

# The Lion's Roar

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## I Voted!

LHS's mock election gives voice to student voters



Senior Eric O'Neill anxiously waits in line to cast his vote.

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On Tuesday March 15, 2016, Lincoln High School held its very own Primary Presidential Election. All students and faculty were welcomed to cast their vote as their last names were announced on the intercom. Ballots and voting machines were provided by the Secretary of State and set up in the North gymnasium. Outside of the gyms were two tables: Democrat and Republican, where

voters lined up behind their chosen candidate to sign in and receive their ballots. Options on the ballots for Democrats were Bernie Sanders, Rocky de la Fuente and Hillary Clinton, and the Republican options were Marco Rubio, John Kasich, Ted Cruz. Students of the Journalism and Broadcast Academy helped sign in students, pass out ballots as well as run them in the machine, pass out 'I voted' stickers, reported the action and created a live broadcast through the

entire duration of the process. By 7:45 the first cycle of students were called down and the craziness began. Voters created a line looping through the hallway leading to the sign in tables. Some marched straight to their party of choice while others indecisively took time deciphering which direction to go in. Policies and ideas were discussed through the line both peacefully and in heated arguments. After the students had voted and received their "I Voted" sticker, the both of us began to interview them. We asked them who they voted, why they voted, and which policies they like most about their candidate's campaign. Answers ranged widely through the crowd. Some knew exactly why they voted for their chosen candidate with reasons to support themselves, while others made random and oblivious decisions. Senior Alexis Emond explained, "I voted for Rubio because in civics we took an "isidewith" test and it tells you which candidate you have the best match with and I got him," and junior Ali Husain voted for, "Sanders because I agree with his reforms and he is a candidate who wants to help the people for the people by the people. He is appealing to all types of minorities and is an advocate for rights." Students who made informed decisions learned about the candidates through watching debates and the news, reading articles, and most popularly getting news from twitter. On the other end of the spectrum, junior Max Klitzner voted for Bernie Sanders because, "He's Jewish and so am I, he's my 'hebro,'" and freshman Macey Cabana explained, "I voted for Trump. I don't

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## April Fools': Teacher Edition

By AILSA FERLAND  
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On a Thursday afternoon during March 2016, Mrs. Miguel handed a pen to Mrs. Bothelo, in the early stages of a prank against LHS' French teacher, Ms. Evanoff. As Ms. Evanoff approached the scene, Mrs. Miguel faked a face of worry, and began to apologize for leaving Ms. Evanoff's four-color pen somewhere else in the school. Ms. Evanoff began to get upset, and was insulted when she was offered a one-colored pen, in place of her beloved multi-colored pen. Finally, laughing, Mrs. Miguel and Mrs. Bothelo admitted to their prank. Witnessing such an event on an average day at Lincoln High School made me wonder what other pranksters have braved the halls of this school, especially on All Fools' Day.

As Mrs. Cameron explains, "I - and all other gullible and trusting people in the world - consider April Fools' day to be the worst day of the year - next to the initiation of Daylight savings time in the spring. This just not a good time of year. I put the pranks out of my head... It's a coping mechanism." She has every right to feel this way, as teachers at LHS are more deceptive than they appear.

Any teacher may be targeted on any given April Fools' Day, the most recent prank being the initiation of April "Ruhle's" Day. Ms. Holden reflects, "Last year was my first year at Lincoln High School and myself and Mrs. Schofield decided to play an April Fools' Day prank on Mr. Ruhle (the head of the math department). Mr. Ruhle keeps a mini fridge in the math office where he stores his lunch. While he was teaching we took the fridge out of the math office and hid it in a different part of the building. Once he came back from teaching he came back to the office to find it missing along with a trail of clues he would need to solve in order to find the fridge and his lunch. We of course thought it was hilarious... he didn't find it as funny. We even took pictures of the clues as we intended on making it an annual April Ruhle's Day!"

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## Why we care about Earth Day

By ASHLEY VOTTA  
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April 22nd is Earth Day. The ecologically friendly conservation day first began in 1970. In the early 1960's there was a nationwide scare that the world was going to end in about 15 to 30 years from then, due to immense pollution. In order to attempt to redeem the status of the environment, U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson sponsored the beginning of the first Earth Day. In his Earth Day speech he said "Our goal is a new American ethic that sets new standards for progress, emphasizing human dignity and well being rather than an endless parade of technology that produces more gadgets, more waste, more pollution." He wanted to ensure that Earth Day had more implications than just saving the world. The predictions about the end of the world were very wrong, but it inspired a worldwide movement towards creating more quality lives.

56 years later, Earth Day is still a popular celebration amongst celebrities and humanitarians. It a day that gets a lot of press in terms of raising money through benefit concerts and fundraisers. On the Earth Day website (earthday.org) it lists, by country, the special events for celebration of Earth Day. In the United States California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, and Georgia have the most going on in terms of promotion of Earth Day events. The Environmental Protection Agency website (epa.gov) has a countdown to Earth Day as well as ideas for projects and conservation.

The theme this year is that all people should love and care about Earth, more than one day a year. With the hashtag #EarthDayEveryDay, it serves as a reminder to do good for the earth 24/7.

High school students have a lot more potential than they realize to conserve energy contribute to the wellbeing of the Earth. Easily, a few quick switches can make a big impact on one's carbon footprint.

1. The easiest way to be ecologically conscious is swapping disposable plastic water bottles for reusable water bottles. Nearly 90% of plastic water bottles are not recycled, instead taking thousands of years to decompose. The EPA's standards for tap water are stricter than the FDA's standards for bottled water.
2. The same goes for reusable containers - instead of using tons of snack bags, try swapping to packing your lunch in containers.
3. As hard as it may seem after a long day, just wanting to spend time in a hot shower, try and cut down a few minutes off of your shower. For every minute in the shower, about two gallons of water is used.
4. Unplug your chargers when you are not using them! This saves electricity from being wasted, and shaves a few dollars off the electric bill.
5. Similarly, you can save 40 watts of energy a year by turning off your computers when they are not being used.

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## Take a walk in my shoes



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# opinion

## lev logic



### In memory of the Naked Brothers' Band

By ALEX LEVIN *LION'S ROAR STAFF* Have you ever seen a prepubescent child that you were generally afraid of stealing your girl? If the boys of the Naked Brothers Band didn't come to mind instantly at the posing of that question, then your mind is simply repressing the scarily realistic chance of Nat and Alex Wolff taking your girl from you.

If you don't remember, the Naked Brothers Band was a TV show on Nickelodeon from 2007 to 2009 which used a 'mockumentary' film style following a child band called the Naked Brothers Band that was based out of New

York City. Starring Nat and Alex Wolff as the lead singer and guitarist, as well as Rosalina and Thomas as drums and bass guitar, the band had hit singles such as "Crazy Car", "If That's Not Love", and "Banana Smoothie", which actually transcended the TV show and actually became popular in real life too!

To prove my honesty and loyalty to both the reader and the name of journalism, I will actually tell you that I continue to listen to the Naked Brothers Band, or NBB, to this day. You haven't truly yet lived life until you've sat in the hot tub late at night, crying while listening to Alex Wolff

blast out "Long Distance". I'm sure that I'm not the only one who wished that they had looked like Alex Wolff, walking around with a Jimmy Hendrix guitar, long curly hair, and one sweet bandana. However, at the time I was very grossed out that he had a romantic relationship with



Nat and Alex Wolff of the Naked Brothers' Band. PHOTO COURTESY OF YOUTUBE

co-band member Rosalina, kissing her many times on the show: my undeveloped, eight year old brain just couldn't comprehend the idea of romance being enjoyable. Though, now being a young adult at the age of seventeen, I now know how to use Wolff's tactics in the art of romance, as I'm sure most boys already do on a subliminal level.

While the NBB show was at its peak, it was cancelled abruptly because Nickelodeon

wanted the Wolff brothers to work an intense schedule that the parents refused to accept as it would interfere with the children's schooling. Alex and Nat Wolff then disappeared from the world for a while, before reemerging together to make music again, with hit songs like "Look Outside" and "Maybe". The music style is very different than the once child boy band's music, as it is a very unique, alternative genre. The two brothers can now be found serenading forest animals with their beautiful acoustic chords throughout the woods, showing the maturity that has risen since their naked brother days.

## #DStrong taught us to #BStrong

By NICOLE CARPENTER *LION'S ROAR STAFF* Dorian Murray made a small request that turned into an international movement. As an eight-year old with rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of cancer that targets muscles attached to bones and that help the body move, Dorian had one wish -- to be famous.

The Westerly native achieved that goal as #DStrong reached millions, surging through every form of social media. Celebrities such as Tom Brady, Justin Bieber and Adam Sandler demonstrated their support of the #DStrong movement. School buses bore #DStrong signs on their grills. Our students spent days organizing a #DStrong event that became the foundation for an LHS video. Law makers, authors, athletes, entertainers, students, families, groups in all corners of the globe posted for the famous Dorian. The swift spread of the movement was not the only impressive feat -- the positive impact it made on the our community, and our world, was amazing as well.

Today, we hear more about tragedies: bombings, murders, celebrity scandals, these are the

things that flood social media and are discussed over the dinner table. Dorian's case was different.

While his suffering is tragic, his positivity and love released a different flood of emotions. His fame and strength spread like wildfire. Schools, businesses, everyone sported #DStrong photos. Many fundraisers rallied money for Dorian and the #DStrong movement. The positivity and camaraderie that came from the movement was unprecedented.

On Tuesday March 8, Dorian passed into eternal life. His family, devastated by their enormous loss, is asking for privacy. Yes, Dorian became famous just as he hoped, but his family deserves a moment out of the spotlight in which to grieve.

Though the world has lost this inspirational little boy, his strength and optimism in the face of terminal cancer has shown us what heroism is, what is important, and how truly valuable a life can be. Thank you Dorian for bringing hope into people's lives and spreading positivity in a world where negativity is more common. You will be missed. Rest in peace.

## 'Boys will be boys' every 107 seconds

By MADISON LAMBERT-NEWBERG *LION'S ROAR STAFF* There are 86,400 seconds in a day. Every 107 seconds.

According to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network, every 107 seconds an American is sexually assaulted. In less than every 2 minutes, a woman, man, boy or girl is approached in a way they would not consent to. Every 107 seconds, a person feels violated. Every 107 seconds, a life is changed forever.

Rape is: "A criminal offense defined in most states as forcible sexual relations with a person against that person's will."

A young girl riding a train. A young boy in the locker room with his coach. A woman at work, a man in his uncle's home. The possibilities are endless, and yet the outcomes are so softly spoken. That young girl keeps her secrets as the train pulls away, and that young boy zips his up in his hockey bag. The internal cries that are kept behind office walls and doors at home are rarely ever spoken.

Why? Why are those who are targeted and offended too afraid to tell the world?

68% of assaults are not reported to the police. Out of 100 rapes, only 32 get reported. Every 107 seconds, 68% of people do not come forward. Those who do seek help are scared. Scared of the judgement from peers, from their loved ones at home. Rape is NOT the victim's fault. Fear should never be implemented in the innocent minds. "What were you wearing?"

We have landed people on the moon but wom-

en cannot wear shorts or show their shoulders just in case it makes a male aroused.

"Why weren't you watching your drink?" Because it should not be a forced responsibility to make sure people don't induce others with drugs.

"Maybe you shouldn't have been such a tease." Do not tell people what they can and cannot do, simply tell others not to rape them.

"Boys will be boys." At what age were young boys taught to take advantage of women?

"You were asking for it." Why would someone ask to be forced into something that they could consent to if they wanted?

They are scared of the fact that they know their rapists will never see a day behind bars. Though they will live every day inside of their own cage in their mind, their culprits will remain free.

98% of rapists do not see a day in prison. Every 107 seconds, 98% of those who purposely put innocent people in an uncomfortable situation will never get punishment for their actions. There are no excuses for those 98% of people.

No means no. If a person says yes and then changes their mind, no means no. If the person is drugged or unconscious or unable to consent, no means no. Rape may not be excused, rape may not be burdened, rape may not be ignored.

Every 107 seconds, a plea for mercy is ignored.

Without the support from others, without the lack of judgment, these victims will not come forward due to fear. Due to the idea that if they

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## the toon

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Happily NEVER After



When Did He Stop Treating You Like A Princess?

# news

## M-Pesa replaces Kenya's old-fashioned currency

**BY SAMANTHA LEAL** Imagine a world where you can manage all of your money on your beloved cell phone. Well, believe it or not, you do. M-Pesa, a mobile payment service, has become Kenya's sole form of currency. This service caused a major boost in Kenya's rural income, and overall improved the country's economy. M-Pesa was found very successful in Kenya and is seen as extremely beneficial to developing countries.

M-Pesa has become an essential piece of many Kenyans' lives and even has given Kenyans the opportunity to access basic necessities through mobile payments.

M-Pesa came about in 2007 from Safaricom, the biggest cell phone provider in Kenya. It is now used by 90% of Kenyans throughout the nation. According to [cryptocoinsnews.com](http://cryptocoinsnews.com), Kenyans "now use M-Pesa for paying for everything from taxis to taxes." They can load their phones at kiosks for one of the 85,000 agents that sell M-Pesa.



M-Pesa currency being used in Kenya.

PHOTO: CREATIVE COMMONS/ FLIKR

Cgap.org reports that the money used through M-Pesa is always in possession of the users. Therefore the funds are never at risk of being lost if Safaricom were to go bankrupt. "The funds are deposited in several commercial banks, which are prudentially regulated in Kenya. In addition, the funds are held by a Trust and are therefore out of reach from Safaricom, which cannot access or use them. This is a requirement from the Central Bank of Kenya which oversees M-PESA." (cgap.org) In addition, all of the money that goes through M-Pesa is backed by the accounts in these commercial banks. But Safaricom can monitor all transactions in order to prevent laundering or corruptness within the system.

This system is so successful in Kenya because it can be used for everything. The people of Kenya can open savings accounts and make interest; have their income salary sent right to their phones; pay their taxes; or even take out loans.

This system has shown major improvements in rural and poorer areas of the country. This mobile payment service has made it possible for "a solar power company installed solar light panels in a slum using M-Pesa. People activate the solar panels using their cell phones. People also pay for water by texting M-Pesa to a meter box that activates the water pump." ([cryptocoinsnews.com](http://cryptocoinsnews.com))

M-Pesa is a user-friendly system. It is connected to the user's cell phone number and can be accessed by inputting a four digit code. If the code is entered incorrectly three times the account will be locked until the user visits an M-Pesa agent to give them their username or ID and phone to unlock the account. These M-Pesa agents are located all over the regions in which M-Pesa is used and accepted. They must also be visited if the user wishes to withdraw or deposit money in their account.

These agents have bought mobile money so that they can resell it for cash to M-Pesa users in cash-in transactions. For cash-out transactions, users sell their cash and buy mobile money. Agents invest in their own working capital rather than mediating the

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## Public television: the alternative to cable's reality television

**BY GABBY CARSON** In the past few years the U.S. has seen a decline in quality television. Reality shows and singing competitions have taken over the prime time slots, and most of the good shows have moved to Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime. However, there is still one option for educational shows, period pieces, and airings of national events such as tributes to famous artists and performances at the White House. The Public Broadcasting Service offers all of those programs and more.

Fueled by public funding, the channel is a refreshing break from the over-produced shows that are found elsewhere. One of the best parts about the channel is that it is free with an HDTV antenna. In other words, cable isn't necessary to access PBS. It has also won over ninety awards over the years, some of them being Emmys.

Its critically acclaimed series "Masterpiece" includes many of its period shows, the most famous being *Downton Abbey*. The show follows a rich family English family and their servants begin-

ning after the sinking of the Titanic, all the way through the 20s. The family must deal with their own problems (which are very large in number) while adapting to the changing world. It is an interesting look at global events from a different perspective than students in the U.S. are usually taught. The cast includes an all-star cast, with perhaps the most recognizable actress to Americans being Maggie Smith, the woman who played Professor McGonagall in *Harry Potter*. From its first season to its last, the show has racked up 51 awards and over 170 nominations for everything from best musical score, to best costumes, to best actor and actress in a drama.

Another PBS gem is the series "Nature". Like the "Masterpiece" series, "Nature" is the title of a large group of educational shows on PBS about plants and animals. One special followed penguins in the Antarctic with the help of mobile cameras disguised as penguins. The cameras were eventually accepted as members of the colony,

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## LHS to say goodbye to MMS

**BY NICK ALBANESE** Almost all students and teachers have the occasional "buffer" when it comes to using MMS Portal, whether it be inputting grades, checking grades, or inputting attendance. Although there is an occasional problem, MMS has generally been an easy-to-use tool available for Lincoln students, teachers, staff, and parents. After many years of using this well-known website, Lincoln is finally saying goodbye to MMS.

Starting this following year, MMS Portals will be replaced by "Skyward". According to Director of Guidance Anne-Marie VanNieuwenhuize, Skyward has the same concept as MMS, including the same parent and student "portals." She states that it is entirely cloud-based, which means the software applications "live" on the internet (cloud is just another word for internet) rather than on your local computer, whereas MMS is only portions. VanNieuwenhuize also comments that Skyward is supposed to be user-friendly, a lot faster, and less lag. And a new

feature (as a result of Skyward being entirely cloud-based) that has yet to be seen by the Lincoln community is, with no surprise, an app!

VanNieuwenhuize explains that the Skyward app will have the same features as the desktop version except it's on a phone. You can sign in with either a parent account (which parents have to make on their own) or a student account and check your grades as you would on a normal desktop. "Skyward even sends emails to parents about their son's or daughter's grades," VanNieuwenhuize states that the emails are "updates" to keep the parents more involved and know how their child is doing in school.

Business teacher Mrs. Murray feels she loses valuable teaching time as a result of MMS being as slow as it is. "When I try to take attendance... sometimes I can sit here for six or seven minutes. The fact that we are being evaluated, six or seven minutes is not any time that you can spare, plus you need those six or seven minutes every class

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# the flashback

## Quirky 1975: Pet Rocks, 'Cuckoo's Nest' and Everything on a Sesame Seed Bun

**BY AILSA FERLAND** The 1970s were a time of war, peace, and everything in between. 1975 marked the end of the Vietnam War, the independence of many modern day countries, and the release of *Jaws*; all while gas cost only 44 cents per gallon in the United States.

In March 1975, the North Vietnamese army entered the Southern city of Ban Me Thuot, seizing it within two days of battle. This battle was a decisive campaign in the Second Indochina war, leading to the surrender of South Vietnam on April 30. The anti-communist United States, in a desperate effort to help the Southern Vietnamese, initiated Operation Babylift. The operation evacuated a large number of Southern Vietnamese children to the United States and other country during the entire month of April. This removed them from the communist government, led by the Northern Vietnamese, which came into power in the aftermath of the war.

Back in the United States, President Gerald Ford signed a \$2.3 billion loan to New York City, as it was on the verge of bankruptcy. Meanwhile, doctors withdrew all non-emergency services, marking the first labor strike led by doctors in the United States. This resulted in hospitals eventually reducing their services. In the non-continental United States, construction of the Trans-Alaskan pipeline began, it was the largest privately funded construction project of the time period. Moreover, as the Cold War continued with the Soviet Union, US Apollo and Soviet Soyuz 9 spacecraft linked in space so that Russian cosmonauts and American astronauts could show their respect through a handshake. The convict Patty Hearst was also arrested for armed robbery.

It was well known that Patty Hearst was the granddaughter of William Randolph Hearst when she was kidnapped in 1974 by the Symbionese Liberation Army. This terrorist group threatened to kill her if she did not comply with their group's ideals. She went on to participate in propaganda and criminal activities during the following months. Finally, in 1975, when her name had made its way on the FBI Most Wanted list, she was arrested and put on trial. Her sentence was seven years in prison, but she would only serve two, eventually being pardoned by President Bill Clinton in the 1990s.

On the other side of the Atlantic, Margaret Thatcher was gaining momentum in Britain. She became the first female leader of opposition in Parliament, representing the Conservatives. In the meantime, the United Kingdom's inflation rate was increasing rapidly, reaching 24.2% in 1975.



Patty Hearst, kidnapped in 1975.

PHOTO: CREATIVE COMMONS, FLIKR

Furthermore, Dutch elm disease destroyed a total of three million elm trees throughout the nation. Britain would also enter a war over cod against Iceland, who extended their fishing rights 200 miles, while the IRA had a few significant attacks on the country.

The IRA, or the Irish Republican Army, was a terrorist group in Northern Ireland representing the Catholics who wanted Ireland to be unified again. Their campaigns against the British Protestant ideologies in 1975 included taking hostages in London, setting off bombs at the London Hilton Hotel, and assassinating Ross McWhirter, the co-founder of the Guinness Book of World Records.

The rest of the world in 1975 saw the independence of many nations. These included: Angola and Mozambique from Portugal, Suriname from the Netherlands, and Tuvalu from Great Britain. In addition, the Suez Canal reopened in June, after being closed since a war between Egypt and Israel that occurred during 1967. While this marked the end of one conflict, a civil war began to brew in Lebanon that continued for a total of fifteen years.

In technology, Motorola patented the first mobile phone, paving the way for the devices we use today,

Bic released the first disposable razor, VHS and Betamax Videotapes were introduced, and digital cameras were invented by Kodak. Personal computers were introduced, and Microsoft was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen. Kids were playing with Mr. Potato Heads and using Portable Cassette/ Recorders, and fashionable adults could purchase Foster Grants for only \$5.

The entertainment industry saw the birth of Kate Winslet and Angelina Jolie. Wings, Aerosmith, Black Sabbath, Bob Marley, Queen, Bruce Springsteen, and The Who among others were gracing the stages of the world. Murder on the Orient Express, The Return of the Pink Panther, and One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest were received well by the public. The biggest success of 1975, however, was the release of *Jaws*.



The movie poster for Jaws, released in 1975. CREATIVE COMMONS: Universal Studios

*Jaws* was one of the first blockbuster movies ever released. It was directed by Steven Spielberg, would be nominated for many Academy Awards and win three of them. It was also the top grossing movie of its time. *Jaws*, like many other aspects of 1975 still continue to impact popular culture in 2016, so the next time you watch the movie, gawk at the price of sunglasses, or enjoy the shade of an elm tree, remember the year when things were different, but very much the same.



Children play with Mr. Potato Head toys, a classic from 1975.

PHOTO: CREATIVE COMMONS, FLIKR

# Faculty Fast-Talk

by Ashley Votta

**How much do you love your dog? How do I love thee?** *Let me count the ways...yep, love my dogs a lot: Who could resist?*

**Should there be a "dog day" at school?** *If it weren't for some folks having allergies, or having had unfortunately uncomfortable or scary experiences with dogs, I'd sign right up!*

**Do you like grapefruit?** *Sure!*

**Do you speak any other languages beside English?** *Out!! I didn't know English until I went to school.*

**Favorite TV Show?** *"Finding Your Roots" on PBS*

**Favorite Font?** *Uncial Antiqua...*

**If you only had one life lesson to teach... It would be** *"Life's never boring; there is ALWAYS something to learn or experience. Find something to interest you in everything you do."*

**What would this school look like if you were principal?** *I shudder to think...*

**What would the school look like if your dog was the principal?** *Recess would be all day; cookies would be mandatory... Frisbee would be a sport...and naps would be required...*

**Where did you go to college?** *Providence College for my B.A. and Rhode Island College for my M.A.T.*

**Would you rather fly or be invisible?** *Easy: I love to fly...*

**Would you rather read minds or see the future?** *Neither; I like finding out by experience.*

**If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?** *Where else? I'd go to Stratford upon Avon and London to celebrate Shakespeare 400.*

**If you were not teaching what would you be doing?** *Photography, probably.*

**If you had to change your name, what would you change it to?** *Do I HAVE to change it? I kind of like it as it is.*

**Blue pen or black?** *Blue.*

**Coffee or tea?** *Depends; if it's the weekend, it's coffee.*

**Teacher best friend?** *There are too many great colleagues to make such a tough choice.*

**Favorite part about America?** *Our ability to choose: our votes matter; our lives are in our hands, our bounty of natural beauty.*

**What is your favorite vegetable?** *Asparagus, if I have to choose; I like almost all of them.*

**Favorite place to eat dinner?** *At home.*

**Where do you see yourself in 5 years?** *Still here, I hope.*

**Any good luck charms?** *No.*

**Did you play an instrument growing up?** *Yes.*

**How long does it take you to do your hair in the morning?** *This hair??? That's a secret...*

**Do you remember your junior/senior prom date?** *I do!*

**Favorite dance move?** *...none of the ones I see these days, I'm afraid.*

**Favorite letter?** *"A"*

**Favorite planet?** *Earth*

**Favorite scent?** *The smell of the air right before a thundershower.*

**Best way to wake up in the morning?** *...NOT to the alarm clock!*

**Best way to fall asleep at night?** *Dog by the bed, having had a productive day, and having done a bit of light reading: All good.*

**What do you do when you cannot sleep?** *Play my guitar.*

**Say something random?** *...daffodils...*

**How do you feel about national poetry month?** *Great; I just wish every day were poetry day...*

**Favorite song?** *"Cavatina" done by John Williams*

**Google Chrome, Internet Explorer or other?** *Other: Mozilla Firefox*

**Do you wear contacts?** *I did years ago, but no longer.*



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# THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT

BY AILSA FERLAND AND SAMANTHA LEAL

**Q: My best friend and I have been drifting towards different friend groups this year. It is hard not to be invited to things she does and not to invite her to things I do. What should I do? I don't want to lose my closest friend.**



**The Long of It**

**Sam:** You should plan for time to do things on your own with your best friend. You can still keep yourselves from drifting, as long as you keep in touch and use these times to talk about anything and everything. Don't caution around each other with things that you think might make them feel bad because that will push you apart, but if something does make you feel bad, let your friend know and you can discuss the issues to make your friendship stronger. No matter how close you are to someone, no one ever truly knows everything you are thinking or feeling. In addition to telling them how you feel, if you think they're keeping something from you, ask them as well instead of making assumptions. Although it may also be tough to not do everything together and hang out with different people, sometimes it's a good thing because it creates a little space so that you aren't overwhelmed by their presence. As long as you tell your friend what you are thinking and feeling, and you keep up with each other you will be sure not to lose your closest friend.

fun night out with your friends. But do not ask this girl to go with you unless you think you'll have fun with her. That is one of the biggest mistakes people make when going to dances. Really think about who you'll have the most fun with and go with them or else you are going to be miserable all night. And let your friends know that. They definitely do not want to spend their night with you if you're not going to be any fun. If you're very adamant about not going still, then just tell your friends and don't go. Find something else to do. As long as you are happy with whatever decision you make, you're doing the right thing.

**The Short of It**

Let her know how you feel, and then get her in on an elaborate "proposal". You can have an official picture and everything. But really it will just be an April Fools' prank on your friends! Problem solved.

**Q: I've been struggling with my self-confidence, and the people around me don't help by pointing out my flaws. I'm very shy and don't know how to make new friends to be able to talk about my problems with. I love my life and my family, but I just don't love me anymore. I scratch myself sometimes, but not enough to leave scars because people would ask about them. What should I do?**

**The Long of It**

**Sam:** First, if you are contemplating hurting yourself go seek professional help. Definitely don't hurt yourself. If you are already suffering emotionally, causing physical pain to yourself is not going to solve any problems and it might even make you feel even worse about yourself. Instead of looking for an 'escape' from pain by hurting yourself try to find something positive in your life that gives you pleasure. Pick up a hobby or join a club or sports team. Try something you've always wanted to do to get your mind of things that make you upset and occupy your time with something fulfilling. Along the way you might meet new people and make new friends who share your new interests. Joining a group doesn't mean you have to join it at school either. Go to a public library or find something online to join a club to meet people outside of your school. It'll help you to find a safe place away from wherever you feel you are having problems.

**Ailsa:** Joining an activity is certainly a great way to make new friends, but you should also talk to your parents. Don't hide that you are hurting inside from the people who love you the most. They are there to support you in all you do, and there are also many adults in school who can help you, like the guidance counselors and school psychologist. As daunting as going to see a professional, they are really just another person to talk to, and help you love yourself. You are a unique person, so instead of harming yourself to fight that uniqueness, embrace it by surrounding yourself with positive influences and the people you love.

**The Short of It**

"Hey there, Georgy girl/ There's another Georgy deep inside/ Bring out all the love you hide/And, oh, what a change there'd be/ The world would see/ A new Georgy girl!"- The Seekers

**Ailsa:** I couldn't have said it better myself Sammy, but I'm going to try to now. Drifting towards different friend groups should not be the source of a break in your relationship. You two are just at different parts in your life, and should put aside some time to just be the awesome people you are. As my Memere always says, you can be apart from your best friend for years and come back together as if you were never apart. Enjoy the time you have with your friend, and know that if you and your friend want to make things work, you will, no matter where you are, or who you're with.

**The Short of It**

Make your own kind of music (sing your own special song like the Mamas and the Papas) and be your own best friend. Then you will never have this problem.

**Q: People are pressuring me to ask a certain person to prom, but my heart's not in it. Dances are not my cup of tea, but she is expecting me to pop the question. What should I do?**

**The Long of It**

**Ailsa:** If you don't want to go, you should say so. Don't leave your friends in the dark, or even this girl, as they will all continue to pressure you to do things that you don't wish to. Communication is often the solution to many problems, and you need to communicate here to avoid hurt feelings in the end. It is perfectly fine that you don't want to go to the dance, everyone has their own opinion, and there are plenty of other people that don't attend their school's big dances. There may even be other people at your school who aren't going who will support your opinion. Also, be clear that your opinion will not change, so as to prevent further pressure in the future.

**Sam:** Even if dances aren't your thing, it might be fun to go anyways. It's only one night, take a step out of your comfort zone and think of it as a

Having any problems in school? Write into us at [thelionsroar.lincoln@gmail.com](mailto:thelionsroar.lincoln@gmail.com)! All information will remain anonymous.

## Mr. McNamara named RIIL Administrator of the Year

By GABBY CARSON Recently the Rhode Island Interscholastic League named Mr. McNamara the Administrator of the Year. Many Lincoln High School students may not know this, but our principal was once the athletic director of Lincoln and has served on the RIIL Principal's Committee since 2005, a group specifically for administrators, working on policies for the state's athletic league. He is currently the chairman of the committee.

"I think that this award is recognition for the amount of time I've spent working with the league, providing governance and direction for the league." Despite being a major contributor to RIIL, Mr. McNamara stays humble when speaking of his award: "I think there are a lot of deserving members of the PCOA, people who work very hard with their sports." His positivity and passion for sports has created an energetic and inclusive climate here at LHS, which has not gone unnoticed by RIIL.

Congratulations, Mr. McNamara. We are very proud of you and know that you will continue to make Lincoln High School proud.



LHS Principal Mr. Kevin McNamara announces the opening of Ferguson Field on September 8, 2016. PHOTO BY GABBY CARSON



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## As temperatures rise, so should your bank account

**BY CARLY SWANSON** Once the school year *LION'S ROAR STAFF* draws to a close, and vacation begins, there are many directions students can take the way they spend their time. Some students will spend the months indulging in relaxation, wasting the days stuck in lazy habits, but some may use their free time to gain experiences to learn about themselves and get a start on their future - it all depends on how students seek out and take advantage of opportunities. The best way to do so is through a summer job or volunteer service. Working or volunteering allows teenagers to get valuable work experience and explore interests of possible careers to see if it is something they would like to pursue in the future.

First things first, getting a job is very difficult no matter what your age or previous experience is, but it is especially hard for teenagers who are possibly battling for positions with older and more qualified candidates. Guidance counselor at Lincoln High School, Mrs. Fish is a very good resource for students who are looking into different job opportunities. She recommended to start with a targeted search. "Determine what you want to do then begin to ask around," she continued, "Ask around on social media...networking to find a job is important." Jobs when you are young are like a trial and error system, so it is important to test out your interests and find your passion. If networking doesn't work out, students can go directly to businesses, companies and other establishments to seek out job opportunities. Mrs. Fish explained it is important to, "go in person and ask if they have any openings. Even if they do not have any openings, ask if they are taking applications. If they don't have an opening now, they will have your information if a girl quits in two days." When visiting these establishments, it is key to present yourself with poise, maturity and respect. Dress appropriately, make eye contact, shake hands, and ask to speak to the manager. Do



Junior Jessica O'Neill rings up a customer at Froyo World.

PHOTO BY GABBY CARSON

not have mom call in or send your application. If you cannot call yourself, then you probably aren't ready to have a job. Being mature, straightforward, assertive, respectful, humble and eager is essential to the job hunt. You will appear deserving and memorable, and employers will think of when it comes time for hiring.

During the job hunt, it is important to keep in mind interests that you would like to explore and experience. There is nothing comparable to the exposure of the setting and atmosphere of the workplace, especially if it is considered a possible future career path. "If you want to be a

lawyer you may try to get a filing job at a law office. Even though the long term job you want will not be a filer, you will be able to observe the interactions between the lawyers, the paralegals the clients and get a feel to see if it is an environment you are really interested in," Mrs. Fish expressed. The same goes for students who are interested in any field. Students who want to go into the medical field can volunteer at hospitals, students who want to be teachers can work at summer camps, day cares, and even teach swim lessons.

Sarah Grassel is a sophomore at Lincoln High School and completed a volunteer program at

Miriam Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. Sarah explained, "To qualify for the job, you had to be a high school student, and you had to be able to consistently come in for at least four hours per week." Sarah's day to day tasks varied while at the hospital, and each of them gave her a taste of what it is like to work in the medical field. Through this volunteer program, Sarah not only learned a lot about herself, but about her interest in becoming a nurse that was intensified by this experience. "The reason I volunteered for this job is because I have an interest in going to school for nursing. I learned that I would like to work in a hospital environment when I become a nurse because I like how you are constantly busy and that you are constantly able to help people. I got to learn an inside perspective of how a hospital runs, and just how much work goes into getting everything done. This volunteer job also taught me the skills of compassion, being helpful to others and knowing how to respond in an emergency situation."

Tommy Beauchemin is a junior at Lincoln High School, and last summer he worked at the Lincoln Parks and Recreation summer camp. The camp has various locations though Lincoln including Saylesville and Lonsdale Elementary School, as well as Lime Acres, Albion, Fairlawn, and Manville Park provide many opportunities for teenagers to get jobs as counselors. Tommy explained that he got the job because he, "talked to Andy [Andrew Wade, assistant director of the Parks and Recreation Department] in the past about hiring someone as young as me and he told me to apply. Basically you have to show responsibility and be able to interact well with kids at a mature level while giving punishment and discipline when needed." Tommy's position as camp counselor had him watching over kids,

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## What are colleges looking for in 2016?

**BY SAMANTHA LEAL** The major question when *LION'S ROAR STAFF* it comes to applying to colleges is, "how do I get in?" Everyone wants to know the secret formula to college acceptance. Often times, even with all the resources available, students have no idea what colleges are looking for. They don't know what information to include or omit in their applications.

According to the guidance department, it's not quite as hard as you think as long as you take the time to really research the colleges you want to apply to. If you don't put in the time to research the college you might not realize that it doesn't offer what you want. It's extremely important to narrow down the colleges you want to apply to by thoroughly researching them. Really look into each school, and see what majors they offer and the types of jobs and careers students end up with after graduating the school. So it is important that you, in addition to researching majors, research careers that go along with these majors to help you make the best choice for yourself.

When researching the college, also look into what kind of students get into the school and where you fall in, compared to these applicants. The guidance department suggests applying to one or two reach schools, three realistic schools and one safety. A safety must be a school that you actually are willing to attend. If you have no interest in going there, it is not a safety. For the school to be a safety you must also be above the midrange of that school.

Mrs. Fish, guidance counselor at Lincoln High, explains why researching colleges is so significant; "Different colleges value different things when they are making admissions decisions, so the best way to know what a specific college is looking at is to go to collegeboard.org, click on the particular school, click on applying and then it will show you a tab that says what's important." So it's good to look at this resource to determine what things you do and don't need

when applying to the schools. Some schools, for example, have made SAT scores optional. If you did not do as well as you liked, the college will not look at them if you opt not to send your scores. If you felt you did well and send your standardized test scores, they will only use these scores to enhance your application.

A great resource to look at what you should include in an application is Lincoln High School's

premiere level sport, or took up a new hobby, or took an online course to learn about something just because you intrigued by the topic, or even if you had a job. These are all important things to include in your application. These activities show you have some variety in your life and make you an interesting applicant.

Applications consist of many different parts. You must include statistics about you as a student

as well as information about you as a person. Your transcript, class rank that is accumulative, you unweighted GPA as well as final grades of all your classes. Colleges will also see your quarterly grades from senior year. So even after you are accepted into college, or after you have sent in applications, don't give up on your school work, because it could be crucial for colleges to see that you are dedicated to your classes and always put effort in. Colleges will also look at your SAT or ACT test scores if you send them



College pennants hanging in the LHS hallway.

PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LEAL

very own website. There is a whole section from the guidance department with information about college planning. It gives a lot of helpful little tips and materials to lead you onto a path of success. One example is about how to present yourself to colleges. In order to do so properly, it's important to demonstrate interest in the college; maybe by visiting the campus. Also complete your application with care and effort and make it reflect who you are as a person while still following the application guidelines and instructions.

Lincoln High School's guidance department also included on their website the importance of including extra-curricular and other activities in your application. Colleges want to see that students have interests, and are passionate about these interests. They want an interesting person. They do not want to see that someone was involved only academically and never joined any clubs or sports teams. Colleges also like to see volunteer work or even other things you have done outside of school. Maybe you played a

in.

Other things to include in an application is any volunteer work you have done, whether for community service hours or just something you and your family do every year; activities in and out of school that show you have interests in other things; leadership positions you have held or participated in whether it be that you started a club or were captain of a sports team; and any awards you may have earned throughout high school. The final major pieces of your application are your essay and your letters of recommendation.

Mrs. Fish really emphasizes how important the essay is. "Your application essay is the one time that they get a glimpse of who you really are, besides your letters of recommendation," Mrs. Fish explains. She also mentions that it is not a good idea to incorporate sarcasm into your essay because sarcasm does not always read as it was intended. Even if that is something that is a part of your personality, you might want to leave it out for the sake of avoiding coming off rude,

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## Zimmern's bizarre visit

**BY GABBY CARSON** Andrew Zimmern is the *LION'S ROAR STAFF* host of Bizarre Foods on the Travel Channel. On his show he travels across the world and samples strange, local foods and gives a little bit of history about each place he visits. Recently, Zimmern and his crew came to Providence to showcase some bizarre Rhode Island food.

Once in Rhode Island, it is hard to confine yourself to just Providence when on the search for interesting food. Outside of Providence, Zimmern visited East Providence, Matunuck, Newport and Middletown. The main type of food that he focused on was seafood, particularly our world-famous Quahogs. From steamed little-necks to "stuffies," he tried it all. He also talked about cod fish from O Dinis, hot weiners from Olneyville New York System Restaurant, grilled pizza from Al Forno, and coffee milk and Awful Awfuls at the original Newport Creamery in Middletown. Perhaps the most interesting part of the show was the information about cod fish. The crew visited the North American Salt and Fresh Fish Market in Pawtucket, the location where O Dinis buys its cod. The process of cooking the fish to create the popular Portuguese dish Bachalhau is very strange. The fish is bought fresh, but then it is preserved with salt. Then the fish is soaked to remove the salt, which gives the normally bland fish a dynamic taste. While those are all Rhode Island staples, they surely aren't the most bizarre foods in the state.

Keeping with the trend of seafood, something that isn't very common can be found right in the Federal Hill neighborhood of Providence. Venda Ravioli sells lobster ravioli. The dish can also be found at Andino's in Providence. Venda also offers seasonal ravioli, like pumpkin in the fall.

Just a short drive from Federal Hill is Atwells Avenue in Olneyville. There you can find Sanchez Tortilleria, a Mexican ingredient supermarket. They specialize in making a wide variety of fresh tortillas and there is a hidden taco shop behind the market, but those aren't their most interesting features. One unique food you can buy at Sanchez Tortilleria is cactus. There aren't many other places to find edible varieties of the

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# a day in the



“They’re worn because I love them so much.”  
-*ABBY ENGLE*

“The way you’re going  
by  
-Chris



“I don’t  
should call  
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“They make me happy because they remind me of spring.”  
-*MARGAUX BESSETTE*

“The plaid is fresh.”  
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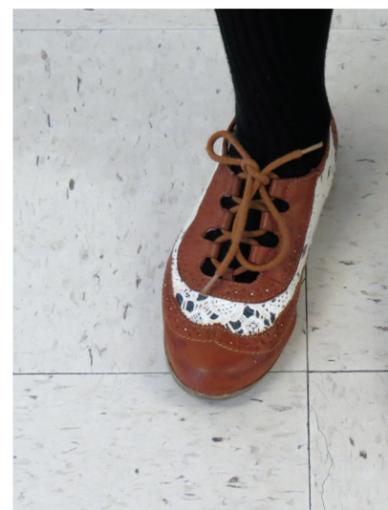


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-*BRENDAN L’ESPERANCE*



“Why my shoes?” - *CALEB GAGNIER*



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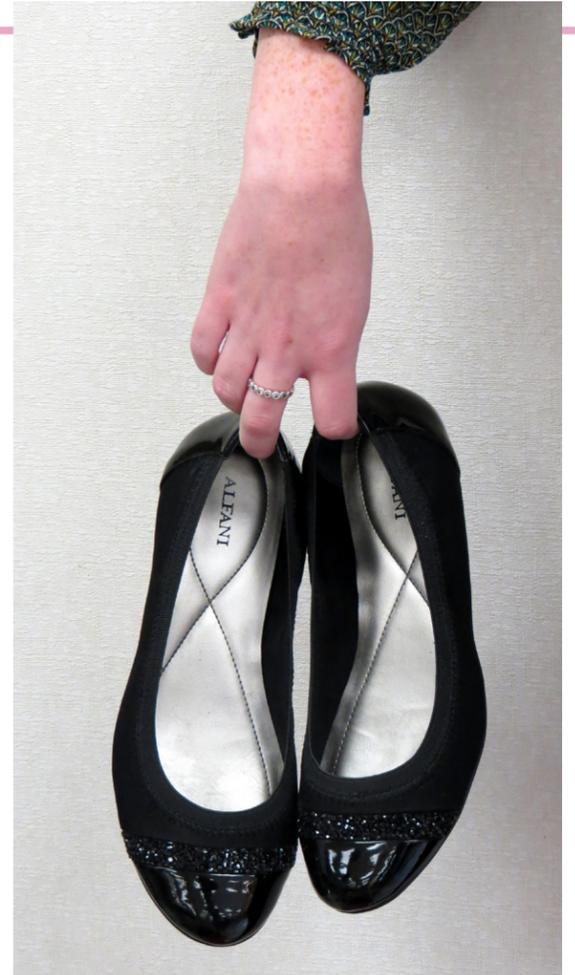
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“I think I have  
the best shoes  
out there.”  
-COREY MAYER



“I needed a pair of black flats to  
match my outfit for the next day,  
that’s why I bought them.”

-JILLIAN TUYTSCHAEVERS



tylish, yet comfortable.”

-DREZEK



“They make me feel taller, and powerful”

-KATHRYN PACKARD

“I feel like I am from the  
1920’s.”

-BELLA DIORIO



“I am a stylish man, with  
stylish shoes.”

-BRANDON BELLOWS





# A\$h Money

## Higher Education's Very High Costs

If the college board was a character in a Stephen King novel, it would be an evil, money sucking lynch of innocent students. Everyone knows that college prep alone – SATs, ACTs, AP exams and applying, etc.– costs SO much money. But the million dollar question is WHY. Why do I need to pay an extra 11.50 to take the “optional” essay in the new versions of the SATs? Why do

I have to pay \$65 to apply to URI? Luckily, the “sticker price” is usually not the actual amount of money a student pays, due to financial aid, scholarships and work studies. However, imagine how much cheaper it would be if say, Vassar College,

the most expensive school in the country as of 2016, did not have a sticker price of 51,300 (not including meals and room and board). If we are going to pay this, might as well know why.

In the analysis section of the U.S. News website, they wrote “In a recent interview with U.S. News & World Report, Robert Reich addressed the rising cost of a college education and drew a correlation between how schools spend their money and the cost for students. He believes schools are overspending on amenities and that college and university bureaucracies have become too large and redundant.” Could not have said it better myself Robert, in 1971 Harvard's tuition was 2,600 dollars a year for academics. Just let that sink in.

The research I did to uncover this was not very satisfying. The reason college has gone up SO much seems a bit silly to me, but the facts are the facts. On average the family income has increased since say 1971, and continues to with each decade, therefore causing everything a consumer would purchase, to also increase.

College is no exception. To start with the SATs, basically the reason you pay have to pay 43 dollars per test is so that a grader can luxuriously read and score thousands of SATs. A scorer can make up to 74,000 dollars a year thanks to being forced into the standardized tests before college, and our parents generosity in letting us take the SATs not once, but most likely two to three times.



Other recent increasing costs within colleges are the generous coaching salaries, a 3% increase in the

“student services” budget, hiring the best staff, and pricey amenities. Not to mention reducing subsidies, fewer donations from alumni, and more debt, after the recession also accounts for the need of a higher price to pay.

Colleges and universities have become a major industry within themselves in the past two decades. With a bigger push for pursuing education after high school, the number of prospective undergraduates has doubled. So has the competition between schools. To attract students and faculty the schools have a better chance of students choosing their school if they give themselves “an edge”. The “second best meal plan in the country” from University of Massachusetts Amherst. The “most luxurious dorms in America” from University of Arizona. The “best library of any private college in the country” from Boston College.

Public universities offer more reasonable costs for colleges but aren't always given a reputation as “the best”, when in reality if you work hard, any college can work to your advantage, and is always better than no education at all!

# The Art of Avoiding People

BY NICOLE CARPENTER  
LION'S ROAR STAFF

One minute, you're walking down the hallway -- talking to your friends, texting everyone about what that person said to you last period and how rude it was -- then you see them, that person you were trying to ignore.

You only have a mere ten seconds at most to decide what to do, whether you should say hi or wave, or try to figure out how to avoid them. It's happened to everyone, so what do you do?

Option 1: Look at your phone. Avoid eye contact by pretending you have a really interesting or important text that you need to attend to. Bonus points if you pretend to answer an important phone call and it works.

Option 2: Walk in a different direction. If someone looks like they have a place to be, or they know where they're going, you're probably not going to get in their way. Therefore, if you act like you have a purpose, whoever you're trying to ignore will probably just stay away from you. Even better if you act like you forgot something the other way and execute it to the point where others are actually convinced.

Option 3: Have your friends block you. If you're walking with a group of friends, and they know you're



ABOVE and BELOW, Brooke Walsh and Sara Al-Khouri use their phones to avoid Emily Jacobson in the hallway. PHOTO BY ISABELLA DIORIO

very clearly trying to avoid the person, force them to act as a shield around you. Imagine the stereotypical bodyguards surrounding the President, and shoot for that type thing. If they don't do this for you, you can kinda be assured that they won't do anything important for you in the future either. (Helps you to figure out who's a real friend and who's not.)

Option 4: Dart your eyes. With this you could simply shift your eyes from looking at the faces of people in the hallways, to looking at their shoes instead. This way, you could just use the “oh I didn't see you!” excuse if the person you were trying to ignore brings it up to you later.

Option 5: Distract yourself. Whether it be by “rushing” to the bathroom, joining another group of friends in the hall, or saying “hi” to a teacher, if you appear busy, the person you're trying to ignore won't bother to talk to you.

Throughout your journey through high school you're going to want to ignore someone, it just happens. Over time, you learn the certain tricks to how to do that, and you'll find which one works best for you. Whether the purpose of ignoring be the fact that you are in a bad mood, don't want to talk to them, or simply don't like them but are too nice to tell them, you should learn how to do it the best way. Try out some of these options to try to perfect an art that will become second nature by the time you graduate.



# In Defense of Millennials

BY GABBY CARSON  
LION'S ROAR STAFF

It all started in the 1950s, the first year teenagers as a prominent term

emerged. For the first time adolescents cultivated their own growing counter culture. Before then, there was little separation between adults and the younger generations. Elvis Presley's gyrating hips sent teenagers into craziness and spiraled adults into a tizzy. Parents began to say that Elvis's music was work of the devil and became concerned that their kids would turn to provocative revolt and dismiss their respectful and mostly religious teachings. This age of youth was known as the “Greatest Generation.”

Then came the “Baby Boomers.” As historian Landon Jones explained, “the cry of the baby was heard across the land,” almost exactly nine months after World War II ended. As this generation grew older, they began to reject the ideals of suburban consumerism. They instead fought for social, political, economic equality and justice for discriminated against groups including African-Americans, young people, women, gays and lesbians, American Indians and Hispanics. Student activists took over college campuses, parks, and other public places, and held organized protest. Others referred to as “hippies” dropped off of the political scene. They grew their hair out long, experimented with drugs, and practiced “free love” with newly accessible birth control. This period is said to have ended in 1964.

Following the peace and love of the hippies came Generation X, which did not have much of an impact on pop culture, but an impact nonetheless. This age consists of those who were born after the baby boom until 1981. “Generation X-ers,” experienced vast new genres of new music including new wave, electronic, heavy metal, punk rock, alternative rock and hip hop. Per usual, elders became skeptical of this music their kids were listening to, creating a separation, and sense of individualism for the teenagers. This new music and development of music videos is



Students are distracted by their phones in class.

the reason Generation X is often referred to as the MTV generation. The rise of mass media at this time also drove even more marketing and consumerism towards adolescents, furthering their identities as a generation.

There it is. The cultural phenomenon of the generation gap, defined as, differences of outlook or opinion between people of different generations. These are the defining features that separate young people from their parents and grandparents. It's what makes elders continually disapprove and worry about their children, because it is different from what they learned growing up. It is why society picks apart it's youth and explains how it negatively differs from those before them. It is why millennials are seen as lazy. It's why millennials has come to be an antagonizing term.

Millennials are listed to have been born between 1984 and 2004. I am a millennial. If you are a student reading this you are a millennial. If you are a teacher reading this you have probably at some time or another loosely used the term, “those millennials and their facebook, always on those dam phones tweeting something.”

But what is it that gives today's youth such a bad reputation? As it always is, time and time again, it's what makes us different from our parents and grandparents. You may be thinking, “Carly, this is a constant cycle of disapproval, why are you trying to fight it?” Well, what teenager would I be if I didn't try to stick it to the man and prove myself?

Most prominently, the legacy of millennials is, and will always be technology. The world is

at our fingertips. Trends and viral videos spread like wildfire. Within minutes the entire teen population with a Twitter account will see the latest fad whether it's the white vans an everyday boy named Daniel sported or Kim Kardashian's most recent selfie. You will see a video appear once on your timeline and you will chuckle to yourself. Then you will see it again. Before you know it all of your friends will be talking about it and your parents will be making very inaccurate and uncomfortable references to said video. It is a vicious and uncontrollable cycle, and one of the cases older generations have against digitally minded teenagers.

I will admit, I may or may not have a borderline addiction, and my borderline I mean I am completely and utterly attached to my phone, both emotionally and physically. It is always in my pocket, I always have access to it whenever I want and wherever I want. Because teenagers like myself also always have their phones, they are constantly fed information through the day. This continuous news source, may it be actual news or mindless memes, it is still information, making us quite possibly one of the most informed generations.

Before having my social media accounts I had no interest or any idea at all about politics, or any current events. Twitter and other forums allow me to read about and educate myself about the world around me more than I ever had before, as it does for many of my fellow adolescents. For once I have views and ideas about the upcoming election and the race leading up to it, something that wouldn't have happened if I didn't have my phone glued to me.

Young people are fighting for what they believe in on Twitter and other media platforms constantly for feminism, equality of love, as well as against racism and political corruption. It is fast, easy, and shared to the masses. You have a voice that anyone and everyone can hear, and that is some-

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# sports

## Levin pays tribute to Peyton Manning

BY ALEX LEVIN  
LION'S ROAR STAFF

Rest in peace Peyton Manning. Your presence will be missed greatly (in the NFL of course). No, society did not lose the life of Peyton Manning, however, the NFL did lose one of the best quarterbacks to ever play the position this past month as the the seventeen year veteran retired this past month following his Super Bowl win with the Denver Broncos. While I am a New England Patriots fan, I can speak impartially looking back at the illustrious career that "The Sheriff" has put together.

Living in New England, one of the best sports rivalries in recent memory has been the New England Patriots against the Indianapolis Colts. This rivalry was about much more than just two teams, but rather two quarterbacks: Peyton Manning and Tom Brady. Had the quarterbacks been Jamarcus Russell and Luke McCown, I highly doubt that the Colts and Patriots rivalry would have ever made it off of the ground. Without Peyton (or Tom), that amazing rivalry doesn't happen and sports history misses out on some exciting games. It is highly debated about whether Tom or Peyton is the better quarterback, however, whatever your viewpoint is, Peyton's skill, experience, and intelligence at the position is undeniable.

One of the best memories that fans have of Peyton is when he won his first Super Bowl against the Chicago Bears in 2007, being named the Super Bowl MVP. As many would remember, he would then go on to win his second Super Bowl this past season with the Denver Broncos against the Carolina Panthers, making for a story-book ending to his career.

Being a veteran taking the game so seriously, it is a misconception that he isn't able to have any fun. However, his teammates shed some light on

to Manning's jokester side. Wide receiver on the Broncos, Demaryius Thomas, said "I remember the year we went to Duke to work out in the off-season. We had Eric Decker. The week before we went up to do the training sessions, Peyton said, 'Everything is going to be free. You guys don't have to worry about nothing. Just get here.' We got there and we had dinner. We had rehab. We had hotel rooms. So, he kind of made fake sheets up that showed it was paid for. Only one person got one that was a bill, and you could see the guy's face. It was Eric Decker. It was like \$3,000 or something like that. When you saw Decker's face, it was like priceless. That was just one of the pranks Peyton did." Maybe not the best prank that one could pull off, but still a prank nonetheless. But I will say this: Peyton just stick to sports and stray away from being a jokester, it's probably just uncomfortable for everyone around.

So where does Peyton Manning go from here you ask? Perhaps he could become a coach. Perhaps he could become a color commentator. Perhaps he could come out of retirement (but please don't become a circus act like Brett Favre). My prediction though, is that Peyton becomes a housewife. Like it or not, Peyton Manning is a work horse. It's just the truth. There hasn't been a man as crazy about preparation like Peyton Manning is ever since Bobby Flay preparing a turkey dinner. Imagine Peyton Manning putting his hard work and preparation skills into the kitchen? Now that is one Dad that I would like to have around to keep my room cleaned and grill up a mean burger on Labor Day Weekend.

So good luck with your future, with whatever you choose to do, Peyton Manning. Thank you and congratulations on your remarkable career.

## A preview of Boys' Tennis 2016

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The boy's tennis team here at Lincoln High School is in for a very bright season this year. For the past couple of seasons, there had been no junior varsity team. Along with that, the varsity team in which they did have had been unfortunately very small. However, about 26 people have signed up for the upcoming season, so they are planning on having a junior varsity team as well.

This year's coaching staff has also seen changes, with Mr. Potter passing the title to Mr. Pavao, an English teacher here at Lincoln High School. Alex Kwarta, a senior on the boys' tennis team, remarks his support in this change in coaching staff, commenting on the convenience of having a coach who doubles as a teacher. Pavao spent the last five years coaching boys' tennis in North Smithfield, but was happy to make the switch because "it's nice to coach kids that I have in class."

With a much bigger and qualified team, along with a new coach, the boys who are a part of the tennis team are expecting big things. Last year's captain and a senior on the team, Eric O'Neill, stated with enthusiasm that, "this season we are



Boys' Tennis team celebrates after a win last season. PHOTO: ERIC O'NEILL

looking better than we have in the past two years and I am excited to see what we can do". The students on the boy's tennis team seem as though they are very confident when it comes to what the future holds. The players and new coach are undoubtedly ready to pave the way for a very successful year filled with many victories on the court.

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## Colleges

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immature, miserable, or negative.

Recommendations are another important piece in the application process. It's important to form bonds with your teachers and guidance counselor because you want to select people who know you as a person to write you a letter of recommendation. You want someone who can comment positively on your motivation, your work effort, your ability to overcome obstacles, and your attitude. It's also beneficial if these teachers are in the area in which you are looking to focus on in your college education.

Just remember that colleges are looking at the whole picture. Even if you make a few little mistakes here and there, it's not the end of the world. A small piece of the puzzle is not going to make it or break it in your educational career. Of course, always try your best, but don't get caught up in the small pieces of your application. It's also not good to compare yourself to others. There are many different paths to the same endpoint so take the one most fit for your personal situation.

Of course there's also that aspect of money. College is expensive, but don't let that stop you from applying. This also does not mean to apply to twenty different schools because there are big fees for applications as well. So narrow down your choices based off of what you want to do and what the right path for yourself is. But do not let the fact that a college is very expensive bar you from applying there. Usually those that are more expensive on paper, have more money to give out. You don't know how much money that college is going to give you in financial aid and scholarships so if it's somewhere you could see yourself going, it's worth the application.

While still in high school "The important thing is to pursue the things that you are interested and passionate about in and outside of school," Mrs. Fish mentions. This is because if you pursue your interests colleges will see that as dedication. Especially if you participate in something the school does not offer. For example, if you are passionate about dancing, take dance classes at a local dance company and even though there is not dance team at LHS, try to connect this passion by trying out for variety show. Colleges are interested in students who show this passion and dedication. Mrs. Fish reiterates by stating that colleges "want the student who shows a real passion for learning, who does things outside of school on top of what they need to graduate."

Another aspect to take into consideration now is how you present yourself on the internet. Some colleges will look their applicants up online to make sure you are a mature student. Kaplan, an education company, reports from their surveys of this past year involved in the admissions process that "40% of college admissions officers have visited an applicant's social networking space like Facebook or Instagram to learn more about them." (Kaplan.com) this means you should keep your social media profiles private, or better yet, monitor what you post. Try to avoid posting things that may be viewed as inappropriate, offensive, or just poorly reflect your character. Something that might seem funny to your friends and peers may not seem so funny to college admissions officers.

Mrs. Fish's final piece of advice is to "do your best work in school; your transcript is one of the most important parts of your application. It is a statement about your academic character. Colleges want students who have challenged themselves and succeeded. College admissions reward performance." However, this does not mean that your class rank is everything to colleges. They just want to see that you have pushed yourself to reach goals and accomplish what you can. They do not want to see students that did not try hard and never challenged themselves.

Overall the most important thing to do now is try your best in everything you do and take initiative by getting involved in whatever you're interested in or passionate about. Don't be the kid that missed out on great opportunities in high school. Enhance your experience by doing what you love or even by discovering something new. When applying to college choose wisely when selecting who you want to write your letters of recommendation and be yourself in your essay. Be sure to include everything and present yourself well. Stand out. Make them remember you.

## Bizarre Foods

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plant in Rhode Island. Also on Atwells Ave is Trattoria Zooma. There the chefs make their signature squid ink pasta, an Italian delicacy.

El Rancho Grande is another Mexican food destination in Providence. Its most popular dish is Mole Poblano with a side of rice. Chances are you don't know what that even is. Mole Poblano is chicken or turkey covered in a special sauce made of peppers, bread crumbs, nuts, and chocolate. Yes, chocolate. It isn't too sweet, and is said by critics to create a nice balance with the meat.

Los Andes doesn't have many bizarre foods, but it is a standout amongst Rhode Island restaurants. It is one of just four Peruvian restaurants in the state, and brags authentic, award-winning food. From the outside it doesn't look like much, but it holds fresh food that impresses almost everyone that passes through. Some of the more unique dishes include lobster paella a ceviche martini. Recently the restaurant landed the number 54 slot on "Yelp's Top 100 Places to Eat" list, which is full of restaurants from across the entire country.

While Andrew Zimmern got to visit some classic Rhode Island spots, he just skimmed the surface of bizarre foods in the state. Most of the most interesting dishes can be found right in Providence.

## Summer Jobs

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making sure everything was running smoothly, while the kids are having a good time. Although Tommy stated that he could not picture himself working with kids in the future, he did learn many valuable skills. "I learned that you have to be a role model for children to look up to." "I also learned many father-like traits," Tommy laughed. "It helped me understand the working world, and allowed me to understand that when you are on the clock you do what you're asked to and earn your money."

This lesson that Tommy learned of doing what you are told and respecting the authority figures at your job is one that Mrs. Fish finds most important for young people to learn. Mrs. Fish explained that "Up to this point, student lives are often sheltered by the school world. Their existence is limited to this very controlled environment. For some students it's a reality check that I just can't skate along." This can be difficult for some students to grasp when they are used to doing whatever they want in school with little serious consequence. "It's the first time students are really held to adults standards. You can't stroll in 5 minutes late with a coffee and get a pass, you are going to lose your job."

The summers for high school students have the chance to be extraordinary learning experiences, it is up to the students to go out and look for opportunities. The lessons taught through summer jobs and programs are key for teenagers to learn at this young age. The discipline, responsibility, and maturity skills are important for success and will follow kids as they progress their professional careers, rather than learning them the hard way once they are already in the system. The opportunities are out there, it is just up for the student to take what they can, and really learn, observe, and get out as much as they can from the experience

## Millennials

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thing that is a privilege to be used wisely. We are a generation of change, a generation that truly cares.

"Back in my day we went to rallies with our signs and protested in person not on devices," my theoretical grandmother might say. You know what grandma, next time there is a three day long music festival of political revolt, I will take my shirt off and hold my 'Love not War,' sign loud and proud. But until then, it is 2016 and I will share my ideas the best way I know how, digitally.

The second most popular trait that the youth of today, is laziness, that young people do not want to get off their butts to do anything. "Get up and clean your rooms," our parents say,

"Don't wait for the night before to start this," our teachers say. Laziness and procrastination, we are all guilty of it, but this isn't always have to be a deprecating characteristic. Waiting for the last possible minute makes people find the fastest way to accomplish a given task, while still having a good quality product. As much of a stretch as it sounds, this habit of procrastination makes this generation more innovative and inventive.

As far as music goes, recent popular music has gotten a bad reputation for being "trash" or "meaningless." This music, typically pop, dance or hip hop is frowned upon by adults. Just as Elvis Presley, and later on rock bands like KISS, were seen as satanic music, maybe Nicki Minaj will be the queen of rap, and Justin Bieber the king of comebacks.

However, as history promises, the inevitable cycle will continue, and I as an adult will frown upon my teenage mindset. I will look at the music I listen to and the clothes I wear and release a sigh of disgust. But until then, I am a millennial and I am proud, and you should be too. #Kanye2020 #blessup

## Elections

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know I kinda just voted for him, I don't know anything about politics." Most of these students who did not know who to vote for stated they wish they knew more about the candidates, and when it comes time for the next election and time for them to vote they will learn more about the election.

Through the entire Election Day, Alex Levin and his team produced a video broadcast of the event. He introduced the different candidates and had guests talk discussed the voting with him. Of these guests were Ben Chiacchia, proclaimed "Political Genius," and Jon Kasich supporter, who later on went to perform a passionate debate with Andrew Harten, a Bernie Sanders supporter, about their opposing views. He also interviewed students taking AP Political Science who are learning about the election in class, about who they prefer for candidacy. The entire live video broadcast can be found on the Lincoln High School Journalism Academy's YouTube channel.

Sophomore Mary Lind live tweeted the event, which lead to a surprising dramatic sequence of events. By the halfway point of the process she composed many tweets of what different students thought of the candidates they voted for as well as those they disliked. One tweet in particular, gained a significant amount of attention outside of the realm of LHS twitter users. The tweet was a quote from senior Christina Marchetti and read, "Voted for Trump because he is an entrepreneur and businessman," and in that sense he would be a good businessman. This tweet received both positive and negative feedback, both commending and condemning her for views users believed to be hers. At the time, the tweet had 46 retweets and 123 favorites with no hashtags or tagged users meaning people had searched "Donald Trump," to comment on tweets about him. Mary, wearing her sweatshirt with Bernie Sanders explained the incident as, "People think that I was the one who voted for Trump, it's getting ridiculous. I don't know who any of these people are and it is kind of terrifying."

By 10:00 that morning, the votes were in and 567 of LHS's students had voiced their preferences.

The results of the mock primary were both expected as well as unexpected. About 56 percent of the student body chose to vote Democratic, while the other 44 percent chose to vote Republican. When it came to the Democrats, Bernie Sanders took the majority of the votes, causing him to receive 81 percent of the votes in the Democratic poll, and 45 percent of the votes all together (including the Republican poll). The other well-known candidate, known as Hillary Clinton, received only about 17 percent of the Democratic vote, while the underdog, Rocky De La Fuente, received about 2 percent of the Democratic vote. On the other hand, when it came to the Republicans, Donald J. Trump came in first place due to the fact that he received 57 percent of the votes in the Republican poll, but only 25 percent all together (including the Democratic poll). Ted Cruz came in second by receiving 16 percent of the Republican votes. Surprisingly, John Kasich received more votes than his opponent, Marco Rubio, with Kasich

receiving 15 percent of the Republican vote and Rubio only receiving 12 percent. Due to the results, Bernie Sanders won the majority of votes all together, which depicts his high appeal to young voters.

As previously stated, Bernie Sanders came in the lead with the most votes. After asking students why they voted for him, the answers ranged from Sanders' focus on education and the lower working class to his activism when it comes to civil rights for minorities. One reason as to why Bernie Sanders has a very high appeal among younger voters is due to his policy on making free state colleges free. He looks to tax Wall Street speculators and the top one percent, which is only a small part of this complex plan. A junior at Lincoln High School, Elijah Stimpson, strongly advocates for Bernie Sanders because he believes that Sanders, "has the concerns of America's middle class and working poor at heart". Another reason as to why many vote for Sanders is due to the apparent racism that still threatens and damages our country to this day.

Freshman Abdullah Ahmad believes that Sanders is, "inspiring a message of hope instead of a message fear; he is not pitting people against each other, unlike Trump". Unlike the other candidates, Sanders is addressing the problems in which minorities face on an everyday basis and allowing them to be heard. He believes that the diverse population of the United States should be brought together instead of brought against each other.

Hillary Clinton, had an unsuccessful turnout at the mock primary. Although she is doing a great job in the official primaries around the United States, the student body thought twice about having another Clinton as president. Sam Andrews, a junior, claims that, "Hillary Clinton is a liar," due to her constant scandals and her untrustworthiness, especially after putting the United States' national security on the line. Many feel as though she is incapable of being president due to the fact that she changes her mind on many important topics and previously voted for wars that traumatically affected our country in extremely negative ways. Along with this, if she becomes the Democratic nominee, statistics show that she would have no chance at beating most of the Republicans that are running for president. On the other hand, those who voted for Clinton at Lincoln's primary strongly believe that she is capable of being president due to the amount of experience in which she has in government. Also, it would be the first time in history for there to be the first female president in the history of the United States.

When it came to Donald Trump, on the Republican side, many students went off by saying that they agree most with his immigration reform. Senior Ben Hevner, likes, "how Trump is not politically correct."

Another student at Lincoln High School, Dylan Anderson, states that he prefers Trump due to his, "view on immigration and rich policy that has to do with the war on terrorism". With that being said, many students enjoy listening to Trump, even if they are not necessarily aware of the negative affects in which Trump would have in our country. Many people look at Trump as a scapegoat since they are somewhat tired of politicians nowadays. They believe that, since Trump does not have political correctness, he could ultimately do good for our country due to the fact that there are absolutely no limitations on his free speech. Although many look at this as a good quality to have, it could actually lead the country into turmoil, especially when it comes to dealing with foreign affairs.

The candidate below Trump on the republican side is a senator from Texas known as Ted Cruz. He has a lot of similar policies compared to Trump, especially when it comes to immigration and building a wall at the Mexican-United States border. One student at Lincoln High School, Ross Lancaster, is an advocate for this presidential candidate. He believes that Cruz is a, "true American and [he] preserves the values that many fight for everyday". Many look towards Ted Cruz due to the fact that they look at him as a 'true conservative,' unlike Donald Trump.

The underdog in the Republican party, John Kasich, seems to be making a somewhat favorable appearance in the Lincoln High School student body. Many students strongly believe that he is the most mature Republican candidate running for president. Along with this, he seems to not be given as much time at the debates,

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which causes the media, and therefore, the people to focus less on him. However, many students who refuse to focus on the media, believe that Kasich has the best plan for our country.

Junior Aidan Enright, states that, "Kasich is the only reasonable candidate and he seems like he knows how to balance the budget". With that being said, a significant amount of our students believe that Kasich has the best economic policy. Along with this, his views are not radical and extreme, which allows him to appeal to a wider amount of people.

Another important point to take into account is that, like Junior Stefan Duda says, "the Republican Party will most likely split if Cruz or Trump becomes the nominee, and Republicans will, therefore, lose majority". Due to the policies of Cruz and Trump that seem to not properly represent the values of the Republican Party, true Republicans are forced to look at John Kasich as the future Republican nominee, even though his results in the real polls are significantly low, seeing as though he has only one his home state so far.

This event could not have been possible without the help generosity of the Director of Elections of the Secretary of State Rob Rock, who supplied the ballots and voting machines. I had the chance to talk to him about student elections.

Regarding interests of students voting Rock expressed, "There is no question that Bernie Sanders for example relates to young people, in the other schools we have done to Bernie Sanders has been very popular in colleges and high schools especially for the younger voters." He went on to agree that these rather unusual characters like Sanders and Trump draw in young people into the election, and gave tips on how to determine who it is you would like to vote for.

"There is so much information out there whether you Google a candidate's name, go to there Facebook page or go to their website, or watch the debates. There are so many mediums that it is just trying to decipher what is bad information and what is good. I think if you just go online, watch TV, read a newspaper, you can get a feel for what the candidates believe which is extremely important." As the election continues to draw closer it is increasingly important for students, especially those of the age who can vote, to take Rock's advice and learn about the candidates to be informed and aware about our country.

After the LHS primary ended and the votes were counted, it became clear what was important to the majority of the student body – education and the well being of the middle class. For those eligible of voting in the Rhode Island primary, on April 26, the message has been sent: be sure your voices are heard, and go out and vote.

## Earth Day

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6. When the heat is running so hot that the windows have to be opened to make it the right temperature, a ton of energy is wasted. Ask your teacher if they can call the janitors to turn off the heat, and run it accordingly.

7. Don't use hot cups, coffee stirrs, and skip straws when you can. Styrofoam takes 500 years to biodegrade and 138 billion plastic straws and stirrers are thrown away every year.

8. Cut down on junk mail. According to the EPA Americans get 40 pounds in junk mail a year. It is annoying at how much college junk mail high school students get. An easy way to avoid getting the unnecessary mail and having it end up in the recycle bin, is to go online to the college website and unsubscribe from the emails and mail.

Following the themes of conservation, Lincoln High School now has an environmental club! Formerly known as the Courtyard Club the Environmental Club is the new and revamped version of the Courtyard Club, that meets every Friday. When asked about the club, senior Sophie McPhee said "EC is a small group of students who really care about the environmental well being of lhs. We want to, in a fun way, promote the health and well being of not only the earth but LHS students as well! We take care of the courtyards by planting flowers and weeding, we promote recycling around the school and we're currently working on fundraising to plants some more trees around campus. We are still kind of in our early stages though." Sophie was the right person to ask because of her passion for the bettering of the environment. She has kept tabs on the recycling bins in different parts of the school, stating that "there are recycling bins in every classroom in the old middle school EXCEPT

room 1 and 2 which we've talked to janitors about but there still has been no change. Also there isn't one in the band room"

Even by trying to do one thing on the provided list to conserve will make an impact in the big picture. A bunch of little things eventually add up to one big movement. If everyone in the school switched from disposable water bottles to reusable ones, that would save 900 water bottles a day, and 163,800 water bottles a year. This Earth Day, keep your world in mind, and do something good for it, as you would a friend in need.

## April Fools'

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Another teacher who joined the elite pranking class early on in her career was Mrs. Miguel. She elaborates, "One of my first years here, we did an April Fools' Day joke on Mrs. Nazario, she was our department chair, and she had the office right next door. So I think we did it either early that morning or the night before; we trashed her desk, put flags all over the place, we moved things, opened up all of her file cabinets, threw things everywhere, put stuff on the floor, made her desk all messed up. And when she came in, she thought someone had broken into her office, so she actually went to Mr. Mac, and said 'I think somebody may have broken into my office, but don't do anything yet because I haven't checked with my department yet' It was really funny." Mrs. Miguel continued pranking, including her students in the flipping of Mrs. Bothelo's desks. Two years ago, Mr. Yip performed his own desk flipping scheme against Ms. Jalbert.

Mr. Yip's most elaborate prank, and perhaps the most infamous LHS prank of all, occurred six or seven years ago, when Mrs. Pavao began teaching at LHS. Before her days in C22, Mrs. Pavao taught in the Lawrence Wildgoose wing in room 221. According to Mrs. Pavao, "So Mr. Yip and I had common planning time together and he thought it was hilarious that I believe in ghosts, so he decided to work with Mr. Schofield and Mr. O'Byck to play a prank on me. Apparently they all got together and started planning it out." Taking advantage of the plaque in memoriam to Wildgoose, the three teachers appeared to Mrs. Pavao, as though they were the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. Mr. Yip reflects, "I knew that if I said something to her, she might not buy it from me, so the person she barely knew on the faculty was Mr. O'Byck. He just played it all up, and she freaked out."

The story the three teachers weaved turned 221 into a haunted room, being the site of the mysterious death of Lawrence Wildgoose on a weekend he came in to correct papers. Mr. O'Byck was the first to comment about it, and the story became more and more believable as the day went on. "So I started walking toward Mrs. Cardarelli's classroom, which was in the trailers at the time, and on my way there I run into Mr. Schofield, and I said to him- and this is happening immediately one after the other- "How could you possibly not tell me that this room is haunted?" and he said, "well, I don't know how to tell you that!" and I was like 'Oh my God, this really is true!' So I was freaking out, and walking back to my room now, and there's Mr. Yip, and it was one after the other after the other, and I said to him 'How could you not tell me my room is haunted?' and he was like 'Well I don't know how to tell you these things'. And I was like 'Oh my god, oh my god,'" (Mrs. Pavao).

Mrs. Pavao was so worried that Mrs. Cardarelli planned to bring in holy water the following day to free the room of the ghost. Mr. Yip's master plan continued, however, as he moved things around in her classroom, trying to make it more believable. He chuckles, remembering his success, "It was soooo funny. So finally Mr. Schofield told her, because he's too nice of a guy. That's up there with probably amongst the best things I've done."

There has been an uprising against Mr. Yip April Fools' pranks, however. One year after one of the underclassman dances, Mr. Allen and Ms. Koczan, under the watchful eye of Mr. McNamara himself, set up a mess to greet Mr. Yip the following Monday. Yet the plan didn't go quite as expected, "they took all the balloons, streamers, everything, and put it right inside my door. But fortunately, I came in on Sunday, and found that mess. So I took all of that stuff on Sunday and put it into Almeida's room, so that he would have to deal with it, because he was across the hall from me," (Mr. Yip).

While so many practical jokes have been played out at the high school, there are some memorable fiascos outside the hallways of LHS as well. Mrs. Fish reflects: "My mother loves to tell the story of how EVERY year on April Fools

' Day, her mother (my grandmother) would wake up all the kids and tell them it had snowed and that school was cancelled." Families seem to enjoy pranking each other, as Mrs. LaCascio's son tied an elastic around the sink nozzle to get her soaking wet, one memorable year. She adds, "He thought it was hilarious and a great prank. Now looking back I can smile!"

Overall, Lincoln High School proved to have many secrets regarding April Fools' Day. Some produced great laughs, others great annoyance. So in the true spirit of the holiday, play a prank that puts a smile on someone's face.

## M-Pesa

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money and mobile cash. Agents are also trained and then monitored by Safaricom to ensure that customers receive ideal services.

Even if users were to lose their phones, their M-Pesa account cannot be accessed by those who do not know the four digit code. According to M-Pesa's home page, M-Pesa is fast, secure, convenient, and reliable.

Just because M-Pesa has worked so well and created great economic improvements in Kenya does not mean that this system will work in every country. M-Pesa caused improvements in Kenya because of their limited number of banks that are scattered around the country. Money could not be transferred easily because of this. Currency would be transported on buses, in which were susceptible to theft. But now people receive money directly to their phones and can send money through the same medium.

Even though this service is advanced and successful, there are always downsides to new systems like this. There is room for scams and for people to launder money through this service. Investigations are going on now to prevent fraud in Kenya. Other setbacks with M-Pesa are its limits. People have a maximum number of transfers per day as well as a maximum balance of \$1,400. Whenever the server is updating or down for maintenance, it cannot be used by anyone.

Some of these drawbacks contribute to why M-Pesa will not be seen in the U.S. anytime soon. The United States' banking laws and regulations are much stricter than those in developing countries. Currently, M-Pesa is available in countries such as Kenya, Tanzania, Afghanistan, South Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

Although the U.S. does have services through Google, Facebook, Apple, and PayPal that allow for people to make transactions they don't quite match up to how extensive M-Pesa is in developing countries. As heavy.com reports, "With M-Pesa, you can split a bill with your friends, you can borrow money — you can use it for almost anything because it's accepted by anyone. The same simply isn't true of similar mobile payments in the U.S. PayPal, for example, lets you send money to friends. But most restaurants won't let you pay a bill with your PayPal account."

Although the U.S. now has mobile payment methods such as Apple Pay, the United States has not been exposed to mobile transactions in the ways the rest of the world has. The banking laws and regulations in the U.S. are much stricter than they are in other countries, and the systems used now work, so there isn't a big reason to jump on board with these mobile payment services.

Some of these new services came along years ago in many different countries. In 1997, Hong Kong had developed a system called Octopus. They began with Octopus cards that contain similar technology as that of Apple Pay that allows for a simple wave of the card at the checkout station. Later it was incorporated into cell phones and even watches.

Japan also has similar technology that actually was a basis for Hong Kong's Octopus cards. Almost all phones sold in Japan by 2014 had some sort of mobile wallet or payment service except for Apple until these recent past couple of years.

A major reason that contributed to the U.S. being so far behind in banking technology and mobile payment systems is credit cards. Credit cards are so abundant in the U.S. and a huge part of retail within the country that it would be extremely difficult to convert citizens from this form of payment to a mobile service instead.

Although M-Pesa and these other mobile services seem very advanced and high-tech, they work very well in developing countries that do not already have a system set up like the U.S. does. The United States has been making progress in a slightly different direction with systems like Apple Pay, however. M-Pesa is a wonderful new system that hopefully inspires many other countries to improve their economies as it has and continue in that direction.

## Skyward

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to instruct the students." Murray is hoping that Skyward will outperform MMS.

According to Principal Kevin McNamara, MMS is being replaced because they weren't getting their money's worth, and that Lincoln wants to get "more bang for our buck." He states that Skyward should be a big improvement, and they basically want to get better quality for the same amount of money.

Natalie Westrick, sophomore at LHS, also is not a fan of MMS Portals. "I really don't like MMS," Westrick comments, "it's really slow and hard to see your grades." Westrick also brings up another concern about MMS, stating that "it also messes up grades often." Westrick is excited for the new features and increased quality that comes with Skyward and remarks that "it is very good that we are getting a new system."

Freshman Michael Marcaccio overall is fond of MMS, though he expresses how sometimes it can take a long time to load his grades. "I like the MMS system. It's easy to access and easy to use," Marcaccio states. "It sometimes [takes] a lot of time to load, especially when everyone is putting in grades and trying to check it, for example during midterm week. I remember it took at least 30 minutes to finally let me see my grades."

Fellow freshman Hong Ngoc Nguyen has the same views of MMS, stating that "[she] personally [thinks] MMS portal is okay... the downfall is that it takes a long time to log in or we can't even log in at all." She also acknowledges that she's seen some teachers trying to put in attendance at the beginning of classes have trouble with MMS as well. "Technical problems occur every day in relation with MMS portals, so it will probably be easier to maintain by switching over to a different program... I think it's a good idea that Lincoln Public Schools are getting rid of MMS portals."

Overall, everybody seems to be happy with the new changes to come with Skyward. The hopes from students, teachers, and administration are that the new Skyward program will be a major improvement from MMS Portals.

## PBS

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and that gave viewers a closer-than-ever look at how penguins live and interact with one another. There was even one segment that visited a post office in Antarctica that is a frequent hangout of a colony of over 3,000 gentoo penguins.

Most of the time people aren't watching television for the purpose of educating themselves, they just want to watch something light and distracting. There are still "Nature" programs can appeal to those people. There are specials on individual animals, like the penguin one, but there are also fun episodes like "Animal Odd Couples." It is exactly what it sounds like. The episode followed mismatched animal best friends, one couple being a goat that would lead a blind horse everywhere it went.

"American Masters" and "American Experience" follow true American idols in a unique way. The episodes always seem natural and relaxed during the interviews, and the PBS staff always reaches out to family members to get more information on each person that is featured. The viewer is taken on and behind stage of concerts, inside family gatherings, and back in time with historical reenactments.

There are also numerous quirky comedies, both British and American, on the channel. If you want to get an idea of how much some of your old antiques could be worth, learn about ludicrous theories of how the universe began, or watch a celebrity trace their lineage back generations, the Public Broadcasting Service is the place to do it. No matter what one is looking for, there is always something that fits the description on PBS.

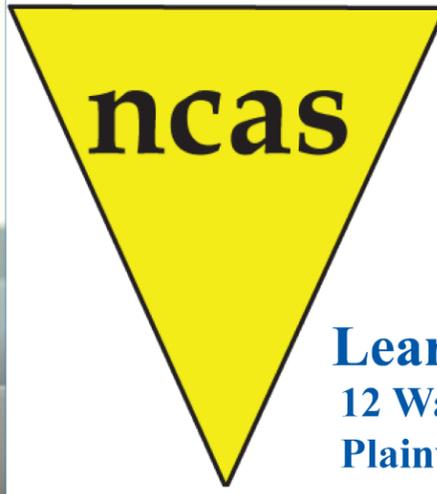
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do, they will be blamed and accused.

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