

# The Lion's Roar

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## Embracing change at a school under construction



Even the rain doesn't stop the demolition crew from continuing their work on what used to be the front of the school.

PHOTO BY Jakob Potemri

By Hannah Brouillard  
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No matter what the attitude toward renovations is, everyone can admit this has been a strange opening month to this school year. As both students and teachers go about in their everyday routines, they must adapt and react to what is happening around them. Whether it's finding new ways to navigate, running into the occasional wall, or stopping for an excavator to pass in the parking lot, this is definitely a unique school experience. Some have had a more stressful time with this than others, but even the most stressed are finally getting used to this process.

Most of the teachers seem to have a more positive outlook. It has been a common thought in teachers minds that the renovation process is a small

obstacle to overcome, worth it for the much greater, positive results everyone is hoping for. "There is no doubt that it is something we need to get used to," Mr. Desrosiers says. "That will take a bit of time and patience, but in the end it will be worth it." It also seems that adapting to these

think the warm and humid weather at the start of the school year has been more of a disruption because it is difficult to focus with these conditions."

Students are trying to have a positive mindset. Overall, the biggest frustration is the fact that it's been a little more difficult to get from class to class." The renovations are annoying because the school is now basically one giant hallway," Sarah Brouillard

says. "Now it's much harder to get to classes." Sarah is not alone in this concern either. "I don't know where I'm going," Stephen Teixeira adds.

Our principal is working hard to make this process as easy as possible.

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**At this point, the renovation is a minor speed bump." - F. Yip**

renovations has not been as difficult as many thought it would. Mr. Yip even argues that the heat wave Lincoln has been experiencing is more of a trouble than actual renovations "At this point, the renovation process has been a minor speed bump as everyone tries to figure out traffic flow and gets used to new classrooms. I

## The best surprise about working a 15-hour day



Jakob worked 15 hours at the polls in the last primary election. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY NICK ALBANESE

By Jakob Potemri  
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On September 12, 2018, I would perform a task I originally thought would be incredibly boring and a complete waste of my time. I was ordered to appear at the Lincoln Manor for six o'clock in the morning to begin the first of 15 hours of what I believed was going to be the most tiring day of my life.

In the first hour we were advised by Nancy, the clerk, to plaster up signs around the building, so people could read most of what they already know about the process of voting. It was mostly senior citizens coming

in to vote, anyway. Once Beth, the moderator, had the DS-200 setup; the DS-200 is the machine where voters would insert their ballots into after they've finished voting. Next we were advised to set up the poll pads; which were simply just iPads attached to a base, which allows you to rotate the device in many different ways. This was a pretty easy and straightforward task for me as well as my friend and colleague, who, like me, is 16.

Finally at seven o'clock, an hour later, our polling location finally opened. The day started off pretty

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## The Kaepernick Effect: An Analysis How media has changed the 'knee' conversation

By Nick Albanese  
Lion's Roar Staff

We've all seen the recent morbid commercial warning people of the effects of a single match on wildlife. Whether good or bad, one single moment—one single action—can change the world. By simply moving one of your knees onto the ground, you can cause an uproar and trigger a national, heavily-debated controversy. Lighting this single match resulted in a fire so big and powerful that it's still burning years after it began.

On August 14, 2016, Colin Kaepernick, then a quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, knelt during the national anthem at a preseason NFL game. Kaepernick did the same in the next preseason game as well, however his actions went unnoticed by the media until weeks later on September 1. Other players joined in on the protests as well, resulting in the growth of the protests and controversy.

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## Hazing can happen more than most realize

By Grace Miguel  
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When you think of hazing, what comes to your mind? Maybe you automatically think of an initiation ritual for a fraternity or sorority at a college, or on a professional sports team. Even though these scenarios are both completely realistic, they have become the default for what people's perceptions of hazing are. There are multiple different forms that hazing can take, and there are many different places that it can occur, including at the high school level.

According to hazingprevention.org, hazing is "any action taken or situation created intentionally that causes embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule and risks emotional and/or physical harm to members of a group or team."

Hazing is more common than most people realize. One of the reasons for this is that it can take many forms, some of them unrecognizable. Many situations fall under the category of hazing even though people don't realize it. Bullying and hazing can become easily intertwined, and it can be difficult to distinguish the two.

A study by the University of Dayton reports that 1.5 million high school students are hazed each year, and 47 percent of students entering college had already experienced hazing.

LHS Girls Field Hockey coach Lea Miguel discussed the various steps coaches can take to prevent any form of hazing from taking place on their teams. "Coaches have to work hard to establish a feeling of community on their teams," she said. Coach Miguel stated the dangers of having cliques on teams, and that it shouldn't matter who you are or what your social status is.

"It's imperative to not allow there to be different factions or groups, but rather to help the team bond and learn to trust one another regardless age or what the status or playing time, or the skill level of the individual player."

One way that hazing can appear on teams is when there are certain groups based on different factors such as age and experience that demean players. One way this can happen is when freshmen are forced to do everything, such as carry all of the equipment and set up the field by themselves.

Hazingprevention.org, reports that "Requirements for new or potential members to do things established members are not required to do," creates a culture of divisiveness.

High school sports teams are not meant to have any sort of hierarchy based on age or skill. No member of a team should have to come to practice or a game and be worried about the way they are going to be treated by other players. Hazing in this sense creates an environment of fear on teams.

An LHS student reported this very issue on a team. The student explained that underclassmen were treated badly, and forced to do things that older members of the team were not. This included being told to always carry all of the equipment. This created a culture where younger team members were afraid of upperclassmen, making the experience of being on the team very negative.

Mr. Cobb, LHS Vice Principal, spoke of the many factors that go into preventing an environment of divisiveness on sports teams at the high school, such as the role of captains and coaches. "Captains

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The Lions end their first game (above) with a moving tribute to the military celebrating, sportsmanship, and friendship, and ending in a fantastic fireworks display. See pages 6 & 7.

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# opinion

## REAL TALKS WITH NICK

By Nick Albanese  
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Sit down, boys and girls. I'm about to get into the realist of the real. Some of you may love what I have to say, and some of you may not like it (although you should, because this is more of a bipartisan piece). Good. That means this is going to be a fun experience for the both of us. So strap in your seat belts, remove all loose articles and devices, and keep your hands and feet in at all times; it's going to be a bumpy ride.

I remember years ago when it didn't matter what someone's political views were. Maybe it was just because I was younger and more innocent, but this is still the way I saw politics. I remember it being something that was more private than public, something that people usually only talked about with family and close friends. We never even talked about politics in school, because we were kids, third graders didn't care, and it wasn't our problem. What happened so that now everyone, even elementary students, feels like they are the messengers of God on a life-or-death mission to change everyone's political views that are opposite from their own?

I think I'm most aggravated with the fact that people don't even try to understand your thinking. In everyone's minds, if you like "A" instead of "B", you are simply—and completely—wrong (in the way Donald Trump says "wrong"). It doesn't



matter what you think because their own views are the right ones. Here's how every single conversation between people with two different sets of views and values goes: once

one of them says something the other disagrees with, they have to say you are wrong, why you are wrong, and what the "right" viewpoints are (if you haven't caught on by now, the right ones are their own).

I don't care if my driving instructor voted for a third-party candidate in the last election, or if one of my teachers voted for the "oh-so-terrible" Donald Trump. We get it; at election time, half of America hated Trump, but the other half didn't. He won the presidency, so obviously not everyone in the country despise him. Any person who is not myopic or ignorant can recognize this simple fact.

Yet, all I hear from every single student, actor, and singer out there who doesn't like him is just how much they don't like him, how evil he is, and how he should be impeached. I'm not in any way saying I side with President Trump, but come on people! Like I said, half of the country voted him into office, and those same people like him. Just because the other half hates him doesn't mean that I need to hear about it twenty-four seven (or even that he should be impeached). Everything does not have to be about politics!

For example, why does every

celebrity feel the need to plead their case as to why Hillary Clinton, or Donald Trump—whoever—is a monster to the American public? I absolutely loathe the fact that they feel as though they are required to stand up in front of the world and tell them to impeach the president. Let me be perfectly clear when I say that nobody cares. They one-hundred percent have the right to say what they want, but it gets to the point where it's just sickening. Everything is not about politics. Celebrities never used to do this. And, now, they've become so insanely rude and self-centered that they even make fun of the First Lady of the freaking United States.

Just the other day, in a conversation with some of my friends at school, someone said "ew, she's gross" when they found out a person was a Trump supporter. Have we really come that low in our society that we judge people based on their political views?

How about we have some respect and allow people to believe what they believe? I'm not calling for a complete halt in talking about politics in public at all, because that's just undemocratic; that is a key part of our country and political system. I'm saying people have to realize that there are other viewpoints out there than their own, and that neither of them may not necessarily have the "correct" or "moral" viewpoints. We figure that out by talking and debating peacefully, not like some crazed, uncivilized barbarians trying to rip out each other's throats.

Do I care about your opinion? No! Well, I mean of course I care about your opinion; it's good to have opinions. I'm not some ignorant fascist or anything. What I mean is that I don't want your opinion in my face every moment of every day. I can't tell you how many times I feel so uncomfortable at school because my friends are busy ranting about a

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## The Anonymous Columnist Is it a fair and just practice in journalism?

By Dan Crowley  
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"The dilemma – which he does not fully grasp – is that many of the senior officials in his own administration are working diligently to frustrate parts of his agenda and his worst inclinations."

This is what an anonymous Op-Ed piece claims is the test of which President Donald Trump faces, a test "unlike any faced by a modern American President." This opinion piece, which was published on September 5, claims that it is written by a senior official at the White House who is a part of a larger secret resistance to the Trump Administration.

All in all, the content of this article is nothing which is incredibly damaging. Most of it has been heard many times before: it talks of flaws with how the presidency runs, claiming that Trump is sporadic, uninformed, and even going as far to call him amoral. The author claims that, although the president considers himself a Republican, he does not hold the traditional values commonly shared by conservatives.

"At best, he has invoked these ideals in scripted settings. At worst, he attacked them outright." It should be noted that the author of the editorial does not claim to be a part of any specific political agenda, but they do make it clear to mention that the "resistance" in the Trump administration is not the traditional "left-wing" resistance to the Administration typically associated with the term.

This piece has generated a fair amount of controversy; this is not because of the actual content of the Op-Ed, all of this has more or less been heard of or mentioned before, and the validity of these claims are still not 100 percent confirmed. It is about the journalistic integrity of it being published. The New York Times is a trusted news source by many and the publishing of an anonymous piece, especially one claiming to be written by a White House official, is a very uncharacteristic move for one of the globe's most respected news sources.

Only a select few actually know

who published this piece. James Dao, the editor of the Op-Ed section of the NYT claims that he does, but has refused to share it. Some see this as a sign of the lack of legitimacy this piece holds, others as a move of respecting an individual's anonymity and protecting him or her personally and professionally. Anonymity being important for the sake of the writer's job, especially when the president has raised question of this being a treasonous act.

Multiple cabinet members have announced that they did not write the Op-Ed, including vice president Mike Pence. The president has claimed that the piece is "gutless." This, of course, is his unique way to describe what he has labeled another "fake" article of news. The president is just falling short of claiming that the piece wasn't actually written by a real White House official, though he has hinted at that idea, tweeting, "Does the so-called 'senior official' really exist, or is it just the Failing New York Times with another phony source?"

There is an interesting dichotomy of thought which the president holds with this controversy. In one regard he is stating that whoever would publish a source is "gutless" and a "coward", which implies that the source is a real individual but, the president also implies that the writer is a fabrication made by the Times.

This is a very difficult thing to consider because it involves heavily on trust, and where your trust lies. Do you trust the journalistic integrity of the times, or do you trust the POTUS and the members of his cabinet, who could very well be covering for themselves when they say they weren't the ones who wrote it, after all, why would someone who hid their identity for an opinion piece admit that they were the ones who wrote it only days after its publishing. There have been some theories made by political analysts writing about how the anonymous writer could be Mike Pence (despite his public announcement that it was not

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By Hannah Langlois

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# news

## Teachers on the move

### How the major construction affects our school's teachers on a daily basis

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Teachers at LHS are currently learning the ways of the changing school from the North Wing to the 300s, as if they are in The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants. No matter where in the school they are, they are connected as teachers, but instead of being connected through sharing a magical pair of jeans, they are connected through sharing classrooms.

With the current renovations of the school, LHS teachers are forced to reconfigure their space to teach and work. Many classrooms were completely taken

down and teachers had to relocate completely, some teachers have to travel from classroom to classroom, and some teachers' classrooms are a temporary space for traveling teachers. Many teachers find themselves teaching theme of summer reading novels in a room filled with math equations and graphs, or teaching about the Reconstruction Era with Spanish words all over the wall.

LHS Head of the English Department Mr. Jay Schofield found himself traveling between classrooms this year, and currently teaches his English classes in Mr. Prendergast's math classroom in C-210 as well as C-204.

"The nice thing about having your own room is the fact that everything should be where you put it," Schofield admits. "When you're

travelling, you're invading someone else's space, but you also can't find the papers you're looking for or you left them in the last classroom you were in."

"It can get pretty crazy," Schofield admits after describing the hectic shift between his period D and period E class earlier that day. "And I only have to go a few doors down,



Mrs. Jeschke's old room is now separated into two classrooms where she and Mr. Garriot both teach. PHOTO BY EMMA GILL

Schofield says that traveling between classrooms requires him to be more organized, and he does this by setting up small stations in each of the rooms he teaches in so what he needs for class is at easy disposal. Traveling between classrooms is not a first time experience for Schofield though.

"For a long time I used to travel because I am the department chair... so I would never take a room from someone who has five classes," says Schofield. "Having a classroom was more of a luxury for me."

The pace of the classroom is also a struggle for Schofield, with having very little time from the end of one class to clean up the room, gather his things, and then travel to another room. Often times by then the next period has already started.

nevermind some teachers who have to go from the 300's all the way to the C-200's."

On the other hand, Mr. Prendergast does not see having both Mr. Schofield as well as Mr. Pavao teach in his room as a struggle.

"Space is tough," Prendergast admits, echoing a similar struggle for many other teachers. "When Mr. Schofield is in my room I try to make space for him and his things. I feel bad, and I always try to be accommodating."

While his room is being occupied, he will sit in the hallway to do his work, and teaches one of his math classes in room C-32.

Science teachers also face problems with this change. Physics teacher Mr. Clete Garriott now teaches in biology teacher Mrs.

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## Have we become desensitized toward school shootings?

By Adam Zangari  
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If you were driving through

Providence on September 5, you might have noticed how backed up the state of the traffic in the city is. I certainly did; I had to drive through it on my way to work at WPRO in East Providence. After about half an hour sitting in traffic on Route 146 and I-95, I gave up and took the Atwells Avenue exit, expecting that the highway traffic would be far worse than the traffic in the streets of the city.

I was very wrong.

Although a bit of the gridlock in the city was certainly due to a car crash, and a good bit can also be attributed to the never-ending Rhode Island construction, the traffic in the city was far worse than it should have been. So I decided to call my dad, telling him to tell the boss, Neil Larramore, that I wouldn't be able to make it in on time. I told him where I was in the city, and he told me, "Oh yeah, that's probably due to the shooting at a school in Providence."

Naturally, I was shocked.

Of course, local news stations made it the top story. In the shooting, which occurred at Providence Career and Technical Academy, Central High School student William Parsons was killed, according to the Providence Journal. Providence Police report that Parsons was "an innocent bystander," and Central High School teachers believe that he "[represented] being a Golden Knight in every respect." The murder was senseless and only the latest in our country's epidemic of school shootings.

I expected to see some information on the shooting in some national news. I wasn't expecting it to lead the news, but I expected it to be somewhere, whether it be CNN, Fox News, or a national news website not based out of New England. Nothing of the sort happened.

So, the question has to be asked: What kind of country are we living

in where a school shooting isn't considered newsworthy by national outlets anymore?

That isn't the only question that has to be asked. For instance, William Parsons was the lone fatality in this shooting. Does that make a shooting at a school not worth letting a national audience know about? Does the fact that this shooting happened in an urban center - rather than an affluent suburb - make it less important to national news and their viewers? Is there is an inherent racial bias when it comes to school shootings and other tragedies covered in the media?

I talked with LHS senior Sam Tabi about this. Tabi, who grew up in Maryland before moving to Lincoln, believes that Rhode Island doesn't command national attention the same way other states do. "I moved here when I was fourteen," Tabi said, "and I honestly thought nothing ever really happened here." Tabi also stated that "It happened in the inner city, where this is not an uncommon occurrence." However, Tabi noted "It being at a school is a little new and unusual."

School shootings have impacted pop culture, and not in a good way. One of the lines in "Backpackers" by Childish Gambino is "Something crazy and Asian, Virginia Tech." In DRAM's song "Broccoli," he mentions "Touch my gang, we gon' turn this \*\*\*\* [into] Columbine."

The epidemic of school shootings has sadly continued into the 2018-19 school year. And sadly, the first victim of the year was killed less than fifteen short minutes away from Lincoln High School. It's a sad and shocking thing that this isn't considered nationally relevant news by major organizations, and it raises many questions. The killing of any student is sad and senseless, and we can sit around and wish that we lived in a country where William Parson's death is national news. Sadly, that's not the world we live in today. Let's hope we can create that kind of world in the future.

## STYLEWEEK NORTHEAST:

### New England's Premier Fashion Week

By Jessica Iasimone  
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Local designers

were able to showcase their spring/summer collections during Season 15 of Styleweek Northeast, New England's premier fashion week, which took place during September 19-22 at the Rhode Island Convention Center. This high quality and affordable bi-annual fashion production was founded in 2009 with the vision of connecting community, regional, and national press with fashion design.

The non-profit event inspired by the fashion capitals of the world, including New York, features fashion runway shows, focuses on fashion business, and promotes art as well as design. Styleweek has showcased over 192 designers from across the United States, and it is one of the only regional fashion weeks that has been visited by the Councils of Fashion Designers of America from NYC.

Styleweek is said to be "dedicated to the growth and expansion of design in the state of Rhode Island", and is recognized as a trade event that is able to provide an economic spark in RI.

The Boston Herald states, "say what you will about Providence not being the epicenter of American fashion, this week long event is well-organized, well-attended, and most importantly, revenue-generating."

Forbes Magazine says that founder and CEO of Styleweek Northeast, Rosanna Ortiz, "knew there was a fashion scene that was waiting to be reinvented."

Being a part of this fashion week is a huge deal for a brand. It gives businesses the opportunity to display the message of their brand in front of a wide audience of people.

Styleweek Northeast has truly become the premier regional showcase for local fashion designers in the Northeast. Since the inaugural event, Styleweek has compiled 79 million media impressions from regional as well as national publications. Some of these include Forbes, Southwest Airlines Magazine, Boston Magazine, Boston Globe, Town & Country, and Rhode Island Monthly.

Many fashion influencers, business owners, political figures, media outlets, celebrities, and the

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By Dan Crowley  
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Kim Jong Un, the dictator of North Korea, is a big figure in the realm of global news. "Controversial" is often seen as a generous description given to the man with most news organizations and people describing him as "brutal" and a "global threat".

A few months ago the world was ablaze with anxiety as North Korea was reportedly testing missiles, some of them nuclear warheads. Politicians and military strategists were considering plans of action which should be considered in the potential of a nuclear assault. For many during this time, a third world war was so close they could almost feel the radioactive blasts.

This widespread fear calmed down after a while and now, North Korea and its neighbor South Korea are in talks to not only become allies in peace, but in economic relations

## Are Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un ready to forgive and work together?



THE HAPPY COUPLE: After many months of verbal sparring, the President announced that he and Kim Jon Un "fell in love." PHOTO: simple.m.wikipedia.org

as well. Most recently, Kim Jong Un has gifted the South Korean president Moon Jae-in two dogs as a sign of peace between the two nations. President Donald Trump has also boasted about making his way towards a peace deal with North Korea. However, this is still a work in progress and North Korea has said

that it will not be willing to disarm its nuclear arms until its sanctions from the United States are lifted, something the U.S. is equally unwilling to do from the seams of things.

As these deals are still ongoing, good relations seem to be being made between the leaders of the U.S.

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## Free and Spirited:

# An unexpected and unparalleled learning experience

By Adam Zangari  
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This past April, I received a call that would change my

life forever. Fifty-one student journalists are selected from around the country to attend the AI Neuharth Journalism and Free Spirit conference in Washington, D.C. When I picked up my phone, a representative from the Newseum informed me that I had been selected to represent Rhode Island. It was by far the biggest honor of my life, even though I got chewed out by Mr. Jay Schofield for answering a phone call in the middle of English class.

The next two months were full of anticipation. I had no clue what the conference would be like, and wasn't sure how my fellow Free Spirits would be. May and June went by quickly, though, and on June 16th, I boarded a train that would take me to Washington.

I still had seven and a half hours to wait before I met anyone else, though. Our train was incredibly slow on the way to Washington, stopping much more frequently than I expected. When I finally arrived at Union Station, confused but relieved at finally getting off the train, I was glad to see a few other people in the sky blue Free Spirit shirts, and we introduced ourselves.

I met Stella from Delaware, Alex from Pennsylvania, and Ariana from New York before we made our way together through Union Station and found the person sent to pick us up and take us to our hotel.

The Holiday Inn was a nice place, with a rooftop pool (that we never got a chance to try out) and a wax statue of Elton John smiling at us in the lobby. I made my way up to Room 415, dropped off my luggage, and went to the conference room to meet everybody else.

The Free Spirits I met at the train station were there, as well as five others: Cari from Minnesota, Grace from Louisiana, Audrey from Michigan, Eric from North Dakota, and Will from South Dakota. The nine of us talked for a couple of hours, talking about different weird things that happened at our schools and wondering why none of the rest of the Free Spirits had showed up yet. By the time everybody else showed up, we had already bonded- and we set up an icebreaking game for everybody else coming in.

After we got the rules out of the way, the rest of the day went pretty quickly. A stop at the Hard Rock Cafe was the first of many stops at the Newseum. Most of us knew a good



Adam, center, with other free spirit winners from the 50 states. PHOTO: FREEDOM FORUM INSTITUTE

number of our peers before we retired back to the Holiday Inn. I ended up in the only room with three guests: me, Will, and Devan from Virginia. The problem was that there were only two beds, and it would be thirty dollars per night to move an extra cot up. After a couple minutes of trying to work things out, Will stuck two box chairs together and proclaimed "It feels just like a bed." And thus, our first issue was solved.

Our late nights typically involved conversations before bed, often interrupted by the lady monitoring our halls popping into our room telling us to be quiet and being greeted by an increasingly exasperated Devan, who was closest to the door, telling her that we were sorry and we would. Additionally, Will explained to us that he did a daily vlog, and that he would be vlogging every night before bed. On the first night, Will ended up going into the bathroom to film. When I went into the bathroom later, I noticed "Thank you Scott" written on our toilet paper.

The days at Free Spirit were long. We all

went up to our rooms to retire around 11 at night, and we had been warned that we had to be at breakfast by 7:20. Devan and I ended up going down at about 6:30 on Sunday morning, figuring that other people would have the same idea. Realizing that we were the only ones at breakfast, we made a mental note to ourselves to get the extra 20 minutes of sleep- after all, we wouldn't be getting much rest that week.

Our second day started off with us going to a taping of Meet the Press. We ended up watching quite a spirited show, as Kellyanne Conway was on that week, talking with Chuck Todd about the separation of immigrant families on the US/Mexico border. Tellingly, she was the only person on the set that day that treated us like we weren't there, with Chuck and the fellow panelists for that episode talking with us, and Chuck answering our questions as a group and taking a picture with us. After that, we ended up going back to the Newseum, where Val Hoepfner, a journalism professor from Tennessee, talked with us about the importance of social media. Val would talk

with us again later that week.

The amount of important speakers we had at the Free Spirit conference were staggering. Among others, we spoke with Doug Mills, who has been a presidential photographer since the Reagan administration, Royce Lamberth, a US District Court judge, Mike McCurry, one of Bill Clinton's press secretaries, and Sara Ganim, a reporter for CNN who made her name as the reporter who uncovered the Jerry Sandusky sexual assault/ pedophilia scandal. She even gave us a bit of breaking news, revealing to us all over video chat that she was pregnant. Additionally, we had members of the #MeToo movement speak to us, and two Freedom Riders from the 1960s- Rip Patton and Joan Mulholland.

That afternoon we got to go all around the Newseum. I went along with Nathan from Massachusetts, Anjali from Iowa, and Raiha from Indiana for much of the hours that we had free, and got to know them all well. If anyone reading this ever goes to Washington D.C.,

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## THE MOBILE MAKER LAB: A LEARNING EXPERIENCE ON WHEELS



Students explore new technologies in The Design Academy. PHOTO BY R.GERVAIS.

By Hannah Brouillard  
Lion's Roar Staff

The Mobile Maker Lab has rolled into Lincoln

High School! The Mobile Maker Lab is a STEAM lab on wheels that travels throughout the state of Rhode Island, allowing students to explore new technologies. It is funded by IYRS, Polaris MEP, Rhode Island College, RI Commerce Corp, and RI Department of Labor and Training and designed to promote experiential learning, workplace innovations, and statewide collaboration.

The Lab visited the students of LHS on May 11, 2018. Students involved in the Design Academy and a few select others were given the privilege to come explore the lab. These students were given the opportunity to learn about laser engraving and CNC (Computer Numerical Control) technology. The enthusiastic students got to create their own projects using a mix of their own creativity and this new and exciting technology. There were two different machines the students were allowed to use. One used lasers to engrave into

material. A picture was taken of certain groups of students and engraved into materials using these lasers. The other machine used a drill to engrave into wood. The students learned to program this machine to engrave into the wood the message they wanted for their own personal project.

The final outcome of this learning process was outstanding. "I really enjoyed this experience because it showed me some intriguing technology that I might not have gotten to use if I was not in the design academy," says Caroline Bucacci, an LHS sophomore, "I was able to create something in the matter of minutes using software that still amazes me even though I used the 3D printer last year. It made me wonder what new technology will come in the future since these machines are fairly new."

With the new technology that is discovered every day, Lincoln High School does the most to make sure its

students are caught up to what is going on in the world around them. The Design Academy has opened a gateway for students to discover fascinating technologies that they would otherwise only read about in textbooks. "I recommend joining the Design Academy to anyone not only interested in computers or software, but anyone who loves hands-on experiences and being able to solve problems using something you created," Bucacci adds. The Mobile Maker Lab was overall a fantastic experience for all of the students that were able to learn hands-on in this lab on wheels.

## Controversy swirls around Özil's retirement

By Adam Zangari  
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This past month, German soccer star Mesut Özil

announced his retirement from the German national soccer team. In his statement to the German Soccer Federation, he revealed that racism he faced as a minority living in Germany led to him becoming the scapegoat for many of the failures of the German team.

Özil's announcement of international retirement has sent shockwaves throughout the world. The action has been incredibly controversial, as while most of the German team accepts his retirement, many, like the president of top European club Bayern Munich have condemned Özil for it or viewed the move as "weak." Goal.com has called the impact of Özil's retirement as "unprecedented."

Özil, who is of Turkish ancestry, was perfectly within his rights to do such a thing. After all, as pointed out by German goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, "in the past, other players had quit their career too after a tournament like the European Championship and the World Cup." Neuer is correct. For one, Argentinian star Lionel Messi famously retired from international play following his team's loss to Chile in the 2016 Copa America final.

However, the main reason that Özil said he quit was because of the rampant racism he faced sometimes as a high-profile minority athlete representing Germany. As Özil himself stated "I am German when we win, but an immigrant when we lose." While the racism faced by Özil and others was mostly a non-issue, Germany's ugly performance at the

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# student life

## Fold Your Stress Away: Origami Club

By Hannah Brouillard  
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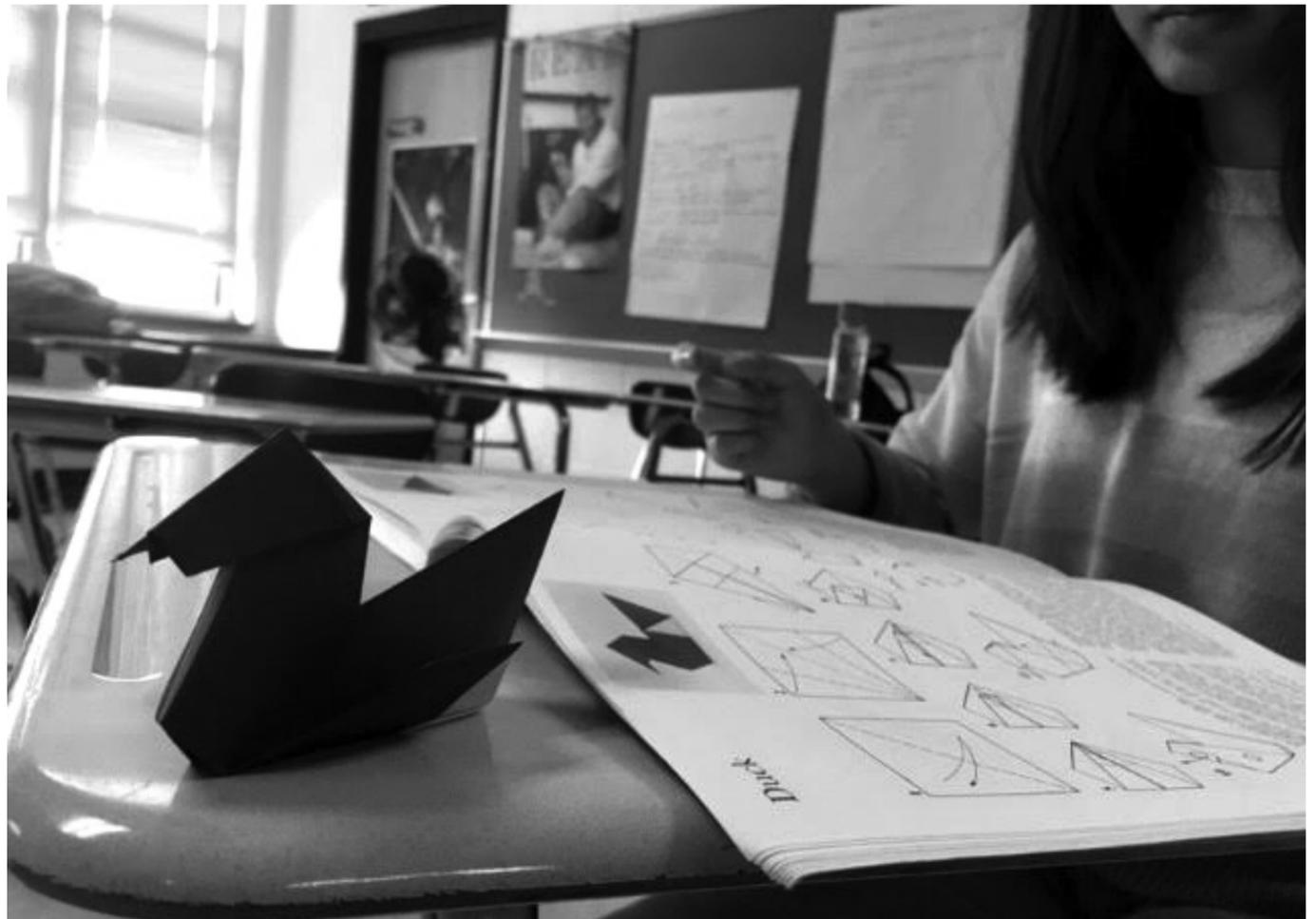
No one likes Mondays. After what seems like

the longest day of the week, the majority of students go home stressed about all their upcoming assignments. One senior, Benjamin Allen, set out to change that through his Exhibition project last year. Upon walking into room C-206 on a Monday afternoon after school, one is met with a bin full of 6x6 inch paper: every color in the rainbow, shiny foil, and dozens of patterns. Next to this bin sits a stack of books for beginner origami, advanced origami, 3D origami, animal origami, dollar bill origami, sticky note origami, and more. This is the Origami Club, a club with a mission to relieve student's Monday anxieties.

When Allen heard about Exhibition in his Freshman Year, he immediately had a plan. Ever since the sixth grade, he had wanted to start an origami club. When Allen started learning origami in the fifth grade, he discovered that when doing origami, he seemed less stressed. So in ninth grade, it was not difficult to see the stress of the people around him and come up with a way to fix that. "I'll kill two birds with one stone, I'll do something I've always wanted to do, and pass Exhibition, so that's what I did. I made an origami club," he says. "As for the logistics, the Exhibition project never really factored into the actual creation of the club, it was more the mission behind it which was stress relief."

While starting an origami club May seem like a fairly easy Exhibition project, it actually required a good deal of research. Allen had to study different chemicals in the brain and how to manipulate chemicals related to stress. He eventually concluded that there is a correlation between distracting oneself with hands-on activities and reducing stress chemicals in the brain. After all this work, he still needed to find a room where he could host this club. Luckily, he got Mr. Yip to allow him to use his room and with hard work he passed his Exhibition project. After Exhibition was over, he continued the club and found that it became a fun way to socialize and reduce his own stress after school.

Anyone that walks into room C-206 on



Students look at pages with instructions on how to fold flat pieces of paper into intricate, complicated, and 3-Dimensional figures of oragami.  
PHOTO BY HANNAH BROUILLARD

Monday afternoon can clearly see why this Exhibition project was worthwhile. Choose from the stack of books and the bin of papers and get folding. Allen walks around the room helping and teaching, while still letting you have your own time to relax. Everyone is spread out in the room and are helping each other out while laughing and having their own conversations. The assignments, tests, quizzes, and projects of the upcoming week are erased from your mind for that one hour while hands

and minds are distracted. After handing out a survey to all his club members, Allen found that he was correct in his hypothesis and most students found Origami Club to be very stress-relieving. It truly is a perfect way to end a stressful day.

So for all the juniors who are still wondering what to do for Exhibition: do something that you are interested in! Exhibition will be a pain if you're going to spend so much of your precious high school time on something that

you don't enjoy. Both Allen and the LHS community have positively benefited so much from this project. Many teachers say that Exhibition is going to teach students many important life skills and lessons, and they're right! One of those important lessons is that life will seem much more worthwhile if you are working hard for something that you enjoy, rather than reluctantly working on something you don't. Good luck to every student with their Exhibition project.

## Savor the Flavor by Rachel Smith

### This month we visit WAFFLE

By Rachel Smith  
Lion's Roar Staff

The smell of homemade dough wafts through

the air as you enter the room. Crisscrossed patterned crispy dough covered in a crystal sugar coating and topped by a vast amount of deliciousness is served as you look down and drool at your plate. Located on 45 Weybosset Street inside the heart of Providence, Rhode Island, is a cozy eatery decorated by modernity with hints of color spurted in the art on the walls. They specialize in their namesake breakfast treat: waffles.

Waffle, a restaurant dedicated to breakfast lovers, serves both savory and sweet treats. Their menu consists of the basics of a waffle, including syrup, with added creative combinations

of things like pizza all the way to ice cream. House made dough is produced daily to provide tasty waffles made from organic ingredients around the area. Whether you are craving breakfast, brunch, or a late lunch, Waffle has got you covered from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every weekday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays.

With all of the drool-worthy pictures and descriptions of this small breakfast treat stop, I thought it would be fun to get the inside scoop on how grand these waffles really are. I decided to drop in on a Monday night to settle my taste buds longing for a gourmet waffle.



This food lives up to the restaurant's name.  
PHOTO BY RACHEL SMITH

My heart was set on ordering the Unicorn, a classic Belgian waffle topped with birthday cake ice cream, raspberry sauce, whipped cream, and "unicorn dust".

Upon entry into the single roomed restaurant, I first noticed the adorable decor throw

pillows lining the wooden bench seat on the right side of the space. The walls themselves were white decorated with art that displayed and promoted anything and everything "Waffle". Accompanying me was my father who made the decision to order the Peaches and Cream Waffle: a Belgian waffle topped with fresh peaches, vanilla ice cream, whipped cream, and cinnamon streusel/crumble. I proudly ordered "The Unicorn"

that I had been yearning for, even though the Pizza Waffle intrigued me (but would have to be saved for the next visit).

The workers in the restaurant, although relatively quiet, were very polite to us. They patiently waited for my dad and I to make our decision and we took our seats against the wall lined with throw pillows. Two additional customers were cozied up in an elevated window seat that also contained many small patterned pillows for comfort and decoration. Within fifteen minutes the sweet smell of mouth-wa-

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## MUSICAL MOURNINGS

### Recent Tragic Deaths in the Hip-Hop Industry

By David Leonardi  
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In 2018, the hip hop industry has had to say goodbye

to numerous artists. Many of these deaths include either rappers overdosing on drugs or being shot and killed through various acts of violence. Both of these reasons have always been an issue in the culture and been a controversial talking point for decades as rappers have been dying for these reasons since the 90's.

On June 18, 2018, the hip hop world took a huge hit. One of the most influential artists of this generation, Jahseh Onfroy, or better known as his rapper name XXXTENTACION, was shot and killed in Deerfield Beach, Florida outside of a motorcycle shop. The rapper was pulling out of the parking lot when a black vehicle stopped his car and multiple armed men jumped out, robbed, and shot X before driving off.

At first, shockwave made its way across X's fan base. There were even fans who believed it was a publicity stunt for a new album, as he had done in the past by faking a suicide. After finding out for sure that, in fact, that X had passed, two of his albums skyrocketed in

plays on all streaming services. Three weeks after his death, X's albums "17" and "X" had made their way into Billboard's 200 top five in albums worldwide. To this day, the two albums still remain in the top 20 and his song "SAD!" in the Billboard 100 top songs.

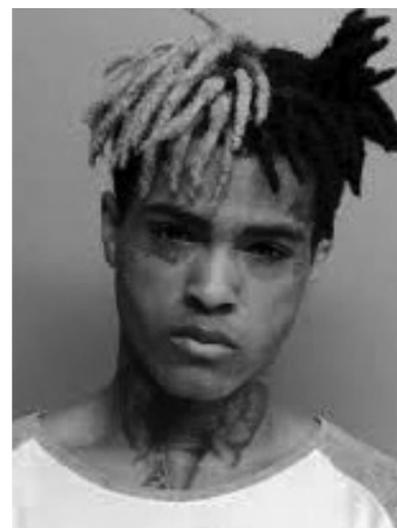
Also, sadly, on this same day Pittsburgh rapper Jimmy Wopo faced the same fate as X just hours later. When this occurred, social media was going ballistic wondering who was next, if they were connected, and why this was happening. Everyone was demanding answers.

Along with the ruthless violence that occurs in the industry, a lot of rappers have mental health issues that have caused them to take a break from music or end up dead.

On April 20, 2018,

Tim Bergling, better known as Avicii, committed suicide and died. Avicii's death opened the door of conversation about mental health issues in the music industry and as time progresses more and more artists are making sad music and they top the charts, such as "Lucid Dreams" by Juice WRLD which was top 10 in the Billboard 100 for a month.

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# LHS Salutes

## A Moving and Magical Night on

By Rachel Smith  
Lion's Roar Staff

**T**he day is September 7, 2018, and Lincoln High School students gather at Ferguson Field to honor those who serve our country. The shiny metal stands fill up with the LHS Band, excited students, and supportive parents as the football players don their specialized camouflage uniforms for the occasion. The air is fresh and clear with temperatures around seventy degrees fahrenheit, creating the ideal setting for the varsity football team's first home game. The opposing team arrives from Shea High School in Pawtucket, ready to shoulder their way into a win under the floodlights of the field. A bright blue, seemingly cloudless sky hangs over both team as they take the football field to begin the ceremony in the name of our countries most heroic figures.

"Wearing the jerseys and the fireworks looks good and everything, but hearing the National Anthem and being in the game is the best part of it..." explains sophomore football player Marcell Rocha. Seeing the flag displayed on the field before the game, held up by the team's captains and all present military personnel, truly holds major importance for everyone in attendance. "You get a chance to touch everyone's heart," continues Rocha in reminiscence of the night's events.

The essence of the night is encapsulated by the opening ceremony as well as the pomp and circumstance attached to the fireworks show at halftime. "The theme of Salute to Service evokes a lot of emotion from many players who have friends or family that have served, including multiple coaches who have been in the military," says senior football player Colby Laferriere. He and the rest of the team work hard to show their appreciation for all veterans and military members to honor their importance.

Two of the Lincoln's coaches, Mr. Burlingame and Lieutenant Gould, are military veterans. Because of their connection to the cause of the game, the players had more drive for success in honor of their coaches, whether on the field or the sidelines. Coach Burlingame is a proud veteran of the army which he was a part of for seven years. "Hosting the Salute to Service game made me feel like a proud American!", he commented. He feels that the emotion on the football field that night was extremely high. Coach Burlingame adds that, "The football players got a kick out of my military history."

Due to the reverence and respect shown during the halftime fireworks show, the coaches chose to cut out any "scheming" or game planning that usually takes place in the locker room during that time. "They let us enjoy all the fireworks because it was for the soldiers and they didn't want us to just sit in the classroom and figure out what to do better, they wanted us to enjoy the show with everybody," explains Rocha. As the boys looked up into the bright sparks of color that lit up the night sky they were rewarded with a short time of peacefulness away from the stress of the big game.

Being Lincoln's third year hosting the Salute to Service, the players and coaches all felt extremely honored by this grant. The decision is made by the Rhode Island Scholastic League and Lincoln was the first of seven high schools to host the event for the 2018 season. Laferriere admits that, "Just knowing that we were able to honor those who have made such large sacrifices for our country is truly humbling and I think that the whole team takes pride in the game."

Although the boys lost, Coach Burlingame makes a point of not dwelling on the final score but focusing on winning their "next battle on the gridiron". Sophomore player Dylan Balon describes the game, saying, "It's always good to go out and play football, but the loss was the worst part of the night. Honoring the veterans was great which cancels out the sadness of our defeat." The success of the night lay in the reverence and respect it contained in honor of some of the bravest citizens in the country. No matter the outcome of the game itself, LHS's Salute to Service uplifted everyone in attendance and brought much deserved recognition to our closest troops.



A group meeting takes place at the start of halftime as the players discuss strategies and room for improvement.



The football players disperse from a huddle during a time out, exploding back onto the field vigorously.

# s The Troops

## n Ferguson



ment needed during the second half of the game.



PHOTOS BY RACHEL SMITH

# Faculty Fast-Talk

**Mr. Gregory Costa**

**Do you have any pets?** *yes*  
**Milk or cereal first?** *cereal*  
**Do you use social media?** *yes*  
**Where do you see yourself 20 years from now?** *retired*  
**Favorite sports team?** *Red sox*  
**Favorite quote?** *"Be the change you wish to see in the world"*  
**Other than teaching, other hobby?** *Real estate*  
**Vegetables or fruits?** *fruits*  
**What is your favorite smell?** *mint*  
**What is your favorite season?** *Fall*  
**Favorite sport to watch?** *football*  
**Shoes off in the house?** *yes*  
**Socks and sandals?** *socks*  
**Cats or dogs?** *dogs*  
**What is the worst injury you have ever had?** *Broken wrist*  
**How do you wanna die?** *In my sleep*  
**If you were a color what would you be?** *Blue*  
**Phones in the classroom?** *Ugh!*  
**Who is the real Dr. Bacon?** *7 piece Appalachian Funk Rock group*  
**If you could have a superpower, what would it be?** *disappear*  
**What skill would you like to master?** *baking*



PHOTO BY G. COSTA

**If you had three wishes, what would they be?** *1. unlimited wishes*  
**What do you love about yourself?** *everything*  
**Are you usually early or late?** *late*  
**What's your ideal weekend?** *Hanging out with friends and my dogs*  
**What is something everyone should do before death?** *Enjoy the moment*  
**Sleeping with socks or no socks?** *both*  
**What is the strangest thing you have come across?** *3 legged pig*  
**What are you addicted to?** *fun*

# THE UNSOCIAL NATURE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

By Hannah Kramer  
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Teenagers have been turning their hangouts with friends into interacting from behind the screens of their cell phones through texting and social media. Teens today are missing out on social skills, such as face-to-face communication, that were more likely to be used before social media became a normal part of teenagers' lives. Before they felt obligated to create an Instagram account like their friends, they would spend their time hanging out with friends in person, like going to the mall or the movies. But in the modern world, they can communicate with their friends from their cell phones and other devices without even leaving the comfort of their homes.

Learning how to create and maintain friendships plays a major role in the lives of teenagers, and can also involve lots of risk-taking. It takes courage to confront friends when there are problems that need to be addressed in a friendship, and then hear what the other person has to say. But when a friendship is maintained through social media and texting, it is stripped of the most personal and even intimidating aspects of communication. Teens feel more comfortable opening up and talking to people through texting or social media because they are not seeing how they are affecting the recipient with their words. Because the conversation is not happening in real time, they are free to take their time to consider an appropriate response.

Social media also makes it easier for kids to bully others. According to Dr. Donna Wick, a clinical and developmental psychologist, "Kids text all sorts of things that you would never in a million years contemplate saying to anyone's face." You would hope that kids would learn that you can disagree with others without jeopardizing their friendships or relationships, but social media is causing them to disagree in more extreme ways that end up ruining these relationships. Teenagers are turning to their likes on social media posts to determine how accepted they are by their peers and how they are seen by others, so they spend so much time creating social media profiles in an attempt to glorify their image. When teens scroll through

their feeds and see just how great everyone else seems through their posted statuses and photos, it only pressures them even more.

Another issue with social media is that you are never really alone. Social media allows you to post what you are listening to, watching, reading, and sometimes your specific location. Even if you aren't keeping your friends updated on your whereabouts or your plans, you are never out of reach of a text message. "Whatever we think of the 'relationships' maintained and in some cases initiated on social media, kids never get a break from them," says Dr. Wick. "And that, in and of itself, can produce anxiety. Everyone needs a respite from the demands of intimacy and connection; time alone to regroup, replenish and just chill out." Even though teens are constantly in the middle of all that hyperconnection, it is surprisingly easy to feel lonely. With social media and technology, it can certainly be known when you are being ignored.

According to psycom.net, research shows an increase in major depressive episodes from 8.7% in 2005 to 11.3% in 2014 in adolescents and from 8.8% to 9.6% in young adults. The increase was larger and only statistically significant only in the age range of 12 to 20 years. Social media has been statistically shown to increase feelings of depression, anxiety, and loneliness in teens. Celia Landry, a junior at Lincoln High School, explains how she is affected by what she sees on social media: "If I see positive posts on Instagram, it alters my mood in a happy sense, or if I see something negative on Instagram, it sometimes can put me in a bad mood." Whether the viewer is directly or indirectly affected by what they are seeing on social media, it can directly impact their mood.

Parents can intervene with their child's excessive social media usage. An important first step would be parents limiting their own social media time in order to set a good example for their children and even have more time to make their parent-child bond stronger. Another significant step would be to establish zones in the house where cell phone use is prohibited, as well as certain times when nobody in the house is allowed to use their cell phones.

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# sports

## The Curse of the Bambino Is Long Gone Red Sox rally during an amazing season

By Randall C Hien Jr.  
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The 2018 Boston Red Sox have had a tremendous season this year, including breaking a 106 year-old franchise record with their 106th victory on Monday night, clinching home-field advantage throughout the postseason by beating the Baltimore Orioles 6-2.

Coming into the season, the Red Sox had many question marks. After firing their Head Coach, John Farrell, who had been coaching with the team since 2006, the Red Sox were desperate for a new coach who would be the right fit in Boston. All eyes turned to first year head coach, Alex Cora, who was previously a player for the Red Sox from 2005-2008. Alex Cora is different than most coaches. He is so concerned about his connection with the players. He expresses the importance of the coach to player relationship that leads to success. As he was once a player in this Boston organization, he knows most of the players, now all that is needed is execution. When Cora was first hired as the 47th head coach in Red Sox history, in a message sent to the players he stated, "We can control what we can control as a clubhouse on the field, and we can block (out) everything away from our group and we'll be fine." Clearly, Alex Cora is having a very successful first season as the Red Sox manager and hopes to lead the first place Red Sox to a deep run in the playoffs.

The addition of JD Martinez has added a very much needed power hitter to the middle of the lineup, filling a hole that has existed since the retirement of likely future hall-of-famer, David Ortiz. After being very much overlooked in his career with the Detroit Tigers and the Arizona Diamondbacks, he has turned out to be the most important signing during the offseason. The Red Sox DH is hitting .330/.403/.629 (these are averages of aver-

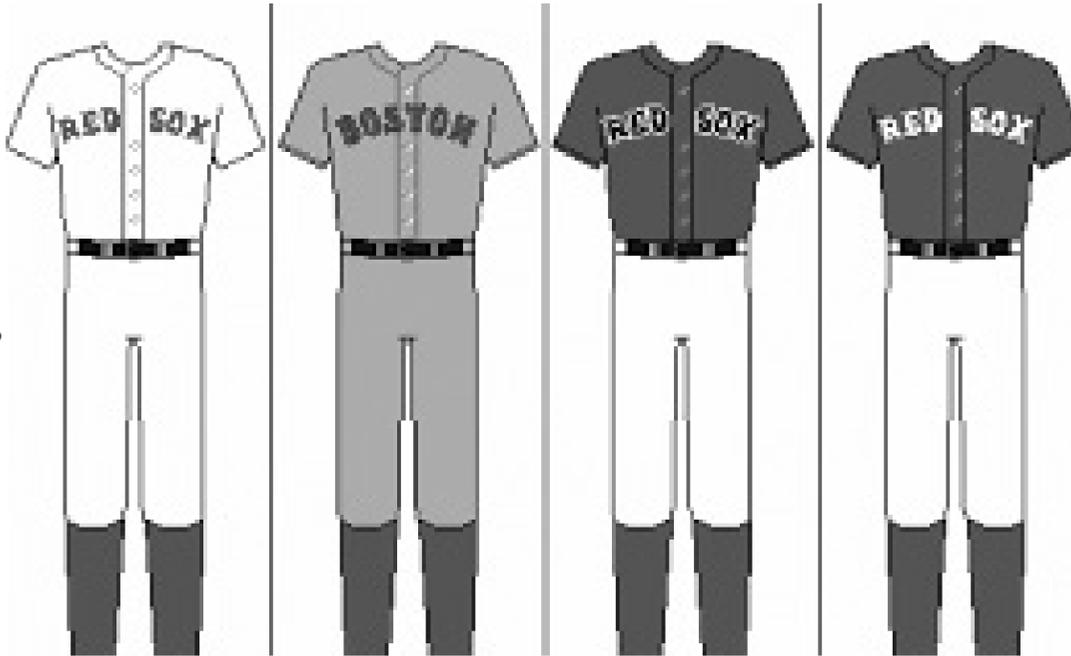
age, on base percentage, and slugging) with 42 home runs and 127 runs batted in. He also has a shot at the Triple Crown award- which is awarded to a hitter that leads the entire MLB in home runs, runs batted in, and average. This award has only been awarded two times since 1967, to Miguel Cabrera in 2012 and Carl Yastrzemski in 1967. JD is second in batting

Boston, bringing a true superstar to a team that was in need of one. Mookie became the second person in Red Sox history to have a 30-30 season on Wednesday as the Red Sox cruised to a 19-3 win over the Baltimore Orioles. A 30-30 season is a rare combination of power and speed that is achieved when one hits 30 home runs and steals 30 bases in one regular

towards the end of the season causing him to miss 6-7 starts, Sale was in fact the leader for the Cy Young Award. He is 12-4 with a 2.11 ERA (Earned run average) and 237 strikeouts in only 158 innings pitched. Along with Sale, closer Craig Kimbrel has been his dominant self as being one of the top closers in the league with a 2.79 ERA and 42 saves.

When the season was beginning, many questioned if the Red Sox had enough veteran plays to lead them to a successful postseason. After releasing longtime outfielder and first basemen, Hanley Ramirez, the Red Sox were relying on many young players to step up. Superstar Mookie Betts is only 25, 2-hitter Andrew Benintendi is only 24, shortstop Xander Bogaerts is only 25, center fielder Jackie Bradley Jr. is only 28, and hot hitting third basemen Rafael Devers is only 21. Alex Cora and first year general manager Mike Hazan made a few decisions they felt were a must to help coach up the younger studs. Prior to the trade deadline, the Red Sox acquired four time all-star and gold glove award winner Ian Kinsler to apply veteran help to a young squad. The Red Sox did not stop here though, they signed three time all-star and four time gold glove winner, Brandon Phillips who has been in the majors for seventeen years.

After clinching the American League East and obtaining the most wins in the MLB, the Red Sox have a great chance to win their 9th world series in franchise history. With their opponent in the first round yet to be known, the Oakland Athletics or the New York Yankees will be traveling to Fenway Park in the first round of playoffs. A seven game series will determine who will head to the American League Conference Series to take on the winner of the Cleveland Indians or the Houston Astros.



In every way, in every venue, the Red Sox have proved that they are worthy of another championship. ILLUSTRATION: Red Sox uniforms, Creative Commons, 2018.

average to teammate Mookie Betts, second in home runs to Khris Davis, and first in runs batted in.

This year's team is simply finding a way to win more baseball games than the Red Sox have ever done before.

The brilliance starts with right fielder, Mookie Betts. Betts leads the MLB (Major League Baseball) in average, slugging, and runs scored. Not only has he been amazing on the field, but he has electrified the city of

season. Mookie is having an amazing season defensively as well, as he ranks in the top 5 in defensive right fielders in the MLB.

The brilliance does not stop with the superstar right fielder though. The ace of the pitching staff, Chris Sale finished the season as one of the top pitchers in the entire league and is in the American League Cy Young Award race given to the best pitcher in the American League. Prior to an elbow injury

## The WooSox?

### Pawtucket Red Sox are officially leaving Rhode Island for Worcester

By Emily Harrison  
Lion's Roar Staff

The dispute of the PawSox moving has sparked the attention of local fans and followers. People might ask, "Who is responsible?" Or, "Why did they move?" Some blame Gina Raimondo and the House of Representatives, but PawSox employee Rob Crain thinks otherwise.

"You've gotta have three things that line up. Ownership that's willing, which they were, fans and the public, which they were, so you've gotta have the politicians be behind it." The ownership of the Pawtucket Red Sox wanted to stay in Pawtucket and so did the public and fans. The owners of the Pawtucket Red Sox and the politicians of Rhode Island couldn't agree on a deal, so Worcester had the deal that the PawSox wanted and they moved.

All of the PawSox fans in Rhode Island are devastated, knowing that their hometown team will be gone in 2021. Some may be wondering how the PawSox team and coaches might be feeling, but it may not be what you expected. All the players of Pawtucket are worried about making it to the Major Leagues. They don't really care where they do it, but that is their mindset, along with the coaches.

After the heartfelt decision for the PawSox to move to Worcester, the city of Pawtucket must have been perplexed. McCoy Stadium has been standing since 1942 and the PawSox have been at McCoy in Pawtucket for forty-five years, but now they will move to a new minor-league ballpark at the value of one hundred million dollars.

Another thing to be addressed is the amount of money the team, city, and state pay for in a stadium/arena deal. Crain thinks that the ideal way was to split the cost of any building, is to

have the private business share the cost with both the city and state. The PawSox deal with Worcester is a deal where everyone splits the cost.

The new name of the minor-league ballpark will be called Polar Park, representing Polar drinks. The new name of the PawSox will be the WooSox. The "Woo" in WooSox replaces the "Paw" in PawSox. Pawtucket is torn up about the transition and the outcome of it, Worcester must have mixed feelings too. The people of Worcester probably had prior knowledge that there was a chance the Pawtucket Red Sox could be moving to their city, but now the taxpayers will have to help pay for the fourth most expensive minor-league ballpark and welcome a team from another state. On the other hand, they have lots to look forward to when it comes to local, cheap, baseball games with recognizable players.

A possible issue for The PawSox when they move to Worcester, is the possibility of losing fans from Rhode Island. PawSox fans from Rhode Island might begin to lose loyalty in their hometown team. Not only with the experience be completely different because of the change in team name and park, but for almost the same drive they could go see the Red Sox in Boston. The trip to Boston may be more expensive, but it's probably the better value when it comes to the importance or popularity of the games.

For all of the PawSox fans struck with awe about all of this news, it is very tough to determine what the next step for them will be. The fans of Rhode Island have arduous decisions to make regarding the PawSox, and if they will continue to be loyal to the team.

## Field Hockey Makes a Comeback

By David Leonardi  
Lion's Roar Staff

One of the quietest stories developing at LHS this year has been the rejuvenation of the school's girls field hockey program. Last year, the Lions were unable to score a goal throughout the whole season

and remained winless. However, they have bounced back and are fourth place in division two and, at the time, they qualify for playoffs. No player on the team has been to a playoff game in their high school career. They are all focused on reaching the postseason.

The Lions have won three games this season and scored eight goals so far, five of which coming from leading goal-scorer junior Jennah Saqib. The Lions have overcome adversity from last year and managed to become a respectable team in division two, a big part has to do with their amazing goalkeeping from senior captain Madison Flaxington, who has saved 140 shots so far this season, the most in division two and the second most in the whole state.

Senior captain Lauren Degnan believes the team's success "has to do with the way we all connect with each other. Being close friends with your teammates can be the biggest motivation to work on your skills in any sport". The girls push each other to succeed and work harder to try to improve and reach playoffs.

Regarding playoffs, Degnan comments "I think it will take hard work and May be some blood, sweat, and tears. But, I think it's entirely possible that we make it to playoffs and do well. We have a pretty good team this year and I think our confidence in our game has spiked and I think it'll push us to do pretty well." The postseason is in sight and the Lions don't intend to let it go.

Only four games remain in the sixteen game season, and it will be a close race for playoffs while rival Cumberland chases Lincoln only being a point behind in the standings. The Clippers have lost the two encounters with Lincoln this year but still find themselves on Lincoln's coat tails.

The Lions have overcome great adversity since last year and between their great coaching, hard work, and perseverance, this team is ready for the playoffs.



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## Couple

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and North Korea. In fact, as Trump recently revealed “good” May be an understatement. While speaking at a rally in West Virginia, the President claimed that “He wrote me beautiful letters, and they’re great letters. We fell in love”

“Fell in love,” This shows a great shift in how Trump speaks of the North Korean dictator. Famously, during the most recent nuclear scare with the country the President stated that if they were to continue their tests they would be met with “Fire and fury like the world has never seen before.” His proclamation of love marks a major change.

This is not the first time that the president has claimed to have great relationships with brutal leaders. He as boasted of a “great relationship” with the president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte. Duterte is infamous for violating human rights and has been condemned by the United Nations, the European Union, and even the U.S. Congress.

Kim Jong Un is notorious for the suppressing of political opponents, often in very violent ways involving prison gulags. In fact, he has even detained Americans, releasing three in April of 2018. Because of this, many find it very troubling that the president is supposedly making a close personal relationship with the dictator.

Trump has praised the work of people like Kim Jong Un, Rodrigo Duterte, and also Chinese president Xi Jinping, who recently changed his country’s constitution allowing him to be “president for life”. While some see the president’s praise simply as respecting other foreign leaders, others perceive it as something more serious. Left wing analysts are quick to argue that this admiration comes from Trump’s desire to be like those leaders.

Regardless, Trump’s praise of commonly condemned leaders elicits a strange reaction from the American people. But that is because his professing love to Kim Jong Un is an odd occurrence. It is something people aren’t used to hearing from a president. Some may perceive this as simply a hyperbolic statement easily dismissed. It is, however, very possible that the president’s words could have hidden layers which are not obvious at this time.

## Racism

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2018 World Cup brought the ugly truth of being a minority player in Germany to the forefront of international soccer.

The first hint that something may be wrong in Germany was when they did not put Leroy Sané, who is black, on their national team roster prior to the 2018 World Cup. Sané’s club season with English Premier League winners Manchester City was something unmatched by most players on the German National Team. According to Premierleague.com, Sané scored and assisted on 25 goals- the youngest player in the league that year to reach that mark. At the same time, he helped lead Manchester City to become the highest-scoring team in Premier League history, as City finished off the year with 100 points. The decision to leave Sané out, however, was at least partially justified. In 12 friendlies with Germany, he did not score and only provided one assist. Once the Germans exited in the group stage of the World Cup for the first time in history, however, many international pundits have heavily criticized German coach Joachim Low for this decision- and wondered if there was any racism behind it. Any racism Sané faced, however, is nothing compared to what Özil alleges he faced.

Most of Özil’s criticism in his statement is against German Soccer Federation president Reinhard Grindel. In Özil’s statement, he mentioned how he was booed by German fans even before the World Cup in a match against Austria. He alleges that Grindel made him the scapegoat for many things that went wrong in the German Soccer Federation, and also points out an old Grindel quote from 2004 where he claimed “Multiculturalism is in reality a myth and a lifelong lie.” And, in an absolutely shocking case, Özil claims that German politician Bernd Holzhauer called him a “goat-f\*\*ker.”

However, despite all of these terrible and racist attacks, Özil himself is not in the right. One of the major sources of criticism that Özil faced stems from an incident before the World Cup where he and teammate Ilkay Gundogan took a picture with Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the current leader of Turkey. Here’s a recap of what Erdogan has done in office:

Erdogan has arrested 245 journalists, turning Turkey into the world’s largest jailer of journalists.

instead of spending all morning in our usual seventh-floor “classroom,” we instead went to the third floor after our first two talks. There, in front of us, was a monument to journalists that had been killed while they were working. There, Courtney Radsch, a member of the Committee to Protect Journalists, spoke to us about the various dangers of the profession many of us would be getting into. It’s no secret that journalists all around the world are in constant danger- outside the Newseum hangs a large banner stating “Free Austin Tice,” in reference to a journalist that was imprisoned for his work in Syria. Seeing that presentation, however, was sobering.

Later that day, we went on a tour of USA Today. Having also been founded by Al Neuharth, they have been connected with us for a while, and took us on a tour of their building. As someone who has been in the buildings of many journalistic institutions, I had never quite seen any newsroom quite as big as theirs. Dinner that night was great, and we went on to “Freedom Sings,” a concert that was being held in our honor. I sat in the back with Alex, Raiha, Rohan from New Hampshire, and Macy from Florida. The concert- much like the week itself- proved to be much better than anyone expected.

On Wednesday, we took a tour of the Capitol. Our tour ended up being eventful- we managed to get through the sea of yellow shirts of Falun Dafa protesters (who were nice enough to give us all pamphlets on what they were doing) into the actual building. Our tour guide was actually from Rhode Island, and would point out everything in the Capitol that had a RI connection, which I appreciated. The Capitol itself was a beautiful building, and we all had a bit of a greater degree of freedom in there, leading to such things as Will giving a bunch of people wearing “Make America Great Again” hats a note saying “Your hat is dumb” and Raiha and Macy Instagram DMing Paul Ryan. Overall, it was a very enjoyable tour.

From then, we went to our final speakers- the Freedom Riders and Doug Mills- and from there, we went to our graduation. It was a bittersweet thing, as we were really getting sad

Turkey has declined more than any other country in history in Freedom House’s Freedom of the World report.

Erdogan has turned Turkey into an autocratic state following a failed coup in 2016.

In addition, NBA player Enes Kanter (who himself escaped a manhunt from the Turkish government that led him from Indonesia to Romania to the US) alleges that there are reports of torture of prisoners and journalists inside Turkish prisons.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan is, quite simply, one of the worst dictators in the world today.

Is this really someone Mesut Özil wants to associate himself with?

This situation is most similar to another that happened before the World Cup. Egyptian superstar Mohamed Salah turned from one of the most loved soccer players in the world into a highly controversial figure vilified by many after taking a picture with Chechen warlord Ramzan Kadyrov. The Associated Press reported that Salah was angry about the reaction of the picture, apparently didn’t want to meet Kadyrov, and considered his own retirement from national

soccer following the picture. This account, however, is disputed by many other organizations.

Sometimes, there’s just no good side to take in an argument. Mesut Özil was clearly in the wrong by taking a friendly picture with a dictator, and the German soccer federation (and, by extension, the entire country of Germany) is even further in the wrong by blaming him and fellow minorities for the failures of the German national team.

So, let’s end this off with a message for both sides.

To the German Soccer Federation—May be it’s poetic justice that the two teams that beat you and led to your worst World Cup finish in history (Mexico and South Korea) are more racially diverse. In any case, it would be much better for your country and for the world if you turned down the racism.

And to Mesut Özil—even if you meant “nothing political” by your picture, know that the man you took it with is responsible for the brutal torture and murder of many people- the vast majority of whom are Turkish. Watch the company you keep.

## Teachers travel

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Jeschke’s old room 301-302. This room used to be one large space, but they are now separated into two to accommodate both teachers, allowing them have their own separate room.

Garriott’s old room in the connector was demolished due to construction, and it has been a bit of a struggle adapting to the new room.

“I went from having probably the best physics room in the state to this one,” Garriott states, sitting in a room about half the size of his old one. “Everything is in a different place. I’ll go reach for something and it’s not in the place where it was.”

The biggest struggle for Garriott was the size difference of the room, with an excess amount of space for physics experiments and storing students’ projects in his previous room. Now in a significantly smaller classroom where desks take up most of the room, he is restricted to the hallways. In the future, he will have to set up certain experiments differently to adapt to the space he has available.

“We have no choice but to adapt though,” says Garriott.

This adaptation also goes beyond conventional classrooms. During the first week of school, the gym floors were being redone, relocating gym classes into other spaces, including the cafeteria.

Gym classes for our first week were often challenged. Going outside was not always ideal due to summer-like temperatures, and open space, even in the cafeteria, was at a premium. All space in our school is claimed during every part of the day, due to the extensive renovations underway.

Fortunately, the gym was available to use the week after, and gym classes proceeded as usual.

Regardless of what class a teacher teaches, they all seem to share a common hardship this year. The past few weeks have proven that the LHS community is very adaptable.

As the school year has gotten underway, the lack of classrooms and space has become easier to deal with, as many teachers adapt to the ever-evolving environment of the school.

With the help of supportive and accommodating teachers, sharing classrooms has already become less of a struggle for many teachers.

## Free Spirit

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make sure you check out the Newseum- it’s a great place that kept me interested in every word printed on its walls, and I hate most museums.

We went to Uno’s for dinner, where I sat with most of the same people I was with for the first day, having already gotten really comfortable with each other, and then went on a tour of the city that night. The night tours were probably my favorite parts of the conference- for about an hour every night, we all got to be fifty-one teenagers, talking and joking with each other at some of the most famous monuments in US history. Danny and Noelle, the Close Up employees that were assigned to keep watch on us, ended up being the perfect chaperones. They were about five to ten years older than us, quirky, and we all grew to love them over the course of the week.

Lunch every day was held at the Newseum, and it was insane how fancy everything was. The water bottles they gave us were made out of glass, and the food was catered by Wolfgang Puck. We had speakers during every lunch- after all, there were tons of speakers, and that was the only way they could fit them all in to speak with us.

Following a courtroom session in the afternoon, where we acted out a jury proceeding on a high school journalism case, the Newseum held a celebratory dinner for Lesley Visser, who was being honored with the Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in the Media. Visser is famous for being the only woman enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, as well as the first woman to cover football. Free Spirits from past years were invited to this dinner too, and I ended up meeting Brian O’Gara, the 2015 Free Spirit from Rhode Island. Myself and a couple other Free Spirits talked with Lesley Visser before the speech. Following Mrs. Visser’s speech, we went on another long-anticipated night tour before we went back to the hotel.

Tuesday morning was a little bit different. We did go to the Newseum as usual, but

that the week was almost over. We had chosen Emma from Tennessee and Nathan to give speeches in a heated election the night before, and they both gave our commencement speeches, with both mentioning many of the funny and memorable things from that week, such as Emma talking about the time that I ripped my pants at the Jefferson Memorial and Nathan mentioning having to explain to Liam from Alaska what traffic was. Once we all got our medals, we finally got to change into more casual clothes and head out to a celebratory boat ride along the Potomac- or so we thought. We ended up being stopped in traffic for a total of two and a half hours, and only got about half an hour on the boat. Danny and Noelle handled it well, though, and managed to get us the same room at the hotel that we all went to at the beginning of the week. We all stayed there as long as we could (to the dismay of the people in the rooms nearby) until eventually we all had to say our goodbyes.

The wake-up call came at 5:30 Thursday morning. The car driving Will and a couple others to the airport was on its way and waiting for him. In the span of ten minutes, he got his bags packed and said goodbye to Devan and I. A couple of hours later, I said goodbye to Devan and went downstairs for breakfast.

Nicole from Kansas and Raiha had pulled all-nighters to say goodbye to everyone, and we were the only ones down for breakfast at the time. Most of us had already left, starting with Liam at 2:30 in the morning, and they had stayed up saying goodbye to everyone. As it got a bit later, a couple others joined us downstairs- Caitlin from Colorado, Garrett from Mississippi, Hunter from Arizona (who was going on the train back with those of us who were on there before) Anika from Maryland, and Christopher from Georgia were still there and joined us for breakfast. Eventually, at around 9:30, the car to take us to the train had arrived and myself, Stella, Alex, Ariana, and Hunter had to say our goodbyes.

We sat together on the train on the way back, joking with each other. Eventually the train came to Stella’s stop, then Alex’s, then Ariana’s, and then Hunter’s (who was going

to Connecticut). The week of Free Spirit had officially ended, and I can honestly say it was the best week of my life.

Over the course of a week, I talked with 50 fellow high school journalists from around the country. We all learned more about each other’s states and made fun of each other for it. We all ate some of the fanciest food we’ve ever had (and we made Alex drink salad dressing that we poured salt, pepper, and sugar into, and Will eat two napkins with a cookie in the middle). We all bonded, we all connected, and I am proud and honored to call myself a member of this group, and to be able to say that I have a friend in every state around the country.

We keep in touch every day. We have a gigantic group chat and many smaller individual chats. We Skype each other when we can, and talk from things as varied as what’s going on in the news, to the differences between our states, to staircases. I even ended up meeting up with Rohan and Nathan in Boston for a day in August. The genuine love and respect that all 51 of us have for each other is something that I have never felt before. It is, by far, the greatest group I have ever got to be a part of.

The world is changing. Politics are becoming more polarized and divisive, and journalists often find themselves under attack by Donald Trump and other world leaders. But through it all, we have already started to change the world. We were one of the major groups of journalists that wrote to the Newseum urging them to pull their “Fake News” t-shirts off the shelves. Individually, many of us are running programs that are making our towns, cities, and states better places.

However, despite the bad news in the world today, we have the potential to change the world for the better. We are the Parkland generation, as Rip Patton coined us, and we possess the power and the will to make positive change in the world- a type of energy Patton has not seen since he was protesting in the 1960s. Whatever news ends up happening in the world, you can bet that the 2018 Free Spirits will shine a ray of light as we work to change the world for the better.

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## Renovation

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sible, but the students are still longing for the days of easy navigation and less distraction back.

Even some teachers, who don't have to rush to classes, agree with the students. While having an overall positive attitude about renovations, Ms. Ashley Pavao did comment on her navigation problems. "I only walk to the office once a day now because it takes me so long to get there. I guess that's my biggest change, I get my steps in. I also don't wear heels to work anymore."

While Ms. Sherry Jeschke is also excited for the new renovations, though she now has half the space she once had. (See page 3, "Teachers on the Move.")

"I've lost my lab space so students are now forced to work in a smaller space," she said. Construction also occurs directly outside her window sometimes. However, even in the most stressful situation, she agrees that it will be worth it. "I think the new school will be enjoyable, but we definitely have to suffer the pains of renovations to enjoy it."

"While I haven't had to move out of my room," said Ms. Lisa Cardarelli, "I now share my space with a few colleagues. Yes, it's different, but when you think about what we will gain in the end, it is well worth it."

## Anonymous

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him).

Although that theory, and others which exist about the true writer, make sense until someone comes out the true author will not be able to be known for sure. That being said, on the topic of trust on whether or not it was written by a senior official at the White House, the conversation of motives must be considered.

We have to believe that the New York Times, being a respected journalistic organization, is committed to the truth always. They gain nothing from subverting the truth. The newspaper most likely understood that publishing an anonymous piece would be controversial, understandably so, and that they wouldn't gain any glory from this Op-Ed. Therefore, it is more reasonable to assume that, despite eminent controversy, the New York Times felt that this piece was vital for the public to read and understand.

With the motivations defined, who has more right to be "trusted" becomes clear. The Trump Administration is known for questioning the ethics of the nation's journalists. Whether or not you agree or disagree it is undeniable that they should lead the public into trusting the news instead of the administration. Can anything be confirmed at this moment? No.

Does it make more sense for the public to trust that the NYT only had the intent of informing the people, and not of spreading lies? Of course.

## Waffle

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tering waffles arrived right in front of my dad and I and the two of us could not wait to dig in.

Sweet flavors of raspberry sauce and waffle burst into my mouth on the initial bite. The crunch of "unicorn dust" coupled with the smoothness of the creamy cake batter ice cream created a heavenly combination of texture and flavor each time a new forkful entered my mouth. For anyone with a sweet tooth as strong as my own, this is the official waffle of our dreams. My father offered me a bite of his waffle which was much more light and refreshing than my own. The peaches brought a crisp squirt of flavor and juice to my mouth as the vanilla ice cream and cinnamon crumble brought a sweetness to the dish, much like the cake batter ice cream brought to the Unicorn.

The two of us scraped our plates clean of every ounce of food on them. Sad that there was nothing left to savor, we cleaned our table and placed the plates and silverware into their designated bins to the left of the register counter. As I stepped back out onto the sidewalk, I reflected on the delightful experience that I was dying to duplicate. I began planning the next visit with my friend as soon as I returned home.

Overall, I would rate my experience at Waffle a 9/10. It is highly recommended for anyone who loves waffles, ice cream, and extremely sweet desserts. Although most of the menu focuses on an individual's sweet tooth, there are still a few options available for those who look to satisfy their taste buds with salty flavoring. The restaurant itself was very crisp and clean with a very peaceful/relaxing setting. If you ever find yourself in the downtown Providence area I would most definitely consider stopping by Waffle for an out of the ordinary bite to eat.

## Haze

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need to know what's expected of them." Captains have the ability to set the tone for the season on their team, so there needs to be clear expectations of what their role should be. In addition to this, Mr. Cobb discussed how coaches have to make players aware that they can tell them if anything is ever wrong, "It's important for coaches to have relationships with kids."

The problem with reporting hazing is that people on sports teams that experience it don't speak out for fear of being benched or not making the team. This is mostly due to the fact that to a certain degree, it is commonly seen as normal for underclassmen to be forced to do more physical labor than older players. As players get older, they may think that hazing is a "tradition" and that if they went through it, so should other members of the team. In order to break this endless cycle, more people need to be made aware of its prominence in our community. Hazing is detrimental and must not go unreported in order to create a positive atmosphere for high school athletes.

## Polls

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slowly. First we had people who were in a rush to vote right away at the beginning of the day. While they were contributing to their state, they were also on their way to work. Throughout the entire morning, there was practically no change of pace in the main room of the Lincoln Manor. People were casually coming in, giving me or one of my fellow supervisors their license, placing said license down on a platform near the location of the iPad, repeating the person's name and address to ensure those are identical to those portrayed on their licenses respectively, and then concluding with telling them, "You're all set!"

Was there any fast point in the day? Was there any point in the day that we had an average number of voters come in? To be honest there weren't too many people ever in our locations. Most of us would revert to completing other tasks. Some of our supervisors were reading, and some were computing calculations for how many total ballots have been used and how many were currently remaining. My friend and I, the teenagers, would seclude ourselves to our phones to check social media. There were some points in the day where we would get some studying and some homework done, but there were very few of these moments and they were widely spread apart. But how would the rest of the day end up going?

Yes, this was a rhetorical question. The rest of the day went just as expected; not a single bit of the 15-hour day did we even have people waiting at the door to vote. The biggest line we had all day was during the early evening, around five o'clock, when two young girls were standing behind the elderly woman I was advising. After those citizens were served, many breaks (in 10 to 20 minute intervals) were taken. We finally closed down at eight o'clock. All six of us—the four supervisors, including me, Beth the moderator, and Nancy the clerk—were anxious to finally remove the signs. The signs barely held up after the entire day, with ragged edges of the poster torn after the removal of masking tape. After the results from the DS-200 were collected, each of the polling stations were packed up, and each of the poll pad kits were locked up with everything inside (even minute items such as small bags and twist-ties). Then we finally went to totalling how many ballots we used in the day. Subsequently, only 17.5 percent of people that

were registered to vote at the Lincoln Manor actually showed up (about 175 people came out of 971 people total.) After remaining static at the Lincoln Manor for 15 hours, it was finally time to say goodbye.

What did I think of the experience overall? Was I truly tired at the end of that day? Quite honestly and frankly, no. It was an experience I did not regret at all. The senior citizens were all super polite, cheerful, inspiring, generous, and wise individuals. The task was very simple at hand and didn't require much of my energy. The only tiring part of the entire day was the energy and patience needed to wait around for 15 hours, when only about eleven people an hour came in. That can get tiresome. Placing the money we earned aside, it was a day that taught me a vast amount. Besides my own grandparents, I don't usually interact with senior citizens that often, and it makes me inspired to give support to them. Each of them who had more experience in life than my friend and I did, and we really learned an incredible amount from the hours we spent with them.

## Talks

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certain political issue with a certain opinion on it other than my own, and I'm just forced to sit there and say, "Yup. Uh-huh. Definitely." Why, you ask? Well because if I were to say something else, such as, "That doesn't make sense" or "I don't agree with that", then I would be starting World War III right in the middle of Mr. Ruhle's class.

It's kind of like someone constantly reminding everyone how smart they are. They do it very subtly and passive aggressively too, just kind of throwing it into a conversation every now and then. One time, for example, I was talking with my friend about the SATs before class started; she was studying for a month straight and even saw a tutor multiple times a week. She knew she wasn't going to get a super high score, but she wanted to get the highest possible one she could. Then, someone who we aren't even talking to, interrupts and says, "Oh, you had to study for those?" Case in point.

I really hope people don't think I'm some person who thinks they're right all the time. I may have used a lot of examples about Donald Trump too, but that was only because that's all I—or anyone else for that matter—hears throughout the day. We don't talk about Hillary Clinton anymore because she isn't the president or a candidate anymore, and we don't talk about other people like senators because they aren't as well known; not that it matters, but I actually don't align with either party. My friends don't even know this about me. If they listened more closely (just as you should), they would know that I have views from both parties. It's time to grow up, boys and girls. I'll be waiting.

## Knee

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You would think that taking a knee wouldn't be much of an issue; Kaepernick knelt for multiple games without anyone making a fuss or fretting about it. It wasn't until the media started to take notice and blow it up that anyone began to give Kaepernick any attention. As it turns out, this widespread media coverage was both beneficial and negative for both sides of the isle.

But what are the two sides anyway? Kaepernick claims that he started kneeling during the national anthem as a response to the recent police brutality against African-Americans and other forms of racial injustice in America. "I have great respect for the men and women that have fought for this country," Kaepernick explains. "I have family, I have friends that have gone and fought for this country. And they fight for freedom, they fight for the people, they fight for liberty and justice, for everyone. That's not happening."

Those against the NFL protests claim that refusing to stand for the national anthem displays disrespect for the flag, America, and members of the armed forces. Logically speaking, when you think of the American Flag, you think of our military fighting overseas

for our freedom, not racial injustice. The first time I heard about Kaepernick taking a knee two years ago, I, admittedly, thought the same thing.

Former President Barack Obama expressed similar concerns with the intended message and how people receive it. "As a general matter, when it comes to the flag the national anthem and the meaning that holds for our men and women in uniform and those who've fought for us." Though Kaepernick only intended to bring awareness to and lower racial injustice in the United States, the result was a mixed, extensive reaction from the public.

Among those who believe athletes should stand for the national anthem include President Donald Trump, who repeatedly argues that players should stand during the anthem. Trump continues to say that kneeling or sitting while the anthem is playing is unpatriotic. He does make a valid argument; as mentioned before, the message of these protests can be easily misinterpreted. However, whatever the message is, it shouldn't matter. This country was built on the basic, unalienable rights and freedoms that every human being should have. Kaepernick has the undeniable Freedom of Speech and right to peacefully protest as he sees fit. The minute we believe otherwise is when we give up our freedoms and allow others to control our lives and take our free will away from us.

The real issue here is that nobody can, or even attempts to, understand one another and their views nowadays. The NFL protests reek of misunderstandings, myopias, and mishandling of the entire controversy. Kaepernick had good intentions: to raise awareness to and end racial injustice in America. Could his execution have been better so that there was no room for misinterpretation? May be. The reality is we as a country should be able to understand one another, respect each other's views, and make change together rather than apart.

## Style

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community are encompassed in Styleweek demographics.

Designers showcased during the week of September 19-22 included Clothes Horse Clothing, Bridgett Artise, Kent Stetson, Amy Lane, Christopher Sean, Jonne Anderson, Simone Simon, Zoe Grinfield, Lavanya Coodly, Lalla Bee, and Rose & Thread.

Many of these designers are based in Rhode Island, helping to strengthen the local economy.

"The mission of Styleweek NorthEast is to provide a single, professional space to produce New York-quality fashion shows," says the Boston Globe. With 15 seasons, Styleweek continues to be a successful event that is able to generate a large audience. The future of fashion and design will be showcased in the next, which we can only look forward to.

## Rappers

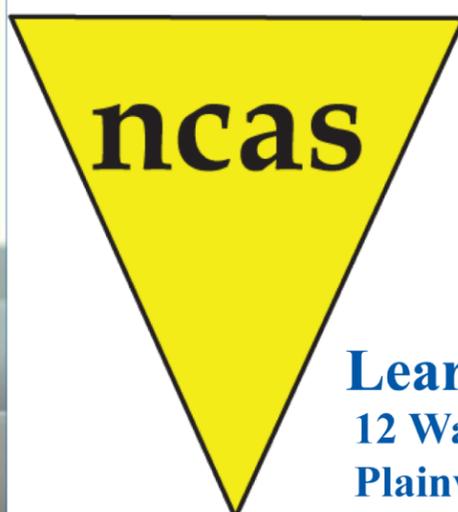
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Most recently, on September 7, Malcolm McCormick, or Mac Miller, passed away due to a suspected overdose in his home. Miller had struggled with mental health issues such as depression in the past. Recently, his ex-girlfriend of two years, Ariana Grande, had left him and got engaged to another celebrity within months of their break up which is speculated to be a reason for Miller's drug use.

Miller's death sparked another social media outbreak. Everyone was confused and shocked and, yet again, fans were looking for answers to yet another one of their favorite artist's deaths. Miller's death caused other artists to reach out to each other, such as J.Cole, who states on twitter "this is a message for anybody in this game that's going through something. If you don't feel right, if you feel you have a substance problem, if you need a ear to vent to. If you uncomfortable talking to people around you. Please reach out to me".

This year has been marked with great music of all genres from all types of artists, but sadly has been stained with premature loss and tragedy. Musicians' poor choices continue to disappoint as every year great artists pass away.

Hopefully their actions will have opened up the eyes of others, while there is still time to



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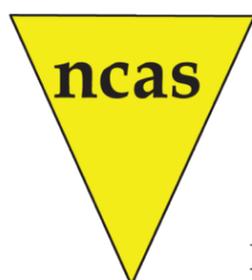
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