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Three Rindge boats raced in the 52nd Head of the Charles; the Varsity Boys boats came in 19th and 66th and the Varsity Girls came in 22nd place.

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For Rindge, It's No Contest In RF Mock Election Hillary Wins Handily

By
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After surveying almost one fourth of CRLS students, teachers, and staff, the *Register Forum* is prepared to announce that Democratic nominee Secretary Clinton has won the Rindge mock election with 73.9% of the total vote and a 3.9% margin of error.

Although this outcome was easily predicted, there were plenty of surprises to be found in the results of this school-wide poll.

Perhaps most shocking was second place going to Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders with 10.8% of the vote, a former candidate who has dropped out of the race and endorsed the Democratic

nominee for president.

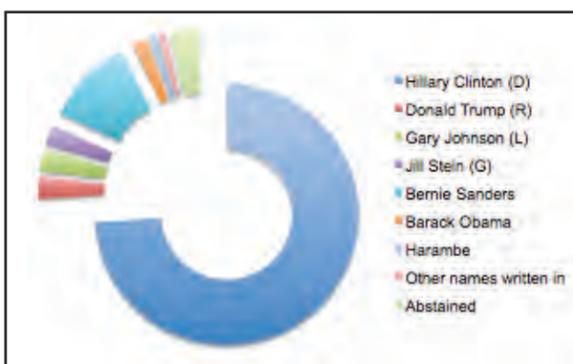
All together, 14.4% of students, unprompted, refused to pick one of the four major candidates or to abstain and instead wrote in a candidate of their choosing.

After Senator Sanders, Republican nominee Donald Trump and Libertarian nominee Governor Gary

students are not a fan of the Twenty-Second Amendment, as 1.8% of the student body—fifth place—wrote in President Obama, wanting a third term for the sitting president.

However, President Obama was not the only write-in ineligible for the office of the presidency: recently martyred gorilla Harambe pulled in a surprising 0.9%—sixth place—of the vote. When compared to a July Public Policy Poll where Harambe garnered 5% of the vote as an independent, this was below the national average.

Even with 3.6% of students abstaining, most writing in that they couldn't stand any candidate, it looks like Rindge knows who it's voting for this November 8th.



Secretary Clinton got the lion's share of the vote.

Graph Credit: Diego Lasarte

Johnson tied for third place with 2.7% of the vote, followed closely by the Green Party's candidate, Jill Stein, at 2.5%.

Also according to this *Register Forum* poll, Rind-

Cambodian Genocide Survivor Speaks at CRLS

By
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In 1975, after the Vietnam war, the Khmer Rouge took over Cambodia. They promised to bring peace back to their country, but instead they starved and abused millions of Cambodians, wiping out almost all of their music and cultural background.

Survivor Arn-Chorn Pond came

to CRLS on October 6th to tell his story. During the genocide he played the flute and drums to survive. He and other Cambodians were forced to work from five in the morning until midnight, often times with no food. "They said we don't work hard enough," Pond said. The Khmer Rouge forced most children as young as

eight years old to fight in a war. In the middle of the war, Pond fled to the jungle and later found himself in a Thai refugee camp. Soon he was found by Peter Pond, an American man who later adopted him and brought him to America.

In America, he went to highschool, but things were still very difficult for him. At his school in New Hampshire he felt out numbered. Pond explained

Survivor Arn-Chorn Pond came to CRLS to tell his story.

that he was "very angry, but didn't know why." He ran away from home many times. "I had an urge to tell my story, but I couldn't," he added. His father encouraged him to tell his story, and ensured him that "the American children will listen," but Pond was very

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Cambodia Speaker

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doubtful.

He spoke in front of his high school and told them what the genocide was like, and they listened. Before he knew it he was talking to more people about his story. What he learned to do when talking to people was to make connections. He told the *Register Forum*, "The trick is to connect, find connections and tell your story."

In 1993 Arn-Chorn Pond went back to Cambodia. He taught the kids traditional music from before the genocide. He put children in classes with survivors, and now "they have more knowledge of their culture." With the help of Cambridge,



Students heard survivor Arn-Chorn Pond speak during second period.

Photo Credit: Steve Matteo

he built a school in Cambodia providing them with resources and instruments to play their music.

Pond, his stories inspired all kinds of people at the assembly at CRLS. Junior Rafael Higonnet-Faithfull told the *Register Forum*, "It puts in perspective how little problems I have. It makes me want to spend

time and help others."

"We are very lucky to have access to resources in CRLS, and I really want to go to Cambodia now," said Emma Harris, senior.

For a deeper understanding of Pond's life, go check out the biography, *Never Fall Down* by Patricia McCormick in the Pearl K. Wise Library.



Make sure to check out Pond's biography, Never Fall Down, in the Pearl K. Wise library.

Photo Credit: Steve Matteo

In Week of Festivities: Student Gov. Shows Spirit

By

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CRLS celebrated its first Spirit Week of the school year from Monday October 17th to Friday October 21st, 2016. This highly-anticipated week run by CRLS Student Government was jam-packed with five exciting theme days. The October 2016 spirit week consisted of Marvel Monday, twin Tuesday, where ya from Wednesday, denim Thursday, and, of course, Falcon Friday.

The school-wide favorite, twin day, was a huge success this Spirit Week.

Friends, both old and new, dressed up in their best twin garb. Most students did not

dress identically. However, some pairs of 'twins' bought outfits together, even coordinating down to their socks. At lunches and before or after school "twins" took pictures with one another to share with friends.

Spirit Week wrapped up with Falcon Friday, where Rindge students as well as teachers wore their favorite CRLS Falcon gear, including sweatpants, sweatshirts, and more.

The school spirit helped pump everyone up for the homecoming game against Acton-Boxborough that night at Russell Field.

Although the week was very complicated, consisting of PSATs, early releases, and late starts, the CRLS student body made it work. Student Body President Kester Messan, says, "In the future, we hope to be in better communication with administration about the days of our events before we begin advertising."

Student Government's main intention of Spirit Week is making

sure all students are aware of the event.

According to Messan, "One of the biggest things that Student Government wanted to make sure of this Spirit Week was that it was well advertised, and advertised



Pictured Above: CRLS Student Government enjoys Denim Thursday!

Photo Credit: CRLS Student Government

well in advance of the week itself! Having received confirmation from students about our posters and Facebook events, I think we accomplished this goal!"

CRLS Spirit Week is always very exciting and it is a great way to get involved and boost school spirit. Make sure to dress up every day at the next Spirit Week!

Does CRLS Get Vaccinated?

By
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Register Forum Staff

Flu season is approaching fast, and federal and local health officials are urging Americans to get flu shots as soon as possible. This year there will be as many as 168 million flu shots available and over 93 million vaccines have already been dispensed, according to the Centers For Disease Control. While there are plenty of flu shots, health officials are worried about the recent decrease in vaccination rates. Last year 45% of Americans got a flu virus vaccine, which was a 1.5% drop from the previous year.

A registered nurse for Cambridge hospital, Sharon Jones says that students should get the flu shot as soon as possible but did state that “last year [the flu] peaked late and people who got the shot still got sick.” Research has also questioned whether getting a yearly flu shot can actually decrease the time for which the vaccine is effective. However, the CDC still advises that Americans get a

flu shot as soon as possible. In a survey of 114 CRLS students, 68% said that they had not yet gotten their flu shots. Ms. Jones recommends students get flu shots “definitely before December,” telling students that they can get their flu shots at pharmacies like CVS and Rite Aid or their doctor’s office. If they are a member of the Cambridge Health Alliance, they can even get one at the Teen Health Center at CRLS.

The flu vaccine works by causing flu antibodies to build in the body for about two weeks after vaccination. These antibodies protect against influenza viruses that research has suggested will be most common for the given season. Despite being preferred by many children, the nasal mist vaccine has not been recommended this year by the CDC due to recent research that points to it being less effective. However, scientists are still trying to confirm if and why the nasal spray may be less effective. Junior Maggie Thompson says she intends to get the flu shot within the month. She elaborates, “I usually

get the injection, but I feel bad for people who don’t like shots...if it’s less effective then it doesn’t make sense to get [the mist].”

This year there will be two new versions of the flu vaccines. The first protects against four strains of the virus instead of a previous three strains, while the second contains a new substance, “adjuvant,” which is said to increase the vaccine’s effectiveness.

Senior Jake Steinberg says he gets a flu shot every year, adding, “I got my flu shot when I went in for my yearly physical. It only took five minutes and did not even hurt that much.” Freshman Catarina Magalhaes says she also got her flu shot at her doctor’s office. “It took me 30 seconds to get my flu shot, [and] it didn’t even hurt.”

Health officials recommend that everyone gets a flu shot as soon as they can. After all, the more people that get vaccinated against the flu, the harder it is for it to spread through the community. For more information about where you can a flu shot, visit vaccine.healthmap.org.

Local + Global = Glocal EF Challenge Returns to CRLS

By
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Register Forum Staff

The Glocal Challenge is coming back to CRLS in November for the fifth year in a row. In 2012, the challenge was designed by Education First and the City of Cambridge to push students to think about local environmental problems and how to create solutions to them so that they can implement them on a global scale.

This year the challenge is focused around food waste with the theme being: How can food waste be reduced or re-purposed to benefit the Cambridge community significantly by 2018? Hannah Rose Mann, project manager at Education First, states that the goal of the initiative is

“to help students develop 21st century skills, improve their global dexterity, and benefit from real-world STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) training in a way that is ex-

citing and rewarding.”

Students participate in groups of up to six students. You can register as either a single or with a friend and you will be paired with two to four more CRLS students. Last year sophomore Grace Austin participated and was paired with kids she didn’t know. “Glocal was awesome. You meet new friends and really important people in the community,” said Austin.

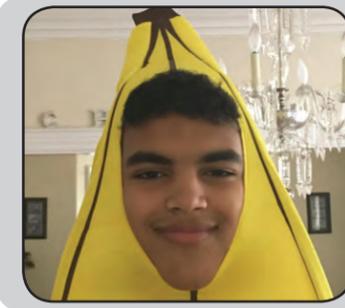
The kick off for the challenge is Tuesday, November 15th during 4th period. There will be ten total meetups during school and the competition finale will be held at EF in Boston on Thursday, January 19th.

The top two teams will be awarded a free trip to the Global Leadership Summit in Italy from June 30th to July 10th, 2017.

The top five groups of the challenge will receive seed money from the City of Cambridge and be offered paid internships to implement their projects during the summer of 2017. In addition, all participants

CRLS RESPONDS:

What are you dressing up as this Halloween?



Aedan Fitzgerald
Class of 2020

“I sat down one day and it came to me. I’m gonna be a banana.”

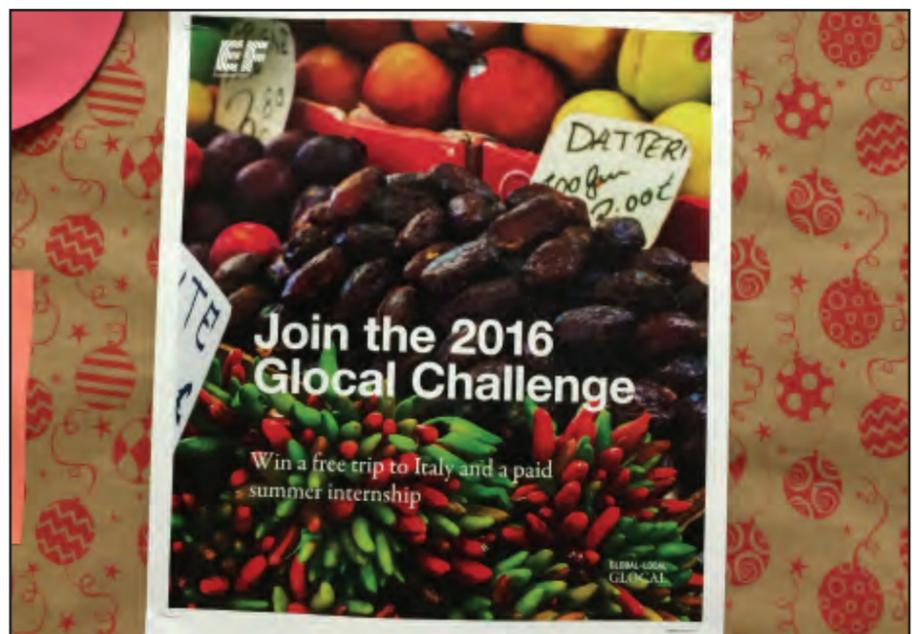
Pia Costello
Class of 2018

“This Halloween I’m going as the scariest thing of all: Student Loans.”



Zahyeh Abu-Rubieh
Class of 2017

“Anything involving a mask so I can trick or treat without people realizing my age.”



EF Glocal Challenge posters are on pin boards all around CRLS.

Photo Credit: Sophie Harrington

receive 25 hours of community service.

Last year challenge winners ventured to Iceland to participate in the Global Leadership Summit. Junior Nitant Rimal was a member of one of the winning teams and commented that the trip was a very enjoyable and enlightening experience. “I got to see many cool things that I usually could not see here in the U.S...[and] meet a lot of people that shared the same interests as me. I learned a lot about geothermal energy and how [Iceland] utilizes it.”

Sixteen winners took advantage of the summer internship,

including senior Bouchra Benghomari who said, “The summer internship let us have the flexibility to take our Glocal Project the way we wanted it to go and at the same time [gave us] the support and resources to be productive and successful!”

Junior Grace McCartney was a part of a Glocal team in the 2014-2015 school year, and although her group did not win, she advises students to join the challenge: “I would say go for it because getting experience in developing and presenting ideas is never bad.”

Sign up for the 2016-2017 challenge on the CRLS website!

The Register Forum Guide to Study Habits at CRLS

By
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Starting off the year on the wrong foot, especially as freshman, may lead you straight into a pile of grades you aren't proud of. Especially with midterms approaching, it's very important for students to adopt productive study habits. Without these skills, you may not only study much longer than needed, but also get worse results.

What Kind of Learner Are You?

When preparing for any sort of test or quiz, the first step you should take is to identify what type of learner you are. "Try to figure out what your strengths and weaknesses in studying are. If you are a visual learner, study using diagrams. If you are a listening learner, ask someone to quiz you," said science teacher Ms. Zhaurova. Every person retains information in different ways, and you may find that one method works better for you than another. Some may find that reading information is the best way for them to understand material, whereas others may find that doing practice prob-

lems works better!

Find a Studying "Home!"

In addition to finding out what method of learning is best for you, it is also important to try out different environments to see which one (or more!) helps you concentrate. Some people like to work in silence; in this case, the Cambridge Public Library located a few steps away is probably best for you! In contrast, some people may need to study with background noise; if this is your style, you might want to try studying in a coffee shop or cafe, like Starbucks or Darwins, which are both also conveniently less than a minute away from school.

Know What to Study and When!

In recent studies, researchers have found that a method called "distributed practice" is beneficial for almost all students. This includes spacing out multiple study sessions, rather than studying all at once. "You may still need one long session before a big exam, but if you've been studying all along, it should be relaxed and low stress," said math teacher Mr. Nicholson. One theory about this practice says that the brain pays less attention in



The Pearl K. Wise Library offers students a quiet place to study.

Photo Credit: Diego Lasarte

short learning intervals, such as a few days, compared to longer intervals, like a few weeks. Therefore, studying all night won't help you much the next day, and in fact, will only make you more exhausted. This means no cramming!

Your Teachers Want You to Succeed, Not Fail!

Having the support of others is beneficial, and teachers are an incredible resource when preparing for tests. "If I don't understand something I will ask questions and stay after school until I feel comfortable with the topic. I don't wait until I do badly on a quiz or test to ask questions," said senior Natalia Lanzoni. Your teachers are there to help you,

not to make you feel confused. It's important to ask for help before it's too late.

In conclusion, preparing for mid-term exams may be stressful, but following these studying techniques will boost your efficiency greatly. It's important to know that not everyone is the same type of learner, and finding your own style will help you both now, and five years down the line! Just try to avoid the common habits that will only worsen your condition: staying up all night studying, letting nerves get the best of you, and drinking too much coffee. And of course, remember that breakfast is the most important meal of the day!



Photo Credit: Lily Read

By
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Teacher Spotlight: Lily Read

Beloved U.S. 1 Teacher Talks about the Importance of History and Seeing Hope in Student Experiences

Our poverty rate was close to about 92% or 93%. Almost every one of our students received free or reduced lunch, we had metal detectors at our doors, gang violence was incredibly prevalent, and it was definitely a very different experience. My students were incredibly creative and thoughtful individuals who generally did not have access to basic needs being met outside of the school building, so a lot of the work that we did was really making sure we honored their experience every time they came into the school.

RF: Why do you teach history?

LR: I teach history because I think that we get the kind of experience of being the ones to do a lot of creative thinking and critical thinking with students. Therefore, I have to press myself every single day to be a better teacher and I think that's kind of a gift that keeps on giving. Getting to teach history means that I am constantly relearning things myself, and that keeps me an active learner and I think that to be a good teacher you also have to keep learning yourself.

RF: Is there anything about the structure of your class that you would call unique and that you take pride in?

LR: It's hard to speak to that because I haven't been in every class in this building, but I would certainly say that I emphasize building a community in every single one of my classes. I like

to create a safe and welcoming environment for every student. Also pressing students and not being afraid to make people uncomfortable once that community is in place to push students outside of their comfort zones and make them more critical thinkers about the world around them. So I think the most unique thing we have in my room is the fact that it is a "we" and not a "me." I don't feel like it's "my" classroom, I feel like it's our classroom for myself and whoever else is a part of that community during that semester.

RF: What is something you have learned from your students?

LR: I learn something from every single student, I think, that crosses over the threshold of the Little Green Classroom That Is. I would say the thing I learn most from students is hope. Every single student that walks in is a new opportunity, a new chance, and [has a] way of thinking of the world around them. I get to experience that with every

"Every single student that walks in is a new opportunity, a new chance, and [has a] way of thinking of the world around them."

kid that comes in here and see—hopefully—a glimpse of the world through their eyes, and a lot of the time that's a really cool way for me to experience the world. It allows

them and myself to build on that and to create a relationship. So with every new relationship, there's a new sense of hope and a new sense of something different happening.

Register Forum: What subject do you teach and how long have you been teaching it here?

Lily Read: I have been a teacher at CRLS for the last five years—this is going into my fifth year now—and I have been teaching mainly U.S. 1.

RF: How have your experiences at Rindge and other schools differed?

LR: I came to CRLS from a small high school in the South Bronx called The Community School for Social Justice, and at that school we had 350 students. We were a school within a school, and we had one white student in the entire building.

CRLS Remembers Arts Custodian Brian Munro

By
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Enter the custodial office on the first floor of the Rindge Building and you might notice a small, rectangular portrait of a smiling man taped to the computer on the desk.

Many students and staff may not recognize his face, but custodian Brian Munro was a member of the CRLS community for many years until he passed away from cancer on September 26th.

Head Custodian Robbie Cataldo says Mr. Munro worked at CRLS several decades ago before working elsewhere. Around eight years ago he came back and began working day shifts in the Arts Building basement.

Mr. Munro is remembered by Cataldo and co-worker John Meucci as good company and as a go-getter who looked after his family,

bringing similar care to his relationships with students and staff at Rindge.

“Brian had an answer for everything, [and] he’d be serious sometimes, but most of the time he’d joke about it and then he’d do whatever he was asked,” said Meucci, who has worked at CRLS for 31 years.

“He was somebody that made the day go by a lot faster. He had jokes for days,” said Cataldo. “Jokes for everybody,” added Meucci.

VPA Coordinator Susan Holm remembers Mr.

“He was somebody that made the day go by a lot faster. He had jokes for days.”

Munro as always having a smile on his face and being “generous, kind, [and] always looking after us.”

Cataldo, who’s worked at CRLS for eighteen years, reflected that he “never [saw] Brian have a bad day,” adding that “he may have had a bad day, but he

never let anybody know.”

Drama and film teacher Monica Murray shared that early each morning when she arrived at school, Mr. Munro would already be working and would pause to say a cheerful good morning and check in with her.

“He loved being down here with the energy of the students even though it’s like the messiest part of the school because of all the activities,” Murray said. According to Theater Technical Director Joanne Farwell, the Arts basement is in use from 7:15 AM until 10 PM with “kids dancing, singing, [and] painting in the hallways.”

Farwell added, “I’m sure he...stumbled across some crazy props for the shows. No matter what, he took great care of us.”

Principal Smith made an announcement during CM soon after Mr. Munro’s passing notifying students and staff, and a funeral service was held on September 29th at the Donovan-Aufie-



Mr. Munro passed away on September 26th.

Photo Credit: Yearbook Club

ro Funeral Home.

Murray recalled how the staff in the Arts basement felt when they heard the news, saying, “We’re all very heartbroken to lose him. He was a part of our family,” and stating that Mr.

Munro was brave and kept a strong face as “he fought [his cancer] to the end.”

Cataldo concluded, “He’ll never be replaced. You can have somebody new come here, but you’ll never have another Brian.”



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If Reagan Is elected

For most people our age the interest in the Presidential election campaign is not that highly involved. We can not vote nor do we have to pay taxes. Therefore, we might support a particular candidate, but feel a little detached from the campaign.

People should wake up and realize that the outcome of the election will effect them very strongly. Ronald Reagan's short-term politics will falter and decay leaving the side effects on us as we enter into the work force. Even though Walter Mondale is not that great, his rational approach to the problems of the country is the only alternative voters have to Ronald Reagan.

If Reagan is re-elected many of us may die. His Central American policy can only lead to the presence of American combat troops there. If re-elected Reagan will almost definitely invade Nicaragua. A draft will go into effect and it will not be this year's voters fighting in the jungles of Nicaragua; it will be us.

Reagan's political theory is to continually tell people what they want to hear. He hardly ever deals with the issues but spews melodramatic political rhetoric. People who are dejected about the country are willing and happy to listen to someone who tells them that nothing is wrong.

This is fine, except that the policies which Reagan proposes are only short term solutions. They might have initial, good results but they only act to increase the deficit. At some point this massive national debt is going to have to be paid off. Most likely when we become tax paying citizens, this great burden, created by today's voters, will fall upon our shoulders.

Reagan's social policies are creating more hungry and poor throughout the country. When Reagan is gone, once again, it will be we who must cope with this problem.

All these aspects must be considered when evaluating today's election. It is Mondale who realizes the problems which the country faces. It is he who has more of an idea of how to repair this country. Ronald Reagan's ideas and policies will have more of a negative effect in the future when it is we who will be effected.

JOANNA SLANEY & LUCAS SUSSMAN

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This opinion column published in a 1984-1985 edition of the *Register Forum* urges Rindge students to vote for the Democratic nominee, Walter Mondale. Though the circumstances were different in 1984, the election has parallels to the current race.

In the primaries, Ronald Reagan was the incumbent president and uncontested winner of the Republican nomination. Mondale, former U.S. Vice President under Jimmy Carter, however, fought an uphill battle against Gary Hart, a senator from Colorado. While Mondale was predicted to clinch the nomination from the beginning, the voters confidence wavered as Gary Hart began to catch up in the Iowa caucuses and ended up winning the New Hampshire primary. In an effort to slow Hart's winning streak, Mondale's campaign took a realistic approach and dimmed Hart's "new ideas" and optimistic outlook. The strategy worked and Mondale won the Democratic nomination.

In this year's Democratic primaries, Hillary Clinton's "establishment" reputation didn't earn her many compliments from Bernie Sanders or his supporters, who favored new ideas and new politicians. However, like Mondale, Clinton won using a realistic, though often less exciting, approach.

At the '84 Democratic convention, Mondale announced his vice presidential choice, Geraldine Ferraro, a New York Representative.

Mondale's choice made Ferraro the first woman to ever be on a major party's ballot. Clinton is the first female presidential nominee of a major party. Ferraro, while historic, spent much of the campaign on the defense. She received scrutiny for being a pro-choice Catholic and her ethics as a U.S. Representative were questioned. The most detrimental of Ferraro's controversies were her husband's tax returns, which he refused to release.

Almost identically, Donald Trump's tax returns have been one of the most talked about issues during his campaign, as he has repeatedly refused to release them. Those that have been released (though not by Trump himself) have shown that the candidate has used various loopholes to avoid paying a federal income tax for up to 18 years. Ferraro's husband controversies also relate to Hillary Clinton's husband's own scandals. Trump has repeatedly brought up Bill Clinton's affairs throughout the election, even inviting Clinton's accusers to the second presidential debate. Both Ferraro and Clinton tried to push their husband's issues to the side and focus on their own positions.

In the general, Mondale's realistic approach failed him. Reagan was too popular and too charming to beat. Reagan easily won, taking 525 electoral votes while Mondale only took 13, the second lowest number in presidential election history.

While the presidency is still up for grabs, the polarity of this election has most likely drawn you to one candidate or another, and at this point you're probably wishing for a landslide.

125 YEARS OF STUDENT JOURNALISM

By
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The *Register Forum* has been providing a snapshot of student opinions and interests for 125 years. Founded in 1891 as the *C.M.T.S Register*, over the decades thousands of people have contributed in all shapes and forms to keep our student-run newspaper going.

Originally named after the Cambridge Manual Training School, the *C.M.T.S Register* put out its first edition on February 1st, 1892, after the formation of the group earlier in 1891. The paper went on to become the *Rindge Register* when the school was renamed the Rindge Technical School. Later on, Cambridge High and Latin School founded the *Latin Review*, called the *Latin Forum* in the 1960s.

The *Review* had the motto “Vita Sine Literis Mors Est,” meaning “life without literature is death,” printing poetry, short stories, and essays as well as the news, while the *Register* boasted “If it happened at Rindge, you’ll see it in the *Register*,” encouraging news from around school. Over the years, both papers recorded fascinating testaments of both school related goings-on and broader world events, including accounts of WWI and WWII.

For decades, the Latin paper and Rindge paper each charged five cents per edition and 75 cents for a subscription. Later on, the headmaster decided to make the paper free so that any student who wanted to read it could.

Following the 1977 merger of Rindge Tech and Latin High, the paper became the *Register Forum*, a name suggested by co-advisor John Rutter. Assistant Headmaster Henry Lukas of the new CRLS school initially suggested eight school newspapers, one for each of the eight houses within the new school, but when the entire former staff of the *Register* ended up in the

same house, it became clear that they were well prepared to lead the continuation of a single paper.

In the early days, linotype machines were used in the Technical School’s print classes to create the paper. Later on, Compugraphic typesetting equipment was used, but by the 90s students used layout software on Macintosh computers and sent the paper to be printed at outside commercial printers. These days, the paper is printed at the *Harvard Crimson* after being created using software on school computers.

From 1976 to 1999, Stephen Surette served as club advisor, beginning the year before the merger of the two schools. “We didn’t have many resources except the students,” Surette comments, stating that his favorite part of advising the paper was working with them: “To see a kid come in and say, ‘Here’s my article,’ and seeing them see it in print always was a big thrill for them and for me.”

Next came Paul Burke as advisor, and around this time, the *RF* gained its motto, “Listening to every voice, printing what you need to hear.” Since 2008, both the newspaper and journalism classes have been run by Steven Matteo.

Over the years, the *Register Forum* has had landmark moments, such as in 1979 when Maria Sequeira became the first female editor-

As much as the paper has changed [in the past 125 years], it will forever remain a record of the life and times experienced by students in Cambridge.

in-chief. In the past five years, the *RF* has continued to evolve based on a number of editors making the changes that have transformed the paper into what we know today.

Former editor-in-chief Kevin Xiong ‘13 remembers introducing now familiar features such as Teacher Spotlight and Athlete of the Month in his time at the paper, as



Top to bottom of page: Students in a printing class at C.M.T.S.; RF Club 2015-16; students working at a linotype machine.

Photo Credit: *Register Forum*, “Cambridge in the 20th Century”

well as making the *RF* more standardized by creating templates for the pages. “The little things matter, too,” says Xiong.

His successor, Sun-Ui Yum ‘14, adds, “I will forever treasure the experience of having seen an organization not only legitimize itself, but grow organically past whatever I could’ve dreamed.” He continues, “The *RF* is fun, but it’s also so powerful.”

Many former editors have specific memories that stand out from their time on the *Register Forum*, from former EIC Beth Auterio ‘87 who recalls interviewing Jesse Jackson during his visit at CRLS to former editor Julia Leonardos ‘13, who muses, “My fondest memory would have to be those distribution mornings where I would come into school early with Hoon Hong ‘13 who would bump Juicy J on his neck phones and dress up as a penguin while I pawned the *Register Forum* off onto unsuspecting, confused freshman.”

Likewise, each of the *RF*’s dedicated editors have their own take-aways from working on the newspaper. “No one person can create the paper on their own,” reflects former EIC Tomek Maciak ‘16, “which provides club members with an impetus to work together in order to create the best final product.” Former editor Paloma O’Connor ‘16 agrees, saying, “Often, in high school, people—including myself—bemoan group projects (and not without reason), but the *RF* showed me the importance of group work.”

Many former editors cite the *Register Forum* as a defining experience of their years at CRLS, and for some it has impacted career choices later on in life. Former EIC Bushra Makiya ‘99, now a teacher, says, “Knowing the importance of students being involved in all different types of school activities is something that directly informs my work every day.” The *Register Forum* not only serves as such an activity itself, but has also always put an emphasis on covering the activities of CRLS teams, clubs, classes, and productions.

Former EIC Edward “Ned” Colby ‘98 says that after working on the *Register Forum*—some of his friends called him “Neditor” at the time—he went on to work as an editor for the *Harvard Crimson* and currently writes for the NYC publication *Newsday*.

Old editions of the *Register Review*, and *RF* can be found in the Cambridge Room archives at the public library. Amazingly enough, you can see for yourself the first ever edition of the *C.M.T.S Register*—with a front page science-fiction story about landing on Mars—while this month in the *Register Forum* you can read a news article about recent plans for colonizing Mars.

As much as the newspaper has changed along with the world over a period spanning three centuries, it will forever remain a record of the life and times experienced by students in Cambridge. Leonardos concludes, “The *RF* is special for so many of the reasons Rindge itself is special—the people make it that way.”

If you’re somehow reading this article 125 years from now, wish the *Register Forum* a happy 250th anniversary from all of us!



New Opportunities at Club Day

By
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In the wake of another successful Club Day at CRLS, there is a new wave of clubs in our school. These new clubs range from the Climbing Club, in which participants get together with other members of the club and go rock climbing at one of the numerous indoor rock climbing gyms in and around Cambridge, to the Chamber Music Club, which connects students interested in music to coaches from the Longy School of Music, and Club Med, a revamped club whose purpose is to connect students with opportunities in medicine.

The Chamber Music Collaboration, advised by orchestra teacher Ms. Umbro, has been an unofficial club for the last year, with students meeting before and

after school to create performances that they showed at the end of the year. This year, however, the club became official and the level of commitment increased considerably. With coaches from Longy who are graduate students and faculty there, the club is starting the new year strong. Look out for chamber music concerts around the city!

The Climbing Club has had a rougher time starting up. The leaders, senior Walker Gillett and junior Alex Astesano, have been trying to bring a climbing club to Rindge since last year.

Regarding the intention of starting the club, Gillett said, "Alex and I have been climbing competitively for six years now and we think it's an amazing, but relatively unknown sport that others would really enjoy."

However, there have been some obstacles regard-

ing liability and also regarding the club approval process.

Many people have complained in recent years about the difficulty of starting a new club. Despite the setbacks, there seems to be great interest for Climbing Club. The group got more than 75 new members during this year's Club Day!

Difficulties with the club approval process stem mostly from one issue. Clubs at Rindge are granted a part of the school's budget every year, which they use to pay club advisors and some of which is allocated to the clubs themselves.

However, the budget only accounts for a certain number of clubs, which has been reached. Student Government is attempting to right this by streamlining the system, as well as determining which clubs are actually still active, which will help to allow students



Even RF Staff participate in Club Day!

Photo Credit: CRLS Student Government

to introduce new clubs.

Although it is not technically a new club, Club Med is reaching its members in a new way this year. With new leaders Fahedur Fahed and junior Nusrat Lamisa Jahan, the club is moving more towards the scientific and practical medicinal fields. Fahedur says that the goal of their club is to "get as many people interested in the healthcare field as possible."

This is a sharp turnaround from previous itera-

tions of Club Med, where the main goal was often fundraising rather than experience and volunteering. The club is working to build partnerships with the Cambridge Health Alliance Hospital, only a block or two away from Rindge, to give students volunteering opportunities in healthcare. Fahedur says that he "wants club members to gain insight from volunteering in a hospital and listen to the experiences of individuals working in medicine."

School Committee Update

By
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- During Public Comment, seven parents and members of the Parent Advisory Group on Special Education expressed their support of Dexter's motion. They emphasized the need for more high school support for students on IEPs, claiming that while special educators tend to be sensitive to the needs of students with learning disabilities, general educators often don't offer enough support and don't differentiate their teaching for students with different learning styles.

One parent also testified to the difficulties of school infrastructure for students with special needs, citing noisy hallways and stairwells as the causes of overstimulation that can impede learning. Those who testified about the special education program connected social/emotional health with academic success and encouraged the Committee to put systems in place to protect students with special needs socially.

- Student Representatives to the School Committee Mari Gashaw and Paul Sullivan reported on Student Government's activities during the last month. They told the Committee that Student Government created an Opportunity Gap Task-Force of five members, Gashaw and Sullivan included.

Student Government also met with the Sexual Assault and Harassment Committee to plan implementation of schoolwide interventions,

and registered students to vote before the October 19th deadline.

- Committee Member Patty Nolan brought the Committee's attention to a recent report on the Accelerated Math Program. Only 15% of 8th graders completed Algebra 1 last year, the same percentage as six years ago. Committee Member Kathleen Kelly advocated to give more financial support to the middle school math programs.

- The Committee discussed making all freshman sports teams no-cut, citing overcrowding in the high school as an issue that prevents all students from taking part in sports. Currently at least one sport per season doesn't cut, but some sports are in higher demand than others.

However, creating bigger freshman teams or more teams per sport would lead to other challenges, such as too much bench time at games, not enough coaching support, and difficulty coordinating practices and field space across the city.

Sullivan expressed doubts about the benefits of no-cut sports, saying that while being cut from a team may be disappointing, having enough playing time and being competitive might be worth it. He asked the Committee to collect more student feedback on this issue. Gashaw suggested that the Committee look into youth center resources to increase sports participation. The Committee adopted a movement to explore making freshman teams no-cut, but did not commit.

MDC Leaps into New Year

By
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In its sixteenth year at CRLS, Modern Dance Company will feature 85 talented dancers and student choreographers under the leadership of senior co-captains Rori Miller and Luciana Lyons.

Both captains are ecstatic about the coming year. As freshmen, Lyons and Miller looked up to their captains, Alonzo and Maya. Both girls hope to inspire the current MDC company in a similar way. Co-captain Lyons proclaimed, "MDC changed my life freshmen year and I've been wholeheartedly dedicated to it ever since."

Miller added: "I would hope that students in MDC feel like they are a part of a caring, loyal, and encouraging environment...that's something Luciana and I really try and promote!" The captains explained that the Arts basement has a more comfortable vibe to them than the rest of school, much like a second home. They are excited to help to make the Arts basement a more welcoming place for everyone at Rindge to enjoy.

MDC brings students from all grade levels together. Miller commented, "I've made incredible connections with people from every grade above and below me, and they've inspired me to work hard and stay positive." MDC provides opportunities to students, such as offering free tickets to events including Alvin Ailey shows, trips to Boston Conservatory, and spots in

classes taught by esteemed dance teachers and choreographers. MDC gives company members the opportunity to work with many guest choreographers such as Sarah Craver, choreographer of CRLS' 2015 musical, *Footloose*. Craver is returning to choreograph for the DanceWorks show this fall. Craver says, "I came back to choreograph at CRLS because I love the positive energy, open-mindedness, and creativity of CRLS students and faculty." The VPA department is lucky and excited to have her back as a guest.

The DanceWorks show is largely made up of student choreographed pieces. This semester includes seven student choreographers. Junior Taylor Walsh says, "Seeing my vision come to life through my dancers has really been an amazing experience." Junior Marney O'Connor added, "I continue to learn more about my own dancing as I choreograph. It makes you more aware of what works and what needs to change." Finally, senior Natalia Lanzoni reflected, "Choreographing has given me a lot of respect for choreographers because it's not easy!" These student choreographers are what's going to make this fall show stand out—it contains ten student choreographed pieces.

If you like dancing or want a strong community of friends, MDC could be for you. Think about auditioning this January for the spring show. Otherwise, come check out the amazing DanceWorks production on December 16th and 17th in the Fitzgerald Theater.

Snowden's Story Retold

Oliver Stone's Take on the Patriot/Traitor



By

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Have you ever felt like the government is watching your every move? That they see that at 10 PM you looked up pugs for no reason? Well, take off the tinfoil hat because that is true and we know it because of Edward Snowden.

On September 16, 2016, the movie *Snowden* was released, directed by Oliver Stone. The film stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt as Snowden and Shailene Woodley as Lindsay Mills, as well as Zachary Quinto, Scott Eastwood, Nicholas Cage, and Edward Snowden himself.

The story is based on the book *The Snowden Files* by Luke Harding. The movie is a thriller and fills in a lot of information about Snowden's personal life and how he stole information from the NSA which revealed that the NSA could and was spying on

all of us, whether we were suspicious or not. One of the problems with the movie is that because it's a pretty well-known story, you don't feel the suspense as you know Snowden makes it out of this. The most tense parts of the movie are when Snowden sees all the things the NSA (National Security Association) can do.

However, one of the worst parts of the movie is Joseph Gordon-Levitt. He plays Snowden boringly, using a dull voice and not making the character that likable. Whether that's how Snowden is in real life or if that's how the books depicted him I don't know, but it should have been changed. Also, almost anytime Joseph Gordon-Levitt

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and Shailene Woodley are on screen they yell, and it seems like any second it's going to turn into a verbal abuse case. This seems intentional to show how paranoid or stressed Edward Snowden was that he could be being watched, however, it hap-



There is definite Oscar buzz surrounding Oliver Stone's new movie Snowden.

Photo Credit: Variety

pens so many times in the movie it just gets redundant.

If you disagree with what Snowden did, this movie is not for you as the movie is clearly biased.

Nonetheless, the best part of the movie is the cinematography. That's what kept me focused. There are so many shots in the movie that will just take your breath away. For example, when it shows all the information going into this dark circular object and then showing that it is an eye is creative and genius and must be given attention to. Also, the supporting

cast are mostly impressive; making you want to see more.

Overall, my advice to you is just to wait to rent *Snowden* or until it comes out on Hulu or Netflix. It's not worth running to a theater that will be showing it.

However, if you are very interested in the topic, I do suggest watching the movie at some point and/or reading the book. Personally, I kept feeling bored, but the thing that brought me back was the cinematography and learning all the shocking stuff the NSA could do. Regardless, I give this movie three out of four falcons.

Rindge Student Artists Shine in the Shadows

By

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Many believe the Arts Department is not represented enough at CRLS. While students are winning very prestigious awards, many in our community remain oblivious to the remarkable work they create. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the longest running, most esteemed competition for teen artists in the United States.

Not only do students work very hard to make great work, but they also receive recognition from the Scholastic Awards. However, many students say the Art Department deserves recognition equal to the athletics, for they both share the profound honor of receiving awards and going to national competitions.

Mrs. Haverty—Studio 2, AP Art, Mixed Media, and Fashion teacher—passionately evoked her opinion on the department by saying how important it is that you grow as an artist.

She believes that the Scholastic Awards are not everything, "It's looking at something beyond technical ability, it's looking at creative processing combined with technical skills and if you submit a piece and

win, then it's a great honor, but it's still not the goal."

Mrs. Haverty explained how in art you have to work the hardest for your personal best, and if you happen to get a Gold Key then that's a huge honor, but in art you must focus on creating and being creative.

Junior Jeynaba Jamanka—currently taking Ceramics—feels that the overall Arts Department is strong since it "caters to a lot of different levels, experiences, and knowledge of the arts."

She urges student to take electives because she believes it is really important for everyone to work in a "different medium to use a different part of the brain."

Art is a nice way to forget about all your worries and just create, from a painting to making a

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dress. This freedom and creativity can sometimes only be found in these classes, but many are unaware of its merit and importance.

Junior Kamrul Ruhit spoke about his photography experience, passionately describing how it isn't just a picture, but more about how



Mrs. Haverty's AP Art class acts as a pipeline for Scholastic Art Awards.

Photo Credit: Diego Lasarte

it's taken: "You'd go from different angles, you'd try and go upside down, sideways, on the floor, giving a creative perspective through your pictures while trying to also create a story."

This sort of creativity is what inspires students and makes them learn things about themselves that they never would in another classroom. It's important to acknowledge these classes and realize all they have to offer.

Senior Calder Martin—currently taking Portraits—feels that he has "definitely learned a lot only

in the month or so that school has been in session." He concludes that it is "a good community, where everyone who is there wants to become a better artist."

Martin had an overall positive experience in the department and would definitely "recommend it to anyone who wants to pursue a career in art or who wants to draw for fun because it is that... it's a lot of fun."

Be sure to recognize the upcoming participants and winners of Scholastic Awards this December, and take an art elective next semester!

Folk Revival Legend Joan Baez Honored in Cambridge

Celebrating Her Club 47 Origins, Mayor Simmons Declares October 8th Joan Baez Day

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Mayor Denise Simmons formally declared October 8 to be Joan Baez Day within the city of Cambridge, preceding her performance at the famed Wang Theater in Boston. Ms. Baez, a renowned folk singer, has strong ties to Cambridge. She first moved here in 1958 after her father accepted a position at MIT when she was a teenager. She then attended Boston University for a month and half before dropping out to pursue music.

Ms. Baez's first foray into the music industry was her performances at Club 47, now called Club Pessim, in the heart of Harvard Square. At the time Cambridge was a hub of progressive political activism (and still very much is), which would significantly inform her music. She continued to do performances weekly at Club 47 as well as at various clubs around Boston, interacting with other rising folk singers such as Bob Dylan (with whom she would go on to have a two year relationship). Ms. Baez had her big break at the Newport Folk Festival in Rhode Island while performing with notable

folk singer Bob Gibson. She would go on to sign with Vanguard Records and embark on an extremely successful 55 year career.

While Ms. Baez's music career was iconic, earning her a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2007 Grammys, the political activism inherent to her music and personal life was just as prolific. She has been attached to several issues such as environmental justice, the anti-Vietnam War movement, poverty, and most notably civil rights. When Ms. Baez first started touring she refused to perform at segregated venues, thus in the south she was only able to perform at black colleges. One of her most well known songs, a cover of "We Shall Overcome," was performed at the legendary March on Washington in 1963, causing the song to become a hallmark of civil right anthems. Other songs of hers such as "Billy Rose" touch on prevalent corrup-

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tion in the penitentiary system, and "I Pity the Poor Immigrant" promotes rights for immigrants. Her poignant political commentary is



At age 75, Joan Baez performed at the Wang Theater on October 8th

Photo Credit: Boston Theater

representative of the folk revival as a whole.

Her concert in Boston, also on October 8th, encompassed everything one would expect from Ms. Baez. She performed some of her classics such as "Diamonds and Rust," covered other very famous songs such as "Imagine" and "The Boxer," and made constant jibes at Donald Trump, particularly his small hands.

Mayor Simmons shares her pride and excitement over Joan Baez Day saying, "Cambridge has always been proud of its reputation for nurturing progressive thinkers, artists, musicians, and those who go on to make a positive impact on the world. Joan Baez launched her career here, she has often looked back warmly at her time here, and that is why I'm proud to formally declare October 8, 2016 to be Joan Baez Day in the City of Cambridge!"

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Jake Stout



Some of Jake's award-winning photography is pictured above.

Photo Credit: Jake Stout

By
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"Click, click" the shutter of Jake's camera goes as he captures a breathtaking photo. Photographer Jake Stout is a junior here at CRLS and is currently enrolled in HN Photo 3 with Ms. Milligan.

Jake got into photography a couple years back when he started walking around the Alewife Brook Parkway Reservation and in New Hampshire and found things that inspired him to take photos.

"I live on a lake in New Hampshire during the summer

and I would see a wide variety of animals like dragonflies, warblers, hummingbirds, different frogs, and even some porcupines. So my parents bought me a small camera and I started photographing what I saw."

Senior Natalie Ricardo men-

tions, "He's a really talented nature photographer who knows exactly how to take a photo that people will actually want to look at."

Along with Jake's photography being pleasing to the eye, it also has a different purpose. He takes his photos hoping to share with people some thing they might not get a chance to see in their everyday walk to work or at school. It's one of the reasons he really enjoys photography and it is his favorite thing about photography.

While doing what he enjoys, Jake has earned a Silver Key in the

Scholastics Art and Writing Awards for his photograph of a Galapagos sea lion on

"He...knows how to take a photo that people will actually want to look at."

shore.

Jake one day hopes to take his work as photographer even further and work as a wildlife photographer to show people the importance and beauty of the natural world and why it should be protected.

A Review of Harvard Station

Why It's One of the Best Stops on the MBTA



By
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People don't often observe their surroundings when they commute through Harvard Station. Early in the morning, you're just trying to get to school as quickly as possible to avoid being late; in the afternoon, you're rushing to get home so you can finish

that Algebra assignment before going to bed.

After all, what's the point of looking around? You're in an underground station, right? Who cares? Well, the quality of a station, both visually and functionally, can affect your

commute greatly, either for good or for bad.

Any CRLS student who takes the train to school will have passed through Harvard many times. Once a train lets out in the morning, a huge clump of high school students push out from the train of commuters to Boston and trudge up the stairs to street level. Some focus on friends, some on their phones, but now let's focus on the station itself: Is

entrance, Harvard Station is pure Cambridge. Most students don't use the main entrance, though, opting for the smaller one next to Harvard Yard. The smaller fare area here is much less impressive than the huge concourse at the main entrance, but it gets its job done. A small concession stand has even been set up beyond the fare gates, where snacks and Harvard merchandise can be bought.

As for the platform, it is more often than not a pleasant place

to wait. The ceilings are incredibly high, giving the station a lot of space to breathe. Harvard may be a bit of a toss-up in the cleanliness department, but it never gets as bad as stations like Downtown Crossing.

There is, however, a

Harvard is undoubtedly one of the most iconic stations on the MBTA Red Line.

it any good?

From an aesthetic standpoint, Harvard is undoubtedly one of the most iconic stations on the MBTA Red Line. From those distinctive red and yellow walls to the huge main mezzanine to the "pit"



Both buses and Red Line trains pass through Harvard Station.

Photo Credit: Daniel Walsh

major flaw here that does cause people to look around: the sharp curve just south of the station. Anyone who has used Harvard will never forget the sound each and every train makes as it slowly forces its way around that curve. It can be annoying, it can be ear-grating, or maybe you've just gotten used to it. Either way, that curve

(and the speed restriction it puts on trains) is awful.

Regardless, I still think Harvard is one of the best stations on the MBTA. It's spacious, it handles crowds well (which it needs to, being the third-busiest station on the system), and it's the closest station to CRLS! That instantly makes it great, right?

HUDS Strike Rocks Harvard

By
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In the past couple weeks, most CRLS students have noticed protesters marching throughout Harvard Square chanting phrases such as, "No healthcare, no peace." Since October 5th, Harvard University Dining Service (HUDS) workers have been on strike, demanding better healthcare and an increase in salary.

With representation from UNITE HERE Local 26, a union for Boston area hospitality industries, HUDS has been negotiating with Harvard Administration since May. Fearing negotiations would outlast the workers' contracts (set to expire in June), the deadline was pushed back to September 17th. With no progress made, negotiations persisted until October when the strike began.

Workers demanded a minimum salary of \$35,000, while the current hovers around \$31,000, and a 22% increase in wages over the next five years. The hourly wage is, on average, \$21.89. Workers also point out the difficulty in going weeks or months without work, since most Harvard dining halls are not open during school breaks. In response, Local 26 has proposed a \$450 weekly stipend for workers who make themselves available for work even if they do not work any shifts during these times.

The Student Labor Action

Movement (SLAM) has shown avid support for the HUDS strike through organizing student walk-outs, sit-ins, and even encouraging students who still used the dining halls (run by temporary workers) to share it with supporters of the strike.

CRLS senior Mari Gashaw emphasizes, "[Dining service workers] are a striking part of our Cambridge community," adding, "we have a responsibility to support the strike." Among the Harvard student population, there is heavy support, although some students feel the rhetoric is too harsh and exclusionary of those who disagree. Alex Zhang, Harvard student, notes that while "overwhelmingly, students are in support of the strike," there is also "a significant push by students to take a step back and look at both sides."

In order to give their side of the story, Vice President of Human Resources at Harvard, Marilyn Hausammann, sent out an email to the students on October 11th, almost a week into the strike.

In it, she described the offers Harvard has made to HUDS workers since the beginning of the strike, including raising the wage to \$24.06 an hour. They also proposed to contribute "\$25 million over four years for dining services workers to join Unite Here Health, the health insurance plan offered by Local 26 to its members." Local 26 rejected this plan, citing that despite Harvard contributions, health care costs would still rise for workers



There was a big turnout at a HUDS rally held on October 14th at the Science Center.

Photo Credit: Diego Lasarte

Workers have made it clear that they can not afford increase healthcare costs, even if wages are increased. On a march through Harvard Yard on October 15th, Kimwanna Devonish, a dining services worker, said, "We're out here for our healthcare... a lot of people out here have kids that they need to take care of." This followed a description of his son, who suffers from asthma as a result of premature birth.

This sentiment was echoed by Maria Amaral, another dining services worker. As a widowed mother of two approaching the retirement age, she stressed the importance of Harvard maintaining the level of healthcare received without raising costs.

CRLS senior Ethan Hermanson disagrees saying, "They are food workers; they are not supposed to be making huge amounts of money." In order to get payed more and

get better benefits, he adds, "they should find a higher paying job."

Despite opposition outside and within Harvard, on October 24th dining service workers and other supporters (including 500 Harvard students) marched into 124 Mt. Auburn Street, the site of negotiations, to stage a sit-in.

Although numbers dwindled as the hours went on, there were a few supporters left to cheer at 1:00 AM on Tuesday when it was announced negotiations had been settled.

On October 26, HUDS workers voted on whether to ratify the offered contract, which prevents healthcare copayment increases over the next five years and guarantees a minimum salary of \$35,000 for full-time workers; it passed 583-1. The following day, workers were welcomed back to work by faculty and students.

Airbnb Tests Cambridge's Regulations

Investigating Potential Costs of a "Sharing" Economy

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This fall Airbnb has released a series of advertisements highlighting their community involvement in Greater Boston. These ads highlight what many recognize as the benefits of Airbnb: it can help residents out with a little added income, and provide tourists with a more authentic experience. They may be targeted at prospective hosts, but it has a political side that could be intended to sway public opinion in the controversy over Airbnb's effects on the housing market.

In many popular tourist destinations, Airbnb has been restricted or even banned because it can commercialize residential ar-

reas and increase the cost of housing, pushing lower-income residents out of neighborhoods. In Barcelona, for example, short-term rental properties including but not limited to Airbnb units, now require a special permit after an increase in short-term rental properties, due to widespread anti-tourist sentiment.

The Essex Street Neighbors Association in Cambridge spoke to WGBH News about a triple decker that was rented out full time to tourists. Nancy Ryan,

who was interviewed, described the toll that had on the community and expressed safety concerns. Ryan described the triple decker as a "de facto hotel." Airbnb reported in September that 14% of the 1,000+ listings in Cambridge are from "commercial operators," or people who do not live in the properties they rent.

Cambridge has the highest density of Airbnb units in the Boston area, and is already facing a difficult housing market and increasing gentrification. In June, the Cambridge City Council began an investigation into the economic effects of Airbnb. Councillor Craig Kelley has spearheaded this effort. The Council is work-

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ing to find a solution that will prevent increased housing prices but retain the benefits of Airbnb—such as those that discussed in Airbnb advertisements. Current regulations are not designed for a "sharing" economy. For example, it

is technically illegal to run a business from a home in residential zones A or B, which make up most of the city. Airbnb hosts that wish to provide their guests with food technically have to obtain a license. Cambridge has also struggled to regulate ride-sharing compa-



Anti-Airbnb ads have sprung up around the globe.

Photo Credit: Al Jazeera

nies, such as Uber, and has been sued by the Cambridge Taxi Commission. Councillor Kelley said at a September hearing on the issue, "If we can learn how to work through this territory well, we'll be able to take whatever the disruptive economy throws at us in the future."

Armando Paolo: Spinning Pizza into Opportunity

By
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Armando Paolo—formerly of Benevento, Italy—passed away from cancer peacefully at the age of 81 on September 16, 2016 at his home while surrounded by family.

In 1971, Armando founded and opened Armando's Pizzas and Subs at 163 Huron Avenue and used his shop to spin pizza dough into love and consideration towards the community. Any Cantabrigian fortunate to have met Paolo will describe him as just as magnificent as his pizza.

"I remember that ever since I was little, Armando would give all the kids free cookies and brownies. He was a real asset to the community," remembers freshman Sylvia Chal-

fin-Wakeley. Paolo's daughter, Linda Gullotti of Everett, told the *Boston Globe*,

"Grandpa always made it special for everybody...He was just a really genuine guy."

"The Cambridge community loved him. If he could feed the world, I think he would. He had a heart the size of Texas, my dad. If somebody didn't have money to pay, he'd say, 'Come back tomorrow, no worries.'"

Paolo had a difficult upbringing during World War II in Italy, and his family experienced hunger and poverty. Once sent to America, Paolo was left in charge of his siblings and worked hard and diligently to pursue the "American Dream."

Decades later, Paolo became a real fixture in the Huron Avenue neighborhood serving everyone from janitors to professors at his pizzeria.

Just a step into Armando's Pizza and Subs would give anyone the impression of Paolo's community spirit and values. Adorning the pizzeria's walls are numerous plaques, each with a photo of a little league team of eager Cambridge athletes who Paolo sponsored smiling proudly.

Freshman Carlos Paronis remembered his little league team being sponsored by Armando's, saying, "[They] were very nice to all of us...The people there were understanding that we were a bunch of loud boys, they never told us to be quiet, they let us enjoy ourselves."

Armando Paolo's grandson, Mike Bonavita, is now dedicated to Armando's and working hard for what his

grandfather started forty-five years ago. Mike Bonavita told the *Register Forum* that Paolo was "the best grandfather a kid could ask for," adding, "Grandpa always made it special for everybody...He was just a really genuine guy...genuine in the purest sense of the word."

When discussing what made the Cambridge community so loyal to his grandfather, Bonavita exclaimed, "Grandpa's warmth one-hundred percent. Just his willingness to give and...his way of



Top to bottom: Armando's Pizza is on Huron Ave.; Armando Paolo making pizza.

Photo Credit: Boston Eater

making complete strangers just feel comfortable with him."

In 2010, the Cambridge City Council dedicated the corner of Huron Avenue and Concord Avenue as Armando Paolo Square to honor Paolo's commitment to the commu-

nity. Bonavita concluded, "Remember my grandfather as a giving man, a caring man, somebody that absolutely do anything that they could to make you feel comfortable....[he] put his complete and total effort into trying to help you."

GET TO KNOW THE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

RF contributors Cecilia Barron and Robie Scola take an in-depth look at the four questions on the ballot this November

This November, voters around the nation will have to make major choices that will impact their future. No, it's not choosing their presidential candidate. Well beyond the choice for a leader of our nation, voters will have to decide on the major policies that could possibly govern their states. The idea behind voter questions is that they allow the people to propose laws. In Massachusetts, all you need to do to propose an initiative with the attorney general's office is ten voter signatures. The initiative then goes through many rounds of legal checks before it can be approved for the ballot in the next election. This year, Massachusetts has four yes/no questions that concern everything from chickens to charter schools. While a new casino in Revere may not necessarily impact a Cambridge voter, the legalization of recreational marijuana would. Voter questions are the most direct way for citizens of Massachusetts to influence their own state's policy. Whether you're enthused about one candidate or unaffected by both, vote on questions one through four—our state depends on it.

QUESTION 1: SLOT LICENCES

Ballot Question 1 would allow an additional casino in Revere. The bill permits one more slots-only casino, but the bill makes it very clear it is targeting the Suffolk Downs racetrack in Revere. If the bill was approved, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission would still have to vote to allow the casino and decide all the details.

Fiscal Gains and Losses: Supporters argue that the additional casino will add over \$80 million dollars in revenue to the state, provide thousands of new jobs, guarantee \$5 million to the host town, and support horse racing in Massachusetts. Opposers contradict this statement, arguing that Suffolk Downs would receive no direct benefit from the casino.

Three Strikes: The question of a new casino in Suffolk Downs has been brought up three times before, and each time it has been rejected. Opposers argue that the third time should be the last, and that the Massachusetts voters are clear; they don't want another casino.

Taking Advantage: Another opposing argument is the harm that casinos cause. "No voters" on Question 1 believe that all, regardless of party, can see the effects that casinos have on a state's population. Opposers say that casinos take advantage of the poor and gambling addicts. Opposers also believe that the question is taking advantage of the ballot question process. "No voters" say that the bill was only created to benefit the wallet of one developer and his company. They say allowing it to pass would be to permit individuals to use ballot questions simply for their own gain.

Supporters: Horse Racing Jobs and Education Committee, Yes to 1

Opposers: Governor Charlie Baker, Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone

QUESTION 2: CHARTER SCHOOLS

Ballot Question 2 gives voters the choice to allow up to twelve new charter schools each year or expand enrollment at already existing charter schools. Charter schools are independent elementary and secondary schools that receive government funding. Unlike public schools, which must follow teaching guidelines from the state and federal government, charter schools can set their own curriculum, much like a private school. Current polls show that 41% of voters support Question 2, while 48% are opposed.

Taking from Others: "No voters" say that charter schools are taking funding from the public schools, citing that the already existing charter schools divert \$450 million from the public school system each year. "Yes voters" argue that public education doesn't lose funding because charter schools do not take money directly from public schools but instead the money follows the student between schools. The state is still spending the same amount on education but more funding would be going to the charter schools.

Achievement Gap: "Yes voters" also argue that the money spent to educate a child will be better spent in charter schools, pointing to data that says these schools close the Achievement Gap between students from wealthy and poorer neighborhoods. Opposers argue that "Yes voters" are ignoring an essential part of the Achievement Gap when they say charter schools do a better job with poorer students. Few English language learners and special needs students attend charter schools, which makes charter school results look better than public schools. For every charter school created, money and resources are taken from the public school system that supports all types of students.

Supporters: Governor Charlie Baker, Mass. Taxpayer Association

Opposers: Senator Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts Teacher Association, Save Our Public Schools, Black Lives Matter Cambridge

QUESTION 3: INCREASING CAGE SIZE ON FARMS

Ballot Question 3 proposes a new law that would prohibit farms from raising calves, pigs, or egg-laying chickens in cages or pens that would restrict the animal from basic movements such as lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. This law would also make it illegal for Massachusetts companies to sell whole eggs or uncooked meat that came from farms that did not follow these guidelines.

Pros: Although Diemand Farm is the only farm in Massachusetts that uses caging methods opposing this law, "Yes voters" argue that by passing the law it will also protect consumers from cheap and harmful animal products. Diemand Farm also cages approximately 3,000 chickens, so voting yes to Question 3 would ensure a better life for them.

Cons: Many "No voters" don't see the point in this law if only one farm in MA practices the methods prohibited. They say it's not worth passing because it would increase the government's power over private businesses. Along with the law not being relevant, it will also cost farms and consumers more money. Increasing the cage sizes causes increase in sale prices taking away the affordable option at the grocery store.

QUESTION 4: LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

Ballot Question 4 gives voters the option to legalize marijuana with similar regulations to alcohol. The question has been one of great debate since Colorado allowed for recreational marijuana use in 2012. Five states have already legalized recreational marijuana use, and at least five other states will face the same question this November. In both 2008 and 2012, Massachusetts has approved measures by wide margins that seem to suggest a closer move to legalization. In 2008, voters chose to replace criminal penalties with civil penalties for adults possessing an ounce or less. In 2012, voters legalized marijuana for medical use. The current polls show that 49% of Massachusetts voters support legalization, while 43% oppose it.

Marijuana and More: A common argument for those who wish to keep the drug at its current status believes marijuana opens the floodgates for more harmful substances. The Massachusetts Governor, Attorney General, and the mayor of Boston issued a joint statement opposing the question in March: "The science...shows that regular marijuana users—especially those who start at a young age—are more likely to try more dangerous drugs." On Question 4, "Yes voters" believe the opposite. Supporters argue that the solution to the opiate crisis in Massachusetts is the legalization of marijuana.

The Profitability: Supporters of legalization will be the first to argue that marijuana will create new jobs and more revenue for the state. In 2015, two full years after Colorado legalized marijuana, the state received \$135 million in tax revenue. Washington has sold over one billion dollars of marijuana since the drug was first legalized in 2014. Opposers aren't as hopeful in the drug's profitability. Some argue that the increased health-care and education that would have to be provided if marijuana was legalized would cancel out any substantial profits.

Criminal Justice and Marijuana: Opposers and supporters of Question 4 can all agree on one thing: the criminal justice system needs to be fixed. While opposers don't see legalization as the solution to the 100,000 people in federal prison for drug offenses, supporters see it as a step in the right direction. As Carol Rose, the executive director of ACLU Massachusetts, said in June, "Legalization is the smartest and surest way to end targeted enforcement of marijuana laws in communities of color, regulate who has access to marijuana, and eliminate the costs of enforcement while generating revenue for the Commonwealth."

Check out CRLS student opinion pieces on Questions 2 and 4 on page 17.



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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TIMELINE 2016

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FEBRUARY

1st: Primaries begin.

1st- 20th: Four out of the twelve Republican candidates—Mike Huckabee, Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, and Jeb Bush—withdraw their candidacies for the nomination as well as one Democratic candidate Martin O'Malley.

MARCH

1st: During Super Tuesday, 14 states vote for the nomination. Trump wins majority of Republican primaries/caucuses. Clinton and Sanders each win Democratic primaries.

4th: Ben Carson formally withdraws candidacy for Republican Presidential Nomination after Super Tuesday shows “no path forward.”

15th: Marco Rubio formally withdraws candidacy for nomination.

MAY

3rd-4th: Ted Cruz and John Kasich formally withdraw their candidacy for nomination.

17th: Gary Johnson announces he has chosen former Massachusetts Governor William Weld as his vice presidential running mate.

26th: Donald Trump passes 1237 pledged delegates, the minimum amount of delegates required to secure Republican Presidential Nomination.

26th-30th: At the Libertarian National convention held in Orlando Florida, Gary Johnson is chosen as the party's presidential nominee and William Weld is chosen as the party's vice presidential nominee.

27th: Trump accuses Hispanic American judge Gonzalo Curiel, born in Indiana, of having a conflict of interest in ruling against Trump University because of his “Mexican heritage.”

JUNE

6th: Hillary Clinton passes 2383 delegates, the minimum amount of delegates required to secure the Democratic Party's presidential nomination.

Whether you have been following the election religiously or you have only tuned in a couple of times, the magnitude of what has happened during this historic election can seem overwhelming. As Election Day is approaching, it is becoming more and more vital that we know what is going on in our country. To help you, here is a list of important election events from 2016.

JULY

5th: The FBI director says he will not press charges against Clinton for her use of a private email server, but calls her actions “careless.”

12th: Bernie Sanders endorses Hillary Clinton.

15th: Donald Trump announces Mike Pence to be his VP running mate.

18th-21st: At the Republican National Convention held in Ohio, Trump and Pence are formally nominated for president and vice president by the Republican Party.

22nd: Hillary Clinton announces Tim Kaine as her vice presidential running mate

23rd: Wikileaks, a transparency organization, leaks 20,000 emails from the Democratic National Committee revealing a bias against Bernie Sanders from Democratic Party leadership. This leads to the resignation of DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

25th-28th: At the Democratic National Convention held in Pennsylvania, Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine accept their party's nomination for president and vice president. Michelle Obama, Elizabeth Warren, the Khans, as well as many others speak.

27th: Trump calls on Russia to hack into Hillary Clinton's emails at a press conference, later claiming he was being “sarcastic.”

30th: Trump critiques Khizr and Ghazala Khan, a Muslim Gold Star family whose son died in Iraq, claiming that Mrs. Khan “wasn't allowed to speak” at Democratic National Convention.

AUGUST

1st: Green Party presumptive nominee Jill Stein announces human rights activist Ajamu Baraka as her vice presidential running mate.

4th-7th: At the Green National Convention held in Houston, Texas, Jill Stein is chosen as the party's presidential nominee and Ajamu Baraka is chosen as the party's vice presidential nominee.

10th: Additional emails are released from Clin-

ton that show ties between State Department employees and the Clinton foundation.

SEPTEMBER

11th: Clinton calls some Trump supporters a “basket of deplorables.” Afterwards, Clinton is seen in a cell phone video being lifted into a car by the Secret Service while leaving a 9/11 memorial. Later that day, her doctor releases a statement that she has pneumonia.

15th: Clinton returns to the campaign trail after taking three days to recover from pneumonia.

26th: After much hype, the first presidential general election debate was held at Hofstra University.

27th: Alicia Machado, a former Miss Universe contestant, comes forward to say that Trump mocked her for gaining weight after participating in one of his pageants.

OCTOBER

4th: The vice presidential general election debate is held at Longwood University. The media consensus is that Mike Pence narrowly wins over Tim Kaine.

7th: The *Washington Post* publishes a video of Trump in 2005 bragging about groping women and saying he can get away with anything because of his celebrity.

9th: The second presidential debate is held in St. Louis in a town hall style where voters get to ask questions of the candidates. Clinton and Trump clash over personal matters and the debate is said to be the “ugliest debate” in history. The media consensus is that Clinton narrowly wins over Trump.

19th: The third and final presidential debate is held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Media consensus is that Clinton wins over Trump again.

NOVEMBER

8th: Election Day!

A Stalemate in Spain

Spanish Govt. Remains in State of Limbo

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For almost a year now, Spain has been led by a caretaker government. On December 20th 2015, Spaniards headed to the polls for the general election, only to later find that no clear majority had been elected. In Spain, the people elect congress members to each of the 350 seats; then, within the congress, the party with 176 seats or more comes into power.

The 2015 election was unique in that it marked a change from Spain's de facto two-party system. In a manner similar to that of the United States, the left-leaning Socialist Party (PSOE) and the conservative Popular Party (PP) had taken turns leading the country in the 38 years since the end of Francisco Franco's fascist regime. In 2015, however, two new parties gained

significant ground, upsetting the old system and contributing to the lack of a majority party.

Frustration over constant corruption scandals coupled with the devastation caused by the 2008 financial crisis—namely, the 25% unemployment rate—culminated in the rise of Podemos and Ciudadanos, a left-wing party and a center-right party, respectively. Interestingly enough, the financial crisis has not caused far-right sentiments to increase in Spain, as it has in many other European countries.

Faced with a slim victory by the PP but no clear majority, the congress entered into negotiations. Even though 24 out of 28 member states of the European Union are led by coalition governments, Spanish politics is too polarized for the same to happen. Thus, on June 26th 2016, Spaniards were called to the polls once again. And, in a frustrating repeat of the previous



Podemos and the Spanish Left Wing have seen gains in recent elections.

Photo Credit: BBC

elections, no party reached the necessary amount of seats; similarly, they remained intransigent in their refusal to form a coalition.

While public services have not shut down since most of them are provided by local authorities, Spanish citizens are still haunted by uncertainty. For example, the Selectividad—the Spanish university entrance exam arranged by the federal government—could change based on which party is in power. Even as students are now preparing to take it in June, they do not know which format it will be in, or what subjects they will be tested on.

There has been talk of a third election on Christmas Day if a government is not established by the October 31st deadline. This may be just talk, however, since the leader of the PSOE resigned on October first, and his party now seems more willing to abstain from voting and allow the PP to rule.

Whatever the result may be, Spaniards' attitudes will remain unchanged. The parties' unwillingness to reach an agreement has only added to the doubt that the people have felt toward politicians since the unearthing of hundreds of corruption scandals in the last ten years.

Standing Rock Protests Intensify Amid Support from DC, Obama Stays Silent

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Earlier last month, the Standing Rock Sioux tribe of North Dakota stood firmly in protest of a newly proposed pipeline. The Dakota Access Pipeline, a project put forth by oil and gas corporation Energy Transfer Partners, would shorten the transportation route for the newfound shale oil and natural gas in the Bakken Formation of North Dakota.

The pipeline cuts straight through sacred tribal grounds and also raises questions about possible environmental damage. Opponents have raised concerns about the pipeline polluting local drinking water and streams as well.

In response, hundreds of protesters from tribes all around the region gathered at the construction sites for the pipeline and demanded the construction be shut

down. Energy Transfer Partners responded stiffly by setting free dogs and mace on the protesters, prompting national attention and debate over the pipeline and more broadly our treatment of Native American issues. Many drew parallels between Energy Transfer Partners's brutal response and the Birmingham campaign, an iconic and symbolic moment in the Civil Rights Movement in which peaceful protesters were hosed down and attacked by police dogs.

The protesters were temporarily rewarded for their work after President Obama ordered the construction of the pipeline be

The pipeline cuts straight through sacred tribal grounds and raises questions about possible environmental damage.

halted in early September. The message has some resonance at CRLS voicing their dissatisfaction, including senior and School Committee Representative Mari

Gashaw, who observed, "We need to honor the fact that this land belongs foremost to indigenous communities. When indigenous folks are standing up...then it is our duty as inhabitants of this land to listen and act."

Others, however, disagree, citing that the pipeline will bring much-needed jobs to the region. "The Standing Rock tribe have leveled legitimate claims about the sites of cultural significance in the path of the pipeline...but [those aren't] independent reasons to cease construction...the pipeline will be capable of providing cheaper energy and many job opportunities to those who may need it," said sophomore Jeff Liu.

But the protesters' message seems to have resonated with most, including junior Smarika Suwal, who was taken aback by the tone and lack of media attention



Presidential candidate Jill Stein was arrested at the pipeline protests.
Photo Credit: Democracy Now

given to the story: "Neither of the presidential candidates have said anything on the matter and what media coverage there is often focuses on...the economic opportunities." President Obama has also refused to comment on the protests.

A few recognizable faces, however, have joined the fight against the pipeline; most notable among them is former presidential candidate and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, who spoke to a crowd of protesters in mid-September: "We

cannot allow our drinking water to be poisoned so that a handful of fossil fuel companies can make even more profits."

For the protesters, the movement has become something bigger than the pipeline; it represents an age-old fight for indigenous recognition and resistance to domination. It comes as no surprise, therefore, that the protests have sparked several national conversations on indigenous, environmental, and economic issues.

Important Points from the 2016 Presidential Debates

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Presidential debates have always been one of the most important events in an election year for the final two candidates involved in the race to the White House. It is a time for the candidates to go head to head on important issues facing the country and talk about how they will be the better of the two to fix those problems. In the first debate on September 26, 2016, over 80 million people tuned in to CNN to watch Donald Trump and Sec. Hillary Clinton duel. This is the most viewers of any presidential debate in history.

Debate #1

In the first debate it seemed clear from the start that Sec. Clinton was more composed and far less anxious than Trump. Her bright red pantsuit and cocky smile gave

Over 80 million people tuned in to CNN [for the first debate]

her a powerful stature on stage against Trump, who seemed to be fidgety, anxious and snorty, for lack of a better term. Clinton pressed Trump's repeated claim, contradicted by public statements he has

made in the past, that he had opposed the Iraq war from the beginning. As she spoke Trump interjected "Wrong" over six times.

Winner: Clinton

Debate #2

The second debate was preceded by one of the most detrimental events of the Trump campaign: the release of an "Access Hollywood" conversation between Billy Bush and Donald Trump. This conversation was captured by microphones on a bus in 2005. It found Trump telling about how he had sexually assaulted women, using vulgar words as he recounted the stories. This, in tandem with a few other scandals, kept Trump from preparing for the debate as much as he could have, which showed when the candidates took the stage. It started by the candidates coming out and refusing to shake hands. The debate was

in a town hall style, meaning that undecided voters were chosen to ask questions. When his Access Hollywood scandal came up, Trump dismissed the video as "Locker room talk" and went on to describe how Bill Clinton was also a perpetrator of sexual assault. The



During the second debate, Trump threatened to jail Clinton if she becomes president.
Photo Credit: C-SPAN

debate revealed a relaxed Sec. Clinton, who answered most questions with ease, while it showed a Donald Trump who paced around the room, interrupting and avoiding questions he did not want to talk about.

Winner: Clinton

Debate #3

The third and final debate took place with less than three weeks before voters will choose their candidate. Ranging from abortion to economics to the battle against ISIS, Trump and Clinton disputed on matters of policy—foreign and domestic. They differed on nearly every subject including whether they will accept the

results of the election on November 8th; Trump saying he would take a "wait-and-see approach." After he said this, Clinton regarded this as "horrible." Trump used a composure that he had not had at either of the preceding debates, but it slowly disintegrated as it became clear that Sec. Clinton was far better prepared and rehearsed. By the time that half of the debate had passed, Trump receded to his interjections and false allocations.

Winner: Clinton

Verdict:

Secretary Clinton seemed to hold control in all three debates.

The Next Step for Humankind

SpaceX Details Mars Missions, Students Unaware

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On September 27th, private spaceflight company SpaceX detailed its plan to send humans to Mars with the intention of eventual colonization.

Delivered by SpaceX founder and CEO Elon Musk at the 67th annual International Astronautical Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico, the hour-long presentation outlined the spaceflight technology developed by SpaceX, as well as timeframes for Mars missions.

The first manned mission to Mars could potentially be launched in 2024. The choice of Mars

for a colony was informed by the abundance of frozen water, materials for making rocket propellant, and Earth-like physical characteristics.

The presentation came

in wake of SpaceX's decade-plus development of sustainable and reusable technologies for getting humans to Mars and beyond.

However, SpaceX is not without competition. The Mars One organization has plans for colonizing Mars by the year 2026.

Also planning Mars missions is NASA, the American spaceflight agency behind putting the first men on the moon in 1969. President Obama has said that NASA plans to put humans on Mars in the 2030s.

One distinguishing factor between this modern space race and the moon race is public attention.

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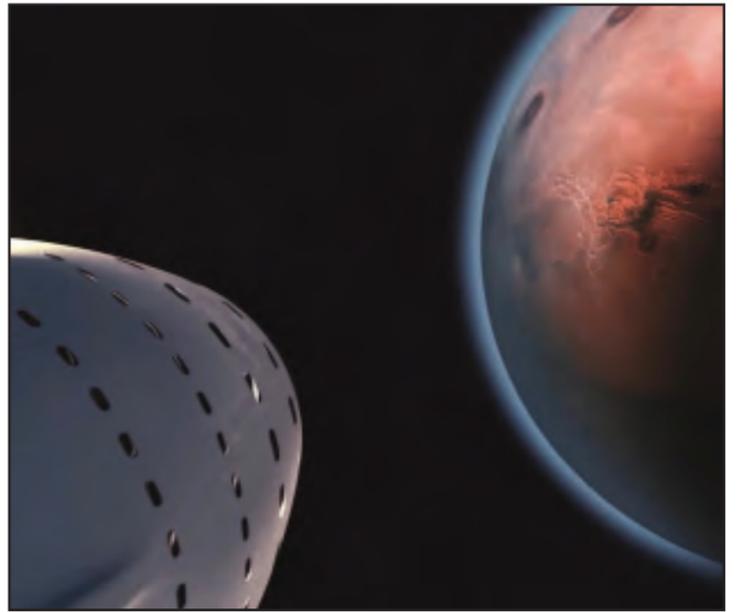
Perhaps because there is no fear of an enemy gaining new, deadly technology, these missions are given less attention. One result is a decrease in youth awareness, which could be seen

as wasted potential. Junior Isaiah Robinson stated that he hadn't heard about the SpaceX Mars plan, and doubted whether many of his classmates knew either. He also believes the youth have to be "updated by the media" and the government.

The other students interviewed agreed that few know about SpaceX, and most confessed to knowing only a headlines' worth of information. Junior Marney O'Connor was among these students, stating that schools have a responsibility to publicize these topics.

She also conceded that most people are "looking for the wrong things," like "BuzzFeed articles on...the latest Netflix original," instead of more insightful pieces.

Senior Anna Griffin also felt that the Mars missions should be better publicized, considering their relevance, because "[the missions] would happen in



Simulations of SpaceX vessels approaching Mars have been released. Photo Credit: SpaceX

our lifetime."

When interviewed, senior Zeke Taylor opined that the SpaceX missions are highly important, despite limited attention. "This is the future of the human species," he said, stating that the human species is "at a very critical point in the...advancement of our...ability to explore the solar system."

The first manned SpaceX mission to Mars is due for departure eight years from now. There is still plenty of time for the

government and the media to build awareness around these missions, should the general public prove interested. And if Taylor and his peers are any indication, the Mars missions are definitely a topic of interest.

In his closing remarks to the *Register Forum*, Taylor stated, "Humans have...ventured into the unknown for the sake of satisfying curiosity and in search of knowledge for as long as we've walked the Earth. This is the latest continuation...this is our turn."

The Rosetta Spacecraft's 12-Year Expedition to Comet 67P

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On March 2, 2004, the European Agency's Rosetta spacecraft was sent into space to find Comet 67P. The comet is nearly 500 million miles away travelling with such speed that the only way for it to be reached by the spacecraft is by using the gravitational pull of Earth and Mars. The purpose of this mission was based on a detailed study of the comet and sending data and images of the comet and its surfaces back to Earth.

The mission took roughly twelve years but in 2014 the Rosetta Spacecraft finally came in contact with the comet.

After waiting two short years, the spacecraft came back to the comet to observe possible evolution. The Rosetta Spacecraft came to find new discoveries within the comet that could potentially lead back to the Earth.

Senior and a current astronomy student Josh Lamkin is certainly behind this advanced technology, saying, "It offers insight to what we know very little about. It could potentially allow us to further research with new understandings."

Comets are thought to be leftovers from a previous solar system, so learning and observing these comets gives scientists the ability to attempt to put the pieces together

regarding the history and evolution of our planets. The researchers of this comet have discovered that the comet itself harbors organic compounds—carbon based molecules considered to be the chemical building blocks of life. This discovery is the first time organic molecules have ever been found within a comet's nucleus.

Despite not having a robust atmosphere or high gravity, this comet somehow still has familiar structures such as sand dunes. The northern hemisphere of the comet's nucleus consists of dunes and rip-

The high speed gas flows from the region that create expansion into the vacuum of space have also been considered a potential reason for the comet's surface features.

Junior Representative Leonardo Escobar feels as though "robotics has come a long way in terms of showing the surface of other planets, or in this case comets, with such clarity." Escobar continues, saying, "This advantage of clarity can allow us to generate data, prove theories, and see parts of other worlds unknown to our eyes."

The astronomy teacher at

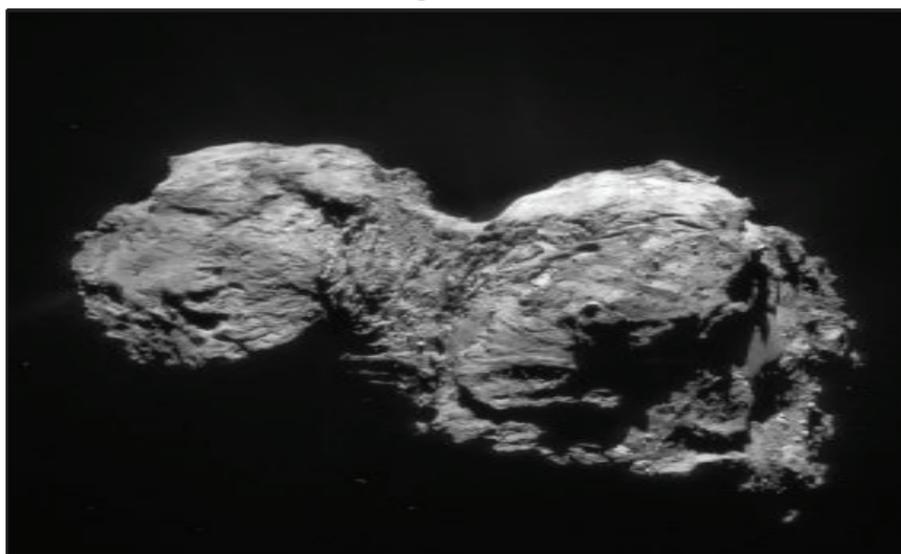
to observe a wider spread of planets, comets, asteroids, and more. Although this comet may be considered the basis of some new discovery, one particular comet will not provide all the information needed.

The Rosetta Spacecraft was never designed to survive a landing. The landing site however was considered to be at the head of the comet based on its shape. The region chosen was called Ma'at and it was specifically chosen based on its location lodged between two lobes. These lobes were considered active pits where it has been thought the comet's jets of gas and dust emerge.

By choosing this specific location, the hope of the mission was to have the spacecraft attempt to peer inside one of the pits. Scientists believed that within the goose bump like pits the comet's internal building blocks could be found.

Escobar said, "Getting this close to such an unfamiliar section of the comet allows us to get closer to whatever scientific discoveries may be in it."

After reaching a twelve-year mission mark, ESA officials decided to take the spacecraft on a collision course throughout the comet. The purpose of this collision course was to provide last minute, up close data before the mission was declared complete. Keep an eye out for any follow up information regarding this particular mission or future missions.



Pictured above: a photo of Comet 67P.

Photo Credit: Image taken with the navigation camera (NavCam), 28 January 2016.

ples showing similarities to Earth, Mars, and Venus. A theory has been created stating that the comet's outgassing in the active region on the comet could cause the strange surface characteristics.

CRLS feels as though the importance of this robot technology is extremely vital. Mr. Shavit emphasized the fact that in order to understand the solar system in more depth, the human population needs

No on 2: More Charter Schools Would Hurt Public Schools

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On November 8th, voters will be deciding about whether or not to raise the maximum amount of charter schools in Massachusetts. Currently, there is a limit, and our state is at that limit in some places. The question about raising the cap on charter schools is very important because it affects the funding and enrollment in our public school system.

Charter schools are schools that get funding from the district and state but are not run by the local school committee. For example, the Cambridge School Committee sets policies such as the dress code, and they approve the curriculum, while charter schools can make their own rules and design their own schedule. Even though they are given a large range of freedom, the students still have to pass the MCAS.

According to the State Attorney General, Maura Healey, “This proposed law would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions for existing charter schools each year.” This law would begin to take effect on January 1, 2017. The issue with adding

more charter schools is that it lowers the enrollment in regular public schools. Also, increasing funding for charter schools will give a large sum of money to schools that only educate 4% of students in Massachusetts.

“The number of charter schools in Massachusetts would nearly triple in just 10 years, costing the local public school districts more than \$1 billion a year,” says Juan Cofield, Chair

sets should focus on our public school systems instead of giving money away to new schools when the existing ones are not as good as they could be.

The argument for more charter schools is that it will allow more freedom for families choosing where they they want their kids to go to school. Also, because they are not part of the larger public school district, charter schools have more room to experiment. Charter schools may have more flexibility, but that does not mean that public schools cannot have any flexibility at all. There are many ways to implement innovation into public schools that can be made possible with the money that may end up going to charter schools.

Even if a person votes no on Question 2, they do not necessarily think charter schools should be eliminated, they just are against increasing their number and taking that much more money away from our public schools.

Charter schools are not necessarily bad, but having more of them may halt our public school system progress if too much money is spent. The money that may go to charter schools could go into creating more choices for public school students. If we fix all of our public schools, there will be no need for more charter schools because children and parents will be happy with the public school choices available to them.



Grassroots opposition to Question 2 has been powered by teachers' unions.

Photo Credit: WBUR

Campaign to Save Our Public Schools. “If some public schools are falling short, we should fix them, not take money away and give it to privately-run charters,” he continues. Massachu-

Yes on 4: Two Takes on Marijuana Legalization

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Marijuana legalization has recently become a hot button issue around the nation, with four states legalizing recreational use in the past four years and another 21 states legalizing medicinal use. The Commonwealth legalized medicinal marijuana in a 2012 referendum, and now the state is voting again, this time on recreational marijuana.

As it stands, marijuana offenses are subject to incarceration in Massachusetts, including up to six months for a first offense and two years for subsequent offenses.

The laws are distressing, but far more concerning is the racial disparity for sentencing. A 2013 ACLU report found that blacks in Massachusetts were 3.9 times more likely to be criminally charged for possession of marijuana than whites despite roughly equal rates of usage. Massachusetts prison data further shows that nearly 15% of inmates are incarcerated for nonviolent drug offense, of whom almost half are serving time for marijuana, mostly on mandatory minimum sentences. The local trends align with broader national trends re-

garding criminal justice reform and mass incarceration. Young black and minority males, many of whom often don't have the resources to effectively fight an uphill court battle, are often the target of drug convictions.

It is unlikely, however, that marijuana legalization will effectively combat mass incarceration—after all, racial targeting in criminal justice has spilled over into nearly all criminal law—but it would certainly signal a step in the right direction.

Detractors certainly have a case to make; marijuana is harmful to the lungs and can impair cognitive functions. However, the proposed legislation would require marijuana to be regulated similar to alcohol, with photo identification and age restrictions.

Data from Colorado shows that marijuana consumption has remained largely constant in the four years since legalization. Reinvestment from prisons to rehabilitation and prevention programs could help lower the rate even further.

Ultimately, regulating human recreational behavior, especially when nonviolent, does not add up. It's an easy yes on 4: the laws are too complicated and too unequally enforced for us to keep.

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This November Massachusetts voters will decide whether they will join Colorado and Washington in legalizing recreational marijuana or become a state that allows fear tactics to get the better of their common sense.

In fact, according to the DEA fact sheet on marijuana, “No death from overdose of marijuana has been reported.” It is true that marijuana has the capability to have mind altering effects and this has led to sometimes fatal car crashes. However, under Question 4, driving under the influence of marijuana would be treated the same way as driving under the influence of alcohol.

Additionally, in Colorado where marijuana was legalized, the Colorado State Patrol reported that marijuana-related DUI arrests decreased from 2014 to 2015 even during a year of increased traffic. Not only is marijuana safer than alcohol and other Schedule 1 drugs, taxing and regulating marijuana would fund law enforcement, public education, and drug treatment.

In Colorado the state generated an additional \$135 million in revenue, \$35 million of which went directly to public schools, funding technology programs, vital building maintenance and hiring new teachers. In fact Denver was left with a surplus of \$26 million even after

covering costs of regulation, education, and public health. Marijuana is not going anywhere, but by creating a regulated and taxed legal system we can reap the benefits of a nearly harmless drug. Marijuana arrests can also have detrimental effects on young people and especially young people of color. With even a petty arrest for marijuana possession, often qualified candidates will not be hired.

Opponents of the ballot question have used scare tactics in both opposition literature and television commercials, saying that legalizing marijuana will open the floodgates for dangerously potent marijuana edibles that will attract kids and that pot shops will flood cities across the state. However, both of these claims are false.

First, under Question 4, marijuana edibles and all other items sold at licensed establishments would be subject to strict testing and packaging regulation by the state similar to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. Second, localities would be permitted to decide the number of marijuana stores that they grant permits to. Finally, smoking in public would continue to be illegal so in reality the law will really not be noticeable to most.

Legalization in Colorado and Washington are success stories, and now we have the chance as a state to make the smart choice to relieve pressure on those struggling with opioid addiction, our justice system, and taxpayers.



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Why the Future of the Red Sox Is Bright

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There is certainly cause for optimism in Boston as the Red Sox look towards the start of a new season in April. The Red Sox already made a name for themselves this season as they rode an improbable 93-69 record to the AL East championship.

One of the largest factors behind their worst-to-first resurgence was electric outfielder Mookie Betts, who is in contention for the AL MVP award. Betts had the breakout year that Red Sox fans had been expecting, finishing the season among the league leaders in batting average, home runs, and RBIs. He also managed to play stellar defense in right field for the entire season. With the retirement of David Ortiz, Betts has now become the face of the Red Sox franchise.

However, he is only one of several young and energetic players that played a crucial role in the Red Sox's success this season. His fellow outfielders, Jackie Bradley Jr. and Andrew Benintendi (who made his debut in August) should also give hope to Red Sox fans eager for another World Series title.

Jackie Bradley Jr. has always played stellar defense in center field, but this year he finally learned how to swing the bat as well. He boasted the longest hitting streak in the majors this season, and although his performance trailed off at the end of the season, there is no reason to believe that he won't regain his offensive abilities.

Furthermore, although Andrew Benintendi did not make his debut until late in the season, he provided a spark for the Red Sox that helped them reach the playoffs. He has been one of the top Red Sox prospects for a couple of years, and Benintendi will certainly play a critical role in the future of the franchise.

One of the most notable contributors to the Red Sox this year was first basemen Hanley Ramírez, who should be in contention for the Comeback Player of the Year Award. After failing to live up to his massive contract last year, Ramírez had an incredible offensive year, and



Win. Dance. Repeat.

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finished among the Red Sox leaders in home runs and RBIs. Middle infielders Dustin Pedroia and Xander Bogaerts also had great years, as they have both already established themselves as some of the best players in the league.

Although the Red Sox pitching struggled in the playoffs, Rick Porcello and David Price had great seasons in 2016. Rick Porcello was one of the best pitchers in baseball this year, and he is signed with the Red Sox through the 2019 season. David Price was the biggest acquisition of the off-season for the Red Sox, and although he largely underperformed in the beginning of the season, Price took off after the All-Star break. He still has six years left on his contract, and both him and Porcello look to play a very important role for the Sox in the years to come.

One up-and-coming player that all Red Sox fans should look out for is third basemen Yoan Moncada, who was named Baseball America's 2016 Minor League Player of the Year. While he struggled in his brief stint with the team at the end of the season, his talent and potential are undeniable. If he lives up to the expectations, he will soon become one of the best players in baseball.

Even though the 2016 season ended in heart-breaking fashion, Red Sox fans should not lose hope. Although they are losing one of their legends, the Red Sox have a bevy of players who are more than ready to step up to the plate. This young team will be very dangerous for many years to come, and another AL East Championship and World Series title are certainly not out of the picture.

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I Want You to Register Early!

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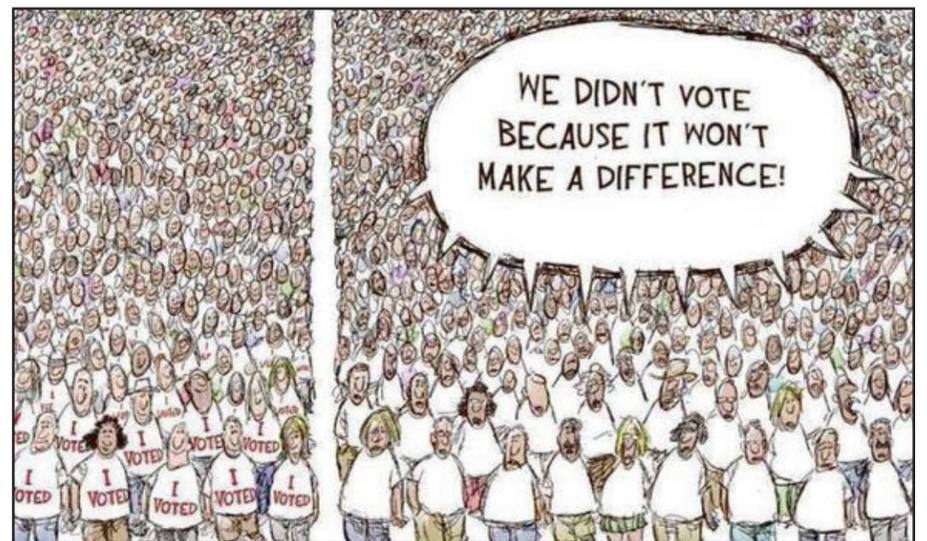
Do you feel like you're missing out because you can't vote in this year's presidential election? If you are 16 or 17, you are in luck since you can pre-register for next time! Now you might ask why voting is important, which is a completely valid question, so let me help you out! Because our government runs on elected officials and focuses on a bunch of issues from healthcare to education systems, people like you and I need to get our voices out there about how we want our government to function.

Once you're registered, there's so much you can vote for other than a president, like your stance on abortion, gun control, term limits, welfare drug testing, and other is-

sues that affect our society today. The more people that vote, the more representative our democracy is!

Back in 2014, Governor Deval Patrick signed a law designed to make voting more accessible and easy for people to register and vote. He stated, "Whenever we have a law that expands access to the ballot and makes it easier for people to register and to vote, it makes our democracy better." The law granted 16 and 17 year-olds the opportunity to pre-register so when they turn 18, they don't have to worry about registering: their spots at the ballots will be ready to be checked off. Now, let's get you pre-registered!

You can pre-register online for which you must have a driver's license or a state ID to confirm your age. You can also print out a voter registration form and fill it out accordingly. Then just stick on a



Less than 60% of Americans voted in the 2012 election.

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postmark and mail it to our local election office, which is 51 Inman Street, Cambridge MA, 02139. You can even go to our local election office and then fill out the form there so you don't have to even worry about a stamp. They'll stick it in the mail for you!

Some questions that appear on

the voter registration form regard your political party (but if you are unsure, you can leave that blank), your social security (make sure you have that handy), and your current address. It doesn't take a long time to fill out but it'll save you trouble once you're 18. This is your world, shape it or someone else will!

The Paleo Diet?

By
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No diet is perfect, but that does not mean that all diets are created equal. One way to judge a diet is comparing the number of beneficial and detrimental effects. The Paleolithic or Paleo diet is kind of a mixed bag. Basically the rule behind the Paleo diet is to only eat foods that our hunter-gatherer ancestors would have access to.

Pros:

- The Paleo diet eliminates refined sugars and saturated fat, which, as far as we know, Stone Age humans did not eat in abundance. This helps reduce the risks of heart disease and obesity related illness.
- The diet only allows lean and healthy meats, which, in addition to being healthier, involves treating livestock in a more ethical way, e.g. less crowded conditions and possibly allowing them to see the sky on occasion.
- The Paleo diet encourages eating more fruits and vegetables, as long as our ancestors could get at them.
- The only sweetener allowed is honey, which could be a good thing, maybe.

Cons:

- In theory, the diet eliminates domestic whole grains, which can be an important part of a balanced diet.
- It's impossible to replicate, because the wild plant and animal species our Stone Age ancestors had have either evolved into their modern form (no matter how similar that could be) or been driven into extinction.
- Is the Paleolithic lifestyle one you really want to emulate, anyway? Think about that for a minute.
- Our bodies are no longer suited for a hunter-gatherer diet. Much like the plants and animals, our bodies have also evolved after thousands of years of agriculture and domesticated crops.

Conclusion: There are most likely better diets that share the same pros and fewer cons.

My Right to Free Tampons

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From the time you get excused from class, walk down the hallway to the bathroom, and wait in line, five minutes has already passed. If you're in need of a pad, you first have to get a pass from your teacher to go to your Learning Community, then get a pass to go to the nurse, and finally go to the bathroom in the nurse's office where there are free pads and tampons. At this point what could have been a five minute journey to and from the bathroom has taken up at least twenty minutes of your class time.

The walk of shame girls take every day to the bathroom as they go to change their pads or tampons is incredulous, and the taboo surrounding periods amazes me. Why should I be ashamed of what naturally happens to me? People silence talk about girls having their period, and girls are afraid to walk out of class holding a tampon. Some wait until no one else is watching them to hide sanitary products up their

sleeves. I am a victim of this skewed logic.

A normal menstrual cycle lasts from 3-7 days and happens each month. It can start from the age of thirteen and last until about fifty. In her lifetime, a female is bound to have around 456 periods, according to the *Huffington Post*.

It costs roughly seven to nine dollars to buy a box of tampons, and buying a box of pads has a similar price range. In my family there are three females. A box of pads and one of tampons will only last three cycles, one cycle for each of us, if they even last that long.

That means that if a woman buys a box of tam-

Additionally, there is a tax on tampons. Food and medical supplies, general necessities of life, are exempt from this tax, but tampons and pads are not generally considered to be in this category.

Only ten out of fifty states do not have a "tampon tax," a tax on feminine hygiene products, and only half of these do not have a sales tax, a tax on all sales. Women should not have to buy tampons, nevermind fork up additional change for such a basic necessity. The tax, and the general prices, only affect women, who are already at the wrong end of the gender wage gap. Many women who are suffering from

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pons and pads each month, it can amount to \$18. \$18 multiplied by 456 periods amounts to around \$8,200 spent in a lifetime. This amount doesn't even include the costs of birth control or other pain relieving medicines.

poverty find that menstrual products are too expensive and when they cannot afford them resort to using old rags to prevent stains.

It is not my choice that I have a period. It is not my fault. The least the school and the world could



Only ten out of fifty states do not have a "tampon tax."

Photo Credit: CNN Money

do to make that burden easier on me is to provide some decent pads in public restrooms and facilities. Government funded buildings and private companies should include space in their budgets to purchase feminine hygiene products for their workers or students.

A tampon is like toilet paper—a general necessity. Some may contest this statement, arguing that not everyone uses tampons, thus proving the item is not a necessity. However, all females need tampons or pads or some sort of protection to protect against stains and leaks. Getting our hands

on tampons, a simple item, seems to be a much larger challenge than it needs to be.

The Cambridge Public School system's fiscal year budget for 2017 is \$172,793,980. According to the official financial budget report, 2% of the budget, \$3,455,879.60, is to be used for other supplies. The demand for free tampons in our schools is one that needs to be met immediately. If the tampons can be hidden in the nurse's bathroom, they can be made accessible for all female students and teachers in our bathrooms, free of charge.

Who Is Gary Johnson?

By
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For some, the choice between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton for President of the United States feels like an impossible call to make. This can be said especially for young millennials who had their hearts and votes set on Bernie Sanders and for whom this is their first election. For this reason, some voters are turning to a third party libertarian candidate Gary Johnson.

According to *realclearpolitics.com*, Johnson currently polls at 6.6% and is dropping. Looking at this data mathematically, Johnson's chances of capturing the presidency are near impossible. So why are people voting for a candidate they know can't win? Many are calling the vote for a third party a "protest vote," in protest of the policies and practices of Clinton and Trump as well as the perceived flaws in the American political system.

Johnson takes a socially liberal stance in line with Democratic

views while embodying a fiscally conservative stance which is in line with Republican views. Prior to joining the Libertarian Party in 2011, Johnson was a member of the Republican party.

Johnson endorses a non-interventionist stance on foreign policy, which is good because foreign policy is something he appears to know nothing about. In an interview with MSNBC, when asked what he would do regarding the Syrian city of Aleppo, the epicenter for the current refugee crisis, Johnson responded, "What is Aleppo?" stunning his interviewer, who then had to explain it to him.

In a separate MSNBC town hall Johnson was asked to name one foreign leader he admired. He hesitated and could not answer at first, until further coaxed by the town hall host Chris Matthews. Eventually he said, "I'm having an Aleppo moment [on] the former president of Mexico." Matthews questioned his answer, encouraging him to pick somewhere else, but Johnson could not, nor could he specify which Mexican president he was referring



According to *RealClearPolitics*, Johnson and Weld are currently polling at 6.6%.

Photo Credit: CNN

to or why.

The Democratic and Republican parties have attained credibility through running competitive and serious campaigns not only for president, but also for state governments, Congress, and the Senate. "Third parties" such as the Libertarian and Green parties currently hold zero seats in Congress and in the Senate because they rarely run candidates for these positions. Third parties historically have only run candidates for president in order to make a statement, neglecting to run candidates consistently for positions where they could actually

enact political change.

America deserves to have a third option, but that option must be serious, competitive, and viable.

Aside from the fact that a vote for Johnson is a mathematically wasted vote, it is an intellectually wasted one as well. Any adult who has less foreign policy knowledge than a high-school senior is unfit to run the United States. Until Johnson and his party make the effort to run serious campaigns for political offices other than president, it is unlikely they will be able to gain a fraction of the credibility or influence of the two major parties.

America deserves to have a third option, but that option must be serious.

America's Stark Green Divide

There is Clear Partisan Division on Climate Change

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In 2016, the Pew Research Center released a survey of 1,534 Americans (who represented both sides of the political spectrum) on their thoughts about climate change. Only 36% of people said they cared about climate change a great deal, and 72% of that group were Democrats while only 24% were Republicans.

This type of trend is made clear throughout the whole survey such as when it came to the question of whether humans are the cause for climate change or not.

79% of liberal Democrats said humans were the cause while 85% of conservative Republicans said that humans were not the problem.

When it comes to the science of climate change,

both parties have extremely different trust in scientists. 68% of liberal Democrats said that climate scientists had a good understanding of whether climate change was really happening, but only 18% of Republicans had that same view.

As you can see the trend continues down that path for about every question in the survey, whether it had to do with helping the cause of the climate or trusting climate scientists or even who was to blame. It seems the two parties have two very different perspectives on our world that will take a while to close.

The Republicans main argument for why climate

been a countless number of reports, studies, and research groups that have proven, with the basis of science supporting them, that climate change exists and is affecting our world every single day.

For some reason, still many people will choose not to believe all of these facts, saying the scientist is not trustworthy or the whole thing is just a lie.

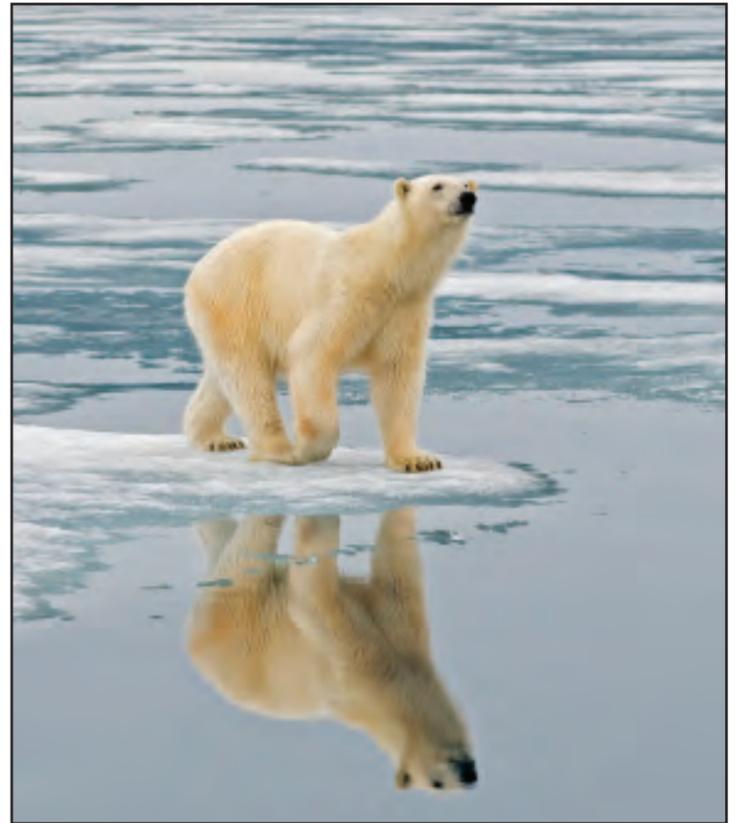
It's hard to close the gap between both views when someone who represents the entire Republican party says that climate change is a hoax that was "created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive."

Donald Trump does not help the case and continues to influence people to continue their oblivious thinking on climate change. Many people from both parties will believe whatever

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change is not real is that they think there is no real evidence that supports this claim.

However, there have



As its effects increase, climate change becomes harder to deny.

Photo Credit: EcoClimate Solutions

the leader of their party says just because their nominee represents them.

Education is a big part on people's perspective on climate change. In the Pew report, there was a nine question test to evaluate a person's knowledge on climate change.

Results show 49% of people who knew a lot less

about the issue said that humans were the cause of climate change while 93% of the people who knew much more about climate change shared the same view.

Our leaders have to take bigger steps on closing the gap and actually start fixing the problem, otherwise the gap will remain wide for years to come.

Drugs and the Pitfalls of an Increasingly Open Web

By
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In 2015, Pew Research reported that 73% of teens have access to smartphones. Meanwhile millions of younger kids are being brought up on 'smart' technology—tablets, smartphones, smart watches, the works.

This tech-raised generation knows or will soon know better than anyone how to tap into the vast knowledge of the internet, partake in digital commerce, and connect with one another.

They will also know this at a younger, more vulnerable age than any generation prior. Simultaneously, vendors and producers of dangerous and illegal materials are tapping into this new, global consumer base.

Among these profiteers are manufacturers of research chemicals. Research chemicals are drugs technically produced for research purposes but are often used recreationally for their desirable side effects. Synthetic opioids and other psychoactive drugs are the most popular. They can also be quite dangerous.

Singer Prince was among the dozens of victims of overdose from a popular mixture of the chemicals U-47700 (colloquially known

as U4) and Fentanyl. Also among those dozens were two thirteen year olds. The drugs were most likely purchased online.

What those two teen deaths represent is the dangerous new frontier of drug use: online access. This is a relatively new and alarming phenomena. Tech-savvy kids are allowed unprecedented access to all sorts of products, ones they may not fully understand and are hard for parents to keep an eye on.

Compounding the problem are online forums which discuss the effects, prices, and other aspects of these chemicals, as well as—in some cases—redirecting users to places where they can purchase the drugs.

Reddit, the most popular umbrella forum on the web, is home to a subsection (or 'Subreddit') dedicated to recreational use of such drugs.

Some of the other popular 'Subreddits' are video game forums for games targeting children, for ex-

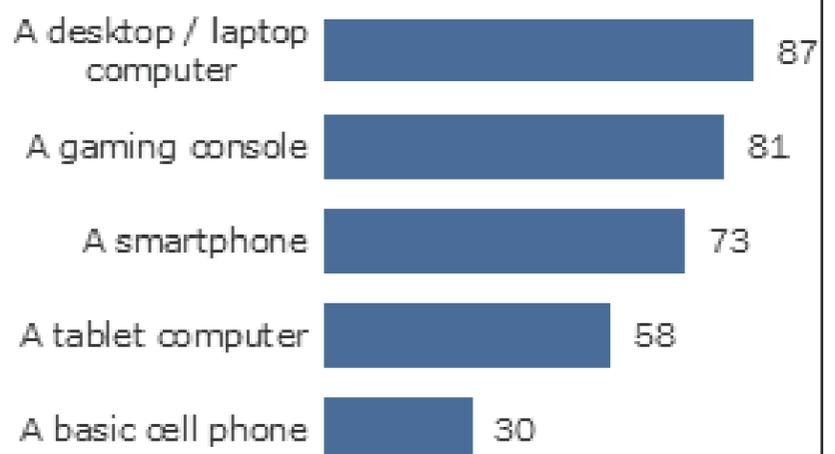
As soon as a kid has a smartphone in his hands, he has access to research chemicals.

ample, Minecraft.

As the DEA and the various tiers of government scramble to pin down these dangerous drugs, pro-

Teens' Phone, Computer & Console Access

% of all teens who have or have access to the following:



According to a 2015 study, 73% of teens have access to smartphones.

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ducers of the chemicals alter the makeup to evade laws, if the drugs even end up on the law's radar at all—due to their label as research chemicals, many potent opioids aren't addressed.

Possibly the biggest issue with research chemicals is simple lack of awareness. Too few adults, and even kids looking out for their friends, are aware of how quickly the problem of online drug markets could escalate.

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phone in his hands, he has access to research chemicals. The solution doesn't necessarily lie in restricting internet access for youth—which would be a wasted potential to many—or banning the simple discussion of drugs on forums, but in understanding the power that handing a device to a child entails.

When a kid has access to the internet, he has access to another world, one that is simultaneously wonderful and terrible. And as everyone should know, it's not always easy telling the difference.

Why It's Time to Re-Bell

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Each school day is marked by the ringing of the bell. We hear its unmistakable sound for the first time every morning at 8:05, again 80 minutes later, 84 minutes later, and so on. The bell system makes sense. When we hear the bell, we automatically know we are supposed to be heading somewhere—or that a tardy is in our imminent future if we aren't in class when it rings.

Formerly, there was only one time during the day that these assumptions might not apply—if a student had Lunch B, they would have to ignore the bells signifying the end of Lunch A. However, with the addition of a third lunch this year, the bell system has become more complicated.

Now, we hear the bell ring four times in the span between 11:42 (the end of Lunch A) and 11:56 (the beginning of the new Lunch B), and four more times in the span between 12:24 (the end of Lunch B) and 12:36 (the beginning of Lunch C).

As we continue to adapt to the new lunch schedule at Rindge, there are slight changes that can be made in order for the new Lunch B to run as smoothly as possible, including changing the sound of the bells that signal the beginning and end of each lunch.

If there was a different sound for each lunch, students and teachers could more easily tune out the bells that do not apply to them and therefore spend less time checking the clock to see if the ringing they hear means it's time for them to transition.

If the new Lunch B is any indication, CRLS is up for the challenge of adjusting. While we're at it, implementing additional sounds for the lunch bells could be an opportunity to improve the flow of our school day.

A Different Take on Trump's Taxes *There's Value in Looking Beyond the Liberal Media*

By
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Recently, the *New York Times* received, from an anonymous source, Donald Trump's 1995 tax returns. On these, there was evidence that Mr. Trump was not only lying about being a billionaire, but that he had lost \$916 million in that year alone.

Obviously, liberal news sources and social media jumped all over the story. The IRS serves the purpose of collecting taxes from the people who live in the U.S. However, the IRS has a system in which if the expenses of a person are greater than the money they took in, the person is allowed to offset these losses for as many as 15 years, therefore avoiding taxes for as long as 15 years, with a specific clause that allows you to extend that for another three.

The scandal with Trump was that it was discovered that because of his \$916 million dollar loss, he avoided paying taxes for 18 whole years. Because of this, people accused him of fraud and other fancy terms for what is essentially robbery.

Nicholas Confessore and Binyamin Applebaum from the *New York Times* said, "The maneuver would have protected him for up to 18 years' worth of income taxes, easing his path to his new career: leveraging his name and knack for publicity while minimizing the risks to his fortune."

However, Megan McArdle from Bloom-

berg explains that if Trump had continued to pay his taxes, he would have only lost around \$300 million instead, and been able to keep the extra \$600 million. So why would Trump perform a "strategic" play to protect his fortune if he is left with no fortune to protect?

Now, personally, I think Donald Trump is not only a terrible candidate to be the president of our country, but also a despicable person with no moral compass. That beings said, the information that was leaked shows only what many already speculated: that he isn't the rich businessman he claims to be.

Living in the Northeast of the U.S. and in Cambridge, it is really easy for all of us to take



Trump's taxes are one reason he has made headlines recently.

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the news that we see, being the more liberal side, e.g. CNN, MSNBC, or the *NYT*, and assume it is an absolute truth. I had to go out of my way to look up what Bloomberg and FOX News had to say about the scandal before I was able to form my own opinion about the problem.

The point is, we shouldn't just trust the first thing we hear because we recognize or trust the source. I

often criticize Trump supporters for being ignorant, but this has made me realize that I may be being something of a hypocrite.

I'm not going to suddenly become a dedicated Republican now, but I am definitely going to think twice before I mindlessly agree with what CNN says. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "An educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free people." And that starts with us.

Sexual Assault Is Not Just "Locker Room Talk"

By
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Sexual assault is not a joke. It's not "just the way things are." It's not "boys just being boys." And it's definitely not "locker room talk."

During the second presidential debate, America was watching with hopes of receiving answers from Trump after releases of tapes from his 2005 conversation with Billy Bush, at the time the host of "Access Hollywood." In the video, Trump reveals his failed attempt to seduce a married woman.

Continuing with his profane comments after noticing Arianne Zucker, the actress waiting to escort them to the soap-opera set, Trump brags, "You know I'm attracted to beautiful—I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet... And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab them by the p*ssy. You can do anything."

After being confronted about

his comments in the town-hall style debate, instead of apologizing genuinely, Trump's excuse was, "I don't think you understood what it was—It's locker room talk, and it's one of those things...And we should get on to much more important things and much bigger things. It's just words folks, it's just words." After eleven years, that was his justification.

Apparently, to Trump, there are more pressing issues and this tape is "a distraction from the issues we are facing today." Well to

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me, Trump is an immense issue so let's face that and talk about it.

I'm a woman, a daughter, an athlete, and a human being and I can tell you right now that there are so many things wrong with Trump's statement. Locker rooms are for talking about frustrations, dreams,

love lives, opinions, cute boys or girls, successes, family, struggles, money, school/work, and relatable stories that bring your team closer. Engaging in sexual assault is not relatable—so no, bragging about unwanted sexual actions is not a locker room story. Sorry Trump, your excuse is lame and just inaccurate for why you continue to degrade women; that's not what goes on in locker rooms.

In fact, former NFL player Chris Kluwe asserts in his response

to Trump: "I was in an NFL locker room for eight years, the very definition of the macho, alpha male environment you're so feebly trying to evoke to protect yourself, and not once did anyone approach your breathtaking depths of arrogant imbecility." Chris Kluwe isn't the

only athlete with these views. When LeBron James, power forward of the Cleveland Cavaliers, explained what locker room talk meant to him, he emphasized, "What that guy was saying, I don't know what that is. That's trash talk."

So in reality, even locker room banter at a professional level does not comprise of the insulting, offensive sexual comments that someone who's running in our presidential election thinks is normally acceptable.

If we have a president who approves of rape culture and tolerates men engaging in unconsented sexual exchanges, then do we really have a leader we look up to? Don't allow "boys will be boys," it's "just the way things are," and especially "it's locker room talk" to be an excuse for sexual assault. Don't allow this country to be in hands of some gruesome, creepy pervert. And most importantly—don't let my words alone determine your vote, because hey, I'm just locker room talkin.'

THIS MONTH ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

By Charlotte Rosenblum

Reports surface that libertarian candidate Gary Johnson failed 6th grade math, explaining why he cannot recognize that 6.6% does not constitute a majority



When confronted directly about his condonement of sexual assault, Trump reassured us that he was going to fight ISIS

Clinton's 33,000 "lost" e-mails recovered: majority from Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, and Amazon informing of weekly sales and deals...



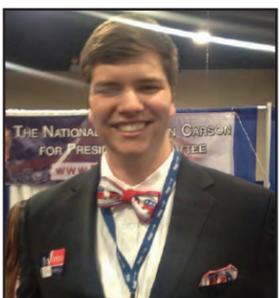
...the remainder consisted of her asking President Obama when they were "finally gonna chill"



Bernie Sanders gently reminds supporters to log off of Facebook, "at least for a couple minutes each day"



"Young Conservatives" clubs across the United States endorse all three candidates in a state of confusion regarding everyone's actual stances



DEAR MR. TRUMP:



Cartoon by Megan Kelliher

A Register Forum Recipe A Hearty Meat Pie from French-Canada

By Adrienne Ashe

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 lbs. ground pork
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2/3 cup chicken broth
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3/4 tsp. pepper
- 3/4 cup mashed potatoes
- 2 tbsp. plain bread-crumbs

Spices

- 1/3 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/3 tsp. allspice
- 1/4 tsp. sage

Pastry

- 1 package of pie crust

Directions

Meat: In a medium pan, assemble meat, onion, garlic (optional), chicken broth, salt, and pepper. Stirring often, cook over medium heat about 7 minutes, breaking up any large clumps until meat is no longer pink.

Lower heat and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring often. Add spices. Add more chicken broth if needed: There should be about 1/2 cup of liquid. Simmer for another 15 minutes. Potatoes: While meat is cooking, peel, cook, and mash enough potatoes to yield 3/4 cup. Be sure to measure accurately. Do not add anything to potatoes. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix pie filling: When meat

is ready, add mashed potatoes and mix together with hand mixer until well blended. The mixture should hold together but should not be dry. If mixture is too runny, add a tablespoon or 2 of plain bread crumbs. Taste and adjust seasonings. In a 9" pie pan, assemble pie. Brush with milk or beaten egg. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Lower heat to 325 degrees. Bake for another 15 minutes until golden brown.



The famous meat pie (pictured fresh out of the oven).

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Falcons Persevere

CRLS Loses against Lincoln-Sudbury

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On Friday the 7th, the CRLS Falcons football team played and lost 35-8 against the Lincoln Sudbury Warriors at Russell Field in Cambridge. This didn't come as a surprise to many, as Lincoln Sudbury has historically been one of the harder opponents for Rindge, but nevertheless tensions at the game were high, both on and off the field.

In the first quarter, when the Warriors had only scored one touchdown, Anita Bennett, mother of a player #13, junior Gerald Bennett, told the *Register Forum*, "The boys are showing good effort tonight." And, after briefly criticizing the referees, said she would always keep faith in the team, as should everyone else.

However, it does not seem that everyone shares her conviction. According to the staff at the entrance, Ray and Steve, there were

"definitely less people than at last game."

Sophomore Edwin Owusu, #75 on the Falcons, commented, "I have faith in my brothers." He said he believed in his coach and captains to carry him, like they had in the previous game.

After the opposing team scored their first three touchdowns, leaving the Falcons 21-0 in the second quarter, some of the spectators began to show their disappointment. Many insults flew towards the refs, some of which accused them of taking a bribe to sway the match against Cambridge.

An agitated Taquan Mason, junior at CRLS, told the *Register Forum* during halftime, "everybody has got to start trusting each other more, that's the only way we're gonna come back... [but] I have faith in them."

Although not very many people were happy with the outcome of the game, it was clear that the fans hadn't lost hope. Alexander Sadock, a sophomore



Falcons keep their spirits high in spite of the loss.

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at Rindge, told the *RF* that although Cambridge probably wouldn't win this game, he had hope for the next one.

One of the captains of the football team, Andrew Domond, remarked the problem was "a lack of execution...but sometimes things just don't work out the way you plan them."

He did, however, credit his team for losing with dignity, and said that he had "100% faith in his team" to win the next game.

Head coach Ryan

Saulnier provided a similar response. "Last game was the best game this program has had in four years, so I wouldn't say this game was a fluke. Our biggest opponent is in the mirror," he noted.

Nonetheless, he continued on to explain that he couldn't have his job if he didn't have faith in his players. "Tonight was an issue of being emotional... [about] having a big opponent come to town and wanting to do well. These kids really just want to do well."

And in a final statement that echoed back what it seemed like everyone was feeling, "I have total confidence in this team to bring it back for the rest of the season."

It would seem that this confidence was not unfounded, as the Falcons came back and beat Westford Academy, making their way into the playoffs. On October 28th the team had a rematch with LS. Go to Dilboy Field on 11/23 to see the Falcons play against Somerville.

How Unsafe Is the NFL?

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Football is a popular American game that blends athletic power, fitness, and brutality into an exciting 60 minutes. However, in recent years the National Football League has come under scrutiny due to the plethora of concussions that are suffered and concerns over chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE. To combat the growing stigma that the sport is dangerous, the NFL is making an effort to make the game safer.

Special teams are often one of the most dangerous parts of football. Defenders travel across the field to tackle a return man, who build up tremendous momentum which has resulted in countless injuries. Before the 2011-

2012 season the kickoff line was moved up from the 30 to the 35 yard line to encourage

the ball being kicked deeper into the endzone to discourage returns as well as to limit the momentum that players on the kickoff team can build up.

It has been successful, significantly shrinking the return percent-

age down from 80.1% to 41.4%. This is a significant difference although it has not eliminated injuries and it does not affect punt returns.

The punt returns can be even worse as returners often have poor blocking because most of the return team is right on the line of scrimmage to pressure the punter as well as make sure the offense isn't running a trick play. Even though the fair catch does stop the play, if the returner does not check the field and tries to return the ball or a defender is a little overzealous, the effects can be devastating.

Before the start of the 2016 season, team owners voted to extend the touchback from the 20 to the 25 yard line to further discourage kick returns and reduce injuries. Unfortunately, the extra five yards have changed the strategy of

some teams to make the game more dangerous.

NFL teams are currently kicking the ball out of or deep in the endzone less, often opting to kick a shorter distance so the return specialist is forced to return and then trying to tackle him before he reaches the 25. The new rule has made teams switch focus from kick



The National Football League has recently come under scrutiny.

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distance to kick hang time which gives defenders more time to get down field and gives returners less time to scan the field and react to the defense.

Junior NFL fan Luke Matheson said, "I feel like it's the NFL trying to make players safer but teams are finding a way to get around it for their own gain." The rule change has had ironic results as junior Zach Shetterly pointed out, "I think it was funny the rule was made to have less contact of kick-offs and lessen them but rather it did the opposite."

The effects of the rule were most clearly seen perhaps in a week three matchup between the Houston Texans and New England Patriots

when there were two special teams turnover due to a short kicked ball being returned.

Junior Aziz Rifai, an avid Patriots fan, feels there is has been a visible change, saying, "Some teams have tried to limit the amount of touchbacks they kick."

Kickoffs and punts are dangerous, there's no doubt, but the NFL eliminating them would have drastic effects on the game. There were 21 returns for touchdowns this past season with one of them happening in the playoffs.

Finding a middle ground which can keep players safe and won't hurt the fundamentals of the game is amongst the top problems facing the NFL today.

HOCR Brings Sport and Celebration to the Charles

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On October 22nd and 23rd, over 11,000 athletes from across the globe came to Boston to compete in a two day rowing competition along the Charles River. Rowers young and old clashed with each other in the biggest rowing event in the world, the Head of the Charles. Fortunately, our very own Cambridge Rindge and Latin crew team gets to join the contest every year.

The first day of racing was not an ideal time for the rowers or viewers—it poured viciously throughout the contest, but the competitors still came out with energy and rowed to the finish line. Luckily the CRLS crew teams competed on Sunday, which happened to be a much sunnier and comfortable day for the event. The boys 2v team came in an unforeseen 19th place in the Men's

Youth Fours. They were originally ranked 75th out of the 85 teams competing, but ended up placing much higher than they expected. Jake Steinberg, one of the rowers on the team, expressed, “We were pretty excited about the results and none of us saw it coming.” However, the boys 1v team came in at a disappointing 66th spot. Their placing would've improved a lot more if the team did not receive a crushing one minute penalty that set them back from placing where they would've liked to. Even though they did not get the results they hoped for, they were still proud of the race they performed.

The girls team came in at a satisfying 22nd place. Even though the atmosphere was a bit chaotic at times, the girls remained focused and determined throughout their race.

Senior Catie Eiref explained that “on the water while you warm



Over 11,000 athletes compete in the HOCR, making it the largest regatta in the world.

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up you can hear the cheers for other boats, but once you are on the course everything gets blocked out.”

The coach of the CRLS crew team, Theo Pritz, raced in one of the men's singles and placed very well at 19th. Showing his strength and determination to race the best he could, he inspired his rowers to

row well too. Pritz's performance had a great impact on the rowers—Max Ingersoll, another rower on the boys team, said his coach's execution “motivated us to go all out!”

Overall the crew team was pretty satisfied with the results of this year's regatta and hope for the success of the future crew team at next year's Head of the Charles.

Papi's Finest Moments: An Emotional Farewell to David Ortiz

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A man with eleven walk off home runs. A man with three rings, one to end the curse in 2003, another in 2007, and yet another to help Boston recover from the tragedy of the marathon bombings. A mentor to rookies who are now all stars, and a strong leader in the clubhouse. This is David Ortiz, Big Papi, a man who has done it all for the Red Sox and for his city. After 20 seasons in the MLB, he is still raking, with a .315 batting average, 127 RBI, and 37 home runs in his final season. Unfortunately, the Sox suffered a very disappointing early exit from the playoffs at the hands of the Cleveland Indians, denying Papi's run for one more championship. Despite this let down, we recognize David Ortiz's incredible career by recalling some of his finest moments in Boston

1st home run with the Red Sox:

Right off the bat (pun intended), Papi showed that he would be a major factor in the team's success. His first home run for Boston came in his first season with us, which was 2003. He came in in the 14th inning with the game tied 4-4 against the Angels and promptly hit a two run go ahead bomb which would give the Sox the win, foreshadowing countless clutch moments to follow.

2004 ALDS series winner:

In the beginning of the Red Sox first championship winning postseason campaign since 1918, David Ortiz hit a walk off home run in the tenth inning to give Boston a sweep of the Angels and a Division Championship.

2004 ALCS Game 4 walk off:

In one of the most legendary series of all time, the Red Sox came back from a 3-0 series deficit to beat the Yankees on their way to ending

the curse of the Bambino. In game four, after the Red Sox tied the game in the bottom of the ninth, Papi sealed the victory with another walk off home run with the game tied at four in the twelfth inning. With momentum from this win, the Red Sox won the next three games and the series, the first team to come back from down 3-0 in MLB history. They then swept the Cardinals to take the World Series.

Home run number 51:

In 2006, David Ortiz hit his 51st home run in the season, the most by any Red Sox player ever. He finished the season with an astounding 54 home runs. The legitimacy of this feat was challenged in 2009 when a drug test from 2003 was



David Ortiz is one of 27 players to hit over 500 home runs.

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released in which he tested positive for Performance Enhancing Drugs (PEDs), but recently MLB commissioner Rob Manfred has said that these tests may have been unreliable. Ortiz has always maintained his innocence, denying ever using PEDs.

Speech after Boston Marathon bombing:

After the Boston Marathon bombing and its aftermath rocked Boston and surrounding communities in 2013, David Ortiz delivered a moving and motivational speech before a game days after the tragedy, saying: “This is our f---ing city,

and nobody is going to dictate our freedom.” Papi has meant so much to Red Sox fans for so long, and his inspirational words here exemplify what Papi means to all of New England, not just baseball fans.

2013 ALCS grand slam:

In yet another awe inspiring moment, David Ortiz breathes life back into struggling Red Sox with a grand slam in game two of the ALCS against the Tigers. Down 1-0 in the series and 5-1 in game two, David Ortiz jacked a game tying slam to left field with two outs in the eighth inning, sending Fenway into what announcers called “a state of delirium.” The Sox went on to win the game on a walkoff hit, and then won the world series against the Cardinals. This one is a must watch.

Home run number 500:

Before the 2015 season, Ortiz was 34 home runs shy of the 500 mark, and at age 39 it seemed doubtful that he would reach his mark during the season, or maybe even ever. However, he slugged his way to the landmark number easily, and at Tampa Bay on September 12 he hit two homers, the second of which gave him 500. Only 27 players have ever reached this mark, known as the 500 club. His final tally after this year amounts to 541.

Final season:

Throughout the season, as Ortiz hit so well, he received gifts from nearly every ballpark he played at, including cowboy boots from the Texas Rangers, a winter coat from the Toronto Blue Jays, and a painting from the New York Yankees. When he returned home to Fenway for the final games of his career, the celebrations were non-stop. Papi's face was cut into the outfield grass, he was given more gifts, and was greeted by important figures such as members of his three championship teams, Governor Charlie Baker, and even Danilo Medina, president of the Dominican Republic, where Ortiz was born.