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## Famous parents ruin their kids' college futures

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On March 12, 2019, fifty people in six different states were accused by the U.S. Justice Department for taking part in a major college admission scandal reported by *The New York Times*. Most notably, actress Felicity Huffman (known for her role on *Desperate Housewives*) and actress Lori Loughlin (known for her role on *Full House* and its revival *Fuller House*) were involved in the scandal which they partook in for their daughters' benefit to get into college. Not only were their careers hurt because of it, but their daughters' academic and professional careers took a big hit, as well.

So how did this start? According to *CNN*, "it was orchestrated by William Rick Singer, the CEO of a college admissions prep company called *The Key*. He plead guilty on March 19, 2019 to four charges and admitted that everything he was accused of was true." U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling told *CNN* that Singer was selling two different types of fraud. "One was to cheat on the SAT or ACT and the other was to use his connections with Division I coaches and use bribes to get these parents' kids into school with

fake athletic credentials," said Lelling. "Some parents paid anywhere between \$15,000 to \$75,000 per test to help their children get a better score," said prosecutors.

Among the wealthy parents who participated in the scandal, Lori Loughlin is the most well-known. Lori Loughlin has been in the entertainment industry for a long time gracing our screens on the Hallmark Channel with her show *When Calls The Heart* and playing Aunt Becky on *Full House* and the new installment of *Fuller House*. Along with her husband, Mossimo Giannulli (fashion designer known for the brand Mossimo exclusively in Target stores), "Loughlin and Giannulli allegedly paid bribes totaling \$500,000 to have their two daughters, Olivia and Isabella, identified as recruits to the University of Southern California crew team. Neither of their daughters ever competed in crew. Instead, their parents sent in a photo of each of their daughters on a rowing machine," said *CNN*. While the parents are facing some serious consequences, one of their daughters, Olivia, is facing some serious consequences of her own.

"Olivia Giannulli or known by her followers as Olivia Jade, is a social media influencer with more than 1.4 million

followers on Instagram and 1.9 million subscribers on YouTube," said *CNN*. She has developed relationships with many famous brands and has collaborated with them on makeup products, fashion lines, sponsorships, and more. According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, "in the past two years, Olivia has worked with Too Faced, Tresemme, Smashbox, Marc Jacobs, Sephora, and many more." Sephora told *The Hollywood Reporter* after the news in a statement that "after a careful review of recent developments, we have made the decision to end the Sephora Collection partnership with Olivia Jade, effective immediately." In addition, Tresemme, HP, and Estee Lauder have all announced that they have stopped working with Olivia. Her mother, as well, has lost her acting roles in *When Calls The Heart* and for the last season of *Fuller House* in response to the scandal.

As a result, a group of parents and college students have filed a lawsuit against the schools involved in the scandal. So far, parents have gone to court in Boston for a hearing on April 3rd. It will be with much anticipation regarding how the college admission scandal ends and the fate of those guilty or not.



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Lori Loughlin walking with an entourage, which includes her lawyers, following her court appearance. Loughlin was accused of bribing her daughter's way into college.



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## District issues new plan for schools

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Back in May of 2016, the Loveland City School district sent out a survey to try to understand the need for more space in the school buildings. They call this action "the beginning." This was the first step in the massive undertaking of remodeling the school district to better fit the student population and the future needs of the schools. Now, three years after this project began, the plans are ready to be presented to the school board in May.

Currently, there are seven different potential plans to grow the schools, which include both remodeling and new buildings. Each has been put together with much consideration and care after hosting meetings with the community to understand the needs of the district. These meetings were held in mid-march and a wide variety of topics, on everything from individual school needs to the fine arts department problems. From this community input, the plans were then formed.

One of the similarities that all of the

potential plans share is the need to build at least one new school. The problem is, the current school district boundaries are small and there is very limited land to build a new school upon. In a recent letter, **Dr. Amy Crouse** revealed the plan to possibly purchase more land to put a school on. "Because the land where the buildings currently reside doesn't meet state-recommended acreage for a campus, the board has entered into a contract for the option to purchase 110 acres of land for new construction." This land would be located on O'Bannonville Road in east Loveland, on the property currently owned by Grailville Retreat Center.

For the High School in specific, only one of the seven master plans includes building an entirely new campus for high school students. The others include remodeling and adding onto the current building. Dr. Crouse said this about the project; "We would be looking to add some safety features, add classrooms, create collaborative spaces for students to meet, present, work on projects, improve athletic facilities, replace the theatre space, as well as improve traffic flow for students moving through the

building." All of these changes would allow the school to be more functional, and better fit the needs of a large, and still growing, high school population.

This project is being voted on by the Loveland School Board at their next meetings which are to take place on April 16th and May 21st. After these meetings, the winning plan should be released soon after so that the issue of funding the district remodel can be on the ballot for taxpayers in November. As for the construction, it will most likely take 2 or 3 years to build a new building. However, all of these proposed changes will span over the next 10 years.

"We are very excited about having a master plan to guide our work. Once we have a bond issue passed, we can begin the design phase," said Dr. Crouse, "I expect the students to be integral to the design of our buildings. I am always so impressed with our students. I can't wait to work with them to create amazing spaces for learning!"

For more information on this topic visit [buildingtigersnation.org](http://buildingtigersnation.org). This website has all the information for the master plans, as well as a full timeline and all other needed facts about this massive undertaking.

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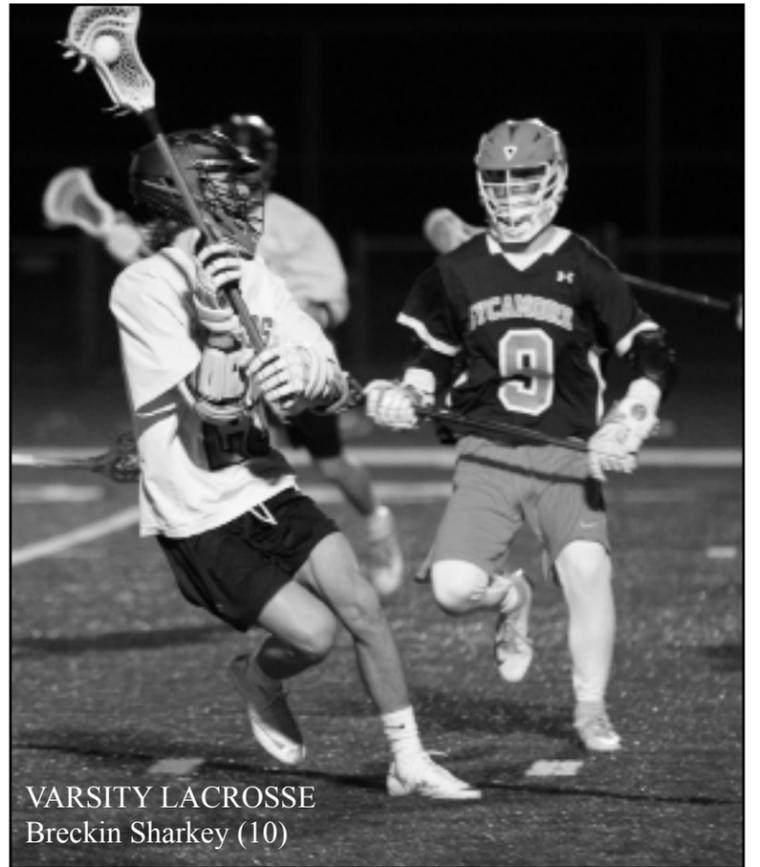
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# Elizabeth Holmes scams millions with Theranos

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In the era of schemes and scandals, there has been yet another addition of wrongings to the list: Elizabeth Holmes and her company, Theranos. A company worth \$9 billion, Theranos falsely claimed they could perform blood tests with only a single drop of blood. This sounds nearly impossible to any lab tech, seeing as blood tests from every single one of Theranos' competitors require a larger, very specific amount of blood—and more time. Almost all of the competition—ranging from Mercy Health to Quest—feared the idea that this might actually work...luckily for them, it never did. It was all a pile of lies tossed together by Holmes, which is why Theranos is no more.

Theranos has since shut down and Elizabeth Holmes has recently faced trial with multiple counts of fraud—the same goes with the company's COO, Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani. Holmes pleaded guilty, but if she is convicted she will face up to twenty years in prison. Her eleven counts of fraud and the fall of her extremely successful company are so infamous that the media has deemed her the "disgraced CEO of Theranos." *The New York Post* even goes as far as calling her a "millennial Madoff" despite once comparing her to Steve Jobs. Her notoriety is so great that there are two documentaries, a book, multiple podcasts, and even more news articles about this whole fiasco. There will

even be a movie about Holmes' lies in which Holmes will be played by Jennifer Lawrence. Overall, one could say that this situation is both serious and high-profile.

Why is this so important, anyway? Well, start with this: if Theranos really had come up with these kinds of accurate blood tests, then multiple science giants would be forced out of business. Mercy Health and Quest, for example. Hundreds of thousands of lab techs would lose



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their jobs because Holmes' idea would have been more popular and more profitable. While Theranos would get all of the profits, all of these rivals would incur losses and eventually have to cut out the majority of their workforce. This would entirely topple the blood-testing system, and everyone at Theranos would be swimming in cash. According to *Vanity Fair*, Theranos received one billion dollars in donations, but since then, all of its partners have severed relations with the company. Walgreens shut down 40 testing sites. *Forbes*, which once estimated Holmes' worth to be around \$4.5 billion, wrote it down to zero.

As her company crumbled, Holmes decided to do something peculiar: fly across the country and adopt a Siberian Husky whom she named Balto. Balto was to represent her company's struggles and perseverance. She brought this dog everywhere in the lab and even ignored complaints saying that the dog hairs could contaminate samples. It's even said that the dog was not potty trained.

Holmes' swindle is one that will not be easily forgotten. Investors have yet to see their money returned to them, and certain people who tried the blood tests that were offered (including some cancer patients) are only just now finding out that some of the test results were tampered with. Theranos' fall and Elizabeth Holmes' indictment are scandals that the media has been watching closely in this time of hoaxes.

## Chick-fil-A faces fire over donations to pro-life causes

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Recently, there has been an uproar over Chick-fil-A as their tax reports are brought into the public eye. According to *thinkprogress.com*, the Chick-fil-A Foundation has donated over \$1.8 million to several groups that are anti-LGBTQ. This was revealed in their 2017 tax returns. Among these groups are the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Paul Anderson Youth Home, and Salvation Army.

All of these groups have religious affiliations, as does Chick-fil-A. It isn't fully known if any of them are really for or against same-sex marriage, but many people assume they are anti-LGBTQ due to some of the statements of faith and posts on any of their websites. In the statement of faith on the website for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, it mention what they are supportive of. One of the more memorable statements is "we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one man and one woman." For this reason, Chick-fil-A is receiving a lot of backlash from a lot of people, such as LGBTQ supporters.



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Chick-fil-A is not denying that they donated \$1.8 million to these groups, but have said that they have posted the tax reports from 2017 on their website, according to *Fox News*. Chick-fil-A has also released a statement on its website, emphasizing that the company donates to multiple charities that are meant to help youth and education programs around the country. The donations were not specifically targeted to anti-LGBTQ organizations.

However, the donations to these

organizations are affecting the Chick-fil-A business. The state assemblyman of New York, Sean Ryan, tweeted that, "the views of Chick-fil-A does not represent our state or the Western New York community," according to *fox7austin.com*.



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Additionally, several colleges are also refusing to place Chick-fil-A restaurants on their campuses. Many of these colleges, such as Rider University located in New Jersey, and Fordham University in New York made this decision in the past couple of years. Rider University, especially, is affected by sudden controversy over Chick-fil-A. According to *nbcnews.com*, a dean at Rider University, Cynthia Newman, resigned because she believed that protesting Chick-fil-A went against her faith. While the north seems to be getting hit especially hard with all of the controversy, Ohio is not immune to what's occurring, either.

"Everyone is allowed to speak their own mind and have their own opinions, but as popular of a food company they are I find it ridiculous that they would do this and risk a lot of their business opportunities," said **Kimmie Frazier (10)**.

The issue over whether Chick-fil-A is anti-LGBTQ or not began long before the 2017 tax returns were released, revealing who Chick-fil-A donated to. Due to the religious aspect of the company, the question of what they do and don't support has come up before. The founder of Chick-fil-A, Dan Cathy, had verbally announced he was against same-sex marriage on the radio, according to *washingtonpost.com*. However, the company's website, *thechickenwire.chick-fil-a.com* does state that the company and their workers accept everyone.

## Taiwanese town saved by hundreds of cats

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In Houtong, Taiwan, cats have officially taken over. From finding them in every corner, to seeing cafés dedicated to cats, it is no secret that these animals have made a mark on this town. Called "The Village of 100 Cats," this place has attracted around one million visitors just last year and is still a popular tourist attraction.

Houtong didn't start as an intentional tourist attraction. In fact, this town was deemed in the 1900s as "the biggest and most technologically advanced coal-mining site in Taiwan," says *CNN*. Until the 1990s, the use of the mine declined and it ultimately fell into disuse, causing the population of people to move away. According to *National Geographic*, "the cat-to-human ratio surged as some left without their pets" while some of the villagers who stayed behind fed the increasing number of cats. In 2007, a photographer named Jian Peiling discovered the village and created a volunteer welfare program for the animals. Peiling made sure that the cats were taken care of with vaccinations, food, and local support for the place to continue thriving.

*CNN* tells of Houtong's numerous attractions. Today, the inhabitants of Houtong have made cat-themed shops, cafes, and bakeries to preserve their history while celebrating the animals who "saved" the town. Statues and murals portray the animals whilst signs hang that warn visitors of how to treat them. An award-winning pedestrian (cat) bridge was built; while walk-



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This is Houtong, otherwise known as "the village of one hundred cats." In years past, there has been a record number of tourists who have visited this small village to see the cats.

ing you can spot paw prints in the streets. Even a center about cat information and education opened in 2014. *Metro* reports that the village has become a home to more than 200 cats, a number that is double to that of the humans who take care of them.



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Recent controversies have come to surface since the "rebuilding" of this sacred place. According to *CNN*, people intentionally leave their pets in Houtong increasing the stray population while others steal them. "With the constant patting and feeding from visitors, some also flagged concerns about the health of the furry animals," tells *CNN*. In turn, volunteers continue to vaccinate the animals to keep them healthy and stabilized. **Brooke Wallace (11)** reacted to this by saying, "It's great that someone wants to help cats and a cause like this. It would be great to see cats walking around everywhere you go." Despite the buzz about Houtong being a village mainly for its cats, in 2010, the residents have kept its history by building a museum park dedicated to the village's former coal site. Visitors have commented on *TripAdvisor* to review the place, with one saying, "Taiwanese people are by nature very kind, and it's not surprising that this small island nation has embraced the concept of a village that welcomes homeless cats. It has given Houtong a whole new identity that is not drawing tourists from much further afield than Taipei. Definitely include Houtong on your Taiwan tour schedule." From preserving golden history to rebuilding with the help of the cats, Houtong has prospered into a booming attraction, welcoming visitors to their home from near and far.

# How to tackle mountains of exams

By Claire Wallace

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The end of the school year is in full swing, with exciting events, like prom, approaching quickly. But something else happening at the end of the year is exams. While some students are exempt, many are preparing to take AP exams and finals. AP exams start earlier, the week of May 6th. Finals occur during the last week of school. This time of year is stressful for everyone, so keep calm and study on.

While studying for these tests, it is important to remember that the scores are only super important for a couple of years, while in high school and while getting started on post-high school plans. It's important to remember, they are not entirely representative of who you are as a person.

Step 1: Start preparing early:

You've been in this class all year and, chances are, the teachers you have greatly prepared you for the upcoming exam. However, extra time spent reviewing cannot hurt. So start studying earlier than you think you should. Look over your notes, old tests, and practice any essay questions

that are involved. Also look at chapters you struggled on and any necessary vocab. For any AP exams, college board posts old tests that can be used to practice.

Step 2: Small chunks: While it might seem ideal to sit down one day and remember all of the important exam information that you need to know, I guarantee that you will not be as involved with the information as if you were to split it up over multiple days.

Step 3: Attend review sessions:

Many teachers offer review sessions. If your teacher offers these, be sure to attend. You can get questions answered, study with friends and figure out what parts of the class you were weakest in. You also can get a bagel or something to help you study. If your teacher doesn't offer organized review sessions, be proactive and organize one with your friends in the class.

Step 4: Familiarity:

Being familiar with the test can prove effective for many students. Knowing facts like how long the test is, what

kinds of sections there are (multiple choice, written), and how questions are worded will help you feel comfortable with the test.

If you struggle with actually studying, scheduling a portion of time each week to focus on the subject can be helpful. Another option is telling friends your goals to start studying, it is harder to skip it if others are constantly reminding you to start reviewing.

If you find yourself starting to feel overwhelmed, take a break, none of these tests is worth being filled to the brim with anxiety. "I go for a run or workout with friends to reduce my stress from all of the finals and AP tests," said **Alyson Yeager (12)**.

All of these AP exams and finals are definitely stressful; it is a whole year of information on one test, but remember to stay calm, and if you have followed these tips you should be at least a little better prepared. Always take a break if you start feeling overwhelmed. Good luck on your upcoming tests, I know you will do great!



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## Fun and Exciting Things To Do This Spring/Summer

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As the warm weather finally approaches here in Loveland, many are looking for fun things to keep them busy outside. Luckily, there are lots of local options. While, there are plenty of tried and true activities such as canoeing down the Little Miami, or going for a walk on the Bike Trail, there are also new activities that arise with the change of the seasons. Here is a list of fun and inexpensive things to do in the Spring and Summer.

**Eating on the Bike Trail.** One of my favorite activities is eating, therefore, I have become acquainted with the local restaurants that are always fun to go to, especially with friends and family. Ramsey's on the bike trail is new and opened just this past year. It's cool to go there and have a bite to eat after going for a walk on the bike trail with friends. They are well known for their bowls and sandwiches, which there has been talk about since they opened. The Ice Shack is a good option for dessert afterwards; they offer a variety of flavors, suitable for anyone's taste.

**Play with the butterflies.** Krohn Conservatory, located in Eden Park, is known for its butterfly show with a room filled with 12,000 butterflies. Who wouldn't want to experience that? Right now, the show includes butterflies from Ecuador, represented by four different climate zones: Amazon, Andes, Coast, and the Galapagos Islands. Not only does the conservatory showcase the butterflies,

but they also create a unique exotic experience with a collection of desert plants, tropical specimens, Bonsai trees, rare orchids, carnivorous plants, and fruit trees.

**Head to the Zoo.** The Botanical Gardens at the zoo is one of only two accredited gardens in Cincinnati and it's right in your backyard. The Cincinnati Zoo offers one of the largest tulip displays, called *Zoo Blooms*, in the Midwest which features one million daffodils, hyacinths, flowering trees, shrubs, and more. This explosion of color began April 1 and ends on the last day of the month. Even more exciting, *Tunes and Blooms* is an event hosted by the gardens with free concerts from 6-8:30 p.m. every Thursday in April. If you come after 5pm, admission into the zoo is free! Also, starting May 1, new zoo babies are being welcomed to the zoo. Stork statues located throughout the zoo will lead visitors to all the new baby faces.

**Be active, go hiking.** If you are a more active and adventurous person, you may want to opt for a fun and possibly challenging hike one day this Spring or Summer. There are plenty of places to hike but one of the top ten in the country is Cincinnati Nature Center in Rowe Woods. Rowe woods features award-winning trails that wind through Eastern deciduous forests, fields, streams, and ponds. They also offer Trail Passports, so you can receive a stamp for each trail you complete. Other exciting places to hike are East Fork State Park, with rugged hills and open meadows, or Miami Whitewater Forest, that features a wildlife viewing shelter on the trail.



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During the past years, the Cincinnati Zoo has had many spectacles, especially the *Zoo Blooms*. From daffodils to new zoo babies, many species of plants and animals are present in the exhibition today.

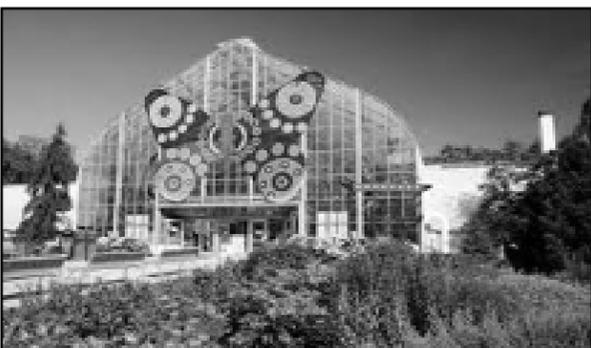


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# Killer performance of *Arsenic and Old Lace*

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As the chatter of the audience slowly faded away once the lights began to dim, the stage became illuminated with LHS' production of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. While the auditorium would usually begin to swell with the music from the pit, the spring production deviated from Loveland's musical traditions and provided the audience with a refreshing performance that highlighted the students' acting rather than their ability to stay in tune.

The play focused around the two main murderers, a lovely pair of little old ladies who worked together to take unfortunate old men out of their misery. Played by **Elianna Dunster (12)** and **Claire Yoder (10)**, the two aunts were an absolute delight to watch on stage. Dunster's and Yoder's ability to transform themselves into the loving aunts an entire neighborhood can adore translated beautifully onstage and captivated the audience as they charmed their family and victims alike.

Among these family members were their nephews, each with their own eccentricities. Teddy Brewster, played by **Sam Slyder(12)**, believed he was President Theodore Roosevelt and his digging of the "Panama Canal" was used to help his aunts bury their victims. Jonathan Brewster was played by **Ben Malloy (12)** and was the long lost sibling who was on the run from the police along with his accomplice Dr. Einstein, played by **William Gibbs Heard (11)**, which led to some humorous confusion due to multiple concealed bodies. Finally, the harsh theatre

critic Mortimer Brewster was played by **Luke Rohling (12)** who had to balance his prospective marriage to Elaine Harper (**Anna Colletto(10)**) with his newfound discovery that his loving aunts and ignorant brother kill many of their visitors. While all were exceedingly odd at times, the charisma of the actors on stage helped bring the weird family to life.

Since the play took place in just the Brewster's living room, the audience was able to fully take in the details of the set. The crew did a phenomenal job of creating an old family home, full to the brim with photos and odd collections of furniture. Everything appeared to be carefully chosen, down to the lace doily that the two aunts couldn't seem to agree on the placement of. The level of detail even extended to the lighting of the living room window, which changed from a deep blue to the colors of daylight as time progressed. The crew's work was an enormous contribution to the effect of the play and their additions would be impossible to overlook.

As the cast progressed through the storyline, their ability to balance the drama of a murder with the ironic humor of their situations shone through. Whether it was the aunts' cheery disposition at the prospect of a murder, Mortimer's arrogant ignorance, or Teddy's comedic interjections, the play provided healthy doses of laughter and impending doom as the audience was held in either suspense or fits of laughter.

Overall, *Arsenic and Old Lace* was another great addition to the work of the Loveland Drama Department and their ability to showcase student talent.



Claire Yoder (10) and Elianna Dunster (12) as the Bewster sisters.



Anna Colletto (10) and Luke Rohling (12) as Elaine Harper and Mortimer Brewster.

Photos courtesy of the yearbook

## Return of old Disney channel continues to build

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In case you haven't noticed, the old stars of Disney have returned, much to the delight of their fans. While most of the teens have continued to remain in the spotlight throughout their 20s, recently the Jonas Brothers, Miley Cyrus, the Sprouse twins, and Zendaya have been among the top players to up their game in the world of entertainment.

The Jonas Brothers are probably the most talked about, releasing multiple songs in the last two months, "Sucker" and "Cool." Sucker was especially popular because of the music video released with it that featured the three band members' significant others. While Kevin Jonas's wife is not considered famous, Nick Jonas recently married *Quatico* actress Priyanka Chopra and Joe Jonas recently got engaged to *Game of Thrones* and *X-Men* actress Sophie Turner, which gathered a lot of press for the family alone. The video tended to exaggerate the extended family's lavish and glamorous lifestyle, filled with fancy dresses and tea parties. The video currently has over 95 million views, a huge success for the Jonas Brothers since their last album "LiVe" was released in 2013. Another music video for their song "Cool" was released on April 5th and has thousands of views already, with *E! News* calling it "the ultimate beach party." According to multiple entertainment news companies, the brothers are planning to release an album "in the relatively near future."

As if the Jonas Brothers's return wasn't enough to make Disney fans go crazy, Miley Cyrus recently embraced her old role of Hannah Montana, by cutting and dying her hair almost the exact same as the character wore it on the show. Cyrus continued to excite her frenzy of fans by singing along to multiple Hannah Montana songs in a series of tweets and Instagram

Live videos. The star has recently gotten a lot of press, due to her recent surprise marriage to Liam Hemsworth, who starred as Gale in *The Hunger Games* series, as well as playing his future-wife's opposite in Nicholas Sparks's *The Last Song*.

Zack and Cody made a return to acting last year, with Cole Sprouse starring as Jughead in *Riverdale*, while his brother Dylan starred in a suspense film called *Dismissed*. Dylan however, has surpassed his brother in the headlines recently because of his girlfriend Barbara Palvin, who was recently named a Victoria's Secret Angel. The pair just moved into an apartment together in New York City. Meanwhile, Cole is still dating *Riverdale* co-star Lili Reinhart.

Another fan favorite of Disney Channel, Zendaya has been making headlines as well, because of her new clothing line released with Tommy Hilfiger and her new show on HBO called *Euphoria*. The fashion line, which was released during Paris fashion week in a runway show featured all African-American models. The line earned praise from fashion powerhouses *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *Elle*, along with many A-list celebrities.

Though Nickelodeon star Ariana Grande has had the most publicity recently, the Disney stars seem to be giving her a run for her money. Who will be the rising hero that tips the cameras Disney's way? Let's hope for Zac Efron doing a *High School Musical 4*.



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# Baseball; we have a problem

## Popularity at home and abroad causing MLB identity

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Yes, professional baseball is roughly a month into its season, and yes—nobody cares. I say that sarcastically, but unfortunately that seems to be the general view on the game these days. It's always the same excuses: Too long a season, too slow a sport, too much of a time commitment to watch. We're beginning to hear that baseball is "a dying game," but how true is this statement?

According to a 2017 study done by the University of Maryland, Major League Baseball recorded its lowest total attendance within the last 15 years. The same report confirmed that World Series viewership has decreased by over 50% since the 1980s, and that comes with Baseball ranking at the top of the majority of cable television markets that have a team. In a more recent and local frame of reference, the Reds set their highest-ever regular season attendance record on opening day, and then three days later, finished with their lowest.

That's slightly disturbing for baseball fans. I can say from my own personal experience that in that 2017-present time frame, I've seen my hometown flip from a historic, baseball craving fan base, to a suddenly youthful and progressive bunch;



photo courtesy of Keith Allison

Japanese phenom and Angels' pitcher Shohei Ohtani is one of the most electric players in the sport. Since coming over from Japan in 2018, Ohtani has shown rare ability as both a dominant hitter and imposing pitcher.

proud of our rapid rise to soccer notoriety. I'm not going to complain about FCC one bit, and I believe a lot of this comes from how the city's sports are being portrayed by the media, but there's still something to

be said about the issue.

Perhaps the greatest indication of trouble for America's pastime came in 2018 when ESPN published a list of the 100 most popular athletes in the world based on

web searches, endorsements, and social followings. Baseball had *zero* in the top one-hundred. There were more worldwide known golfers, figure skaters, ping-pong players, boxers, cricket players, and formula one drivers than baseball players.

In my mind, that's a cause for concern. There's really no true face of baseball, but that shouldn't mean that nobody is in the world top 100. Baseball's popularity in South and Central America is legitimate, and one might argue that the factors in the survey don't align with ways that would allow people from that area to have a lot of say. That's a totally valid argument, but doesn't it say something that "The Babe Ruth of Japan," Shohei Ohtani, is behind a Japanese figure skater?

For an avid baseball fan like me, it's difficult to see stats and lists like these. For others, it's a reality. I don't believe that the game's going anywhere soon, but I do worry that if the MLB doesn't change course sometime in the near future, there could be some potential problems facing the sport. I also believe that modern media skews the perception of baseball in favor of the brighter lights of the flashy highlights of other major sports leagues. For a game that's been passed down, glove and ball, for generations; there will always be the die-hards. It might just be okay in the hands of the few.

## Cavalier Championship

### UVA defeats Texas Tech to capture first National Title

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On Monday, April 8, the University of Virginia men's basketball team defeated Texas Tech to win the 2019 March Madness championship. Both teams were tied at the end of regulation but the Cavaliers won 85-77 at the end of overtime. This was the first National Championship appearance for both teams and the first National Championship win for Virginia. Across the country, only 0.3% of ESPN tournament brackets predicted the championship game but 18% of the country predicted the number 1 seeded Cavaliers to win it all.

Coming into the game, Virginia had the number 1 ranked defense in the country and were given a 1.5 point favorite to win the game. The Cav's offense was also ranked number 3 in the country for their scoring efficiency. In order to reach the tournament, Virginia struggled in the first round against 16 seed Gardner-Webb but eventually won late in the second half. After beating a few more teams, UVA beat Purdue by a slim margin in overtime to advance to the Final 4. In the Final 4, Virginia's Kyle Guy drained three free throws to beat Auburn at the end of regulation. Many basketball fans were upset, however, claiming the referees missed an apparent double dribble call from Virginia. **Matt Huether (12)** commented, "That was the most obvious double dribble call in the world. I'm not an Auburn fan by any means, yet if the refs made the right call, Auburn would've won the game. Virginia didn't even deserve to be in the National Championship."

In the first half, both teams got off to a slow start with players missing easy shots. As the first half progressed, the tempo picked up and Texas Tech tied the score with less than a minute left. Virginia hit a key three to end the half giving them a 32-

29 lead. During the second half, Virginia took a quick lead and kept it for most of the half. The Cavaliers eventually garnered a 10 point lead towards the end of the game but blew it with several minutes left. With less than 30 seconds left in the game, Texas Tech hit a three-point shot, giving them the lead. Virginia's De'Andre Hunter responded with 12 seconds left, tying the game with a three. With a few seconds on the clock, Texas Tech missed a three, sending the game into overtime.

In overtime, Virginia outscored Texas Tech by 8 points, allowing them to win the game. The refs made another controversial call with a minute left in the game, awarding the ball to Virginia. The officials reviewed whether or not a ball hit off a Texas Tech player's finger. Many fans took to social media to pronounce their frustrations with the officiating throughout the tournament. **Brady Ingal (12)** said, "The officiating throughout the entire tournament was atrocious. It ruins the game when refs blow big time calls in key situations."

After the game, Virginia guard, Kyle Guy, was named Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four by the NCAA. Throughout the Final Four, Guy dropped a combined 39 points.



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## Talkin' with Coach T

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*With all the buzz around March Madness, what are your thoughts on the "one and done" era of college basketball? Should the rule be removed?*

In 2020 it will be dissolved and in 2021, those select few who can make the transition to the NBA, will be able to do so. If someone has the talent to do something, whatever it is, they should have free rein to do so. We have 15-year-old gymnasts sporting gold medals and the schools like Kentucky or Duke don't have to recruit the best players, they show up at a camp and the deal is done. These same schools can win without losing three freshmen starters leaving after the season and who took the easiest 12 credits the course catalog offered, because they know they are leaving after the first year.

*Who is your prediction to win the AFC North this upcoming season? Super Bowl LIV championship prediction?*

Going with the Browns. Showed some good football this past season and have done well in free agency. Also, I believe every dog has their day. Rams have a nice youth movement going, I'll go with them for the Super Bowl. Had Gronk not retired, I would have went with the Pats.

*What is your favorite movie of all time?*

Full Metal Jacket. R. Lee Ermey was a scary dude and Stanley Kubrick brought Vietnam right into our lap. Also, the Tet Offensive was portrayed well and educated many who don't know why we were at war with the Vietcong. I still think most of America still could not answer that question. We work with a VVA Chapter in Cincinnati and the

Vietnam vets are the most struggling military demographic right now.

*What will you miss about the class of 2019?*

The quality of the young men and young women. There are many students I have had in class two or three times that I truly enjoyed, although, they should have branched out to some other electives or courses instead of hangin' with me. However, this class, has proven to be both respectful and fun to be around. Lots of characters too, who make me laugh.

*Do you have anything you want to tell the student body as they reach the homestretch of their school year?*

Working hard to help advance and grow the My GI Foundation is a daily grind. Philanthropy is such a tough gig. We have managed to fund-raise tens of thousands of dollars annually since my son kicked it off at 14-years-old. We have devised an email system where all four volunteers can get to requests or handle daily business, but I have to put in 10-15 hours every weekend to play catch-up, but my son has inspired me and I love and respect all veterans. He'll catch anything of extreme importance, but we try to weed out everything so his efforts don't interfere with his military commitments.

As for the homestretch, don't fold up the tent early. High School is likely the easiest thing you will do for the rest of your days. Careers, families, and the adult world are not a picnic. High School should be fun! Try and enjoy it! I have a boatload of wonderful and life-changing events that went down during high school.

## Standing ovation for The Way I Used to Be

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In the search for a new book to read, I came across *The Way I Used to Be* by Amber Smith. When I read the blurb on the back cover, I was unsure of the direction the book was going to go, mostly because it deals with the very serious, very heavy topic of sexual assault. This book is definitely one of the more intense books I have read, but I would recommend it to anyone who is looking for something different to read.

In *The Way I Used to Be*, the main character, Eden, was assaulted by her older brother's best friend before her freshman year at high school began. After it happened, she did not tell anyone what she went through, but kept it bottled up inside. She realized that she did not want to be the same invisible girl she was before the assault, but she didn't know how to cope with the trauma she experienced.

The book follows Eden's life throughout her high school career-from freshman to senior year. Readers were able to see what she did to try and recover from the assault, and how keeping quiet had hurt her in many ways. They watched her fall in love, grow as a person, and finally tell the truth about what happened to her.

Overall, I loved this book as much as I hated it. It is such a sad, terrible topic to read about, because even though the book is

fiction, what happened in this book can-and does-happen in real life. But Smith did an incredible job portraying Eden, her life, and her recovery from such an awful act.

Out of sheer curiosity, I went to her website to see more about the book, as well as why she decided to write it. On her site, [ambersmithauthor.com](http://ambersmithauthor.com), are statistics about sexual assault, as well as a tab that leads to a long list of websites and phone numbers for people to call if they are suffering from assault, abuse, or anything else that they might need help getting through.

Additionally, there is a link leading to an essay Smith wrote about her book, *The Way I Used to Be*, which I (of course) read. The reason why she wrote this book was just as amazing as the book itself. She wrote this book because she wants to cover topics of trauma or abuse to show that there are ways to recover, and encourages readers to take notice that everyone is worthy, and silence isn't the answer. Speaking out and getting help is a much healthier solution. She also wanted to show readers how a person can go from being a "victim to survivor." In case anyone is interested in reading her essay, it can be found at [germmagazine.com/amber-smith-the-story-behind-the-story/](http://germmagazine.com/amber-smith-the-story-behind-the-story/).

This book may be a little bit out of your comfort zone, but I would definitely recommend reading Eden's story, because it's as beautiful as it is tragic.

## Meme Review Backlog: Doge

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Welcome to the final meme review of 2019! In this month, I'll be taking a look back at one of the most well-known memes: Doge the Shiba Inu. The popularity of Doge stems from the fact that it's one of the first memes to become mainstream, having been featured in many news articles, reports, and even having a cryptocurrency, Dogecoin, named after the meme. With the currency, people were able to send the Jamaican bobsled team to the 2014 Olympics and build a water well in Africa. Due to the history of Doge being known by many, I'll be spending more time on the actual meme rather than the history.

The original picture of Doge (taken in 2010) comes from a Japanese blog. The Shiba, named Kabousu, was rescued by a kindergarten teacher from a puppy mill when it shut down. The teacher named the Shiba Kabousu after the fruit because of the Shiba's plump appearance. Kabousu is now 13 years old and happily lives with another Shiba and three cats.

The original meme started to gain popularity in late 2013, later being named as *Know Your Meme's* top meme of the year. The format, which almost everyone has seen, consists of rainbow comic sans text

surrounding pictures of Doge. Usually, in broken English, the text shows what Doge in said picture is thinking. The meme has reached such heights, that even US senators have posted memes, relating to "Obamacare" and elections. Several websites said that the use of Doge by the Senators "killed" the meme.

In late 2018, the meme experienced a new revival, often called "New Age Doge" or "Post-Modern Doge" memes. These memes use the top text bottom text format ironically, and usually involve Doge demanding his wife/girlfriend, Karen, to release him from the format immediately. Along with this, people have photoshopped Doge's face to display different emotions or different things entirely. Some are so creative, the memes even have plotlines.

Due to the creativity of the newer memes and the popularity of older ones, I'll be giving Doge a rating of A-. The older memes were overused but still very much enjoyed by everyone, while the newer memes allow a person to be creative with the format, and still respect the source material. This concludes the Meme Review for 2018-2019. I hope you've enjoyed these articles and hope you have a great rest of your year!



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The doge meme is one of the more well known memes in today's society. The Shiba dog breed gained popularity in 2013 after the meme came out.



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# Food For Thought: a frozen farewell



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Welcome to the last installment of “Food for Thought.” To celebrate the final issue of the school paper and the return of warmer weather, I would like to share a review of a product very near and dear to my heart, Kroger’s Private Selection Ice Cream Pints. These relatively inexpensive treats are the hidden gem of the ice cream aisle. The pint sized containers cost you \$2.49 at your local Kroger but the best part isn’t the expense, it is the unique flavors. While they sell old favorites, such as moose

tracks or cookies & cream, this brand also sells more unique flavors like brown butter bourbon truffle as well as pistachio and honey. These unique flavors aren’t usually common in your local grocery store, and they make a fun and delicious spring or summer treat. I would like to share my favorite flavors with you, and I encourage you to try one for yourself!

My favorite flavor that I have tried thus far is the black raspberry dark chocolate chunk variety. While some ice cream flavors force you to choose between fruit and chocolate flavors, this ice cream perfectly combines them into the best of both worlds. While it is hard to describe,

the flavor is sweet, but not overpowering, and incredibly satisfying. This brand has a nice ratio of chocolate to ice cream which is always appreciated. The color is also a rich red-violet, which makes it perfect for any summer time adventure.

A surprising favorite of mine is the wildberry lavender mascarpone flavor. Lavender ice cream sounds incredibly pretentious and slightly disgusting, but it actually does taste incredible. The flavor reminds me of blueberry muffin batter, but in the most delicious way possible. It also has small chunks of mascarpone throughout it, which is a sort of Italian cream cheese that is incredibly sweet and

dough-like when frozen.

If these colorful fruit flavors are a bit too out there for your taste, I encourage you to try the sea salt caramel. The ice cream is vanilla based with creamy sea salt caramel mixed throughout. As an added bonus, there are tiny caramel filled truffles throughout the ice cream, as well. This flavor will satisfy any sweet tooth with its layers of texture and flavor.

There are so many incredible flavors and I encourage you to try one for yourself. Be sure to check out your local Kroger for even more delicious flavors. Thank you for reading this year, and keep trying new things, Loveland!

## Dear Gretchen: monthly advice

By Staff Writer

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Dear Gretchen,

**I am super stressed about my AP Tests. I recognize that it’s self-serving bias, but I feel like I haven’t been prepared enough to get good grades on my tests. I feel like I don’t know the material enough, and what’s worse I feel like I don’t know how to study it or where to start. How do I manage my stress and still study enough to pass? Do you have any great study tips? Please help!**  
Sincerely, Stressed Sam

Dear Stressed Sam,

Hi again, Sam! I’ll start off by saying, take a deep breath. Although these tests are used to measure how much you’ve learned, one test cannot account for all the work you’ve done throughout the school year. However, I will admit that these tests are still very important and it’s normal to be stressed about them. Remember that everyone else taking the test is likely stressed, regardless of how much they know. Now onto studying, the CollegeBoard has a lot of resources for you. Make sure to look at course outlines and make yourself familiar with the test structure. Next, consider investing in a review book. They sell them everywhere from *Amazon* to *Barnes and Noble*, and are available for every AP Course. Do your research on which one to get, because it’s important that you find the one that works best for you. Make sure you don’t cram the night before, and take time out each day the few weeks before to review material for the test. Get a good night of sleep the night before and make sure to eat breakfast. Also get there with plenty of time! You’ll be more ready to take the test if you are calm before hand. Good luck!

From, Gretchen

Gretchen is graduating! This will be the last month of “Ask Gretchen!” If you have any questions for an advice column next year, send them our way on *Twitter* @lovelandroar.

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