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## A SATURDAY IN BORDEAUX, FRANCE

# EDUCATING TEENS AND CHILDREN ON IDENTIFYING DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

*How the concept of stranger danger and the safeness of our area is harmful to kids' capability to distinguish unsafe circumstances*

Anikka Reinwand

It is widely accepted that many of the students at our local high schools have grown up in a bubble. Not only does the separation hinder cultural understanding, it also causes a lack of knowledge around safety. Students tend to believe they live in a safe community, in an area where kindness towards strangers is of the utmost importance and protection is a given. This is why so many tourists come to Maine, we welcome everyone as if they were family and offer great hospitality. But when it comes to determining whether a person or situation is safe, students have insignificant knowledge. This does not mean we should abandon our ideals around kindness and trust. Rather, this lack of knowledge indicates that we should instead educate students on how to recognize unsafe situations, so that when they exit the bubble, they will be prepared for the real world.

Lenore Skenazy published an article titled *Raising a Free-Range Kid* on the PBS Parents website that discussed the issues surrounding kids who are overly sheltered. These children will either be unable to experience the world's beauty due to an intense fear of strangers or specific places implemented by the stranger danger idea commonly used or

the kids will be completely unaware of the possible dangers hidden in a seemingly safe situation. Pattie Fitzgerald created the 'Tricky People' concept with her foundation Safely Ever After which is a way to educate kids on how to recognize unsafe people or environments as opposed to the 'Stranger Danger' idea, which merely teaches kids to fear those unknown to them. If schools, especially those inside a bubble, could adopt a course or lecture on the 'Tricky People' concept, perhaps students would be better informed on what to do in uncomfortable situations. This way students will be prepared for life outside the securities of home and for traveling the world.

The stranger danger idea is unreliable and harmful to the characters of children. It promotes a cultural fear that causes children to steer away from public. Stranger danger also can cause for racial profiling and prejudiced attitudes to develop. The idea that strangers are the only ones who perpetrate assault and kidnapping is also not accurate. According to the Department of Justice, 10% of the perpetrators are strangers, 60% are non-family members who are known to the child and 30% are family members. Kids need to know that not all strangers are dangerous and that it is

their emotions and knowledge that will help them determine threatening situations.

Here in our area of Maine we don't see this great fear of strangers, as the kids who live here have grown up under the impression that they will always be safe. What needs to happen is that we need to find the middle grounds between extreme fear caused by "stranger danger" and the lack of understanding due to kids being too sheltered. We need to encourage kids to trust their instincts. However, Kids should also know that if something did happen to them that it is not their fault, and if they were to go seek help from a friend or adult they would do their best to help without being angry.

Increasing awareness in schools and households around how to recognize and avoid uncomfortable situations, as well as how to live life without fear of strangers, is necessary in order to enable kids to move through life freely and confidently. Offering support for those who have suffered physical or emotional damage should also be encouraged. In order to better our community, we must prepare the younger generations of the dangerous experiences they may be faced with outside the bubble.

# SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Sam Maltese

Over the past month, the Five Towns CSD School Board has approved measures of influence to the Camden Hills Regional High School's student body. At the board meeting in February, changes were approved that will take effect or have impacts on student life shortly.

*Student Representative presentation, Dual Enrollment:* Student Representatives on the school board organized a student presentation on dual enrollment. Student presenters talked about how dual enrollment was beneficial in giving students a college class experience and will help with college preparedness. They also articulated how the process was mainstreamed with counselors providing support. However, they did say that counselors should do a better job of letting students know the courses that are available.

*Student Representative report, Student Life:* Student Representatives discussed the experiences they had at Camden Hills Regional High School and what it is like to attend CHRHS as a student. Overall the reports agreed that the experience at CHRHS was favorable over most public schools. The reps said that the school did an adequate job of being reactive to student input. Reps talked about the different beneficial teaching styles within the school, however, they also mentioned the need for teachers to be more reactive to insensitive speaking, especially the use of slurs. Excessive amounts of homework and work was discussed. Stress was also

mentioned and attributed to, in part, the focus CHRHS has on getting into a good college. CHRHS opportunities to students especially in sports, arts, and clubs was spoken highly of. Economic diversity was mentioned, pointing out the strain on economically disadvantaged families in CHRHS, especially to "maintain appearances."

*The Hatchery:* The idea of the Hatchery was discussed as an initiative. The idea of "the Hatchery" includes both a course and a space for students to problem solve with self designed inventions. It will also have a space for students to become involved in the community through inspirational talks, meetings, and synergetic relationships between local businesses and students. The Hatchery is expected to be utilized by classes at CHRHS. The course offered is called *Innovation Engineering: Agency and Changemaking* and will focus on the essentials of impactful engineering. The Hatchery was given unanimous support of the board. The board reiterated that The Hatchery is worthy of being included in the upcoming yearly budget.

All CHRHS students are encouraged to reach out to the student school board representatives-- Molly Woodruff, Sam Maltese, and Julianna Day. School board meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month at seven pm in the Camden Hill's chorus room. For more information on the school board including agendas, minutes, meeting times, and contact information visit the Five Towns CSD website.

# CHG UPDATE



Stickers designed by  
CHG officer Ilianna Kahn

The Camden Hills Gazette is excited to announce our brand new sticker! CHG's talented head of design, Ilianna Kahn, made these cute stickers that will be passed out within the month.

We will also be presenting at the School Board meeting tomorrow, March 6, to discuss our future aspirations. And in honor of our commitment to our audience, we will also share these goals with you:

1. To reach the community on a broader scale with a presence in local business.
2. To cover more of the viewpoints within our school, both liberal and conservative.
3. To continue to provide a platform for CHRHS students to use their voice.

# THE GREEN NEW DEAL

Jesse Bifulco



## PROTESTERS STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE GREEN NEW DEAL

Image from New York Magazine

The Green New Deal is a recent piece of legislation that was pushed by Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in response to global warming and the economic crises that plague the US. The bill itself, modelled after the New Deal that bolstered the United States economy during the 1930's, sets its sights on both combating climate change and proposing economic change. This ambitious plan was endorsed by nearly every Democratic presidential candidate, yet does not resonate with many politicians and voters. A smug Senator Mitch McConnell called for the bill to be voted on, to "give everybody an opportunity to go on record and

see how they feel about the Green New Deal." So far, none have stepped up to call his bluff and schedule a date for the vote, casting doubt onto the future success of the plan.

The bill's implications dig deep into US society, which explains the controversy over it. The first draft of the Green New Deal, which was promptly taken down from AOC's website after media backlash, cited support for those "unwilling to work", an initiative to upgrade or replace every building in the United States for carbon efficiency, and meet 100% of the nation's energy need through renewable energy--without the use of nuclear power.

Though this version's existence was quickly denied by Ocasio-Cortez's own political advisor, the Green New Deal has already been seen as unredeemable in many eyes. The revised version has dropped some of its more extreme stances, but still contains a plan to create living-wage jobs for every worker in America, Medicare for all, affordable public housing for all, a 90% tax rate on banker bonuses, and a reduction of military spending as much as 50%, all without a solid plan for how this will all be paid for. The fate of the Green New Deal is yet to come, but it will assuredly be brought up again in 2020.



# MONTHLY VINE



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# LITERARY

Nicole Pendleton

In my world, I am complete, for everything means nothing to me. The life outside of me is as savage as a lion. Harmful are its claws and deafening is its roar. This is the life surrounding me. But I don't care. I no longer fear. Why? Because I am in my bubble. My bubble, circle and complete. It's my buffer zone. It's like the ozone that shields me from outside harm. Warm, fuzzy, always at peace. This is my center. This is my serene.

They always come, the Bubble Busters. They come from far and wide and attack. Beating their fists on my bubble. The Love Haters. The Snarkers. The Friend Depends. The Bomb Within. These are the people that test my bubble each day.

## The Love Haters:

They are the ones who always try to tear you down. Their only aim is to hurt and maim. Their words are sharpened like knives to slice into you. They leave you with tears and a fractured heart. So what can I do? I take a deep breath and blow up my bubble.

Their tainted words bounce off with no effect. I am in the here and now, I will surround myself in positivity. This is my bubble, my escape from the dark.

## The Snarkers:

I work hard. I focus hard. The deadlines I meet are redrawn again and again. This is why I am here. This is what feeds me and puts a roof over my head. Then they appear,

The Snarkers. Gossip as sweet as wine is passed around. These are the people to be wary of. I try not to get involved, but I get drawn in. Soon target A hates target B and I am feeding off how good it feels not to be them. Then the tables turn and I become the target. I'm drowning in the deep-end with people pushing me under the surface each day. So what can I do? Take a deep breath and blow up my bubble.

Now all that The Snarkers see is a smiling shield. I am polite in how I deal with people, and I concentrate on my work. Soon the claws find no grasp. I am in control of my actions, no one else. This is my bubble. Perfect and complete.

## The Friend Depends:

"Remember the 'good old days'? Before all this?" They say. These are lines of great regret. "Remember when we were young? When innocence was our blood. You and me. Nothing but fun. You were always there for me." And I tried. I was there when it got dark. There when it seemed like it wouldn't get better. There when talking was the best medication. Each day on the phone making sure they are okay.

"Can I help with anything?" Their worry is now my worry. Sleep comes slow as I wait for each fear to settle in my mind. But where can I be me? Where is my life? So I take a deep breath and blow up my bubble. People Learn to walk on their own two feet. I realize

all I need to do is be a guide. I am still me. I can be a better me for them if I shine myself, instead only providing support. This is my bubble, weathering the winds.

## The Bomb Within:

He sat enclosed, his emotions suffocating within. It's hard to keep living a lie. To show the world one side while he's hiding a darker one. Only he knows. He knows, but why? Why should he be the one? Why should he suffer? Why should he go on? And the bomb ticks. But he knows. He knows the truth and how hard it is to achieve it. So he takes a deep breath and blows up his bubble. He knows the end is not the end for him, and not the end of the suffering for those left behind. He needs to dig deep, find what makes his world shine brighter, to reach out for a helping hand. To dismantle the bomb within, let a positive light explode out instead. This is his bubble, sparkling bright for all to see.

In my world, I am a bubble. From where I am now the world cannot touch me. When my bubble gets smaller that's when I need to dig deep and allow myself space to inflate. Sustain, maintain, and learn. It always gets better. But sometimes our bubble is the only way that will happen.

# WHAT IS HAPPENING IN FRANCE?

Chloe Cognard

Up until six months ago, I had spent my entire life in France. I was born there, raised there and, for those of you that are wondering, yes, I adore cheese. When I tell people my story, they are at first a little startled but then start daydreaming. I can tell they are picturing the beautiful lavender fields of provence, the cows milling around in colorful patches of fields in Normandie, or a little goat on a steep mountain in the Cevennes. Others refer to the elegance and charm often attributed to the French people, taking a cigarette break, or Paris, the capital of Romance. But recently, things have been different. People have started to become concerned. The streets of Paris have turned into battlefields. The country sides are infested with yellow vest protesters, putting up camp at every roundabout. The citizens have picked their sides.

The yellow vest protests have thoroughly disturbed France's social unity, disrupted it's economy and has stirred a lot of hatred against the government. Although the protests originally started to dispute the carbon tax (a gas tax) which if put in place would unfairly discriminate against citizens living in more rural areas, it quickly became a nationwide movement. In fact, the movement has even spread to other countries. The *gillet jaunes* (which translates to yellow vests) attracted most of its supporters through social media platforms which enabled them to regularly gather in cities all around France.

However, this also meant the movement lacked leaders and structure. Indeed, the movement has caused great damages. While most protesters have marched peacefully, others have used violence to draw attention from

the government. They have caused massive traffic jams, set cars on fire, broken store windows, destroyed toll booths, and have physically fought policemen. So far, it has cost France over fifteen billion dollars. The protests have also hindered the usual shopping and tourism that booms during this period, a critical part of the French economy.

Last Saturday, the protests took place, again. The state estimated that there were over 50,000 protesters. Although these numbers have greatly declined since the peak of the revolt in November, when the state estimated 300,000 protesters, the damage and arrests have continued. There have been nearly three thousand injured and eleven tragic deaths since the beginning of the protests. Despite the claims of many yellow vests, the movement has been at times extremely violent. During the regular Saturday protests, barricades were set up, trash set on fire, rocks thrown, and tear gas used. In an attempt to isolate themselves from the violence caused by the movement, yellow vests have blamed the 'casseurs' (or breakers) for all the brutalities. Many protesters feel the media and the French government are trying to discredit the movement by depicting the casseurs and yellow vests together.

There have been nearly nine thousand arrests, many of which were judged as unnecessary. Protesters were taken into custody without valid reasons. Eric Drouet, a man presented by the media as a leader of the yellow vest because of his facebook groups, was accused of organizing an unofficial protest. Despite his denial, Eric Drouet was charged with a month of suspended sentence and a 500 €

fine. The issue clearly became political when he was admittedly contacted by two political parties to be a candidate for the european elections of 2019. Both of these parties are extremists: *la France insoumise*, a far-left party led by Jean-luc Mélenchon and the other, far-right led by Marine Le Pen (the opponent of the President in the last presidential election).

Today, the *Gillet Jaunes* are pushing for many different reforms such as the decrease of various taxes, better purchasing power for the lower and middle class, referendums initiated by citizens. These requests go as far as to demand the resignation of the French President, Emmanuel Macron, who is often seen as the President of the rich. The movement openly targets the current government and especially President Macron. Even after Macron's speech recognizing the social inequity and providing reforms to the demands of the *Gillet Jaunes* back in December, the Protests persisted. Concretely, since the beginning of the protests, Macron promised to cut taxes for the retired that earn between twelve hundred and two thousand euros per month, cut all taxes on overtime, put a pause to the carbon tax increase, encouraged companies to give bonuses to their employees by acquitting them of all taxes, created a public debate where citizens could express their political wishes, and increased minimum wage.

The yellow vests want more. After President Macron's speech, the protesters immediately came up with new demands. Their demands so un-unified and so varied that some feel they fail to convey a coherent message. The world hears about the brutality of





Image from The Economist

## GILET JAUNE PROTESTERS GATHER AT THE ARC DE TRIOMPHE IN PARIS

the protests but no longer knows what the protesters stand for. Meanwhile, the rest of the French population remains mostly indifferent to these protests. Yes, protests of this type are common in France. In fact, it is highly uncommon for France to not be going through a protest or strike of some sort. Almost every year, France goes through weeklong train strikes. Last year, one single train strike went on from April to the end of June, and cost the state over 790 million euros. So naturally, the French tend to be relatively unwavering by these trends.

After President Emmanuel Macron made his speech, on December 10th, declaring all the reforms he had instituted in response to the Gillet Jaunes protests, it became clear that no reform or measure would soothe the anger of the remaining protesters. While the yellow vests continue to protest, their number is consistently decreasing. Although many politicians refer to the movement as a social crisis, the French population views this as yet another demonstration of discontent. Other movements have started against the yellow vests. One movement (the Red Scarves)

gathered over 10,000 people to march in protest of the protests.

While the yellow vests surely have valid motifs, their protests are one amid hundreds of thousands of others. So what sets them apart? Why have they drawn so much attention to France? The answer is violence. The brutality of the movement has been so pervasive that it drew attention from media all around the world. But for many Frenchmen, these "riots" are merely the habitual manifestations of French unrest.



# GREENWEEK 2019:

## MARCH 11TH-15TH

Frances Ostensen



Image from CHG

## LET'S TRY TO MAKE GREENWEEK A BIG SUCCESS!

Greenweek is a week long series of events hosted by Windplanners to encourage people within our school and local community to find innovative ways to live sustainably. Each day of the week has a theme which helps to break down specific areas of environmental concern, as well as outline simple ways to change one's lifestyle to be more environmentally friendly.

This annual event will be kicked off this year by

Megawatt Monday. On Monday, March 11th students and faculty should look for tables set up at the entrances of the school on which they can pledge to try to reduce their electricity usage for the day.

The energy that goes into creating electricity often comes from unsustainable sources like coal and nuclear power plants. Some examples of small things which one could do to reduce one's electrical carbon footprint are

turning off lights when one leaves a room or unplugging devices when they are fully charged instead of leaving them plugged in all night.

Windplanners will measure the KWH that the school uses that day and compare it to other days to see how many pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> the school is able to save just by doing a few simple things.

The next day will be Transportation Tuesday, on which students and staff can pledge to reduce their impact on the earth by using more sustainable methods of transportation. People will be encouraged to make use of public transportation, walk, ride a bike, or carpool on their way to school. Another way that one can be more sustainable in regards to transportation, and thereby reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that pollute our atmosphere, is to combine errands in order to minimize driving. An additional method that you can employ in order to live sustainably is to buy locally sourced products. For example, if one buys a package of blueberries that were sourced all the way in Mexico that has a negative impact on the earth because of all the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions released through transporting the blueberries thousands of miles. Instead, one could try to buy blueberries that were grown locally, and in this way reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions while supporting the local economy. On Transportation Tuesday Windplanners will be measuring the amount of cars arriving at school and compare it to other days to see if the suggestions were effective in reducing the amount of cars that the school used in a day.

Next is Waste Wednesday, on which students and staff can pledge to reduce the amount of waste that they create by using reusable bags, bottles, Tupperware, and silverware. The amount of waste that each person creates without thinking everyday is

detrimental to the overall health of the planet. A great portion of the waste people create does not go back into the earth's systems because it is not biodegradable. Other things that one can do to create less of a negative impact is to try to buy clothes second hand (thrift). To avoid paper waste, one can use smaller sized font and choose the double sided option for ones printing needs. Windplanners will also be introducing the recently constructed compost bins in the cafe during this week, and, especially on Wednesday, Windplanners will be encouraging people to be mindful of where their waste goes when they throw it away. Windplanners will be measuring the amount of waste and compost that the school creates and also looking at data from the printers to see if, as a school community, we were able to reduce the amount of waste we generated in a day.

Thermal Thursday will be March 14th this year, and on this day Windplanners will be asking CHRHS to pledge to be aware of and try to reduce the amount of heat energy that we use. People are encouraged to wear layers and lower the thermostats. Even lowering heat by just a few degrees can be very impactful in saving energy. Windplanners will be measuring the number of gallons of propane we were able to save in a day just by turning the thermostat down five degrees.

The next day is a new addition to greenweek and will be called Flourishing Friday. On this day students and staff will be encouraged to

participate in activities which celebrate and spread awareness about the importance of biodiversity on our planet. Biodiversity is extremely important to during this age because many of the negative effects of global climate change can be combated by the earth's natural systems of plants and animals but these systems are under threat due to humans as well. Many scientists believe that we are in the midst of the world's fifth mass extinction, which is having many negative effects on our planet. We should strive to do all we can to prevent this from happening. People can make a pledge to reduce consumption of products that contain palm oil, as the production of palm oil is one of the leading causes of deforestation in the rainforest. People will also be encouraged to purchase less plastic or to instead by plastic alternatives because of the threat that plastic pollution poses to biodiversity around the world. There will be jars for donations that will go to a variety of organizations around the world which work to help save endangered species and maintain biodiversity in places around the world.

Each day of the week creative pins designed by students will be available and daily challenge questions with prizes awarded to those who can get them correct. Let's try to make Greenweek a big success this year and help make the earth a little greener in the process!

# MARCH FOR OUR LIVES, ONE YEAR LATER

Greta Bishop

Last year, at this time, students all over the nation were furious. They were empowered, and it showed.

Last winter, high school students were more active than ever. In February, we planned. In March, we walked out. In May, we marched in protest of gun violence. This year has been both frustrating, and empowering for teenage activists. We know that we've done a lot. We called attention to an issue that is now at the center of politics, and we campaigned for a midterm election that most of us would call successful. Some of us have let activism drift out of our lives, but some of us have still held onto that empowerment.

It may seem as if teenage activism died when the Never Again movement left the news. It may be true that without the national attention, it is harder to plan, organize, and execute. This, however, does not mean that those empowered teenagers are simply inactive these days. After the March for our Lives, the Never Again organizers went on a cross country bus tour registering young people to vote. They have been working behind the scenes, which is what most of us have been doing as well. Teenage activism may be less obvious than a year ago, but these people are not any less motivated. We don't have to look far to see active teens, because activism is more than just national marches and walkouts.

Activism exists in our schools, and our communities.

Just last week at Camden Hills Regional High School, the Women's Organization held a Teen Dating Violence Awareness breakfast that showcased facts and statistics to enlighten the school community. Signs displayed facts such as "48% of Camden Hills Regional High School students know someone who has been abused in some way in a relationship." Students and teachers streamed through the conference room following the sign that said "free breakfast," but while they ate they learned about issues facing CHRHS students.

The Camden Hills Gazette offers students a chance to learn and write about real world issues. On the receiving end, it offers the student body a chance to learn about these issues while in school. Active teens exist all throughout the student body. Their work, however, is not limited to the school. This year, teens will do their part by keeping up on the 2020 election updates. They will stay involved with political issues that they are passionate about, and they will support leaders who reflect these passions. Whether this is immigration, or health care, or gun control, they know that being vocal is key.

Passionate teens who spoke up a year ago about gun control did not lose their passion. They did not give up on

their work to speak out about political issues. Although it may be more difficult to find convenient ways to be active, teens are still looking. They are also shaping their futures through their education in order to become the most high functioning members of society possible. I can guarantee that these passionate teens will mindfully follow and vote in the election of 2020.

People may say that the Never Again movement was just a bunch of kids complaining without creating any real change. There is so much that is wrong with that statement. The goals of the Never Again movement will be reflected in the legislation made by the new administration brought in through the election of 2018. The kids that protested don't need to be participating in high coverage protests in order to be active. They continue to stand up for their beliefs and fight for them in their schools and their communities. They stay updated on politics in the US, and realize that when there is a break in their regular schedules, there are plenty of issues that they can take up. The kids of this generation know that there are always opportunities for them to be active, and they stay educated and aware. Teen activism has not died in the past year. The work of these kids will continue far past the Never Again movement.



# THE ARTS

## "SUNFLOWERS"



These beautiful dual interpretations of Van Gogh paintings were created by students in Mr. Kahn's painting class.

*Lexi Keele/  
Hunter Longley*

*Madison Winslow/  
Enzo Russillo*

## "VAN GOGH'S CHAIR"



## "STARRY NIGHT"



*Abby Dodd,  
Ocean Rancourt,  
Daisy Ingraham,  
And  
Noah Lang*



## SKY NOON

Jesse Bifulco

Sky Noon is a relatively new game that was released on Steam in December of 2018 with very little fanfare. The premise and gameplay is similar to Super Smash Bros, but in a first-person environment and with grappling hooks. At the beginning of each round, all of the players find themselves on a Western-themed floating island, and are given air based weapons with which to blast their enemies off the island to fall to their demise. Despite receiving a *Very Positive* rating almost immediately after its launch, this game still suffers from complete obscurity and a lacking playerbase.

### *The Good:*

**M o v e m e n t** is an underrated component in video games, but it is a subtle factor that can make or break a game. This is why Nintendo spent the majority of development on Super Mario 64 working on nothing but refining the controls to feel natural. Though just walking around in Sky Noon is the same as any other first person game, the grappling hooks add a whole new element of dynamism to the gameplay. Even without the combat, just jumping, falling, and swinging around is solid on its own. The art style and graphics is also strong with a hand-painted, cartoony look that feels reminiscent of Valve's Team Fortress 2. The

game does not lack diversity of playstyle either, with character customization, an arsenal of weaponry, and gamemodes that can be tinkered with.

### *The Bad:*

Sky Noon is a great game, but apparently had no budget for advertising. At release, the game had a peak of just over 100 concurrent players but now, just several months since that point, the number has dropped to an average of three monthly players. There are more empty servers than players, and sometimes it will be entirely impossible to find a match.

### *The Conclusion:*

It can be hard to judge a game that cannot be played, and Sky Noon is the pinnacle of such games. The rare times I have been able to find a server with a decent amount of players, this game really shines. When I spend hours on the server queue knowing full well that I am the only person in the game, some of the bright fun themes of the game are lost. This game deserves a buy from any gamers who are just looking for unique gameplay, or just want to help contribute to keeping this amazingly unheard of production alive.

## RENT

Gail Curtis, Alice Moskowitz, and Bella Gardner

Although Rent Live had many valuable and entertaining aspects to it, some viewers are worried that it might have ruined the future for live musicals. Not only was it the least viewed of any live musical (this may have been because it was the same night as the SAG Awards or because it is known to be "edgier" than some more common musicals), but it was simply not live.

Many people loved the concert vibe the show brought as well as the nostalgia for the beloved classic Broadway brought to us in 1996. But with all good things comes critics and worries. The saddening part of the show was that unfortunately Brennin Hunt who was set to play Roger Davis, broke his leg, forcing the producers to air a previously taped dress rehearsal as the final show, instead of airing live.

This sprouted many questions for future live musicals such as whether or not future shows will be aired live. Another aspect of this was that NBC recently announced that their version of Hair Live, scheduled for May 19, was cancelled. However, NBC entertainment co-chairmen Paul Telegdy and George Cheeks said in a statement to TVLine stating that "Live musicals are a part of this network's DNA, and we are committed to continuing that tradition with the right show at the right time," They also mentioned that they would be turning their attention towards "broad-based, family musicals,". Audiences took this as a clue that perhaps they would be doing more Disney based shows as Disney has control over Fox's entertainment properties.

To wrap it up, Rent Live was a well done show with a excited audience, beautiful sets, and an excellent cast and crew, but will it be good enough to continue the legacy of live musicals? Fans can only hope that this will not damage the future of Live Musical.

## THOUGHTS ON FEBRUARY BREAK, REMOTE SCHOOL DAYS, & LONG SCHOOL YEARS

Aniela Creek

Right as the second semester is really starting to gear up again, we're all finding ourselves with a week long break. This break usually welcomed by students and admin alike, isn't a standard for the entire country. Most schools outside of New England usually don't have a February break, just one week long spring break in May. The time off allows for the students and teachers to rest. The weeklong break allows for a breath of fresh air after two or three long weeks of school immediately after midterms, allowing for a students life to have a little more fun with friends, and a little less stress with schoolwork.

This all seems great, along with snow days, both welcomed breaks from school, but there is one big downside- having to go to school until mid / end of June. This long school year is also irregular for the majority of the country, most schools get done with finals week in may, usually around Memorial Day. This

long month gets dragged out, especially when you see on social media other teenagers enjoying their first few weeks of summer vacation while we are preparing for our finals. This situation is thankfully being combated by the remote school days. The days added onto the year from snow days seem pointless to the exhausted students in hot and humid weather in June. The remote school days are worth it, rather than adding more days onto the calendar. We are pretty lucky to have been able to have piloted this, and hopefully it'll become a normal procedure for snow days in the near future. These long school years are pushed back by the extended February break, which I personally don't find to be worth it, I grew up without them until I moved to Maine Freshman year, and I don't think I was missing out on much. At the same time, though, the week of being able to have slept in, definitely seemed worth the extra school added at the end of June.

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## SPORTS

Sophie Ernst

As March rolls around Winter sports have officially wrapped up. Shout out to Noah Lang who holds the record for most Camden Hills Wrestling wins... ever! And to girls varsity basketball for making it into the quarterfinals, and the CHILLS girls swim team for winning the KVAC title. Spring sports are just around the corner, and include baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse, tennis, frisbee, sailing and track. There will be an informational meeting after school on Wednesday March 6th, you'll be able to meet the coaches of sports you're potentially interested in and get to know who might be on your teams. Baseball and softball indoor practices start March 18th and the remainder of sports start March 25th, so get your forms in to Mr. Alex as soon as possible! Make this season a "home run" and start getting into shape early in the morning with some relaxing yoga ( see posters around the school for more details). If you're not into playing sports this season, consider cheering on your classmates. The first baseball and softball games will start Thursday April 4th, JV teams at home, starting at 4:15 at the lower fields by track.

# HOROSCOPES

Greg Cameron



*Aries. March 21 - April 19*

If someone is nice to you but not friendly, they probably want something from you. Be careful of who trust. Be careful of who you don't trust.



*Taurus. April 20 - May 20*

You are who you are. Don't let people change you. Be yourself. People will like you for who you are. Love yourself



*Gemini. May 21 - June 21*

School, work, life. Do you ever have time for yourself. Give yourself one hour after school for a full week just for you. Don't get to stressed over nothing.



*Cancer. June 22 - July 22*

Stay focused on your goals. You will get distracted by a lot. But don't lose focus on your goals. Keep them in your mind.



*Leo. July 23 - August 22*

The news gives us some information of what is going on with the world, but it also can get facts wrong. Don't always trust the news.



*Virgo. August 23 - September 22*

People assume a lot from us. They assume our motivations our life. But the never really understand us and what we do. Know that others are just as confused as you are.



*Libra. September 23 - October 22*

You have talent. You might not know what it is but one day you will know. Your whole life will be devoted to what your talent is and you will love it



*Scorpio. October 23 - November 21*

Carpe Diem. That's Latin for Seize the day. Enjoy every moment of your life. Don't get held down from the small things



*Sagittarius. November 22 - December 21*

Hard work pays off. Work hard for what you want and be patient. You are most likely not going to get what you want but you will get something better. Opportunity.



*Capricorn December 22 - January 19*

Someone will always be there for you and will protect you. Don't be so worried about taking risk.



*Aquarius. January 20 - February 18*

People are rude, mean, and cruel. But not all. Chose what type of person you are going to be. Be the person that you want others to be.



*Pisces. February 19 - March 20*

You are going to die. Your friends are going to die. We all are going to die. Don't wait for the right time to act. Make a difference now. Before it's too late.

# SLIGHTLY SAGE ADVICE

Sage Curtis

Dear Sage,

Help! everyone around me is in a relationship! How can I find someone to keep me warm through these long, cold winter days?

Thanks,

Lonely Lola

Dear Lonely Lola,

Well as we all know the season of cuffing is among us, and no one is safe. The hunt to find a partner is similar to that of wild beasts, it relies on strength and tact. My suggestion is to rub meat around your face, as the smell will draw the prowling singles towards you.

You are single no more,

Sage

Dear Sage,

I am running low on money. I work a summer job and saved most of my money, but the funds are running low. What can I do to get money quick?

Pitifully,

Fundless Fiona

Dear Fundless Fiona,

There are many things that can get you quick cash. Use your imagination. Have you considered getting a winter job like the rest of us?

Only legal things here,

Sage

Dear Sage,

I think of myself as quite the over achiever. Not to brag or anything, but I do have a 4.0 GPA, volunteer everywhere, am President of many clubs, and work every weekend. School has always been really important to me, and people who lack of ambition really get on my nerves. One of these people is my boyfriend. He's really sweet and funny, but he has a 1.6 GPA. 1.6! I'm just not sure if I can be with someone who cares so little about his education. What do I do?

Thanks,

Overachieving Ophelia

Dear Overachieving Ophelia,

You are in a high school relationship, and if your only issue is that he has low grades, it's a good one. Only 2% of marriages are highschool sweethearts. (Yeah, I do my research honey) You're probably not going to marry him, so does it really matter? Plus, if he clearly doesn't do any of his homework, he'll have more time to spend with you doing more interesting activities.

You seem like a stressful person,

Sage

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