

Richmond Gets a Tropical Storm

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Over the summer, new construction had some Richmond citizens wondering what new restaurant they were finally getting. For others, they were getting interviews and new jobs at the new Tropical Smoothie coming into town.

Seniors Hailey Dzialewski and Emma Gillem, were a part of the new job and set up for Tropical Smoothie.

Tropical Smoothie is a franchise that has been alive and growing since 1997. They have all sorts of smoothies, sandwiches, tacos, quesadillas, and breakfast foods such as omelets, flatbreads and wraps. All with nutrition, low calories, and healthy snacks and smoothies.

"I like working here. The money and co-workers are the best part," said Gillem. "For being my first job, I wanted to work in town, but not where a lot of my classmates work, so I figured TS would be best for me."

Gillem has worked at TS since it first opened in town in July. She usually works on making the food or working the drive-thru.

To get their jobs at TS, Dzialewski and Gillem applied, got an interview, and answered the questions in a sophisticated manner.

Junior Martin Gallardo, a frequent Tropical Smoothie goer, said, "I usually go about six to seven times a week. I usually go for the experience of getting something different every time I go." Tropical Smoothie has over 40 smoothies for Gallardo to try.

Dzialewski and Gillem, also, eat at TS quite often. They usually eat on break or before their shifts start for dinner. Sometimes, Dzialewski goes with her family and Gillem will go with friends in their free time.

"I am able to relax and not be the one running around making the food and smoothies and enjoy time with my family when we all go together," said Dzialewski.

Jessica Weaver, sophomore, is also a frequent

TS goer. "I like their smoothies. They're healthy and not all sugar. My favorite part of TS is the workers and the lean machine smoothie," said Weaver.

The lean machine smoothie consists of strawberries, fat burner, energizer, bananas, and yogurt.

This is not the only tasty treat.

"My favorite is sunrise sunset which is mango, pineapple, orange juice, and strawberries," said Gillem.

TS is more popular because of the healthy choices customers have. All smoothies are usually 400-500 calories. Some are more than others because of the ingredients to make them. Gallardo said, "It's not really fast food. It tastes so good. The smoothies are real fruit whereas other places, they taste like sugar in a cup."

Working at TS, Dzialewski and Gillem have found that being short on staff and being really busy is the hardest part of their job.

"When we're short and we are busy, we have to do the cash register, make the food, and the smoothies, which is really hard to do all at once," said Dzialewski.

Aside from the stress of working there, Dzialewski and Gillem have had some fun, too. "We have a water pump by the bar stools for the smoothies, so when we pump the water, the water squirts on the two seats closest to it. It's funny when the water accidentally squirts the customers," said Gillem.

Dzialewski and Gillem's favorite part of working there is making the smoothies. "My favorite smoothie to make is the Bahama mama because it's personally my favorite," said Dzialewski.

Check out the new Tropical Smoothie in Richmond if you want to try any of the smoothies mentioned or see Dzialewski and Gillem in action.

Band Gives Sharp Performance

By: Lauren Duche
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This one time at festival, the band persevered. They had received a second division which is the second highest place you can take overall, but they didn't get like this overnight.

"The preparation began long before the school year started. We picked our songs in May of the last school year and started to learn the material at band camp in August," said junior Drum Major, Rachel Rigole.

On top of practicing every day in school, they perform on Friday nights at home football games.

"The songs you see us perform on Fridays are the songs we perform for Festival. We go out on the field for practice in front of an audience. After all, practice does make perfect," Rigole said, who plays the flute.

And it does.

In a final attempt to prepare for the biggest competition of marching season, the band goes to a BWAC expedition competition.

BWAC was on Tuesday, Oct. 6. BWAC competitions for band is much different from many BWAC competitions for sports. In fact, it's not a competition at all.

Sophomore Drum Major Maddy Yaek said, "At our BWAC, we perform in front of an audience for the last time and then all of the bands from the Blue Water Area Conference come together to perform one song as a group. It's really just to let loose and get excited for festival."

The fun in BWAC is nothing compared to the thrill of competing at festival.

Rigole said, "Festival is something we look forward to all year. Every time we practice, the

only thing on our mind is festival and topping our last year's performance," she said.

Last year, the band scored a Division One rating, the best possible, but it wasn't good enough for these talented musicians.

"It's not always about the scores. It's about doing the best you can and being confident in your piece, and that's what we wish to accomplish this year," Yaek said.

This year, several seniors who had been a part of band since middle school graduated and an influx of freshman had taken the place of very good musicians who graduated in June.

"Our freshmen have been working really hard. The transition from middle school to high school band is definitely tough, and I think they did a really good job adapting," said senior Maryss Thompson, who plays clarinet. These freshmen had never been to a high school festival before, so it was a challenge competing at a level like this.

Freshman Rae Morton said, "It was hard at first, but I think we caught on quickly considering we never had to march before," she said. In middle school, there is no marching band, there is only a concert band, so the incoming freshman not only had to learn to march but to march and deal with the pressure of competing.

"Band camp was a bit overwhelming. We had a lot to learn in a small amount of time so it was stressful, but it was good preparation for all of us," Morton said.

Even with all of the challenges they had to face and all of the lessons they had to learn, they persevered and preformed to the best of their ability.

"Even though we didn't rank as high as we would've liked, I'm still really proud of what we accomplished," Rigole said.

Comic Corner

By: Peter Parker
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Supervillain or super-villain? Don't let the flashy suit and "friendly" title fool you; this "supervillain" is anything but.

Recently, a masked vigilante has been popping up around New York City, terrorizing civilians and patronizing police.

He first appeared swinging around buildings on what appears to be a type of webbing—like that of a spider's.

When asked their opinion, citizens came to a general consensus, this so-called "Spider-Man" should be stopped. Don Carlington, 44, said, "He needs to realize that there are already people to chase bad guys, we don't need him." Sheryl Goodinger, 24, said, "I have never been more

appalled at a person's actions. He's swinging around and pretending to be a spider. A spider for Christ's sake!"

How he has been able to produce his webbing is yet to be determined, although the NYPD has an idea. Captain George Stacy, 55, said, "Spider-Man's webbing may actually be a sort of grappling hook, that he has us all disillusioned to believe is something more."

However, the thing about this masked man that seems impossible to explain is his ability to crawl on walls. Numerous sources have spotted him crawling on the walls of skyscrapers all around New York City. This really has people stumped. NYPD has no comment on these instances.

Spider-Man has been seen attacking numerous people. Multiple sources have confirmed that he has been causing more trouble than he has been stopping. Julie Ceder, 34, said, "I was walking home from work when night, when Spider-Man started antagonizing me and following me. I don't feel safe going to or from work anymore. This is a great city, and that Spider-Man is ruining it!"

A death may have even resulted from his antics. Young Gwen Stacy, daughter to George Stacy, was found dead near the George Washington Bridge on November 23. Webbing was also found at the scene.

Harry Osbourne told the Daily Bugle that he was at the bridge when the crime happened.

"He pushed her. I saw it happen. They were fighting, and he pushed her off the bridge, then caught her with his web, and moved her to where she was found."

The NYPD told the Daily Bugle that when she was examined, her death seemed to have been due to whiplash. Osbourne's story, however, does not match up with other passerby's stories. Paula Scoper, 67, said, "Spider-Man didn't push her, he didn't. Someone else did. They were green; they looked like some sort of monster." Sean O'Hennessey said, "He tried to save her, he shot his web to catch her, and she snapped back?"

Currently, Stacy's father was not available for comment. Her brother, name withheld, said, "My sister was a great person, and hope they find out who did this."

The web-slinger has not been seen since these events transpired. Some citizens are taking this as an admission of guilt. Carlos Rodriguez said, "If he didn't do it, then why is he hiding? For all I'm concerned, he was caught red-handed, and he needs to face his punishment like a man." Norman Osbourne, CEO of Oscorp Industries, calls for Spider-Man to reveal his true identity.

"We cannot let him go unpunished just because he hides behind a mask. He needs to take it off and accept his punishment. If this freak can get away with murder because he wears a mask, then other people may get a similar idea. This was so tragic, and if Spider-Man doesn't reveal who he is soon, I fear it may happen again." Osbourne said. These events have also sparked a discussion about vigilantes and vigilante justice. There are some benefits to vigilante justice, such as quick and easy justice. However, in this country, the accused have rights.

Also, some citizens say we already have enough superheroes, such as the Avengers and the Fantastic Four. Stan Lee, superhero historian, 92, however, thinks differently. He said, "Give the kid a chance.

He may not be as mature as Captain America or as smart as Mr. Fantastic, but I have faith in him. He's more than a vigilante. He's less than a superhero.

He's on our level, man, and we have got to work with him, not against him."

The Night is Still Young

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Dresses. Shoes. Tuxes. Hair. Makeup. Nails. Pictures. Dancing...

And let's not forget the food!

When RHS has a school dance you know everyone is going to hear about it. But let's back up to the night before the dance to the Homecoming football game.

Friday, October 9, the Blue Devils took on the Capac Chiefs, which led to a 35-6 victory for the Blue Devils.

Despite the cold, windy weather, there were still girls in dresses and guys in tuxes during the half-time of the game waiting patiently to find out who the senior 2015 Homecoming King and Queen would be.

"When they called my name I was in shock for a second but then excitement washed over me," said senior Cody Keller as he recalled the moment when he won Homecoming King. "It being my last Homecoming it was a very memorable experience," said Keller.

Keller is from a family of six and wrestles for the Blue Devils.

Ashley Kuzatko won senior homecoming Queen along with Keller as the King.

"I was actually really sur-

prised when my name was called," said Kuzatko. "It was an amazing experience and one that I will never forget."

Kuzatko dances competitively and works at a vet where she helps out a variety of pets.

Homecoming Day

"I love getting ready and all dolled up with my friends," senior Lindsay Schweiger said when asked what her favorite part of Homecoming is. "The mem-

ories I share with my friends while getting ready will last for a life time."

Schweiger went with her boyfriend, senior Matt Skoryanc.

Skoryanc asked Schweiger with a poster saying, 'will you walk the line with me to hoco' which are lyrics from Schweiger's favorite song 'I Walk the Line' by Johnny Cash.

"This homecoming was the best one out of my high school career because I got to share it with my boyfriend and all my friends," said Schweiger.

The senior class decided to go to California Pizza Kitchen for their last Homecoming dinner together.

"The food was great!" said Keller. "It was the perfect place to go eat because who doesn't love pizza in the senior class?"

Whereas the senior class

went to California Pizza Kitchen, the freshmen class went to Applebee's together.

After the food was eaten and the pictures were taken the students of RHS proceeded to the high school gym where the school dance was held.

"It wasn't anything that I had expected," freshman Andrew Ball said. "I was told by upperclassman that the dances were sort of boring and not as fun as I would have hoped it would be, but I had an amazing time and can't wait for snow coming this year."

Even with all the songs played throughout the dance, people still had their favorites.

"Hit the Quan was my favorite song by far," said Keller. "Since the song went viral on twitter everyone in the dance knew it."

Schweiger agreed with Keller and said, "It was a dance I won't forget because it was goofy and I got to share it with my closest friends in my class."

That's what homecoming is all about: having fun with your friends, dancing, and being goofy while you are all dressed up.

Costumes, Candy, and Scares Galore!

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Hues of orange, yellow, and brown fill the atmosphere.

It's time for fall and the lovely holiday of Halloween. So get ready for the trick or treats of the season!

This time of year is when all the lovers of Halloween come out. Senior Amanda Mozal is one of these people.

Ever since she was young and watched scary movies with her family, Mozal has loved the holiday. She loves the movies and all that comes along with it.

Halloween means fall in the air.

"Fall is my favorite because I can wear sweaters and scarves, the leaves are pretty colors, and the weather is perfect," Mozal said.

Mozal's favorite holiday is Halloween because she loves the decorations and seeing little kids in their different costumes.

She also loves passing out candy to all the kids.

"Seeing kids get so happy about getting candy makes me smile," Mozal said. "It's just one of my favorite parts."

Every year, Mozal has always dressed up for Halloween. She said her favorite costume that she's ever had

was a yellow teletubbie when she was young.

Mozal also loves the haunted attractions.

In order for a haunted attraction to be good enough for Mozal, it has to be really scary. "I want to get my mom's worth," she said.

"Haunted houses are expensive and I don't want to regret going."

Mozal is also a connoisseur of scary movies.

She loves everything about scary movies besides the gore. The gore isn't her favorite thing. Frankly, it grosses her out.

The suspense of the movies are what keep her on edge.

"I always try to guess who the killer is and I always predict how the plot of the movie will unfold," Mozal said.

A lot of students dress up for school and go trick or treating.

One student in particular is Olivia VanHove.

For school this year she and her best friend Lindsay Schweiger are dressing up as the crime fighting super he-

roes, Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy from Spongebob.

VanHove will be the Mermaid Man in the duo.

"I've had this idea for weeks now," VanHove said.

"We thought it would be easy to make and it's hilarious."

VanHove has always loved dressing up. She says that it allows her to be creative and she's allowed to be something other than herself.

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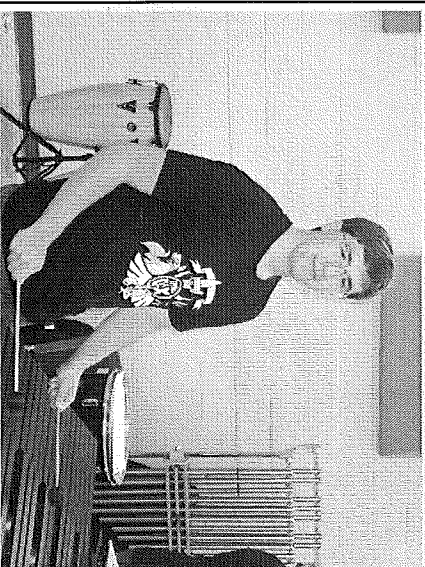
-A. Mozal

done.

VanHove started making her costume on Sunday and is now putting the final touches on it. All she had to do was make Mermaid Man's signature seashell bra.

Depending on the weather, VanHove might wear her costume out trick or treating with 4-year-old cousin.

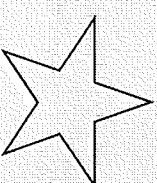
"I'm most excited for Halloween to watch my favorite movies and eat my favorite candy."



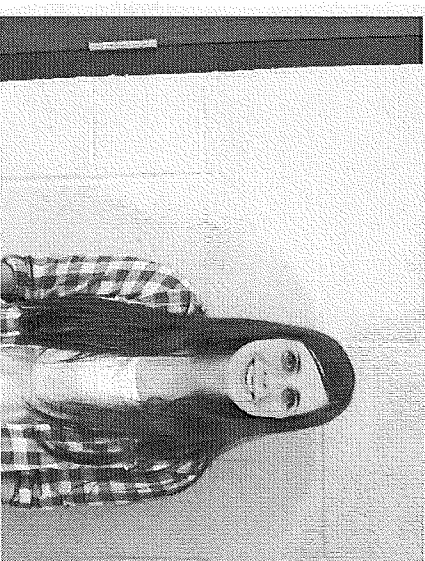
Senior Star
Students

Jacob Gilbert

1. **Role Model:** Michael Lapeer
2. **Greatest Accomplishment in high school:** Always being on honor roll
3. **Favorite After School Activity:** Marching Band
4. **Favorite Year of high school:** Freshman year because the band songs were good



Sarah McNichol



1. **Role Model:** Her mom
2. **Greatest Accomplishment in high school:** Getting third place in We The People her Junior year
3. **Favorite after school activity:** Driving on back roads with her friends
4. **Favorite year of high school:** Freshman year because it wasn't hard and she has less responsibilities

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