Marching and Walking Out for Our Lives
March for our Lives: Washington D.C.

By Alixe Cone

Generation Z is defining itself. Thousands of young Americans have their eyes set on making a change for the future they want, the democracy they want, and the public safety they deserve. Many say that Gen Z will continue to move mountains and fill capital streets until their voices are heard. March 24, 2018 will resonate in history as the now annual March For Our Lives, led by Parkland Florida students. The march in Washington DC had over 200,000 attendees, and an estimated over 1.2 million people marched worldwide. The DC march was welcomed by an unexpected sunny day, although there was still snow lining neighboring streets. Metro Trains were filled to the brim of determined protesters finding their way to the march.

Cheers and songs echo throughout the filled park where people of all ages gather together to advocate for change in what time will call the second civil rights movement. Thousands of attendees are seen with gun control advocacy signs and shirts before the beginning of the “sister” March for our Lives in Sacramento, California on March 24th. The movement was inspired and organized by students and survivors of the recent mass shooting that occurred in Parkland, Florida killing fourteen children and three school officials on Valentine’s Day. Their words and activism ignited hope for the cause in various cities throughout America, and Sacramento was one of them, especially considering the recent cent killing of an unarmed black man, Stephon Clark, by Sacramento police.

As the march started, people began chanting his name and they included chants calling out the NRA’s heavy influence on politics. The march ended at the steps of the Capitol building where various speakers delivered words of motivation for change, personal stories, and repetition of the various chants that were repeated during the mile-long journey. The first speaker was democratic Mayor of Sacramento, Darrell Steinberg, who spoke to his constituents about enacting change. Toward the end of his speech, he directed his words to the area, people with clip boards could be seen asking for signatures for petitions regarding gun control, as well as adults urging younger attendees to register to vote, thus another movement that is bigger than gun control itself or in memorializing gun violence victims. The participants of this march and movement hoped the cause they are walking for: they were taking action to change the problem, and in relation to one another.

By Austin Belcher Copy Editor

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A normal day in Parkland Florida ends in tragedy when a nineteen-year-old man, and former student, enters Marjory Stoneman Douglas High school, armed with an AR-15, and in only six short minutes, takes the lives of seventeen students and staff. However, the story doesn’t end there; all across the United States, students took a stand and walked out of class to show support for change. At our own Liberty High School, many walked out to bring attention to the cause as well. On a warm spring morning, much like that at MSDHS before the school was altered forever, as the clock struck 10:00, over 250 Liberty High School students walked out of class in a well-ordinated effort. A majority of the students who walked out were to remember the lives of the seventeen killed exactly one month earlier. The rally consisted of a moment of silence, after a reading of the names of those killed in the shooting. The rally lasted seventeen minutes in total, a minute for each life cut tragically short. Some students also elected to walk out in a protest against the gun laws in the U.S. including Elsy Capelli, a sophomore at Liberty and one of the leading members and organizers of the walkout explained, “If simple gun laws were put in place, and if our congressmen cared, lives could be saved.” Capelli went into detail about why she and her peers were leaving class, “It’s not just about the seventeen lives that were taken that day and the thousands who have ever fallen victim to gun violence… Something has to be done, I’m walking out to support stricter laws to prevent these atrocities, but also to mourn and remember those who aren’t with us today, we are the youth, we are the change. Not everyone attending the walkouts were there to advocate for change, Ethan Ballesteros had his own reasons for attending. He states, “The school needs to make changes to ensure the safety of their students.” Ballesteros made it clear that it was not a protest, but a people problem, and it’s the school’s responsibility to protect us from these dangerous individuals. Jonathan Harrop and Adam Huegi both offer different viewpoints than most on the walkouts. The two juniors remained in class while many of their peers left. Huegi gave his opinion on the walkout, “Students are wasting their time, most of them were there just to get out of class” he also added that those that were in attendance are “standing on others graves to push an agenda.” They both came to the conclusion that many students are “un-informed,” and “too young” to suggest gun legislation. Harrop gave a more fact-based approach to the issue, “According to the FBI homicide data, 97% of all gun deaths result from hand guns, why do they want to ban a gun (AR-15) that accounts for such a minority of all fatalities.” The debate is still up whether stricter gun laws could’ve prevented this mass murder and the many alike, but everyone can agree that this should never happen again and some form of change should be implemented.
Potty panic: Liberty administration closes bathrooms

By Isaiha Horst Staff Writer

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Trying to prevent nuclear fallout

How the prospect of demuclearization is developing between the U.S. and North Korea

By Reese Watkins-Nelson

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FFA had a farm, E-1-E-I-O: Liberty’s on-campus animals

By Allie Cone
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The school farm: to most Liberty students, it’s a fable. The idea of livestock on campus seems to be a myth whispered to unknowing freshmen. However, Liberty’s farm is a living place stocked with the Trimble County Straight-A showdows, the Contra Costa County Fair steers, and an occasional baby pig or two. Conveniently placed behind the visiting side of the football field, the farm is home to a plethora of goats, chickens, and cows belonging to Liberty FFA students. Raising an animal takes pure dedication and grit. Jeff Lechtal, FFA parent volunteer, claims, “See these kids take so much while balancing school and work, it’s an animal is a humbling experience.” Each animal requires diligent management and care. Pigs need exercise, sheep need grooming, and cows need to be washed and dressed several times a week. Generally, an animal is bought by a student and raised at the farm to be shown and sold at the Contra Costa County fair. Raising animals is an individual project that takes place on school grounds; the farm gives students the opportunity to raise an animal independently. Spending countless hours with the animals reveals each of their personalities and partnering with them by the time fair comes around has proven to be difficult at times. Lechtaler recounts, “There are those that have a head for business and animals have so much personality, and they’re all so different. Some of them are sweet and passionate animals, it’s unbelievable.” While raising livestock, the FFA participants learn more about themselves and their work ethic. Colton Power, Liberty senior, states, “Basically, the biggest aspect is time management. Being here in morning until night. It taught me a lot about money, a lot of the kids take out loans for their animals. I had to account for my pig funds, and it made me fat.” Each animal is like a business investment. Generally, animals cost around $1,000 dollars, but have the potential to sell for 2,000 dollars at the Contra Costa Fair. The profits normally go back into the individual student’s next animal or college funds. The farm itself was built by Liberty parent volunteers. “We taught the students how to build a Las Vegas hotel with a museum in the middle.” The Lion’s museum is now only offering private tours because about half of the walls of the cafe aren’t walls: they’re floor-to-ceiling studio windows. It really makes the whole place open up and feel like a breath of fresh air compared to other coffee houses in Brentwood. Through the courtesy of Yelp reviews, I discovered their most iconic drink called the Lavender Latte and it may be the best cup of coffee I’ve ever tasted in my life. At a $5.00 price point, this latte gives a floral, aromatic flavor to a usually bitter espresso, and it completely took me in the first time I had it. I had to order their equally-iconic house-made Belgian waffle just as an excuse to stay. The waffle also comes in at a $5.00 price point and an extra $1.50 for a topping of fruit and whipped cream. It truly felt like I was receiving something quite for my money, and for that, I have to recommend this place to the connoisseurs of Big House Beans. Big House Beans is open from 7:00 to 4:00 pm every day, and I would stop there three or four times during the week if I had the money to do so. The service is fast, the atmosphere is great, and, above all, the coffee and breakfast are mind-blowing. Plus, the latte comes with a foam heart on top, which is a nice touch.
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Sports, concussions, consequences

By Line Jensen
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Concussions are widely known to be a common injury due to a hard hit to the head which can leave an athlete unconscious for a few minutes and can make them confused and distorted when they come to. This can lead to symptoms that will show within the next 7-10 days. It can have an effect on the athlete for up to three months to one year. The symptoms may cause nausea, headaches, confusion, and irritability.

The sports that have the most common concussions are football, which has a recorded 64% to 76.8%, and boys ice hockey with 54%. The other sports with a total number of concussions during athletic exposure are girls soccer with 33%, boys lacrosse at 46.6%, boys’ wrestling at 23%, girls’ basketball: about 21%, boys’ basketball: 16-21%, girls’ field hockey: 22-24.9%, and cheerleading at 11-14%.

Football has the most recorded concussions but, Liberty junior and water polo player, Marea Melander has had a total of two concussions. One symptom she endured from the head injuries was a difficulty to focus in class, which immediately affected her time at school. These symptoms persisted for two weeks, keeping Melander from the pool for the entirety of those two weeks. Another junior female athlete, Mickley Siemers, a dedicated softball player, states she was out of her softball season for three weeks during her freshman year for one concussion. Even though she was back on the field in three weeks, her symptoms lasted five weeks. The concussion affected her school work for two weeks because she was unable to attend school.

Siemers recalls, “I went to school for half days, and for the next week there were very understanding and helpful. It helped that I did not need to worry about school work.” These sports are intense contact sports, which poses student athletes at risk for concussions every day they play. Concussions are a serious head injury and can effect every day life.

The dance students must turn in an outline explaining why they chose that music number, why the dance is choreographed the way it is, and why they chose that specific costume. The outlines let the dance instructor, Mrs. Leyen, know how many routines will be performed, and how much class time there is going to be to learn the different dances because every dance is in four or more routines. Liberty High School’s dance teacher Mrs. Leyen says, “It takes a lot of time to organize the recitals, because I have to take costume changes and variations in the dances into account when I’m putting the program together. It is a lot to keep track of and a lot of planning goes into every class, so every dance is practiced enough, and all the dancers know their routines. Most of the dances are choreographed by the students, and because the dancers have their own individual style, there should be something for everyone.”

A thirty six thousand dollar seat

By Nafisa Turin
Staff Writer

The sound of thousands screaming and cheering echoing through the stadium. Your favorite players putting their heart, soul, and sweat into the game; hoping for the win.

The taste of the nachos and hot dogs still on the tip of your tongue. Every home game, every win, every loss, every game till the last. Every ticket in the palm of your hands: you’re a season ticket holder.

Being a season ticket holder comes with its perks: they are able to receive offers and deals that a regular ticket buyer doesn’t have access to. A season ticket holder for the NFL receives 20-25% off their order at the NFL shop, exclusive access to the NFL Red Zone and NFL Game Pass. Many teams offer meet and greet events; also, they receive a discount from DIRECTV. Season ticket pass ticket holder for the Oakland Raiders, Toni Azim expresses, “My favorite perk is that I don’t have to be at the games to get extra service, I get exclusive access and deals from TV, and apps from the NFL.”

If one is a season ticket holder for the NBA, depending on the team, one gets a different selection of offers. Being a Golden State Warriors season ticket holder, perks include behind the scenes games, autographed items, door prizes, and access. A Golden State Warriors season ticket holder receives a full tax deduction equal to the value of their ticket. Toni Azim states, “I always have something to do during the week, my love for sports is what drives me to have a season pass.”

Being a season ticket holder receives perks, discounts, and upgraded sports game experiences. The prices are high, due to so many trying to purchase a season pass; they have a waiting list for season passes now.
Splashing into a new chapter
Taylor Hornberger dives into UC Davis
By Adelle Senneca
Staff Writer
Everyone knows about football, baseball, and basketball; however, there are so many other sports that people hardly know about, such as diving. Senior Taylor Hornberger participates on Liberty’s diving team. Hornberger has been a participant in the dive team for about four and a half years. She got interested in it right after she decided to stop participating in gymnastics in search for a new sport, and she stayed with dive after discovering she had the talent for it. According to Hornberger, the hard part about diving is, “getting over my fears.” However, her favorite part about diving is the individual aspect and being able to flip every day. Diving has given Taylor the opportunity to get a scholarship to U.C. Davis, which she has accepted. In college she will practice five days a week for two hours in the pool, and a half an hour on dry land. Taylor will be going to Stanford to practice on Sundays once a month in addition to her work at UC Davis. One thing that she would like people to know about diving is that one doesn’t learn the dives overnight, it takes a lot of hard work and motivation to accomplish; and diving is a difficult sport mentally. According to Hornberger, a “good dive” is any dive with a good entry and good position with a score between five and one and a half and ten. A bad dive would consist of a dive breaking position and creating a large splash with a score of zero to five. Unfortunately, diving is an underrated sport that doesn’t get as much recognition as other sports. Anyone is welcomed to be on Liberty’s diving team as long as one is willing to put in the work and dedication to the sport, just as Taylor Hornberger has.

Dodging the way to championships:
Liberty’s annual dodgeball competition
By Briana Kenett
Staff Writer
Liberty’s annual dodgeball competition Dodging the way to championships:

“Dodgeball is serious business, as shown by Jaxson Bautista as he launches the ball toward the opposing team.”

Preparing to take a dive is Taylor Hornberger on a chilly day. She has a love and a passion for diving, even in the cold.

The new arena for the Warriors is under construction across the Bay Bridge in SF.

Golden State Warriors score off the court with new arena Chase Center to open soon
By Micah Butler
Staff Writer
The Warriors shoot from deep splash! Soon, Warriors will score a brand new arena. The Golden State Warriors are in the process of building a new arena in San Francisco. Hundreds of construction workers are required to make the arena look like a “state of the art” NBA Stadium. The Warriors President, Rick Welts, stated that it took “five years to bring the Chase Center from the drawing board center from the drawing board to the bleachers and that when the arena is finished it will seat 18,000 fans, will feature 44 suites, have 32 court side lounges and 60 theater boxes.”

Interesting facts about dodgeball:
Dodgeball was first played in Africa over 200 years ago.
A world record was set for a dodgeball game with the most players in 2012 by UC Irvine with 6,084 players.
During filming for ‘Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story’, Ben Stiller broke three cameras in one scene and hit his wife in the face.

The Warriors president Wells also states that “when people arrive they’re going to feel like they’re coming to more of a concert or cultural event much more than they’re coming to a sports event and that fans, team executives, and players will all be in close proximity.” The Chase Center is estimated to cost 1,090,000,000 and scheduled to open in time for the 2019-2020 basketball season.
The life of a trans person: my story

By Logan Siordia

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Marchers hold out a giant transgender flag at a pride parade. Photo courtesy of Getty Images

Staff Writer

Through recent years, America has been a country that prides itself on diversity. It’s full of people from all different corners of the world, building an immigrant community. People around the states have different personalities, languages and unique identicalities. At school and in Brentwood, it is the different unique identities of others that make up our own diverse community. Gender identity is a big part of roles in society, some showing themselves on campus, like boys and girls sports teams, various classes, and other groups. It’s a mainstay in the timekeeping public and is not necessarily the way it’s used, but rather a device so inherently familiar, it is not something people face, including myself. “Transgender” is an umbrella term, that refers to someone who does not identify with a gender that they were assigned at birth—whether male, female, or for some, neither. Every transgender person’s experience is different. I am a trans boy, which means I was born female, but realized my comfort level in identifying with the male gender. Despite the struggle, not all transgender people have fought for the right to serve in the US military. Some of the big personal struggles I have faced as a trans person is not being accepted by others, self-consciousness, confusion with my identity, and general courage of one will know how to use it, let alone 4.1 seconds, the shortest time was 3.70 seconds, the longest time was 12.235 on a digital clock is just what it says it is. However, on a regular clock figuring out the time can be like trying to solve a puzzle. Identifying the hour is a breeze, the exact minute though, can sometimes be a pain. Trying to read the same time on a regular clock from a genuine distance usually precedes something like this: 1.) Squint your eyes and look across the class to read the hour. 2.) Do 5x4 and then attempt to read the three microscopic hash marks and you’ve finally done it, or instead, you could just use your phone.

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Free the music: rappers unfairly profiled

By Mason Padilla

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Young people struggle to read analog clocks... or our phones are rendered useless, even though regular clocks at school still need to be plugged into the wall. To find out how well the students of Lib- erty High School stood up to the challenge of reading regular analog clocks, eight random people were shown a regular clock and were timed on how long it took for them to reach the correct answer. The average was time it took to read a regular clock was about 6.1 seconds, the shortest time was 3.70 seconds, and the longest time was 12.235 on a digital clock is just what it says it is. However, on a regular clock figuring out the time can be like trying to solve a puzzle. Identifying the hour is a breeze, the exact minute though, can sometimes be a pain. Trying to read the same time on a regular clock from a genuine distance usually precedes something like this: 1.) Squint your eyes and look across the class to read the hour. 2.) Do 5x4 and then attempt to read the three microscopic hash marks and you’ve finally done it, or instead, you could just use your phone.

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Digital clocks are clearly more effi- cient, so we can really blame teenagers for not knowing how to read a digital clock: “It’s the worst thing (to not know how to read a regular clock) be- cause if you don’t know how to read it, and you get into a situation when your phone doesn’t work – you’re screwed”, warned Gianni Oliveto. Most detra- cers of digital clocks will usually point to reliability issues or some hypotheti- cal invention where all of our phones are rendered useless, even though regular clocks at school still need to be plugged into the wall. To find out how well the students of Lib- eral High School stood up to the challenge of reading regular analog clocks, eight random people were shown a regular clock and were timed on how long it took for them to reach the correct answer. The average was time it took to read a regular clock was about 6.1 seconds, the shortest time was 3.70 seconds, and the longest time was 12.235 on a digital clock is just what it says it is. However, on a regular clock figuring out the time can be like trying to solve a puzzle. Identifying the hour is a breeze, the exact minute though, can sometimes be a pain. Trying to read the same time on a regular clock from a genuine distance usually precedes something like this: 1.) Squint your eyes and look across the class to read the hour. 2.) Do 5x4 and then attempt to read the three microscopic hash marks and you’ve finally done it, or instead, you could just use your phone.
Senior ball crawl
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Senior Ball is coming up on April 28th for Liberty High with the theme of Gatsby Masquerade. Seniors at Liberty are currently preparing for one of the biggest nights of their Senior Year. From the dresses and tuxedos to the limos, corsages and tickets, everything adds up quickly. According to theguardian.com in 2015, on average, US families spent as much as $1919 on their teen’s prom. Based on the following graph—surveyed by students in Mr. Rosenbergs’ 7th period Government—students are willing to spend anywhere from $50 to more than $700. Many parents, maybe even students, probably don’t even realize the expense prom brings until the big day is just around the corner.

The above bar graph shows that in a poll of 22 LHS seniors, about half of them will be spending on Senior Ball what many adults spend on a monthly car payment.

Chapter 1

Is the senior tradition really a good idea?
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Starting off summer right, graduating seniors take on their last hoohah with their friends before parting ways in the fall. There are many concerns regarding this senior trip to the Bahamas students take in late June. These concerns include no parental supervision, the fact that it is very expensive, and let’s not forget the trip is in a whole different country. For some parents, it can be a hard decision to let their kids go, due to these factors. With everything in life, there’s going to be good and bad sides. However, I think there are more pros than there are cons in this situation. It’s the Bahamas, what is there not to do? In the five days the students are there, they can dip into the clear blue ocean, lay out on the beach, watch the sunset go down, and so much more. Talking to the seniors who are going from Liberty, they seem very excited. Senior, Arenza Clune states, “I’m super excited for the Bahamas, because it’s the last thing we’re really doing as a class and it’s a good way to end high school.” This trip will be a memorable, fun experience to have for these seniors, who will soon be starting a whole new chapter of their lives.

Chapter 2

“Fortnite” for iOS: a review
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If you are looking for a game to play on the go, then “Fortnite” for iOS is what you are looking for. It is a simple but sometimes complicated game that can be downloaded on your phone. It was released on Monday, March 12th for iOS and for Android, but in order to play, you must first get the code from the company Epic Games, founders of “Fortnite.” Also, it comes with extra codes you can send to your friends. Once you get the code, you’ll be set.

While more convenient, the mobile version of “Fortnite” may not be as great as everyone thinks.

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