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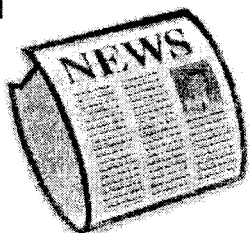
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Welcome Back!!!!!!

Welcome back to Gelinas staff and students and a special welcome to our incoming 7th graders. This year is going to be great and you should all be looking forward to a great fall with a long range of activities. So far we have encountered *Mall Cop* under the stars, the phenomenal production of "Running", and the amazing trebuchet of mass pumpkin wipeout. We also enjoyed the amazing production of "Stuart Little" starring Greg Sund, Anthony Zambito, Kaylie Gazura, and Nick Viola. *The Patriot Press* is glad to make its first anniversary at Gelinas. Last year was a success and we hope to make it a success again. We were sad to see our alumni go last year. They put hard work in and showed us that this was a really an important part of their time at Gelinas. So far our sports teams have been doing well this year. Most of them have won at least one game.

Seventh grade, welcome to Gelinas and I hope you are getting used to this new experience. Here are some tips on how to survive Gelinas. There is a "Boys and Girls" club after school every day. There you can play video games, do homework, or use a computer to type or to play games. Also, there are several clubs like Fishing Club, Save Club, Whirlwind Magazine, and Science Olympiad. In addition to those clubs there is the newspaper club. We are always looking for members. So stop into one of our meetings and you can help with writing articles. Our meetings are usually on Wednesday right after the bell. The announcements will tell you when we have a meeting. If you have any questions about rules, guidelines, and other things or you are not sure about something, feel free to talk to any teachers, guidance counselors, deans, principles or any other staff. Don't worry; they don't bite.

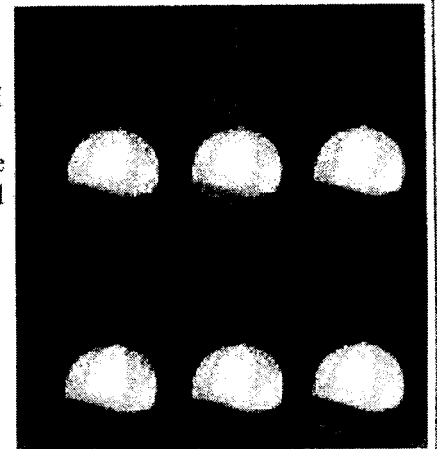
Welcome all and we hope that we have a great school year here at Gelinas.

By Billy Spitz

Why Gelinas J.H.S. Should Have Hats

Wearing hats is a way to express your personality, style, etc but the banning of wearing hats on school property prohibits us from showing the world who we are. Many students and I are frustrated with the banning and many of the students don't agree with the decision by the school board. I think the students should have a say in the dress code. I do understand why the school staff and students must follow what the school board says, but I am stating that the students of Gelinas want to fight for the right to wear hats. Before I wrote this I had asked a lot of people what they thought about this exclusion and they had said they said that it was "cheap and unfair". I can recognize why the school board would ban hats from Ward Melville but, many others and I disagree with the banning of hats in our school. I would *never ever*

slip anything in inappropriate into my hat. The same thing follows with almost all of the 7th graders I know, as well as a majority of 8th and 9th graders that wear hats. So what I am trying to acknowledge is that I and many others would be extremely flattered if you the teachers could talk to your co-workers and maybe even the school board to bring hats back to Gelinas Jr. High School.



By Matt Pelosi

Three Village Homecoming

Saturday, October 17th was the Three Village Homecoming. It was kicked off with a carnival at Ward Melville High School. There was a banner contest between all the Three Village schools, coin toss for prizes, and some other activities were, a hula hoop pumpkin toss, tattoos, face painting, and card making.

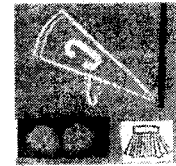
There were many

ways to show your school spirit. High School students were there to spray paint your hair yellow and green, selling pom-poms and Gelinas had people decorate individual Patriot banners. The food was really good. There were burgers, hot dogs, hot pretzels covered in salt, chips, and drinks.

The party continued outside on the football

field where they rolled the food carts out for the big game. The cheerleaders showed their pom-pom in between their cheers. There was a lot to cheer about because Ward Melville beat Commack in a 44-14 game! Go Patriots!

By: Victoria O'Brien



We Got the Spirit!

Gelinas Junior High School has many opportunities for students to network. One specific way is to become involved in a sport or a club. By becoming a member of a school club or team sport, you can develop your school spirit. Spirit is a noun defined as group loyalty: The enthusiasm and loyalty that somebody feels through belonging to a group. This was expressed by cheerleading captain Mary Serignese-Maier, "It helps me realize that when you cheer people on, it helps the teams and motivates them." School spirit is beneficial in many ways. According to soccer team player Joe Bonomo, "Being on the soccer team

definitely boosts my school spirit; you are pumped to be on the team."

For the past three years at school, we have all been the big fish in the little pond. As sixth graders at Setauket, Minnesauke, and Nassakeag elementary schools, we knew every other sixth grade student. Now that we are at Gelinas Junior High School, we are essentially starting over as we did in kindergarten. By participating in a school activity, you have the chance to meet other students in the other grades who share your interests. You will also gain many important qualities such as

leadership and sportsmanship. These are qualities that will benefit you greatly as you move through life.

It was best expressed by cross country team member Jessica Vairo when she stated, "Being on a team makes you do better because of the support of your friends and that you want to do good so your team can win." It is in my opinion that each student should try to participate in at least one school based activity to help develop their sense of school spirit. By: Nicole D'Onofrio



The Vampire Movie to See

Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant had opened, and I could hardly wait. In a haste to hear something about it, I went to Rottentomatoes.com to get reviews on it. I was less than impressed. Only 38% of the people who critiqued it gave a good review. After seeing the movie for myself the next day, I learned a very important lesson. Usually, movie critics know nothing. I know, so hypocritical, but I believe I have the true story behind the cirque.

Unlike the glittering vampires of *Twilight* that only interest the true fans, this movie will pull everyone in with a huge twist of the comedic John C. Reilly playing the lead vampire in the movie, Larten Crepsley. Unknown actor Chris Massoglia stars as a boy who feels life is too planed out for him, and he wants a change. But, when he and his friend go to a show called *Cirque du Freak*, things get... well... freaky. With an amazing back up cast of Willem Dafoe (*Spider-Man*, *Boondock saints*), Salma Hayek (*The Hollywood Reporter*), and Patrick Fugit (*Almost Famous*), this movie packs horror, comedy, action, and meaning into a short 108 minute time period.

Even though I have never seen *Twilight*, my friends' descriptions of it give me one point I want to quickly bring it up. The visual appearances in the films. In *Twilight*, I've heard from sources that shall not be named that the vampires actually glittered. I mean, I understand that everyone has a different perspective on how vampires should be portrayed,

but come on, glittering. In *Cirque du Freak*, not only do the vampire's not glitter, they completely blend in with the humans when they need to. If the movie had not said that they were vampires, I never would have guessed. The only reason that the vampires' enemies, the vampeneze, stand out is because their eyes are purple. However, there are characters who are meant to stand out. For instance, Patrick Fugit plays Evra Von, a member of the cirque because he is a snake boy. So basically, if you're choosing to see any movie or rent any movie, pick this one, because it allows you to get a laugh, be horrified, and watch some awesome vampire fights all at the same time. - By Alec Shangold

PEACE, LOVE, AND HIPPIEVILLE

This year is the 40 year anniversary of the infamous concert Woodstock, held in upstate New York. It was a time of peace, love, happiness, new fashions, and great music. It was a peaceful moment in history when many people felt the need to come together with thoughts, ideas, and emotions. Being a hippie wasn't just about having long hair and drugs, it was about questioning authority and its power. For many years, being a hippie was considered shameful or was looked down upon and associated with drugs. Today being a hippie has a whole new meaning. Today it's cool to be a hippie. Now hippies are anyone who likes music, or are open-minded and liberal, or care about the environment. When you see people on the side of the road protesting the war in the Middle East you are looking at today's hippies. The modern day hippie is not usually related to drugs like the ones in the 1960s, they are more about protest against violence, weapons, racism, unfair laws, and discrimination. Perhaps it's because we are in the first long-term war since Vietnam, or maybe it's because President Obama is inspiring young ones to become more involved in politics, but hippies are back, and I am proud to be one! - By James Cribbins, Entertainment Editor

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