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The Question

By **GRANT GOULD** and
MATTHEW VLADYKA

What Spirit Week tradition do you remember from high school?

“Pep rally, spirit court, and skits.”
-**Mr. Burton**

“Pep rally”
-**Dr. Rajter**

“Pep rally”
-**Mrs. Prouty**

“None!”
-**Mr. Finn**

“A school dodgeball tournament.”
-**Mr. Graney**

“Homecoming parade on the Friday before Homecoming.”
-**Mr. Tewksbury**

“Dressing up for Halloween.”
-**Mrs. Hackett**

“None, just pep rally.”
-**Mrs. Powell**

“Pep rally”
-**Mrs. Marchese**

“Freshman initiation, an assembly in front of the entire school, different activities.”
-**Mr. Lambert**

It's Spirit Week!



GHS Senior Matthew Vladyka with his boom box on 90s day!

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Please let us know what topics we should investigate and report back on, for you, our readers. Thank you!

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The life, times, and cameos of Stan Lee

By ERIN FLOOD

Stan Lee was a revered comic-book creator who co-launched our favorite superheroes including the Fantastic Four, Spider-Man, Doctor Strange and the X-Men for Marvel Comics. Stan Lee was born with the name Stanley Martin Lieber on December 28, 1922, in New York City.

His parents, Romanian-born Jewish immigrants, were Celia and Jack Lieber. He spent part of his childhood during the Great Depression with his younger brother Larry, watching his parents struggle to make ends meet for the family. As a child, his life was influenced by reading and watching movies, and also by his mother's and his creative side. As a teen, he dreamt of writing 'The Great American Novel'.

Stan Lee's first credited work in the comic book industry was a text filler titled "Captain America Foils the Traitor's Revenge" in Captain America Comics #3, which was published in May 1941. He later co-created the Destroyer in Mystic Comics #6, which was published in August 1941. Between 1942 to 1945, Lee served in the US Army during World War II as a member of the Signal Corps, writing manuals, training films, slogans, and occasionally cartooning. Upon his return from service, he married Joan Clayton Boocock in December 1947. With her, Stan Lee had two daughters. His first daughter was Joan Celia Lee, born in 1950. Unfortunately, their second daughter, named Jan Lee, passed away three days after her birth in 1953.

Later, in November 1961, The Fantastic Four, a superhero team

featured in Marvel Comics, first appeared in The Fantastic Four #1. It was the first superhero team to be co-created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby. In 1962, Stan Lee and his collaborators introduced three of the most iconic figures of the Marvel Universe: Spider-Man, Thor, and the Hulk. In 1963, Stan Lee, along with collaborators such as Larry Lieber, Don Heck, Jack Kirby, and Steve Ditko, created Iron Man, the X-Men, and Doctor Strange. In 1964, Daredevil was co-created by Stan Lee and Bill Everett, with potential input from Jack Kirby. Wonder Man was also co-created by Stan Lee, Don Heck, and Jack Kirby.

In December 1965, Marvel Comics debuted "The Inhumans," a fictional race of superhumans with unique and extraordinary abilities, appearing in American comic books published by Marvel Comics. In July of 1966, Black Panther was co-created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby. In December 1967, Stan Lee and Gene Colan designed Captain Marvel. Finally, in September 1969, Stan Lee and Gene Colan created Falcon, marking the first appearance of a Black American superhero in mainstream comic books. In 1972, Stan Lee finally became publisher and editorial director of the Marvel group. In November of 1974, he was awarded the Inkpot Award, which has been bestowed annually since 1974 by Comic-Con International. The prestigious accolade recognizes professionals in various creative fields, including comic books, comic strips, animation, science fiction, and related segments of popular culture.

In December 1981, Lee moved to LA to develop Marvel's film projects and television properties. While there, in December of 1998,

he founded Stan Lee Media, an Internet-based company known for creating Stan Lee-branded superhero franchises across various media. Despite winning the 2000 Web Award for the best Entertainment Portal, the company faced financial struggles and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in 2000. In 2001, Lee, Gill Champion, and Arthur Lieberman established POW! (Purveyors of Wonder) Entertainment with the aim of developing film, television, and video game projects. In July of 2006, he hosted "Who Wants to Be a Superhero". A TV series broadcast of a reality competition series in which contestants played for the opportunity to create their own superhero character.

In 2008, Stan Lee made his first cameo appearance in Iron Man, kicking off a tradition of cameo appearances in numerous Marvel Cinematic Universe films. By the time he passed away in 2018, he had filmed 38 such cameos in total. Stan's cameos were a much-loved element of the films in which they appeared. In November 2008, Stan Lee was awarded the National Arts Medal, recognizing his significant contributions to the arts and culture, particularly in the field of comic books. Established by Congress in 1984, the National Medal of Arts is awarded by the President and overseen by the National Endowment for the Arts. In 2009 he created the Stan Lee Foundation, with help from Junko Kobayashi, and Theodore A. Adams, III as an organization dedicated to supporting literacy, education, and the arts. Furthermore, in October 2012, Stan Lee received a Lifetime Achievement Award, honoring his signifi-

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The man who invented the 20th century

By **GRANT GOULD**

Have you ever been curious about who Nikola Tesla was? Well I have, purely because of his last name and how he is related to chemistry.

Specifically, his last name is directly related to the name of Elon Musk's multi-billion dollar automotive company: Tesla.

In addition to the similar names involved in both of their lives, their careers and contributions to society are strikingly alike as well.

Nikola Tesla's contributions stem from his birthdate of July 9, 1856 and his birthplace in Smiljan, Croatia.

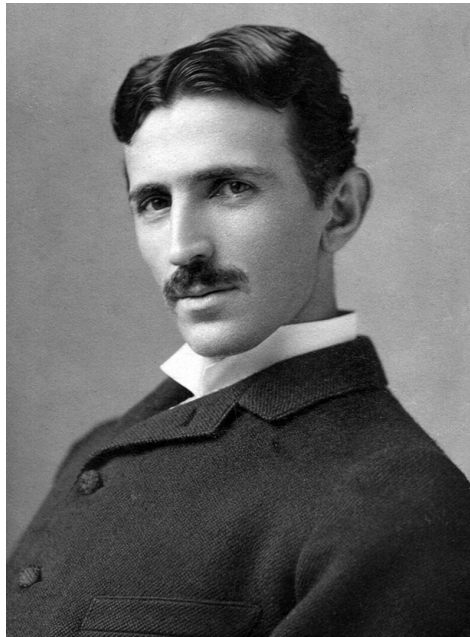
Through his early childhood, he strived with the ability to acknowledge talent and praise those who are advanced.

However, at the age of five, his older brother Dane tragically died from an accident with a horse.

This took a toll on Nikola's well-being, but he persevered through the help of his sisters. As time continued, the growth of his skills and knowledge did too.

In the late 19th century, he installed direct current (DC) generators and lighting systems for the Continental Edison Company. During his time outside of work, he created the Induction Motor. The list of notable inventions from him doesn't end here which is why he was often referred to as "The Man Who Invented the Twentieth Century".

Additionally, he is credited with inventing other technological advances like the Tesla Coil, Tesla Turbine, Magnifying



Nikola Tesla, pictured in 1890.

Transmitter, Alternating Current, Shadowgraph, and the Tesla Valve.

Nevertheless, there were challenges that occurred on his path to success, like any journey or trek through life.

In 1895, he unfortunately exper-

perienced the destruction of his laboratory which resulted from a fiery explosion.

Subsequently, he faced financial problems that delayed his complete portfolio of breakthrough inventions.

However, like previously mentioned, he endured through it and managed to construct significant and influential creations.

Not only were these inventions influential for the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century, it is especially evident today.

One primary example is the alternating current (AC) and its relation to electricity and outlets used by practically everyone across present-day United States.

In addition to that, another important example is the Tesla coil and how its electrical circuit is found in radios and televisions today.

Ultimately, Tesla's substantial impact can be seen throughout his life, as well as highlighted when he died on January 7, 1943 and will undoubtedly be discussed for years to come.



The Tesla birthplace has been reconstructed in Smiljan, Croatia.

University of Connecticut

By **LYASIA AINSWORTH**

The University of Connecticut, also known as UConn, offers many opportunities for students. There are hundreds of clubs and organizations that are run by the University which include museums, galleries, and theaters. It is also a college that is in support of sports all the way! In addition to their basketball success, the school is known for their championship soccer teams.

“The men's team has won two NCAA national championships, in 1981 and 2000, and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America named the undefeated 1948 team the national champion”.

UConn is found in Storrs, Connecticut and 4 regional campuses which are located in Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, and Waterbury.

UConn offers a variety of dorm options that include the dormitories, suite-style living, and off-campus apartment living.

UConn helps students build character while also boosting their confidence levels which builds their social skills. Typically if you're a freshman, you have to live on campus for a year unless you have a special exemption from that.

The amount of majors that UConn offers is unlimited, but the one that stuck out to me the most is the exercise science major. I am interested in going into a fitness/business owner field so as soon as I saw that, it was an automatic yes.

And for my minor, I am planning on taking Business Financial Management which will wrap my major and minor together perfect-

ly for my career.

The biggest reason I am pursuing UConn is because my father lives in Connecticut and is rather close to the University. So, if I can live with him while going to UConn, then it's a win-win situation for me all around.

Sure, it's still going to be a pretty penny after I obtain my Bachelor's degree, but I believe the amount of money I have saved by living off-campus will be worth it.

Also, my father is my biggest inspiration and if I'm able to see him everyday while taking my courses, I will be continuously motivated to try my best not only for myself, but for him as well.

However, the biggest issues that I am running into while debating on whether to go to UConn or not, is the large campus of students and not being able to live off-campus freshman year.

Although I do believe that I can figure out a plan for my

boarding situation, the size of the campus is still not going to change.

There are approximately 32,000 students enrolled in the University. That large a number of students is something not everyone typically sees everyday.

I am worried that I will be overwhelmed, especially in the beginning, but hopefully I will acclimate to the size and business of the campus and make my way around all right.

UConn is my dream college that I plan to get into successfully. There are definitely more pros that outweigh the cons—in my situation anyways—which make me lean more towards the University.

I believe it offers many opportunities that other colleges can't/don't which will benefit not only the college itself, but the students.

Sure, the size of the campus is a little frightening to think about, but I believe that after a little while it'll all be fine and come to play.



Gampel Pavilion, the home of UCONN Huskies Basketball!

Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Rueckert

Thanks to junior Isobel Platt for interviewing Mrs. Rueckert for this edition!

Name: Mrs. Rueckert

Position: High School Counselor

I grew up in: Glens Falls

Family: My husband, Ian, my one year old son, Beckett, my Brittany Spaniel, Myles, and my cat, Mila.

What makes you #Granvilleproud? What makes me #Granvilleproud are the amazing, talented and inspiring students I get to work with everyday. Witnessing their successes, their resilience and their efforts to be good peo-



Mrs. Rueckert, and Myles!

You might not know this about me: I played on Elmira College womens' soccer and softball Division III teams all four collegiate years.

Do you have any favorite quotes? "Two roads diverged in a wood and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

What's your favorite family tradition? Any Fall festivities! Apple picking and carving Halloween pumpkins.

If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life what would it be? Anything with PASTA!

What is your favorite television show or movie? Stranger Things.

What was the first concert you ever went to? Green Day at the Times Union Center!

ple is truly rewarding.

What was your first job? I was a lifeguard at Million Dollar Beach on Lake George. I worked there for 9 summers!



Mrs. Rueckert, hiking Sleeping Beauty.



Mrs. Rueckert and Beckett.

An opinion on gun safety

By **LYASIA AINSWORTH**

The discussion on whether or not guns should be prohibited in certain areas has been going on for at least a decade.

This debate has stemmed from the incessant amount of violence caused by arms, especially in schools.

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens.

For example, each day, twelve children die from gun violence in America. America surpasses a lot of other countries with the amount of gun violence that is carried out each year.

So, the real question in this big debate is, is it the guns or the people?

Even though some may disagree, which is their entitlement, the people are the problem in this debate. Because of people's either lack of maturity, or pure irresponsibility, gun violence has become more common in America, especially in schools.

In the Washington Post, it has been stated that more than 360,000 students have experienced gun violence since 1999, which is equivalent to 15,000 students each year. People are entrusted with potentially dangerous and harmful weapons and take

advantage of that knowledge and abuse that power.

Now, for the people who believe that guns are the problem is very much understandable to a certain point. It is very absurd to say that all guns should be gone and no one should have them as that's a highly unlikely task, but the idea of certain restrictions is not a bad idea at all, and is actually quite smart.

It's very understandable where this opposing side is coming from, especially that gun violence has become more of an affliction, but the people who have been trusted with these weapons have rather acted irresponsibly and abused this trust.

In conclusion, people have been abusing the trust of owning weapons and because of this, not only are people affected mentally, but also physically every year.

Gun violence has unfortunately become very much an epidemic in the last couple of years in America, even making us one of the top countries known for this type of violence.

So, maybe the idea for certain restrictions will help this country move forward.

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cant contributions to the comic book industry and popular culture.

Stan Lee humanized the world of superheroes. His characters are relatable with strong personalities, being described as normal, real people with real problems and weaknesses. This created a sense of hope and empowerment and generations of young people growing up with Lee's superheroes started to see the potential for outcasts, loners, and the "unpopular" kids to find greater purpose and potential in their own lives. Lee's superheroes taught the young to find their hidden strength and to use it for the greater good. Stan Lee influenced the comics world for decades. He helped reform the Comics Code Authority and addressed issues like discrimination, drugs, and intolerance. Marvel heroes don't just stand for justice, they also support real-world causes, including issues like bigotry, racism, bullying and drug use. The characters and situations that Lee created are sometimes metaphors for struggles for equality and civil rights.

Stan Lee was a revered comic-book creator, known to millions as the man who has created a world of superheroes, like Spider-Man, Iron Man, the Hulk, the Fantastic Four, the X-Men, Thor, Doctor Strange, and more for Marvel Comics.

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