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## LOOMIS CHAFFEE DEVELOPS AND EXPANDS PROPERTY

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The Loomis Chaffee campus has seen major expansion and development over the past few years. The Clark Center for Science and Mathematics underwent a thirteen-million dollar remodel in 2009, Richmond Hall was constructed in 2014, Cutler in 2016, and now, the Campus Center is under construction.

However, with all the attention focused on the new ongoing Campus Center project, many have failed to notice several other LC developments located both on campus and in the town of Windsor. Among such developments are the acquisition of three houses contiguous to campus as part of an initiative to increase the quality and quantity of faculty housing, the development of a three-acre expanse of land to construct a solar array that will supply the school with clean, renewable energy, and the purchase of a Bank of America branch that is staged to either house Loomis Chaffee's archives, become a museum centered around our school's history, or become Windsor's next coffee shop.

Pedestrians who have passed by the two-and-a-half-story brick building on 208 Broad Street, which, just a year ago, served as a branch of Bank of America, are probably unaware of its rich history. The parents of the founders of Loomis Chaffee, Col. James Loomis and Abigail Sher-

wood Chaffee-Loomis, married in 1805 and constructed the building as their home in 1822. They shared the house with their children and Nancy Toney (1774-1857), the last slave owned legally in Connecticut, and whom Abigail inherited upon her marriage.

The Federalist-style house is one of many that once lined the Center [Broad Street] Green. The house remained a residence until 1970, when it was converted into a bank. Currently, this important home is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places (added September 1988) and was designated a U.S. Historic District Contributing Property in 1999.

Considering the important role this home played in the history of the Loomis Chaffee School, the LC administration decided to acquire the bank early this academic year.

"It has significant historical value for the school," commented Associate Head of School Webb Trenchard. "We would like to honor that history - perhaps make it into a museum? Move some of our archival collection there? - and/or help to revitalize downtown Windsor. If we could facilitate the use of that building by a coffee shop or a restaurant, that could help the revitalization of Windsor while simultaneously providing another local amenity for the Loomis community."

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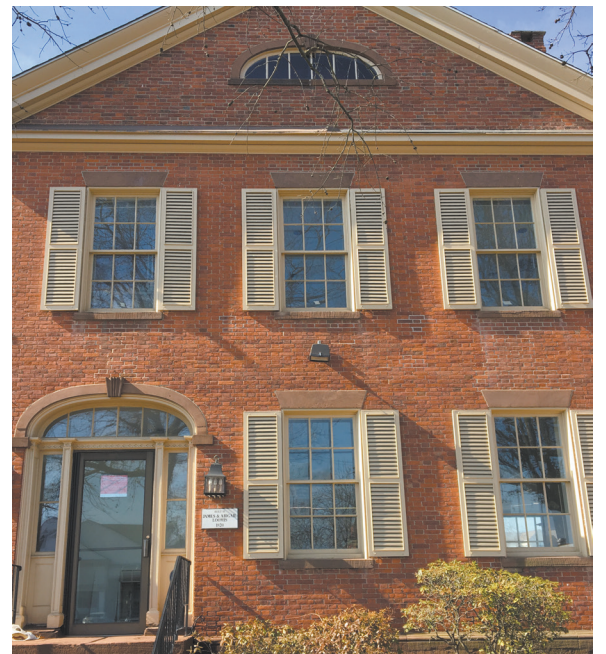


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## WINDSOR'S MURDER FACTORY

Charlotte Marcil '18 | Director of Design



WWII play inspired by Windsor's Murder Factory  
AP Images

At the turn of the 20th century, Windsor, Connecticut was undergoing a series of changes. The Loomis family, a widely respected and deeply philanthropic clan, touched by success and heartbreak in equal quantities, was in the midst of an extensive construction project—the Loomis Institute, now the Loomis Chaffee School. Loomis Chaffee students are well-acquainted with this history and the tragedies that led to the founding of the school which many of us call home. But how well do we know Windsor? Not well at all, if you don't know the story of Amy Archer Gilligan—one of the 20th century's most prolific serial killers.

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## MIKE PENCE DOESN'T REPRESENT OLYMPIC VALUES

Liam Scott '19 | Melange Editor

There is no default pick for the leader of the US Olympic delegation. During the past few Olympics, first ladies and departmental secretaries often led our country's delegation. Leading the delegation is undoubtedly an incredible honor that few have ever had the opportunity to receive. On February 1, President Trump announced that Vice President Mike Pence would lead the US delegation in Pyeongchang. While there is a logical argument as to why Vice President Pence was chosen to lead the US delegation, I believe that Pence does not represent the values and ideals of the Olympics, and that his selection as leader of the delegation was frankly a poor choice.

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# PHI AND I-TRI UPDATES

Stephanie Zhang '21 | Contributor

**D**ue to the ongoing campus center project, students and faculty have been dealing with noise and closed walkways since the start of the school year. Slowly but surely, the construction site has become more than just a large crater.

The Pearse Hub for Innovation (PHI), Loomis' new interdisciplinary learning center, will be located in the basement of the new building, according to Mr. Lance Hall, the director of the Physical Plant. "The new innovation center will pretty much be in the former Amphitheater and Snug," Mr. Hall stated. Due to the expansion of the building, the old amphitheater will no longer exist, but many new facilities will be added.

The PHI will be an extraordinary addition to campus and will hold great possibilities. Science teacher Ms. Jennine Solomon, one of the PHI coordinators, hopes that the space "will not only give students more space to do collaborative work, but also more access to tools with which they can 'make' or create." She further described the PHI as a "very large space," and she wants the PHI "to serve as a home base for groups

doing creative problem solving and design thinking." The PHI will provide tools and facilities that students didn't have access to before. There will be wood-working equipments stationed in the center, and Ms. Solomon is hoping that the space will have more than one 3D printer.

Ms. Solomon "wants to make the space accessible and open" to classes, students involved in independent projects, and clubs. Due to safety and staffing reasons, the PHI will most likely start out with limited hours. However, over time the PHI coordinators aim to make the space available during all hours of the school day, so that students can have access to the space during their free periods.

The PHI will be available to the entire school; it will not be limited to students taking specific classes. Equipped with these new facilities, Loomis will offer many new courses that will take place in the PHI during the upcoming school year. Such classes include the Science of Engineering and Design, 3D Fabrication and Craft, Introduction to Problem Solving in Manufacturing, Society, and Entrepreneurship, and

Problem Solving for the Common Good.

An especially exciting new program is I-Tri, or the Innovation Trimester. "This is a new program we will be offering during Spring 2019," Ms. Solomon enthusiastically described. "Students enrolled in the I-Tri will spend a term diving into real-world problems or challenges. The challenges students take on will have an impact on the local or Greater Hartford Community, and will be addressed using Human-Centered Design. It is an immersive experience, and students will not be in their regular classes during the I-Tri. This is an incredibly unique program and opportunity for our students to have access to, and one that we believe will be an asset to students in their life beyond Loomis."

The PHI and the resources that it will offer will have a significant impact on campus. Ms. Solomon plans to "make more connections in the Windsor and greater Hartford Area communities and with Loomis alumni and parents" so students can receive more exposure to real-world problems and resources.

## "A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS" THE HUANG FAMILY'S STRUGGLE WITH DEPORTATION

Emma Kane '21 | Contributor

Is this the America we want to live in today?

Do we as nation support the tearing apart of young families with bright futures?  
Do we support the deportation of people who are not only contributors to society  
but also loving and caring parents?

**T**wo parents from China and their two American-born children were nearly forced to leave all that they have. Throughout the years, they have proven that America truly is a land of opportunity. Nonetheless, all those years of perseverance were destroyed when they received a letter in the mail notifying them of their deportation to China on February 16, 2018.

Zhelong Huang and Xiang Jin Li (also known as Tony and Kris) came into the United States two decades ago, seeking a better future. They came to the country renowned for its acceptance and justice for all with aspirations of the American Dream. In the years following their entrance, they quickly wove themselves into Simsbury's community by opening a nail salon, Deco Nails. They quickly won the favor and trust of their neighbors by proving their astounding work ethic and kind character.

Families being torn apart due to deportation has become quite common, yet when a family is integral to your own community, it becomes even more heart wrenching. I went from seeing someone's face on a weekly basis to realizing I would never see them again.

Like many immigrants, they entered the country illegally. In 1999, the two newlyweds were determined to live in America. They journeyed here individually, as Mr. Huang initially left his wife behind to assure

her safe passage.

After many years of loyalty and devotion to the country they learned to call home, they were being asked to leave and return to China. Zhelong and Xiang built a new life for their family on the foundation of America, yet when found out they were being deported, that foundation began to crumble beneath their feet. When Zhelong and Xiang heard the news, they were bewildered.

"I sat on my bed and I couldn't feel anything. I couldn't feel my legs or my hands. I just couldn't move and I couldn't talk," expresses Xiang after being asked what she felt when she opened the letter. The thought of leaving her American children with no relatives and alone in foster care left her feeling helpless and afraid.

While initially hesitant to inform their community, they eventually reached out for aid from a family friend. When assessing the depth of the problem, Kris said, "we talked to our attorney and she said that we were done, that we would have to leave."

They were distressed without even a glimmer of hope. Immediately, action was taken by their community, and the family had found a voice.

A petition was started, and over 8,000 people signed it with passionate comments to allow this family to stay. These signatures were not just from the

community, but from the entire nation including signatures from Arkansas, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

Furthermore, the story was taken to social media where it obtained the attention of several political figures. Two rallies were organized in protest of the deportation of the Huangs. Their children, Liam (5) and Andrew (15), have no family other than their parents in America. Adjusting to life in a new country would be an enormous challenge.

After tireless weeks of worry, rallies, and meetings, three phone calls were made by Connecticut governor Dannel Malloy to Washington, D.C. On Thursday, February 15, Kris and Tony received a phone call informing them that they had been granted temporary stay while their case is reopened and properly assessed. This family shows that embracing hardworking individuals will only add to the beautiful complexity of America. As stated by President Obama, "we are and always will be a nation of immigrants."

In this fight, an entire community came together to support one family. This story shows that not everyone has the power to speak out for themselves. There is great power in helping someone in need and deciding to be their advocate, to be their voice.



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## MIKE PENCE DOESN'T REPRESENT OLYMPIC VALUES

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The Olympics function as a way for the international community to come together in sports competition; the Olympics are about unity and inclusion. They are not a political event – at least they should not be a political event – nor are they based on exclusion.

Vice President Pence has made racist and homophobic comments in the past, such as when he reportedly defended Trump's racist comments, or rejected the end of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," as reported by the Huffington Post. Pence does not seem to support the equality of non-whites or members of the LGBT community, yet he leads the US delegation on a stage that encourages and fosters inclusion and equality under fair competition. His views are clearly not aligned with the ideals of the Olympics.

Furthermore, Gus Kenworthy and Adam Rippon, the first two openly gay athletes to compete in the Winter Olympics, are a part of the US delegation. That a brazenly homophobic man, who supports conversion therapy, and overall tries to limit the equality of the LGBT community, was seen as the best choice to lead this history-making delegation is therefore quite strange. Pence does not deserve to lead such a delegation, and his leadership sends mixed messages about American values, not only regarding sexuality, but also regarding race.

Mike Pence also has an odd relationship with women. According to a Washington Post article by Aaron Blake, Mike Pence never dines alone with women other than his wife, nor does he work late with women. These policies show that he believes he has a lack of self-control, and his backwards ideology promotes the idea that women are unequal in the workplace. His behavior seems contrary to goals outlined in the Olympic charter, which call for "implementing the principle of equality of men and women."

There are also political motives in sending Pence to the Olympics. However, I feel that the Olympics are simply not a place for politics. Pence's motives were to reaffirm America's position regarding North Korea through meetings with leaders from Japan and South Korea. Going to the Olympics with the motive of reaffirming America's aggressive policy toward North Korea seems like it could backfire, and could overall be inflammatory. North Korea already agreed to peaceful talks with South Korea while at the games, so talks from the US as well seem unnecessary and risky. Why potentially make an already volatile situation more volatile? These Olympics might be able to foster peace with North Korea, but I fear that Pence's political presence could put that peace at risk.

According to the Olympic charter, the Olympics are a time where "every individual must have the possibility of practicing sport, without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity, and fair play." Nowhere in the Olympic charter are political motives mentioned or encouraged. Many others are angry about the Olympics' being so political. There is widespread discontent in South Korea regarding the political statement of the women's hockey team, comprised of South Korean and North Korean athletes.

The Olympics stand for unity and coming together under sport, whereas Mike Pence stands for the inequality of minorities and unnecessary politicization.

## AMERICANS CONTINUE TO DROOL OVER FOOTBALL

Anna Li '21 | *Staff Writer*



Graphic courtesy of Bruce Kluckhohn (AP Images)

When people envision sports in America, the first thing they think of is football. According to the Huffington Post, 67% of adults in America listed football as America's favorite pastime, outpolling soccer, basketball, and baseball; whereas, in the 1950's and 60's, baseball was America's prime sport. This brings up the question: How has football become such an integral part of American culture?

Over the decades, football has outdone baseball in both ratings and views, and it is not a big surprise why. In my opinion, baseball is not as entertaining as football. Football leaves spectators on edge, anticipating every movement. Viewers get a rush of excitement watching their favorite team score a touchdown or intercept a pass.

One of the most entertaining aspects of football is the intense physical nature of the game. It is undoubtedly thrilling to see grown adults willingly run into each other at full speed before the ball is even passed. Even when players get injured and play stops, the excitement continues. In football, if you miss even one second, you could miss a game-changing moment. There is wildness in unpredictability, and fans love it.

Loren Jones '21, when asked why she thought America loved sports, said, "Rooting for the same team or even rooting for different teams brings people together."

Sports fans gather every year for the biggest sporting event in America, the Super Bowl. This year approximately 103.4 million people tuned in to watch the Eagles beat the Pats.

The best part of the Super Bowl for many people, however, is not the football; it is the food. Restaurants offer great

deals on pizza, wings, dips, and other Superbowl staples. Viewing parties with lots of food can motivate someone who shows no interest in football to watch the game. Even if you don't like football, you could still love the Super Bowl and all the food discounts it brings.

Super Bowl food deals are great. When else can you get a free large pizza with the purchase of two X-Large pizzas besides Papa Gino's? Or two or more medium two-topping pizzas, oven-baked sandwiches, eight-piece boneless chicken, or pasta dishes, at only \$5.99 each from Domino's? These deals make someone who shows no interest in football appreciate the very existence of the Super Bowl.

Football has become a staple in the typical American school. Homecoming, for example, is a dance that was first made with the intent to bring alumni back to watch football games and, it is a tradition in almost all high schools. Priya Rajaram '21 had her own experience with the football craze, saying "In sixth grade, my school loved the Patriots so much they forced me to wear Patriots gear before the Super Bowl game."

Movies and TV shows base entire plots around football. Friends based an entire episode off of Thanksgiving Day Football where Monica and Ross battle to see who wins the Geller Cup. Football's features on popular media have cemented its existence in the hearts of many Americans.

Whether you enjoy watching football for the thrill, the rivalries, or just because of the food at viewing parties, the sport has managed to sneak its way into everyone's lives. Football lives in the hearts of many people and is able to bring people together in ways that no other activity can, especially not baseball.

# THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF LOOMIS PROPERTY

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Loomis Chaffee has also announced that, in an effort to shift to cleaner energy sources, the school will set aside approximately three acres of land to construct a ground-mounted solar array. “The solar project represents the culmination of the excellent work of a former student, Jason Liu, Class of 2017, who as a student, began a project to investigate ways to solarize campus,” stated Mr. Trenchard. The array, which will be just over 1 MW of electricity and is slated to offset about 20-25% of campus electricity generation, will begin construction this April or May, contingent upon approval from both the Windsor Wetlands Commission on March 6 and the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 13. The “energize” date is expected to be before October 1, 2018.

“The design of the array is quite interesting, as it will be built around a wetland,” noted Jeff Dyreson, Director of Environmental/Sustainability Initiatives. “It will have a walking/running trail around it and will be accessible for the community to view. It will be the largest array for any K-12 school in the state of Connecticut (public or private).”

Dyreson also commented on the extensive

financial benefits associated with the solar array. “There are no upfront costs taken on by the school (capital expenditure), but rather the school would move into a Power Purchase Arrangement (PPA) which basically has a third party owner of the array; Loomis grants rights to use the land, and in return, Loomis agrees to pay a certain fixed price for electricity for 25 years.”

He added, “The price is set below current prices so the school saves immediately on electricity cost. Predicted savings over the 25 years is several millions of dollars.” Mr. Dyreson also emphasized that in addition to offering extensive material benefits to the Loomis administration, the array “[will] reduce the carbon footprint of campus and [will be] an excellent educational tool.”

While this project will benefit the Loomis Chaffee community, it has also garnered criticism from homeowners whose houses about the area of land. Bob and Marci Martin, whose house overlooks the projected solar site, lamented the impending removal of the forest in their backyard and expressed their dissatisfaction with the school’s course of action in a December article of the Hartford Courant. “I think it murder to

cut down this forest and make all these animals homeless,” stated Marci Martin. Her husband, Bob, added that “[Solar panels] are creating electricity... [but] they are destroying the habitat to put the solar array in, so all the trees that are in back of us would be gone.”

Mr. Dyreson responded, “[Homeowners] fear that property values will go down along with creating a unattractive view. I personally see these arrays as interesting to look at and think about and in a strange way find it pleasing to view. I guess beauty is in the eye of the beholder.”

Loomis Chaffee has also acquired three homes adjacent to campus as part of an initiative to increase both the quality of and the options for faculty housing. Two of these properties are located between Island Road and the Chamberlin House. “We... are in the process of potentially buying [The Martin’s] house as well,” explained Mr. Trenchard. “When we have opportunities to buy good real estate contiguous to campus, we take it.” One, if not two, of the properties should house faculty families by next school year.

## MODEL UN’S MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON CLOSSES AT BMUN

Jack Glassie '21 | *Contributor*



LC's Model UN team in Boston

Graphic Courtesy of Rachel Engelke

On Friday, January 9, sixteen delegates from the Loomis Chaffee Model United Nations program attended the Boston Invitational United Nations conference. The event, which spans three days, has been held for eighteen years and hosts schools from across the United States and abroad.

Each day, members of the LC program participated in discussions structured to emulate UN proceedings. Generally, these take the form of a debate in which each student or group is selected to represent a country or group. With extensive

research, each representative must be able to defend their given position and argue its benefits over the course of the weekend. As members of each team participate, chair members observe and score delegates based on their command of the subject matter, ability to work with fellow delegates, and capacity to formulate strong resolutions.

Between sessions, Loomis Chaffee delegates also explored Boston; many ventured out of Back Bay and into Chinatown for a night out.

Nine out of the nineteen LC delegates were

awarded individual awards during Sunday’s closing ceremony, successfully ending this year’s Model United Nations season and marking it as the most successful one in the school’s history.

“We are all really proud of the improvement we’ve seen from last year,” commented Ramesh Shrestha '18. He, along with senior Rick Jatti and junior Minna Gao were awarded the distinction of Outstanding Delegate. Seniors Cathy Hyeon and Allen Park, as well as juniors Rex Kim, Lucy Shao, Liam Scott, were awarded the distinction of Honorable Delegate. Finally, Senior Eugene Park was awarded a verbal commendation.

# CAMPUS SECURITY: STAFF FEATURE

Jean Shin '20 and Stacy Park '19 | Contributor and Features Editor



Christopher Lamy, the director of Campus Security

**T**hough they go unnoticed at times, the security staff play a vital role in the Loomis Chaffee community by contributing to the safety and comfort of LC residents. From unlocking doors to picking up students, these staff members help anyone with everyday problems. Their job, however, extends beyond solving minor problems. Simply put, Campus Security keeps Loomis Chaffee operating smoothly.

Every member of campus security has a unique role. Christopher J. Lamy, the Director of Campus Safety, commented that his job “keep[s] the community safe and basically serves as a resource to the community. I do everything from conducting and organizing fire drills and lock down drills to picking students up at the train station.”

Steve Salvatore, who has been here for a little over a year, explained, “I go around 4-4:30, and I start closing up the classrooms, the facilities, Hubbard, RAC, gym, rink.”

Bill Farnhan, another Campus Security staff member, mentioned, “I just patrol the campus with a vehicle or on foot. I take calls because... staff and faculty want their class door opened.” In addition, Campus Security is in charge of checking the construction workers, handling the morning traffic, dealing with financial deposits, running the lost and found, and monitoring cameras.

Mr. Farnhan hopes that the students under-

stand that Campus Security’s goal is to address every issue inside and outside of campus, despite how busy they may be. The Director of Campus Security notes, “I wish that they knew that we are here to support them and that we are a resource for them, and that we enjoy having them on campus.”

While students and faculty leave campus for break, the security workers stay behind to monitor the school. Mr. Farnhan exclaims, “Someone’s gotta be here New Year’s Eve [and] Thanksgiving!” With the possibility of unexpected fires or burglaries, Campus Security must be available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in order to respond to school emergencies immediately. The workers are organized into three shifts: one from 7 in the morning to 3pm, another from 3pm to 11pm, and then the last from 11pm till 7am.

Despite the demanding work, Mr. Lamy who has worked at Loomis for two years, assures students that “every day is a good day. We are very fortunate to work with so many great people. You students are so gifted and talented academically and in the sports field. Just amazing musicians and artists. So, it’s a thrill coming to work every day to work with all of you. And actually when you are all on break, it kinda takes the life out of the community, and it’s kinda quiet, so it’s great when you guys are on campus.”

Photo courtesy of Stacy Park '19

## SENIOR KISS DAY: OVERHYPED?

Ally Velasquez '20 | Staff Writer



Graphic courtesy of Michelle Park '20

**I**t is that time of the year again, when stores start bringing out their chocolates and flowers, and all the singles sulk because of the lack of romance in their lives. Many people from around the world have their own way of celebrating this day of love. Americans exchange heart-shaped chocolates and cheesy cards, while the people of Italy gift Baci Perugina to their loved ones.

However, Loomis Chaffee celebrates Valentine’s Day in a very different way. Specifically, Loomis Chaffee students pay for our friends to receive kisses from seniors. Every year around Valentine’s Day, the senior class organizes a fundraiser in which they sell kisses to raise money for prom; they even make an annual video promoting the event.

According to Mr. Jeff Scanlon '79, this tradition has carried on for at least 35 years. He said that in the past, female students went around the dining hall giving out kisses. However, as time went on, the event started to seem slightly dated. Mr. Scanlon, who questions the tradition, worries that it is just “a way for the ‘popular’ kids to solidify that popularity.”

On the other hand, some really enjoy Senior Kiss Day, and see it as a nice way to start saying goodbye to the graduating students. Becca Yen '20, shares this view on kisses, saying, “the day is cool and a good way to interact with seniors.” Senior Rosie Park commented, “[Senior Kiss Day is] fun because you get kisses from friends and it’s also a good chance to get cute photos.” Suman Guntupalli '19, highlighting the charitable aspect of the event, added, “It’s nice to see a school tradition that is done for the sake of fundraising.”

Regardless of one’s opinion on the fundraiser, the class succeeded at making enough money to make a dent on funding senior prom, raising close to \$1,000.

## WINDSOR’S MURDER FACTORY

Charlotte Marcil '18 | Director of Design



Graphic courtesy of Charlotte Marcil '18

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**W**indsor’s Murder Factory, nestled between Union Street Tavern and Milk Mart at 51 Prospect St., was Archer’s Home for the Elderly from 1907 until 1916. The Archers were well-respected, active members of the Windsors community—philanthropists, like the Loomis family. For three years, Amy Archer ran the home with her husband, James, who died suddenly of kidney failure in 1910. After his death, Amy married Michael Gilligan, but he too died suddenly after only 3 months of their marriage. This death, however, hardly raised the town’s suspicions toward Amy Archer—and why would it? She was a model citizen and had even donated a stained glass window to the Episcopal church on Broad Street.

Between 1907 and Mrs. Archer’s arrest in 1916, a total of 60 residents died under the Murder Factory’s roof. One of those residents was a man named Franklin Andrews (age 61) who died under — you guessed it! — sudden and mysterious circumstances while mowing the lawn.

Although most of the town residents were fooled, Andrews’ sister, Nellie Pierce, was not. Local authorities showed no interest in the case, but the Hartford Courant picked it up almost immediately, uncovering a wide berth of

evidence that ultimately led to Amy Archer Gilligan’s arrest in 1916. Among that evidence was a \$500 loan that Mr. Andrews owed his caretaker, Mrs. Archer Gilligan, as well as records of her extraordinary spending habits. In her free time, Mrs. Archer Gilligan didn’t spend her hard earned cash on shoes or jogging clothes or gilded chamber pots, but rather, large quantities of rat poison.

1916 Hartford Courant articles cite a minimum of 20 deaths attributed to Amy Archer Gilligan; however, the actual total is unknown. Regardless, Mrs. Archer Gilligan’s body count gives her gold-star serial killer status, placing her alongside infamous killers like John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy and Jeffrey Dahmer. The Amy Archer Gilligan case even inspired a play, fittingly called *Arsenic and Old Lace*, which was made into a film in 1944.

So, is Windsor haunted? Are the chills you and your friends experience while walking to pick up Thai food or grab a burger from the Tavern a result of Connecticut’s sub-zero temperatures or the presence of other-worldly spirits, perhaps one Amy Archer Gilligan’s 20 victims? Who’s to say. All I know is, ghosts won’t keep me away from my pad Thai.

# A STORM IS COMING

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The world will never be the same after February 1, 2018. On this date, there was a birth. The icon of this decade, Kylie Jenner, gave birth to her daughter, Stormi. The world was waiting for and agonizing over an announcement like this for the past few months, after suspicion arose regarding her pregnancy. Khloe announced her own pregnancy, Kim announced that she and Kanye would be having a third child via a surrogate, but Kylie was silent. Due to her posting old pictures of previous model jobs on Instagram, her barely seen in public, and her not releasing any new lip kit colors, the world knew something was up. Talk show hosts begged her family for new details about Kylie, but Kim, Khloe, Kourtney, Caitlin, and Kris kept their lips sealed tight when this matter was brought up. Now, a day dedicated to the Super Bowl will instead be a day dedicated to the birth of Kylie Jenner and Travis Scott's daughter.

Social media everywhere blew up over this news; many used the special geotag on Snapchat, and posted congratulations on Twitter and Instagram. Luckily, we weren't left in the dark with just an announcement. The world was blessed with her announcement and her eleven-minute-long video covering what we, as a society, have missed

the past nine months in the life of this expecting mother. She included her pregnancy announcement to her family, her baby shower, and interviews from her closest friends and family, like Jordyn Woods and Kim Kardashian.

Some great quotes from Jordyn that were in the video include, "At twenty, you aren't sure of anything, but there was one thing Kylie was sure of, and that was [Stormi]," and, "She's, like, always struck me as, like, a mother figure." And if this pregnancy wasn't a blessing enough, she announced her baby's name on February 7, 2018, (Stormi) via Instagram. Later that day, she changed the caption to the full name, Stormi Webster, which is Travis Scott's real last name. It is currently the most liked picture on Instagram, and the world now thanks Kylie for giving us more than we, as a society, could ever ask for. We all know that Kylie has a village to help raise her daughter, and that Kylie will do all she can for her newborn. No matter what happens next, Kylie is on her way to achieving her life goal of "wanting to go off the map, have a family and live in Malibu with a farm, and just raise [her] own chickens, when [she's], like, 30." (Source: Brainyquote)

# ADVENTURES IN THE DINING HALL

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## DISCLAIMER:

Don't put frozen yogurt in giant water bottles without a super-sized dose of Lactaid. It's a long sprint to the CVS.

So, I'm sitting at lunch this week, and there's this guy sitting across the table. He's a friend of a friend, I guess, although we've never been properly introduced. But, he's got this SWOLE water bottle sitting on the table. Not, S'WELL (trademark). It's SWOLE (AKA an oversized, massive, water container on steroids; he was definitely pumping some iron down in the gym). Anyway, I thought this would be the perfect time to make a new friend. So, struggling to think of something catchy to say, I said, "Nice oversized canteen you've got there, buddy." He takes the bait and responds sarcastically, "No, this is a completely normal-sized water bottle that you'd see all around campus." I said, "Sure, whatever. You know what would be really cool? See how much frozen yogurt you can fit inside your water bucket before one of the guards cuts you off." Icebreaker? Nailed it.

So, let's talk about toast. Needed it. Knowing that's one of FLIK's specialties (translation: because it's made by me, not by them) and with bread in hand, I headed over to the tub of "I Don't Believe This Is Butter" where I was viciously attacked by their "I Don't Believe This Is A Butter Knife" (since it was sharp enough to cut me). I didn't bleed, so no biohazard warning was required. I guess the dairy farmers load up most of those cows with antibiotics anyway, which means no trip to the Health Center was required. Just rub some "butter" on it.

It's fitting that the dining hall is located in the gym because it's like agility training to get a meal - sprinting to the front of the line, weaving in and out of traffic to get to the brownies, and, of course, playing my new favorite game: Dodge the Chicken (take that, Duck, Duck, Goose). Perhaps I should explain. I was walking over to get a glass of water, since my Loomis water bottle was, at this point, also filled to the brim with swirled frozen yogurt goodness (tee-hee - I didn't get caught!). Out of nowhere, a giant metal tray of chicken was headed straight for my head. Fortunately, it was squats week in theater warm-ups, so I dodged the flying birds. Concussion averted.

That's all for this week.

# HUJI IS RUNNING RAMPANT

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Future historians—hundreds of years from now—are greatly confused by the rapid spike of Huji-edited Instagram pictures. One historian was available for comment: "I just don't understand. Why do all of these pictures have a 1998 time-stamp? Are these teens subconsciously trying to go back in time to 1998, a simpler time? What the heck was so great about 1998? I know they're trying to be retro and hip and cool, but honestly 2018 teens are confusing me more than teens have ever confused their parents." One thing is certain though—what the heck was so great about 1998?

## THIS JUST IN

It turns out that the dining hall staff actually doesn't like it when students criticize the food right in front of them. A dining hall staff member shared her thoughts: "I mean, I know it's crazy, because having your work criticized right in front of you by ungrateful teens is appealing to most people, but we dining hall staff just don't like it. I know, call me crazy, but being ruthlessly criticized every-day for my work just isn't for me. If I see one more kid turn their nose up at a dish I made, I might quit."

# THE END OF THE F\*\*\*ING WORLD

## A SHOCKINGLY DARK CLICHE

Margot Korites '21 | Contributor

**T**he *End of the F\*\*\*ing World*, a show produced by Netflix, revolves around the journey of two teenagers, James and Alyssa, as they run away from their small town in Great Britain. The mundanity of running away and falling in love soon becomes much darker when James impulsively murders someone to defend Alyssa from assault, and ultimately forces them to continue running away from their actions. The plot is shockingly dark, as it repetitively shows themes of murder and sexual assault.

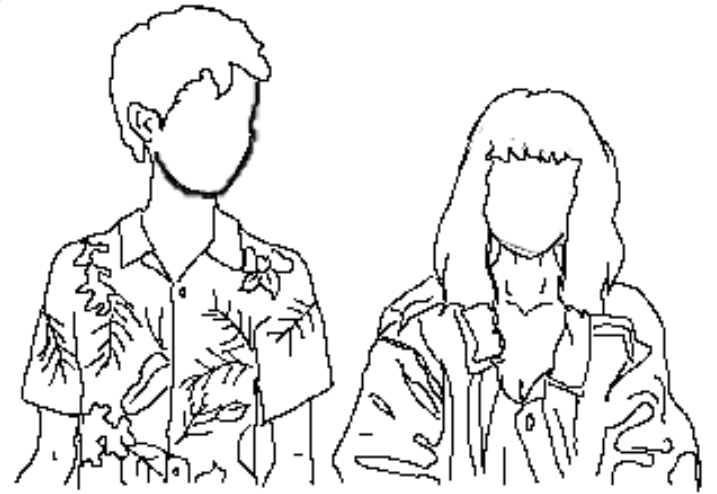
I thought that the shock factor of such heavy topics being centered around two slightly careless teenagers was one of the aspects of the show that was most fascinating and original. I was continually reeled in as I kept watching (I binge-watched, and finished within two days). For the first couple of episodes, I didn't enjoy the show, because I found the colorful leading female character, Alyssa, to be unlikable and rude. Though James was an emotionally damaged creep who liked to kill living things, he was somehow more likable, and easier to sympathise with. Over the course of the show, however, I was really pleased to see positive character development in both James and Alyssa.

Despite the show's being engaging, I was disap-

pointed that the plot was somewhat cliché. We get it—two emotionally disturbed, rebellious teenagers who think they know everything run away and fall in love. The plot reminded me a lot of Wes Anderson's "Moonrise Kingdom," and even the 1996 adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*, both of which I did like.

Since I'm a music nerd, one aspect of the show that I appreciated, but that I think is underrated, was the soundtrack, as it included a couple of 1950s & 60s classics. Some of my favorites were Brenda Lee's "I'm Sorry" and Françoise Hardy's "Voilà". Along with this, I thought the show had lots of beautiful and well done aesthetics in the cinematography.

At many parts, I found myself frustrated with the characters when they either made poor choices, or showed poor morals. Despite this, I grew to like them as they matured and the plot became more intense. In the end, is the show worth a watch? I would say yes. It's not as good as *Stranger Things*, but it's definitely one of the better shows that Netflix has created. If you're an angry and violent, yet romantic, teen, then yeah, this is for you.

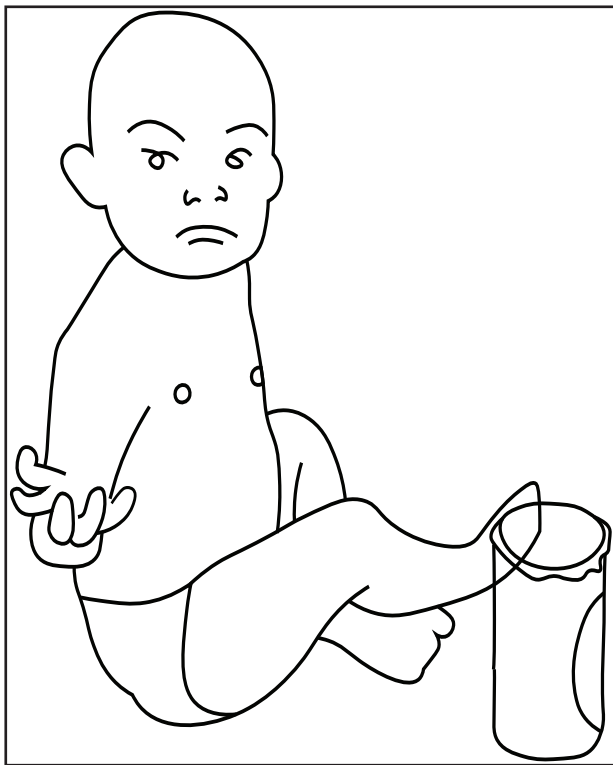


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### IN HONOR OF VINE 2...

# HOROSCOPE

## YOUR SIGN AS AN ICONIC *Vine*



**PISCES (FEB. 19 - MAR. 20)**  
"Hi, welcome to Chili's."

**ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 19)**  
Peanut Butter Baby

**TAURUS (APR. 20 - MAY 20)**  
"... and read her Torah."

**GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUN. 20)**  
"What are thooooose?"

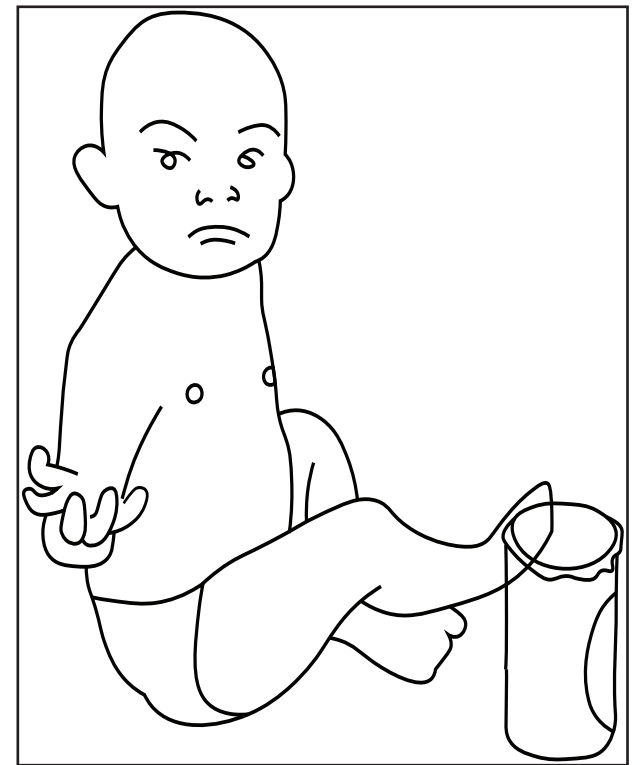


**CANCER (JUN. 21 - JUL. 22)**  
"Wow."

**LEO (JUL. 23 - AUG. 22)**  
Iridocyclitis

**VIRGO (AUG. 23 - SEP. 22)**  
"He need some milk!"

**LIBRA (SEP. 23 - OCT. 22)**  
"On all levels except physical, I am a wolf."



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**SCORPIO (OCT. 23 - NOV. 21)**  
"Yeet!"

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 - DEC. 21)**  
"2 bros chillin' in a hottub..."

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 19)**  
"Get out me car."

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)**  
"That was legitness!"

# THE SENIOR DAY SURPRISE

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Seniors Caroline Colao, Pin Kanjanachusak, Cathy Hyeon, and Lia LaPrise (from left). Eleanor Struthers, co-captain, is missing from the photo.

Graphic from Fiza Malik '19

**W**hen the Girls Varsity and JV Squash teams arrived at the courts last Monday, they were greeted with vibrant polka dot streamers, confetti-filled balloons, and a myriad of decorations. Surprise lit their faces, and laughter filled the air when they saw humorous posters hung on the walls. Uplifting music reverberated around the courts and team spirit was high. It was Senior Day: an event to commemorate the team's five senior athletes.

Varsity captains Lia Laprise and Eleanor Struthers, JV captain Cathy Hyeon, manager Caroline Calao, and the dedicated Pin Kanjanachusak were all honored. All of the seniors contribute their own unique styles to the team: Lia with her skill to dive across the court and play any shot, Eleanor with her powerful straight drives, Pin with her sneaky drop shots landing perfectly in the front corners, Cathy with her incredibly

powerful and decisive volleys, and Caroline with her ability to keep the team in check and functional.

After the surprise, we asked some of the Seniors to describe their reactions:

Pin reminisced, "I was really surprised because I didn't know it was Senior Day. Everything was decorated and it was very cute and I was very happy. I was really proud of my team!"

Lia remarked, "I was elated to see all of the elaborate decorations and posters that the Juniors had made, but at the same time I was sad because it was my last home match of my Loomis squash career. I will certainly miss playing at Loomis."

A major home game was also held against neighboring school Kingswood Oxford that same afternoon. The matches were challenging, with many players playing up to five games.

However, with their fight, sweat, and persistence, the team was able to dominate the score-

board, winning 11 of the 14 matches (11-3).

The season is now reaching its end, giving many players a chance to reflect on the wonderful experiences that the team shared. The team started this season strongly, winning its first scrimmages against Westminster, Suffield, and KO. Together, the team experienced exhilarating wins and disappointing losses, all while supporting each other both on and off the squash court. During the season, it competed in close matches with the JV Boys, engaged in some intense games of Attackers and Defenders, and reserved time for Yoga with Ms. Nisselson. The squad has also bonded on long bus drives and over many victory desserts (thanks to Ashley Edwards' mom).

While the players continue to grow closer each day, they look forward to sharing more unpredictable practices, beep tests, and Valentine gifts while learning more about each other outside of squash.

## NHL MID-SEASON UPDATE

Garret Fantini '21 | Contributor

**T**he current NHL season, to this point, has differed greatly from the past season. Many teams have either rebounded from a past skid or fallen off substantially. As with most seasons, the races for playoff positions are highly contested.

The Tampa Bay Lightning, with 79 points, are first in the Eastern conference. However, as of late, the team has had a rough stint. Their over-reliance on their goaltender, Andie Vasilevskiy, showed when they were blown out by the Oilers by a score of 6-2. Vasilevskiy has been carrying the Lightning on his shoulders, boasting an impressive 33-11-2 record. Some of the team's victories have tasted bittersweet, such as a 4-3 win over the Los Angeles Kings on February 10th. Vasilevskiy needed to make 44 saves in order to put the cap on the game, according to defenseman Anton Stralman. "It shouldn't come to that. Not in a game like this. It's on all our guys. It's our fault" (Tampa Bay Times). It may be curtains for the Lightning come playoff time if they can't sort out their defensive woes.

Right on Tampa's tail are the Boston Bruins, flaunting an impressive 76 points. Coach Bruce Cassidy had big shoes to fill around this time last year, when former Bruins coach Claude Julien was fired. This move blossomed into a monu-

mental success, as the Bruins have steamrolled through their opponents this year. Brad Marchand, David Pastrnak, and Patrice Bergeron form a lethal first line that has scored a combined 153 points this season. Meanwhile, their red-hot goaltender, Tuukka Rask, recently had an undefeated streak of 19-0-2. This streak, paired with the Bruins' 14-0-4 point streak earlier in the year, has led them to the second seed in the Eastern Conference. They are bound to regress, but for now, teams should fear the Boston Bruins.

The Eastern conference wild card race is shaping up to be a close one. At this point, the New Jersey Devils and the Carolina Hurricanes are in the two wild card spots. The Columbus Blue Jackets and the New York Islanders are behind the Hurricanes by just a game. This section of the standings is bound to change with the inevitable injuries.

The Vegas Golden Knights have defied all odds with their tremendous success as an expansion team. Their 76 points lands them atop the Western Conference. Key acquisitions from their expansion trade, such as Jonathan Marchessault and Reilly Smith, have led the team. Their success stems from their depth and the fact that they all have chips on their shoulders. The players taken in the expansion draft (dealt away by their former teams) have taken revenge on the mistaken teams

that let them go, and have developed into a serious contender for the Stanley Cup.

Not far behind are the Nashville Predators. After bursting onto the scene by sweeping the top-seeded Chicago Blackhawks in the first round of the playoffs last year, they made an impressive run to the Stanley Cup Finals. Despite losing, they have put together a great season so far. Goaltender Pekka Rinne has played nothing short of fantastic, with a save percentage of 0.927 and a record of 28-8-4. The team may have a trade in line for Montreal Canadian Max Pacioretty. This may be the piece they need to make a similar playoff run and maybe even hoist the cup when it's all said and done.

The Dallas Stars have somewhat broken away in the Western conference wild card race, having a four point lead over the next team, the Minnesota Wild. The Los Angeles Kings and Anaheim Ducks are just a point out of a spot in the playoffs. As with the Eastern conference, these standings are subject to major changes.

The 2017-18 NHL season has certainly had its surprises. The rise of the Vegas Golden Knights, a brand new expansion team, has given the season a unique touch that it lacked in previous years. There's plenty more action to come as the Stanley Cup Playoffs approach.