice time to get better as a team and become a unit," said JV coach Shaya Hertz about the team's first half.

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Attributes of the Rich

By Joseph Sultan

Becoming rich isn't all about what you do in the office during work hours. It has a lot to do with outside life. A professional named Tom Corley studied this subject for five years. More than 350 rich and poor people were interviewed. He observed that 44 percent of a rich individual's day starts off about three hours before work. They stimulate their brains with other things outside of work, such as reading educational material, and even fitting in a workout. They feel it's important to start off their day in this way.

The Rich don't waste their lunchtime either, instead they set up lunch meetings. Studies have shown that many wealthy individuals consume a power lunch, while the poor eat more junk foods, and intake more calories. Energy is critical.

Successful people also like to set long term goals. They create a "to do" list and cross off 70 percent of the items by the end of the day. They enjoy reading, and keep themselves organized. In addition, they do not empty out everything on their minds; some things are kept to themselves. Similar to this,

studies show six percent of rich people gossip, as opposed to 79 percent of poor.

The way one spends his night is also critical. Many unsuccessful people choose to watch TV, while many wealthy people said they are either teaching, learning at school, or are part of a network group, or non-profit organization. One's habits greatly influence his or her wealth.

As a result of being rich, there are some characteristics that develop. Eighty percent of rich people contact others on birthdays, compared to 11 percent of the poor. This seems to show that in general, the wealthy care much about relationships. Also, poor gamble highly more than the rich.

In addition, the wealthy run their own race. They take life into their own hands and are responsible for themselves. It is amazing how the successful have a totally different way of living, and how they act, in many ways, distinctively different from the poor.

"Success is getting what you want, happiness is wanting what you get."

-W.P. Kinsela

Defense Leads Wildcats to Success

By Ruvie Sturm and Zack Lowinger

With a record of 4-1, the Wildcats stand in second place in the Mesivta Football League (MFL), a half game behind Lawrence-based Mesivta Ateres Yaakov. The offense has been putting up a lot of points, while the defense shuts down the opponent in every game. The weather has been a major factor in both teams' game plans. Whether it was foggy, freezing, or snowing, each team had to come up with strategies to overcome the inclement weather.

For their second game on November 17, DRS set out to play Brooklyn-based Yeshiva Shaarei Torah. The fog was overwhelming and disrupted both teams' ability to see downfield. The game got off to a rapid start when quarterback Moshe Keller threw a short 10 yard pass to senior Shalom Gelbtuch, who then ran 50 yards to the end zone. After the touchdown, because of the pressure of the defensive line, the quarterback of the other team was rushed to make a forced throw, which led to an interception by Moshe Spirn. The ensuing possession for the Wildcats started off with great field position, which led to a 30 yard touchdown run by Keller. During the next Shaarei Torah drive, Ben Kahn intercepted a deep pass, and returned it for 20 yards, which concluded with a 10 yard touchdown by senior Johnny Silber. Chaim Samet picked the ball off, and Keller threw a 40 yard touchdown pass to Yoni Eichler on the next drive for Shaarei Torah. With Teitelbaum out, freshman Heezkeyahoo Burstyn had the opportunity to prove himself by sacking the opposing quarterback five times, and sustaining much pressure. Other highlights included Jacob Burstyn's three sacks, and Yoni Eichler's five yard touchdown pass. In the end, DRS won 32-0.

On November 24, DRS faced HANC at Aviator Sports Center in Brooklyn. It

was about 20 degrees and windy, so both teams had the difficulty of staying warm. The game began with a Keller 60 yard touchdown run on the first play of the game. The brutal winds and the bitter cold forced both teams to run the ball. Keller also had 30 yard and 50 yard touchdowns later in the game. The defense was phenomenal throughout the game, including Jacob Burstyn's 4 sacks and Heezkeyahoo Burstyn's 4 sacks. Late in the game, Keller threw a 20 yard pass to Silber for an amazing touchdown to end the game at a score of 25-0.

In the light snowy weather, the Wildcats played Yeshiva Darchei Eretz at Aviator. The Wildcats' defense was off to a great start because the defensive line sustained a lot of pressure on the other team's QB. Keller ran in a 50-yard touchdown, followed by a five and 15 yard touchdown later in the game. Johnny Silber also had a big game, catching two touchdown passes, one for five yards, and the other for 20 yards. Since starting center Benjamin Ramras was out sick, the pocket kept collapsing very quickly, forcing Keller to throw his first and second interceptions of the year. Ben Kahn also had a great game because of his two interceptions, one of them leading to Keller's five yard touchdown. Aryeh Kaminetsky's interception, Heezkeyahoo Burstyn's 6 ½ sacks, and Yoni Fenster's 2 ½ sacks, once again proved how well the defense played. The final score was a 40-0 victory over Darchei Eretz. "[The] defense was stellar, [but the] offense needs some work, but we will get to where we need to be," said Wildcats coach Yitz Mendlowitz.

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Humor Column - By Noach Levy

Last issue, I said to put any joke suggestions through the vent in locker 223. Someone then asked me "What vent?" I apologize for that, I had a spacing out moment; we all get them, and we all know that we all get them. So to clear that up, just open the locker and put the suggested joke in. Once again, you can also email me the joke, picture or video to me at nel1197@aol.com.

Disclaimer: many of the jokes aren't mine, but it's impossible to remember everyone who told me a joke. So if you told me a joke and did not get credit, I apologize.

Short Joke: Little known fact: a group of orangutans is called a congress.

Long Joke: One day, a Jewish mother received a phone call from her son. "Mom, did you hear the news?" he asked.

"No, what happened?" she replied.

"I was just elected as president of the United States!" he excitedly informed her. "There will be an inauguration ceremony on Wednesday in a couple of weeks, and I would love it if you could join me on the stage."

"Oh sweetie, I would love to go, but you know that I play bridge with my friends every Wednesday. What am I going to tell them if I miss it?"

"Come on, Mom, you never come to my events, but you always go to my brother's. Just tell them what happened and I'm sure they'll understand."

"All right, fine I will go." That Wednesday, at the bridge game, the mother told her friends that she will miss the bridge game in a couple weeks.

"Why?" they asked. "For so many years we never missed a bridge game. What happened now?"

She said, "You know my son, the doctor? Well his brother the disappointment..."

Funny Quote: "It's gotten too bad that after years of sliding poll numbers, now the approval ratings of Congress has hit a record low of just 5 percent. There are a lot of pressing questions, namely, who's in the five percent that still approves of Congress?"

- Jimmy Fallon

Chuck Norris Joke: Chuck Norris's tears can cure all diseases. It's a shame he can't cry.

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The main argument defending this is that if bags are left in the hallway it will create a fire hazard. Is that a joke? Has anyone ever walked through the hallway by the gym and lunch room on a Thursday during clubs? Are the owners of those bags threatened with suspension? Is it just me, or does anyone else think that's a little more of a fire hazard than leaving one bag in the hallway?

In response to my complaint, the administration could easily say that it wants to keep the hallways by the classrooms clean of bags, and if they allow me to leave my bag in the hall,

they will have to let everyone leave it in the hall, and then, it will really be a fire hazard.

I have a very simple retort to that: first come; first served! Whoever puts his bag there first gets to leave it there. However, the administration could easily say that they are not prophets and can't possibly know who put their bag against their locker first. Well, they can't really say that, because why does the building have security cameras?

So what kind of a school rule is this? It has no purpose, so it should be repealed. Don't you agree?

Collective Knowledge?- By Maury Rosenfeld

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someone can write a flawless term paper. Kids don't even need to read the books that they're assigned anymore; everything they'll need to know is only a google search away.

The ends tend to justify the means with cheating. Because it doesn't stop with standardized tests, or assignments, or even high school. Students who cheat are much more likely to inflate college resumes, and from there go into a business where they're more likely to embezzle or commit fraud. It doesn't stop. But this doesn't affect the perpetrators. Students don't care. That would mean it's up to the schools to take measures. Do you see that happening? Because I don't.

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This past week, the Wildcats had a devastating loss to Mesivta Ateres Yaakov. On the first MAY possession, Heezkeyahoo Burstyn got his first of four sacks. As the game progressed, both teams were not able to get anything going offensively, until MAY broke through with a touchdown by Yaakov Puderbutel, ending DRS's streak of not allowing any

points this season. The Wildcats had issues defensively, as star cornerbacks Yaakov Kaminetsky and Chaim Samet did not play. Right before the half, MAY's quarterback tried throwing a pass, but was tipped at the line by Jacob Burstyn who then intercepted the pass. The Wildcats were then within 10 yards of the end zone, but due to the tremendous

pressure of MAY's defensive line, Keller was forced to make a throw he did not want to make, which led to the first of two interceptions in the back of the end zone. After halftime, the Wildcats were still not able to get anything going offensively. They also gave up two more touchdowns, one of which was scored by Ari Shulson, and the other by Puderbutel.

This was a heartbreaking defeat for the Wildcats, by a score of 20-0. "[It was a] disappointing loss, but we hope to get back on track and we will be ready for them the next time we face them," Mendlowitz said about the team's first defeat of the season. "The team played well; we gave a good effort," said MAY coach Avi Klein.

Letter From The Editor

In last month's issue, Rabbi Friedman wrote about the pressing issue of the rising addiction of teenagers to handheld electronic devices. This has unfortunately been the major cause of teenagers' short attention spans and quest for instant gratification today. Like many other addictions, this too can be solved by moderation and self control.

When all the new "I-products" came out, people said "I'll just play one game," but this has led to a non-stop violent addiction. The power to say no is the answer to this problem. Teenagers must find it within themselves the strength to decide whether playing on their electronic gadgets or doing schoolwork and spending time with family and friends is more important. As is with those who have gone on diets to lose weight, abstaining from technology involves the same inner will. Once discipline is displayed, it then becomes easier in the future to resist the temptation.

As for the problem regarding lowering patience and attention spans, aside from moderation in regards to technology, the way to fix it is to encourage teenagers to have a strong will to do things and not to give up after looking at them for a split second. Teenagers must actualize the old Bob the Builder motto "Can we do it? Yes we can!"

Another issue raised is that despite everyone having a wealth of information at his or her fingertips, teenagers today have relatively little general knowledge. I believe that the title given for this time, "Age of Information," is a misnomer and has incorrect implications. One may think that it means that nowadays everyone just knows much more than people in the past. Really, it means that nowadays, whenever something happens, within minutes of it happening, everyone gets an update on his or her I-phone and then resumes their meaningless addictive games. It has nothing to do with an increase of people's knowledge.

In our combat with the temptation of technology, we must remember one thing: everything has its, and spending time on our technological gadgets should not be the only thing one does when relaxing; there are more productive things one can be doing.

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