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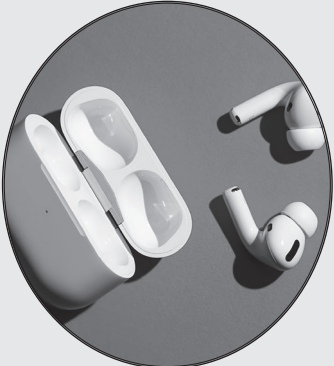


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## Physical stature to be considered in college admissions

Colleges to look at applicant's height, weight in hopes of more "whole person" evaluation

By Sam Greenberg  
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"Mr. Appleseed, we regret to inform you that we are not able to offer you admission to our university." That dreaded string of words has plagued high school seniors for ages, making them feel worthless and weak. Today, colleges are rejecting applicants because of GPA, standardized test scores, and other impersonal metrics—all contributing to the sentiment that the college admissions system is broken.

Many colleges are doing away with the ACT/SAT requirement, including nearby Xavier University, in an effort to conduct a more "whole person" evaluation that doesn't boil an applicant down to a number. Now, several colleges are taking it a step further, and will be considering the applicant's physical stature in their admissions decision.

Admissions officers will be analyzing the applicant's height and weight, as well as other more subjective features of their physical bodies. Shoulder width, facial symmetry, and overall appeal of the body shape are a few of the things universities will be examining.

Some students are questioning exactly why colleges are doing this, arguing that the practice is just another form of body shaming. "We at Xavier don't consider it body shaming," **Sidney Applebaum**, head

of undergraduate admissions at Xavier University says. "We like to call it body critiquing."

Applebaum says Xavier plans on using the system to admit a class that is varied in height, weight, and body shape. She hopes that students will be pleased knowing they are being evaluated on something that is actually representative of them, instead of a meaningless number.

"We believe this new system will

will derive their opinions based on "what feels right."

Xavier is one among several academic institutions across the country that are implementing this new method of applicant evaluation. The adoption of this new idea has even caught the eye of prominent Ivy League institutions like Princeton and Harvard.

"We are definitely looking into it," Harvard President **Carlos Rosenberg** said. "Harvard is always open to new ways to reject applicants, so, suffice to say, we are very excited."

Some LHS students have been voicing their opinions about the new admissions policy. "I am not sure if this is a good idea," one student said. "It seems wrong. Does this mean I could be too short to get into college?"

"People complained about the standardized test scores being too rigid and impersonal," Applebaum

said. "We listened, and got rid of them. Now we are trying to make the process more personal by considering physical stature—and people are angry? I don't get it," she said.

The new policy will go into effect next admissions cycle. Admissions officers are hopeful that it will be beneficial to the academic quality of incoming classes. As Applebaum says, "Great students come in all shapes and sizes, unless that shape is—uh, well—never mind."



Photo courtesy of Michigan Health Lab

As part of the new college admissions policy, applicants will have their physical attributes measured. Admissions officers hope this will allow for a more "whole person" evaluation.

bring a more diverse group of students to our university. Gone are the days of the students feeling dehumanized by statistics," Applebaum said. "After all, what is more "whole person" than the very body of the applicant?"

Xavier will require the applicant to send a full length photo of his/her body, along with a form that includes height, weight, and body mass index (BMI). Under their outline of the policy, Xavier says it doesn't have any specific "cut-offs" but instead

## Grueling physical education test banned, cited as "cruel" and "dehumanizing" for kids

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If you've taken a gym class, you're sure to have participated in the "pacer test" or at least know what it is. The pacer is a running test that is taken especially in middle school for teachers to see how much the kids have improved. The pacer is in a group of fitness tests, including the push-up, pull-up, and sit-up tests. All of the tests go along to audio with a male voice. The one that is most memorable is the pacer audio.

The pacer, or the "FitnessGram 20 meter test" have students line up and run from one end of the gym to the other, stopping if they reach before the beep. Once the beep is heard, students continue running. The goal is usually around 30-50 as a minimum, from there students compete to get the highest score.

Although some students enjoy the pacer and competition for better scores, it has received a copious amount of criticism from health officials and parents. **Louise Cloud**, a member of the Better Care For Students in School organization (BCFSNS) told me that, "The pacer is too cruel for young children. A lot of children are not well trained for that much running and end up on the floor or the nurse's office." She said that children, "Often feel embarrassed if they do not meet the goal score or if a friend gets a higher score than them. My 9-year-old son came home crying after he was made fun of for getting a 45, compared to the 80 his best friend got." After that

incident, Louise knew that she needed to do something about it.

Cloud and various other parents started a petition for the pacer to get banned. They were highly successful, getting over 100,000 signatures in 2 days. The petition started in Columbus, Ohio but quickly spread throughout the United States. It was quickly taken up with the government and the Department of Education decided to ban the test on February 21.

Students at LHS explained the hardships they felt during the pacer, **Isa Abrinica (10)** says, "It caused me a lot of stress." When asked about her experience with the pacer, **Arlee Schott (10)** began to recite the test's audio which had become a bit of a joke earlier last year; students memorized it for fun.

On a more positive note, **Jessie Gibbins (10)** told me that, "The pacer was very difficult and stressful, but I think it was good conditioning for students if they were participating in a sport."

The United States isn't the only country to have banned the pacer. Great Britain, France, Finland, Sweden, and Norway have all banned the test because it was decided that it was too cruel for children.

Some gym teachers believe that the test shouldn't be banned and that parents are overreacting, however, there was a lot of evidence favoring the ban. From now on, you do not have to fear a pacer test in your gym class thanks to Cloud and other parents. The pacer will no longer be a part of your childhood.

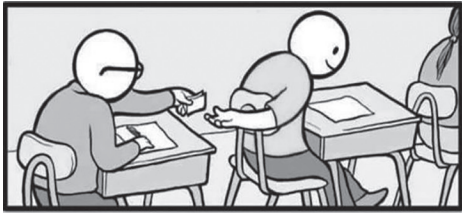


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The FitnessGram™ Pacer Test is a multistage aerobic capacity test that progressively gets more difficult as it continues. The 20 meter pacer test will begin in 30 seconds. Line up at the start. The running speed starts slowly, but gets faster each minute after you hear this signal.

LHS to receive grant for 300 Roombas

Administration hopes for improvements in human to robot relations

By Sam Greenberg

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Next school year, Loveland High School will be receiving a grant from the company iRobot for 300 of their Roomba robotic vacuum machines. LHS will become among the first schools in the nation to receive such a grant.

As students return to school after a long summer break, they will notice the little robots roaming the floors of the school. The mini robotic vacuums will be scattered about the entire building, and will make their rounds, ensuring the floors remain immaculate at all times. The plan calls for 100 Roombas to be allocated to each floor of the school.

One of the main focuses of the grant is ensuring students will exercise caution around the new technology. **Matt Buis (Assistant Principal)** is prepared to educate the students on how to develop mutual respect for the robots, so they can be focused on their sole purpose: keeping the school clean.

“I want students to understand—these robots are not meant to be trifled with;

they will be treated with the same level of respect you would have for your fellow classmates,” Buis said. “I don’t want to have to deal with students making the robots race each other, fight each other, or have any sort of nonconsensual robot-on-robot interactions. If that happens, there will be stiff consequences.”

Buis understands the positives that will come from the Roombas, but his main concern is their potential to be used as a vehicle for disruption. He also said he would prefer if they did not become *literal* vehicles, (as there have been problems with smaller-sized students trying to ride the Roombas during pilot testing programs near iRobot’s headquarters in Bedford, Massachusetts).

iRobot will be providing the school with 300 of their top-of-the-line “s Series” robots, which they claim to be their “smartest, most powerful robot vacuum yet.” Each robot retails for around \$900, but with the grant, the school will pay next to nothing.

Some students and teachers are happy with the news of the grant. “I look forward

to the Roombas, it seems like a good idea—what could go wrong?” **Alex Ditchen (12)** said. “It’s not like high school students are careless and will step on them, right?”



Photo courtesy of CEphoto, Uwe Aranas

One of the many Roombas that will join Loveland High School in the coming weeks. Both staff and students are looking forward to the change, and hope that they will be able to get along.

**Phil Marchal (Business and Technology)** is very excited for the addition of the robot vacuums. “I will finally have something I can interact with—I am getting tired of humans,” he said, relieved.

Other people do not seem to agree with the practicality of 300 tiny robots puttering around the halls, and disrupting classrooms. “I just don’t really get it, **Ben Westley (12)** said. “300 individual Roombas seems a bit like overkill.” Although the sheer quantity has been a topic of debate, administrators insist that it is the proper number given the surface area of the school.

When asked about the quantity of robots, teacher **Brian Damewood (English)** said, “I am okay with it, and I think the Roombas will do a good job keeping the floors clean. I just don’t understand why the plan requires all of the Automatic Dirt Disposal systems to be installed in my room.”

Overall, students, teachers, and administrators are hopeful that the Roomba grant will be a valuable addition to our school. Aside from bringing cleanliness to our floors, they might just bring smiles to our faces, as well.

Trump drops out of 2020 presidential race

By Allison Kiehl

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In shocking news today, inside sources at the White House declare that Donald Trump will be dropping out of the upcoming 2020 presidential race. After four years in office, the anonymous source claims that he heard Trump has tired of *Twitter* posts and foreign policy and looks to pass off the job as soon as possible. The source announced that Trump has called his position of power “a hoax” and “one big witch hunt;” something he wishes to dismiss as soon as he is able. However, instead of completely giving up his power, Trump plans on appointing a new leader for the country. He has several candidates for the role of president and is insistent on personally choosing the next leader of the United States to ensure their success while in office.

One of the top picks to be the new President is Trump’s friend and confidant, Vladimir Putin. In the 2016 election, these two major figures worked together forming what many see as a “bromance.” Although their relationship since has dwindled,

Trump still feels confident that Putin could run the country well, thanks to his many years of experience leading Russia. Putin assumed the Russian p r e s i d e n c y in 2012 and his additional four years of experience in the position elevate his immense qualifications for the American P r e s i d e n c y . Besides, his Russian hackers already possess all the information to win any necessary elections. Over time Trump hopes that Putin will be able to translate this stolen information to win over the heats of the American people.

Carl Azuz, the anchor for CNN 10 news, has also shown great promise in the world

of politics. For years now, Azuz has been



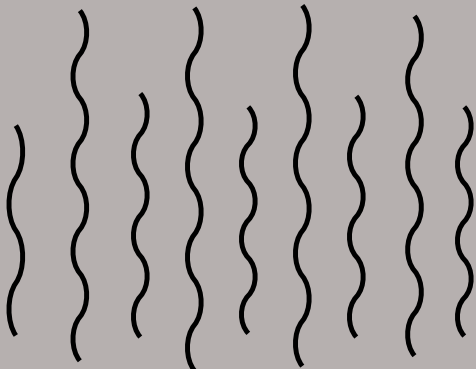
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the news will be a unique attribute that qualifies him for the role of President of the United States. In addition, Azuz has become a well-known name, has a good reputation, and a strong pun game will help the American people to better accept his new government role.

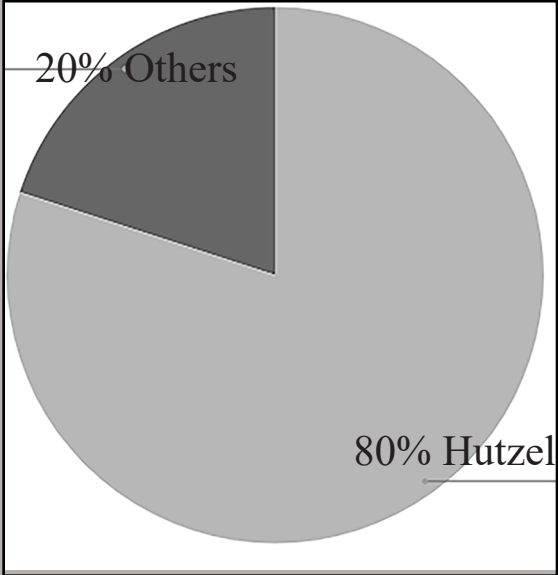
The final frontrunner is Larry Hutzel from Loveland High School. Hutzel is an English teacher and commonly teaches George Orwell’s *Animal Farm*, which is knowledge that Trump believes will give Putin a challenge in this presidential race. Besides this, Hutzel presents several other unique attributes to bring to the table for this election. Hutzel is currently advising the *Loveland Roar* student newspaper and because of this, is already very knowledgeable about current events happening in the Loveland community and nationally. His involvement with *The Roar* also gives experience handling the press, a skill that Trump deems necessary to be a good President. Trump admires Hutzel’s dedication to his student newspaper and his pupils, and is confident that this loyalty will translate to a new position in the Oval Office.

While the country waits in anticipation to find out who the next President of the United States will be, voters and American citizens can have confidence in knowing that Loveland’s favorite administrator is on Trump’s ballot.

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“Cookies and  
clout”



Loveland Frogman finally caught

Found surviving off LaRosa’s pizza and Graeter’s ice cream

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The city of Loveland, Ohio was founded as a village in 1876, and was first settled in 1795 by Col Thomas Paxton. In 1955, the Loveland Frogman was first seen in the area. The Frogman is a half-frog, half-man creature that stands at four feet high. The legend of the Frogman is now an integral part of Loveland culture. If you live in Loveland, you know the Frogman. Over the years, there haven’t been many sightings of the Frogman, but this elusive creature was recently caught by the Loveland Police.

Once the Frogman was caught, all of his secrets were revealed. As he is able to talk, the Frogman told the police that he is a nocturnal creature and during the day, he sleeps in the Loveland Castle. Sure enough, when investigators went to the Loveland Castle, they found a staircase behind a painting which led to the Frogman’s room. The room had a bed of blankets and pillows, and the entire room was filled with old LaRosa’s pizza boxes and old Graeter’s ice cream containers. “I was shocked when I found out

the Frogman lives in the Loveland castle,” says **Grace Jones (10)**. The Frogman said that his diet only consists of cheese pizza from LaRosa’s and Black Berry Chocolate Chip ice cream from Graeter’s. All three businesses came together in a statement in which the spokesperson for the businesses said, “None of us had any idea the connection the Frogman has to our businesses.”

With suspicion on the rise, investigators visited Paxton’s because of the restaurant’s connection to the founder of Loveland. After much interrogation, the Paxton’s management revealed that the past owners of the restaurant were first brought the Frogman to Loveland, although they did it unknowingly. In the summer of 1954, a little frog was found outside the restaurant. The owners decided to keep the frog in a tank in the restaurant’s main dining area. However, as the years went on, the frog grew into the four-foot-tall Frogman. At this time, the owners moved the Frogman to their house, as he started to scare guests away from the restaurant. One night, the Frogman

ran away from the house and that was when he was first seen by the public. The Frogman then found the secret room in the Loveland Castle and ever since, the Frogman has lived in the castle. The owners of Paxton’s have given him all of his food, and the Frogman has gone out every night, his favorite activity being swimming in the Little Miami River.

The Frogman does not know where he came from, but he thinks he was part of a failed experiment by the Cincinnati based company Procter & Gamble. The company has declined to comment. He recalls escaping a lab that was full of other frogs when he was young. The Frogman hopes to one day meet the other Frogmen that were in the lab. Although there is a lot that the Loveland community doesn’t know about the Frogman, citizens are happy to finally know who this Frogman is. As for the future, the Loveland Castle has agreed to let the Frogman live in his secret room and representatives of LaRosa’s and Graeter’s have agreed to give the Frogman free food for life.



Photo courtesy of Cincinnati.com.

Photo from the first known sighting of the Loveland Frogman. The half-frog, half-man creature was finally caught at Loveland Castle.



Photo courtesy of PlupAfflictionArt

An artist’s drawing of the Loveland Frogman. The Frogman posed for the drawing after being caught.



Photo courtesy of Cincinnati.com.

The Loveland Frogman lives in a room in the Loveland Castle. The Frogman has lived there almost his whole life.

Wandering halls improves educational opportunities

How to improve grades, social stature, become popular, be best student possible

By Mr. Pohana

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The findings of a recent academic study into the life of adolescents ages 14-18 reveals that aimlessly wandering around school during instructional time has a direct positive correlation with student performance on both standardized testing as well as interpersonal life skills.

Contrary to what every single teacher, administrator and education major has previously stated, the best course of action a student can take to better themselves and their classmates is to go to the bathroom and proceed to meander around the hallways. It turns out that leaving an environment that was designed to help students grow not only as individuals, but also as a collective society is the best way to learn.

Students who spend at least fifteen minutes in the halls during a class period are also more likely to be designated as popular. Instead of being in a classroom surrounded by peers who can get to know them better, spending time isolated from their classmates allows teens to develop an aura of mystery. One student’s comments reveal this very sentiment: “Marissa leaves for 20 minutes every single day! She must be experiencing some awesome adventures. I can’t wait to be her friend now that I have spent even less time with her!”

According to the study, the most effective time for a student to leave the classroom is while the teacher is explaining directions to an important assignment. Doing this allows the student to claim they “don’t understand what we are doing” when they are caught playing 8-Ball on their phone after returning to class. It is also important

that students do not sign out or take a pass, as this would slow them down for a maximum of 30 seconds.

Once in the halls, students should also ensure that they are playing the latest Roddy Ricch album through their AirPods at the loudest volume possible. Not only will this allow them to ignore any teachers inquiring as to how their day is going, but it will also give them permanent hearing damage, effectively preventing them from hearing any future instructions.

Remember to leave the classroom at all costs. The longer you are in the instructional area, the worse you will perform academically and socially. If your teacher will not allow you to use the restroom then simply ask to go to the nurse. Additionally, claiming that the teacher is violating your freedom of speech but limiting your ability to express yourself via bathroom breaks is also an effective strategy.

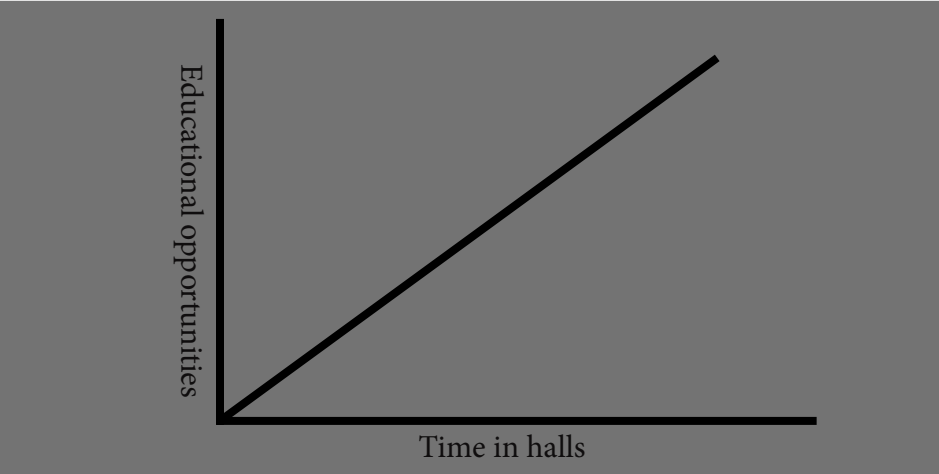


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Students wander the halls during class. These students were considered to be the best students in the school.

# Students love exam season

By Laurel Gibbins

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Although it is not a popular opinion of students everywhere, I love exams. Honestly, exam weeks are my favorite weeks of the whole school year and it makes me sad that we only have two all year. There’s something about spending hours studying material learned months ago, getting little sleep, and the crushing feelings of stress, anxiety, fear, and failure that makes me so overjoyed! Exams are needed in order for schools to find out what student’s breaking points are, so they can push them closer every year.

Exams are a great motivator to study. They make up 20% of the final class grade so they can make or break grades. Students can raise their grades by doing well on exams, or lower them by doing poorly. This is one reason why the bell schedule is beneficial. When classes were a semester, students had to take finals, and they didn have to take midterms which gave them one less opportunity to raise their grades. Students better understand how they study best, which is a very important thing “Before I had to take exams, I never really knew how to study, but now I do,” says **Jessie Gibbins (10)**. With the bell schedule, students have to study for up to 7 exams at the same time which helps them learn time management and how to delegate tasks. Exams also teach students how to cram a semester’s worth of information into a few nights of studying. All these skills are very important to have.

Exams teach students that high school can’t always be fun and games; there has to be real studying going on, as well. Learning this is especially important for students who plan on going to college after high school. “Exams are good because they are preparing us for college,” says **Maaikke Snider (10)**. Students need to find a balance between studying and having fun, and exams help students establish this balance, although having fun is more important.

Exams are also important for teachers because they give them information on how their students learned the material they were taught. If the students do well on the exams, teachers know what they’re doing is working, and if the students do poorly on the exams, teachers know they need to find a better way to teach so their students can learn the material. The main goal of a teacher is to teach their classes in the most effective way possible and exams help the teacher understand this, wither the teachers use this information to help their students is questionable.

Exams are a great way to end a semester because they help wrap everything up. Students are forced to look at material that they haven’t seen in months, which gives them a better understanding of what they have learned. Afterwards, students can better understand new concepts that they learn because they now have a better understanding of the subjects in general because they are forced to relearn what they have already learned. In classes like Math or Science where concepts build on each other, this is even more true.

Love them or hate them, exams will follow you the rest of your high school and college careers, and maybe into your future jobs, so you better get used to them.

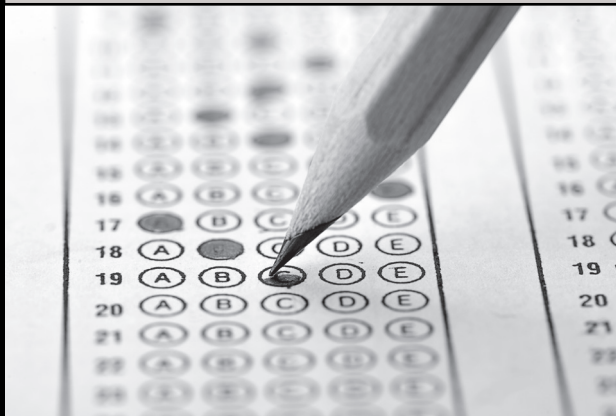


Photo courtesy of Parentmap

Many students share Laurel’s enthusiasm and love for testing. Thousands of students filled out these scantrons happily to ensure their brightest, most promising futures.

# OFFICIAL top job list 2020

By Allison Kiehl

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Each year, the Loveland administration provides many platforms to encourage students to begin thinking about their future. To further aid students in their research, the Loveland Roar staff put together a list of the most promising industries to enter after high school or college.

**Medical Professional:** Our number five career recommendation is to go to medical school to become a doctor. With the Coronavirus spreading rapidly, The Roar estimates that there will be an increased need for doctors and medics in the near future and that the salary will go up through increased demand. However, medical school is a long process so by the time high school age students finish the proper education, it is likely that the Coronavirus will have already killed the entire population.

**Professional Sleeper:** Many students are already familiar with this occupation, but being a professional sleeper takes naps to the next level. This job entails testing mattresses and pillows to ensure quality and comfort. It is freelance work that doesn’t pay as highly as other occupations on this list, but still, The Roar believes that this job is one of the best. Students are encouraged to sleep during class to practice and prepare for this career.

**Chicken trainer:** With an increasing number of Americans turning to eco-friendly food and vegan diets, the poultry industry has struggled with what to do with all of the chickens that are not being eaten. Their solution is to train the chicken for talent shows and circuses around the country. This is a fairly new occupation, however, The



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Chicken trainers and professional mermaids are some of the most promising occupations. If interested, students found more information in the Loveland High School guidance office.

Roar believes that in a few years, chicken training could be a huge industry. If seeking this career, students should have experience in training exotic animals for at least ten years.

**Paint color namer:** The Roar’s number two job prospect of 2020 is to have a career naming the paint chips seen in hardware stores across the country. With color trends constantly changing, there is a continual need for this position which results in high yearly wages and job security. As new colors are discovered, the promising career of naming paint colors absolutely necessary and is one of the most underrated careers in North America, according to the Roar.

**Professional Mermaid:** This is a lesser-known employment opportunity than some other established careers, however, The Roar believes that this sector of the entertainment industry will be more recognized and grow 10245% by the year 2050. Professional mermaids typically perform at aquariums, parties and large events by swimming with all sorts of fish and sea life. According to fastcompany.com, merfolk make an average of \$250 dollars per hour. Employees are expected to buy their own tail and all other needed equipment although The Roar believes that being a mermaid is a promising, fastly growing career.

To take advantage of any of these growing opportunities, you can schedule an appointment with your guidance counselors or come directly to The Roar staff for more logical career advice and more details.



Photo courtesy of Kat Professional

# Missing paper towels? You’re not alone

By Claire Wallace

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Loveland High School has been facing a crisis for many years, and it has finally reached its peak with all paper towels and paper towel dispensers being removed from the school bathrooms. Students have been left feeling isolated, alone, and scared for their well-being. Students want the privilege of having paper towels but are unsure how they are supposed to qualify for a privilege that was first removed many years ago. They have many questions,

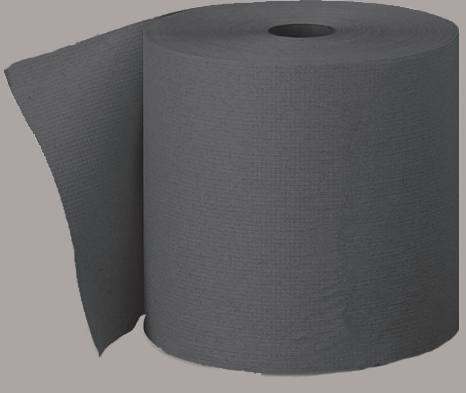
and hope to get answers about their precious paper towels.

It has been a dreaded year for students, as the last paper towel dispenser was removed from the walls of Loveland High School in the band hallway’s restrooms. You can still see the marks of where it hung on the wall.

Replacing the paper towels with hand dryers sounds great in theory; reducing waste and saving money in the long run. But the hand dryers have proven to be more of a nuisance than a valuable asset to the high school. The dryers are loud, distracting, and overall not very effective. “I don’t like the hand dryers. They take so long and aren’t powerful enough to dry hands,” said **Olivia Raby (9)**.

Students and teachers in classes down the hall have no choice but to hear the constant sound of the dryer. The dryers themselves also don’t do a great job at the purpose they are meant to serve. It takes easily 45 seconds to completely dry students’ hands, where a paper towel would take a mere ten seconds. The extra time takes away from student learning. And as if these reasons aren’t

**IF FOUND  
PLEASE RETURN  
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Photo courtesy of Supplytime

enough—hand dryers are notorious holders of bacteria. “They’re disgusting; all I can think about are the germs,” said **Ally Batsch (12)**. A report from Harvard University stated, “...fecal matter can be found in hot hand-dryers.” This certainly is a cause for concern. Results from a recent poll of Loveland High School students showed that 96.3% of the student population misses paper towels, while the remaining 3.7% are wrong.

Replacing paper towels with hand dryers is supposed to help save money, but some are fearful that this isn’t actually

the case. Teachers across the building have access to paper towels in their rooms, whether they are in a towel dispenser or sitting out on their desks. The school is trying to convince us that we are saving money, but if the cardboard-like paper towels are still being ordered and used in classrooms then there is no convincing evidence that we are in fact saving money.

The paper towels ordered take some time getting used to, it’s not like everyone uses Bounty paper towels. The high school’s towels can be likened to cardboard, but hopefully that means they were made out of recyclable materials. Other

area high schools have been deemed nicer simply because they students have access to paper towels. These schools include West Clermont, Milford, and even St. Columban just down the road.

Unfortunately, I doubt there will be much of a change to switch back to paper towels. We will be stuck with hand dryers that don’t dry well for the foreseeable future. The paper towels may be more wasteful but they are definitely more sanitary.

# Crocs voted most attractive shoe

By Kate Carpenter

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The Croc is a simple but incredibly comfortable and practical shoe. Not to mention, the shoe is the epitome of style and attractiveness. How could a shoe with so many uses become such a controversial topic? Many argue that the shoe is impractical and ugly but allow me to explain why the croc is indeed the best shoe on the planet.

Reason 1: The versatility that the Croc allows for is greater than any other shoe. It offers a relaxation mode achieved by moving the ankle strap to the front of the shoe. This mode is for those who want to be comfortable and lounge around your

house and enjoy the slower things in life. It also allows for a sport/action mode achieved by wearing the strap on the back of your ankle. This mode is for those out there who enjoy a little bit more action in their lives. The Croc works perfectly in rainy and dry conditions due to its ability to dry in no time and be cleaned quickly and easily. You are not going to find any other shoe that offers the same amount of athletic and lounge potential that the Croc offers.

Reason 2: How many other shoes can you name that offers the large color and pattern selection that the Croc has? None, no other shoe can beat the color and style options that the Croc possesses. Name a color and I guarantee that you can find a Croc in that color. The Croc is the only shoe that can change with you depending

on your mood. Feeling angry, grab a bright red pair of Crocs. Feeling happy, grab yourself a pair of bright yellow Crocs. In addition to the fun color options, you can find Crocs with any pattern imaginable on them. Peppers, fish, and even avocados. No other shoe can help you display your mood as well as the Croc can.

Reason 3: Jibbitz! Crocs are one of the most customizable shoes on the market. Depending on how you are feeling that day, you can choose what Jibbitz you want to wear in your Crocs. You can get Jibbitz that represent your hobbies like a basketball or a dance shoe. You can even use Jibbitz to spell out your name or other words that are important to you. You cannot add fun charms to any other shoe.

Reason 4: General attractiveness and

celebrity influence. That's right, the Croc is by far one of the most attractive shoes on the market. The Croc can complete almost any look, just ask John Cena who has frequently been seen wearing a pair of Crocs. Don't you want to wear the same shoes that John Cena wears?

Crocs are just so much more fun than other generic shoes. What is fun about a plain old gym shoe or sandal? Nothing, they offer up no personality, unlike the creative masterpiece that is a Croc. What I hope you take away from this article is that the Croc is the perfect shoe for any occasion. No matter the weather or occasion, the Croc is always there for you, unlike those other pesky shoes that fall apart and break down. Life is short, live it happily in a pair of Crocs.



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John Cena points at someone with crocs complimenting them. He had sponsored crocs with the slogan "Come as you are."



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These crocs are living their best life in the grass. Crocs were widely known to be comfortable and stylish to wear.

# Membean is no longer part of your life

By Grace Nunn

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It has been announced that Membean is shutting down. If you've taken an English class here at the high school, you'll know what Membean is. Sadly, this 2020 it was announced by the owner of Membean, Sagav Ratish that it will be shutting down in 2021. This means no more vocabulary tests and no more panicked, "I didn't do the third day of Membean!"

Membean was created in Portland, Oregon by a computer programmer, businessman, and a teacher known as, Ratish, Brad Broner, and Markus Orzo, (membean.com). The website started in 2010 and has lasted 10 years before being shut down. The 3 decided that it was for

the best to shut it down on February 15 as students were becoming too stressed with all the vocabulary they had to learn along with other homework. They announced this at the National Vocabulary Convention in New York, (vocabnews.com).

Ratish said, "I realized kids are already too stressed after school and don't have time for Membean, I do not want to be a cause of their stress." He also told us that he has received a lot of hate, the only praise being from teachers, "Membean was originally created as a fun way to learn vocabulary, now all I hear is that it was a negative lasting memory from high school English classes."

Broner, being a Latin and English teacher believes that Membean is extremely important, "I thought it was well done and my students seemed to thoroughly

enjoy it. It also prepared them for the SAT vocabulary portion." He gave no further comment.

Orzo decided to remain silent on the situation. However, do not fret. Ratish announced plans for a new vocabulary website, (name unknown). It is said to be similar to an online game, like Webkinz or Animal Jam. Players can collect items through virtual currency, become friends with other students, and play games. The catch is that in order to earn currency, you must do the amount of vocabulary your teacher has assigned. If completed, your teacher can choose how much you are awarded. Satish says that it will be released in 2022, allowing kids 1 year of rest before getting back into the vocabulary grind.

I asked a few students what they thought about Membean shutting down. **Jack**

**Jeffcott (12)** was excited to hear this news telling me, "Finally, the reign of terror is over." Jeffcott is a senior, who unfortunately had to endure 4 years of Membean. **Chloe Etter (10)** had more positive feedback saying, "I'm very happy that Membean is shutting down. I will say, it is a good way to learn new words but I hate doing it and the tests are petrifying." Since Etter is in her 2nd year of high school, she won't have to go through 2 more years of Membean. My sister, **Alex Nunn (9)** told me that she was excited about the new website and, "Membean will not be missed."

Overall, few are saddened by this loss, except for the teachers. Unfortunately, No Red Ink has no competitors and will take Membean's place as the "Most hated" website. Membean lasted 10 long years and has sadly, come to its demise.

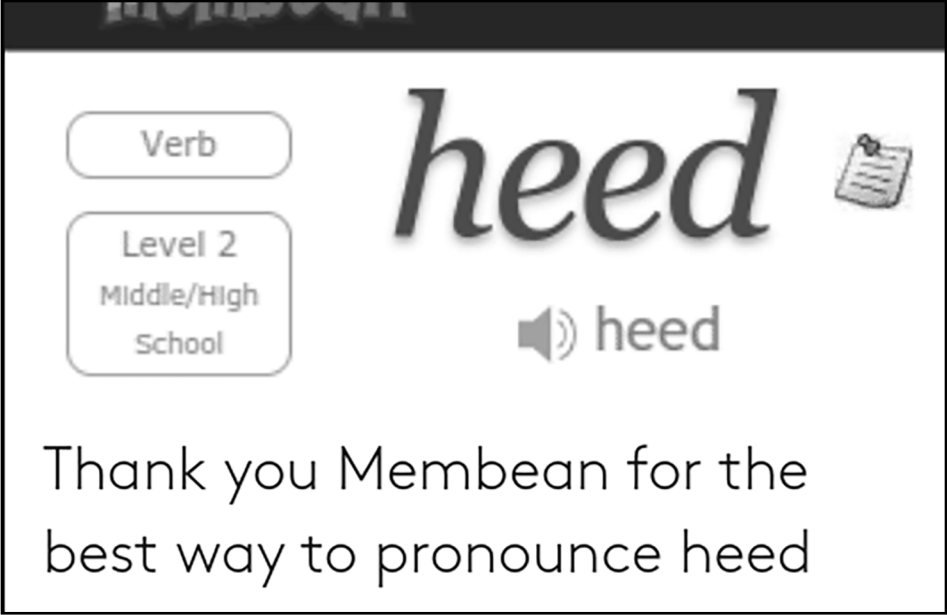


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Membean gives a pronunciation of a word. Sometimes it wasn't always needed.



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One frustrated user created this meme. Many people could relate to this meme, causing it to go viral.

# Curling sweeps away state regionals

By Marisa Kelley

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As very few may know, the Loveland High School Curling Team recently won first place in State Regionals. They'll be moving on to Nationals within the next few weeks, along with select teams from Wisconsin, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Illinois, and Washington. The team itself has gone completely under the radar at Loveland, but it certainly does exist. One of the members, **Dahlia Kressler (12)**, even says, "Oh yeah, the curling? I love it, it's my only passion. The smell of fresh ice on a Thursday morning is something I'll love forever. We've gone undefeated this season, and actually, three of us are on the Olympic Team. We have a few more games left and I'd love to see the student sections filled as always." Kressler, the co-captain, has been dubbed the best skipper since the team was first formed back in the eighties. "Go Tigers!" She added just before the most recent practice.

The team, despite being unnoticed, has continued to *brush* on as they practice and compete all over the Cincinnati area. They mainly practice at the Cincinnati Curling Club's rink in West Chester, as it's one of the most accessible rinks nearby. According to Kressler, they practice nine times a week--twice on Tuesdays and Thursdays--and have won awards for best vice and skipper for three years in a row. Their most recent match ended up being a close one against William Mason High School as they repeatedly tied in an attempt to win the game. As any pro-curler would know, it's impossible to tie a game, so a game will continue until a winner is found. Needless to

say, the teams were stuck at the rink for at least five hours on Saturday desperately trying to finish it off. Eventually, Loveland did anything they could to lose and quickly finish the game, which ended up with them scoring an eight-ender--a perfect score. The team was in complete and utter disbelief at this, but it certainly did boost morale in the end.

Rumors circulating have said that the team will be cut within the next two years, but the team says otherwise. Its twelve coaches, seven athletic advisors, and twenty managers claim that the team isn't going anywhere anytime soon. The team's main leader, **Meghan Kelley (9)**, was proclaimed as the youngest leader ever. So far,

she has ranked in the top ten for the highest number of points scored in curling. She says that, even though she hates curling with a passion, she does enjoy winning.

Many of the team members have been quiet about the wins, but it's hard to ignore all of this. They even like to call themselves "the better version of the football team!" It's been an exciting season, and don't forget to congratulate them on the hat tricks and zero burned stones! Also, wish them luck at Nationals! Maybe next year, we'll hear more of the LHS Hockey Teams--both on ice and on the field. Both the Hockey Team and the Curling Team have multiple members heading to the Olympics!



Photo courtesy of Cincinnati Curling Club on Facebook



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**Kate Carpenter (10)** curling during the 2019-2020 season. Carpenter, who mainly plays as a skipper, once stated that she won every time because she "thought really, really hard about both ice and rocks throughout the season."

## “Cuppers” of the world unite: cup stacking joins Olympics

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In early January of 2020, the IOC (International Olympic Committee) announced a brief list of disciplines that would be added to the 2020 Summer Games schedule. This list included activities such as shuffleboard, chess, boxing, cheer, bowling, and most notably competitive cup stacking. After several years of back and forth among the Olympic Committee, officials decided to add the highly competitive sport to this year's schedule. During a press release **Carla Azuza**, (Olympic Press Manager) had this to say on the introduction of the discipline, "For years we have debated the decision to add such a competitive sport to the Olympic roster. This year we are proud to announce that cup stacking will be added to the 2020 Summer Games event schedule."

Cup stacking is a physically and mentally challenging solo sport that involves the rapid stacking and unstacking of a set of 12 cups into a pyramid formation. To many, this activity seems like a child-like game involving little physical stamina, but for those involved in the sport, they know how physically demanding the sport can be. Competitors put in hours of practice for the events. From relationships, family, and even their health, cuppers risk everything in order to compete. For **Phillip McGraw**, one cup stacking mistake forever changed his life. During a practice, McGraw began stacking so fast that he sprained his thumb, effectively ending his competitive career, "My career was over before it even truly started. My dreams of going to the Olympics would never become a reality."

McGraw now works as a TV personality and consultant.

You may be asking yourself, what kind of training goes into Olympic level cup stacking? Is it even a real sport? The answer is a resounding yes! Athletes involved in the activity like to consider themselves "America's top athletes." Most competitive cup stackers begin their careers as young children. A small portion of these kids will continue practicing their stacking skills until they reach regional and national levels. For many young cuppers, the dream is to make it to the Sport Stacking Junior Olympics. But now they have a higher goal to pursue "I began cup stacking when I was in 5th grade. It started as a simple pastime, but as I aged, I realized how much I enjoyed the world of cup stacking. It became a true passion of mine to the point that it was the only thing that brought me true happiness," says **Beau Aldrich (11)**. Aldrich hopes to compete and win at the 2020 Junior Stack Fast Competition in Thailand.

The IOC was initially against the addition of cup stacking to the 2020 Summer Games due to its overly competitive nature and corrupt history. In the past 20 years alone there have been 15 sport stacking related riots across the country leading to the banning of the sport in two states (Rhode Island and Iowa). "It's truly a shame that we've earned this negative reputation, but we know that we can do so much better," says **Stephen Harvey** (President of the American Stack association). "We know that we can do better, and the Olympics is our chance to prove that."

Tune in to the 2020 Summer Games to see what is to become of the cup stacking teams of the World.



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## Did you know?

- Cup stacking can improve a person's reaction times by up to 30%. That means that cup stackers are less likely to get in car accidents!
- Loveland's very own cup stacking team lasted from September 2004-October 2004 due to lack of interest.
- Cup stacking had a .2 second cameo in the 1999 thriller Fight Club.
- Curling, badminton, and cup stacking are some of the highest-rated sports among some Yugoslavians.
- Loveland's very own **Kaie Fuchs (10)** toppled records as a cupper at Pablo Elementary School in Montana, where he won multiple, real awards.

# Swim and Dive Teams send members to State

## Bullock, Day compete in Canton at OHSAA state swim and dive competition

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Swimmer **Brandon Day (12)** and diver **Riley Bullock (12)** competed in the state meet in Canton, Ohio over February 19 through February 22. The competition was tough but they performed and represented Loveland well. Bullock placed 5th out of 24 divers. Day, the only swimmer from Loveland, finished 20th out of 53 other teams.

The competitive diving season began in November, but practice started much sooner for the divers. Bullock, a returning senior who qualified for the state meet last year, knew she wanted to qualify once again. At the 2019 dive meet, Bullock finished in 6th place out of 24 other competitors. This year she set a goal for herself to do better, and she did just that.

The 4 day meet started with the diving tournament, where 24 girls competed in Division One.

To prepare for the meet, Bullock focused on the small corrections she had for each dive and reminded herself to focus on her breathing. The state meet takes the top 6 finishers from the Southwest Ohio District meet.

The day of the meet she focused on her breathing, but she also focused on having a good time at her last high school dive meet. 2 cuts were made, one going into Semifinals and another going into Finals. Bullock passed both cuts, and made it into Finals for the tournament. “I was very excited, but I knew I had to stay focused to continue doing well,” said Bullock. Each diver dove five rounds for Prelims, three rounds for Semifinals, and another three rounds in the Finals to determine the final placing. “For this meet, I was sick. It brought a lot of challenges with warming up and preparing myself, but I knew I had support and love from those who matter most to me.” Bullock came in 5th



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Bullock completing a dive at the state meet. She placed higher than all her previous state performances, with a 5th place finish.



Photo courtesy of Loveland Athletics

Day standing on the podium for his second place finish in the 200 free. He is continuing his academic and swimming career at The Ohio State University.

place at State, breaking personal goals that she set earlier in the season.

Bullock’s performance is viewed as inspiring by her friends, “I’m so excited for her,” said **Emma Christian (12)**, who traveled to Canton in support. “I’m even more proud because she did this all while getting over the flu.” **Julia Bayer (12)** can’t wait to see what she does next, “I’m so proud of how well she did, but I know this is only the start for her.” Bullock has committed to Ball State University for the fall where she will continue her diving career. “I am forever thankful for the athletic program and the boosters who have supported me for my 4 years. I would also like to thank my family and friends who have supported me through these crazy years,” said Bullock.

The Division One Swim Preliminaries and Finals were held on the third day of the meet. Senior captain, Day qualified for the state meet in the 100 yd backstroke and in the 200 yd freestyle. In order to prepare himself, Day swims six days a week. In the 200 yd freestyle, Day came in 2nd place with a time of 1:38:78. He placed 6th in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 48.86. “High school swim has given me an opportunity to swim at the fastest High School swim meet in the country, I’m thankful for that since it allowed me a chance to chase some personal goals.” said Day. Dayhas also decided to continue his athletic and academic career at The Ohio State University in the fall, “I’m looking forward to swimming at Ohio State and see how that training will develop me physically and mentally in the near future. I would like to win an event in the BIG TEN conference meet and place in the top 8 by my senior year at Ohio State.”

Both athletes thank their teammates, coaches, and supporters.

# Good in 2020 can make for positive year

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2020 may have started on a bad note with celebrities passing away like Kobe Bryant and Pop Smoke or an increase in air pollution and hate crimes. Although this doesn’t help the start to a new year I wouldn’t focus only on the negative when there are also quite a few positives.

Television is really growing this year! It’s truly the dawn of a new television era. Not only will 2020 see the launch of several new streaming services like HBO Max and Peacock, but there will also be innumerable new shows, reboots, and spinoffs in which to invest your time. *Lizzie McGuire* is getting the reboot treatment on Disney+, *Riverdale* is spawning a spinoff with the CW’s *Katy Keene*, and a *Clueless* reboot is floating around the schedule. If you’re more dramatically inclined, Stephen King’s *The Outsider* is sure to please on HBO, and an adaptation of the Liane Moriarty novel *Nine Perfect Strangers* is coming to Hulu. *Westworld* fans, your long wait is over: Season 3 will premiere on HBO in the spring. Finally, it has been confirmed that the cast of *Friends* will be reuniting exclusively for an untitled unscripted special for HBO Max.

In 2020, the gender gap is narrowing. Gender equality is the right to equal opportunities and resources regardless

of gender. Globally, the overall gender gap stood at 32% in 2018, which was only slightly better than in 2017, according to the Global Gender Gap Report of 2018. There is still a 32% average gender gap to be closed. The 2020 report estimates that it will take about 99 years to achieve equality, which is better than the estimation of 108 years made in the 2018 report. The overall gender gap in the United States in 2020 stands at 28%, slightly wider than the previous year, causing the U.S. to drop two places in the overall rankings from 51st to 53rd. The U.S. ranking has barely changed since 2006.

Lastly, there are many sports events to look forward to in 2020. One being in Football-UEFA Euro in 2020 taking place June 12th. Outside of the World Cup, the Euro’s is the biggest football tournament in the world. Held every four years, in 2020, it will take place across 12 different venues in Europe with the semi-finals and finals due to take place at Wembley Stadium in London, ending on July 20th, 2020. The Olympics taking place in Tokyo, Japan is also another event to look forward to! There is no greater sporting event on the planet than The Olympics. Hailing back to the ancient Greek games that were once held in Olympia, this is the pinnacle of all sporting disciplines. Winning a medal at the event is the absolute crowning glory of any athlete’s career, and 2020 in Tokyo will be



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Friends is only one of the many shows returning this year. Other changes included the release of more streaming services. no different.

Overall, only focusing on the negative could get a bit tiring after a while. Why not focus on the positives we have to look forward to this year. Something that we all especially look forward to is the fact that school will be over next month which makes summer right around the corner!

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## Alternate uses for The Roar

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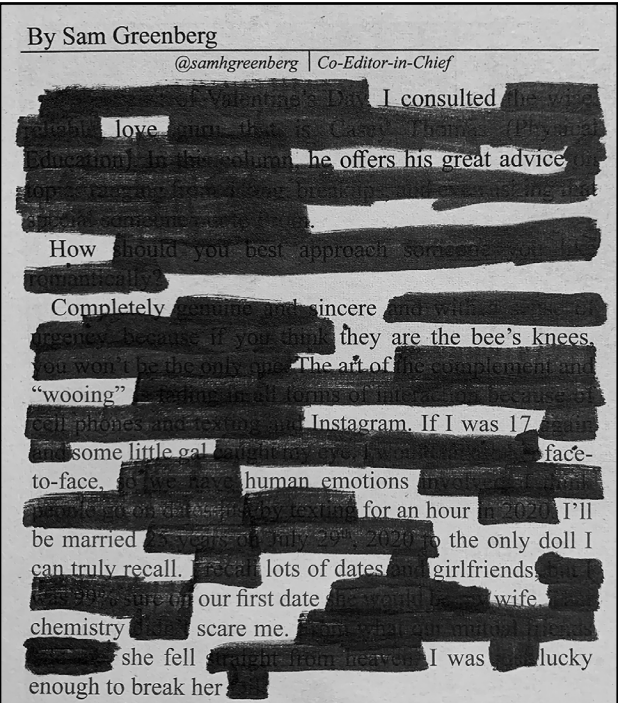


Claire Wallace (12) shows off a paper chain made of news paper. The paper chain is an incredible use of newspaper.

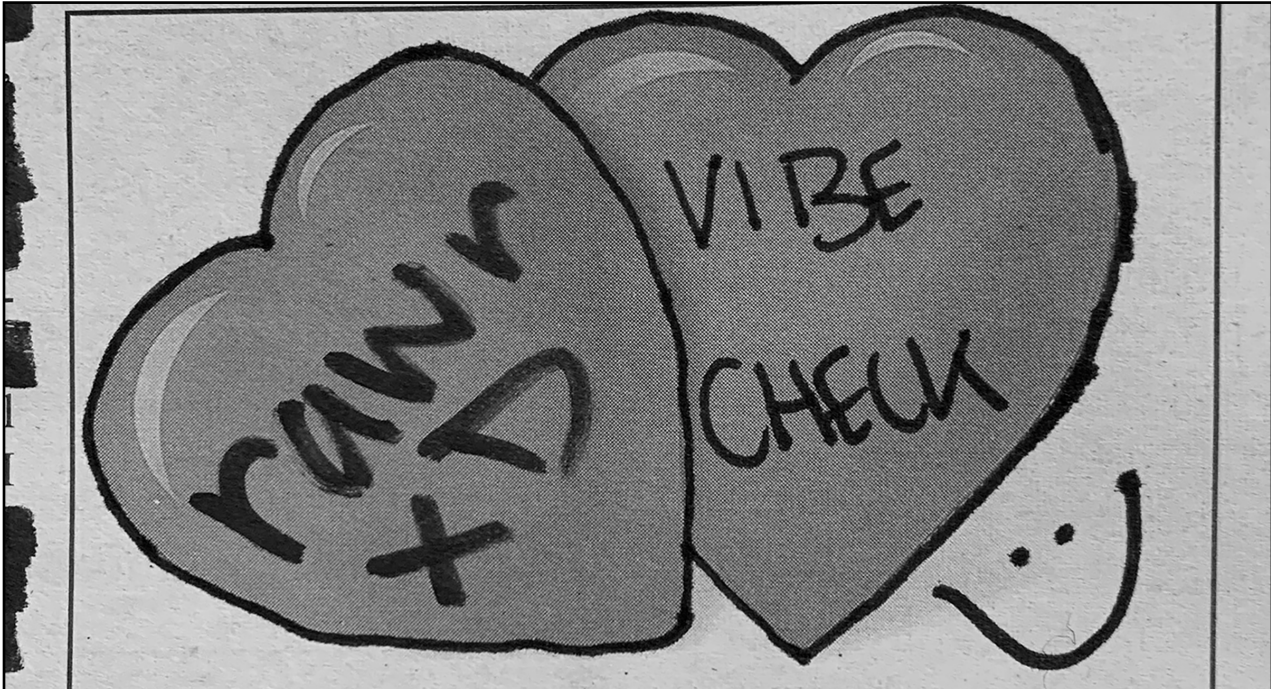
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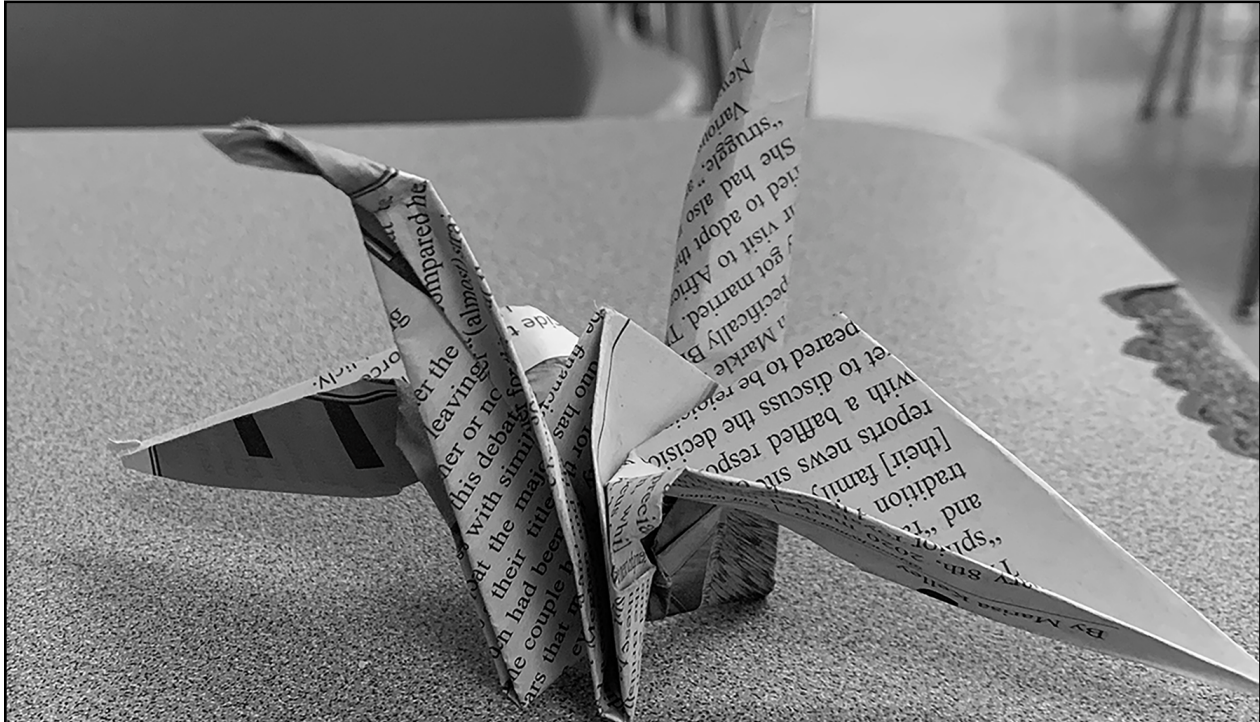
Marisa Kelley (12) reads The Roar, how shocking! Kelley was illiterate until she picked up a copy of The Roar.



Black out poetry is a perfect example of an alternate use for the paper. You can use our writing to express yourself.



Coloring is always a fun activity, so why not use your copy of *The Roar* to make some fun drawings and designs. In the photo above, Kelley created a drawing depicting her favorite quotes.



What is a more stress relieving activity than origami? Your copy of *The Roar* is the perfect piece of paper to create anything you could imagine. Just pick up a paper and see! Allison Kiehl (12) demonstrated her crafting ability by making this amazing origami paper crane.



You could also use your paper for some good old fashioned spying. Kelley planned on using her new spy glasses to spy on her enemy, LHSNN.