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Gallimore Name up for Debate

by **Madeline Justice**
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Throughout the ages women have been discriminated against and minimized in society. A local debate has risen in the past few

months about the possible renaming of the Gallimore Elementary School. It has been proposed by Darrin Silvester, a Salem High School Social Studies Teacher, to have Gallimore be named after a woman known as Ruth Huston-Whipple instead of James Gallimore. As a teacher, Silvester has always been interested in the local history of Plymouth-Canton, Michigan. This has led him to the discovery of a hard working determined woman who committed her life advocating for



Darrin Silvester
photo courtesy of Focal Point

women's rights, during a time when feminism was taboo.

Silvester has written a proposal and has argued it in front of the school board to permanently change the name of the school from Gallimore to Huston-Whipple. The push to do this is because not only did Huston-Whipple constantly work for the well being of her community but Gallimore did the exact opposite.

The accomplishments of Gallimore do not match up to those of Huston-Whipple. James Gallimore served three terms as President of the School Board, in which time he was apart of a movement against women, particularly married women. Gallimore was the deciding vote to approve a policy that all married staff women would be released before the following school year began in Sept. 1932. His decisions, in fact, helped lead to the impactful career of Ruth herself.



Photo by Cameron Lindsay

Huston-Whipple's career was full of major accomplishments. She was a Plymouth graduate of 1913 soon to become a high school teacher where she taught public speaking and coached the debate team. She had taught for one year at Durand High School, then took up a job at her alma mater, Plymouth High School. Once she decided that she could no longer work within a district that outwardly discriminated against women, she took up a teaching position as Northwestern High School. While being a debate coach her teams entered 120 debates and only lost 13. She was a two time state championship, two time state finalist and three time state semi-finalist making it the best record in state history.

This is only a short list of her earliest accomplishments. In May of 1932, Huston-Whipple heard of the policy to release all married staff women at her former school district and she decided to step up. She ran for the open seat on the school board, although she had no previous political experience. She came in second.

It was not until after Gallimore had retired from the school board that the district ended the prohibition of married women teachers in 1936.

Huston-Whipple would go onto to become the City Commissioner (first woman), Mayor of Plymouth (first woman in city history), and serve 6 years on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors for Plymouth (first woman). As a politician, she consistently advocated for women's rights along with a vigor to clean up the great city of Plymouth. Silvester believes that naming the school after Huston-Whipple better represents the Plymouth-Canton community.



Ruth Huston-Whipple
photo courtesy of Edson Whipple

Hurricane Florence Aftermath

by **Emma Bali**
News Editor

On Sept. 1, Hurricane Florence began as a tropical storm in West Africa. Since then, this rigorous storm has impacted and devastated many. Out of many states affected, North Carolina and South Carolina took a direct hit. Many have lost their homes, vehicles, and sadly, their lives due to the extreme flooding and storm.

As of Sept. 20, South Carolina's death toll has reached 42 and is climbing as record floods make their way throughout the state. Governor Henry McMaster of South Carolina has estimated the amount of economic output in South Carolina from Florence to be about \$1.2 billion dollars. An economic consulting firm says the estimation of property damage is between \$17 billion and \$22 billion. From this economic output estimation, McMaster says Hurricane Florence will be the worst disaster in South Carolina's modern history.

In South Carolina, 95,000 people are without power, and 343,000 people in North

Carolina. While South Carolina and North Carolina are the two most afflicted states from Florence, other states were affected as well. For instance, after two tornadoes hit Virginia as an aftermath of Hurricane Florence, a fatality was confirmed.

Like South Carolina, there are many people, precisely 6,000, who are without power near the Richmond area due to the tornadoes. Before Hurricane Florence, five states declared states of emergency: Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Maryland. Evacuations were ordered as it was expected for Florence to leave many buildings flooded. As predicted, many buildings and homes along the low-lying coastal areas were flooded and some completely destroyed. Various humanitarian organizations and charity networks have promised aid and relief for those affected by the storm. Highly-rated organizations such as American Red Cross and GlobalGiving have taken action and are currently responding to areas troubled by Florence.

Consequences of Vaping

by **Amanda Mancuso**
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In the past decade, e-cigarettes have gained popularity. E-cigarettes, also referred to as vapes, are an alternative to smoking. Vaping has become an addiction among today's youth. This is because of the easy access and a false belief that there are little to no health concerns to vaping.

At P-CEP, there have been issues with students caught in the act of vaping, or having vape materials with them at school. In an effort to condemn vaping, the district has distributed hundreds of flyers on the issue. If you are a student or a staff member that attends P-CEP, there's a solid chance that you have seen the flyer. It is important to be aware of the consequences of vaping.

It is a common belief that vaping is safe and will not be harmful to one's health. This is false. There are a numerous amount of chemicals in vapes that can cause harm and addiction.

Most vapes contain nicotine, an addictive substance that is also found in cigarettes. According company Juul, one JuulPod contains roughly the

amount of nicotine as one package of cigarettes.

Research at Penn State University shows that nicotine can be harmful to the brain. During adolescence, the brain is still developing. Because of this, adolescents are more susceptible to these negative impacts. Nicotine can impair important abilities such as decision making, and is commonly known to make people more impulsive. Use of nicotine can lead to mental health issues such as anxiety and depression. According to the Food and Drug Administration, nicotine can also cause blood pressure to raise as well as heart rate. There are chemicals such as formaldehyde in vapes that are causing these heart issues. It is also illegal to vape if you are under the age of 18 and it is prohibited on school grounds.

Remember, before making a questionable choice, always consider the consequences of your actions. It is important to be responsible and take a minute to think about the costs of what issues your actions can cause in the future.

One Year Later: Las Vegas music festival shooting

by **Emma Bali**
News Editor

One year ago, on Oct. 1, 2017, 64 year-old Stephen Paddock started firing at more than 20,000 people out of his room at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

This massacre, being the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history, killed 58 people, wounded hundreds and left the city devastated. Authorities have concluded that Paddock acted alone but have not determined a definitive motive for the devastating attack.

When police arrived at Paddock's hotel room, he was discovered dead at the scene. Multiple weapons and evidence tying Paddock to the primary suspect of the mass shooting was found in Paddock's hotel room.

One year later, no motive for the attack has been found. The community continues to heal and Paddock still leaves a scar on the city. Survivors and family members of the victims continue to grieve their loved ones and are still healing physically, mentally and emotionally.

Many survivors of the tragedy that took place in Las Vegas have told detectives some of the horrific visuals they saw and experienced. Many recall seeing carnage and the wounded on the ground while trying to get to safety.

During the moments of the attack, many individuals put others lives before their own. Complete strangers helped get those wounded to safety. Many carried the injured to their vehicles to then be transported to a nearby hospital. Multiple survivors have told authorities that they only lived because an

unknown person shielded them from the chaotic gunfire.

On Sept. 17, a memorial to honor those who lost their lives in Paddock's attack opened in the Rotunda Gallery of the Clark County Government Center in downtown Las Vegas. Some of the 58 wooden white crosses that were placed in front of the "Welcome to Vegas" sign are on display on platforms at the memorial. The memorial will continue on until Oct. 19. People affected by the horrific tragedy and its aftermath will find support at the memorial. Trained therapists and therapy dogs will be present.

Additional support for the survivors and families of the individuals who died will be given. One exemplary resource is OFC, Office for Victims of Crime. One resource it provides is Victim Compensation. Victim compensation programs help victims offset expenses related to the shooting. For example, financial burden of medical or funeral.

Although the motive for the traumatic massacre is still unknown and shrouded in mystery, the city of Las Vegas is stronger than ever.

Midterm Elections

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The midterm elections have been a staple of American democracy for centuries now.

This upcoming

\$70,000 a year for a job that comes by only once every 10 years, and the last part, frankly scares me the most, is if you have run for office, even if it's a precinct delegate, you and your immediate family will not be allowed to serve on this body. This limits the the search for good qualified people," said Dorian Thompson (Salem Alumni, and Grand Valley State University student).

The proposal intends to take the redistricting out of the hands of politicians to eliminate potential Gerrymandering. It serves as an attempt to stop the "corrupt" redistricting based on party alliance and advantages. An interesting insight from the 2016 election reveals the swing state of Michigan turning to a majority Republican state. Because Michigan has traditionally been a blue state, many are wondering whether the bipartisan pull on the district lines will have any effect on the overall process.

Promote the vote, which is an attempt to have no reason absentee vote, is the last official ballot proposition. In other words, someone may go through an application process to have the ballot mailed to them prior to election day without an excuse required. If passed, a person over the age of 18 would simply have to go to the county election office and apply in person as well as fill out an official form.

All three of these propositions will appear on this year's ballot along with voting for another term for a senator, House of Representatives and governor. For those of you over eighteen out there, The Perspective team urges you to let your voice be heard and cast your ballot this Nov. 6.

November, specifically Nov. 6, Michigan votes for policies that impact daily lives. This year's midterm elections involve proposals such as the legalization of marijuana, commission of independent redistricting committee, and no reason absentee voting. This also includes voting for Michigan representation namely, electing members of congress and the state governor.

A statewide proposal moves for the legalization of recreational use of marijuana for those over the age of 21. If passed, legalization may lead to a direct change in the economic stature of the state of Michigan. According to the Anderson group, in 2016, if all 50 states legalized the recreational use of marijuana, it would cause a 22.4 billion dollar boom in the industry; however, some say that legalizing the drug may have harmful side effects in brain development as well as an increased crime rate. This issue, supported largely by Democrats, is strongly opposed by more conservative Republicans.

The other proposition is by Voters Not Politicians, which aims to have an independent commission for the redistricting of Michigan in 2020. This means a moderate party of citizens will be drawing the district lines and fixing issues with educational systems, housing and voting.

"The redistricting commission is a very flawed proposal because it puts the redistricting power in the hands of people who have no experience whatsoever. The members of the commission will make

To Legalize or Not?

by **Laurence Yang**
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With the upcoming election in November, Michigan votes to decide whether recreational marijuana should be legalized. The use of marijuana recreationally is not a new issue in our state or America for that matter. The

recent string of states to legalize or vote to legalize marijuana include many of the West Coast states as well as Massachusetts and Maine. It has long since been debated whether the legalization of marijuana, now a 31 billion dollar industry, is ethical and safe for the public at large. To understand the core of the controversy, it's imperative that you first understand the history of the issue.

Dating back to 1971, the war on drugs started as a way to curb violent crime and put away those looking to illegally purchase or distribute substances banned by FDA. At the time, marijuana was considered to be a Schedule I drug, the harshest offence. With the new laws ushered in by Nixon and his successors, illegal use of the substance would most likely land you a hefty prison sentence. This has led both incarceration rates and prison populations to skyrocket in the past forty years.

At this point, you might be thinking why marijuana, something seen as a relatively harmless drug in today's society, is classified as a Schedule I drug compared to the likes of heroin and LSD. The answer is simple: marijuana's long standing stigma of being associated with sin and crime. After being introduced recreationally by Mexican immigrants in the early 1900's, the fear of marijuana use spiked during the Great Depression. With worsening economic conditions, marijuana was often associated with the lowest class of criminals and the impoverished. As a result, the public never lost their fear for the effects of the drug.

It's not to say marijuana is not without its side effects -- far from it. The smoke inhaled while typically consuming "weed" has been proven to increase chances of lung cancer. The THC chemical in marijuana often inhibits the natural production of cells that are designed to make you feel the emotion of happiness. Long term effects include slowed brain development if consumed before 25. While under the influence of marijuana, many different areas of the brain are affected, altering perception, reflexes, and judgement. This means that it is not safe to drive while high, a controversial problem associated with youth culture.

Additional pros include tax revenue and easier regulation; however, this is countered by marijuana's addictive nature and reputation as a "gateway" drug for teens. There are many reasons to support either side of the debate. Whether you are pro-marijuana or anti-marijuana, I urge you to let your voice be heard and cast your ballot this November.

Band Rallies After Tragedy at Football Game

by **Madeline Justice**
Sports Editor

Friday, Sept. 14, an unfortunate event occurred during what seemed like a normal high school football game. Amidst the Canton and Salem Varsity Football game an incident that involved both the fans and the P-CEP marching band took place.

As people were enjoying the showdown of the two schools, students from both Canton and Salem decided to confront the P-CEP marching band members. However, this confrontation quickly got out of hand. The students began to spit upon the band and colorguard while showering them with rocks that they found nearby. The situation became so dangerous that the band director decided it would be best for his members to leave the game early.

This act of hate brought despair upon the local marching band community, while also bringing frustration to the Athletic Director of Plymouth High School, Luke Swanson. That evening he was informed of the events that took place by Brian Rochan, a Plymouth Varsity Football coach. A collective decision was made to send word to the sports teams about the upcoming community performance that the marching band had scheduled. This performance would include all marching band members along with colorguard. Their performance would be a rough representation of the routine they compete with later in the school year.

A mass email was sent out to all Plymouth coaches from all sports asking for them to send their teams in support of the band. The plan was to have them perform on the Varsity Football field for anyone who wanted to come watch and support, and the result of that one email was outstanding.

Saturday night, Sept. 15, at 8:30 p.m. the stands were filled with not just parents and friends, but a full force Plymouth student section.

The Plymouth student section leaders, known as The Wild, took it upon themselves to create chants for the marching band and hype up the stands to help cheer them on. Teams from all Plymouth High School sports came out to show their support; Pom, Cheer, Cross Country, Football, Hockey, and many more came to stand behind their P-CEP band.

Susie Shelton, senior captain of the Plymouth PomPon team, said, "It was a great experience to be apart of. I loved being able to show support for the band along with all of Plymouth Athletics."

This act of kindness brought tears to the band directors eyes. He was so moved by seeing not just parents but students and peers saying in unison that the band will never be treated with so much

hatred and disrespect again.

Swanson tweeted out, "Leadership is demonstrated through words and deeds. Small acts of kindness can have a huge impact on our world. Proud of our students tonight. Watching you do the right thing means just as much as watching you win in competition."

Plymouth Athletics has been all about sportsmanship along with building future leaders. This demonstration of care and leadership shown by the student athletes of Plymouth High School to the P-CEP band shows just how far the department has come and how determined they are to stand together.

With the school year just beginning Plymouth Athletics is determined to make the school into one family and show respect and sportsmanship to all other teams and clubs that participate at the park. It is important to remember that kind gestures, big or small, show others the making of great leaders as well as well-rounded people.



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Korean-born teen facing deportation after college

by **Emma Bali**
News Editor

Korean-born teen Hyebin Schreiber will have to leave the United States after college graduation due to a disparity between state and immigration laws regarding a child's age at the time of his or her adoption.

At the age of 15, Schreiber was brought to the United States in 2012 by now retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Schreiber and his wife, Soo Kin. This couple from Lansing, Kansas decided to delay a formal adoption, mainly because Army-veteran Schreiber spent much of 2013 and 2014 in Afghanistan serving as an intelligence officer. As said by Schreiber's lawyer, Sharma-Crawford, he could wait to finalize Hyebin's adoption until Hyebin was 17.

This rule only applies to the adoption of native-born Americans, and not foreign-born children like Hyebin. Therefore, under federal immigration law, foreign-born children must be adopted before they turn 16 to derive citizenship from an American. The federal government ruled Hyebin's birth certificate, which was issued by Kansas, essentially void. Because of this, Hyebin, who is a senior at Kansas University studying biochemistry, will have to leave the country after graduation. If Hyebin was going to be deported, the Schreiber family told KCTV, Kansas City News,

that they planned to move the entire family to South Korea. Schreiber is here legally on a student visa, and her immigration status has never been in question until now.

"It was relief in the sense that she was our daughter and surprisingly nothing was going to separate us. She would be with us forever, we would grow old together," Patrick Schreiber recalls.

When the family took the next step to work on switching Hyebin from a student visa towards citizenship, they were stunned to learn they couldn't. "One of the biggest shocks of my life was the rejection letter from ICE," Patrick Schreiber said. Currently, you must be 15 years old or younger to obtain citizenship through adoption. "We filed the paperwork where Kansas recognizes she is my legal daughter bar at 18. And then you have this other immigration law or policy that sets the bar at 15. I was talking with immigration. Where is she going to go?" Patrick Schreiber said. As time and options run out for the Schreiber family, they continue to halt the deportation of Hyebin.

Controversy Over the Kaepernick Nike Ad

by **Madeline Justice**
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At the beginning of September a Nike ad was released. Normally consumers would be excited for new ads; however, this one started a social media riot.

The face of the ad was none other than Colin Kaepernick, former quarterback for the NFL 49ers. In 2016 Kaepernick became infamous for kneeling during the national anthem before football games. This simple and small gesture created whirlwinds of criticism against him from the press and social media. Although he explained his reasoning for doing so and stated that he did not believe his actions meant any disrespect towards certain people, he was still put under fire for months.

Other football players took Kaepernick's lead and started to kneel with him. They all had their own reasons. For some, it was to protest against Donald Trump, who at the time was a candidate for the presidency. For others kneeling was in support of the black lives matter campaign or for support of our veterans. Since Kaepernick was the one who started it all, he was put under fire the most being called 'unpatriotic.'

Fast forward to Sept. 2018, Kaepernick has come back into the light striking again with bold statements. The main ad released was a picture of Kaepernick's face up close with a quote from him written across his face.

The quote read, "Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything."

This ad created a wave of opinions flooding the news and social media. The ad does not make any reference to 'taking a knee', but stays with the iconic 'Just Do It' logo. The ad also featured LeBron James and Serena Williams, but their appearance did not make as big a statement as Kaepernick's.

Videos of people burning all of their Nike apparel started to go viral. They made statements beforehand explaining why they do not support Nike anymore and that they can no longer own their products. Soon the hashtag of #NikeBoycott started trending.

Although Nike's stock slipped 3% after the release of the ad, the constant publicity kept them afloat and is now creating a heavy profit.

A month after the ad was released and the message is still ringing within the nation.



Photo by Cameron Lindsay

Park Students React to Bill Schuette Park Students React to Gretchen Whitmer

by **Sebastien Ostertag**
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Bill Schuette is the Republican running for Governor. He supports school choice, which is the idea that money more specifically tax dollars, that normally go toward public schools, should be given directly to parents in poor neighborhoods to send their kids to charter and private schools. The Bill Schuette campaign has stated regarding school choice,

"When we give parents a choice, we give children a chance." School choice in part defunds public schools. Graduated Salem student and political activist Dorian Thompson said,

"I think in districts where schools are failing, there should be extenuating circumstances where parents should be allowed to take that money back but not in districts where the schools are doing good." Against this entirely is Bailey Towler, Explorers homeschool co-op sophomore, who said,

"It seems like an idea with good intentions, however I don't think it should be done because it involves the government. The government is to provide equal rights not equal things.....The government redistributing the money is along the lines of socialism, not following the system of a republic." She is joined in her opposition to school choice initiatives, though not in her view of the situation, by Salem Economics teacher Miles Edick and Grace Duerr, Salem Junior.

Edick said of the pro school choice politicians, "They're trying to get rid of public education." Duerr said of the practice of school choice, "We'd be paying for kids to go to Cranbrook while we get absolutely nothing!....How is that fair?"

by **Sebastien Ostertag**
Opinion Editor

Gretchen Whitmer, the Democrat running for Governor and who is leading in the polls, voted against a ban on Partial Birth Abortion. NPR wrote an article about Partial Birth/D&X abortions back in 2006, in which they described it as:

"It involved dilating the woman's cervix, then pulling the fetus through it feet first until only the head remained inside. Using scissors or another sharp instrument, the head was then punctured, and the skull compressed...." P-CEP expressed differing views on this issue.

Salem Senior and Cross Country star Madison Grant said, "Let's think. Why would we want someone who has no care for the rights of the unborn to control our own rights? It's sick to think that we would consider someone who is okay with murdering children to be in authority." Evan Adamski, Plymouth sophomore, said that he disagreed with Whitmer because, "At that point it is basically the murder of a child." Pro choice student Hallie Younglas, Salem Senior, said of partial birth abortion, "...the mother obviously had the intention of carrying the child to term, but at that point it became too dangerous for her to give birth. Forcing a woman to harm and possibly traumatize herself through this experience (giving birth) is unfair."

Whitmer has stated on her campaign website that,

"I am committed as governor to passing legislation that will enshrine Roe v. Wade protections in state law..." Roe v Wade legalized abortion on demand up until and during birth in the United States.

Voter fraud: A False Crisis

By Kealani Tapp
Staff Writer

Voter fraud has been projected by politicians as a major issue plaguing our democracy. In reality, this has been thoroughly debunked. According to a Brennan Center for Justice report by Justin Levitt, in three states where deep investigations into the number of votes made illegally were ordered, the percent of overall fraudulent votes ranged from 0.0002 percent to 0.0004 percent. Despite this, politicians, most notably Donald Trump and Kris Kobach, made exaggerated statements about the severity of illegal voting. Their false claims made interesting reporting, and therefore got much more attention and publicity than what they were worth. This has been used as a scare tactic to keep people from voting. Many of the people who have been arrested for voter fraud did not do so knowingly. Keith Sellars, 44, voted while on probation in the 2016 election. He was arrested and charged with a felony that could have resulted in two years of jail time for a crime he did not even know he committed. This issue does not only affect one side of the political spectrum. Bailey McCaughney, a 20-year old from Colorado, was prosecuted by Kobach for illegally voting in the 2016 election. She accidentally casted two ballots, both for Trump. When a detective contacted McCaughney, she was honest about the mistake she made. However, Kobach filed felony charges against her that could have resulted in up to 13 months of jail time. These stories may appear vivid and concerning, but they are still rare. They should not keep you from practicing your right to vote Nov. 6. If citizens do not vote, they would be doing exactly what politicians, like Kobach, want. There are many courses of action that could be taken in order to end the very minimal number of voter fraud causes. First, voters could be educated on all the different examples of illegal voting. Secondly, the laws that prevent past-felons from voting could be removed. Lastly, poll-watchers could patrol who is receiving ballots to insure they are eligible to vote. Some may argue that voter fraud is a threat to our democracy; however, it also could be argued that charging someone with a felony who committed a non-violent crime, unknowingly, is cruel and unusual punishment that completely goes against the Constitution. The felony charge for illegal voting is too extreme for someone who is just trying to be a good citizen.

Halloween for Adults?

By Emily Gilbertson
Staff Writer

As kids, Halloween meant two things: you get to dress up like something you're not, and you get a free pass from your parents to eat a bunch of sugar rush inducing treats. The very idea of Halloween makes little kids' eyes light up with joy, but what about now that we're ornery, "mature" teenagers? And what about the countless adults that dread seeing that office Halloween party invitation on their desk? Nowadays, I feel like everyone is in such a rush to grow up. We view our middle school graduation as the end of our tween years and a step toward more "freedom." But, as good as that may feel, I'm sure I'm not alone when I say I miss a lot of things about being a kid. The good old days when all we had to worry about was what shade of yellow crayon we should use to color the sun. The time when we consumed countless packs of fruit snacks, cookies and chips because we just didn't care.

On that note, I find myself this Halloween asking the question: am I too old to trick-or-treat? What about dressing up? Is there a point in one's life where this annual tradition becomes... "uncool"? Personally, after much thought, I don't feel like there is.

I can already see the eyes rolling, but hear me out. I would first like to mention though that I may be a little biased considering the fact that I still get asked if I want a children's menu at restaurants. Being short and always looking younger than my actual age, I'm on board to trick-or-treat for as long as possible. But even for those of you who aren't in my situation, I still don't think it's ever too late to participate. Now, I'm not talking about all of our grandparents going from door to door dressed as pumpkins, I just think that if you still just want to dress up, then you should.

Trick-or-treating might be a little bit of a stretch, but costumes aren't totally lame when you're 30. There's plenty of people I know that are well into their late twenties and thirties that still dress up. There's plenty of wiggle room too for what to go as when you get older; you can be whatever you want, really.

And yes, there may be people giving you weird stares throughout the day, but they're probably just jealous because they didn't have enough courage to rock a leather jacket and a semi-cheap wig. But I guess if you still think that trick-or-treating and dressing up should just be left to the young-uns, then maybe you can just throw on a cat headband or a baseball cap and call it a day. Who cares? At the end of the night, it's all just about having fun...and the candy.

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Justice Kavanaugh Does Not Deserve His Seat on the Supreme Court

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I find myself growing increasingly frustrated in the face of the Kavanaugh debate. Regardless of whether he committed the alleged sexual assaults, the people of the United States need to think about what how a qualified Supreme Court justice looks. Do our current justices and nominees match that ideal? Specifically, does Brett Kavanaugh match that ideal? The Supreme Court is meant to be a non-partisan institution with justices whose mission is to interpret the Constitution. During his testimony, Kavanaugh showed clear disdain for the left, calling the allegations a "calculated and orchestrated political hit." Furthermore, he called the opposition to his nomination "revenge on behalf of the Clintons." If he was a non-partisan judge--as his proposed job requires--he would be trying to unify the American people rather than invoking political divides because due process does not suit him. Being a supreme court justice is a stressful job. Justices set legal precedents that stand for years to come. Kavanaugh's demeanor during his hearing was not indicative of someone that belongs on the Supreme Court. There were multiple instances where he began to cry or started yelling. During his opening statement, he spoke of all the female friends he had during high school. When detailing just how many women he was friends with and which ones in specific he called every night, he started choking back tears. This tells me that he is a man who cannot handle stress well and maintain his composure. When appointing someone to the highest court of the United States we need to have the highest of standards. Judge Kavanaugh doesn't even meet my lowest standards for a Supreme Court justice.

Intolerance at the Park

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For two years in a row, I've run the Gender and Sexuality Alliance table at the annual activities extravaganza. I am interested in presenting our organization to potential new members, of course, but what really fascinates me is the reactions of those who pass by our table. Students had varied reactions when they saw the GSA table. Some ran up, visibly excited and ready to join a group where they know they'll belong. These people are fun and gave me motivation to keep working. Others look over longingly as they walk past, wishing that they could come say hi, or perhaps that they could attend our meetings without having to explain where they've gone every Thursday. The reactions that stand out the most are the non-reactions. Those people who looked at us and immediately averted their eyes or those who came closer, realized who we were, and immediately ran in the opposite direction. There were also the stares of administrators who weren't sure how to act or whether to acknowledge us. They invariably ended up just nodding awkwardly. Personal interactions I've had, while more subtle, are still baffling. In Spanish class sophomore year, I sat with two boys who constantly called anything they didn't like gay and called each other "f*gs." If you aren't aware, "f*ggot" is a derogatory term for LGBT+ people that is still considered offensive. I asked them on multiple occasions to stop, but they just laughed and brushed it off as if they weren't throwing around a word that is central to the harassment of so many people. All of these interactions prompt questions. It is 2018. Shouldn't we be past our aversion to seeing individuals being completely and proudly themselves? Shouldn't we be past not knowing how to deal with this just because it's not something we can relate to or don't know a lot about? Everyone at the Park, and individuals everywhere in society, should try harder to understand different cultures and perspectives - we have so many here, and it is one of our biggest strengths. Every single day, we should all actively seek out ways to better understand the people around us.

Pot Legalization Recreationally

I'm writing in response to the article "Open Your Eyes, It's Time to Reclassify" and the medical use of Marijuana. So many people don't give Marijuana a chance when it comes to being a good drug to use for pain, as well as many other things. It is an illegal drug, but there is so much that defends it as a medical miracle. It can help pain with so many other diseases and health problems. The fact that it falls in the same classification for dangerous use as LSD, Heroin, and Ecstasy doesn't make sense. With many colleges doing research and finding new things that Marijuana is good for compared to what it is harmful for should be enough for the rules to change. It can improve our country's economy by opening more jobs for people in the business. Making the medical and recreational use of marijuana has decreased the drug related arrests. With it being sold legally they have made large amounts of money from sales and taxes on it. Another big topic is not one person has died from the use of the drug, therefore it should be able to be used legally in all states.

Brad Miller Plymouth

Pizza at school is disgusting

The pizza here is disgusting. The texture feels like rubber, the pizza is as stiff as a board, and it tastes like garbage. I think our taste buds have endured enough pain and we should try something new. A proposal that is made is that at least one day out of the week, we should be rewarded for our hard work with the taste of Hungry Howie's pizza. This used to be a thing when most students attended the middle schools. Sadly, it kind of just died out, only to be forgotten about in high school. If the schools made Hungry Howie's once a week a thing, the kids buying lunch would most likely go up. Which means that the school would have a lot more money. Which could go into sports, more classes, or maybe even a teacher's pocket. Which is why the pizza that the schools are selling now, has to go.

Alex Smith Plymouth

Umbrella Banishment

by Brett Caldwell
Entertainment Editor

Umbrellas need to be banished from P-CEP. This may sound silly, but it is a serious problem; or at least it could be. Every rainy day while walking on the path from school to school there is a swarm of people, along with a swarm of umbrellas. Having so many umbrellas in such a confined space with so many people is dangerous.

People walk at a variety of paces and those who want to walk faster are not able to because there are huge umbrellas in their way. This causes many people to be late to class because they are stuck behind a person who is walking very slow with an umbrella.

A much bigger problem with umbrellas on the path between schools is the height difference between students at P-CEP. There are students ranging from under five feet tall to over six and a half feet tall. This is problematic as taller students are constantly hit with umbrellas held by shorter students.

Alan Brown, Plymouth senior, agreed that umbrellas are problematic for tall people. He said, "They are a hazard to people's eyes, especially to people who are taller."

No, it's not a huge deal if an umbrella pokes a student on the side of the head. Sure, it's annoying, but not an enormous problem. What will be an enormous problem though is when a point on the side of an umbrella hits a student in the eye.

When a student is poked in the eye with an umbrella their eye will probably hurt for awhile, but they'll quickly recover and be seeing just fine. However, a time will come when a student is hit with an umbrella and they will lose their vision, not for a minute or two, but forever. That student will be permanently blind in one eye because of a little freak accident that could have easily been prevented.

There is a simple fix to a problem that shouldn't be a problem at all. Ban umbrellas at P-CEP immediately before someone is seriously injured.

Fashion Everywhere

by Olivia Blackburn
Staff Writer

What is fashion? And how do people use it? Well, fashion is a work of art to me. Everyone

has their own way of how they do their hair and, how they dress; many people get stereotyped from that. The way the world revolves around fashion comes in many different techniques and behavioral forms. Walking on the path everyday at PCEP, I've seen many different styles that fit the person just right, while they may think different of their style choices. In fashion confidence is a key. Fashion designers such as TylerTheCreator, Calvin Klein, Anna Sui, Alexander McQueen, and many others show this in their work by following the dream they have, not what others have for them.

Fashion designing is the art of applying design, aesthetics, and natural beauty to clothing and making their audience want to buy and wear their clothes.

As Alexander McQueen said, "Fashion should be a form of escapism and not a form of imprisonment." This quote is very powerful to people with different ideas of fashion around the world.

I've been to a few places, namely California, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. I can tell you that the styles really differ from each place, and there's many fashion ideas you can catch onto while visiting. Fashion is like a cold, when someone sneezes while they are sick you'll most likely end up catching it like a trend and getting yourself sick too. This is where the fashion part ties it all together, you see someone wearing something, you like it, and you end up trying a style like that and maybe eventually end up trying it.

I interviewed current freshman Hayden Watson:

The Perspective: How does fashion define you as a person?

Hayden: "It sets me apart from other people. I don't like being like everyone else."

The Perspective: Do you feel stereotyped at all? Why?

Hayden: "Yes, because I feel different from everyone

else, and not many people understand my style and fashion sense."

The Perspective: Who are your fashion icons? Why?

Hayden: "Gus Dapperton, TylerTheCreator, and Jaden Smith. Their styles are pretty cool and they dress how they want and don't care about what anyone says even though they are famous and have tons of money, they dress how they want compared to other famous people with the same amount of money."

The Perspective: Do you feel like people accept you at PCEP?

Hayden: "No, it always feels like people are judging, because I dress different and not in high class clothes like them."

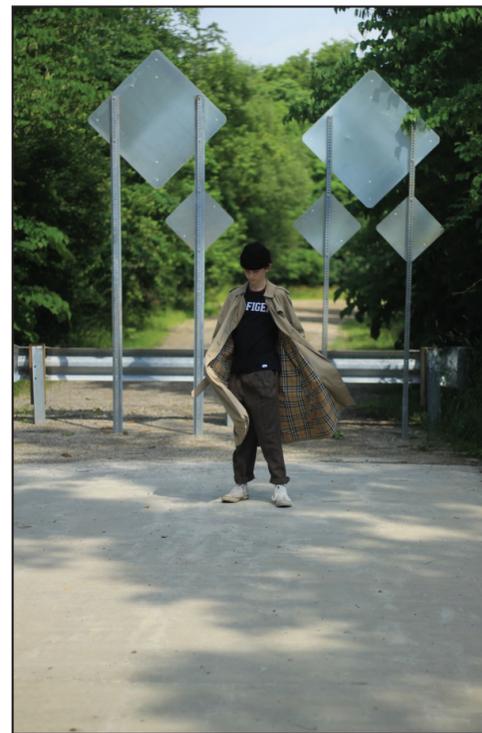
Hayden explained his many thoughts on fashion and the way he feels about fashion. It's hard to try to fit in to a school or an area with so many people where they all have different perspectives of what fashion is. But, everyone is born to be different.

The main influences of fashion are social media, humans, and social interactions. As you could probably tell, most kids in high school are on social media and are somehow exposed to a type of fashion there by either their friends or their famous influencers. Interactions with fashion don't only happen on social media, fashion interactions happen everyday either when you're at school, going to the grocery store or even exploring new places out or in the state. Teens usually see something they like on someone and tend to buy it themselves to look like the person they saw. That's a great way to branch off to new fashion or even just going to the mall, Salvation Army, or any other places you're located by and trying on clothes you'll like. Get out of your comfort zone and try on something you're iffy about and then maybe you might have just found yourself a new style.

In fashion it's all about trying new things, getting out of your comfort zone, but also being comfortable in your own skin with confidence.

Wearing what you want to is inspiring to others. Inspiring to yourself to try even more things out, because fashion is a source of happiness to some people, just like myself.

Read more about fashion from Olivia on The-Perspective.org!



Ban the Breed?

by Fiona Hughes
Editor-in-Chief

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, pit bull-type dogs are the most populous breed being put in animal shelters. They are also the most euthanized breed.

There's a stigma about pit bulls, it's no secret. When you think of a dog fight, you probably picture two pit bulls fighting it out, snarling with sharp teeth and a killer look in their eyes.

I can tell you my pit bull is not so terrifying when she's licking peanut butter off her nose.

We blame the breed

for their actions, labeling them as aggressive fighting dogs, when in reality most of the fault lands on the owner. My pit bull was adopted from a shelter. She's a goofy-looking cow of a dog, sweet as pie. But if she was picked up and trained to fight, her behavior would be completely different.

Society has been brainwashed into believing all pit bulls are mean. I've moved around the Plymouth-Canton area since 2009, and you would be surprised how many neighborhoods ban pit bulls or fine residents for owning a pit bull. Can you imagine

being fined for owning a golden retriever? Or a chihuahua? Banning the breed and fining owners only perpetuates the unnecessary fear that society feels.

Pit bulls are the most misunderstood dog breed. Just like you can't knock a food until you try it, don't knock a whole breed until you get to know it.



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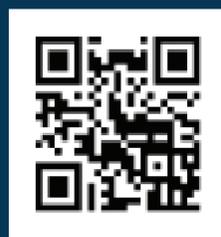
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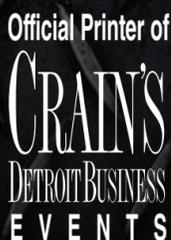
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