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Midterms signal emphasis on women, diversity

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For the past two years, the Presidency, the Senate, and the House of Representatives have all had Republicans in the majority. On November 6, however, the House flipped blue, with Democrats officially winning back 30 seats that were not under their control, according to the New York Times- and they could still flip a few more. What makes this election historical, however, is not simply the Democrats winning back the House- it was the fact that many Democrats winning House seats are minorities.

Ilhan Omar became the first Muslim woman to be elected to the House of Representatives early on Tuesday night. Omar, who will be representing Minnesota's 5th congressional district, is a Somali immigrant as well. Later in the night, she would be joined by Rashida Talib, who will represent Michigan's 13th district.

Sharice Davids also broke two barriers by winning her House race. A native of Kansas, Davids was the first Native American woman ever elected to Congress- and the first lesbian to

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Once Best PC Point Guard and Now, Favorite ESPN Journalist



Doris Burke, and a shirt (available on RedBubble.com) and a shirt made famous by Drake who wore it to a Toronto Raptors game in November 2016. PHOTOS: ESPN.COM (LEFT), REDBUBBLE.COM (RIGHT).

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Here's a story that most Rhode Islanders know- Providence College's men's basketball team was counted out in 1987. Led by guard Billy Donovan, who was deemed "too large" by some, the Friars performed relatively well in the regular season, and ended up becoming a 6-seed in the NCAA tournament. From there, PC went on a run, upsetting Alabama and then the heavily-favored Georgetown to make the Final Four. Here's one thing you may not know about that team- Billy Donovan was considered only the second-best guard in the Class of 1987.

"Every time I see Billy nowadays, I never let him forget it," said Doris Burke, the starting point guard for the PC women's team that year.

When Burke left PC, she began an illustrious and historic career. Without any kind of communica-

tions degree, she became a pioneer for women in sports journalism and is one of the NBA's most well-known sideline reporters. Everybody loves Burke- and they have since she broke into the business in 1990. Drake even wore a shirt on "Drake Night" in Toronto two years ago to honor her. She is friends with seemingly everyone in the NBA.

Burke returned to PC last year to be honored for the 100th anniversary of the college.

Life in the NBA is hard, and Burke has been living it for quite a while now. However, her worst stretches have come recently. "From October to June, I basically have no life outside basketball," she told me. In January of 2016, she was on the road for 18 of the 31 days in the month. Burke covers the NBA as well as men's and women's college basketball, and her insane schedule reflects

that. She had to leave PC shortly after her ceremony to cover the UConn women's team- and had already spent the week doing NBA games for ESPN.

Someone who didn't know much about reporting might think that Burke and other broadcasters don't have to prepare much to do what they do. However, Burke was only unprepared for one assignment throughout her career- one where she was going to be covering a game as the sideline reporter. While Burke and former Celtics head coach and then-commentator Doc Rivers made it to the stadium on time, their play-by-play analyst didn't. As such, Burke had to do play-by-play alongside Doc- while a role she had done before, it was her first time doing it in the NBA. Preparation as a sideline reporter is much different than

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Tornado rips through Lincoln neighborhood

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At 3:34 p.m. on October 23, the National Weather Service in Boston issued a tornado warning, alerting residents of an upcoming tornado that would be the first to hit Cape Cod since 1977. At least three tornadoes were likely to have torn through Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which is extremely rare for an area that does not experience twisters at any time of the year.

Surprise tornado outbreaks in Southern New England are almost unheard of. But three touched down that day, swirling for several minutes before traveling east and moving on-shore towards the entrance of Cape Cod in Sandwich, Massachusetts.

Temperatures were in the fifties with a lack of moisture in the air. Storms dropped hail coating the ground more than an inch deep in some areas in the tiny ice pellets.

In Rhode Island, tornadoes touched down in North Providence and here in Lincoln. The damage in North Providence determined the tornado to be classified as a EF0 tornado, while in Lincoln the damage was much more excessive, with it being classified as an EF1 tornado with winds of 90 to 100 mph.



LHS teacher Mrs. Doreen Picozzi's neighborhood was directly affected by the tornado.

"I left the high school at 3:15 and the weather was already severe." She said it sounded "strange, not like your typical rainfall. When I went home my dog started shaking and at the same time I heard a very high pitched tone. I had no idea what it was but the wind had something to do with it. My husband texted me that there was a tornado warning but I didn't expect much to come of it."

Picozzi described the rain being "so heavy that you couldn't see out the window. It was as if there was a white cloth over the window. The whole time I was unaware that what I

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What Will Yearbook Say About You In 2054?

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As Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh knows all too well, your high school yearbook may leave a lasting impression. During his confirmation hearings, Kavanaugh's 1983 Georgetown Prep yearbook sparked public interest due to the many widespread interpretations of the sexual references included within.

Just as social media will follow the younger generations, yearbooks may eventually resurface, giving people insight on a person's character during their teenage years.

Yearbooks were not intended to be examined in the way that Kavanaugh's was, with all their inside jokes and comments to be revealed to the world and judged. Many people flip through their yearbooks years later to relive the distant memories for a few moments. For outsiders, a yearbook captures exactly what groups or activities an individual participated in, who they considered friends, and what their personality was.

Since his yearbook has surfaced, many of Kavanaugh's former classmates have spoken out about what he was like during high school and college. The comments written throughout Kavanaugh's yearbook that he thought would never turn up again have tarnished his reputation.

A few recent cases other than

Kavanaugh's have also used a high school yearbook as evidence. Roy Moore's yearbook inscription to a

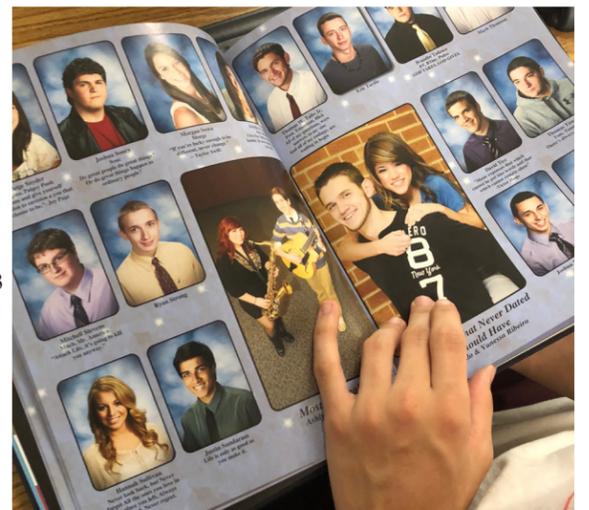


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woman who he was accused of sexual misconduct by was key evidence during his campaign for an Alabama Senate seat, and Caitlin Flanagan wrote about an experience in high school, saying how she forgave her attacker after he apologized to her through writing a note in her yearbook.

Think of what you want your reputation to be this year. It will be reflected in your yearbook, for many eyes to see and examine. However, you never know if what's inside will turn up again later on in life, as did Kavanaugh's, with strangers instantly forming their opinion on you if you choose to include negative messages inside your yearbook.

Refrain from writing negative messages inside, for you do not want them to be used against you later. Rather, use your yearbook as a memento of some of the best years of your life, respecting it and others upon receiving it.



The amazing Lionesses of Girls Volleyball have an unprecedented season. See pages 6 & 7. PHOTO BY RACHEL SMITH

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REAL TALKS WITH NICK

Getting real about guns

By Nick Albanese
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In light of recent tragedies across the nation, the debate over gun control and the second amendment has arisen once again. First with 11 killed at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then again when 12 were killed at a bar in Thousand Oaks, California, everyone can agree that these horrid acts of violence are becoming more and more common.

However, what both sides don't agree on is how we should focus; one says ban guns, while the other says we need more guns, and an underlying cause to these shootings is mental health. The fact of the matter is that both sides think they are right, and that their views on the second amendment are "common sense".

Let me start off by saying, in a general sense, this: just because your views make sense to you doesn't mean they make sense to everyone else. Liberals see it as "no guns, no problems". While it may make some sense, to me I see it as leaving our innocent people as sitting ducks instead of being able to defend themselves. Why take away the one thing that could protect our good people from the bad? And yes, people can get guns illegally, and before you say that rarely happens, people only get guns legally because it's easier and way less expensive than getting guns through the black market. If we were to ban all guns, only then would people buy guns more frequently

illegally, because it's the only way that they would be able to.

Conservatives want to counter gun violence with more guns. They believe that the solution to these violent acts are to put more guns in the hands of the people so that they are able to protect themselves. In a way, this makes some sense; these



evil people who commit these acts are going to do them no matter what, so why not have our people armed-and-ready instead of unarmed like sitting ducks?

The problem I have with this point of view is the fact that conservatives believe that all guns should still be sold. Let's be real for a second; everyday people do not need giant assault rifles and other crazy big guns (clearly I'm not too educated in types of guns). It is simply insane to claim that you need huge weapons like that to protect yourself when something as simple as a handgun will have the same effect.

I'm split down the middle on this topic; I don't believe the second amendment should be revoked, leaving our citizens unprotected, but I don't believe citizens need huge, unnecessary weapons to protect themselves either. Realistically, the closest thing to a compromise and a moderate decision would be to ban the big assault rifles and other big

guns, but keep smaller guns, such as handguns or pistols.

Maybe you don't think this is a good idea, and if you don't, then fine, I respect that. The fact is, however, that there are plenty of other people who see this the way I do; I have a moderate set of views, which is the most common type when compared to the left and the right.

One thing that urged me to write about this topic was when people began debating over whether we should have armed security in places of religion, similar to the debate over whether there should be armed officers in schools. Some said absolutely not, while some said of course we should. Simply thinking, more officers would mean more protection for the people. In a way, it does in fact

make sense. However, is it the right thing to do? Many people don't seem to think so. Again, the nation is divided on this issue as well. This decision should ultimately be made by each individual religious institution and place or worship, and should not be decided by the government, although an increase in security would do nothing but benefit the people.

I was very hesitant to write about this topic, knowing that it is a very delicate yet major topic of discussion that people feel passionate about. My goal was to simply show people the my views on this topic, the views of a moderate, someone in the middle of the left and the right.

Hopefully you come to understand my views or someone else's more, became more informed on this topic, or even became willing to inform others about your views on this topic. Discussion and debate keeps us constantly changing, evolving, and pushing for a better society. Fighting about gun control and violence is getting extremely old; it's time for the world's people to listen to one another and get something done to protect all of us.

Corporate Technology Is In Your Business Protect User Privacy

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Amazon, Google, Apple, Microsoft, and even Samsung have released robotic personal assistants to keep track of your everyday schedule, plan events, and even video call in meetings. From everything to learning your music tastes to even your home address, these devices are built to store information about everything you tell it, want it to know, or things you'd never want it to find out about, whether you like it or not. The scary part is, user data is already being sold right under our noses. Do you ever notice how advertisements seem to be directed towards you or something you're looking for? That's not a coincidence.

Deep learning algorithms have made this possible by teaching itself what time you wake up in the morning, to what time you fall asleep at night. It does this in several different ways, to name a few examples: Your first command to the smart assistant is recorded with a date and a time, to the last.

When there is silence for more than eight hours, the device assumes you are asleep and measures its own device time connected to the database. Then it can determine what time zone you are in, and through a complicated but already possible process it can determine your address through your phone through GPS, device location, time zone, and search history. The question is not one of legality, the question is "Should we limit these companies more and make private data-selling illegal?"

Yes, you read that correctly. Companies can legally sell user data with consent from the user. How do they do that? Simple, how often do you read the "Terms and Conditions?" Companies don't even bother to hide

it, in fact these companies are legally required to tell you when their terms and conditions have changed so you can re-agree with them. This is nothing more than fault from people who use the program, smart assistant, or social media outlet. However, if you don't agree with the terms and conditions, you aren't allowed to use the program. This is why data selling should be banned outright, or the restrictions put in place will be abused and shadowed over by user consent.

Among the controversy that is data privacy is the controversy of "wiretapping" a device to be constantly listening to your voice. Blueprints obtained from Paul Daniels, a hardware expert, show that all modern "smart" devices run on two separate systems. The first system detects the "trigger" word, like "Ok Google" or "Alexa" that allows the device to turn on. Then, the device is listening and processing your commands.

If the device does not get an exact copy of that trigger word, it will not process your command. Sometimes, however, the device doesn't need to listen. Through methods of deep-learning, the device keeps track of what you read, watch, listen to, and makes assumptions based on what it learns. This is how you get personalized ads on YouTube or other social media.

Legislation regarding these devices and the companies controlled by them is still being developed over the UN and our own lawmakers in the US, and it appears stricter rules regarding user-privacy are being developed. It is important the public knows about what happens with their privacy so we can overcome the scandal these companies have depended on for so long.

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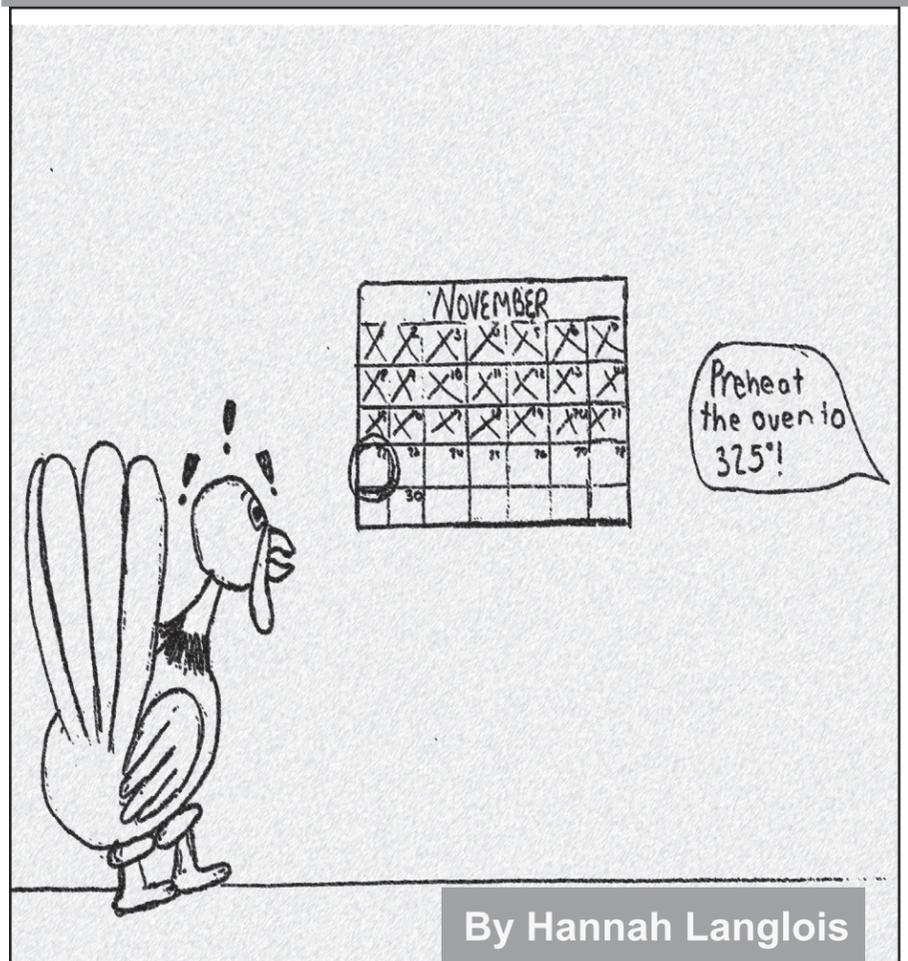
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LHS Shares the Joys of the Season

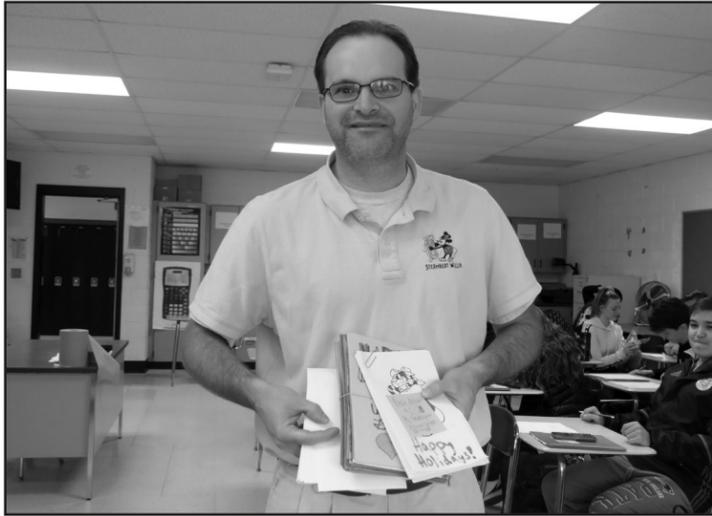
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The general spirit of community that comes with the end of the year nearing can show how humanity truly can be beautiful. Thanksgiving charities and gift giving organizations help the holiday spirit fill and warm the hearts of many people. Helping those less fortunate around the holiday season is a powerful tool in uniting communities.

Bringing joy and happiness to families that usually don't get the same luxuries as most people can be very moving.

When it comes to the holiday season, not even Lincoln High School resists the magnetic pull the time of year can have on many people. Quite a few teachers around the school have projects planned or have been part of traditions for a while now that give back for the holidays.

Every year Mr. Peter Prendergast, a math teacher at Lincoln High School, puts together items and cards to send to troops for the holidays and around Veterans day. The event is called Holiday Cheer and the whole school helps out in getting items. The tradition has been implemented for fifteen years now and has become important. It was started at the middle school when the middle school was part of the high school. Every donation counts and helps veterans



Mr. Prendergast collects letters and gift items for the troops every November.
PHOTO BY JESSICA LASIMONE.

feel supported. Items are always needed to help, such as toiletries and basic essentials that help advance the care of those currently in the military.

Prendergast was inspired from family: "My grandfather served in World War II. My dad was on the National Guard. So I have a lot of relatives and family in the army and military and it always feel good to support them and give back for what they have done for us." The end of the year is a time of coming together as people reflect on the year and see what they can do better. Giving thanks at the end of the year helps

people feel thankful for what they have in their lives, even if it is the little things.

Instead of doing a secret Santa or a Yankee swap, Mrs. Ashley Pavao has had her advisory, for the last couple of years, adopt a family for Christmas and buy presents so kids who don't have the privilege of having a Christmas can enjoy the spirit. Two kids are chosen for her advisory and the students are responsible for buying gifts. Each family gives a wish list which is a recommended guide to follow that lists sizes and a few toys

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A Forgotten Disaster Continues To Threaten Our Waters

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The
2004
Taylor

oil spill, which you most likely have never heard of, is still affecting the United States today. Fourteen years later, the oil is still being spilled into the ocean. Every day, there are tens of thousands of gallons of oil being dumped into the Gulf of Mexico, right near Louisiana, from this disaster. Over the last 14 years, it is estimated that over 153 million gallons have been spilled.

The chronic leak has been estimated to soon become larger than the Deepwater disaster. The Deepwater Horizon oil spill was an industrial disaster that began on April 20, 2010, in the Gulf of Mexico on the BP-operated Macondo Prospect, considered to be the largest oil spill in the petroleum history. In this disaster, over 200 million gallons of crude oil was pumped in the span of 87 days.

In September, the Department of Justice submitted an independent study into the nature and volume of the spill that claims previous evaluations of the damage, submitted by the oil company, Taylor Energy Co., and compiled by the Coast Guard, significantly underestimated the amount of oil being let into the ocean. The Taylor spill is spewing anywhere from 10,000 to 30,000 gallons of oil a day.

The spill began during Hurricane Ivan, a category five hurricane, which caused widespread damage around the Caribbean and the United States which had up to 165 miles per hour winds. The spill started when an oil platform belonging to the energy company was damaged and sank during the mudslide caused by the hurricane. The oil platform



An oil slick on the Gulf of Mexico. PHOTO: PIXNIO

was about 12 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi River when the eye of Hurricane Ivan, a category 4 storm, passed 60 miles to the east.

It was not until 2010, after the BP oil spill, that people began to realize something was wrong. The warning did not come from the National Guard or any oil company, but from the people around the Gulf that saw it with their own eyes.

People around the gulf near the BP spill noticed another shape, a shadow of an oil slick that was adjacent to the main spill that did not seem to match up.

In 2012, many companies such as LEAN, Apalachicola Riverkeeper and several other Louisiana environmental organizations filed a suit against the Taylor Oil company. The suit was settled in 2015, in which Taylor Oil argued that "there was no evidence to suggest" an ongoing leak. Taylor Energy liquidated its oil and gas assets and ceased production and drilling in

2008.

Patrick F. Taylor, the original owner of Taylor Energy, died in 2004 from heart problems the same year the oil began to leak. His wife, Phyllis Taylor, obtained the company to Korea and made William W. Pecue II the new president of the company in 2009, a year before the oil spill was noticed by the public. The same year Korea obtained the oil company. The company had previous knowledge on the spill before the public knew, but decided not to tell. The company was sold for

The company was established in 1979 in New Orleans as a private company. Phyllis Taylor, who with a net worth of \$1.6 billion, is on Forbes magazine's list of the world's richest people, said she began contemplating selling the company when she realized Taylor Energy would probably need a partner or a financial backer if it wanted to

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How Much do Sports Fundraisers Truly Benefit Their Teams?

By Rachel Smith
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On certain weeknights during the cool winter months, you may find the LHS winter sports teams gathered around the Lincoln Mall grabbing a bite to eat. Whether they are congregated at Five Guys, Chili's, or another popular restaurant in the area, players enjoy coming together in support of their team. Posters and shout-outs recognizing the event show onlookers that their contribution will be greatly appreciated even if only stopping by for a quick pick-up order. Lincoln High School sports team fundraisers are both fun for athletes and beneficial for team funding, but how much do they truly contribute? Is it necessary to hold these fundraisers every season?

Before scheduling any sports

fundraisers, a permission slip found in the main office of LHS must be filled out and signed off on by Principal Kevin McNamara. Once he approves the event it must also be approved by the athletic director, Mr. Gregory O'Connor, Superintendent Mr.

Lawrence Filippelli, and Business Manager Mr. John McNamee.

According to Sheila Brown, swim team parent, she organizes these events based off of advertisements and suggestions or on occasion by emails received directly from the restaurants. She contacts the restaurants in person and through email. Though this is how swim team fundraisers are arranged, the Girls Tennis Team captains and coach join forces to schedule events. In regard to their Lincoln Creamery fundraiser, tennis coach Mr. Brandon Lahoud used his connections to contact the owners, while the team captains and players arranged the fundraiser located at Five Guys: Burgers and Fries.



For some restaurants, it is required to hand out special coupons that buyers must present in order to gain funds for the team from the night, but Five Guys is one of the few that does not require this. Team members promote the fundraisers through word of mouth, social media, and posters around the high school. Team members have found that the most effective route of promotion is through social media since almost everyone has/uses the platform on the daily.

"It depends on the restaurant as to how much is donated. It's usually between 10 and 20 percent. For the last couple of years, we've been fundraising at Five Guys which donates 20 percent of their profits between 5 and 8 p.m.," explains Mrs. Brown. The most successful fundraiser for the team was held in September 2018 where they

raised \$280. For the Girls Tennis Team, senior captain Aryana Khun believes that her team's Five Guys 2018 fundraiser was the most beneficial to them.

"For this team? Yes, I believe that this [the restaurant fundraiser], was more effective, although there is certainly always room for improvement," she commented.

"The fundraisers we hold are important for a variety of reasons, but more than anything a fundraiser can be most beneficial to the bonding of a team," explains Khun. She looks at their fundraisers as geared toward the team raising money all together as a family. She recognizes that there are various other ways to bring the team together while raising money, but due to the renovations it was hard to schedule anything any more rewarding than the restaurant fundraisers that they held. Overall, LHS sports fundraisers that are held at local restaurants truly develop teams as a whole and are one of the best ways that they can gain the necessary funds for the season.

Native Americans may have lost their vote in North Dakota

By Dan Crowley
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On October ninth the Supreme Court of the United States approved a law introduced in North Dakota which made it a requirement for voters to have a street address.

However, what this law also does, seemingly by accident, is disenfranchise the Native American population of North Dakota which lives on reservations. Before the approval of this law, Native Americans on reservations were able to vote by having a P.O. box. With the new law approved Native Americans on reservations, who lack a street address, are unable to vote.

Five percent of the population in North Dakota are Native Americans. About sixty percent of these Native Americans live on reservations. The Native American Law Rights Fund claims that that Native Americans

are twice as likely to lose their ability to vote from this law.

The reasons behind the law are unclear. Many Democrats have claimed that it is an ongoing battle Republicans are undergoing to suppress the voting rights of Native Americans, a very influential group in politics. In 2012 Senator Heidi Heitkamp, a Democrat, won the state's senatorial election by a narrow margin. The Native American turnout was largely regarded as her reason for victory. Ever since that election, the Republicans of North Dakota have been attempting to pass voting laws similar to the one in question.

The Republicans, however, claim that this law was passed in order to stop voter fraud. Despite that claim, the Heritage Foundation cites that there have only been three cases of voter fraud in the state since 2012.

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Angelina's Journey Back to Health

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Angelina Domenici is a thirteen-year-old girl. July of

2017, she was diagnosed with pediatric ALL. Leukemia is the most common type of cancer for children and teens to get diagnosed with. For teens and children diagnosed with cancer, one out of three of the cases is leukemia. Most cases of leukemia are ALL, which stands for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. The rest of the cases are AML, which stands for Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

This past August, Angelina went back to school starting the 8th grade. Her first three days of school were pretty exciting but then after those few days, she started struggling. To her, it felt at times that she was drowning in all her papers and assignments. Her teachers have made exceptions that she can bring homework in late but everything just keeps piling up so it makes her more stressed and tired.

Angelina now goes to receive chemotherapy every week for the next 40 weeks but along with that, doctors have put her on medications to help with her anxiety which helps her maintain her panic and anxiety attacks, and she also works with a therapist as well. Sometimes Angelina feels like she is too young to be having all of this anxiety but she knows she can not help it. The doctors and nurses had her pay attention to the little things so when something was not right, she would know and be able to bring it to the doctors attention.

Although Angelina does like missing school for her chemotherapy treatments because having these treatments feels like her normal life to her. Angelina saw her nurses and doctors so often that she now considers them family. The downfall of leaving school early would be the even bigger pile up of all the homework she has to complete.

About a year and a half ago, Angelina had come home from a birthday party when her dad noticed bruise. It was so severe, she said, that it looked like someone had taken a baseball bat to her. Angelina was very fatigued and very pale, and she would get very cranky. After her parents made several phone calls, Angelina was asked to go to the hospital to have tests run. Later that day, her mother got a phone call telling her parents to get Angelina to the hospital right away because they had a room for her.

Angelina started on chemotherapy quickly, but they hit a bump in the road. In addition to the leukemia, she was found to have a very rare form of meningitis. Angelina had to be placed into a medically induced coma and was admitted to the ICU. The doctors had told her parents that Angelina would probably not survive the meningitis. But Angelina did.

When she woke, one side of her body was not able to move a lot. She had lost sight in one of her eyes. But since that first awakening, she had gained so much strength back into her body and her eyesight is almost completely back.

Every morning Angelina wakes up at 7 a.m. to brush her teeth and take all of her pills at once. Every Tuesday she goes to the hospital for chemotherapy as well as more blood work. She'll get ready for her tutors to come but sometimes she'll have anxiety attacks due to



PHOTO: DOMENICI FAMILY

the stress of homework and studying. At times, playing with her dog will help relieve some of the stress. Every Friday she has physical therapy in the pool because she has avascular necrosis in her knees as a result of how the steroids have affected her. She takes seven more pills including chemo, brushes her teeth again, and finally goes to sleep.

Angelina looks forward to is beating her cancer, getting healthier, having her hair grow back, returning to school and having her cheeks and stomach back to normal size due to the rounds of steroids. Although Angelina does not know what she wants to do, having cancer, in an emotional way, has affected what she

today? The experience, however, propelled his desire for a career that he has been eager to start. With what happened with Angelina, it reinforced Reison's desire to continue a career in medicine. He had the opportunity to observe all sorts of specialists' diagnosis, treat, and collectively work for the sake of saving another tiny human. Reison was on the "other side" of medicine, and it was scary. This immersive process further fueled his internal drive to someday be in the same shoes of those physicians and offer the same kind of hope that his family was given to others in need.

Of course, with something like this there are struggles not only Angelina but her parents

"Our family has become stronger, more united, and more faithful than ever. Today we love each other more than ever, and we are fighting this horrible disease."

wants to do for a future career.

At certain times when Angelina would wake up in the ICU, it did not matter to her what she looked like. She was just looking at getting out of the hospital as soon as possible. But after a couple of months, she started getting upset with how her body looked and how the steroids made her cheeks and stomach puffy. After talking to her friends, she learned there would be a pool party coming up. She had said how she thought that she looked ugly with her stretch marks and when she was talking about it, she started crying. Angelina said that one of the most positive things coming out of this experience is how her attitude had changed toward life. She now knows what she looks like with no hair, short hair, long hair and now she can try different hair styles as it's growing longer.

Angelina's brother, Reison, said that her diagnosis was a "coincidence". Well before her diagnosis, he had already begun to pursue the necessary requirements for entrance to medical school. What was a long and difficult journey for him, became even more so when she was diagnosed. By far the scariest thing for Reison was the uncertainty of day to day life. What might happen tomorrow that has not happened

as well. Struggles that they have seen in Angelina have included anxiety but mostly physically side effects from the treatments such as difficult retaining memories, body ache, nausea, light headaches, struggle to get up from bed when she feels sick. She struggles to do simple things like running and jumping because her body has weakened due to the constant chemo. But her parents have also faced struggles such as overcoming fears every day and the financial struggle. With the scariest thing of possibly losing their daughter, both of Angelina's parents said a positive outcome is: "Our family has become stronger, more united, and more faithful than ever. Today we love each other more than ever and we are fighting this horrible disease. We have also experienced love from our friends in the community which has had a great impact for our family."

On May 20, Angelina officially entered the Maintenance Phase which means she still has 70 more weeks of chemotherapy, aquatic therapy, and spinal taps before she ends with her total of 25 months of aggressive chemotherapy. After that, her treatment will decrease with time until she reaches a total of five years in remission before she is declared cancer free.

Since July 10, 2017, Angelina has completed Prophase, Induction, Consolidation I, CNS Therapy, Consolidation II and last but not least Continuation or "Maintenance", for treatments. All of these above consist of weekly visits to the hospitals for blood work, IV chemotherapy (she receives through her port in her chest Doxorubicin, Methotrexate, Vincristine, six Mercaptopurine, Asparagine,) also Dexamethasone (steroid), and antibiotics to protect her from pneumonia, as well as emotional, physical and aquatic therapy.

According to The American Cancer Society, ALL is a type of cancer of the blood and bone marrow that affects white blood cells. Although most childhood leukemia cases are ALL, there are fewer than 200,000 cases a year and it is rare. If ALL is not treated right away, it becomes worse very quickly.

Different sign of childhood ALL include fever, easy bruising or bleeding, bone or joint pain, weakness, feeling tired, looking pale, loss of appetite among many more. Symptoms like these are caused by low red blood cell count. Systems caused by a low white blood cell are infections and a fever. Symptoms of a

low blood platelet count are easy bruising and bleeding, frequent or severe nose bleeding, and bleeding gums. Other types of symptoms are weight loss, swollen lymph nodes, trouble breathing, swelling of arms and faces as well as seizures.

If any of these symptoms are noticed, a doctor will want to look at the child right away. During the physical exam, the doctor will focus on any enlarged lymph nodes, areas of bleeding or bruising, or possible signs of infection. The eyes, mouth, and skin will be looked at carefully, and a nervous system exam may be done. The abdomen (belly) will be felt for signs of an enlarged spleen or liver. The first type of test that will be done is a blood test. They will use the blood to figure out the white blood cell, the red blood cell and platelet count. Most children will have a high white blood count and a low red blood count or platelet count. Many of the white blood cells in the blood will be blasts, an early type of blood cell normally found only in the bone marrow.

If necessary there will be a bone marrow aspiration and biopsy. The samples are taken from the back of the pelvic bone and if needed sometimes the front of the pelvic bone and even other bones. For an aspiration, the skin over the pelvic bone is cleaned and numbed with a local anesthetic or sometimes there will be a numbing cream applied. Most of the time with children, they are given a medication to make them a little drowsy or even make them sleep during the aspiration.

Once that is done, a thin hollow needle is inserted into the bone and a syringe is used to suck out a small amount of liquid bone marrow. For a biopsy, it is usually done after the aspiration. A small piece of the bone and the marrow is removed with a slightly larger needle that is pushed down into the bone. When the biopsy is done, pressure is applied to the site of injection to help prevent any bleeding. The bone marrow tests are used to diagnose leukemia but later on during treatment are sometimes done again to see if the cancer is responding to the treatment.

Another test done is a lumbar puncture, also known as a spinal tap. This test is used to look for leukemia cells in the cerebrospinal fluid, which is the fluid that bathes the brain and spinal cord. For this test, the doctor applies a numbing cream over the lower part of the back over the spine. Once again, medication is given to the child to make them drowsy or even sleepy. A small, hollow needle is then placed between the bones of the spine to withdraw some of the fluid.

For childhood leukemia, a team is usually led by a pediatric oncologist, a doctor that specializes in children's cancer. Many other specialists are involved in the team as well, including other doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, psychologists, social workers, rehabilitation specialists, and other health professionals. The main treatment for childhood leukemia is chemotherapy. For some children with higher risk leukemia, high-dose chemotherapy may be given along with stem cell transplant. Other treatments such as targeted drugs, immunotherapy, surgery and radiation therapy may be used in special circumstances. Treatment for acute forms of childhood leukemia is usually very intense.

After treatment is complete, even for several years after, there is going to be following up exams. The doctor will look for signs of leukemia during each exam. Checkups include careful physical exams, lab tests, and sometimes imaging tests. If the leukemia does come back it either comes back most of the time during treatment or within a year or so after finishing treatment. It is unusual for acute leukemia to come back if there are no signs of the diseases within the next two years. While treatment may be done, there are risks for these patients for the rest of their lives. Such as heart and lung problems, learning problems, growth and development issues, fertility issues, and bone problems.

Although Angelina has so much more to go through, she smiles through all of it. "Leukemia has changed my view in life because, before I wasn't as wise, and I would always complain about how I looked and how my hair would have fly aways (little things like that), but now, I cherish life and appreciate what I have," she said.

YOUR MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS: TWENTY-FOUR SEVEN

student life

Is there really a difference between girls and boys?



STUDYING THE EFFECTS OF GENDER: Really, is there any significant difference between boys and girls? Scientists seem to think so. PHOTO BY NICK ALBANESE

Are boys more confident than girls?

By Lauren Gardner
Lion's Roar Staff

As a kid, if we made a mistake or did something against the majority, most of us didn't care and did our own thing anyway. If a child wore a shirt for a show that was unpopular, it wouldn't be a big deal because children don't usually pay attention to what somebody looks like. Most kids would just be happy to make a friend and not pinpoint somebody that is different from them.

Flash forward to ten years later, and suddenly the smallest mistakes and differences can set someone into a realm of plummeting in self-confidence. However, it is important to note that the main confidence decrease is in teen girls going through puberty. Thoughts

often run through their heads, "What if I'm not good enough?" or "What if everyone laughs at me" and a more common thought, "Am I pretty enough?" What is it in a young adolescent girl's mind that starts to raise high expectations for them?

After research conducted by The Atlantic and Ypulse Inc, there was a discovery that there is decline in confidence as girls reach adolescence. Girls from the ages the ages age eight to 14 were surveyed to rank their confidence on a scale from 0 to 10. The results showed that the average went from 8.5 to a 6, showing that puberty and the early teen years definitely have an impact on girls' confidence.

According to the research, boys show small

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Are girls really smarter than boys?

By Jakob Potemri
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For many years, females have been considered the superior gender in terms of intellect all across the world, in countries such as the United States; Hong Kong; and Norway to name examples. Females even tended to perform better in the area of science, where for a long time males were thought to lead the way in terms of proficiency in the area.

Pieces germane to the topic were found from a recent study by Daniel and Susan Voyer at the University of New Brunswick. One million students of both genders and 369 academic studies were examined and analyzed in an effort to identify which gender scores higher. The Pew Research Center also used the U.S. Bureau data in order to identify the percent of males who went to college in comparison to females that attend. The results come out to 71 percent for young women while for young men, the results were 61 percent. The females attending college has an eight percent increase since 1994.

Claire Cameron from the Advanced Study of Technology and learning located at the University of Virginia educates kindergartners. She believes the key to succeed in a 21st century kindergarten class is to have one primary skill, and that is to "manifest excellent self-regulation." This term refers to students having good self-control, and utilizing traits of discipline. The skills are not only beneficial in a five-year-old's learning environment, but in all aspects of life. After experiments such as the Heads-Toes-Knees-Shoulders training were regulated, Cameron was shocked with surprising results. It was discovered that boys were an entire year behind in terms of self-regulation. Boys, however, were just learning skills that the girls learned one year earlier.

The self-discipline edge that females possess over their male counterparts carries over into secondary schooling as well. Martin Seligman and Angela Lee Duckworth; two cognitive scientists from the University of Pennsylvania found that girls even at the middle school level were "more persistent on completing long term assignments, fighting against boredom and procrastination." They also observed that the girls spend double the amount of time on their schoolwork than boys do. The boys are more adapt to the evils of procrastination. The grade point averages; or GPAs of girls were also higher than the boys across all subjects in secondary schooling, the girls even scored higher in subjects such as advanced math; where boys have been rumored to perform better than girls for years.

The term "self-discipline" holds a strong connotation to the word "conscientious." Conscientiousness is described as an inborn personality trait that can evenly be distributed among all humans.

Lindsay Reddington of Columbia University finds that girls were proven to be more conscientious in the likes of many different

situations, whether they be academic; physical; or when dealing with emotion. Girls were proven to take better notes in certain class studies, and hold a better sense of what is correct or inaccurate.

The less developed conscientiousness of boys places them at a large disadvantage in the school setting, where grades reflect how conscientious a student is. Good grades represent the organization skills of each student, and how well each student performs with time management.

These days, the school experience has a more sufficiently paved path for females. The days where you could lay off on homework assignments for the semester, and then perform really well on a particular midterm or final exam are days buried in history. There was a higher emphasis on the assessment in those days.

With new technology comes a higher level of distraction, and that is to severely affect male students particular. To perform well in school in the 21st century, you must complete homework assignments at a high level and perform at a passable rate on tests and assessments. Gwen Kenney-Benson, a psychology professor at Allegheny College, has publicly stated that girls succeed over boys in school because they tend to be more master-oriented in their schoolwork, while boys are more performance oriented, meaning they can perform more sufficiently while taking a test or completing an on-demand assignment.

Education is shifting, however, so the chance that it may begin to respond to boys' learning styles is possible. For some time now, teachers have marked students with zeros for any homework assignment they could not complete. Since boys tend to be less conscientious than girls, boys are often expected to be less conscientious about homework assignments, resulting in a zero or two. When a boy at Ellis Middle School; located in Hendersonville, TN had his grades printed out, the grades radically differed from one another.

Accumulation of A's, B's, and F's resulted in the boy holding a C average, which didn't speak to his level of work ethic. Teachers are now switching over to not giving students homework grades, and using homework as "prior knowledge" or study guides for test preparation. Mike Nicholson; head of admissions at Oxford University, says that boys tended to "whizz through" multiple-choice quizzes whereas girls couldn't even finish them.

Boys are proven to be better test takers because of their expertise in risk. This is one example of teachers designing learning assessments that are better suited to their male students.

In the end, both genders enjoy certain advantages in public schooling. Parents, teachers, and administrators are trying to find ways to ensure school for both genders is equal, so both boys and girls have the same level of chance in terms of potential for their futures.

Savor the Flavor by Rachel Smith

This month we visit Treehouse Tavern

By Rachel Smith
Lion's Roar Staff

Centerville
Road in
Warwick,

RI, houses a quaint bistro restaurant named Treehouse Tavern. Adorned in yellow-tinted lights, sunflowers, and pumpkins, this old farmhouse setup establishment dishes out fun twists on your everyday American favorites. Absorbed into the trees and busied with woody interior, this restaurant is the definition of autumn mixed with an early 60's vibe.

Originating 38 years ago in 1978, this family owned restaurant began as a floral shop. Run by a mother and son duo, they slowly grew their shop into a bakery, expanding into the field of chocolates and cakes. Tea and luncheons came next, laying down the stepping stones to the lunch and dinner dining that they are known for today.

Thursday, October 4, at seven o'clock my father and I are on the drive to our weekly dinner. Tonight is my choice, wanting to experience something other than the tasty but repetitive dishes at Chili's in Lincoln. Although a long drive [for Rhode Islanders] of 30 minutes, the bistro that we are met with is something even better than pictured online or in my own head.

Approaching the restaurant, nostalgia hits me straight in the chest as I take in the scene, making me feel like I am entering the land of Woody Hollow from Disney's Tinkerbell. The building itself is a rusty red color with white farmhouse trim and sitting directly out front is its namesake, the treehouse. Upon entering you are met with bursts of sunflowers and woodland furniture with light fixtures adorned by faux twigs and fairy lights. The lighting is lowered to a dull yellow, encasing everyone



inside in a cocoon of warmth and homelike feelings.

We are seated at a high top table near the bar of the restaurant in the main dining room. Wood boxes of tall grain separate us from our neighbors as we share a long, stained wood table. I automatically feel a sense of calm and peacefulness as the design and feel of the interior of the restaurant bring my mind someplace other than a side-of-the-highway eating stop; to somewhere in the deep forest as if I am inside the story of Snow White.

The menu consists of an extensive list of alcoholic drink combinations with a side of virgin beverages as well, which is what catches my eye. I order a "White Grape Spritzer", which is brought in an hourglass silhouette

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The Amazing Women



A SEASON TO REMEMBER

By Nick Albanese
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The highest record in the regular season; the first time reaching the semi-finals; and the first team making it to the state championship. These are just some of the biggest accomplishments made by the girls volleyball team this year. Taking one loss in the regular season, these women conquered nearly all the opponents in their path, winning the other 17 games. With impactful women such as Victoria Ryan, Nicole Lezon, and Emma Gianetti (to name a few), it's no wonder that this particular team was as successful as they were.

At the start of the season, the team didn't even expect much of themselves. "In our last season, we only won four games in the entire regular season," senior Alyssa Bohorquez states. Bohorquez plays the libero position, which means she plays defense, and focuses on passing and receiving against the other team. "We faced great adversity throughout this season because of how little was expected of us."

But then something changed; the team started winning, beating their opponents with ease. "This season I think we've had a lot more confidence going into all of our match-

es," Emma Navilliat, a senior right-side hitter, claims. "Our energy is up and the chemistry is there when it wasn't before. This year, we were able to actually come together as a team and really perform well."

Laila Mostello-Wetherbee, a senior and outside hitter on the team, agrees with Navilliat. "We all respect each other," Mostello-Wetherbee explains. "Everyone wants to succeed as a team. No one plays for themselves; everyone wants to play for each other because of the unique chemistry that we have, and each girl brings something different to our team."

According to the girls, they couldn't have been this successful without their coach, Kyle Medeiros, who coached the girls volleyball team only once before. He played a huge role in making the team who they are, "recognizing each girl's strengths and weaknesses, and building off that to make them even better," according to Bohorquez.

And boy, did this team have chemistry. They remained at the top of the division the entire season, losing one game against East Greenwich—considered only a minor setback for the team. "It broke our undefeated streak, and it definitely rattled us. However, we used

the loss as an opportunity to learn from our mistakes and we bounced back."

The lions easily made it into playoffs, and before they knew it, they were in the championship facing the same team they lost to in the regular season; East Greenwich. It was a hard fought battle, going down to a fifth set, with each team having won two sets. The Lions had a six point streak at the end of the final set, but unfortunately it wasn't enough, and East Greenwich won the set 15-13. No doubt the game was tough, and the girls left everything they had on the court that Saturday afternoon.

This was such an exciting season for this group of girls, and it was even more exhilarating to watch them; you got excited everytime Mostello-Wetherbee jumps up to hit the ball, because she hits it with such power focus that nobody would want to be in the way of one of her bullets; whenever Lezon jumped and blocked the opposing team's hit above the net, tipping back to score the point, all you could do was celebrate at the astonishing play; and every time Navilliat went on a long point streak with her powerful, controlled serves, or Bohorquez made an incredible defensive play, sometimes even with her feet and legs, to

keep the ball from touching the floor, the entire crowd was left speechless.

Though the women were disappointed after the championship, they were more than happy with the season they had. "Obviously winning would have been ideal, but just to get to [the championship] is a feat in itself. We've come the farthest Lincoln girls volleyball has ever come," Mostello-Wetherbee states.

The biggest accomplishment this team however was not on the court but rather off it. "Last year there was a large and undeniable divide in the girls volleyball team," Bohorquez claims. "This year, we truly played as one and learned as one. I'm very thankful that divide is no longer present, and I take great pride in the connections I have made with my teammates. Our team can be brutally honest with each other and make never ending jokes about anything." Coming together as a team in more ways than one was most important for this team and arguably resulted in the amazing season that they had.

"We definitely all had our hearts set on winning the state championship, but just to be there made me so proud of my team," Navilliat states. "We still had a great season, even break-

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Alyssa
 This year we truly played as one and learned as one. The connection necessary to play with five other girls on a court is inexplicably vital, and there is no doubt that we have it.”

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Laila
 Our record of 19-2 is a statistical measure of our success, but it doesn't show how far we have come as individuals. Everyone has improved so much over the years and we really just have the mentality to play our hearts out.”



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Emma
 None of us were expecting a lot from our season except for some wins and making it to playoffs. Winning the state championship didn't cross any of our minds. We've never had as much energy, motivation, and chemistry.”

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ome Lincoln girls volleyball records. g home with the state champion title d have been incredible, but either way unbelievably proud of what our team has mplished this year.”

oach Medeiros was the most proud of girls. “[The] team will not be remem- d for falling short in their first appear- in a State Championship, but rather e way they captivated a school and munity for the better part of the fall. And ne week, one glorious week, Lincoln me a “volleyball school”... To go from -to-back 4-10 seasons to finishing 19-2 oming within two points of a title was al. I am so proud of every single player. y left everything they had on the court ave zero reasons to hold their heads n]. I am so lucky to have the opportuni- oach this special team.”

lincoln High School is so grateful to such a great group of young women esenting our school, being the only port to reach the state championship. gh we will miss all of this year's ors, we can't wait to see all what next s team will accomplish as well.



Faculty Fast-Talk

Mrs. Cecila Botelho



PHOTO: TYLER McNULTY

What is the best purchase you have ever made? Land

What is something everyone should do before death? Help someone in need.

What's the most interesting place you have been? Hawaii

What is your least favorite thing about your home? Nothing. I love my home.

If all jobs had the same pay, where would you work? Exactly where I am

What's the best way to start your day? With a smile and sarcasm.

What is the meaning of life? To be happy and useful.

Sleeping with socks or no socks? Socks in the winter

What is the worst injury you have ever had? Ankle injury

How do you wanna die? In my sleep

If you were a color what would you be? Pink

Phones in the classroom? Sometimes

Who is the real Dr. Bacon? Nobody knows. He's never been seen.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be? Heal people

What celebrity would you rate as a perfect 10? Keanu Reeves

Do you have any pets? No

What is your favorite song? I have many.

Milk or cereal first? Cereal first, duh.

Is water wet? No, it makes things wet

Do you use social media? Yes

What website do you visit most of the time? Teachers pay teachers.

What age do you want to live to? Old age.

Who inspires you to be better? My kids and husband

What is something you have done that you'll never do again? Build a house

What is the strangest thing you have come across? Some of my students. JK

What are you addicted to? Coffee

Where do you see yourself 20 years from now? Enjoying life

Favorite sports team? Bruins and Red Sox

Favorite quote? "Be the change you wish to see in the world" and "You're killin me smalls."

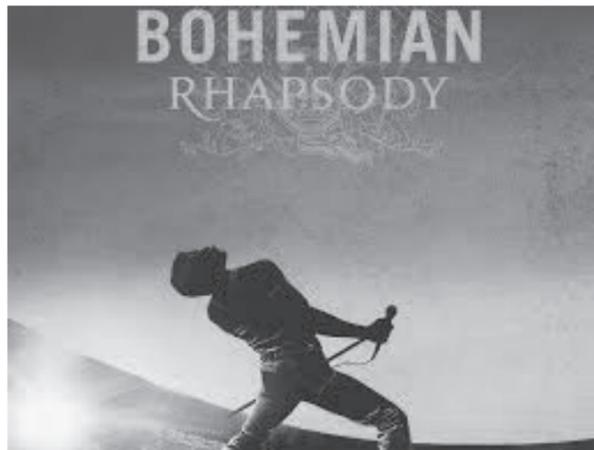
Other than teaching, other hobby? Anything related to spending time with my family.

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Queen and Freddie Mercury Changed Our World

By Hannah Brouillard
Lion's Roar Staff

Twenty-seven years after Freddie Mercury's death, a movie has come out commemorating Mercury and his bandmates' lives. Twenty-seven years ago, and yet, even in the small town of Lincoln, opening weekend has the theater filled with fans, eager to get a glimpse into the legendary band member's unique, amazing, and very peculiar heads. It seems like a mystery to some that these four musicians have been able to strike such an emotional chord in so



many people that a movie could be made about them twenty-seven years after their lead singer's death, and the theater is still filled with thousands of tearful eyes. Yet, this is no mystery at all. Queen was able to produce music so emotional, so experimental, and yet so relatable that all four of them will go down in history as musical legends. We must remember, we're talking about the band that created an album mixing rock and roll and opera, and somehow made this crazy idea a huge success. With four of the most talented musicians and lyricists to step foot on stage, Freddie Mercury, Roger Taylor, Brian May, and John Deacon, there was never before a band like Queen and there most likely will never again be a band like Queen. There has never been a performer quite like Freddie Mercury. He was able to capture the essence of his unique, strange, and wonderful spirit through his performances and his flamboyance, emotion, and soul that he put

into every lyric. Because of this, he has found a spot in the hearts of not only the people who lived through his creativity, but even in teenagers today. "Bohemian Rhapsody shows how much Freddie deserved to have his story told," said Duha Mansoor, a Lincoln High School sophomore. "I love Queen and their music is something I could never get tired of. The movie shows how a legend was made and how a man was destroyed." Mercury struggled with AIDS in his short lifetime and brought awareness to the

issue worldwide as people mourned with him. He was often looked down upon by many audiences because he was a gay man with AIDS. His reputation and career was overall affected negatively by this, but the fight for AIDS had a skyrocket in support from Queen's loving fans. It's a little bit crazy to think that Lincoln High School students are still inspired and influenced by a man that grew up on a different continent and died over a decade before they were born. This really only goes to show how influential Mercury really was. Steven Teixeira, a junior at Lincoln High School, believes people will become even more attached to this music because of the movie. "I think the movie coming out twenty-seven years after Mercury's death really helped bring people back to the band, and gave people a greater appreciation of Queen's music now that they know the history of the band," he says. While Teixeira had enjoyed the band's music previously, he felt inspired by the movie as a

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Athletes And Their Dreams of College Sports

The nightmare of suffering an injury after signing



Riley Riendeau, who had already verbally committed to Monmouth College and its softball team, recently underwent surgery to correct a serious injury she suffered in October at a Lady Lions volleyball game. PHOTO BY SADIE LAFLEUR

By Jenna Iacofano and Elizabeth DiMasso
Lion's Roar Staff

Life doesn't always go the way you want. Sometimes you feel as if the world is against you when you are trying your best to accomplish something. That is exactly how Riley Riendeau felt during her last season of high school volleyball this year. On October 15, the girls volleyball team had a game against East Greenwich. This game was vital for the Lions to win because at the time, both Lincoln and East Greenwich were undefeated.

At that game, Riendeau unfortunately took a hard fall. Once she was down on the court, Riendeau immediately starting holding her knee. Riley's injury all happened just in the blink of an eye.

As a high school athlete, you are able to verbally commit to colleges if offered a scholarship. Due to Riendeau's hard work, she committed to Division 1 Monmouth University to play softball. Riendeau has also played volleyball throughout her high school career.

Riendeau explained, "We had won the first set and were on the second. I went up to hit a ball over the net to save a point. I jumped up and tipped the ball over, but when I landed I only landed on my left leg and my knee popped."

Stunned and scared, Riendeau did not know what to expect from this injury. Riendeau did not know how serious the injury was when heading to the hospital.

"All I thought about in that moment was how it was my last time playing volleyball. In my head I knew it was a bad injury but I did not want to show it. I felt as if I couldn't move my leg and the pain was so sharp I couldn't walk myself off the court," Riendeau said.

Knowing she had a D-1 commitment to the college of her dreams, she was hoping this injury would not jeopardize her opportunity to play in college.

Right after the injury happened, Riendeau immediately went to the hospital to check it out. Since they could not give Riendeau a definite answer on what happened to her knee, a couple days after Riendeau's injury, she made sure to get an MRI to see what was actually wrong with her knee. For a few days after the incident happened, Riendeau walked around on crutches, doing everything she can to help her knee recover as quickly as possible. Riendeau was nothing but anxious while waiting for her MRI results to come back. She knew her scholarship was on the line, and she could not do anything but hope for the best.

To Riendeau's disappointment, the MRI came back with a horrifying result. It has

turned out that Riendeau's brutal fall during her volleyball game led to her tearing her ACL and needing surgery. This was heartbreaking news to Riendeau. Right away, she knew she had to talk to her college coach and explain what happened.

"When the MRI results came back, I was so angry and upset even though I was already told it was my ACL, just to hear the confirmation was too real," Riendeau said.

The results of the fall she took during her volleyball game resulted in an ACL tear and a sprained MCL. She was heartbroken. She felt as if her hard work to get to where she was, was all taken from her.

Schools are, in fact, able to take the student's scholarships back if they feel the need to. If a student is committed to a college to play a sport but then shows poor judgment and gets caught up in drama, has an injury, or is not trying their hardest in school to keep their grades up, then the college coaches are allowed to pull the scholarship from the student. With that in the back of Riendeau's mind, she could not calm her nerves.

Riendeau already fell in love with the campus at Monmouth University.

"My dad always told me to be able to imagine myself staying there. I knew instantly that I wanted to go there. It has a great balance of academics and athletics, the classroom sizes are not big, the atmosphere is perfect, and it is a short walk to the Jersey Shore."

Frightened to tell the coach of her college team what has happened, Riendeau said, "I was SUPER nervous. I'm nervous to talk to my coach in general, so to add this awful news on top of that was no better."

"I remember her telling me when I verbally committed that a catcher she recruited tore her ACL and she told her not to worry. So I kept that in the back of my mind."

Riendeau's college coach was nothing but understanding about Riendeau's injury. She hopes Riendeau recovers quickly and she wants to make sure she is focusing on rehabilitating her knee for the softball season. Riendeau was able to keep her scholarship to Monmouth University to play D-1 softball.

Riley Riendeau successfully got her ACL surgery in October and the most she can do now is wait and completely recover. To get back on her feet, Riendeau attends physical therapy twice a week to rehabilitate her knee.

She is setting many goals for herself throughout her recovery. With hard work and dedication, Riendeau will successfully be able to accomplish her goals, and she will be healthy enough to pursue her dream of playing D-1 softball.

High School Role Models "High Five" Future Athletes

By Randall Hien Jr.
Lion's Roar Staff

"Are these actually high schoolers?"
"Woah! Are those football players? Is that a soccer player?"

"Wow, these kids are huge!" squealed elementary students at Northern Elementary as LHS athletes greeted them as they entered school Friday morning.

Superintendent Dr. Filippelli, Principal McNamara, and Athletic Director Mr. O'Connor made a decision to implement a new cross-school pride program in the Lincoln Public Schools. The idea for "High Five Friday" came from a similar program used in Scituate Public Schools, Dr. Filippelli's former school district. Lincoln has put its own twist on this great idea.

High Five Friday, which has been held every Friday over the past few weeks has brought the Lincoln community closer together. Fall varsity athletes return to their respective elementary schools, greet the students as they arrive and visit former teachers.

Lincoln High School, under the leadership of Principal McNamara, prides itself on its



culture and climate of (RISE UP) respect, integrity, safety, engagement, unity and pride, which are the core values that define not only our school, but our entire community.

Principal McNamara has very positive thoughts about the new program. He states, "From High Five Friday, I want both the

elementary and high school students to get a little bit of energy, that positive energy from both students. I think it is nice that we are able to go back and put smiles on elementary students' faces. I think whatever we can do to forge that connection between schools is really important."

"The purpose of High Five Friday is to get varsity high school athletes back involved with elementary students to bring the community together," says Mr. O'Connor, athletic director

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Soccer's Season of Success



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By Kevin Conaty
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The last two years had been years to forget for the Lincoln High School boys' soccer team until the guys hit the field in August of this year. The boys finished the 2016 season with a record of 3-5-3, followed up by a 3-9-5 2017 season. A year of winning was needed not only for the players, but for the school. The students at Lincoln were waiting for something to cheer for. The offseason work put in from all the players has payed off for an exciting season.

The season started with three exciting wins. Two of the three were at home, and a road game at Mt. Pleasant in the second game of the year had the Lions score six goals! The offense showed flashes all year with other high scoring games, including two games with Lincoln scoring four goals, one game with five, and another game with six. The chemistry looked great all year, as it all went back to the preparation before the season. Great ball movement leading to many assists and goals

The defense had sent a message to all teams however, as the defense making the difference in games in 2018. In eight of the nine wins of the season, the opposing teams scored 1 goal or less. No easy goals was the mentality for the Lions. If they could stop opponents from scoring, then they knew they would have a better chance of winning. Scoring goals is not the

only way to win games in any sport. This tough and tenacious defense only had the players grow closer.

The success of the 2018 season came mostly from the team bonding off the field. Team bonding does not only come from partying and hanging out as a team. It comes from working and preparing for the next season. After a disappointing 2017 season, the winter arrived, which brought members of the team to the Wide World of Indoor Sports. Located in North Smithfield, players would get more action on the field in the winter soccer league provided. Winter can be a challenging time to play soccer, but the Lincoln soccer players found a way. There are more ways to gain skill in soccer, and going to the gym would help in not only soccer, but any sport. Getting more fit will certainly make the players look much better on the field. Once school is out, that means summer is in. Summer is a time to have fun and relax. But the LHS soccer team was not relaxing; they were preparing for 2018. Ferguson Field was surrounded at points with members of the team putting in work. From running on the track to running on the field, staying in shape was the goal, as tired legs from running around on the field can come at a great rate during soccer games. Futsal (five on five soccer) was also played back at the Boys and Girls club,

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The Final Moment: A Goalie's Reflection

By David Leonardi
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"We started our season on this field, but it is not ending here. It's all about heart, we gotta want it more than them, we didn't come this far to only come this far. I love you guys, let's go get this." Ironically, that was my last halftime speech in the huddle with the boy's soccer team.

We started off great with Matt Carvalho scoring a header to give us a 1-0 lead. There was a minute window where I felt like we could do this, we could make it to the state championship. For that minute it felt finally like everything worked perfectly for the first time. We were the lowest seed left in the playoffs at a mid-table 6. We were facing the eventual state champions, Wheeler.

We knew going into it that they had an excellent offense, killer counterattack, and a big defense. However, we proved to be the harder working team in the first half. We were getting to loose balls, chasing kids up and down the field, and drawing fouls by going in hard to challenge. We showed more heart.

Sadly, in the second half, right after we scored, Wheeler came and scored on their first possession on a cross. The ball that eventually ended up in the back of the net whizzed right by my right hand with maybe a millimeter of space left.

I'll never forget that moment. It still replays in my head. What if I was positioned a little more to the right? Or if I dove earlier? Or dove a little more heavily to the right? Maybe a longer reach? All I could think about that night was that play.

Then, about five minutes later Wheeler scored again as our defense just broke down after a tireless 60 minutes pushing back their attack. If I saved that first goal, we could have the motivation to maybe hold on to the lead and have a chance at giving the soccer program a state championship for the first time in a decade.

As the clock counting down, it started settling in. That this was my last time playing with this group of guys, and wearing the Lion on my chest and representing my school. The buzzer sounded, the ball stopped rolling, the cleats no



NETWORKING: David fiercely protecting his turf during the 2018 season. PHOTO BY LINCOLN ATHLETICS

longer struck the grass in anger, and the players no longer screamed directions. Wheeler piled up and celebrated while we were there for each other in mourn.

It was quiet on the bench, but everyone was walking around giving hugs to each other, just appreciating the season and the fact we had got that far.

If you told me I would be playing in a semifinals playoff game, and almost winning it, I would have laughed as our team struggled the three previous years and throughout the year we endured many injuries. Seniors Walter Albizures, Jaden Smith, Noah Furtado and captain Alex Lopez were all out due to injuries during the playoffs and many other players circulated in injuries. No starting lineup one game matched another.

But, here's what made our team special. Despite the injuries, despite the rough patch in the

middle of the season when we couldn't seem to score, despite the years of challenges and hardships we endured, we prevailed, worked hard, and managed to be a top four team in our division while giving the champions a run for their money. Every practice we got right to it, passing around in rondos, warming up, and giving it all we got in practice trying to prove ourselves not only to ourselves, but to everyone.

The walk from the bench to the bus was about five minutes but it felt like eternity. First, I passed my dad, my role model, and the man who I wear my number 00 for. Then, my childhood friend's dads who saw me play since I was 10.

Then, all the other parents who saw me in high school play and eventually my classmates, who have always been there since we were in elementary school. It was a wrap-up

of my athletic career as a timeline of the growing fan base as the years passed. As I walked onto the bus, I immediately went to my one-seater in the back, punched the seat multiple times, and put my head down. Many teammates came and tried to cheer me up, to pick up my head and be proud of how far we've come, and that this is only the beginning.

That's what special about our group of guys. We weren't there to just play a sport, have a friend group, or exercise, we were there to achieve something, to obtain something of value to give back to Lincoln when Lincoln has given so much to us.

We were more than a team, we were a family. This is only an end to one chapter in my book of life, and it now time to start writing my next. Thank you Lincoln soccer, it's been a great ride.

Soccer

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as well as few members playing for club teams, such as varsity players David Idarraga and Kyle Rodrigues. With every opportunity the team had, they had players to step up and take it.

Team bonding was gained with spending all the workouts together and playing more games together in different leagues/clubs. The only way to gain more chemistry is by playing more and more together. All the holes from the previous two seasons were covered for 2018.

Having more wins this year than 2016 and 2017 combined is very impressive. With multiple seniors leaving for college, 2019 will be a bit of a different look. However, many juniors and sophomores will be returning to continue the hot streak of wins in the regular season, and you better believe that a playoff run will come again for 2019.

Boys

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declines in confidence, but it always seems to come back to a good level. When boys tease each other, it's usually a friendly thing. With girls on the other hand, teasing can ruin their week, and they think about what they can do to change their flaws. If a girl changes her hairstyle, decides to dress differently, or says something that goes against the status quo, others might put her down. This situation can take a hit to her self esteem and make it hard to gain confidence again.

Photoshopped pictures, flawless magazine covers, and billboards of models without any blemishes set up expectations that every girl needs to look and act a certain way. Certain body types are praised and certain body types are criticized. Based on the factors of all the media everywhere a teen girl looks, media might just be the blame of why young girls carry a burden. However, certain celebrities on Snapchat, Instagram, and other social media platforms are starting to see the impact the media has on young girls and are trying to

promote them to own their look.

Lili Reinhart and Camila Mendes, two actresses in the popular teen drama show, Riverdale, are very influential and have both had experiences with dealing with the media wanting to change their images. The well known Cosmopolitan magazine received a lot of backlash when the Philippines version of the monthly lifestyle mag was photoshopped to make them look skinnier. Fans and the stars themselves were furious that their bodies weren't considered good enough. Lili Reinhart and Camila Mendes both continue to promote positive body image and the power of being confident without all the filters and media factors.

If more influential and positive role models promote that everybody is beautiful and powerful in their own way, confidence could start to increase in teen girls. If celebrities are proving it's possible to gain confidence in a cutthroat industry, so can everyone else with less extreme circumstances. Since celebrities are supposed to look and act a certain way, taking away some self-confidence because their image might not be what Hollywood is looking for. Teens tend to listen to people that they admire so with the help of everyone in a community, confidence might start to develop more in girls going through puberty.

Girls have a harder time taking risks and completing tasks that will build confidence up. The psychological term for this unfortunate set back is called rumination. To gain confidence, it needs to be built up. Rumination stops this from happening because the thought of failing is too overpowering compared to what can be gained from giving something a try. During puberty girls go through mental changes as well as physical changes that can affect how they view themselves and their abilities. School starts to get harder, presentations become larger, and girls become aware of their appearance more than ever. These are all the hurdles that most girls seem to go into with a negative feeling, making it even worse if they don't quite get it right. If a girl were to get green highlights in her hair and it receives

a negative reaction, she might think poorly of her decision.

Confidence is much more complex than a simple definition can define it. To establish confidence and be able to pinpoint someone with confidence, it is important to know what it looks like. Having pride in every decision made each day, accepting failures, and building from them exhibit an extensive amount of self-confidence. Confidence does not have to be public speaking and facing huge challenges, simple things can build up someone's confidence just as much.

If society becomes more aware of the mental conflicts and battles that girls have with confidence, change can be made. Confidence is important to have as adolescents reach adulthood and head into the world of job interviews, competing for positions, and working with people in general.

N Dakota

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Additionally, none of these cases involve putting in a P.O. box in order to vote illegally.

This law was passed about a month before the 2018 elections which were occurring nationwide. In the North Dakota senate race, Heidi Heitkamp did not manage to hold her Senate seat, losing it to Republican Kevin Cramer by a difference of about eleven percent. Although in this particular case, and most others in the state, the Native American population would not have swayed the election, many are understandably still fighting for their right to vote.

Many tribal leaders in the state are working on ways to get the members of the reservations registered to vote without having a street address by directly working with the state. However, it has proved to be a difficult process and for many, it is unclear when or if Native Americans will be able to vote.

Despite North Dakota becoming a red state after the 2018 election, nationwide the Democrats did see a huge victory in taking a majority in the House of Representatives. The Senate

of the United States stayed with a Republican majority, thereby leading to Congress being divided on a partisan level.

Voting rights were actually a major topic for this election and not always in regards to suppression. Florida had updated its voting laws, giving the right to vote to over a million people with felony records. That was the most enfranchisement since the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Many states also introduced measures to allow people to register to vote the day of the election.

While the true intentions of the North Dakota law are not known, regardless, people continue to advocate and fight for their right to vote, a right which is influential to American politics.

High Five

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for Lincoln Public Schools.

The feeling of unity and happiness can go a very long way. Life gets hard for everyone, life gets complicated, but all it takes is one act of positivity to bring out the best in someone.

LHS varsity athletes form a tunnel inside the front door as they await the students shortly after they get off the bus and head into school.

Watching the elementary schoolers be happy in the moment with the high school students has been motivating to the student athletes at LHS.

Junior football player, Kyle Moison, was one of the students selected to take place in High Five Friday. Kyle attended elementary school at Northern Elementary, so on October 26, he went back to Northern and greeted current students from Northern. "It made me feel like a role model, someone that they can really trust. This also a great way to get kids interested in sports that they could possibly play," he said.

Excitement, laughter, smiles. These kids feel like actual superstars. Nothing else matters in this moment, it is just pure happiness and an uprising vibe that makes this new program so special.

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Tornado

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was witnessing was so significant. I then heard something that sounded like a gunshot. I realized later that this noise was related to the over 100 trees that snapped in half, fell, or were torn up in the neighborhood.”

As the storm died down, Picozzi said, “I lost power. In a very short time a first responder knocked on my door and asked if I was okay because there was a potential gas leak in the neighborhood. It turned out a neighbor’s deck had been blown off their house and their gas grill will hooked up to the house’s natural gas line.”

“Once it stopped raining I took my dog outside for a walk. I walked two houses up and couldn’t believe my eyes. The neighborhood was a disaster. It was as if a bomb dropped. There were at least two helicopters overhead and my neighbors were standing on their lawns looking very confused.”

The aftermath of the tornado left significant damage to the homes in Picozzi’s neighborhood. Roofs were lifted up off houses and dropped, people lost chimneys, and a shed flew across a yard and landed sideways into another shed.

“No matter how much damage, everyone in the neighborhood reacted in the same way,” says Picozzi, “grateful that our neighbors were not injured, that no pets were lost, and everyone was safe.”

While these unexpected tornadoes were destructive, things could have been much more serious in the areas that were affected, and for that, Mrs. Picozzi says, “We were very lucky.”

Elections

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ever represent her state.

Here in Rhode Island we had elections for both House seats, one Senate seat, and our governor’s office. All of those offices were handily reclaimed by incumbent Democrats- Sheldon Whitehouse got his Senate seat back, and David Cicilline and James Langevin both won their House seats. The closest race in Rhode Island was our governor’s race, where Gina Raimondo won 52.7% of the vote- beating Allan Fung for the second election cycle in a row.

Democrats made major gains by taking back the House on November 6th. However, the Democrats cannot call election night a complete success.

Republicans ended up winning many of the most high profile races. In Texas, Democrat Beto O’Rourke embarked on the most expensive Senate campaign in history in an attempt to unseat Ted Cruz. Ultimately, Cruz won 50.9 percent of the Texan vote, with O’Rourke getting only 48.3 percent. The Democrats also lost ground in the Senate, with senators Joe Donnelly (D-IN) and Claire McCaskell (D-MO) losing their seats to their Republican counterparts.

The Democrats also did not fare as well in the Southeast as polls predicted. Florida’s gubernatorial election was between Andrew Gillum and Ron DeSantis, two men on completely opposite sides of the political spectrum. Polls predicted a neck-and-neck race, with many calling a narrow victory for the liberal Gillum. However, DeSantis ended up carrying the day, with Gillum conceding relatively early during the night. The vote may, however, be up for a recount, according to NBC News, as Gillum’s camp is considering un-conceding due to many ballots in traditionally Democratic areas of the state not having been counted yet. Similarly, Florida’s senate race, which Republican Rick Scott barely won, is up for a recount as well.

Something similar happened just north of Florida- in Georgia’s gubernatorial race, Republican Brian Kemp beat Stacey Abrams. However, Abrams has refused to concede. This is due to allegations of voter suppression coming out against Kemp, the incumbent governor. These two probable gubernatorial losses, however, were offset by Democrats Laura Kelly and Tony Evers unexpectedly winning the gubernatorial races in Kansas and Wisconsin.

Additionally, some key races are still going on. Not every state ends up counting all of their

ballots on Election Night, and some elections can take upwards of another week to finish. A pivotal Senate race in Arizona between Democrat Kyrsten Sinema and Republican Martha McSally finished a full week after Election Night, with Sinema beating McSally according to multiple news outlets.. Sinema’s victory means that the Democrats keep the conservative Senate majority small and add a Democratic senator for a state that typically votes Republican.

Controversies over voting will continue far into the future, with Kemp’s likely reelection in particular looming over his remaining term as governor of Georgia. President Trump has only added to these controversies, alleging that voter fraud took place in the Arizona senate race and demanding a recount.

However, the future of our country has now been changed. A branch of Congress now stands in opposition with the President. And 2020 will not only put 33 more Senate seats and all 435 representatives’ jobs on the line- the President’s will be as well.

Fast Talk

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Favorite movie? Annie

Favorite T.V. show? Chicago PD

Vegetables or fruits? Both

What is your favorite smell? Oranges

What is your favorite season? Fall

Favorite sport to watch? Hockey

Do you have any pets? No

What makes you laugh? My family

Shoes off in the house? Shoes off of course, I am Portuguese after all.

Socks and sandals? Never. (Was this question because I’m Portuguese?)

Cats or dogs? Dogs

If you could change your name what would it be? I like my name

What’s a body part you would not mind losing? Want to keep them all.

What’s the closest thing to real magic? Becoming a mom.

What’s your coolest talent? Playing the saxophone.

What skill would you like to master? Patience

If you had three wishes, what would they be? World peace. No diseases in the world. End hunger.

What do you love about yourself? I’m a caring person.

Are you usually early or late? Early.

What’s your ideal weekend? Spending time with my family.

-Interview by Tyler McNulty

Giving

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that the kids would love to see. Students can also find other things that are not on the list to buy if they think it would be a good present for the children they are buying for. The best part is that the families send letters back thanking the advisory that they made their Christmas a better Christmas. It feels good to receive, but it feels even better to give. Seeing others smile and experience the opportunity to feel joy brings hope to those in need. Instead of teenagers exchanging bags of chocolate and candy canes, Mrs. Pavao’s advisory wraps up gifts and send them on their way to the families.

There are many organizations out there willing to help others when times get hard. There are shelters that give out food, places that give out presents, and buildings to go to talk to other and not feel alone around the holiday season. Luckily, most people have access to programs, but there are still some who do not. You don’t have to buy someone a television to give them a holiday season full of support, a smile and a kind hearted gesture can also help out the community.

Burke

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preparation as a play-by-play announcer.

Preparation is crucial for Burke- and changes depending on her job. If she’s broadcasting, she will watch game tape of players and find out everything she can about them. “Anywhere I can glean information, I get that information and try to put it into my broadcast. Just one simple interesting fact about somebody can keep viewers and help ratings.” If she’s reporting, her job requires “a lot more reading, a lot more talking to the players to try to find out their personal story.”

One of the strengths of the NBA is that it lets players be themselves. In a league with a ton of characters, Burke’ most memorable interview was with former LA Laker Metta World Peace. After initially planning to interview Pau Gasol following the Lakers’ 2010 NBA championship, one of her higher-ups suggested she interview World Peace instead, much to her shock. The moment she opened the interview with Metta, he started off by saying “Wow, I’d like to thank my psychiatrist...” This was the only time throughout her illustrious career that Burke was ever held speechless.

However, her favorite interview is none other than LeBron James. As one of the NBA’s biggest stars, LeBron is a common interviewee and is always very mannered. “LeBron,” Burke said, “just invests himself into your questions and will wait a little bit just to think of a good answer.”

At the end of the 2016 NBA Finals, which his Cleveland Cavaliers won for the first time in their history, Burke had to be an impartial field reporter. However, when she looked at LeBron, with tears of joy running down his face, she saw her 22-year old-son. “Just in the way that he totally invested himself in his work,” she said, “it was hard to cover without getting emotional.” However, she kept it together and got a good interview with LeBron.

Burke has had a long and successful career in the NBA. She succeeded in an area that no woman had before, becoming the first woman to cover the Big East and one of the first women to broadcast sports in general. She’s looked upon very fondly by her audience and is a name known across the country, and with a long and illustrious broadcasting and reporting career, has a lot of stories to tell. We could all learn a little from Doris Burke.

Spill

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expand. Taylor described the selling of the company as “bittersweet”.

The Taylor Energy assessment was begun 12 years after the platform was destroyed. The investigation began in the middle of a dispute over whether the government should return to Taylor more than \$400 million of the \$666 million that the company was required to post as a security bond in 2008. That was the year the company indicated it was selling its assets and going out of business.

In an October 2016 filing with a hearing panel of the Interior Department’s Board of Land Appeals, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement concluded that oil being released from the site ranged from one to 55 barrels a day, or 42 to 2,329 gallons. That created slicks averaging 1 1/2 miles wide and 14 miles long, covering eight square miles of the Gulf, which is big enough to be seen on satellite photographs.

The Taylor Oil company has caused many problems in the environment, which included millions of gallons of oil getting spilt into the oceans. Many different companies fought against the company, filing a suit against them. Eventually, Korea obtained the company and is trying to prevent more oil from being spilled into the oceans.

Queen

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person coming from the small town of Lincoln and has found a greater appreciation for the band. Mercury grew up as an immigrant. May, Taylor, and Deacon, Queen’s other three mem-

bers, all grew up in the same small town as Mercury with humble beginnings. They initially started out playing in local bars, and driving around to whatever gig they could get in their shared van. After watching this movie, no one could argue that you cannot achieve your goals because of how you grew up. Queen proves you can achieve your goals and much more. Chills fell over the audience multiple times throughout the movie as we watched how these seemingly untouchable legends were criticized, torn down, and broken apart, only to ultimately hold strong to each other and the artistic vision they possessed. At the end of the movie, I couldn’t help but look around and see that most of the people that stuck around until the credits were done rolling, unable to take their eyes off the screen were older, and it made me stop to imagine the emotions that they must be feeling. This movie, to them, was not an explanation of Queen’s adventure and Freddie Mercury’s incredible life but rather a celebration of what they all had lived through, and a reliving of the emotions that had been invoked in them so many years ago by this music. After I left the theater, I looked around and saw all the teenagers discussing the movie, the emotions it brought out, and the appreciation they had for Queen’s music as they dispersed to their cars. It was then I truly realized what impact this band had, has and will continue to have on their audience.

Savor

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glass filled with arugula as garnish and a small paper, green and white striped, straw. The fix of sparkling water hits my tongue coupled with the of the white grape, infusing fizz and sweetness into every sip.

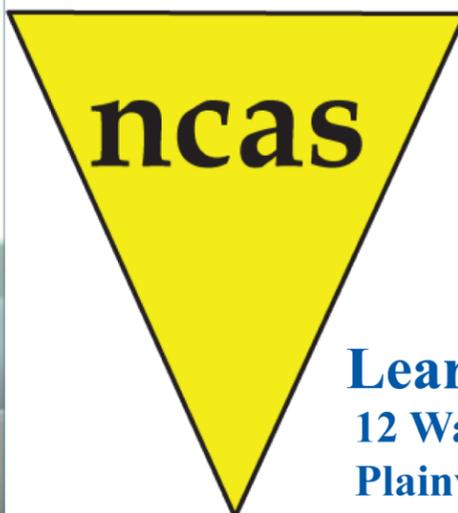
The many delicious-sounding menu options cause a dilemma for myself and for my father to make a decision. From a multitude of salads, appetizers, main courses, and daily dessert choices, there are options for every individual’s taste buds. Pork chops, steak tips, and meatloaf all intrigue my taste buds, but one dish shines above all the rest: the “Pulled Pork Mac and Cheese”. While my dad decides on the “Roasted Garlic and Pear Pizza”, I order the macaroni.

While it takes about 20 to 25 minutes for the food to arrive, our server is extremely pleasant and my father and I make small talk, knowing that the time period will be long since the parking lot is completely full. The wait is completely worth it because, as soon as I receive my dish, the smell of cheese and pork waft up into my nostrils and make me want to dig in immediately. A combination of aged cheeses and pieces of pulled pork topped with breadcrumbs sits in front of me, begging to be consumed.

The first bite is the absolute best, bringing in the saltiness of the cheeses, smokiness of the pork, and crunch of the breadcrumbs. The perfect amount of each aspect compliment each other and burn the roof of my mouth in an oddly positive way. The spiral macaroni absorbs all of the goodness in the cheesy sauce as every single bite contains chunks and remnants of pulled pork. As I continue eating, the bowl fills me up quickly and satisfies all of my mac and cheese desires. If you are someone who enjoys salty food and macaroni, this is a must have.

I take a bite of my father’s pear and garlic pizza and am surprised by the mildness of the pear. Definitely detectable, in combination with the cheese it is not my favorite flavor. The crust, however, is filled with major crunch and powerful garlic taste which is something that I am in love with. Adventurous pizza toppings that I have yet to experience are guaranteed in every bite of this pizza.

Overall, I would rate my experience a 10/10. The atmosphere was unlike anywhere I’d ever been before, the servers were pleasant, and the food was extremely tasty. If you are searching for a magical setting with a side of all-American twist, The Treehouse Tavern and Bistro is the place you need to visit.



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