



# THE HOOT



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## The Deliberative Session

By Niko Kakouris

Annually, the Timberlane community gathers into the gym and sits before the school board and budget members of the district for its deliberative session. At deliberative session, the members of the community are allowed to voice concerns and revisions to proposed articles with the school board and the budget committee before the articles go to vote in the community for the March 13th vote.

The main concern year to year is the school budget, which deals with how to spend the district taxpayers' money for the district's educational needs. In some past and present years, members of the committee have sought to make cuts. This year was no different, with a proposed budget that could affect the amount of staff, athletic teams, school equipment, and the school's maintenance. Cutting the budget may have its benefits to taxpayers' wallets; however, it has more potential to hurt the district if it is attempting to remove the necessities of having a positively functioning school district.



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An article that was proposed that had the potential to impact the district, and even more so the high school, was the request to install an artificial sporting field. The idea was to install the turf on the football field which is surrounded by the track. This field was chosen due to the lights and the idea that with the lights, there are more hours that it will be able to be used for. The field would be multi-sport and multi-purpose. There are a lot of positives to the addition: it will improve the quality of play for the athletes, create a safer environment by limiting the risk of injury due to poor conditions, and promote the visual appeal to the facility.

When asked for his opinion on this article, Superintendent Dr. Earl Metzler stated how he was 100% for installing the field. He saw this as a great opportunity for the district and the athletic department. The downside to this plan is that the total cost of installing the turf would cost around \$800,000. The article was passed on the night of the deliberative session, but after the March 13th voting, the district as a whole voted it down. While it seemed like a good idea, the people of the community did not entirely agree.

Prior to the deliberative session, Dr. Metzler urged the towns to consider what a default budget would mean for TRSD, "I cautioned them about the budget concerns."

At the deliberative session, Article Two, the proposed operating school budget for 2018-2019 school year was voted to be increased from \$71.75 million to \$72.8 million compared to the default budget of \$71.87 million.

Looking at the default budget prior to the vote, Dr. Earl Metzler knew there would be serious problems if it didn't pass, **"I'm not really a nervous person, however, I am deeply concerned about what could happen."**

However, despite the sign of support for the new proposed operating budget at the deliberative session, the March 13th vote resulted in a defeat of Article 2, which means that TRSD will be enacting the default budget next year. There are many concerns with the default budget because TRSD will not be able to fund everything it needs to fund. Dr. Metzler understands the scope of this vote, **"It's unfortunate, but it's reality."**

Dr. Metzler states that using the default budget will cause the district to run into problems dealing directly with the needs of its students. Due to the budget constraints, there will be a decrease in the number of staff in the Timberlane Regional School District next year. As of the April 5th School Board meeting, 62 staff across the district had been given "pink slips." However, after the special meeting of the board on Saturday, April 14, the School Board asked for that number down to be reduced to 15.

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## Junior Dr. Seuss's?

By Maria Heim

In life, everyone has a unique universal truth that is special to each individual. In World Literature, one of the units is discovering one's truth and what its identity. Mr. Castano's World Literature classes have been designing children's books on universal truth for Sandown North fourth grade students.

This is the first time he has done this project and it has turned to be quite successful. The sophomores have been learning about the concept of truth and what it means to them. Now it was time to apply their knowledge in creating stories for a younger audience, which is not always easy.

The classes had adapted their ideas from *What do you do with an Idea?* By Kobi Yamanda. The children's book outlines the author's truth and human response to fear and shame that your personal ideas may bring. The students gained inspiration from books of their childhood as well. They looked back on what they had learned from those stories as kids.

**"Picking an idea was the hardest part, and once we had an outline, we were able to start making progress,"** said Colin Scully.

This project put a creative and amusing twist on writing. The books were made out of paper, but had illustrations and basic structure to interest kids. All of the books were delivered to Sandown North, where Mr. Castano's wife works as a fourth grade teacher. The kids had read all of the stories and voted on which one they liked best. The book that had won was *In the Doghouse* by Emma Hill, Natasha Hubley, Grace O'Connor, Colin Scully, and Iain Sidor. Mr. Castano said that this project was overall successful, as his wife's students enjoyed reading the books.



Photo Courtesy of Mr. Michael Castano

**"It takes an ability to not have a fear of failing, and just trust your idea,"** Mr. Castano said in regards to creative writing. As it is not always easy to put your ideas out and have confidence in them.

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## Big Buddy Little Buddy

By Lily Collins

Do you remember being a Little Buddy when you were in elementary school? Do you remember being so excited to receive a letter from your Big Buddy? Well, now is your chance to make a little third grader just as happy as you were by being a Big Buddy! If you are a junior or a senior, make sure you sign up to be a part of the Big Buddy Little Buddy program. The program is run through Student Council, so if you have any questions, you can reach Mrs. Libby. You are signing up to have Little Buddy, someone who you would send letters back and forth with during the semester.

Big Buddy Little Buddy is a program where you exchange letters with elementary third graders, this year being from Pollard Elementary. On May 24, the little ones come up to the high school to spend the day with you. This year, there are 60 spaces available for Big Buddies, so do not miss your chance!

There are a few responsibilities that come with this, though. You must make sure that the letters are meeting the deadlines, or else you will be removed from the program. You also are to entertain your Little Buddy the day they come up. You are welcome to bring a gift for your buddy as well, like a game or a coloring book. These can be used to keep your Little Buddy entertained when they come to class with you. You are also required to wear the Big Buddy Little Buddy shirt at all times.



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“Okay, last year it was raining, so until it stopped we did fun activities with each other in the gym, then my little buddy came with me to my science class.” Says Liz McGowan, who was a Big Buddy last year. Her favorite part about the day was “Just getting to make my Little Buddy smile.” Liz says that what she got out of the program was just as important as the program itself.

“Um, you get to learn a lot about your little buddy, and you get to make them happy...it’s always nice to make someone’s day.”

The Big Buddy Little Buddy program is a very heartwarming one, allowing you to meet little kids that you will grow close to. Joining the program is eye opening, and for sure, a great experience.

## Recycled Percussionist Fails to Drum up Enthusiasm

By Anthony Gianelly

On Friday, February 9th, Recycled Percussion founder, Justin Spencer, came to Timberlane Regional High School on a mission to spread kindness, compassion, and empathy. After finishing third in America’s Got Talent, he earned a show in Las Vegas where he now lives. After introducing himself to the school he introduced his cousin and group member Ryan Vezina. Spencer then shared how he and his band was born.



Picture Courtesy of Timberlane.net

Spencer was introduced to recycled drumming in a New York subway station while walking past a street performer. He took it upon himself to get a group together and start a band. Spencer recruited his friends Ryan Vezina, Matt Bowman, and Jason Davies who had never played the drums. After months of practice they were ready to introduce themselves to the world. Their first real gig was at an elementary school where they wowed the audience. They reached their peak when they received a call from America’s Got Talent asking them to be on the show. One thing led to another and they began performing everywhere. To date they have appeared on the cover of USA Today and performed at the Super Bowl. They have been all around the world.

After telling Timberlane their story they played a little drums. When they finished the small performance they brought up two Timberlane teachers and played a game with them. Unfortunately, in the eyes of the students, Spencer was unable to spread the message that he wanted to because of the games. Rather than spreading compassion the students felt as though he was bragging to everyone about his accomplishments.

If Spencer had come in with more of a structured presentation on what he was going to say, the message would have been clearer. There was no structure throughout the “speech”. The audience did not know how to react to the poorly thought out show. When he asked for questions the students did not know what questions to ask and decided to ask irrelevant questions about his life. His responses did not help the situation and he didn’t convey any important messages. Unable to keep the crowd’s interest, he had teachers make fools out of themselves by dancing. He then made a lame connection on how dancing in front of others showed that they didn’t care about what others thought.

Students, along with teachers, were disappointed with the way the group performed. Before the next school visit I suggest that they prepare what they want to say prior to the performance.

## Health Fair

By Jess Mesquita

Every year in the spring Timberlane High School puts on a health fair. This year is the ninth year of this event, the Timberlane Regional School District Wellness Committee has been putting this on the past years. Every year more people are added. It is free for both students and teachers, and its from 2:30 to 5:30 pm in the cafe and gymnasium.

The health fair is a mix of booths that are related to the health field. The booths there that will be selling information are nutrition, diabetes, concussions, cancer, and other illnesses. These booths will teach you more about their topic, and how to prevent it. Also at the fair will be a blood drive. The Red Cross will be donating blood to local hospitals. Another great booth at the fair is Be The Match. It is a organization to see if you are a potential donor for patients who need bone marrow that have leukemia, other illnesses. To see if you are a donor you do a simple cheek swab and they will let you know later on.

This years health fair is all about informing people on what could potentially happen to your body, like, diseases, sicknesses, the whole 9 yards. They will help you prevent these illnesses and give you more information on it. You don’t have to donate blood or test if you’re a donor for bone marrow, you can go to simply get information on health topics. Some of the booths have raffles with winning prizes! The health fair’s date was supposed to be March 9th but it has gotten cancelled. Listen for the announcements for the postponed date!



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This concerns Metzler because from a man who values the idea that everyone deserves the same amount of attention in the classroom, he knows that having less staff will lead to the potential falling behind of students.

To add onto that Metzler added “when you weaken the support the success is affected.” With the default budget going into effect, TRSD will face new obstacles in the months ahead.

Despite this event seeming boring, the environment is actually very electric and will teach you a lot about the district and how important every little idea and action is. If you have never been to the deliberative session, then it’s something you have to experience. And for those who are 18 years or older, it gives you a chance to voice your opinion and make a difference.

## Junior Dr. Seuss’

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The students seemed to have enjoyed writing children’s books, despite facing some obstacles along the way. Grace O’Connor said one of the challenges was “Trying to figure out what children understand and what they don’t understand because we’re older. We know how things work. It was harder to dial that down for their understanding.”

The childrens books written in Mr. Castano’s World Literature classes focus on an individual’s truth. Writing children’s books that focus on mature topics are important to be learned at a young age. It is remarkable that this class had designed these books that the kids found pleasure in. One of these days in our lives, we will all discover our personal truth and place in the world.

## Gatsby Gala

By Tori Rothwell

Every year the American Studies classes have a mock Gala at the Atkinson Country Club after reading the book *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald in class. This is an event created to allow students to jump back to the 1920's culture that is depicted in the book. Ladies dress in their flapper dresses while boys put on the suspenders and ties. Everyone is looking dapper, learning new dance moves, listening to music, eating and having a good time. It is definitely a time to remember!

The *Great Gatsby* is about a young man named Nick Carraway who moves to a rich town in New York called West Egg. His neighbor is the mysterious Jay Gatsby. Nick and Gatsby become closer and Nick starts to attend the great parties that Gatsby hosts. He starts getting drawn into the world of wealth that surrounds him. The mock gala reflects the parties and dinner parties they had then that are described in the book.

Once the class arrives to the country club students take their seats at the round tables. The 1920 feel immediately sets it seeing everyone accurately dressed to the time period. Ladies wearing fringe flapper dresses, fishnets, pearls and glitter feathered headbands. Boys dress nicely with bow ties/ties, suspenders, and panama hats. Junior Jeremy Wyckoff wore his nice black dress shoes, khakis, a white button down, and a red tie.

Students enjoy more than just the food "My favorite part was learning the Charleston dance," says Jeremy. The Charleston is the dance that is taught to everyone at the Gatsby Gala. It is an upbeat, fast moving dance that everyone participates in. It can be done by oneself, with a partner, or in a group. It is danced to jazz music with fast rhythms. There is always one couple that wins! This year it was Justin Nemo and Ellie McCormick! There are many different variations of the dance. It can be made more challenging by adding more moves to it. The dance uses a lot of swaying of the arms and fast movement of the feet.

The Gatsby Gala has been a great way to teach students about the 1920's. It is an event that will always be a great high school memory for many of the students who take the American Studies class. There are many aspects that you are able to learn when you actually relive the 1920's.

## Flow of the Month

By Niko Kakouris and Dylan Monteiro

Flow, it's one word to describe the art of the hair industry. A hairstyle that moves as nicely as Vincent Van Gogh's famous painting *Starry Night*. From another point of view, flow is poetry. It has the power to rekindle your past memories of reading the inspiring "The Road Not Taken" poem by none other than Robert Frost as a child dreaming of the future. Famous artwork, inspiring poems, and flow. They all have something special about them, the ability to make lasting impressions in people's eyes and in their hearts.

Senior Connor Schott has arguably one of the most poetic heads of hair in the school. As a member of team flow, Schott takes a lot of pride to be where he is today. Many who are familiar with Schott and his past are aware that he perfected the flow before it was truly appreciated the way it is today. Dating back to the 6th grade, Schott possessed a young, inexperienced style of flow. Little do people know, Schott retired from the game when he got a haircut towards the end of his 6th grade year that left everyone in shambles. Most of us were unable to sleep at night, we all were left lying awake, thinking about his masterpiece being torn down.

1,825 days went by. 1,825 cold, dark, flowless days. Schott knew what needed to be done, he knew he had one last chance to give the public what they had been waiting for, for a total of five years, one last chance to experience his sauce filled hair. When asked what inspired him to go back to flow, Schott gives all credit to his brother Bailey, "I saw it and one day, I just decided I wanted to try to get my hair to look like that, and here I am today." After hearing this, I took a step back and just said wow. Having this kind of connection with a sibling is truly remarkable.

The one aspect that Schott lacks is confidence because when asked if he thought this award was achievable, his response was very humble stating, "Winning this award is such a surprise and I never thought it would be possible. I have been working on it for a while now and to see it being recognized is amazing."

Schott's daily routine is simple, yet to the point. He prefers to use "suave for men" when catering to the needs of his hair's health. He compliments this wash procedure with a blow dry to build structure and volume. All I know is whatever he is doing, is working.

You think about the story of Schott and realize how inspirational it is. Not everyone will be able to execute to the exemplary extent that Schott has performed at, but if you dream, anything is possible. The bar is set high and it's not coming much further down. If you have a dream, chase it; if you have a vision, paint it.



Courtesy of TRHS SmugMug

## Senior Citizen Dance

By Mandi Hailson and Jess Amorelli

Looking for a nice way to spend a Saturday afternoon with senior citizens? Come join a heartwarming event that was created five years ago by Timberlane graduate Joey Mancinelli. This event is held at Timberlane Regional High School to bring together students and senior citizens to interact and learn how to ballroom dance.

The dance is held on April 14th and the doors are open from 12:45 until 3:30. Any senior citizen is welcome to come, but they must be over the age of 60. It is encouraged that attendees are from our district.

The purpose of this event is to bring everyone together and get Timberlane Regional High School students interacting with the senior citizen community. Another bonus to coming to this event is the school is offering Honor Societies the opportunity to receive community service hours.

Timberlane Community Outreach has been planning this event to help others by offering a good time for our district's senior citizens. The organization hired a ballroom dance instructor to provide ballroom dance lessons. Big businesses are donating food for the dance to feed the people attending. Each citizen that walks through the door will receive one raffle ticket where they can try to win gift cards from places such as Market Basket and Walmart. Senior citizens get to enjoy the company of students and the ability to win great prizes!

Cody Sears, Kelsie Messina and Megan White are enthusiastic about this event and hope to bring an enjoyable day for the volunteers and our senior citizens. "You can expect to have a fun time dancing, listening to music, and catered food. The raffle is the highlight of the event." Says Cody Sears.

In order for this event to run smoothly, Timberlane Community Outreach is asking at least 20 students to volunteer from 10am until 4pm to help with setting up and taking down the event. The event is ran by the students of Timberlane Community Outreach. Each student who is volunteering has the opportunity to dance with a senior citizen. This event will benefit many students and will make a senior citizen's day. Anyone who is interested in helping out may contact Cody Sears at csears18@timberlane.net.

Timberlane Community Outreach has planned a great event to help students and citizens. Not only can it make a senior citizens day but also, it will provide students to communicate in a different environment and knowing they made someone smile. Come and join this event to make possible friendships with your elders.

## Hypnotist at TRHS

By Jessie Hughes and Ryleigh Lukas

The power of hypnotism is something many people do not get to witness in their entire lives, but luckily for the Timberlane community, the TRHS student council gave people an amazing opportunity to witness this power in person. On March 20th, Timberlane Student Council hosted famous hypnotist Paul Ramsay in our very own PAC.

Paul Ramsay is from New Hampshire and was a dual graduate from the University of New Hampshire located in Durham, NH. Before he decided to take hypnotism seriously as a career, he pursued a career as an English teacher. After teaching for years, he is able to combine his skills of hypnotism and education to make him a great performer for adults and teens.

Back in November TRHS Student Council attended a conference at Waterville Valley. This conference is one for student councils all across New Hampshire. It was the students first encounter with Ramsey and they enjoyed the performance so much, that they decided his talent should be shared with the rest of Timberlane and its community.

Timberlane senior Connor Schott was chosen by Ramsay to be hypnotized in the performance.

During the performance, Ramsay was able to make Connor forget his first name, while still being able to remember everything else in his life.

"The experience was so cool and exciting. Although I was not able to see the things he made me do, watching what he was able to make others do on stage was crazy. It was so interesting that with just his words he could make me do certain things and take complete control over their minds," explained Schott.

Along with the things Ramsay was able to do to Schott, he was also able to make students do crazy actions. Other things Ramsay was able to do includes having a teenage male pretend to give birth with his peers acting as doctors and nurses, making kids sing their favorite childhood songs and making kids think they are drill sergeants.

The TRHS performance was held March 20th at 6pm. During the performance, there was multiple remotes throughout the audience which allowed the guests who do not want to be hypnotized participate. These remotes allowed you to vote on what you would like to see him do to the chosen people from the crowd. This allows the audience to see what they truly want to see from the show.

Senior Niko Kakouris reflects on his experience of being hypnotized, "When I was hypnotized my body felt heavy and there was absolutely nothing on my mind. I don't know how he did it, but this guy somehow entered my head and made me think I was seeing/doing stuff that was different from reality."

Paul Ramsay's acts are truly engaging and exciting to all ages. It was an amazing opportunity to have him join us here at Timberlane for a magical event.



## Project 211: One Life at a Time

By Emily Noonan

On Sunday, March 11, the young minds of Timberlane chose to take a stand and make a difference through a program they called Project 211. Many students, and members of the community surrounding Timberlane, participated in the event in Brentwood to raise awareness of the dangers of addiction in their community. The event was open to all simply with an RSVP requested. Led by students, the event impacted the community through speakers as well as performances from those affected by the harmful effects of addiction as well as those who wish to raise awareness.

Many different speakers attended Project 211 in order to allow others to hear their stories and spread awareness for this important cause. Students, teachers, and members of the community all came together and spoke to reach out to their peers. Students spoke of their struggles with drug abuse as well as the positive impacts on their life since abandoning it. Adults also reached out regarding Alcoholics Anonymous and its power to change others' lives as it had for them, also connecting the dots between alcoholism and mental illness.



Along with speakers, many performers were in attendance to share their talents to raise awareness. Timberlane's Dance Team performed along with the song "This Woman's Work" by Maxwell, Maxwell, the lyrics conveying a sense of strength and remaining hope. Blake Hammond also performed his original song "Misfit Toys". His song was written about Jake Hazeltine, who was tragically lost recently, as Jake compared himself to King Moonracer, the lion with wings from the holiday classic Rudolph. Students Kayci Mencke, Maddie Buckley, and Ellie McCormick also shared their singing talents as Kayci and Maddie teamed up to perform "Testify" while Ellie performed "What a Wonderful World". All in all, the talent presented was astounding, each performance carrying a powerful message full of strength and hope.

One of the leaders of the event, Briana Hammond, was in charge of many of the evening's events. Following its success, Briana stated "All in all, I'm proud of the event and I'm so thankful for everyone who performed and spoke out about the disease that is raiding the lives of so many in our community. I'm excited to see how this event progresses within the next coming years." Overall, the event was a success, impacting all who attended, and will hopefully be continued through future years by the students here at Timberlane. True to its motto, Project 211 is truly changing lives "One Life at a Time".

## Tuscan Village

By Jared DeLucia

What was originally the historic Rockingham Park and Horse Track has finally been put to use as something new for the town of Salem. The owner of Tuscan brands, Joe Faro, has purchased the land that holds what was once the booming Rockingham Park, and plans to convert to what he is calling Tuscan Village. Originally, this massive two million square foot facility was supposed to be a huge attraction for Faro's Tuscan Brand, along with apartments, a Hotel, Market Basket and much more. But due to many complications in the preparation and organization of a project of this size, many delays and other reasons have brought the project to a halt at this time. Faro planned originally to be done by Fall of 2020, but this completion date may be entirely changed after the delays and complications in the development and organization in the past 6 months.



Photo Courtesy by Union Leader

Tuscan Village currently is the biggest private project in the state of New Hampshire. Due to over 130 acres of land, originally being used up by the famous Rockingham Park horse track, and stables. If Faro succeeds, he plans to have a tremendous impact on the social and economic status in the town of Salem. The amount of work that is ahead for the next few years to build what some call a "city" is astronomical. A lot of earth needs to be moved, along with the diversion of Policy Brook which has run under Rockingham Park since the beginning. This diversion was a huge aspect of phase one, due to the original culvert being so old.

The project is going to be completed in multiple phases. Phase 1 being the north side of the project, where all of the horse stables were, along with widening route 28 in order to withstand the new amounts of traffic flow this project will be bringing in. Phase 1 has been sold out to multiple businesses such as Market Basket along with the development of apartments and townhouses. Also there plans to be a new Ford dealership, along with some restaurants and other stores. The well known owner of Market Basket, Artie Demoulas, plans to purchase the road along with most of Phase One from Faro along with his Market Basket, leaving Faro with his "Tuscan Village" to be put on Phase two.

What plans to be phase 2, will be the actual Tuscan Village, where Faro wants to create a world of his own. "The main portion of the site, where the racetrack and grandstand are located, is slated for over a million square feet of retail stores and restaurants, another 280 residential units, a 175 room hotel, and 2 office buildings." Faro wants to create a similar look to the Settlers Green Outlets in North Conway, NH. Except with this, his Tuscan theme will be shown throughout.

Route 28 in Salem has come a long ways as far as updating and development along with the rest of the Town of Salem. Due to the Rockingham Mall, and the soon to be Tuscan Village right next to it, traffic and business is expected to skyrocket more than it already is for Salem. Some part of the older generation are sad to see the old Rockingham Park go, due to over 100 years of history that took place there. But the majority of the modern community is looking forward, and asking many questions about the new massive project that thousands drive by every day.

## New Five Guys to Arrive in Spring 2018

By Nick Braga

Five Guys founder Jerry Murrell's mother always told him, "If you can give a good haircut, or if you can serve a good drink at a bar, or if you can serve a good hamburger, you can always make money in America." Jerry Murrell took that to heart, and created Five Guys. Five Guys is coming soon to Plaistow.

According to their website, their claim to fame is using fresh ground beef for their burgers. They also exclusively use peanut oil and fresh ingredients to make their burgers. There are no freezers in any Five Guys locations, only coolers.

From 2003 to the present, Five Guys has expanded to almost 1,500 locations spanning the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Europe and the Middle East. A new location is set to open in Plaistow around spring time. Currently, the nearest Five Guys is located in Derry NH. So a Plaistow location is welcome by many.

The crowds expected at opening day will most likely beat out Moe's Southwest Grille opening day lines. I saw for myself that the line seemed as if it went on forever down the sidewalk. Local superstar, and one of my good friends, Rob Pinault thinks, "Five Guys will overtake the rest of the 125 food choices." With this much anticipation surrounding an establishment of such high stature like Five Guys, will the pros outweigh the cons? Of course, the food will be exception. And, if it is anything like the other locations, the atmosphere will be welcoming and communal. However, will the crowds increase traffic in an already congested area?

The new Five Guys is being built right on the Massachusetts/ New Hampshire border. According to the map provided on the company website, the other Massachusetts locations are over an hour away from Plaistow, so many Mass residents will most likely come to this location. Located next to Haffner's, the new Five Guys will be only six minutes away from Timberlane. Therefore, I believe Five Guys will be an after school hangout choice for many students.



## Penguin Plunge

By Mandi Hailson

A trip to the beach is not typical on February morning, but hundreds of individuals gathered to take the plunge.

On February 3rd and 4th, 479 people met at Hampton Beach for a great cause. This year, the 19th annual plunge brought many teams and individuals together to dive in the ocean with their crazy costumes.

The Penguin Plunge is a 2-day fundraiser that first started with high school teams on Saturday and then was an open event for the community on Sunday. This event brought 790 people, which benefited the Special Olympics of New Hampshire. Matt Toy of the Merrimack Tigers was at the event and stated, "Good until you hit the water... couldn't get a towel quick enough." With the cold water ahead of them, many people persevered and this shows how dedicated the members are.

The Penguin Plunge has grown tremendously over the years. This event first started in Rhode Island in 1976 with hopes of raising money for a good cause. Since then, it has spread across many states, and high schools participate in this fundraiser. This event requires that every participant is required to raise at least \$350 for the Special Olympics of New Hampshire.

New Hampshire started fundraising in 2000 and continues to grow. As a whole, the Penguin Plunge has raised almost \$7.3 million to benefit the 3,208 Special Olympians who participate in the events held throughout New Hampshire and this year, the organization raised nearly \$522,000. The event says a lot about the quality of state residents because they are willing to jump in freezing cold water on a Sunday in their free time to benefit others in need.

The Plunge at Hampton Beach was successful and brought together a community with the same mindset of making a difference. The Penguin Plunge is held every year and always looking for participants. The act of giving feels rewarding and this organization hopes to create awareness for the Special Olympics.



## NH Powerball Winner

By Johnathan Battistelli

The Powerball winner has stayed secret because they don't want to be announced. That is a pretty good thing. In my opinion, the person doesn't want to stir anything up if someone knows. He/She won 559.7 million dollars and I think not anyone would want to announce that. Well, we know it's a woman who lives in Nashua, NH. She wants to remain anonymous because she does not want the death threats they get for winning and all that. With all the money they get, yes, some people send death threats because they want the money.

She filed a lawsuit to prevent exposure. The real winner out of this is the owner of the store, which the ticket was bought at. Sam Safa got 75,000 dollars for selling the winning ticket. Little do people know but the store that sells the ticket also gets money. So I think there were winners in this Powerball. The money he earned from selling the ticket is directly for him, not the store itself. He was very excited to hear that the winning ticket was from his store. Here is a link for more information: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/new-hampshire-powerball-winner-559-million-anonymous/>

We do not know if this woman is selfish or just looking out for herself. You can look at it both ways. She could be doing this to keep herself safe from people. Alternatively, she could be doing this because all she wants is the money and does not care about anything else. That 559.7 million dollars is just sitting until the court case about allowing her to stay anonymous.



## NH Smoking Bill Tabled

By Rory Ceplo

After a month of discussion, New Hampshire Senate Bill 545 was tabled on February 15th. The proposed bill would have raised the legal smoking age to 21 up from the current 18. Many were hopeful that this legislation would reduce overall smoking use and the impact that smoking-related health complications have on young people. According to the New Hampshire Union Leader, Senator David Waters (one of the sponsors of the bill) stated that "It is an accomplishment that we didn't kill the bill outright and I'm glad about that". He also added that "There is no longer is any debate that this is a public health issue". He believes that the bill will gain more support in the future if other New England states pass similar legislation.

While the bill received support from many including the Dover Youth 2 Youth group, others, including the New Hampshire Grocer's Association, opposed it. A representative of which stated that "the bill would create a conflict between state and federal law and that 60 percent of tobacco sales are sold to out-of-state residents, many in that 18-to-21 age group" (Union Leader).



## It's Not Too Late

By Jess Amorelli

Nobody knows why the flu has been so bad this year. Doctors have been working overtime trying to help the people who have gotten sick. The flu has affected hundreds of people so far. There have already been 37 reported deaths for people 18 and under from the flu, and 53 reported deaths for infants. The reason it's so harsh this year is because of the strain of the influenza (the flu) that causes more health complications.

Many people are wondering when the flu will stop affecting people this year. Doctors say the peak hasn't even come yet. Once the weather starts warming up, the flu will go away and researchers are predicting it could stretch until May.

So, is there a way to protect yourself right now? The answer is yes.

The flu shot is still available. Doctors are urging people to get it to prevent more flu outbreaks. Although the vaccine is not as effective as it has been in previous years, anything will help at this point in preventing it from spreading to even more people. While it is not as effective, it has helped with reducing the severity of those who do contract the flu.

Unlike a cold, flu symptoms have the ability to hit suddenly and can come in just hours. Symptoms include a fever, chills, cough, stuffy nose, fatigue and muscle aches. It is hard to self-diagnose the flu and one of the only ways to be sure a person has it is to get tests done.

Here at Timberlane, the nurse's office has been busy dealing with kids who have the flu, and when asked how many confirmed cases there are one of the nurses said, "There have been about 10 to 12 confirmed cases of the flu. People will call the school and say they have the flu but most of them are self-diagnosis, so they cannot be confirmed."

Self-diagnosing something like the flu is extremely inaccurate since most of the common symptoms are like cold symptoms.

The flu is contagious which is also why so many people have gotten it this year. The nurses had some good advice on preventing the flu, "The most obvious way of prevention is getting the shot, but the biggest way is handwashing. Other ways for prevention is covering a person's mouth when coughing or sneezing and avoid touching your eyes, nose, or putting your fingers in your mouth, since those are all big places where the bacteria can be that causes the flu."

Therefore, always wash your hands and look into getting the shot for the best way of preventing the flu! The flu is not 100% preventable, but washing your hands and being cautious about sneezing or coughing into a jacket can help in making minimal people get the flu.

## Down Goes Dow Jones

By Abi Denault

Dow Jones has dropped an excessive amount of points on the stock market as of Monday, February 5th. This has been the most excessive stock market drop in years. With over a thousand points down on the stock market this takes a toll Dow Jones as it continues to drop.

Dow Jones or Dow Jones Industrial Average is a “stock market index that shows how 30 large publicly owned companies based in the United States have traded during a standard trading session,” (Dow Jones Industrial Average on Wikipedia). Dow Jones has been around for 132 years, coming in at the second oldest U.S. market index in the country. Dow Jones represents insanely popular companies that people invest in, such as Apple, McDonalds, Walmart, Verizon and many more names that are known across the country.

Over the past couple of weeks, Dow Jones’ stock market points have plummeted. According to CNN, the reason for this drop is concerns about inflation in the bond market. Inflation is basically an increase in prices of consumers goods. Though the stock market rates have been at record high at the beginning of the year, but the beginning of February placed Dow Jones in a tight spot.

So what is the reason for this excessive amount of points lost? According to popular news sources like Fox News and ABC, the government shutdown that happened at the end of January could be one of the possible factors. Even in the threat of a government shutdown, according to CNBC, there was a short-term pullback of the stock market on January 18th, two days before the shutdown actually took place. When stock market members feel somewhat of a risk towards their money, they will be most likely to pullback out of the stock. Another possible reason for this drop in the Dow could be the adjustment of the increase in stock points at the beginning of the year. Tony Dwyer, the chief market strategist at Canaccord Genuity said “In our view, the market has not adjusted expectations up enough to reflect current tailwinds for economic and EPS growth.”

Though the Dow has gone down, it is quite likely that the stock points will go up again. As a company that has been thriving for 132 years, Dow Jones will be most likely able to pick up the slack. From 2017 statistics according to CNBC, last year, the Dow gained a record breaking score of 5,000 points. There are no worries that the Dow will succeed as is had for the past hundred years.

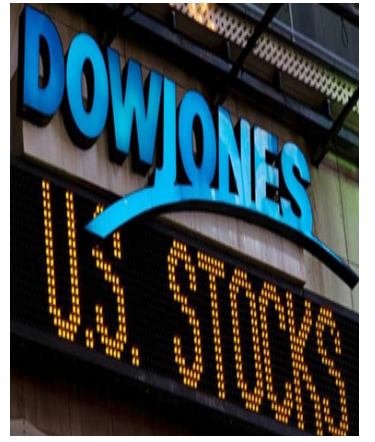


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## Shooting Kills Two In Kentucky School

By Elizabeth McGowan

School shootings have become something that citizens of the United States hear about all too often. On Wednesday, January 24th, 2018, Marshall County High School went into a state of panic as a shooting began.

To the students of Marshall County High, it was just a normal day before class. At 8:57 AM a 15 year old student entered the school and began to shoot. The school became a scene of chaos. According to CNN, during the madness 13 students were injured, and two were shot fatally. The victims were solely students. Timberlane student, Olivia Marshall, stated, “It is senseless violence that targets people who are helpless”. The suspect has since been arraigned. According to CNN, he is being charged as an adult, and has bond set at \$1.5 million.

This shooting, along with the multitude of school shootings that occur in today’s society, has sparked outrage from many concerned citizens. Many schools have begun to take extra precautions regarding school safety. According to CNN, Marshall County High School now uses metal detector wands when the students come into school to prevent students from bringing weapons on school property.

Today, school shootings seem to constantly be occurring, and this is affecting students who attend school in major ways. Many students across the country have begun to fear for their lives, and issues such as gun control are now being brought up more often in our society. According to Lily Collins, “I still feel safe at Timberlane, but it still upsets me to hear what happens at other schools”. Thankfully, not everyone is living their lives in fear, yet people still are incredibly affected by these events as they could happen anywhere at anytime.



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## Another School Shooting

By Emma Lannon

On February 14th, 2018 yet another mass shooting happened. This time was at a high school in Parkland, Florida. At 2:19 pm at Stoneman Douglas High School, seventeen people were killed and fourteen were wounded. The shooter was 19-year old Nikolas Cruz, a former troubled student of this high school who was expelled about a year ago. On this day there were posts everywhere on social media especially on Facebook and Twitter. Students had captured the attack live on video with their phones. Some of these videos went viral. The news came out quickly and depressingly.

The ages of the victims ranged from 14 to 49. The ages of the victims death ranged from 14 to 49. There’s seven 14 year olds, who were respected members of the community, teams, and volunteers. A 35 year old geography teacher who was a respected person. Two 17 year olds who were committed to colleges. One was committed to The University of Indianapolis for swimming. Two 15 year olds who were respected and members of many programs. One 16 year old who had a bright future and one 18 year old who was accepted into Lynn University. The athletic director, age 49 and the assistant football coach, age 37 was killed when he jumped in front of students to protect them from bullets coming.

Nikolas Cruz used an AR-15-rifle that was locked in his house. He was arrested around 3:41 pm while walking on a residential street. Cruz pled guilty for 17 counts of premeditated murder. Students from this school are turning the grief into rage for lawmakers to rethink gun control laws. A lot of other schools in America are following them. “This shooting is different than other ones” said a teacher from this school. He also said, “Sandy Hook, they were elementary school kids who couldn’t stand up for themselves; Virginia Tech was 2007, a different time. But this one - I just have a gut feeling- something is going to change”. Students from this school and from the area have been having events like peaceful protests. For example, they had 17 minutes of silence for 17 victims. Also they are planning on having a march later this year in Washington D.C. to protest gun violence. Another thing that is happening is a walk out of schools across America to protest gun laws on April 20th. “More than 22,000 people have signed a petition, pledging to walk out of their classrooms that day at 10 a.m. for the rest of the day” said in an article on USA today. Students have a voice and they’re using it. They believe this will be the last mass school shooting.

The community has come together as one to remember the 17 lives that were lost on February 14th. This was a tragic day for everyone in the Funeral services and vigils were held in remembrance for the lives that were lost. This event was one of the most deadliest mass shootings yet in America. People should take a second to pray for the people in the community. People lost their family; parents, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters and friends.



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## Tide Pod Challenge

By Alana Miller

From chubby bunny challenge, where children would stuff their mouths with marshmallows to the cinnamon challenge, where the goal was to eat a spoonful of cinnamon in 60 seconds. While a lot of these trends seem harmless, newer trends or challenges have become more dangerous.

A recent, dangerous trend emerging amongst children and teens is becoming a major problem, the new thing to do is biting into Tide pods, which are packages filled with laundry detergent. This new social challenge consists of teenagers eating Tide pods, taking a video of it and posting it on social media. Since this challenge, misuse of Tide pods has been skyrocketing.

“There has already been 86 cases of intentional misuse of laundry packets in January 2018,” according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

There has been multiple warnings put out since this challenge made its way to social media. Although it is normal that a young kid may believe that these colorful and squishy packets look yummy, they’re highly toxic and people need to be more careful. Parents are even saying that they should change the appearance of the packets, but this may not stop teenagers.



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However, these foolish children do not realize that they can literally die from doing this and if they do not die, they could still face serious illness. According to Dr. Alfred Aleguas Jr., ingesting a very small amount of this detergent could get into your lungs and burn the respiratory tract making it nearly impossible to breathe.”

This deadly problem needs to be controlled by parents keeping an eye out for what their children are doing.

If you are planning to participate in this challenge, please remember that you could die trying to look “cool.” According to guidance counselor, Brian Vega at Hickory Hills Middle School, “They see it on YouTube and think it’s funny”. Many people agree with this opinion, especially nowadays when social media plays such a large role in teenager’s lives. Please don’t get sucked in to this crazy trend and keep an eye out for these “forbidden fruits” and educate yourself before ingesting them.

## Updates on DACA

By Matthew Piccolo

DACA is a policy called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. DACA was an executive action taken by President Obama in 2012.

It allowed immigrants who entered the country before the age of 16 to apply for protection against deportation. The individuals who applied were able to get renewable two year permits that allowed them to work and study in the U.S. Since it started in 2012, it protected about 800,000 people and still protected at least 700,000 people when President Trump announced ending it.



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Trump announced that the permits would all start expiring on March 5th and there was a one month window for those whose permits expired before March 5 to renew them. However, over 20,000 DACA holders did not renew their permits, whether they didn’t pay the fee or their application arrived late. It’s believed that some people’s applications weren’t received because they were lost in the mail, and those cases are being investigated to give them a fair chance to renew their permit.

Democrats and Republicans are in a showdown right now. They’re trying to make a deal that will please both sides, but the deal is definitely headed toward a government shutdown because neither side can offer something beneficial to both. Trump wants to offer a short term solution for DACA, in exchange for funding for his border wall. Democrats want a permanent solution to DACA and less funding for Trump’s wall. Some officials are trying to make an even deal, but the majority of both sides aren’t willing to give the other much of what they want.

If a deal can’t be made, the government will shutdown until they can come up with a solution that can work. A government shutdown means that all non-essential people who work for the government will be sent home or just not get paid for their work. However, if the senate votes and approves of the current bill the shutdown will be averted.

## Dorito’s Controversy

By Justin Berube

PepsiCo, the billion dollar industry owns many other companies including Frito-Lay, the salty snack king in the United States. According to The New York Times the CEO of PepsiCo Indra Nooyi was recently on an episode of “Freakonomics Radio” podcast which she talked about what females like and don’t like about Frito-Lay’s famous snack “Doritos”. “They don’t like to crunch too loudly in public,” she said. “And they don’t lick their fingers generously, and they don’t like to pour the little broken pieces and the flavor into their mouth.” Nooyi was asked if there was a chance of female and male chips, and she responded with “It’s not a male and female as much as, ‘Are there snacks for women that can be designed and packaged differently?’ And yes, we are looking at it, and we’re getting ready to launch a bunch of them soon. For women, low-crunch, the full taste profile, not have so much of the flavor stick on the fingers, and how can you put it in a purse? Because women love to carry a snack in their purse.” The question that ran through consumers minds were “Lady Doritos?”.

When social media got a hold of Nooyi’s sexist comments, the public took action. Many people felt violated that a female CEO would actually talk about the idea of “Lady Doritos”. Twitter blew up with thousands of tweets about #LadyDoritos.

“I think the most shocking part of the Lady Doritos announcement is finding out the CEO is a woman.”  
— Marcella Arguello (@marcellacomedy) Feb. 6, 2018

“I’m still laughing about lady doritos because i don’t know a single woman who doesn’t knock back the crumbs in the bottom of the bag”.  
— Justine Raymond (@jmarieray) Feb. 5, 2018

The out roar of people of social media forced PepsiCo to make a statement on the issue. “The reporting on a specific Doritos product for female consumers is inaccurate”. “We already have Doritos for women — they’re called Doritos, and they’re enjoyed by millions of people every day. At the same time, we know needs and preferences continue to evolve, and we’re always looking for new ways to engage and delight our consumers.” Indra Nooyi failed to respond to questions about her comments on doritos being bagged differently for females.

To think that a women of that power would actually say that about, her own gender is quite weird but I can see why women are offended. She is saying that women eat food differently than men, it is clear as day.

Doritos has moved on, and apologized to the public for their actions. I think this is a prime example of how greedy people, companies and corporations are they will do anything for the public if it makes money.

## John Mahoney’s death

By Frankie Ramsdell and Nate Szpak

Charles “John” Mahoney was an English-American actor born in Blackpool, Lancashire, England on June 20th, 1940. As a young kid during the war, his family had to evacuate their native town of Manchester, to avoid Nazi bombings. Soon after the war, they moved back to Manchester where he grew up. He then went to the United States to visit his sister who was a war bride. He then joined the army to receive his United States citizenship all according to Fox News.

Mahoney was an actor of stage, film, and television. He started his acting career in 1977 and moved into film in 1980. Before he started his acting career, he was an English teacher and was an editor for medical journals. When he was finished with English studies, he began his acting career and ended up starring in “Say Anything”, 1989, “The Iron Giant”, 1999, as well as the popular television series “Frasier” from 1993 until 2004. The last play Mahoney appeared in was “The Rembrandt”.

Mahoney battled cancer for over 20 years and fought other complications as well as suffering from brain and kidney diseases, seizures, lung cancer, and diabetes. Mahoney died doing what he loved the most, and that was acting.



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## Current Russian - U.S Relations

By Justin McAuliffe

The U.S. and Russia have not had close ties lately due to the war in Syria and the newly elected president Donald Trump. Recently, Syria's president Bashar Al Assad launched a chemical attack on his own people causing wide outrage when Russia did not respond for a couple of days. Last year The U.S. launching a tomahawk cruise missile to destroy a Syrian airfield caused worldwide controversy. A Russian spokesman Dmitry Peskov has called the strike "An act of aggression against a sovereign country violating the norms of international law under a trumped-up pretext".

It has been suspected the Russians favored Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton in the election. Recently it has been proven that Russia had interfered with the 2016 presidential election. According to Fox news, a Federal grand jury in Washington, D.C indicted 13 Russian nationals and 3 Russian entities on charges of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. in connection with the 2016 U.S. election. Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov have called the meddling "nonsense".

Russian president Vladimir Putin has said in an interview "Russia never had any intent to interfere with the U.S. election". Maybe in the future the two countries will talk more about improving relations. Maybe Russia and the U.S will stop using the war in Syria to talk and actually talk face to face.



## A Controversial Bill Across the World

By Justin McAuliffe

We never want history to repeat itself, especially for such a disturbing and gruesome topic as the Holocaust. Polish president Andrzej Duda has recently signed a controversial Holocaust bill into law. The law states that it is illegal for Polish citizens to accuse Poland of the war crimes committed by Nazi Germany, including the Holocaust.



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The Washington Post states "the bill will ban in Poland the use of terms such as "Polish death camps" in regards to any concentration camps in Nazi-occupied Poland". Former U.S. Secretary of state Rex Tillerson has stated "The enactment of this law adversely affects freedom of speech and academic inquiry".

The Holocaust was a genocide committed by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party. Over a period of 12 years from 1933 to 1945, 11 million people were murdered in concentration camps all over Nazi occupied Europe. Auschwitz Birkenau was the biggest extermination camp in Europe during WWII. It is estimated that over 1 million people were murdered in gas chambers, the most of any camp built and run by the Nazis

German chancellor Angela Merkel has stated "We as Germans are responsible for what happened during the Holocaust, the Shoah, under National Socialism". According to the Washington Post, Merkel is scheduled to meet Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki in Berlin on February 16th. According to U.S. State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert "We are concerned about the repercussions this legislation could have on Poland's strategic interests and relationships.

The Holocaust is a part of history that cannot be forgotten. What Poland is trying to do is distance themselves from what other foreign countries have done on their land in the past.

## The 2018 Olympics

By Abi DeNault

This year, 2018 will be the twenty second Winter Olympic games. These games are a series of winter sports that are competed by famous winter sports athletes. Like the Summer Olympics, the Winter Olympics are held every four years, in a different city every time. Every two years, the world gets to experience an Olympic tournament, either in winter or summer. Men and women from all over the globe come to compete in these winter sports. The 2018 Winter Olympics are currently happening right now. They started on February 8th and will end on the 25th.

This year, the Olympics are taking place in South Korea. Security precautions are being taken very seriously due to the current political climate. Because of the rivalry towards North and South Korea, the location of the games has gotten some backlash. From Kim Jong Un to Donald Trump, the current political leaders of each nation have found it difficult to be civil during the Winter Olympics.

As a result of this, the PyeongChang police and firemen have prepared for months for basically anything. They have been practicing drills for any possible threats of terror attacks. The drills are designed for basically anything, including a hostage situations, trucks ramming people down, and even a drone with a bomb attached. The threat levels of terror attacks are not specific, but the South Korean police and fire departments want to make sure that if there was any danger plausible, that it could be stopped. "Please keep in mind that accidents always happen where no one has expected," South Korean Prime Minister Lee Nak-yon said.

Though severe measures are being taken to keep the event running smoothly, the Winter Olympics is a time to enjoy winter sports and watch the competition. The 2018 Winter Olympics are featuring 15 sports with 102 different events. The Winter Olympics games are split into three specific categories; Ice sports (bobsled, ice hockey, figure skating etc.), Alpine, skiing and snowboarding events, and nordic events (cross country skiing, biathlon etc.).

So far, the American teams have won 5 gold, 3 silver, and 4 bronze medals. As America is still currently competing, there are many opportunities for more wins. Some of the most notable gold medals won are from Jamie Anderson in the women's snowboard slopestyle, Red Gerrard in men's snowboard slopestyle, Chloe Kim in the women's snowboard halfpipe and Mikaela Shiffrin in the women's giant slalom. So far, the American teams are in 6th place in medal total numbers. Norway is currently at the top of the scoreboard with a total of 29 medals. The US only 12 right now.

For the rest of the 2018 Winter Olympics, we can expect pro winter athletes, extreme ice sports and a cold political climate. We can only hope that the games go smoothly and that everyone will be able to do their jobs, as they have continued to do so these past few weeks. Tune in to watch The 2018 Winter Olympic Games on all major television channels before it ends on the 25th.



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## The First Robot Citizen

By Sarah Casey

The creation of a human robot is not something you hear about happening on the news everyday. But in 2015, a newly created robot was exactly what everyone was talking about. A humanoid robot that soon was said to “take over the human population.”

Sophia, the humanoid robot, was activated on April 19, 2015. She was made in a Hong Kong-based company, named Hanson Robotics. A powerful team worked together led by the initial creator of Sophia, David Hanson. Not too long later, Sophia was granted citizenship in Saudi Arabia in October of 2017. She is the first legal robot citizen in the world.

For starters, Sophia is designed to look like Audrey Hepburn. A famous actress who has an overall desirable look to her. David Hanson wanted to create a human figure that was easy to look at in hopes that Sophia would come off as more likeable. It blows people’s minds that Sophia can show and share her emotions just like we do. The AI or (artificial intelligence) is developed to allow Sophia to hold eye contact, recognize people’s facial expressions and understand human speech. This robot can make 62 facial expressions which include smiling, blinking and raising her eyebrows. Sophia is becoming so well known that she even has social media accounts on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.



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Saudi Arabians were very concerned when the news hit that Sophia would become a legal citizen in their country. Women in Saudi Arabia barely had fair rights to begin with. Saudi Arabian women were furious when they discovered a robot was entitled to more rights than some humans of that country. Laws for women in Saudi Arabia consist of having a male guardian/master, always wearing a hijab, and most recently, they were just granted the right to drive a car in September, not long after they granted Sophia with citizenship in October. The women of Saudi Arabia are frustrated because Sophia does not have to follow the same laws as them. Sophia is considered to be a robot citizen in Saudi Arabia. It would only make sense if Sophia had the same laws as other women in the country, but that is not the case. David Hanson believes that Sophia is seen to be a good fit in jobs regarding health care, education and customer service. The artificial intelligence Sophia is programmed with is an open-source, meaning anyone can create their own Sophia with this program if they wanted to.

Just recently, January of 2018, Sophia began to take her first steps. Before this, she could just sit and stand in one place. She was moved from place to place by her team of people. Scientists have made a way for Sophia to walk on her own; which is huge progress just in that alone. This just goes to show in such a short amount of time that this humanoid robot is becoming more advanced and more intelligent than we could have ever thought.

## Russian Presidential Election

By Emily Drislane

The Russian presidential election begins on March 18 and will conclude on April 1. The winner of this election will serve as president for the next 6 years. Vladimir Putin is the current president of Russia serving his third term and he is running to keep his position. There was some uncertainty of whether or not Putin would be in the election again this year.

During the Russian Energy Week Forum in October, he himself said, “I haven’t decided whether I’m going to run at all. Because by law I think the presidential election campaign will be officially announced at the end of November, beginning of December. By that point, I believe that the main contenders will probably come out and state their intentions as well as their election programs.” However, he has chosen to try and win another six years of presidency. There are 7 other presidential candidates running: Ksenia Sobchak, Pavel Grudinin, Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, Grigory Yavlinsky, Boris Titov, Sergei Baburin, and Maxim Suraikin. These candidates all have very different values and political views.

Ksenia is of the Civil Initiative Party and is looking for more liberal changes in the Russian government. Pavel is of the Communist party. He has been openly critical of the modern politics and economics in Russia. Vladimir Zhirinovskiy is of the Liberal Democratic Party. He is a strong nationalist and has gained attention for his bold and heated opinions. Grigory is of the Yabloko party and previously ran for president in 2000. He advocates for more political freedoms and a more liberal economy. Boris is of the Party of Growth and wants to focus more on business. Sergei is of the Russian All People’s Union, a nationalist party. Maxim is from the Communists of Russia Party and is campaigning as an alternative to the traditional Communist Party.



Photo Courtesy of 112 International

The favored candidate is Putin and he is going to be hard to beat. Business Insider says, Putin’s opponents have little chance of ousting the longtime Russian leader, who remains popular and maintains a tight grip on power.” He has an approval rating of 81% and has consistently polled higher than 40% in the election polls so far.

## Mother Accused of Stabbing Her Children To Death

By: Aaron Cullen

A mother from Boston, MA, 43 years old, was accused of stabbing her two children to death, two boys, ages five and eight. A 911 call from a neighbor around afternoon time led investigators to the third floor of an apartment at 247 Prospect St. When they arrived at the scene, investigators believed that the murders occurred within the last 48 hours.

According to NECN the mother fatally stabbed her eight year old son 50 times with a kitchen knife as part of a voodoo ritual, she then went after her younger son because she thought she had “failed” with the older child, according to the authorities. The mother was arrested when the police got to the scene of the crime. Her court hearing will be at the Brockton District Court.

The neighbors were astonished of what occurred. “I don’t understand how anyone would ever do that to children,” one neighbor said. “Two kids, they can’t fight back. Why would you stab two kids?” another neighbor said. The neighborhood was not happy with the news of what was happening. In memory of the kids, a stuffed animal was placed by a street pole in front of their house.



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## Larry Nassar

By Spencer Rooney

Over the last 20 years, Larry Nassar has been sexually abusing female athletes masking his heinous acts as a “medical procedure.” He is a world-renowned sports physician treating America’s Olympic gymnasts, while also serving as a doctor at Michigan State. In 2015, USA gymnastics cut ties with Nassar after learning of the athletes’ concerns. He was fired from Michigan State in September of 2015 when news broke of Nassar’s acts. In the summer of 2016, newspapers started reporting on the allegations against Nassar, but Michigan State said no official knew of his actions until the newspapers started leaking it.

“Sexual abuse is so much more than a disturbing physical act,” said Kyle Stephens, the first victim to speak at Nassar’s sentencing.

Larry Nassar pleaded guilty to criminal sexual conduct, admitted to using his medical treatment to assault, and molest his victims. He was sentenced to 60 years for three different child pornography counts. After he serves 60 years in prison, he will spend another 40-175 years on seven sexual assault charges. There were more than 150 victims including Olympic medalist Aly Raisman and Jordyn Wieber who spoke about the horrific actions that Nassar committed.

“I’ve just signed your death warrant,” Judge Rosemarie Aquilina said at the end of the trial, in a Lansing, Michigan courtroom.

Larry Nassar will live the rest of his life behind bars for the foul actions he took on over 150 women.

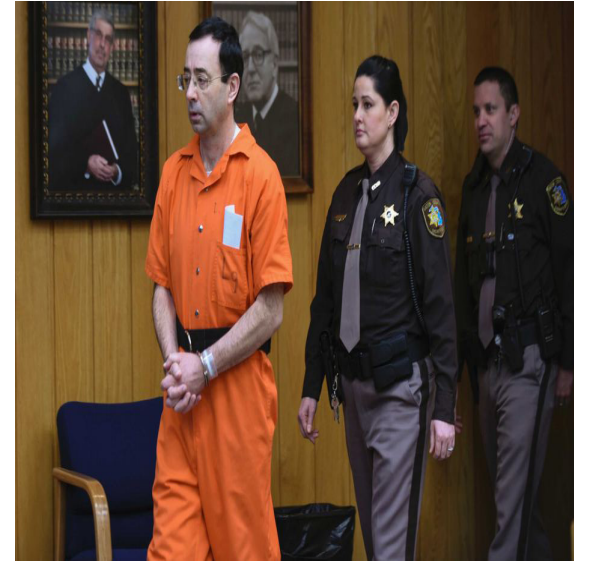


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## Kylie Jenner’s Baby

By Kayla Bowen

After nine months of speculation, the world finally has its answer. Kylie Jenner, model, entrepreneur, socialite, and reality tv and social media personality has in fact been pregnant for the last 9 months.

For months now, people all around the world have been dying to know whether or not the celebrity was pregnant. Jenner revealed in an Instagram post that her and Travis Scott’s daughter, Stormi Webster, was born in February 2018. The post was accompanied by a link to the full length 11 minute video recounting the pregnancy.

Jenner wrote a lengthy caption with an explanation, apology, and brief description of her pregnancy. “I’m sorry for keeping you in the dark through all the assumptions,” she wrote. At the end, she also states how much she loves her baby girl and how she has “never felt love and happiness like this.”



Photo Courtesy of TMZ News

Jenner managed to hide her pregnancy, although most people assumed it, by staying away from the camera for the duration. When she did leave the comforts of her home, she hid her bump thoroughly. She told only her closest friends and family members, even keeping some relatives in the dark. In an interview with TMZ, Kylie Jenner’s half brother stated that he was one of those not told.

“I didn’t even know she was pregnant for the entire pregnancy,” stated Brody Jenner, who has not seen his sister in quite some time. “Now I found out and would love to see her.”

Now that the truth has finally been revealed, fans are going crazy with the news. From the 11 minute video to the name reveal, millions of people have stayed tuned in. Many are anxiously waiting for photos to be released of the baby. The news is so big that sources such as E News and Us Weekly are even releasing full articles just about Jenner’s first appearance since the birth. It shouldn’t be a surprise, seeing as how the Photo Credits: TMZ News

Kardashians and Jenners are names known by nearly everyone, but fans are extremely invested in knowing everything about Stormi Webster.

Perhaps some of this is out of sheer amazement. For example, the newborn’s closet is possibly more lush than any other. According to TMZ, it is estimated that Jenner spent more than \$70,000 on the wardrobe.

From the unusual name to the envious closet, fans have been obsessing over Kylie Jenner and Stormi Webster since the big reveal. Fan of the family or not, it’s hard not to be interested in this news that was kept hidden for 9 months.

## Logic and Wife Jessica Andrea Split Up

By Josh Banks

After two years of marriage between Sir Robert Bryson Hall II, better known by his stage name, Logic, and his wife Jessica Andrea, the couple have decided to split up.

Logic and Andrea have confirmed that they have “come to the loving conclusion that we are much better as friends,” according to a letter posted on Logic’s Instagram to his fans Tuesday night to address the concerns and questions of itching fans. The couple have caused quite a stir on social media, causing hundreds of thousands of people to respond to the Instagram post of the split.

On separate occasions over Twitter and Instagram, the two have confirmed that there is no anger towards one another and that the reason is very simple.

“It just didn’t work out. There is no anger involved,” stated Logic on his Instagram post.

Logic also mentioned, “No fighting, no cheating, no nothing. We love each other and will continue to support each other for the rest our lives.”

The couple has addressed that they are splitting up; however, there has been no confirmation of the two filing for divorce.

Jessica Andrea reposted his post on her Instagram as well as retweeting the post along with a message, “I love you Bobby [red heart emoji] and love to all the fans.”

The fans of Logic and Andrea have been responding on Twitter and Instagram profusely. The fans have replied on this post, both posting about their sadness over the news and posting their support of the two.

As of this time, Logic plans to continue moving forward supporting Jessica Andrea as friends and she plans to follow through doing the same thing. Rapper Logic will continue with his plans for his Bobby Tarantino II vs. Everybody tour featuring Kyle.



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After two years of marriage, we have come to the loving conclusion that we are much better as friends. As entertainers, we have made every aspect of our lives public, yet we would appreciate your respect and privacy on this issue.

At the same time, we would like to shut down the speculation and potential internet clickbait as to the “why” in how this happened, or the “who might have done what to whom.”

It’s very simple: it just didn’t work out. There is no anger involved. No fighting, no cheating, no nothing. We love each other and will continue to support each other for the rest our lives.

And to all the fans: don’t be sad. Be happy that we could peacefully end this chapter of our relationship, beginning a new one full of love and happiness. There will be no displays of anger or hatred that tear people apart; the public will not be made to choose sides. There are no sides, there is just us. Two people who loved each other in marriage and will continue to love each other for the rest of our lives. =>

## New England's Best

By Kirsty Perry and Delaney Ripley

Timberlane wrestling has claimed the top spot in New England for many years. Head coach Barry Chooljian, who has coached for 31 years, continues to train his wrestlers efficiently, so that they can remain the top in New England.

The leadership from seniors Dylan Tremblay, Justin Berube, Brandon Berube, Dylan Musgrave, Dylan Hughes, Taylor Donovan, Barret Kappler, Robbie Pinault, and Noah Beaulieu has also helped in carrying the team in the right direction this year. The team is stronger than ever ending with a 20-0 dual meet record. Timberlane headed to Danbury, Connecticut for their annual match on January 27th.



Photo Courtesy of Google

They beat Danbury after three years of losses against them. Another tough match occurred at Timberlane on February 9th when Timberlane's rival, Concord, came out, and despite what at the begin-

ning seemed like a catastrophe, it ended with a win for the Owls after picking up seven pins consecutively wrapping up a final match score of 57-16.

Senior co-captain Tremblay, a four year varsity starter had positive remarks regarding the team this year, "I feel the team is doing great. We have the hardest working room in New England and I believe that our capabilities are showing that. This is the first undefeated season we've had and it feels great."

Tremblay is going to miss being with his teammates every day and winning on Wednesday nights.

Senior co-captain Justin Berube had more to add about the team and their accomplishments.

"I think the team has been great, especially with the injuries that we had to overcome and the changes that we needed to make. A lot of guys went different weights this year and we didn't know how it would look, but we remained undefeated all season, which shows that we are capable of anything."

Justin has loved being a captain and says that he learned how to be a leader from former captains and coaches.

"Being a captain for this team is an honor to me. The history of this program has had great wrestlers and coaches and it makes me happy knowing the others on this team respect me."

The wrestlers ended the season with a strong finish. At the end of D1's, all 14 wrestlers qualified for the Meet of Champions, and from there, 9 qualified to wrestle at New England's and Connor McGonagle came out on top for the Owls. The season was great and all wrestlers are proud to have been part of such a strong program!

## Beating 7-11

By Jess Mezquita and Meagan White

With the 2018 season approaching, the Timberlane Owls varsity softball team is confident that they can be successful. The team lost four seniors last year, giving them 4 new spots open for new players. The team is motivated to improve on last year's 7-11 record. Every Monday night since the New Year began, the players have been getting hitting practice at Granite Fields in preparation for tryouts. Their goal is to beat the record they had last year.

The softball teams head coach is Jim Clavette. He has been coaching girl's softball at Timberlane for over 10 years now. In 2013, he helped lead the team to win the New Hampshire state championship. Jim Clavette's daughter, Renee Clavette, played Division I softball at Siena College, in New York. She has had great success throughout her softball career and she was chosen to be in the Timberlane Hall of Fame.



The softball team will be holding tryouts starting March 19 in the gym. With the coach unsure about the amount of kids trying out, he is indecisive about making a JV team. If you are interested in playing softball, be sure to sign up. With the loss of D1 commit MK Livingston, the team is searching for a new catcher that can fill MK's shoes.

There are only a couple returning players this year, and the majority of the players will be underclassmen. The majority of the students trying out are freshman and sophomores, leaving the junior and senior in the minority. Last year's captains MK Livingston and Lauren Herchenroder will be handing their spots over to Kylie Fitzpatrick, Jillian Aziz, and Jessie Mezquita. This trio has been on varsity since their freshman year and have all played travel softball together.

Come support the team at their home opener on April 9.

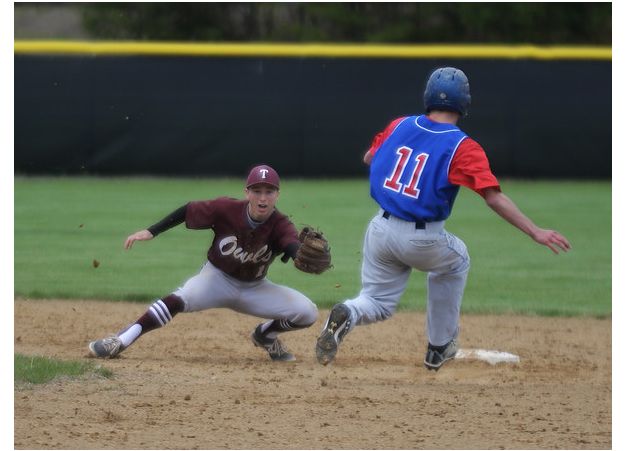
## Baseball Season Preview

By Bob Horgan

Finishing last season with a disappointing 4-14 record, the boy's baseball team is looking to rebound this year, and rebound in a big way. Led by star shortstop and returning All-State selection, Christian Allaire, the Owls have a solid infield and a good pitching staff returning. 3-year varsity returners include Allaire, outfielder/pitcher Kyle Gleason, second baseman Connor Schott, and third baseman Max Morasse. Other varsity returners are first baseman Robbie Horgan, outfielders Rob Pinault and Brandon Berube, catcher Stephen Morris, and pitchers Ryan Bourque and Shane Johnson.

In the rugged division one the Owls will be tested each and every game and will have to go up against numerous division one college baseball commits and potential MLB draft selections, but the competition is something the players embrace. Shortstop Christian Allaire stated, "The competition is stiff and we know that, but to become a better player you have to go against better players and that's what our schedule provides."

The season opens up on April 9th for the Owls when they travel up to Dover to face the Green Wave. After that, they take the long bus ride up to Keene but it does not seem to be a problem for the team. When asked about the schedule senior Connor Schott said, "It's difficult and it's a grind but we are going to take it one game at a time and fight every game like it's our last."



With multiple starting spots up for grabs after the departures of some solid seniors, tryouts and the preseason should be interesting and each practice will be seen as an opportunity and should push everybody to work harder. Look for the Owls to make some noise with many of their core players from last year back and better than they were before.

## Spectacular Ski Team Captains

By Lily Collins

Timberlane has many winter sports that students participate in, and one of our most known is the Ski Team! The season began on November 20th and ended on Tuesday, February 13th. Throughout the season, the skiers practiced both on dryland and on the mountain, travelling up to Pat's Peak every day after school to squeeze in their practice time.

This year's captains are Catherine Slayton, a senior here at Timberlane, and Kyle Errico, who is a junior. Slayton and Errico have been skiing for the school since her freshman year. Both have demonstrated their fabulous skiing abilities for the school, both making states every year they have been a part of the team.



"It's kind of stressful just because I feel like I need to keep up with that role of being the best," Says Errico when asked about his role on ski team. Errico is not only captain, but holds slot one for the boy's team.

"When I was little, I started training up in Maine. Over the years, it was a lot of hard work and dedication to the sport," Errico finished 12th in the state for the Slalom race this past February.

Slayton answered quite similarly, "It's nice to lead the team that I have loved for so many years, and cool to spread my education of the sport to the younger generations." Slayton says when asked about how she feels about being ski team captain. She finished 21st out of 100 for the GS race.

Both Slayton and Errico share a love for skiing like no other, skiing since they were young and during their off-season. Both can agree they are thankful for the experience of being captain, as well as being a part of Ski Team.

## Boys Lacrosse Team Prepares for Season

By Joe Catino

The Boys lacrosse team has had a lot of ups and downs over the past year. The Program has been through a handful of coaches and plenty of athletes with the skills to carry the team, but never had the right combination at the right time. The Timberlane lacrosse team has big aspirations for this year, with the team going D1 due to last year's great performance, next year they will need to give it everything they have this year to make a big impression. Last year, the team had some tough losses but came out with a good record at the end of the year with 9 wins and 5 losses, which is a big come up from past years and landed the team in a playoff game.

It's hard to see the seniors from last year's team move on, but with the seniors leaving it just gives a chance for the younger players to show what they can do with help from coach Blaszka. The three caption for this year are Drew Wilson, Joe Catino, and Nate Taylor, they were chosen because of their commitment to the team and their knowledge of the game. The Timberlane team has some big things happening this year in preparation for the season, there is a scrimmage set up with Austin Preparatory school and a clinic at the Homegrown Lacrosse facilities.

The beginning of the season for the team is always the hardest for the team. Practicing in a parking lot doesn't help to improve skills and the 1 day a week the team gets an indoor field to practice on is not enough. There is a lot in store for the team this year and they plan to make an impression for next year. I hope by reading this article it encourages you to join the team next year or even just try out the sport out and see how you like it, try outs are March 16th. We hope to see you in the bleachers or even on the field this year.



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## Bruins in the Playoffs

By Kyle Gleason

After an early exit in the playoffs last year, the Boston Bruins currently sit second in the Eastern Conference, five points behind the Tampa Bay Lightning, and sit respectively third in the league.

With 11 games left for most of the teams in the league, the Bruins are winding down the regular season. The past couple of games, however, have not been kind to them. The list of injuries is lengthy including David Backes, who came back from the first suspension of his career only to exit the game against Tampa Bay after getting cut by a skate which resulted in 18 stitches in his leg.

Veteran forward Patrice Bergeron has been out with a fracture in his foot since Feb. 27, though seems to be close to a return. The rookie sensation Charlie McAvoy, who sprained his MCL in a game on March 3rd, could be out a lengthy amount of time with a re-examination 4 weeks from the date of his injury. Rick Nash, Zdeno Chara, and Jake DeBrusk also have missed time with upper-body injuries. The head coach of the Bruins, Bruce Cassidy told WEEI about the injury plague, "You know, call a player up, right? We signed one out of college; that helped. So, that's it. It's uncontrollable to a certain extent. It's kind of enough, now. I would agree."

Although the lengthy list of injuries have put a damper on things, one positive would be the signing of forward Ryan Donato. The second round pick for the Bruins in 2014 has been playing at Harvard and signed a two-year entry level deal with the team. The US Olympian made an immediate impact with the team, as he scored his first goal and two assists in the 5-4 loss to Columbus Monday.

Those players have played a huge role in the success of the team over the course of the season, and their health could mean the difference between an early exit and a deep playoff run.

If the 2018 NHL season ended today, the Bruins would most likely play the Toronto Maple Leafs in the first round who lead the Bruins in the season series 3-1-0. No matter who they play, it will be an exciting series to watch, and with the return of some key players, they may just find themselves cruising to the Stanley cup finals.



Courtesy of Sports Illustrated

## Girls Lacrosse Preview

By Hannah Magliocchetti

With the winter season coming to an end, spring sports are just around the corner. The girls Lacrosse program has always been a strong program even in past seasons. This upcoming season is a clean slate for the girls lax team due to losing long-time coach Sammy Benson and the loss of many seniors. Last season, the team had a solid year and made it to the first round playoffs but sadly lost to Winnacunnet in a high intensity game. Each year, these girls work extremely hard to make it to the playoffs and once again, the players are ready for this upcoming season.

Senior goalie Hayle Ashford is ready for the season with a positive attitude. Ashford said "My outlook for this season is to try my hardest to get the team to connect as one in order to bring us back to the playoffs." Ashford, along with many of the older leaders, will no doubt be an influence on how the team performs.

The team is in the process of finding a new coach, with help from the boys varsity coach Kenneth Blaszka and the girls JV coach Erin Donnelly.

Ashford stated starting fresh with a new coach could be a good thing, "I feel like getting a new coach is gonna be great because now we get to switch it up a bit with our plays and everything."

Although she expressed it will be weird not finishing her last high school season with Coach Benson, she is excited for new opportunities. Ashford and many other returners believe that with hard training and teamwork throughout the field, they will be able to continue their streak of playoff appearances this season.

With losing a good amount of the team and a new coach anything could happen. There is hope and a little bit of pressure riding on the team to continue their record from last season. They are always a good amount of girls who go and tryout so with losing many the time will also gain many. There are a lot of great leaders on the team which will be crucial with a new coach and new players. I along with many other fans are curious and excited to see the girls lacrosse team play this season.



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## NBA Playoff Review

By Brandon Berube

The NBA is off to a wild start as many top teams are plummeting down the rankings. In both the East and West Conferences, there are so called “super teams” that aren’t performing to their expected standards.

On the West side, turnaround team, Oklahoma City Thunder, picked up All-Stars Paul George and Carmelo Anthony in company with Russell Westbrook to bring home a title. As of now, the Thunder are in 5th in the Western Conference with a 31-25 record, as they are still competing for a top spot with triple-double machine Westbrook. As usual, the Houston Rockets and Golden State Warriors are head to head for first place in the conference. Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson and the rest still look to shine, as the Rockets are putting on a show by adding Chris Paul to the lineup as another threat all around. It will be an exciting ending to see who will be crowned 1st in the Western Conference.

Over the off-season, the Boston Celtics were on a hunt to somehow make the team better, they added top point guard Kyrie Irving to the strong lineup. They also added Gordon Hayward, but unfortunately, he suffered a broken ankle on opening night which was a low blow. After that, the Celtics were down an all-star, but with the leadership of veterans Al Horford, Kyrie Irving, and second year star Jaylen Brown and rookie Jayson Tatum, the Celtics hold the number one spot in the Eastern Conference with a 40-16 record. Highly anticipated Cleveland Cavaliers gained a lot of stars in the off-season but do not seem to work as a team together as they sit in third, seven games behind the Toronto Raptors. The Toronto Raptors coming into the season were not an expected team to be in the top three. At 38-16, Demar Derozan and Kyle Lowry have been carrying the team on their back by defeating top teams like the Golden State Warriors, Celtics, Thunder and Cavaliers.



Courtesy of NFL photos

An exciting ending towards the playoff run will be very interesting as all teams in the NBA have the capability to compete for the title.

## Shaun White

By Jared DeLucia

The very well known, olympic Snowboarder, Shaun White has been through many ups and downs in his career. White started his career at the age of eight, skateboarding and competing in local competitions around his hometown of San Diego. Winning these competitions lead to sponsorships and the start of his snowboarding career.



Courtesy of sportingnews.com

According to Whites website, White continued on, gaining a passion in both sports, then later leading to competing in the Winter X Games, and the Olympics

White has competed in four winter Olympics, 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018. In three out of those four have been gold medals competing in the half pipe. Also, White has competed in multiple winter X games. He became the first X-Games competitor to win gold medals four years in a row.

Shaun White is incredibly talented and passionate for snowboarding and skateboarding which has created a legacy. Many look up to him for his greatest achievements and records set. In training, five months before 2018 Pyeongchang winter Olympics, White took a crash landing on the halfpipe in practice. Resulting in 62 stitches in his face. But once again, White recovered from this injury and took home the gold for the US in the halfpipe competition.

According to White, “My Mom would put me, my brother, and sister in the car and we’d drive up and ride the mountain all day, or spend the weekend if we were really going to live it up.” The mountains became his home from a young age.

Many ask how he acquired such a talent, “I was introduced to the sport in such a casual way, but it really took hold off me.” White says. With his skating career, he was picked up by Tony Hawk at just the age of seven. Along with a sponsorship from Burton shortly after, it was proven that White was destined for the sports of skateboarding and snowboarding

## New Coaches in the NFL

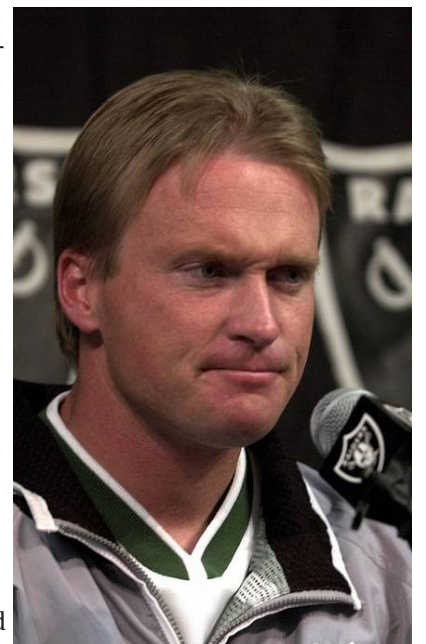
By Connor Schott

This year, in the NFL, new coaches being hired was the new norm. Seven different teams (the Cardinals, Bears, Lions, Colts, Giants, Raiders, and Titans) hired replacement head coaches this offseason due to retirement or disappointing seasons. Each team had different circumstances and hired who they thought would best help them win.

According to ESPN.com, Bruce Arians retired and the Cardinals hired Panthers defensive coordinator Steve Wilks. The Bears hired Chiefs offensive coordinator Matt Nagy. The Lions hired Patriots defensive coordinator Matt Patricia. The Colts hired Eagles offensive coordinator Frank Reich. The Giants hired Vikings offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur. The Raiders hired Jon Gruden. The Titans hired Houston defensive coordinator Mike Vrabel. There are stories to go along with each new hiring this offseason but two stick out more than others, the Colts coaching job and the Raiders hiring Jon Gruden.

For a while the Indianapolis Colts were under the impression that Josh McDaniels of the New England Patriots was going to be the new head coach. However, the Patriots were in the Super Bowl and they could not make any clear decisions about current coaches. When the season officially ended, many thought McDaniels was going to take the job. He had one last meeting with the Patriots and Bill Belichick and something changed his mind. McDaniels backed out of the deal with the Colts and said he was going to remain the offensive coordinator of the Patriots. Everyone was shocked, including the Colts, who thought they had found their future head coach. According to an ESPN article by Mike Reese and Mike Wells, Colts General Manager, Chris Ballard, was “pissed and angry because he was completely blindsided by the whole thing because the process was at the finish line.” The Colts had to continue their search and ended up hiring Frank Reich from the Eagles.

The Raiders had just fired head coach Jack Del Rio after a disappointing season and were on the hunt for a new one. The Raiders hired Jon Gruden, a current ESPN Analyst, and a former coach. This was very shocking to see them choose a coach that wasn’t currently working in the NFL. It is very surprising to see someone who hasn’t been a coach in ten years get paid so much money. Gruden however, was the coach of the Raiders from 1998 to 2001 and was the coach of the Buccaneers until 2008, where he won a Super Bowl, according to ESPN. Not only was the hiring of Gruden shocking, but he will be making \$100 million over ten years as the coach. \$10 million a year for 10 years makes him the second highest paid head coach in the NFL. It is very surprising to see someone who hasn’t been a coach in ten years get paid so much money. In one month, Jon Gruden went from analyzing teams on ESPN to be the second highest paid coach in the NFL for the Oakland Raiders.



Courtesy of NBA Reviews

New coaches for many teams, means new styles of play, and different competition. Every coach brings a different mindset and are hired in hopes that they can lead the team to the postseason. A new coach means a fresh start for each team and increased expectations for next season. With all the changes, expect an eventful 2018 season in the NFL.

## Is This The End Of The Patriots Era?

By Josh Downing

After the loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in super bowl 52, Gronk made a statement that he is thinking about retirement. After the game, a press conference was held. According to Sports Center, Gronk explained he was going to take the off-season to decide whether he wants to retire or not. Unfortunately, this could change the outcome of next year's season, leaving all Pats fans in suspense. Taking into consideration of how injury prone he is, it might be the safest choice for him to lay down the helmet.

However, there are bigger ordeals going on inside the locker room, Tom Brady turning 41 in August brings concerns on whether he will decide to play. After the Super Bowl loss, people have theories he's not satisfied with that and will play another year. On February 5th, the day after the super bowl, Jeff Howe recorded Tom Brady say, "why wouldn't I be back (next season)." Sports fanatics have their beliefs,



Photo Courtesy of Boston Globe

but there should be no doubt of the return of the G.O.A.T. in 2019.

In the regards to the Patriots future, they have signed 10 new players hungry for playing time, the positions that were filled were Wide Receiver and Offensive Linemen. No one can match up to the brilliance of Bill Belichick; he has proven it time after time with his handful of Super Bowl wins. The Patriots winning streak has relied on the rule of Bill Belichick on the side-

line, but his contract ends next season, questioning his return the following year. Josh McDaniels may step up next season as the Patriots new head coach, in hopes to keep the Pats dynasty alive.

## Paul Pierce Jersey Retirement

By Matt Perry

February 11, 2018 is a date that will live in Boston Celtics' history forever. This date does not represent a big comeback win or even the date of a blockbuster trade deal. But instead, it represents the date that the Boston Celtics raised Paul Anthony Pierce's number into the rafters at the TD Garden.

For those of you that are unfamiliar with Paul Pierce and what exactly he meant to the Boston Celtics organization, allow me to quickly fill you in. Pierce played a total of fifteen season here in Boston, and within those fifteen years he was a ten time all-star, a four time all-NBA team member, and most impressive of all, he is a NBA Champion and finals MVP.

If you grew up in the last decade and watched the Celtics play. In his nineteen year NBA career, Pierce was never the most athletic or even the most physically gifted player, but what set him apart from everyone else was just how clutch he was. Whenever the game was on the line and Paul Pierce had the ball in his hand, you just knew that he would make all the plays that were needed to come out with the win.

During his fifteen year tenure with the Celtics, Pierce was able to score 24,201 total points, rip down 6,651 total rebounds, and even ammass a total of 4,305 career assists as well. He was really just a complete player. "I just feel like Paul was more creative," former Celtics great Robert Parish explained. "He was the better scorer than say Larry or John Havlicek. I think Havlicek and Larry and Paul were probably the best offensive players that the Celtics ever had. I think Paul tops that list, in my opinion."

Paul Pierce's number 34 was the twentieth jersey number to be hung up in the rafters at the TD Garden, and considering the Boston Celtics are the most decorated franchise in NBA history, that is putting him in some pretty elite company. For example, you have Bill Russell's number 6, Tommy Heinsohn's number 15, and John



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Havlicek's number 17 retired, all representing the 1960's and 1970's of Celtics history. Then there's Larry Bird's number 33, Kevin McHale's number 32, and Robert Parish's number 00, all of which represent the 1980's and early 1990's of Celtics history. But now that Paul Pierce's number 34 has been retired, Celtics fans who grew up in the last decade watching Celtics basketball now finally have a player that will forever be immortalized as a Celtic legend.

Paul Pierce was so much more than an amazing basketball player, he represents an entire generation of fans. When I think back to my earliest days watching basketball, I will forever think back to Paul Pierce and everything that he did for the Celtics franchise.

Thank you Paul Pierce and congratulations on everything that you were able to accomplish in your illustrious career.

## NBA All Star Break

By Rob Pinault

The All Star break marks the halfway point of the NBA season. It consists of many different competitions between the players. The most anticipated events were the All Star game, three point contest, and the slam dunk competition. The All Star game lived up to the hype. Team LeBron up against team Curry and the game went down to the wire. Both teams neared the 150 point mark. The all-star game was fantastic, and a high scoring affair. The celebrity all-star game was just as exciting. Quavo of the Migos, which is a hip hop trio, dropped 19 and received the MVP award. The three point competition was taken over by Devin Booker. This was his first time winning the event and also broke the record for the most points in the championship round with 28, making 20 out of 25 threes in the last round.

Some people were disappointed with this year's dunk competition in comparison to years past. Donovan Mitchell won the dunk competition this year. He mimicked Vince Carter on one of his best dunks, along with bringing in another backboard in which to give himself an alley oop and dunk with a huge slam. Some controversy ended the first round that left some of the viewers puzzled, many viewers also thought that Dennis Smith Jr. was robbed and was not awarded accordingly for his 360 in between the legs dunk that was easily the highlight of the first round, Michael Skyes, II had this to say about Smith's dunk during the contest "But what I will say is that he easily had the best dunk of the night with his second dunk". The dunk contest did have some crazy dunks no doubt, but the people wanted more from one of the main events.



Photo Courtesy Sole Collector

"It's an awesome feeling just kind of waking up and realizing this is not just a dream," said Mitchell, after arriving to 300 plus fans looking for his autographing at the fanzz sports center at 11 o'clock. But as far as prizes go Mitchell only received bragging rights over the break and will have to get back to work the second half of the season. But of course we can't forget the winner of the NBA's skills challenge was Spencer Dinwiddie. The skills challenge consists of different dribbling and shooting challenges. The All-Star break has no real implications on the actual season. The break gives players and coaches a little time off while still entertaining the public.

## Red Sox Opening Day

By Sarah Cronin and Marissa Arnold

As the weather gets warmer, we know baseball season is right around the corner. Many Americans say that baseball is America's pastime and that's why it brings so many people together. The day after the Super Bowl, February 5th, the Red Sox equipment truck left for Fort Myers. As fans turn their attention from the Patriots, to the Red Sox. This marks the exciting start to the Red Sox training season, gearing up for the big opening day game.

MLB.com reported that he pitchers and catchers from the team joined their equipment in Florida on Valentines Day to start practicing. The rest of their team arrived in Florida for practice on the 19th and the team will practice together for a few weeks. After a few weeks of practice the boys will start to play. Exhibition games started at the end of February and run through March. Then, on April 5th, the Red Sox will have their home opener against the Tampa Bay Rays.



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Also, the Sox have a new manager this year by the name of Alex Cora. "I'm very excited for the upcoming season and I'm excited to connect with the guys" says Cora. There will be a special guest to throw the ceremonial first pitch, but that person hasn't been determined yet. The crowd will get to experience whatever celebration is in store for the fans this year.

One thing that doesn't change from year to year is the fans love for the game of baseball. Opening day always consists of loud cheers, the team stepping on to their field for the first game at home, and the amazing game that comes with it. This is one of the times the fans are at their strongest because they just can't hold in the excitement that comes with a new baseball season. Fans will be thrilled to be watching their favorite sport with a bag of Cracker Jacks and singing Take Me Out to the Ball Game as they cheer on their home team. Hopefully the Sox have a strong season and they bring home another title. This game is exciting and also the first sign of spring for many baseball fans out there.

## NHL Playoff Outlook

By Jake Heckman and Julia Ramsdell

The most exciting part of the NHL Season is right around the corner, the playoffs. The best eight teams from the Eastern Conference and the Western Conference battle it out to win Lord Stanley's Cup.

Every year, one team wins the cup and gets their names engraved onto it. Unlike the NFL's Lombardi trophy, the Stanley Cup is an original. There are no duplicates of it which means it gets passed down to the next team that wins it.

With this in mind, many teams have their minds set on getting their hands on this prized possession. At the top of the league this season, the Tampa Bay Lightning are in the run to win the president's trophy which is awarded to the team who finishes in first place. Although the Lightning may be good in the regular season, the playoffs are a much different animal. Every team has more drive and heart than they do during the regular season.

One team that is usually really good in the regular season, but tends to struggle in the playoffs is the Washington Capitals. They don't amp up their game when it comes to playoff time and that is a large problem. Teams like the Chicago Blackhawks, Pittsburgh Penguins and the Los Angeles Kings are usually successful in the playoffs because they amp up their game. The Penguins have won the last two years and the Blackhawks won the year before that.

One team that is looking to land a spot in the playoffs this year is the new franchise, Las Vegas Golden Knights. Nobody had faith in this team because most of the players are rookies and don't have much NHL experience. The Golden Knights have proved everyone wrong. They started out strong and they've maintained that strength throughout the regular season. They remain in the top three best teams in the league and rank third in the NHL power rankings. Since this team has never had playoff experience, they may struggle when it comes to crunch time. Even though the team is full of rookies, there are a few veterans on the team including all-star goalie Marc Andre Fleury, James Neal and David Perron. The Golden Knights are going to need these three veterans to teach them the ways of the playoffs.

It's actually quite a shock how well the Bruins are doing this year, starting around 8th in the league at the beginning of the season, the B's are now third and as of right now matched up with Toronto for the playoffs. There's still a lengthy amount of time left until the Stanley Cup playoffs come into play, but they sure are looking very hopeful. It seems to be that every season for the Bruins is unpredictable. Patrice Bergeron is a veteran player of 15 years and is loved all around Boston. Bergeron is a stand out as one of the top scorers

of team with 25 goals out of 49 games played so far this season. David Pastrnak who used to be the rookie of the Bruins is slowly moving away from the name. Starting his NHL career at 18 years old in 2014, he still remains up there with Bergeron being one of the top scorers.

Another team that is also looking very good is the Nashville Predators. Look at last year's standings, the Predators were in around 16th place out of the whole and in this years season they've moved up a tremendous amount. Up around 4th place is where they lay right now but there's no telling what could happen. Veteran player, Filip Forsberg, drafted in 2012, remains as one of the top scorers. He is also one of the assistant captains of the team.

In total, there are definitely a few teams who could succeed in the NHL playoffs this year, the Bruins being one of them. Las Vegas will most likely struggle in the playoffs due to lack of experience. It is questionable whether or not the Tampa Bay will succeed in the playoffs this year. Often times, the number one team in the league struggles in the playoffs because the style of game they play doesn't match the pace of play in the postseason. This year's playoffs should be one to remember.



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## MLB Baseball Preview

By Christian Allaire

With Spring Training starting in early February, many baseball fans are getting ready for the warm spring weather and Major League Baseball. Spring Training is a time where all 30 teams are setting goals for their seasons and preparing themselves for the 162 games ahead. Many teams have made roster moves during the offseason to try and get an edge on each other in their respective divisions and are excited to get out and compete in the preseason environment.

A big story that has caused a lot of buzz has been the New York Yankees adding Giancarlo Stanton from the Miami Marlins to their lineup. Stanton led the Majors in home runs last year recording 59, which is 32 more than he had a year previous in 2016. He also recorded 132 RBIs and had a batting average of .281 which is very good for a power bat like his. Not only are the Yankees adding Stanton, but they still have Aaron Judge, who is the reigning Rookie of the Year. Judge finished with 52 home runs of his own, 114 RBIs and finished with a .284 average. With these two players, you are going to see a lot of long balls this year at Yankee Stadium. The Yankees will look to finish one spot better than last year in the AL East, where they finished in second behind Boston.

Another big storyline in the offseason was the acquisition that the Los Angeles Angels made the signing of Shohei Ohtani. Ohtani was a standout Japanese player who made his first professional appearance in Japan at the age of 18. He is a two way guy, meaning the Angels can use Ohtani as a pitcher for some games or put him in the outfield and let him hit. Reports have said the Angels will use him more as a pitcher, but he has shown the ability to hit at a really high level in his professional experience in Japan. Last year, Ohtani hit .332 and showed some good power in his average size body. It will be interesting to see the impact he can have this year in an Angels uniform and how he transitions from the Japanese league to the MLB.

This February, the Boston Red Sox announced that they had signed J.D. Martinez from the Arizona Diamondbacks on a 5-year, \$110 million deal. Martinez, who is coming off of a great season with the DBacks is looking to give the Red Sox some help in the power category, an area where they struggled last season. Mookie Betts led the Sox in home runs in 2017 with 24, while Martinez recorded 45 long balls, to go along with 104 RBI's and a .303 average last season. J.D. Martinez is one of only two players to have a .300 average with at least 125 homeruns and .550 slugging percentage since the 2014 season. The only other player is Mike Trout who has won the American League MVP in both the 2014 and 2016 seasons.

With no surprise, the Houston Astros are the preseason favorite to win the 2018 World Series. Last year, they dominated in the American League West where they won 101 games and finished 21 games above the second place Angels. The Astros were led by second baseman, Jose Altuve, shortstop, Carlos Correa, and center fielder, George Springer. These three combined for 82 home runs, 492 hits and 250 RBIs. Jose Altuve took home the American League MVP last season and does not show any signs of stopping his high level hitting ability at the plate. Altuve, who is only 5'6" 165 pounds, hit .346 last season with 39 doubles, 4 triples and 24 homeruns.

On the other side of the ball, Dallas Keuchel shut down hitters with a 2.90 ERA and recorded 125 strikeouts. Also, the acquisition of Justin Verlander was a big part of the success during the home stretch last season. The Astros beat the Red Sox in the American League Divisional Series 3 games to 1, and then squeaked past the Yankees in the American League Championship Series in 7 games. They then went on to win the World Series in 7 games over the National League Champion, Los Angeles Dodgers. We will see if Houston can have another historic season in 2018 and make it back to the big dance.

The 2018 Major league Baseball season will be filled with excitement from April through October.

## Matt Patricia Leaves Patriots for Detroit

By Riordan West Geary

After six seasons as the defensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, Matt Patricia has moved on to become the head coach of the Detroit Lions.

Patricia started as an offensive assistant for the Patriots in 2004, then he became an offensive lines coach, before becoming the linebackers coach which eventually led him to become the defensive coordinator. Patricia's "Bend, but don't break" defense brought the Patriots to three Super Bowls in his time as defensive coordinator, winning two of them.

The Patriots may have been known mostly for their high powered offense in the years that Patricia was coordinator, but their defense was no joke either. During the 2016-2017 season, the Patriots defense allowed the fewest points in the league, which is one of the best accomplishments that a defensive coordinator could achieve.

Patricia was very appreciative of his time with the Patriots, as evidence by his praise for Robert Kraft, "There are not enough words that I can put together to thank you for everything that you've done for my family, for my career personally."

Clearly, the Patriots have had a large influence on Patricia, and he is very pleased with everything the team accomplished during his tenure.

All of Patricia's accomplishments have led him to being named the head coach of the Detroit Lions for the 2018-2019 season. The Lions are coming off a tough season in which they finished 9-7, just missing the playoffs. Detroit fired its old head coach, Jim Caldwell, after he failed to win a playoff game in four years as head coach. Winning a playoff game will be a tough task for Patricia, especially in Detroit. The Lions haven't won a playoff since the 1993 season, so winning has been tough to come by in the Motor City.

Although the team in the past has seen seemingly no success, they still have high expectations for Patricia, and are excited for the future of the franchise. The Lions general manager, Bob Quinn, made a statement during Patricia's introductory press conference, saying, "When we launched the search for our next head coach, I wanted to find a leader that could take us to the next level and I am confident we have found that in Matt Patricia."

Clearly, the Detroit Lions think highly of Patricia.

Although there are some uncertainties, one thing is for sure, if Patricia has as much success in Detroit as he had in New England, he will be just fine.



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## Not a Flamethrower

By Connor Ross

The innovative billionaire is back for more with something hotter than the rest of the market. This time it's separate from the prevailing companies of Tesla Motors and SpaceX. Elon Musk has produced a new and improved contraption through his relatively new company named 'The Boring Company'. He has invented a flamethrower that has been released to the public consumers to purchase, which has been priced at a solid \$500. According to The Manual, Elon posted a video on Instagram while lighting the flamethrower saying, "Don't do this. Also, I want to be clear that a flamethrower is a super terrible idea. Definitely don't buy one. Unless you like fun."

Elon Musk founded The Boring Company two years ago initially to pursue his dream of building an underground tunnel system to cut down on the increasing transportation issues in the United States. This company has sidetracked and inspired him to make a consumer friendly flamethrower. Friendly flamethrower sounds like an oxymoron, but many people don't really know how insane military-grade flamethrowers are. In an article from How Stuff Works, they state that some of the contemporary flamethrowers that the military use can toss fire effectively all the way up to 150 feet. That is why those are not put on the market for any citizen to purchase. Elon Musk's apparatus can only shoot the flames about ten feet, making it much safer than any other flamethrower out there.

This has been a very controversial subject as of late. A politician in California has recently stated, "There are many times in which technology and inventions benefit society, but are not made available to the public. We don't allow people to walk in off the street and purchase military-grade tanks or armor-piercing ammunition... I cannot even begin to imagine the problems a flamethrower would cause firefighters and police officers alike". He now plans to propose legislation to ban these extreme toys from being sold in the state of California. That would be a big problem due to The Boring Company being located in California. Since that has happened, Elon has attempted to find some loopholes around any laws being made and considering he is one of the smartest and most creative men in the world, there is no doubt that he will. He said, "I'll dub my flamethrower 'Not a Flamethrower' to thwart customs". This has provided an escape in the battle with customs over the right to ship anything called a flamethrower.



The Boring Company produced just 20,000 flamethrowers and opened the selling very recently. These crazy gizmos sold out in just four days even at a whopping \$500. People were quick to drop some decent spending money on an actual flamethrower. Elon made 10 million dollars in four days just from selling a simple flamethrower. This really shows how much people are buying into what Elon Musk is selling and how contemporary he really is. People will be looking for more creative things to come from him in the near future and they are ready to get behind what he has to offer. But what comes after a flamethrower? Only Elon can decide upon that.

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## Nitetime On The Come UP

By Isaac and Nick Braga

Aaron Cullen is an eighteen year old senior here at Timberlane. He has grown in popularity recently; generating over 586,000 plays and 4,000 subscribers on youtube. His recent rise in fames is no surprise to many. He has the talent. Who is Nitetime?

Aaron Cullen is an aspiring producer. Nitetime is Aaron's producer persona. His love for music started off back in 2013. He was listening to J Dilla and Nujabes. Later on older kids in 7th grade got him into producing. Nowadays, he is still working. His job description is creating instrumentals for artists to rap over. Aaron got into producing around five years ago. In five years he has grown to over 4,000 subscribers and over half a million plays. The subscribers on YouTube have given him the opportunity to sell his beats to an audience. Aaron has always been into rap music. However, now that he now creates music, he has much more of an appreciation for it.

When asked about his favorite beat he stated that "LOADING" was one of his favorites. Aaron thinks LOADING is a great representation of him and his work. Aaron's style is constantly evolving. Therefore, he comes out with a new beat every day. They're not his favorites, but he is just trying to grow. Aaron is inspired by a lot of famous producers. Metro Boomin is one of the greatest of all times in his opinion. Aaron is also a big fan of Southside and 808 Mafia. Aaron's music is different than a lot of music that he is inspired by, but he has learned a lot through listening.

Nitetime as a persona/ brand has come a long way since the start. His popularity is starting to pay off. The money he is making is going right back into producing. The equipment Aaron is using is hundreds of dollars. His costs to operate include software and equipment. Aaron hopes that someday making music will be his only source of income. He wants worldwide sales, and the ability to live his life doing what he loves. Aaron is a talented kid with an optimistic mindset. Nitetime will surely blow up soon.



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## The Benefits of Owning a Cat

By Travis Paradise and Steven Portillo

Do you own a cat? If you do, you may have been enjoying some benefits that you didn't even know about. Owning a cat has many emotional and health benefits that other pets do not give. Here are some benefits from owning a cat.

One benefit from owning a cat is that cats help reduce anxiety. Cat owners tend to have lower stress and anxiety levels than other pet owners because cats are less work. Cats also help with coping. Losing a loved one is hard and painful. Owning a cat for cope has been shown to help people get over losing their loved ones quicker than those who don't. According to thecatsite.com, cats can actually sense how people are feeling and can adjust their behavior around that. One of Travis's cats, Bubbles, actually comes to anyone who's crying in my house and cuddles and licks you until you're not as sad.

Owning any pet whether it's a dog, or hamster, is good for your heart but cats in particular lower your stress levels and anxiety in your life. Petting a cat can keep you calm and keep you at peace and be loved by your furry friend. A study from mentalfloss.com had shown that in over a ten year period cat owners and less likely to die from a stroke or heart attack than those who don't own one.

Cats are also known to give you the benefit of immunity boosts. With all the exposure to the cat fur and dander in the house, owning a cat can result to increased resistance against allergens and help decrease the risk of allergies and getting asthma.

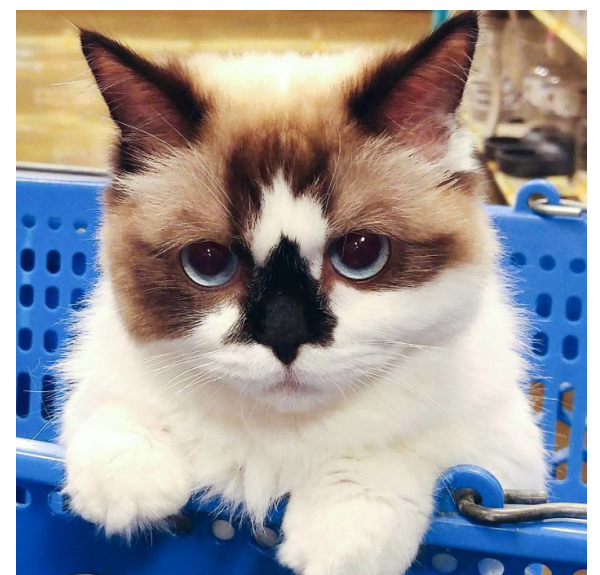


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Another benefit that a cat can give you is an increase in sociability. It's said on drhealthbenefits.com that a cat owner tends to talk to his/her cat even if they don't respond. Having this habit can help improve sociability and make it easier to talk to your peers when needed.

Cats can be really good pets for those who suffer from seizures due to the cats ability to warn people before seizures happen. The reason why a cat can do this is unknown. At a stroke conference in America, showed that 3.4 percent of the cat owners died from a heart attack over 10 years. Among the group who had never owned a cat the rate was 5.8 percent, as said on TheTelegraph.com. These are only some of the benefits from owning cats. Many more can be found online. The only thing that's certain is that owning a cat will benefit your life and well being.



## Up and Coming Rappers; YoungBoy Never Broke Again

By Justin Berube and Jake Post

In the last couple years the Rap Industry has seen the age group of rappers expand. Young men and women are trying to pursue their dreams as early as 10 years old. New sounds and new voices are influencing the youth to try the rap game. The Art of Rap has dramatically expanded from what our parents listened too, to what we listen to today. Back when rap was almost a social experiment, or “fad” the music was about peace and love. As time went on, rap groups like N.W.A, Beastie Boys, Public Enemy, and Run D.M.C changed the perspective of things by rapping about real life events and oppression facing African Americans.

Rap nowadays continues to grow, and is still growing into one of the biggest music genres in the World. That Rap Game has opened their music up to a free-for-all variety of sounds and words. The beats are more complicated, and intriguing to young listeners. These young listeners love this music because of the sounds and rhythm of the beat, it’s easy to get hooked on.

Youngboy Never Broke Again is a rapper from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and he is attacking the rap game by storm. Talking about his struggles as a kid to now becoming rich and wealthy. Youngboy Never Broke Again dropped out of school in the 9th grade to focus on music according to DJ Smallz Eyes. At a early age he was booked for attempted 1st degree murder and sent to jail at the age of 16. He wrote raps every 2 days while he was in jail. Youngboy has 3 kids with 2 different mothers at the age of 18. Aside from his past Young Boy has been making hits since he was released from jail. The rap game tends to focus on coming out from the hood and gang related problems. This is a common occurrence for most new rappers. His most public song “Untouchable” has 101 million views on youtube. “Ever since I was little I wanted to rap.” says Youngboy. “ My mom used to rap, so that’s who inspired me to start making music.” he said in an interview with DJ Smallz Eyes. His most recent song Outside Today has reached the 45th spot on the Billboard Hot 100. Youngboy Never Broke Again is continuing to make music and he is going to leave his mark in the game. Listen to more of his projects like 38 baby, Fed baby’s, Aint too long, AI Youngboy, and Until Death Call My Name.



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Rappers like YoungBoy N.B.A continue to add to the success of young and up-and coming rappers. Although many rappers have dark pasts, listeners tend to not pay attention to those crimes they have committed. These rappers music tell stories of their past, and their way out of their dark past is music. They talk about how there is the crime path and then there is the rap path. Most of these rappers are focused on making money and getting out of the hood. The Hip Hop culture was focused on the stories of their personal lives of living in poverty and gang related neighborhoods. Now that times have changed rappers express what they go through in a day to day life. Music is just their way of telling stories and making points to their listeners. The past is the past, the only way rappers like Youngboy NBA are able to give themselves another life is with music. They use music as an escape from the hood and gang violence, and when they become big they give their earnings to his/her community. That is why music is great it lets people reflect on real life issues that people can relate to.

## Tommy Wiseau: International Man of Mystery

By Noah Clark and Juergen Pfau

Tommy Wiseau, known for being the enigmatic director, producer, scriptor and lead actor of the cult-classic *The Room* is a very strange and mysterious man. Having funded the project himself for roughly \$6 million, his extremely odd antics lead to what is referred to commonly as “The Citizen Kane of bad movies”. But who is this odd probably European visionary? Many people across the world are theorizing just that.

As well as the source of his income being unknown, he refuses to disclose the truth of both his age and origin. Tommy dismisses the questions of his age by simply retaliating with, “I’m as old as you.”. And similarly, he replies to the questions of where he is from with, “From New Orleans.” However he contradicts himself by claiming to be born in France and the moving to the city of Chalmette, not New Orleans. With an Eastern

European accent as thick as the geography that separates these very distinct locations, there is no known location of his origins, but this isn’t the only set of mysteries that cloak Mr. Wiseau.

Mr. Wiseau was infamous for the amount of money he spent during the production of *The Room*. He used many extremely inefficient methods of creating his movie, Such as having two different film crews with film and digital cameras as he did not know the difference He also bought these cameras for exorbitant prices of around \$1.3 million unlike most Hollywood producers who wisely just rent them. On top of this, Tommy envisioned the movie in a particular way which meant to him, having to film the movie chronologically. This forced set crew to have to demolish sets and rebuild them later on when they came back up in the movie. This alternative method of budgeting totaled over \$2,000,000 in the wallet of Tommy Wiseau, but that didn’t matter, for his bank account was often described by bankers as, “an endless pit”.

When asked about the source of his fortune Tommy told this in response:

“I tell you a little bit, but that’s it. We import from Korea the leather jackets that we design here in America...I didn’t get money from sky... let’s put it this way.”



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Much like the rest of the questions about him, his answers are very cryptic. This has led to many theories surfacing online about the source of his wealth. According the previous quote he may have been some retail bigwig, but according to co-author of *The Disaster Artist* and actor in *The Room* Greg Sestero, Tommy flipped real-estate in San Francisco for a time. More outlandish theories have also been created. One theory is that he got a large settlement after being crashed into by a rich executive, and another that he may be the infamously unfound plane-hijacker D. B. Cooper. Whatever the case may be Tommy Wiseau will likely remain a mystery for a long time unless he reveals more about his unknown past, but given his track record that is highly unlikely.

## The Best Fast Food On 125

By Dan Komenda

If you're looking for somewhere to get food quickly, and for a low cost, then route 125 in Plaistow and Haverhill is the place to go. There is no shortages of restaurants along and close to this road. Some of the most popular spots on 125 include McDonald's, Taco Bell, Wendy's, and Dunkin' Donuts. Although they aren't particularly healthy, these are great options to get convenient eats.

McDonald's is located at 1180 Main St, Haverhill, Massachusetts. This restaurant is a great option for any time of the day. At McDonald's they offer breakfast, lunch/dinner, and dessert items on their menu. They have a huge selection of choices to choose from along with many deals to cut down the already low prices. McDonald's serves breakfast all day for anyone who likes breakfast food. Fast food consumer, Kyle Reid, says "The sausage, egg, and cheese, McMuffin is my favorite thing on the menu and I'd get it at any time of the day." They also have a new addition to their menu called the \$1 \$2 \$3 menu. This menu has multiple options for food that only costs \$1, \$2 or \$3. However, with all of the tasty food at McDonald's nothing tops their french fries that are the best in the area. For anyone who wants a discount on their purchase, McDonald's has a mobile app where you can get coupons for free and they change daily.

Taco Bell is located at 31 Plaistow Rd, Haverhill, Massachusetts. Taco Bell is the go to place if you want quick americanized Mexican food. Taco Bell always is coming out with new menu items and "boxes" that include different foods for a low price. Their latest box is the Nacho Fries Box which contains their new nacho fries, nacho cheese dip, cheesy gordita crunch, a nacho cheese Doritos locos taco, and a medium drink. This box is only \$5 for all of the food inside. In addition to their regular menu, Taco Bell also has a breakfast menu. This menu offers many breakfast styled burritos, quesadillas, and tacos.



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coffee as well as multiple breakfast options. Dunkin' Donuts also has an app where you can pay for your order as well as receive rewards for buying from the store.

Wendy's is located at 19 Plaistow Rd, Haverhill, Massachusetts. Wendy's is known for their fresh, never frozen beef, and square burgers. This restaurant has low price deals to obtain such burger. One of their most popular deals is the 4 for \$4. This menu option offers a fountain drink, chicken nuggets, fries, and your choice of sandwich from a select menu. They have been constantly changing and adding to this deal. Currently the options for the 4 for \$4 include four different types of burger, two different chicken sandwiches, and two different chicken wraps. There is no better deal than the 4 for \$4 in the area and Wendy's is the only place with it. They are also very popular for their 50 cent frosty deals that occur regularly around the summer season.

Dunkin' Donuts has multiple locations along 125 but one location is 74 Plaistow Rd, Plaistow, New Hampshire.

Dunkin' Donuts is the go to place for breakfast and coffee. Dunkin' Donuts has a large variety of flavors to choose for

There are many fast food restaurants in the 125 area. There's a different one for each individuals cravings. However there are only a couple that can satisfy nearly all of them. McDonald's and Taco bell have the largest variety with the lowest prices which makes them the best fast food places.

## A Munchkin Sized Adventure

By Travis Paradise

If you like card games where you have to slay monsters, climb levels, and backstab your friends, then Munchkin is the game for you! Munchkin is a 3-6 player card game that's based off chance and strategy.

The goal of Munchkins is to be the first player to reach level ten. You level up by slaying monsters or selling items. Each player starts as a level one human with no class. When they level up they move their piece up to the next space on the board.

Each Munchkin has a strength level. Strength is determined by a number of factors. Your strength is your level combined with the bonuses your items give you. To kill a monster, your strength must be higher than the monsters level. If it's not, "bad stuff" happens. The "bad stuff" varies from your Munchkin getting flayed to death and you losing all your gear, to your Munchkin changing gender and being very distracted for the next round. To avoid "bad stuff", you can ask your friends for help or use items which will increase your strength.

There are many different types of cards such as; Race cards, Class cards, Item cards, Monster Cards, and Curse cards. Each card type is pretty self explanatory with races being races like elven and dwarven and items being weapons and armor and such. Each card will hurt you our help you in one way or another, but you can also use cards to sabotage your friends.

Father and long time board game player Jason Paradise says "Munchkin is a fun game. It is an interchangeable card game that is always exciting to play. I love the play on words the cards have. The twist on the gameplay is that as you level up your friends by helping them, until you are winning, then they backstab you. With the unique cards and all the expansions, the game is different every time you play. I would love to play it every day."

Munchkin is a fantastic hour long game that you can play with your friends. The cards are witty and extremely funny and the expansion packs only make it better. While the game does have a big rule book it doesn't really take that long to learn. If you are into fantasy or games like dungeons and dragons, this game is for you.

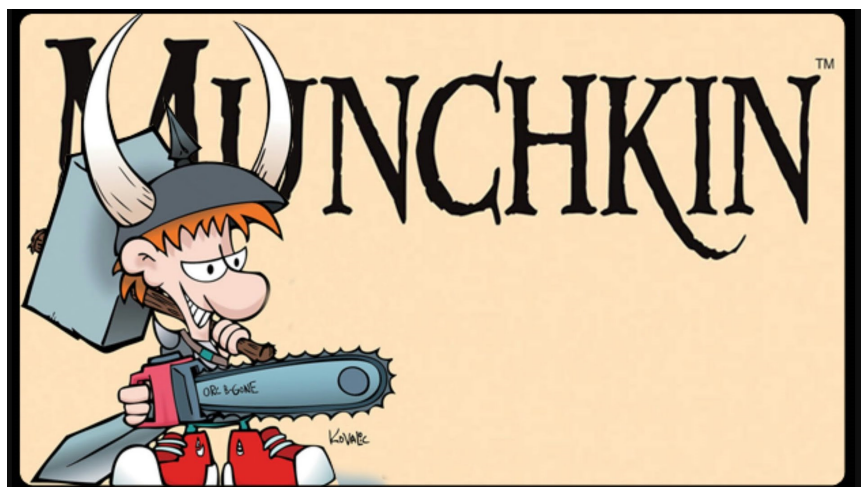


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## What's Good on Netflix

By Isaac Haseltine

Netflix is a very popular streaming site. It gains more members as it constantly adds more shows and movies keeping the viewers wanting more. By now, you have definitely heard of Netflix, but if you don't have an account then you haven't experienced all the Netflix gems the site has to offer.

One of the top shows the company has is Planet Earth II. The show keeps the viewer asking; How?! The incredible shots of our planet and the wildlife are breathtaking, and rack in over 12 million views for some episodes according to Shortlist.com. The film team has received well deserved success from the effort put in. Production of the new season took six years, while each episode took weeks to record. Planet Earth shows the beauty of our planet, and the new season's eye-catching imagery certainly makes it a good watch for any occasion.

JJ. Abrams has brought his name to center stage again with Cloverfield Paradox. The producer and director that is known for the Star Wars Saga, Mission: Impossible, and Star Trek is back for another installment of his Cloverfield series about the alien attack on Earth. What really makes the new movie stand out is the method of release. With the first trailer being played during the Super Bowl this February, and then again after the Eagles took the win, the movie was officially released exclusively on Netflix. The streaming service reportedly paid 50 million dollars for the movie. If you liked Interstellar, featuring Matthew McCaughey traveling through different dimensions, you will love Cloverfield Paradox. The world is in utter chaos and on the verge of a world war over the energy crisis. Scientists are teamed up and sent to space to create energy to resolve the world's problems, so they think. They end up finding themselves in the wrong universe due to the paradox they caused where a variety of wild things happen. When the remaining crew members finally get return home they don't get a happy ending.

Anime, don't Sleep. Especially when it's created by the son of the Fresh Prince of Bel Air. That's right, Jaden Smith has an anime, and it's better than you think. Nio Yokio is based in a massive luxurious city, the center of technology, innovation, and high fashion. Kaz Kaan, voiced by Jaden, is a teen born into a family of "magistocrats" who must save the city from demons whose main goal is wreak havoc among the utopia. Using his robot sidekick, Kaz lives his life filled with the expected teen experiences of fun, love and the occasional demonic creature.

The streaming site has become a hotspot for the latest shows and movies. IMDb and Rotten Tomatoes supply information on these Netflix choices. Sit down, log in, and enjoy!



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## The Black Panther

By Dylan Monteiro

The Black Panther is a revolutionary film in the movie industry mainly because it features a lead superhero who is black. The African American community is pleased that they finally can find a representation of themselves through the media. They feel that it is important to finally have characters that they can relate to, and have other people see and understand them.

The Black Panther film is assessed as a powerful and meaningful film on what it means to be black in Africa and America. It does not shy away from topics like identity and race, but rather it tackles them head on. It is also very entertaining as it is filled with bits of comedy, action, and a unique complicated color scheme. They use colors to show off a highly technologically advanced city in Africa, Wakanda.



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I felt like it was a well put together film with terrific acting from people who really could connect to their roles. The director really tried to drive home the idea of blacks are not less.

All in all, this is looking like a really good film to go see, not just for African Americans but everybody looking to capture a powerful message about the black community.

Black Panther is the 18th movie in the Marvel Universe, but the first to feature a black director and a predominantly black cast including people like Chadwick Boseman as the Black Panther, and Michael B. Jordan as Erik Kilmonger. It also features African American females, Lupita Nyong'o as Nakia and Danai Gurira as Okoye.

The movie debuted February 16th and is predicted to be one of the biggest hits in a while. The film will be about T'Challa returning home to his African nation of Wakanda, when enemies appear and put Wakanda and the world at risk.

## Culture Vs. Culture 2

By Taylor Donovan & Sam Hovan

The anticipation of Culture II starting building once Culture dropped in January of 2017. Culture was an incredible album that captured the attention of many and brought more fame and fortune to the Migos. Migos fans were holding their next album to high standards due to their powerful first album. In late January of 2018, the Migos dropped Culture II; a follow up to their most successful album that dropped a year earlier titled, Culture. Culture came in 8th on Billboard's top 50 albums of 2017 and they look to top that with Culture II.

The album dropped on January 27th containing their two previously released singles "Stir Fry," "Motorsport," featuring Nicki Minaj and Cardi B. This album features a list of well-known artists such as Cardi B, Nicki Minaj, 21 Savage, Drake, Gucci Mane, Travis Scott, Ty Dolla \$ign, Big Sean, 2 Chainz, and Post Malone. Migos were able to demonstrate their diversity by adding incredible artists to their album. By the end of 2018, this album may prove to be their best yet.

Some of you might be thinking, what about their previous album; Culture? It is a very close debate when comparing Culture to Culture II because they share similarities and differences throughout. There are a lot more features on Culture II compared to Culture which is not necessarily a bad thing. These extra features add different vibes to each song which is a bit of a change from Culture where most songs contain a similar tempo and rapping style. But in Culture, the songs tend to be similar in beat and tempo, so if you like one song chances are you will enjoy the entire album.

Timberlane senior and avid music listener Nick Braga states, "Culture is probably my favorite album of all time. But Culture II seems more put together... there is more songs and you can tell they've grown up as artists."

At the end of the day, it is an opinion, do you like the fast tempo throughout Culture or do you enjoy the different style beats with slower vibes in Culture II? Both have their pros and cons and bleed two different styles. It is still early for Culture II as it was just released in January, but in a few more months, we will truly be able to see which album Migos fans prefer.



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## Heartbreak from the Breakup

By Al Barney

On January 20, 1989 in Austin, TX, Larry and Melissa's lives were changed forever. The two had their first son, and from an early age, it was easy to see he was a natural athlete. Attending Westlake High School, the boy was both a football and basketball standout. Although the 6'6" high school senior received division one basketball offers from schools such as Georgetown, Baylor, and Texas, football was definitely his sport.

In high school, New England's public enemy number one, Nick Foles through in for 5,658 yards and 56 touchdowns, breaking most school records previously held by Drew Brees (yes, that Drew Brees), he quickly became one of the top high school quarterback prospects. Eventually attending the University of Arizona, the quarterback did not start until his redshirt junior year, after transferring from Michigan State. The mild-mannered blonde kid ended his college career with 10,068 yards and 67 touchdowns. Such a performance landed him a ticket to the 2012 draft, where he was drafted 88th overall to the Philadelphia Eagles.

For the majority of Foles's career, he has played as a backup. His first start came from when the starter, Michael Vick, went down with a concussion in 2012, where Foles started the remainder of the season. Foles has always found himself in a quarterback battle. Teams moved him around quite a bit, being traded to the Rams, Chiefs, and then back to the Eagles in exchange for a few draft picks. Coaches never seemed to get the production they needed from Foles on the gridiron. A large frame with a good arm, there was no reason why Nick Foles could not be one of the better quarterbacks in the league.

It was not until late in the 2017 NFL season that Foles showed the country what he could really do. In a week 14 game against the LA Rams, Eagles starter Carson Wentz tore his ACL. Foles stepped in the game, not getting a live action snap all season prior to this game, sealing the win and a divisional title. Starting his first game of the season in Week 15, Foles threw for 237 yards and 4 touchdowns in a 34-29 victory over the New York Giants, a pretty impressive spread for a backup. In the NFC title game, Foles and the Birds absolutely obliterated the Minnesota Vikings 38-7, a game in which he threw 26 of 33 for 352 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Foles put the cherry on top of his Cinderella late season run by crushing the hearts of every Patriots fan by winning 41-33 in a game that went down to the wire. Foles was named Super Bowl LII MVP after completing 28 of 43 passes for 373 yards, 3 passing touchdowns and one receiving.

When the Super Bowl champion was asked what he will be doing after the Superbowl, he gave the classic "I'm going to Disneyworld," something he never expected to be able to say.

Foles was not all cliches after his win. "I think the big thing is don't be afraid to fail. In our society today, with Instagram and Twitter, it's a highlight. It's all the good things. When you look at it, you have a bad day, you think your life isn't as good, you're failing. Failure is a part of life. It's a part of building character and growing. Without failure, who would you be? I wouldn't be up here if I hadn't fallen thousands of times, made mistakes. We all are human. We all have weaknesses. Just being able to share that and be transparent."

Nick Foles surely did shock the nation, leaving the Superbowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles a lot to think about this offseason. It is currently believed that the Eagles will stick with Carson Wentz, who before his injury was expected to be named league MVP. Many experts advise the Eagles to try and keep both quarterbacks at all costs. With the indefinite capacity of Wentz to play again on the new ACL, it would be silly for the Eagles to jump ship on Foles before knowing the state of number 11.

A lot is up in the air right now for Philly, but one thing is certain, it will be some sight to see a Super Bowl MVP as a team's backup quarterback.



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## Spring Cleaning

By Gavin Gallagher

The buildup of the winter can get stressful. The cold weather leaves us harboring in heated dark spaces. Due to the winter and its slowness, things start to pile up, get messy, and forgotten about. For those who easily lose track of things and have a hard time staying organized, here are some tips and tricks on how to start your spring clean and get organized so you can bloom with the season.

Whether it be your house, bedroom, car or even bag, the thought of having to clean can be stressful. When you see a big mess you often wonder “where do I even start”? Feeling discouraged can quickly lead to you giving up on the task. The biggest thing to keep in mind when you are having trouble getting into the groove of cleaning is the payoff. Think about no longer having to be uncomfortably shuffling through clutter.

The next action to take is deciding what you want to clean and planning and how to perform the task. A checklist is often helpful because you should have a clear vision to meet. Figure out where you want things to go and if there are compartments for them. There may be table or desk space.

Something to take into consideration when cleaning is reorganizing. Do you want to have the same old setup as you’ve always had? Why not put that lamp on another table, or move the couch somewhere else? New surroundings can almost feel like a fresh start, and after a long winter you may feel like you need one. If winter blues have you down, a fresh new look may cheer you up!

Now that your surroundings are clear, it time to clear out the clutter in your own life. What is it you want to change? Summer is a time of fun and happiness and spring is a good time to decide what is you want to bring into the summer with you. Letting bad habits that bring you down in life aren’t good to have with you in times like these.

Although you’re close to the finish line, the most necessary part of this is determining what is trash? Parting with items can be hard but it needs to be done. Think about what it is you actually use on a daily basis. Things that are hiding away in the back of your closet, or under your bed, that hasn’t seen the light in years is most likely garbage unless it carries a lot of emotional value. A good tip is to not start to give items emotional value when you see them, if you’re not thinking about this item every once in a while you definitely don’t need it.

Now that you’ve set your mind that you want to clean, and you have a plan, it’s time for the execution. Put yourself in such a position where you can stay focused. If you’re easily distracted by the tv playing or with the music on you may not want to involve those in your cleaning activities, it is most important to stay on task and get the job done. Following your plan exactly as you thought of it will make the job easier in a way that suits you. Don’t forget to get rid of garbage and do away with the clutter. Now that you have the empty space to organize fit the room as your heart desires.

Be prepared to enter the season with a new point of view, your clean lifestyle will help propel you into warmer days and don’t forget to keep up with the cleanliness. Enjoy your surroundings as much as you enjoy the season.



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## Tips for Finding the Perfect Prom Dress

By Delaney Ripley

The time has come where prom is right around the corner. Girls are finding dates, booking appointments for hair and makeup, and finding the perfect dress that will knock everyone off their feet!

Every year, designers come out with new dresses for the season and they differ greatly from year to year. Last prom season, the trend seemed to be bright-colored, tight-fitting dresses. Looking at the prom dresses that people have chosen this year, the trend seems to be throwing it back to 2005 with ball gowns.

Finding the perfect dress for the perfect night can be challenging. Many don’t know what style or color they think would look best on them. Even though finding the dress may be hard, with time, you will find the right one that is flattering and bound to knock everyone off their feet.



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New dresses are always coming out, so starting your search early would be beneficial. There are thousands of different dresses to choose from. Places around Timberlane that you can look are 125 Bridal, Glitterati, The Ultimate, DeRailed, and Madeleine’s Daughter. Each prom store exhibits all styles of dresses varying from mermaid style, two-piece, open back, ball gowns, sweetheart, halter, and strapless. Starting your search a few months in advance allows time to make a decision, get it altered if needed, and getting it back to make sure you love it as much as you did when you first tried it on.

Visiting multiple stores is never a bad idea. This allows you multiple options that you can choose from and you may find a dress that you love more at a different store and for a cheaper price. Keep in mind the cost of the dress, alterations, the tickets themselves, hair, makeup, and shoes. All of this adds up quickly, so pay attention to how much you are spending.

Think about the comfort of the dress. Prom is a night of dancing and having fun with friends, so you don’t want a dress that will restrict you or make you uncomfortable for the whole night. When trying on a dress, walk around in it and dance a little bit to assure that nothing is going to affect how your night goes.

My last tip I have for you is to be unique. If you are trying on a dress that is out of the box and you love it, buy it! Never let people’s opinion of what a normal prom dress should be cloud your judgment. You are the one wearing the dress, so wear what you please. Who knows, what you wear could be next year’s trend!

With all of these tips, I hope that every girl can find the perfect dress for a night to remember. May 18th is coming rapidly, so get your shopping done! There is a Facebook page “Timberlane HS Prom 2018” for girls who have gotten their prom dress to post to show everyone and assure that no one shows up to prom with the same dress. Wear what you love and good luck on your search to say yes to the dress!

## Promposal Ideas

By Anthony Gianelly

Asking someone to prom is a rollercoaster of emotions knowing that you could be rejected. Currently most high school students strongly believe that promposals are necessary and should be extravagant. Although extravagant promposals are exciting they are not always necessary. Sometimes simple ideas are just as cute. There are plenty of ways to ask your date to prom, so no need to worry.

One of the most common things people do to ask out their dates is using a poster. All you need to do is write a sweet saying on it and you are all set. There are many sayings that will put a smile on anyone’s face so try not to stress out. A classic example is “Flowers are the 2nd most beautiful thing, can I take the first to prom?” Although cheesy this is a great way to make your potential prom date laugh and will hopefully land you a yes.

If posters aren’t your thing then maybe try using some sort of food to wow your date. If your date’s favorite food is pizza then cook a heart shaped pizza with a cute saying on the box. Or maybe he/she is more of an ice cream fan. In that case you could make a huge sundae with “PROM?” written in sprinkles or their favorite candy. There are endless possibilities for a food promposal since you can shape foods to say whatever your heart desires.

Incorporating lights or flashy objects in your promposal will really spice it up. A great idea is to string lights on your roof and spell out prom with them. Another may be to spell out prom on your lawn with glow sticks.

“I’ve never actually thought about how I would want to be asked to prom” said Junior Haleigh Smith.

This shows that not everybody wants their promposal to be something out of this world. Just make sure not to do something that could possibly end in disaster. For example if possible keep fire, and any other dangerous materials, out of your plan. If you do end up getting turned down don’t be discouraged, be proud of yourself for putting your heart on the line.



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## Best Vacation Spots

By Ryan Monahan & Caitlynn Wilkins

The world is full of adventurous places to travel to making it hard to pick where to go sometimes.

During the school year, there are three week-long breaks, and who does not want to leave the cold and dreary weather? You could be sitting on the nice, warm sand in a different state or even country. There are also opportunities to go and tour big cities and their historical landmarks. One of the major problems, however, is the price of travel. That leaves the big question of what are some of the most exciting places to go to for a reasonable price.

One cool place with a lot to do is California. There are a ton of different cities to visit like San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and more. California displays different adventures for any age group. A more family-oriented attraction is Disneyland, home of Sleeping Beauty's Castle. An attraction that will fascinate historical tourists is Alcatraz Prison located off shore in San Francisco. It would be amazing for anyone to be able to say they have been on the Golden Gate Bridge.

Timberlane senior, Lilly Farah, recently traveled to San Francisco and said, "I love San Francisco. It has so much cultural significance. The Ghirardelli Square is amazing and so are the cable cars. There's so much to do." On top of the countless activities to do in California, a flight there all the way from Boston is on average \$300-500, a reasonable price for a plane ticket. There are also tons of hotels providing a lot of variety in terms of pricing and the inclusions in the hotel package.



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history are not the only ones that can enjoy Hawaii, but thrill seekers too. Oahu is one of the top surfing destinations from around the globe. Pro surfers from around the globe travel to Oahu's North Shore beaches every year to ride the 20-foot waves and compete in competitions. Oahu is a great destination for historical tourists.

An amazing option for a family vacation is Orlando, Florida! Florida is commonly known for Disney World and Universal Studios. These two attractions are not just for kids. Displaying themes, TV shows and movies that are geared towards older audiences as well, Universal is the perfect option for families with older kids wanting to ride the larger rides. Disney allows the young ones to enjoy themselves too. Often times, families spend one day in one park, and the next day in the others creating the perfect combination.

Senior Elizabeth McGowan recently traveled to Disney World with her family, "Disney was amazing, every little thing you did was themed and there was so much detail in everything! It was so much fun and it truly is the happiest place on earth." Clearly, Disney World is full of amazing opportunities and constant fun for all.

A vacation spot that is said to be a dream vacation are the islands of Hawaii, specifically Oahu. There are eight main islands, but the island that is offered for students from Timberlane to visit is Oahu. Oahu is a great historical tourist destination as it is the site of Pearl Harbor, and island natives hold true to their cultural beliefs. Tourists looking for history are not the only ones that can enjoy Hawaii, but thrill seekers too. Oahu is one of the top surfing destinations from around the globe. Pro surfers from around the globe travel to Oahu's North Shore beaches every year to ride the 20-foot waves and compete in competitions. Oahu is a great destination for historical tourists.

Senior Olivia Marshall traveled to several of the islands of Hawaii a few years ago, "Hawaii was one of the best experiences of my life. There is so much to do and the islands are breathtaking. I totally understand now why Charles Lindbergh thought it was the most beautiful place in the world." Whether you go with the school or you go with the family, it is a guaranteed amazing vacation.

Family vacations can release stress either from school or work. There are several other popular vacation spots, but these are just a few loved by Timberlane students. Two of these vacation spots are offered here at Timberlane; Florida and Hawaii. The only condition for the Florida one is you must be enrolled in music. So, whether or not you go to these three or another have a great vacation.

## How to Make the Best Easter Basket

By Ryan Monahan

There are multiple holiday's right around the corner, and it can be hard to always be ready. One of these is Easter, which occurs on the first Sunday in April this year

Parents have been making their children's Easter Baskets since they were little. In these baskets would be several different items depending on how old you are. What is the best strategy to making the perfect basket for all ages?

Many parents of younger children do not want them all hyped up on sugar. So, how do they substitute for the sugar-filled snacks? Though this age group is allowed sugar, it has to be monitored for most. Often instead of just a basket full of candy, parents can put small toys that interest the kids. For girls, it is often baby dolls, barbies, or coloring books that fill their basket and for boys it is cars, action figures, or coloring books that fill their Easter baskets. The best Easter basket is individualized for that specific child and filled with the stuff they like and a little bit of candy.

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lack of candy does not always work. What is the best Easter basket for ages 9-14? Kids in this age group are going to want to see some candy in that basket. Therefore, the best Easter baskets for this age regardless of gender is one filled with candy. Of course, it is always good to put in some stuff that they need as well. This way, you hit two birds with one stone. This could mean perfume, cologne, jeans, new shirts or even a new water bottle. If they are on the younger side of this age group, their favorite toys may just be a perfect option for a special surprise in their Easter basket.

As a child hits the age of adolescence, they may become pickier as to what they like in their baskets. The common response from the teenagers in the home is money. As they grow up, they realize the value that money has in society. Therefore, you can skip the toys and the necessities and go straight for the pot of gold. If you do not want to just give them money, how about an old-fashioned egg hunt where they have to follow clues to fill their baskets. Money and candy are the perfect gifts for these young adults.

Every Easter basket, regardless of the age, needs many jelly beans and a lot of fake grass because it is simply tradition. Choosing the right Easter basket is important because the smaller the basket, the less candy, but it gives off the illusion of a lot in one small space. So, this Easter, design each basket for the person it is intended for and have fun with it. It does not have to be anything special.

## Amazing Date Nights

By Caitlynn Wilkins

As we pass the holiday of love known as Valentine's Day, many people are interested in finding a unique date night for them to enjoy. A female's version of an amazing date and male's version of an amazing date can differ. Therefore, today the topic is going to show ideas for both genders. Love is a universal topic around the world but how can you show your significant other that you care? Let us venture out into the realm of date nights.

Though girls and people may have different ideas for romantic nights, everyone still enjoys a night out at their favorite restaurant. There are some amazing but affordable restaurants right here in Plaistow, NH like Applebee's. Applebee's is a great option for going on a date with a budget. On average, the cost between meals is \$10-\$15 a person, affordable, right. Applebee's offers a couple option where you choose two entrees from the list and you get an appetizer all for only \$20. Applebee's offers a select menu of 17 of their fan favorite items. There is a wide variety of entrees offered from salads to ribs. You and your significant other have a choice between eight different appetizers to complete your meal all for \$20. Tried Applebee has and want something different? Well, there are several other affordable options such as the 99, Friendly's or even going for a pizza at Plaistow Pizza Company.



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Is a romantic dinner too boring for your relationship? What other activity peaks their interest. Stumped? Well, you are in luck, there is an awesome fun date idea 15 minutes away from Plaistow known as Laser Craze in North Andover. Laser Craze is a fun option for a couples or even a group hangout. Who doesn't want to point a laser at their girlfriend/ boyfriend? The average cost is \$15 to \$24 depending on how long you both would like to play.

Shooting lasers at your significant other not your taste. Well, here is an idea that may be a little more romantic. Imagine you get a text from your boyfriend or girlfriend and it is the first clue in a several clue adventure. What had better than a scavenger hunt? The idea that you took the time to plan this elaborate date night for them, shows that you care. This idea takes little to no money at all but that is based on what you place on your scavenger hunt. Some clue ideas can be "the next clue is where we first met" or "Order an ice cream on me from our favorite ice cream spot."

There are several ideas within this article but it really is up to you to think about what would make your boyfriend/ girlfriend smile? The most perfect dates are genuine and if you take a few ideas from this article and make them your own, and then you have yourself a very lucky person or girl.

## Prom Tips

By Sarah Casey and Hannah Magliocchetti

Prom season is quickly approaching and this can be a stressful but exciting time of the year for most seniors. Friends, classmates, acquaintances and the entire senior class gathers to celebrate the end of 4 years in one night. It's one of the last events together before graduation and go our separate ways.

Many aspects go into this one night and it takes some preparation. The whole process from finding the right dress, to picking a date, to even making a hair appointment can be very stressful.

These are some guidelines and tips as to how to prepare for the perfect prom night.



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**Finding a date:** Finding a prom date is something everybody worries about, but you shouldn't! You could go with someone who you are comfortable with, ask a good friend, your boyfriend/girlfriend or go with a group of friends. Worrying about a date will only continue to stress you out and prevent you from enjoying this night. Keep it casual or make a big promposal gesture. A tip would be if you're worried, talk to the person beforehand; see if going to prom together is a consideration of theirs. It's only one night, make it fun with whoever you go with!

**Dresses and Tuxes:** Picking your prom dress can be seen as a big deal. You want it to fit and to be different from everyone else's. Try shopping at a bunch of different stores before you pick. This way, you know you looked at all the options before making a decision. Pick a dress you are comfortable in. Nothing is worse than having to feel uncomfortable all night. Also, borrowing a dress from a past senior is a possible option as well. Since you're wearing a dress for only one night, you might be more interested to borrow one. While choosing a tux, it is bet to pick one that is slim fit. A baggy tux is uncomfortable and doesn't look appealing. Boys should definitely make sure they match colors with their date. If they decide not to, it can look tacky and mismatched. Matching with your date will look even better in pictures.

**Prom night:** The day of prom can get really crazy with getting ready, then taking a million pictures, then the nervousness of the prom walk and finally prom itself. Planning ahead of time will make this day go by much smoother. Advice for making a hair appointment is to book it early. Same deal if you're getting your makeup professionally done. This is something essential. If you're interested in getting your nails done, this can be done a day or two prior to prom day. Prom is an exciting thing for most people so make the best out of it. It's the last chance for you and your classmates to make it a night to remember.

There's always so much pressure for the big night. It can be very stressful but remember to let that go and have a good time. It's only one night and many seniors tend to lose themselves in the chaos. This is the last hoorah before graduation, so we should drop the stress and make it count!

## How to Have the Best Possible Easter

By Matthew Schaejbe

As the end of Winter approaches, people have their minds set on the warm spring season. With that comes the ever so popular holiday, Easter. Here are useful tips on what to do for this year's Easter celebration in order to make it the best one yet.

When one thinks about Easter, an Easter egg hunt immediately comes to mind. An Easter egg hunt is a great way to get the whole family outside to indulge in a fun, active game. What is usually good to put into these eggs are candy. It is no secret that kids love candy, so hiding them inside of the eggs will really get them looking. Also, what you can do to make it interesting, is put money inside one of the eggs. Since there is a high reward, it makes the hunt that much more interesting, and fun.



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shaped pieces of gum, etc. Also, if you want to be especially noteworthy, put something meaningful in their basket, like a letter, or anything that you can think of that is special to this one person. To add onto that, it doesn't hurt to be extra decorative on their basket.

Just like very holiday, a feast is involved. The Easter feast is a very important factor in making an Easter celebration one to remember. What one would want to do in this situation, is cook/bake with the whole family. It is necessary that everyone takes part in the construction of the meal. For example, Taste of Home has a great recipe to make a loaf of bread shaped like a bunny rabbit. This is a fun recipe that the kids will definitely want to help make. In addition to that, an Easter ham is usually served. It is important to not be cheap, and buy a good, quality ham. The better the ham, the happier your guests.

The final key element to the perfect Easter celebration is the Easter basket, which is essential to putting a smile on someone's face. Fill their Easter basket with candies like Cadbury eggs, chocolate covered marshmallows, mini egg shaped pieces of gum, etc. Also, if you want to be especially noteworthy, put something meaningful in their basket, like a letter, or anything that you can think of that is special to this one person. To add onto that, it doesn't hurt to be extra decorative on their basket.

Easter has all of the elements of a great holiday, which includes a great meal, family activities, and an activity genuine to the holiday. Use these tips to your advantage, as they will put a smile on the face of every one of your family members. Have a great Easter!

## Being Prepared to Be a College Student

By Shania Robinson and Holly Sweet

Seniors, as high school is ending, a lot of you are deciding what to do after high school. If you choose to go to college. Here are some helpful things to help you start to make a list of what to bring with you. 40% of college students live on campus and most people want to bring some comfort of home with them. There are many items you can bring from home to make your dorm more comfortable and personalized. There are always the essentials such as clothes, toothbrush and personal hygiene items. Here is a list of things to make your college experience even better and more comfortable.

Pictures or memory boards can help you personalize your dorm and add some color. They also help you to remember your friends back home (depending on how far away you are from home). An alarm clock or radio, this will just help you to get up in the morning and it is an essential in general so having one in your dorm will help you. Towels bring two or three towels so that when you shower you will have your own towels to use instead of somebody else's.



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This will help you stay a little more organized and feel more at home by having your own towels. Sheets and blankets are the same concept as towels. They can help you sleep at night and help to personalize your dorm. Many people have a favorite blanket, which will help to comfort them. Laptops are another thing that are very useful. It will help especially if you have projects to do. In addition, it will be a lot easier to use your own laptop than to find someone's to use or having to use one of the schools computers.

Some things college freshman need to know according to Huffpost... Stay organized, have a planner and do not rely on just the study guide for studying. Get involved in school organizations. It will help you make new friends. Also, say yes to new opportunities if your grades are good and schoolwork is under control. Remember that your first semester will be the hardest since you are adjusting to college life. One last thing don't forget to call your parents. It can comfort you through all of the changes knowing that someone is rooting for you.

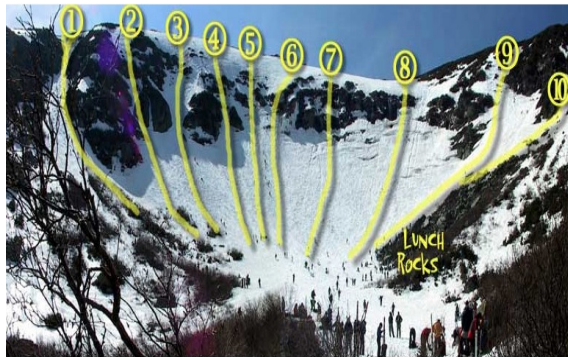
## Spring Skiing Tuckerman's Ravine

By Jake Huberdeau

Every spring, thousands of backcountry skiers and riders flock to Mount Washington to shred its famous east-facing slope, Tuckerman's Ravine. Since John Apperson's first descent on skis in 1914, this has been a proving ground of skiers across the country to test their skills on the steepest run in the East.

The ravine has a high point of 5500 feet above sea level and drops to 3800 feet at the bottom, according to the Appalachian Mountain Club. Because of this, it has a very steep drop, reaching a sixty-degree decline in the center gully. Outside of this, the main bowl of the ravine does not have any runs more moderate than forty-five degree slopes. The steep terrain present throughout creates avalanche danger that is a serious concern to skiers and riders. Because of this, winter skiing in Tuckerman's is nearly non-existent due to highly layered snow creating severe danger. It is much safer to ski during the spring when the snow becomes uniform and the avalanche danger is decreased greatly. Even by the middle of April, there is still more than ninety feet of snow in parts of Tuckerman's Ravine. Just to be safe, it is a good idea to check the WMOBS Avalanche report before making the trip to Mount Washington. After a good winter, spring is not the only season seeing snow addicts in the bowl. Skiers are often seen carving in the ravine as late as the middle of July.

Once in the bowl of Tuckerman's, the valley looks expansive and even the most experienced skiers still feel the nerves associated with looking up at the near vertical ski line. Long time snowboarder Dan Greely puts it this way, "I have shredded British Columbia and Alaska but still get butterflies in my stomach every time I look into the lip and headwall." If a person decides that they cannot handle this insane east coast backcountry, the descent via the Sherburne Ski trail is a moderate run through the woods that is rated as one of the best trails in New Hampshire. It was built by skiers, for skiers. If a skier or rider decides to hike to the top, it is wise to do so with a group that can help out in a dangerous situation.



When hiking up, go up near the line that you plan on skiing so hidden waterfalls, crevasses and rocks can be seen and avoided. The most difficult lines are directly over the headwall where a skier can expect a 25 foot drop to steep terrain. Fanning out from the center, there are many gullies that are equally as steep but lacking the cliff drops. The easiest skiing (still difficult compared to any east coast chairlift accessible ski area) can be found in the right gully and the lobster claw, while the steepest is found in the left gully, center headwall and the lip. Many skiers take two or three runs so they can warm up on an easier line before hitting a classic steep run.

Above the bowl, it is less than a mile to the summit. This is where some of the best skiing can be found in an area called the upper snowfields. In this zone, fine spring corn snow can be carved for half a mile before dropping into the lip or center gully. Upon entering the ravine, a skier or rider can not see the snow ahead of them because it is so steep. They are forced to rely on their skills and knowledge of the backcountry to get them safely to the bottom. Skiing and riding must be done carefully with gradual turns, being careful not to cause an avalanche. Once at the bottom, the accomplishment of skiing the steepest terrain in the East sinks in, and skiers can go up for a second run or they can head down Mount Washington via the Sherburne Trail. If conditions are right, skiing all the way back to your car is possible.

Earning your turns the first time in Tuckerman's Ravine is a milestone that every backcountry skier will remember. Many skiers and riders enjoy the experience so much that they return multiple times each spring year after year, making it a tradition. For adventurers and thrill seekers across the country, the adrenaline rush sparked by Tuckerman's Ravine gives them wandering feet that bring them back to the same place each April.

## How to Prepare for Spring

By Marissa Arnold

Winter is coming to an end and Spring is quickly approaching. That means more sun, warmer weather, and the end of school will be here before we know it. So, we need to take the time now to prepare for the warmer months that are coming up.

One thing that you could do to prepare for Spring is to put away your Winter clothes and break out your Spring apparel. It's too warm for those jeans and that heavy jacket. It's time to dig out those shorts and sweatshirts and head off to the park. This makes it a good time to update your wardrobe by purchasing some new outfits. So, go on a shopping spree so your wardrobe will be up to date with all of the latest styles and trends. If you haven't been, then try getting so cool outfits from a thrift store. You'll be reusing and you'll save some money!

Another thing you can do in order to prepare for Spring is to buy some flowers for your lawn. After the long Winter, your yard isn't going to be in the best shape. So, you can head out to the store, Walmart always has some great selections for a great price. If you're looking to spend a bit more, then try Freshwater Farms in Atkinson. Pick up some brightly colored flowers and spruce up your lawn. Try laying down some mulch for an extra pop of color! Plant the flowers in a spot where everyone passing by can see. Don't you want to have the best lawn on the street? If so, grab that shovel and start digging!

Spring means warmer weather and that means more outdoor activities! There are plenty of fun outdoor places to go, for example if you have a dog then try bringing your furry best friend to a dog park. There's a great one in Kingston called The Live Free and Run Dog Park. You can also head to a local park and maybe have a picnic with some friends. There are multiple parks in the area, Collins Park in Atkinson, Goldthwaite Park in Danville and several in Plaistow. If you have a sweet tooth, many ice cream stands open in the Spring. So, go grab yourself an ice cream cone! Stillwells is right down the street on 125 and Memories in Kingston is always a great place!



Photo Courtesy of casualife.com

Spring brings warmer weather and that allows you to do so many fun things! Wear clothes that don't suffocate you like that Winter jacket your grandma bought you. You can spruce up your lawn and you can finally spend time outside without worrying about losing a toe or two! If you love Winter enjoy these last few weeks, cause Spring is here to stay!

## Job Ideas for Students

By Sarah Cronin

Many students are trying to find part time jobs to work while still attending school. For some, it may be working in a grocery store. For others, it might be helping out at a local daycare. Sometimes, it is hard to find that decent first job that can be somewhat tolerable, while still making some money to pay for things. Finding the right job may not always be easy. Here are some tips that can get you started in your job search.

It is important to scout around your local area and see what kinds of jobs are available for a person your age. Once you have seen what your area has to offer, ask yourself what you may like to do. If you like animals, you could ask at your local animal shelter or local pet store if they are hiring. The MSPCA in Methuen, Massachusetts could be a great way to get started. Ask around at Petco or PetSmart, or do some online research and find out if they are in need of new workers. Grocery stores and fast food restaurant are always looking for new workers, which could be perfect for students.

Check out different types of jobs. Although you may have a specific interest, it may not be a job that is available for someone your age, experience level, or area. The jobs you have during your student life may only be temporary or may give you an idea of what you plan to pursue in college, such as a veterinarian. Any job as a student will teach you valuable lessons either way.



Photo Courtesy of successfulparenting.

Start your online search by visiting sites that focus on job opportunities for your age group. Companies in fields like retail and community service are more open to hiring students and are willing to provide training. Snagajob.com is a great way to begin your search. It provides all the states and is all in the younger age range. Search what you are interested in but keep your options open because your first job may be something that you are not as interested in. Senior Marissa Arnold works at O'Neil cinema in Epping and says she learned about it first through a friend and then did more research online. She works a full schedule, juggling school as well, and says, "At times, it can be stressful, but is worth it and important to be able to pay for things on my own."

Once you have decided on your job, get your paperwork in order and begin planning for your exciting new chapter in your life by researching online or just talking to friends or people around you. If you already have a job lined up, talk to people from there and learn how they like it or what it is like before you start work. Depending on the job, you will be able to work your schedule around school and work and any other extra curricular activities after school. There are many jobs out there in your own area that could use extra help, it is just a matter of finding the right fit. Happy job searching!

## “Fool’s Guide to April Foolery”

By Austin Townsend

It may still be cold and dreary outside, but don’t despair; you can still be proactive and have some fun planning for April Fools, which is nearly around the corner. April Fools is an important holiday for humility of spirit and remembering how we can make the trivialities in our lives a little less dull. However, if you have trouble with creativity in the respect of foolery, the provided list may be able to help you plan an April Fools’ Joke, or, better yet, come up with your own.

### Tupperware-tumblement

This joke is a great one to pull on your mom or dad, especially if they are overly organized. For this trick, you simply take the dishes in your kitchen cabinets and rearrange them. With some help from siblings, this joke could be a real success.



Courtesy of Wordpress.com

remote is particular to its designated TV, or, in other words, make sure that every remote doesn’t work on every TV.

The prospect of all the siblings knowing where the dishes are located, opposed to the parents, is sure to be a frustrating and successful joke.

Controllers displaced remotely If you live in a television heavy family, this may be the perfect joke for you. This trick works best if your house has matching TV remotes, owing to the fact that for this trick you simply move the remotes around the house. However, to have this joke be successful one must remember where the original location of each remote is, and make sure that each

### Emulsion Diversion

This trick is simple and mean. You simply get a selection of white condiments, such as mayo, sour cream, and yogurt, and switch the labels on the tubs. Whatever you decide to switch the labels on, just be sure to use products that are heavily used in your family, group of friends, workplace, etcetera, in order to avoid the joke falling flat.

### The Classic

People say that traditions and clichés exist for a reason: they work. What has become a comic platitude for April Fools’ day, though it may not actually trick the said person, is the classic snake in a peanut brittle can.

Whoever you give it to will most likely know the nature of the can, as one would, but they will almost assuredly have a smile on their face, which is the goal of every joke- to make someone smile.

## Prom Tips

By Sarah Casey and Hannah Magliocchetti

Prom season is quickly approaching and this can be a stressful but exciting time of the year for most seniors. Friends, classmates, acquaintances and the entire senior class gathers to celebrate the end of 4 years in one night. It’s one of the last events together before graduation and go our separate ways.

Many aspects go into this one night and it takes some preparation. The whole process from finding the right dress, to picking a date, to even making a hair appointment can be very stressful.

These are some guidelines and tips as to how to prepare for the perfect prom night.

Finding a date: Finding a prom date is something everybody worries about, but you shouldn’t! You could go with someone who you are comfortable with, ask a good friend, your boyfriend/girlfriend or go with a group of friends. Worrying about a date will only continue to stress you out and prevent you from enjoying this night. Keep it casual or make a big promposal gesture. A tip would be if you’re worried, talk to the person beforehand; see if going to prom together is a consideration of theirs. It’s only one night, make it fun with whoever you go with!



Courtesy of Timberlane Regional High School

Dresses and Tuxes: Picking your prom dress can be seen as a big deal. You want it to fit and to be different from everyone else’s. Try shopping at a bunch of different stores before you pick. This way, you know you looked at all the options before making a decision. Pick a dress you are comfortable in. Nothing is worse than having to feel uncomfortable all night. Also, borrowing a dress from a past senior is a possible option as well. Since you’re wearing a dress for only one night, you might be more interested to borrow one. While choosing a tux, it is bet to pick one that is slim fit. A baggy tux is uncomfortable and doesn’t look appealing. Boys should definitely make sure they match colors with their date. If they decide not to, it can look tacky and mismatched. Matching with your date will look even better in pictures.

Prom night: The day of prom can get really crazy with getting ready, then taking a million pictures, then the nervousness of the prom walk and finally prom itself. Planning ahead of time will make this day go by much smoother. Advice for making a hair appointment is to book it early. Same deal if you’re getting your makeup professionally done. This is something essential. If you’re interested in getting your nails done, this can be done a day or two prior to prom day. Prom is an exciting thing for most people so make the best out of it. It’s the last chance for you and your classmates to make it a night to remember.

There’s always so much pressure for the big night. It can be very stressful but remember to let that go and have a good time. It’s only one night and many seniors tend to lose themselves in the chaos. This is the last hoorah before graduation, so we should drop the stress and make it count!

## Senioritis

By Taylor Donovan

Our lives happen in phases. The events that are out of our control can sometimes be the hardest to get through.

School has been a part of all of our lives since we can remember, and have been told on multiple occasions to try our best in order to set up for a successful future. For the first time in our lives, we can now choose the school we want to continue our education at or choose the next step in our lives if you do not wish to further pursue post-secondary education options.

Either way, the next step in our lives is upon us and with this step can come a lot of unneeded pressure. I am here to talk about certain tips and strategies to hopefully help you feel more comfortable with your decisions and what to do when you lack the motivation for your schoolwork.

Senioritis can mean a handful of different things to different students. To senior Rob Pinault, “Senioritis is not caring anymore about your school work once you get into college.”

The generalized definition of senioritis is the lack of motivation or performance by students in their final year of high school due to the pain and suffering of moving on. Knowing what senioritis is and how it affects you can also be the first step in realizing how to beat it. Senioritis does not take over all of us, but it can surely affect us in different ways. Rather it being nervous about our future or the decreasing of our work ethic.

One idea to fight back against senioritis is to set goals for yourself. Setting goals can help you stay on track and stay focused with your academic and extracurricular life. The best goals to set are smaller ones that you are confident in achieving to help boost your moral. S.M.A.R.T goals can help you map out and determine accurate goals. You will be able to stay motivated and satisfied with yourself when you are completing your goals.

Another proposal to keep in mind is that colleges continue to look at your senior year grades even if you previously had an outstanding 3 years prior. According to Huffingtonpost.com, “Colleges will reconsider their admission decisions if your GPA falls to a certain point, especially if there are financial packages involved with your acceptance.”

When colleges start seeing your lack of motivation and performance, then it is very possible, they will reconsider your acceptance. As senioritis takes over, remember to keep up your work.

Being a little bit concerned about the future can also affect the severity of your senioritis. You might question your decisions or think twice about your actions. When talking to senior Cole Harnois about senioritis, he said, “I’m a little worried about my future and what is to come. After high school comes my next big step in my life and I am hoping I will be confident with my decisions.”

Although senioritis is mainly about lack of performance and motivation with schoolwork, it can also relate to you being hesitant about your plans. That is why it is important to make your decision based on your own wants and needs. Feeling obligated to choose schools and jobs that will only make your parents and friends happy but not you is what can really affect you. It is important to make decisions about the future that will satisfy your individual wants and needs because it is your future you are deciding upon, not anyone else’s.

We are not all seniors, but we all have decisions to make every day that will affect us later on. Being a senior can be hard on some and a blessing for others, but it should be looked at by all as the next step in our lives and not the end of it. It is the end of one chapter and the beginning of the next.

Either way you view it, we all have to move on and stopping everything we have worked for is not the right thing to do. The best thing to do for yourself is to keep up your work ethic and performance to ensure your future will be bright and to fuel yourself with confidence so that no matter what your next step is, you will be ready.



## Monster Hunter: World Review

By Rory Ceplo

Over the past few weeks, Capcom's *Monster Hunter: World* has taken the gaming scene by storm. With over 6 million units shipped, and a 91 average rating on Metacritic, the game has proven to be popular. However, while I believe that *Monster Hunter: World* is an excellent game, I would not recommend it to everyone.

After a brief intro, you create your hunter and join up with Research Commission's Fifth Fleet. Your team has been sent to investigate the ecosystem of a vast continent known as the New World. Once every decade, massive beasts known as elder dragons trek across the sea to the New World in a migration known as the Elder Crossing. While travelling to Astera (the Research Commission's main settlement on the continent), your ship is attacked by one of these creatures. After surviving the attack, the Commission sends you in pursuit of the massive elder dragon known as Zorah Magdaros in order to discover the true purpose behind the Elder Crossing. Overall, I feel that the plot is lackluster, and it is definitely one of the weakest aspects of the game.

As the title suggests, you'll be spending most of your time in *Monster Hunter: World* hunting massive beasts. Whether you're preparing a meal for your next hunt, creating armor and weapons from parts carved from monsters that you've slain, or tracking a new beast, you will always be focused on improving yourself as a hunter. The heavy focus put into developing the major gameplay mechanics is by far the best aspect of *Monster Hunter: World*.



Source: Forbes

By focusing solely on the hunt, Capcom (the developer of the game) has created an action game with both breadth and depth that dwarf its major competitors. There are an incredible amount of ways to improve your player character, and all of these upgrade paths involve a huge amount of choices that will all have a tangible impact on your success. If you don't take the time to prepare for a hunt, you won't succeed.

Even though all of these interwoven systems are definitely the best aspect of the game, they also highlight the game's greatest shortcoming. Much like the story, the tutorials provided to the player are underdeveloped. Both myself and the group that I played with found ourselves hopelessly overwhelmed once we reached High Rank (the game's hard mode). At that point, all of the systems such as armor crafting and customization fully open up, but their intricacies are never fully explained in-game. *Monster Hunter: World* is the kind of game where you need to do some outside research in order to be successful, and it's disappointing that many things aren't explained in-game.

Even with its lackluster story and tutorials, I still really enjoyed my time with *Monster Hunter: World*. On top of the engaging work that goes into preparing for a hunt, the combat is fun on its own. Timberlane student Steven Portillo agrees, saying that "it's a great game that will remain interesting for many hours to come". If you give it the time, *Monster Hunter: World* can be an incredibly unique and enjoyable experience that really highlights many of the strengths of its genre.

## iPhone 7 Issues

By Steven Portillo

On September 16, 2016 the iPhone 7 was released. Everyone loved the new model and wanted the new phone. But what they didn't know was that the phone was full of bugs and issues according to all the posts on the Apple Support page. The iPhone 7 is known as the iPhone with most problems. Even though the iPhone 7 has multiple problems people still buy the phone because it is a good price for a recent phone and the phone still works well even with these software problems. Some people that have the phone don't mind the problems because they haven't gotten the big problems.

One of the main problems that the iPhone 7 has had is the no service issue. The service would randomly go away and it would say "No Service" even though you still have cellular data. People were bothered and complained and Apple took action. Apple found out that all phones with the model number A1660 were the ones having issues. Apple said on their support page, "If your device exhibits the symptom described above, Apple will repair your device, free of charge. Your iPhone will be examined prior to any service to verify that it is eligible for this program. This program only applies to iPhone 7." Many people were happy about this because who doesn't love a free fix.

The iPhone 7 also faced other issues such as the phone freezing. People have reported that the phone would freeze a lot and sometimes to the point you had to do a hard reset on the phone to get it back to normal. People find this very annoying. Apple has tried to fix it with a software update and has fixed it on multiple phones but it still happens to certain phones.

When the iPhone 7 was first released the phone had one issue that made everyone question the phone. The phone would make a hissing noise like if it was going to explode. Everyone was very scared about it but Apple took control and told everyone that it was just something in the hardware and that they could bring it in. Some people choose to ignore it, and some returning the phone for their money back.



Source: Stellar Info

Even with the iPhone having all these problems Apple has tried their hardest to fix all these issues and has succeeded a bit. The iPhone 7 is still a popular phone and still sells millions. Apple is taking care of it and people don't give up on Apple. Believe it or not but the iPhone 7 is still one of the top selling phones by Apple even with having the iPhone 8 and iPhone X out, the iPhone 7 is still a huge hit because of it still being a recent phone and the price being just right. The phone is still an economical phone.

## Ski Bradford 2018

By Andrew Trasatti

Ski Bradford is a family ski area located in Haverhill Massachusetts. Bradford Ski offers skiing to everyone in the family. Their highly trained instructors offer quality ski lessons only 45 minutes from Boston. The mountain provides snowmaking, a learning area, as well as a terrain park. The mountain offers 1300 feet of vertical skiing on their 15 trails.

Although their website claims that they have 15 trails, anyone who has skied there would struggle to find more than five. The marketing team at Bradford counts their 5 magic carpets as trails, although some don't even reach a quarter of the way to the top of the hill. Along with an exaggeration of trails, the difficulty of such trails are also greatly exaggerated. For anyone who is not brand new to skis, every trail can be successfully maneuvered without fear. The mountain offers no challenge to amateur or expert skiers and snowboarders.

One of the most attractive features to advanced skiers is the terrain park. The terrain park is a section of the ski mountain that provides features for skiers and snowboarders to practice freestyle skiing. Popular characteristics of terrain parks include jumps, rails and boxes, and halfpipes. These features are man-made and allow skiers to perform tricks like flips and spins. On their website Ski Bradford boasts about a large and intricate terrain park, offering more than twelve features for skiers and boarders to challenge themselves. Someone would read this description online would be extremely disappointed, this 2018 season, upon arriving to the terrain park. Riders will be surprisingly disappointed to find no more than 4 features in the park. An increase in attention to the park would greatly improve the mountain overall, as well as provide an opportunity for skiers and snowboarders to challenge their skills.

Although there are many things that Ski Bradford could improve on this season, there are many things that are great. The snowmaking at Ski Bradford is incredible. Ski Bradford makes snow on all over the mountain. Every trail has a snow gun that will lay new snow on cold nights. Bradford makes snow on nights that are cold enough and when snow is in demand. One thing riders do not have to worry about is a lack of snow, because Bradford always has eyes on the slopes and will make snow when necessary.

Ski Bradford has the best ski lessons near Boston. Bradford's staff of instructors are trained employees who are passionate about skiing. Bradford offers a variety of different lessons for skiers of all levels. Lessons at Bradford run hourly every day from 9 to 7:30 Monday to Saturday, and 9 to 3 on Sundays. Instructors are always happy and excited to teach any student of any age and ability. Lessons are affordable for anyone who wants to learn with the cost of an hour lesson being \$50. For those who don't need a lesson, a day lift ticket is \$52. What Bradford lacks in size, it makes up in the greatness of the ski school program.



Source: TripAdvisor

## Tom Vs Time

By Brendan Frezza

Few in the world of sports are able to play professionally into their forties. Even fewer amount are able to play at a high level, let alone an MVP level. Tom Vs. Time an ongoing Facebook documentary. So far consisting of six episodes taking viewers into the life of Tom Brady on a more personal in depth level. The episodes take a look into Tom's family life at home, his training habits with his TB12 performance, and his journey through the 2017 season.

Tom Brady follows a strict lifestyle which he titles TB12 performance. TB12 lays out steps for healthy eating, proper training, and recovery. The TB12 sports therapy center is located in Foxborough Massachusetts. The performance method is Tom Brady's way of maintaining his health and allowing for his longevity in the NFL. Tom takes the viewers into the way he trains with his training guru Alex Guerrero.



The method Tom follows strictly highlights twelve aspects aligning with Tom's jersey number. According to TB12sports.com some of these aspects include pliability, balance, conditioning for endurance, proper hydration and healthy nutrition. The method is open to the public where people can follow the strict method through the TB12 book and the TB12sports.com website.

The episodes of Tom Vs. Time give viewers a look into Tom's life with his wife Gisele Bündchen and their children. The Patriots organization is known

Photo Courtesy of Facebook

for a low profile in terms of media and the personal side of players. The episodes allow viewers to have a more personal look into Brady's everyday life that otherwise would not be seen. The episodes show Tom's wife Gisele explaining how consuming football is for their entire family and how Tom should look to spend more time with them. The episodes highlight the fact that Tom himself doesn't know how much longer he will be playing as he feels at the top of his game.

The episodes also show Tom before and after many of the games in the 2017 season. They highlight the high maintenance Tom requires each day and the extra work needed to maintain success at his age. Tom shares his thoughts on how the Patriots are doing after each game and what he expects going forward. Tom also explains how the game of football is a getaway for him, where he can be in his true element, and express his raw emotion. Elaborating on his NFL career, Brady touches upon his past and compares it to his future now explaining how much more aware he is of the game itself and how to succeed.

Overall, the Tom Vs. Time series gives viewers an in depth look into the current life of Tom Brady as well as his journey to become successful. This in depth look into the life of one of the most decorated athletes of all time is something unlike other athletes before. The series is worth the watch to gain information on Tom Brady's life in a way that hasn't been depicted before. Each episode ads different aspects about his life to keep people engaged and wanting to learn more about Tom. Tom Vs. Time truly captures the life and purpose of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and shows his true greatness.

## Ellen Pompeo's Bright Future

By Jessie Hughes

In recent years woman in the entertainment business have been standing up to get equal pay as the males on set. Grey's Anatomy Star, Ellen Pompeo stood up for herself to get a \$20 million dollar deal and to continue the show for at least two more seasons.

Grey's Anatomy was first aired back in March of 2005 and quickly became a big hit as a medical show. Grey's Anatomy has become such a popular show which was surprising to the whole cast. Even Pompeo herself didn't believe the show would go much past the pilot episode. Nobody imagined 13 years later the show would be on its 14th season and Pompeo committing to at least two more.

From the great success Grey's Anatomy has had, Ellen Pompeo knew her lead role, even as a female, needed the proper pay. She insisted that she was going to get the proper pay raise she deserved.

"I knew as a woman in the [movie] business that I wasn't going to be paid the same as men," explained Pompeo.

In previous years, Pompeo has been afraid to ask for raises in which she deserved because other actors on set, (mostly males), always had greater pay. Actors such as Patrick Dempsey (former co-star of Grey's Anatomy), received a larger paycheck than Pompeo, which she didn't understand because she was the actress playing the lead role as Meredith Grey.

But in recent years, Pompeo has wanted a change and this change was going to happen for her. She was ready to stand up for what she wanted and was ready to get it. With new information occurring on the Grey's Anatomy set about writer and producer, Shonda Rhimes leaving the show, Pompeo hoped this would be the perfect time to get what she wanted.

With the power of Rhimes on her side, Pompeo demanded for what many believe she deserved. Not only did Pompeo get the two million dollars she deserved, she was also officially added as a producer of Grey's Anatomy as well as on their new spinoff of the show. Pompeo is now the fourth highest paid actress on television which is incredible for a female entertainer.



Photo Courtesy of Daily Actor

## Best Places to Vacation

By Jake Heckman

All around the world, there are many great, safe and amazing sights for the eye to see. Some people enjoy going on vacations far away from their home while others enjoy staying close. Also, people always seem to have different tastes when it comes to going on vacations.

Here in New England, people love to ski, so they often take short rides up to the White Mountains or the Green Mountains to shred some gnar at various ski resorts in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Vacationing is all about what you want to do and what kind of climate you would like to be in.

Although skiing in New England seems awesome to some, those mountains are very small compared to the ones in Colorado. Not only does Colorado have amazing ski mountains, but they have amazing hotels/condos that come with them. One of the best mountains to ski at in Colorado is Copper Mountain. It is rather large with over 157 trails to ski down. Typically, people choose to stay in the luxurious townhouses that are in the center of the town. Depending on your party size, townhouses can hold many people. The average party size is around four people.

On the other hand, the winters in New England can be treacherous, which drives people to vacation somewhere warm. The most popular warm vacation spot that New Englanders go to is Florida. Florida is warm year round, unlike New Hampshire, which makes us jealous. During February, New England families often take trips down to Florida during February school vacation. A common attraction in Orlando, Florida is the infamous Disney World. Disney World is a great place for families to vacation because of its safe, secure and fun environment. Disney World has many different roller coasters for families to enjoy together. If you wish to stay for the day, then you are going to need to eat. Disney offers various different restaurants to eat at giving a diverse feel to vacationers.

Another warm place to go on vacation is Cancun, Mexico. Mexico is also warm year-round and has the most amazing resorts to stay at. One resort that is extremely beautiful, safe and entertaining is Moon Palace. Moon Palace consists of three different resorts; The Grande, Sunrise, and Nizuc. Each of these resorts are all-inclusive, which means one payment is needed at the beginning of your stay, then everything else is free. Staying at Moon Palace gives you the opportunity to go snorkeling in beautiful water, take a jet ski out onto the ocean, or just relax by the pool.



Photo Courtesy of Thomas Cook

All in all, booking a vacation has to do with the weather you're looking for and what attractions you plan on visiting. If you like to relax and kick it back by the pool, then going somewhere tropical would be up your alley. If you're an adventurous and energetic person, then you may want to go to a ski mountain and shred some powder. No matter where the destination, the point is to have fun and take time away from the stresses of everyday life.

## Flatbush Zombies Tease New Project

By Noah Beaulieu

Independent hip hop group, Flatbush Zombies have been teasing the release of their newest project. The name of the project is "Vacation in Hell" and it is set to drop April fourth of 2018. They have only released a few songs since their 2016 breakout album, 3001: A Laced Odyssey, which debuted at Number 10 on the Billboard Top 100 Albums.

The Flatbush Zombies are made up of three members, Meechy Darko, Zombie Juice, and Erick the Architect. They were all born and raised in the borough of Flatbush in New York City. They are outliers in the rap game, bringing a unique psychedelic sound to the rap scene. All the members of the group say they draw from different influences. In an interview with Complex, Meech says, "I'm influenced by Notorious B.I.G. I'm influenced by all. B.I.G. Too \$hort. I'm influenced by a lot of people". Juice says that his biggest influence is Snoop Dogg, while Erick had a slightly different answer. He said his biggest influences are Coldplay, Rick James, and Marvin Gaye. This is apparent in his smooth jazz style of producing beats.

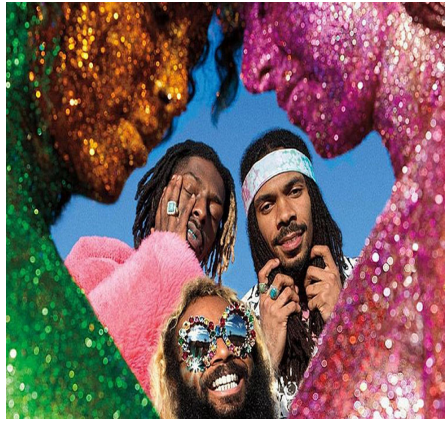


Photo courtesy of Genius.com Since the release of 3001, they have not released much music. Only a few singles such as Gotta, which includes only 1/3 of the group in Meechy Darko. Babel, Lava with Zombie Juice, and a remix of their first huge single, Palm Trees, with Still Palm Trees featuring Snoop Dogg. The Producer of the group, Erick the Architect, has also released a single from his upcoming beats tape, Arcstrumentals Vol.2, called Fruit Punch in Bora Bora. Along with all of this, they also plan on releasing a film, Building a Ladder, showcasing their lives for the past couple of years, including tour, producing music in their home in Brooklyn, and moments from their lives. And if there last album s any indication, Vacation in Hell should even better.

## Rad Vans with Dank and Bfrezza

By Brendan Frezza and Dan Komenda

Have you ever thought of what the radest clothing brand is? It is undoubtedly the company Vans. Vans has the freshest gear from shoes to clothing to backpacks. They have everything a teenager looking to enhance their style could want. The variety of products are impressive. Vans have some of the best options from footwear to streetwear. The Vans company is most well known for their shoe options and clothing.

One of the most popular Vans are the all-white versions which are the classic true white. As owners of the white Vans these shoes go along with most outfits and provide a clean look that pops. This particular shoe model comes in a variety of colors mostly seen in blue and red along with the off white shade. An avid Vans wearer, Justin Berube, stated "I like the classic checkerboard one because I am a really big fan of checkers, and to put what I like on a shoe is a shoe that I would buy." Vans shoes are very popular because of their unique yet simple look which attracts buyers from all ages.

According to kicksonfire.com, Vans are most popular amongst high schoolers only behind Nike. Nike Specializes more in sports performance footwear. Vans are more of a style shoe which has surpassed it's fellow skateboard style shoes. The shoes can be worn over a variety of styles with their reasonable cost compared to other popular shoes. Some of Vans competitors are the brand OF and Diamond supply company. The classic versions which can be seen on the feet of many teenagers, sell at most places for forty dollars. Vans products can be purchased at company stores as well as distributors such as Pacific Sunwear and Zumiez.



Photo courtesy of Vans.com The official Vans website has an option to customize your shoe to your liking. The customization of the Vans shoes cost seventy five dollars with an optional addition of ten dollars added to the price to incorporate your own image. This makes the company very appealing as you can use their classic shoes as a blank canvas for customization. You can customize any Vans shoe with a variety of colors and shades on every part of the shoe. There are also patterns and materials that range on a large variety to add to your personal shoe design. On top of these options there are small pictures available to add to the design. Customization is one of the many things that help separate the brand from its competitors and help promote their best selling shoes in new ways.

Vans also has some of the most unique Men's and Women's clothing. Vans has hooded sweatshirts, crewnecks, T-shirts and long sleeves amongst a variety of other options. With their simple designs often printed with the Vans logo, a simple yet stylish look is easily obtained. Other items include hats, backpacks, socks, pants, sunglasses, wallets, and lanyards. According to boardsportsource.com Vans helped VF the company in which Vans is owned increase profits by twenty eight percent in 2017.

Overall, Vans is a brand that is unbeatable by its competition. They offer the largest variety of products for a street brand as well as maintaining its unique style and affordable prices. They offer so many options to personalize their shoes to fit any type of individual. Vans is the brand for anyone and everyone who is looking for a casual and simple style of clothing.

## Who or what is Aroma Joes?

By Juergen Pfau

Here in New England, there has been a long lasting battle between the major coffee chains, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks Coffee and Heav'nly donuts. A new challenger approaches. Aroma Joe's coffee is taking New England by storm. With Nineteen franchises opened in New Hampshire since 2012, the year in which it was founded, it's obvious that new competition is brewing.

In the very beginning, Aroma Joes started as a single coffee shop in east Rochester owned by cousins Mike Silon, Tim Mckenna, and Marty Mckenna. The owners didn't anticipate nearly as much growth as it had in the first year, but by 2014, they'd begun to chain all over New England. Today you can own your own Franchise. Aroma Joes is looking to run stores in Florida, Maine, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. Additional locations will be coming soon.

Aroma Joe's advertises on its website, aromajoes.com with the slogan, "It's Wicked Good." It looks like they will mainly be distributed around New England. It has made a big statement and Timberlane students have taken notice, Senior Dan Grzyboski had this to say after trying the 'Beach Bum', "It's pretty lit."



Photo courtesy of ellsworthchamber.com Aroma Joe's serves much more than coffee. According to their website, Aroma Joes serve a variety of food and drinks on their menu, separated into categories of Brewin', Expressin', Chillin', Energizin' and Muchin'. Beach Bum. the drink Dan Grzyboski, Senior in Timberlane tried was just one of many drinks that were included in "Energizin'".

With the New England pride, the great taste of their drinks, and the variety their menus have, it looks like Aroma Joe's is going to be a strong force in the battle of best coffee. Stop by and find or fuel!

## Dunks Vs Starbucks

By Jake Post

There is a constant question to whether Dunkin Donuts coffee or Starbucks coffee is the favorite. There are many factors that go into choosing which one you will go with. Depending if you choose one for the price, taste, or accessibility, everyone has their preferred coffee. There are many factors that go into choosing which one will be the best for the day.

The first is the price comparison. Dunks has a very cheap small hot coffee for \$1.59. At Starbucks their hot coffee is \$1.89 for their tall size. The small at Dunks and the tall at Starbucks are close in size. The price difference between all the sizes are not very far apart. If you are going for price it is really based on what you like, because you will not be making a pricey decision going with either of them.

The next thing to consider is the quality. The flavors and variety both places have are unique. There are a lot of different flavors at starbucks from white chocolate mocha, to a cinnamon chai tea latte. Dunks goes with the more traditional flavors like caramel and pumpkin spice. Based on this you either want the Starbucks lengthy variety or the classic Dunks cup of joe. Choosing the right cup of coffee is solely up to you.

A big factor is where you are headed and what is closest to you. Dunks has more than 11,300 locations in the world according to Dunkin Donuts. Starbucks has over 27,000 locations worldwide according to statista website. While you are traveling through Plaistow you will come across two Dunks on route 125, as well as three more on route 111. There is a starbucks right over the Haverhill line, as well as Epping. Dunks has secured their spot for coffee shops in the Timberlane District.



Celebrities that drink Starbucks are Britney spears, Kim Kardashian, Miley Cyrus, Christian Bale, and many more. Celebrities that drink Dunks are Khloe Kardashian, French Montana, Lindsay Lohan, Hilary Clinton, and many more. This debate is not whether which one is better, it is more which one you prefer.

Some seniors at Timberlane answered a question about which one they prefer. "What do you prefer Dunks or Starbucks and why?" Justin Berube says "Dunks because America runs on dunkin." That right there is your classic dunks drinker. Brendan Frezza says "Dunks because I went to Starbucks once and didnt like it." Like I said these reviews are based on likes and dislikes. Hannah Magliocchetti says " Starbucks because the coffee has a stronger taste and has more quality to it." Starbucks offers many different kinds of coffee beans and natural taste. Ryleigh Lukas says "Dunks is more convenient and is less money." There are 6 Dunkin Donuts locations in under a 5 mile radius in Plaistow.

## 18 Shootings, 43 Days

By Kayla Bowen

18 shootings, 43 days, 22 deaths, and countless physical and emotional injuries. It's not even 2 months into 2018, and there have already been numerous school shootings. There are no words to describe how awful these acts of violence are, but they are becoming an increasingly worse problem.

In the first 43 days of 2018, there were 18 school shooting across the country. Granted, not all of these have been what most people think of when they hear the phrase "school shooting." So far this year, there have indeed been 18 times when a gun was fired inside a school. However, this does not always mean that there was a gunman deliberately out to take lives. Out of these 18 shootings, 7 of them were deliberate attacks during school hours. Out of those 7, five resulted in death. While this number is less overwhelming than 18, it is still an unsettling amount. Add to that the fact that they occurred in the span of less than two months, and it can surely make people doubt the stability of our society.

The recent tragedies have just led to more questions. Why do these things happen? What leads a person to commit such an act of violence? It has also sparked debates, such as when is someone just a gunman, and when do they become a terrorist?

The people who commit such terrible crimes can't have any logical reasoning behind it. There is no proper explanation for Nikolas Cruz walking into a high school and killing 17 people. On February 14, 2018, the former student walked into the high school with a gun and ended numerous lives. It is not just the 17 lost lives that have been affected. Each of those people had friends and families who will forever feel the loss of their loved ones. People lost children that day, brothers and sisters.

It is not just the school shootings that are tearing up our society though. It seems as though violent killings have been at an all-time high in recent years. Everyone remembers the Orlando club shooting and the Las Vegas shooting. For those who don't, they are now among the deadliest killings in the United States.

Every time something like this happens, people grow more angry and more restless to evoke change. All around the country people are discussing and debating ways of prevention. But knowing how to prevent these attacks mean knowing why they happen, which is a much larger issue, because there is not just one reason.

There is no excuse, explanation, or reasoning behind such acts of violence. As terrible as it is to think, they have become a part of our society, a part that needs to change. Whether it be gun control, more aid when it comes to mental health care, or any other form of prevention, the acts of violence that have become a regular part of our society need to come to an end.



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## Serial Killer in Chicago

By Drew Wilson

Chicago, Illinois is one of the largest and most historically important cities in America. But the city is marred by a reputation of being the most dangerous city in the United States. The murder rate in Chicago is the highest in America and the highest in the history in the country as well. In the year of 2016 Chicago broke the record for most murders in a city in a calendar year, a staggering 758 which is nearly 300 higher than the second closest city. Many people chop the cities murder rate up to high gang violence and gang related activity, but an alarming trend in murders stemming back to 2007 has emerged and it has the windy city on an all-out panic. In 2007 two women were found murdered in allies two blocks apart in Chicago's south side, both women were killed in the same way... Strangled, set on fire, and stuffed in a trash can.



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Since 2007 over 60 women have been murdered under similar circumstances, yet the city of Chicago refuses to admit they are dealing with a serial killer. The cities decision to do so is one that is negligent but understandable because if this is all the work of the same killer Chicago will not only have the highest murder rate in modern history but also the most dangerous serial killer in modern history. It is widely believed that the city of Chicago isn't just ignoring the claims but in fact covering up the murders. According to unnamed FBI Agents the FBI's algorithm for detecting patterns in serial murders across the country has triggered a red alert and the agents believed they should be called in immediately. That is where the problem is, in order for the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit (No not the one from criminal minds) they need to be requested by the county in which the crimes are occurring but because the city is trying to cover it up they can't be called in and the killer remains free.

## Your Senior Year Matters

By Saige Wolff

Senior year, the year that every student has the most to look forward to. The time where many events take place like the senior cruise, prom, and graduation. But in order for you to be able to participate in the extravagant events, you must take action and pay attention to the important tasks at hand!



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The number one important aspect of your senior is your grades. The one thing that most students hope to keeps A's and B's but tend to let it slip as the year goes on. Admission officers look at all historical grades which will help them with the decision process on whether or not to accept you to their college. If your grades start to slip, the admission officers can even rescind their offers. Grades also determine whether or not you can play a high school sport. If you end you quarter failing any class, you cannot play any sport. Even though grades don't determine your intellectual level, they do show how well you can retain information.

Another important facet of senior year are senior dues. Senior dues pay for the majority of the fun activities that take place during senior year. Senior dues go towards paying for cruise, the food at prom, the place prom takes place, and the senior picnic.

Your final year isn't just the last year you spend in high school, it's the year you leave a final impression of yourself with the school. This is important because whatever you did during your senior year, that's how you will be remembered. Do you want to be remembered for doing a stupid prank that got you suspended or do you want to be remembered as the

student who helped others and was nice to everyone they talked to? Make your mark on your school even if its small changes to help improve problems in the school like vaping or the water filters in the water fountains. Talk to your teachers and see what you can do to make the lives of the students and faculty of the school easier instead of harder.

Senior year is the final year to make your mark in high school. It's the year where you can join any last minute clubs you want to and put it on your college applications. It is also your last opportunity to make a difference at your school.

## Dangers of Social Media

By Alana Miller and Saige Wolff

The majority of teenagers find themselves scrolling through social media each and every day. Looking for new trends and new things to do such as Instagram, shopping and Facebook and Twitter, they never think of how social media can be affecting them. In some ways, it can be looked at as a positive way to bring people together and introduce them to new activities they may have never had before.

When you log into a social media app such as Facebook, you feel in control about who is seeing your posts/profile. However, many people use social media to hide behind a screen and do things that they wouldn't normally do in person. Not to mention the fact that when you make a new friend on social media, you aren't seeing who they really are. Someone's profile lets you know as much as they want you to. People can easily hide behind social media accounts and pretend to be people they are not.

Figuring out whether someone's social media account is real or fake can be close to impossible. This can cause problems for many people, even if they think they know the person. You can never be too careful when using social media. When it comes down to it, most people want to look like their best. People want others to envy them and like their posts. The things that people will go through in order to look good are incredible. Someone dress in outfits that show off a lot of skin, while others post videos of dangerous stunts.



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Another example of how the internet could be dangerous is websites where you sell and purchase items. This includes social media programs like Craigslist and Letgo. These are popular apps where you sell and buy things but can't ship them and have to meet in person. This can be dangerous because you never know who you are meeting with. The best way to stay safe when using these sites to buy and sell things is meeting in public places. This way, if something goes wrong or you don't feel safe, others will be around you. Meeting at a police station is the best way to ensure safety. The most important thing to remember is that you don't KNOW these people, so you must take proper precautions.

Viruses can be obtained within some social media websites. Some common apps that can lead to your computer getting viruses are Facebook and Forchan. The websites that have reddit are the main websites that allows viruses onto your computer. Teenagers need to be more careful about the social media apps they download on their devices.

Nowadays, teenagers don't think about the dangers behind social media. All they think about is the connection social media allows with their friends and the games that may come with the social media. Instead of blindly enjoying the benefits that may come with social media, teens need to educate themselves about the possible dangers that may come with social media as well.

## Migos On Top

By Farai Zhou

Migos is one of the biggest rap groups to enter hip-hop in a long time. The Atlanta trio, comprised of Quavo, Takeoff, and Offset have established themselves as one of the biggest rap groups ever. They constantly make music that tops the charts, while also bringing their own unique sound and style to the rap game. The Migos are constantly bringing something to the table, whether it be a song with insane adlibs or creating new catch phrases and vocabulary that always sticks to its fans.

Dating back to their first mixtape, Jugg Season, when they were rapping about trapping, Pots and Pans, and whipping bricks, they always had something that intrigued their fans. Songs like "Hannah Montana", "Bando", "Bricks", "Versace", "Pipe it up", "look at my Dab", and "Bad and Boujee" have influenced pop culture and Hip-Hop by making "Trap" music mainstream.

Despite early criticism of being one hit wonders, the trio has experienced a lot over the past few years. They have made music with artists Kanye West, Drake, Gucci Mane, and many more great musicians. They also lead the charge in the Dab dance craze. They have proved many doubters wrong, becoming one of the biggest music trio in history and tying the Beatles for the most simultaneous Billboard Hot 100 Songs.

Their music consists of a fast, stuttering flow over beats with a heavy bass, intense 808's, and cool sounding melodies. Although Migos dropped many projects in the past, they came out on top after dropping Culture II. This album proved that Migos was a lot more than just a one hit wonders and trappers. The Migos displayed that they were here to change influence culture and change the dynamic of trap rappers.



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## The Game That Is Taking The Country By Storm

By Ryan Perrault

Fortnite is the game you need to download and you will see why after you read all about the hottest game right now.

This is not the first time we have seen a game with a similar layout. H1Z1 is another game, which is very similar, and people often say Fortnite is a rip off game. Rip off or not, no one can deny the amount of people who play and the popularity. So many people play that at times you have to wait for a queue to play.

The basic idea of the game is a battle royale, which basically means last person standing. To start out, you are on a bus that flies over the whole map of the game. At some point, you have to jump out and land somewhere. When you land, you only have a pickaxe. You then have to find materials and weapons, which are scattered around the map.

In the solo mode, there are 100 people and it is a free for all. You may wonder why not just hide until there is one other person left. Well, there is a storm that closes in on the map every few minutes, making the area you can stay in smaller and smaller. Once you get well equipped with weapons, materials, and shield potion, you go around killing people or you are killed and then, you are out of the game.

Fortnite is a game that is easy to get into and hard to put down the controller. Playing with your friends is a lot of fun and engaging. Fortnite has recently gained a lot of popularity, which is rare for a free game to be so good and popular. Personally, I play Fortnite with my friends after work and it is a very good way to unwind and talk to your friends. Working together with a common goal in mind with your friends is exhilarating. Epic games the company that designed Fortnite has hired more engineers due to the 3.4 million players worldwide as of February according to Newsweek. Also playing Fortnite is not where it ends, people stream their games for anyone to watch. A popular Youtuber "Ninja" has over 100,000 viewers that watch him play Fortnite. The fact that people watch others play a video game just shows how exhilarating the game really is. Pull up the homepage on YouTube and sure enough, you will see multiple Fortnite videos with tips and tricks or just plain gameplay. Fortnite makes you forget anything else that is going on because you are so focused on staying alive. The game is so suspenseful it is extremely difficult to get distracted and to put down the controller. This is why Fortnite was the best game of 2017 and is still the hottest game in 2018!



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## A History Lesson in Call of Duty

By Matthew Schaejbe

If you are a history buff and gaming nerd, the new Call of Duty: WWII is especially appealing to you. Follow through, as we delve deeper into five maps played in the game. It can be found that the same game you play getting owned by master players can actually be quite the history lesson.

Gibraltar is one of the maps played by many. The real Gibraltar is a peninsula-like shape off the coast of southern Spain. This place played a crucial part in the war effort, as it was used by the British as both a look out and a monitor. Since it was overlooking the Strait of Gibraltar, it saw everything that entered the Mediterranean Sea. This helped the Allied force, as it prevented the Germans from gaining more power in southern Europe. During the course of the war, Gibraltar came under aerial bombardment from Vichy French aircraft, and aircraft of the Italian Royal Air Force (Regia Aeronautica) based out of Sardinia. Additionally, the fortress was the focus of underwater attacks by the Italian Royal Navy (Regia Marina) commando frogman unit and their human torpedoes.



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The London docks were a war zone, even though the Germans never reached land. In Call of Duty, the London docks map showcases what it was like near the southern English border, as debris and graffiti lined the streets. Even though the war never truly reached the docks, it was an area of high intensity and paranoia. This was demonstrated in the infamous Black Saturday attack, in which the German Air Force (Luftwaffe) delivered a carpet bombing to the southern English coast.

The Pointe du Hoc is a promontory with a 100 foot cliff overlooking the English Channel on the coast of Normandy in northern France. This place proved to be a very important area during the Allied invasion of the Normandy beaches on D-Day, as obtaining this piece of land gave the U.S. access to German coordinates and artillery. Also, the peninsula was polluted with many trenches and bunkers. Call of Duty portrays this very well, as the map itself includes two bunkers, trenches, and a coastline all around.

Sainte Marie du Mont is a town close to the coast of Normandy, and is quite close to the Pointe du Hoc. It is best known for being the scene of a military engagement between the American 101st Airborne Division and the German Wehrmacht on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Call of Duty animated this map well, as it showcases a town scattered with debris and defaced buildings.

The Gustav Cannon was a German Railway gun that was used in World War 2 from 1941 to 1945. The cannon helped to destroy French territory, which allowed for the Germans to proceed with their invasion. This massive vehicle is drawn out very well in the game, for the map contains a ginormous cannon in the middle. Also, it is important to note that the map did not contain very much debris, for at the time, the war had not reached that area of land. Its destruction ultimately came from the hands of the Germans in order to avoid its capture by the Red Army (Russia).

## Japanese Valentine's Day

By Riordan West Geary

Japanese Valentine's Day is truly unique. Unlike most of the world, the women are the only people who give gifts on Valentine's Day, and they don't just give any gift, they only give chocolate.

There are so many different types of chocolate that all mean different things, including Giri-choco, Honmei-choco, and Jibun-choco. Valentine's Day in Japan is finally the time for women to be able to freely express their feelings about other people, romantically or in a friendly way.

For women who want to impress that special someone, they go out and make their own chocolate, called Honmei-choco. It is expected that in all romantic relationships, the women don't just buy premade chocolate, but instead go through the process of making the chocolate on their own. If a man receives Honmei-choco, he understands how the woman feels about him, and how special the relationship is.



photo courtesy of wowjapan.com

Another unique aspect of Japanese Valentine's day is how the men give gifts back to the women. For those involved in a romantic relationship, exactly one month after a man receives his Honmei-choco from his lover, he gets his companion three times the amount of gifts that he received from his special lady. This day is called White Day in Japan, and it occurs on March 14th. The returned gifts are not limited to chocolate, as they also get women traditional Valentine's Day gifts such as flowers or clothes. Valentine's Day in Japan for couples is a very romantic affair.

However, not all women have the luxury of being in a relationship. For these women, they hand out chocolate to all of the other men in their life, and this chocolate is called Giri-choco. Giri-choco is meant for all types of relationships that aren't romantic. An interesting aspect of Giri-choco is that it's pretty much mandatory for women to buy Giri-choco for their friends. Some people don't think it's right for women feeling obligated to buy chocolate, but others enjoy the tradition.

A third type of chocolate related to Valentine's Day is called Jibun-choco, and it is chocolate that women buy for themselves. Even though women are not obligated to buy Jibun-choco like they are Giri-choco, many women still do as they enjoy treating themselves.

It is always interesting to see how other cultures celebrate holidays, but it is really surprising to see Valentine's Day to be celebrated in such a unique way. It's understandable that other holidays are celebrated differently such as Christmas or Easter, but it seems like Valentine's Day would be celebrated in the same way across the world. It is an interesting tradition, and would be a possible option to consider when deciding how to celebrate Valentine's Day.

## The Benefits of Owning a Dog

By Emily Drislane

Everyone knows that dogs are great animals. They are cute, loyal, and playful. Dogs do incredible things, too, such as sniffing for bombs and working as service dogs. But, what are the benefits of owning one yourself? Here are a few of the amazing benefits of owning a dog.

**Happiness-** Dogs are great to have around the house because they increase our sense of belonging and self esteem. A 2010 study from the Journal of Social Psychology found that dog owners showed greater mental well being than people that did not own one.

**Increased exercise-** Walking and playing with your dog adds up more than you think in terms of exercise. In 2011 a study from the Journal of Physical Activity and Health found that dog owners were 34% more likely to exercise the recommended 150 minutes of exercise per week than non-owners. Dogs promote a more active lifestyle.

**Learning responsibility-** Dogs teach you to care for an animal, and they are a great "first pet" for people of all ages. Taking care of a dog is no small task, but it is a great learning experience. Feeding, grooming, walking, and training are all good ways to bond with your dog and learn. Dogs are especially good for teaching children responsibility while they're still young. These lessons translate to their later years. Taking care of animals also teaches empathy and patience.

**Decreased stress-** Playing with your dog can reduce your stress levels. Interacting with a pet releases the hormone oxytocin, which is associated with love and bonding. Playing with a pet also decreases levels of cortisol, a hormone associated with stress.

Owning a dog is beneficial in physical, mental, and social aspects of life. If you are interested in adopting a dog, please visit <http://nhspca.org/>.

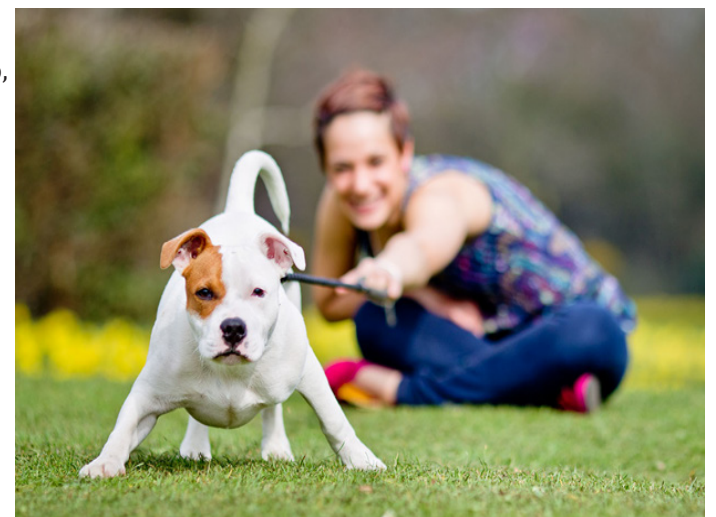


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## Could Flying Drones Replace Taxi's?

By Noah Clark

Could your taxi, one day, fly you to your destination instead of drive? Well the Chinese company Ehang seems to believe so. At CES 2016, a major technology conference, Ehang revealed the Ehang 184, an autonomous flying passenger drone capable of lifting a passenger up to 128 kg (282 pounds) to speeds up to 130 km/h (81 mph). They have test flown this drone over 1000 times both manned and unmanned, including with top executives of Ehang. This is a few months after the German company Volocopter tested their own two-person drone in Dubai, which intends to have their own drone transportation system within the next few years according to the BBC.

Many more companies have also started to make their own inroads on this emerging market trying to become the company that gets to have this contract with Dubai. The Crown Prince of the United Arab Emirates arranged these drone test flights and is determined to have the first flying taxi service with drones such as these in Dubai. Companies such as Uber have also created concepts for flying taxis to be revealed in 2020. Given the size and scope of Uber they may have a real chance of creating something substantial.

However, it may not be so easy to accomplish this in America any time soon. As well as needing to get many local and national agencies to agree and support an idea such as this, the US Federal Aviation Administration requires that any aircraft requires at least 20 extra minutes worth of fuel. Since the most viable drone taxi right now the Ehang 184 is only rated at around 24 minutes of battery life per flight, your flights would be limited to only a few minutes. It may be many years before we can see services like these take hold. Some major innovation may be required to align with local regulation without the backing of a monarchy in Dubai. However, in a few years you may be flying your way to work instead of driving.



Courtesy of CleanTechnica

## Costello's Review

By Joe Catino

Costello's restaurant is a new establishment at 63 Plaistow rd on the Haverhill and Plaistow border. Costello's offers a wide assortment of, sandwiches, wraps, roast beef seafood and much more. Owner and operator Niko Giannopoulos mans the roast beef and seafood station while keeping employees on task. Costello's is currently looking for help, whether it be in the kitchen or someone to take deliveries when it gets too busy. And due to the primal location and great food Costello's is able competes with other gourmet restaurants in the area. If you walk in on any you will be greeted with the loud noises of the kitchen and the smell of fresh seafood.

The Prices at Costello's are also very good, at Costello's they will give you more bang for your buck. The portions at Costello's are well worth the money, the combination plate of seafood will run you about twenty five dollars but when you see it, it will leave your mouth gaping. Costello's has handmade onion rings that sell fast, almost as fast as they make them they are out the door. Local student here Timberlane had somethings to say about Costello's saying "the sub rolls are very fresh and the chicken taste great."

Some nights at Costello's there are 40+ orders and the wait is longer than usual but you'll always get your food hot and plentiful when it comes. At the moment Costello's is rated a 4.5 out 5 stars on google. Customers called the place "clean, friendly, and delicious" and everyone says they would recommend it to their friends. If you have the time come in and try something, odds are you'll like it



## Arthur Jones, Nazi for Congress: An Editorial

By Noah Beaulieu

Illinois Republican Arthur Jones is running for United States Congress for the Republican Party. Jones is a blatant Holocaust denier, anti-Semite, and white supremacist.

All it takes to see this is a look through his website. On his site he posts various publications preaching white supremacy over all races, a clear hatred of Jews, and a fervent denial of the Holocaust, calling it a "racket" and that it is, "the biggest, blackest lie ever told". He even has pictures of him attending various Neo-Nazi rallies, pictures of himself with known Nazi writers and sympathizers, and photos of him destroying Israeli flags.

This is America, and while we must respect this man's right to his own beliefs, I feel that it is vitally important it is widely known what his views are. I feel the people of Illinois must do everything in its power to keep this Fascist out of any public office. Jones was a Trump supporter at the beginning of his campaign, but he later pulled his support for Donald Trump after discovering a member of Trump's family is Jewish, saying Trump, "surrounded himself with hordes of Jews including a Jew in his own family, that punk named Jared Kushner", and that he is, "nothing but a puppet ... this Jew-loving fool".



Photo Courtesy of Jones Campaign Website

Arthur Jones is an example of a way of thinking that should have been eradicated long ago. His own party has officially denounced him, saying his views do not align at all with the views of the Republican Party, and that the party is "disgusted" with the views of Arthur Jones. But he has thankfully never held a public office. He ran for different offices a total of seven times, and hasn't won once. Arthur Jones is a toxic speck in American Politics, but he represents a set of beliefs I feel must be eliminated.

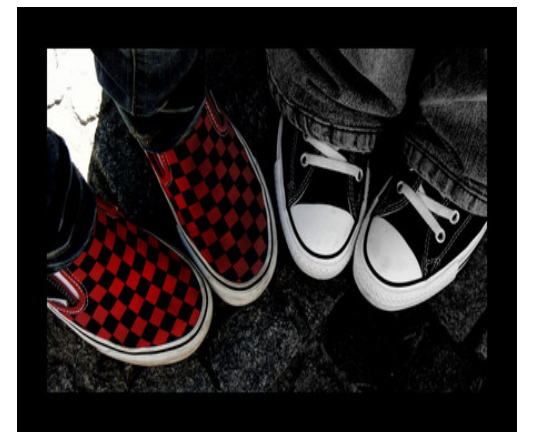
## Converse vs. Vans

By Ryleigh Lukas

If you take a walk through the halls of any high school, you will notice many different styles. Different faces, different hair, and different clothes.

One thing you may find as the new wave of style are shoe brands. Vans and Converse are two of the hottest trends out for footwear right now due to their style. The only question is, which is better?

Converse was founded in 1908 in Malden, Massachusetts making this local footwear one of the most popular brands with a unique style to them. Once a beloved sneaker for basketball, Converse has turned into one of the most versatile shoes of all time. Converse has recently been taken over by Nike, but will remain to keep the name. Some styles of Converse are high tops, low tops, and one star. There's a wide variety of colors and sizes within this brand. Over time, the style has changed. Consumers can buy the original high tops, or they can have the newer styles that have more of a futuristic feel to them.



Courtesy of Fanpop

Vans was founded in 1966 in Anaheim, California. The company has a surfer vibe to their material which led to the logo Off the Wall, as well as a skater boy theme. Vans has many different styles and colors. There are high tops, low tops and even slide ons. They come in many different colors and sizes, depending on the shoe. Vans has the classic look, which is the main and most popular style. Patterns and different themed collections come out regularly and the consumers have a wide variety of shoes to choose from. Vans has teamed up with North Face and they have created shoes that are water resistant with the North Face logo featured. In modern day, you will see many people wearing the vans logo.

Both shoes can be bought online as well as in stores. Vans prices range from \$30 to \$60 for shoes. Converse ranges from \$40 to \$65, relatively the same price range. As far as the kind of shoe, you're either looking at high tops or low tops. Each company has been up to date with the recent suede and velvet trends, as well as prints.

As far as comfort goes, both shoes have their pros and cons. Any shoe will hurt the first few times you wear them, and this is proven to be true with a brand new pair of vans. Converse are usually pretty comfortable, but when they're worn for long periods of time the sole will begin to cause pain on your feet.

Each company has their differences, but Vans seems to be what's hot and trendy lately. There are far more modern styles that seem to grip the interest of many teenagers and lots of adults. It's a company that knows how to get their buyers attention and keeps them coming back for more.

## Timberlane Spring Sports Home Schedules

### Girls Lacrosse

April		
16	4:00 PM Varsity	Windham HS
	5:30 PM JV	Windham HS
26	4:00 PM Varsity	Kingswood Regional High School
	5:30 PM JV	Kingswood Regional High School
May		
4	4:00 PM Varsity	Dover High School
	5:30 PM JV	Dover High School
7	4:30 PM Varsity	Portsmouth High Athletics
	6:00 PM JV	Portsmouth High Athletics
14	4:00PM Varsity	Hollis-Brookline HS
	5:30PM JV	Hollis-Brookline HS
16	4:30PM Varsity	Hanover High School
	6:00 PM JV	Hanover High School
25	4:00PM Varsity	Merrimack Valley High School
	5:30PM Varsity	Merrimack Valley High School

### Boys Lacrosse

April		
18	4:30 PM Fresh	Winnacunnet High School
20	4:30PM Varsity	Oyster River High School
	6:00PM JV	Oyster River High School
24	12:30 PM JV	Alvirne High School
	4:00 PM Varsity	Alvirne High School
27	4:00PM Varsity	Memorial High School
May		
9	4:00 PM Varsity	Windham HS
	5:30 PM JV	Windham HS
11	4:00 PM Varsity	Dover High School
	5:30 PM JV	Dover High School
16	4:00 PM Varsity	St. Thomas Aquinas HS
	5:30 PM Varsity	St. Thomas Aquinas HS
21	4:00PM Varsity	Hollis-Brookline HS
	5:30 PM JV	Hollis-Brookline HS

### Boys Volleyball

April		
18	4:00 PM JV	Mascenic Regional HS
	5:15PM Varsity	Mascenic Regional HS
19	4:00 PM JV	Bishop Guertin
	5:15 PM Varsity	Bishop Guertin
23	4:00 PM JV	Salem
	5:15 PM Varsity	Salem
May		
4	4:30 PM Varsity	John Stark Regional High School
14	4:00 PM JV	Londonderry High School
	5:15 PM Varsity	Londonderry High School
25	4:00 PM JV	Souhegan High School
	5:15PM Varsity	Souhegan High School

### Track & Field

May		
8	4:00 PM V/JV	Pinkerton and Winnacunnet

### Baseball

April		
18	4:00 PM Varsity	Pinkerton Academy
	4:00 PM JV	Pinkerton Academy
27	4:00 PM JV	Trinity High School
	4:00PM Varsity	Trinity High School
May		
1	4:00 PM Fresh	Portsmouth High Athletics
2	4:00 PM Varsity	Concord HS
	4:00 PM JV	Concord HS
7	4:00 PM JV	Exeter High School
	4:00PM Varsity	Exeter High School
14	4:00 PM JV	Nashua High School South
	4:00PM Varsity	Nashua High School South
15	4:00 PM Fresh	Exeter High School
19	10AM Fresh	Dover High School
22	4:00 PM Fresh	Nashua High School South
23	4:00 PM Varsity	Alvirne High School
	4:00 PM JV	Alvirne High School
25	4:00 PM JV	Central High School
	4:00PM Varsity	Central High School

### Softball

April		
19	4:00 PM JV	Nashua High School North
23	4:00 PM Varsity	Winnacunnet
	4:00 PM JV	Winnacunnet High School
30	4:00 PM JV	Bishop Guertin High School
	4:00PM Varsity	Bishop Guertin High School
May		
4	4:00 PM Varsity	Salem
	4:00 PM JV	Salem
7	4:00 PM Varsity	Nashua High School North
	4:00 PM JV	Nashua High School North
9	4:00 PM Varsity	Londonderry High School
	4:00 PM JV	Londonderry High School
11	4:00 PM Varsity	Merrimack High School
	4:00 PM JV	Merrimack High School
17	4:00 PM Varsity	Spaulding High School
	4:00 PM JV	Spaulding High School
21	4:00 PM Varsity	Bedford High School
	4:00 PM JV	Bedford High School

### Girls Tennis

May		
1	4:30 PM Varsity	Hanover
2	4:00PM Varsity	Keene High School
3	4:00PM Varsity	Derryfield School
7	4:00PM Varsity	Bishop Guertin High School
10	4:00 PM Varsity	Nashua High School North
16	4:30 PM Varsity	Exeter High School

## A Fresh Start

By Dom Delgavio and Rob Pinault

Winter is ending, and the Volleyball season is approaching. In the recent years at Timberlane the high school volleyball team has progressed tremendously. They have won the state title two out of the last three years and they're looking to continue their success. Last year Timberlane's overall record was 19-1 and they swept Pinkerton in the finals. Although, the team has lost some of their key players, they still have confidence of being successful and seem to look like a strong team.



Courtesy of Eagle Snap

After an interview with Senior Star Player Sam Hovan, he had this to say about the upcoming season. "I think we can repeat last year and get another title, I'm confident in our team's ability to perform and still hold the top spot." When asked about any new changes to the team Sam said, "the team should be relatively the same, but we will have a new coach as well. The new coach hasn't been revealed yet, but I was told that we will find out soon. I'm a little disappointed that we won't have Coach Dube this season, but im looking forward to a new experience."

The team has seven returning seniors and a strong starting six for the upcoming season. The team is looking to start off strong against Windham on April 9th. In addition, no regular season game is more important than May 23rd when the Owls take on the Astros at Pinkerton, a rematch of last years finals. The Owls have a large fan base that supports them at almost every match. The seniors look to finish off their high school careers with a championship win and another banner hanging on the gym wall.

## A Day in the Life of Ms. Desisto

By Tori Rothwell and Emma Lannon

If you have not met Ms. DeSisto yet, you are missing out. She is a great teacher, person, and role model. After taking two of her classes, we believe she is a hard working teacher that wants the best for her students. Throughout our time at Timberlane we have only heard good things about Ms. DeSisto. She teaches a variety of classes including, Entrepreneurship, Introduction to Business, Human Relations, Sports management, and Personal Money Management. She teaches great classes to help students learn life lessons and teach them real life skills.

Desisto has her masters in Organizational Leadership and Human Relations and has a bachelor's in Business Administration/Organizational Leadership. "What interests me most about business is the opportunity to be a positive role model as a leader", said Desisto. With many different degrees in the business field, Desisto has one goal. She wants to be in a position to motivate other people to be successful. We believe she motivates others to do well and is willing to help students with things in and out of school. According to Senior Business student Dylan Tremblay "She's a very nice caring lady, who would do anything for you."

Desisto decided to be a teacher just a few years ago. She has done many different things with her degrees. For a while, Desisto ran her own business. This is also something she loves about having a business degree. It is broad and you can have many different types of careers. "I am proud of and enjoy what I do every day. My choices have aided me in developing the strong person I am today." said Desisto. Desisto is a great addition to our staff and hopefully she is here to stay. Desisto is so self-driven to achieve her personal goals. She is still pursuing her education in Educational Leadership, so that she is able to work in business and education as a leader. She is always trying to better herself and wants to teach others what she has learned. "I have always found education fascinating, and I love to learn" according to Desisto. She is happy where she is and that is why she is great at what she does.