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Dear Readers,
Our final editor letters have arrived! It’s such a bittersweet moment; I want to cry, but I also want to just write nothing and pretend it’s something so I can finally be done. Lucky for you guys, I won’t do that. What I will do is talk about my experiences at the Times and how it feels to be leaving.

Over three years of working on the Times, I have learned so much, not just about journalism, but about cooperation. It honestly takes so much out of a person, to sit with a bunch of other people, and discuss out points of view on things. Believe it or not, we actually have some very educated discussions and debates. I can’t believe we are already done, but if you want to hear more of my views, and my classmates’ views, flip the page!

Now, to sum up senior year, it’s been a roller coaster (literally in physics). I have had some pretty amazing moments with friends throughout all my years here, and I have had some pretty not-so-good moments. It all goes back to those moments, though, that helped form me into the me I am today.

Well, that just about sums it up for me. I’m so thankful for all my positions given to me on the Times, and I will certainly miss Mr. Ebner. Now, it’s time for me to start a new path and journey, and create new memories!

Thanks for the years,
Eman Naserallah

Dear Readers,
It feels very strange to be writing my final editor letter --it seems as if though I was just laying out our first issue of the year with Eman. Senior certainly went by quickly, which I suspected, but I wasn’t prepared for how truly rapid it was. Similarly as well, I was amazed by how quickly we were all able to publish the print editions of this year.

Both in the times and out, dear reader, I can only warn you to make sure that each moment of your senior year (or any year for that matter) is one that you are fully present in or else you will find yourself halfway through May and unsure what it is you accomplished in a year. I feel a new tenderness for both the Lakewood Times and Lakewood High School as we are all finishing up our senior year. I’m excited for the future of this paper however, as several of this year’s staff members will be returning and cannot not wait to see what the Times will look like under my brother the next few year’s with him as the editor.

Thanks for reading,
Abbey Stone
“The *Times* was a home to me for three out of four years of high school. In this class, first things first, I learned how to become a better writer. My sophomore year, when I was just a rookie, I gained so much more knowledge on journalism than I had previously known. Throughout these years, I also made so many new friends and relationships that I hope to continue after high school. The *Times* taught me lots over the years, and I will forever be thankful for all of my *Times*’ families.”

**Eman Naserallah, Editor**

“Mr. Ebner has taught me so many things in life and in this class. This class has given me a chance to write things that people will actually read. I have made friends that I probably would have never met if I was not in this class, and for that I am grateful. I am going to miss messing with Mr. Ebner, and me messing with him back. Now I’m onto my next chapter.”

**Mandy Muscatello, Assistant Editor**

“Though I was only on the *Times* staff for the last two years of high school, I feel a deep connection to the school paper and the staff that writes it. There was a lot of changes that occurred to the formatting of the paper as we recently lost funding to print physical magazines. We’ve been publishing each issue electronically on the *Lakewood Times* website for about two years now and this change makes me worry a little about the future of the paper is going to look like. That said, I made several friends on the Times since I’ve joined and I couldn’t be more excited to have my brother, Sam, take over for me and Eman as the editor of the paper next year.”

**Abbey Stone, Editor**
“The *Times* definitely helped me make more friends and that class wasn’t just a class! I made friends in the *Times* with a lot of underclassmen that I didn’t even know about. I’m sad to be leaving but Lakewood High will always have my heart. Even though I’m going 15 minutes away (Baldwin Wallace) I’m going to miss Lakewood. Lakewood High is not just any school, I’ve been to so many different schools around the area (St. Joe’s, Magnificat, Bay Village, Westlake, etc.) and none of them compare to this school; a big town with a small town feel. I wouldn’t have wanted to live anywhere else and I will truly miss it.”

**Hailey Owens, sports editor**

“Being at the *Times* has been a fun class. It has taught me new journalism techniques, how to use media software like Adobe Photoshop and InDesign. I also got to do it with my friends. Definitely a fun class that I would recommend.”

**Brandon Gue, Online Editor**

“Overall, it’s been a good year. The editors did an amazing job trying to keep everyone motivated. Not being able to actually print our editions was a bit of a bummer, but we are saving trees and money! As always, I’m looking forward to next year.”

**Mr. Ebner, Advisor**
“Writing for Publication is one of those classes that I feel would benefit me in the real world, after graduation. This class really helped me with time management and getting stuff done on time. I felt my writing skills before this class were pretty subpar but I believe it’s safe to say that I’ve improved by quite a bit. When writing an article in Writing for Publication, you’re not just writing something that only your eyes will see or just your editor. If it gets published, tons of people will read your article with your name printed at the top. That being said, you really have to put a lot of thought into each and every sentence. As for senior year, it’s honestly been one of my weaker performances. It could be because I’m just getting lazy and am just waiting for graduation day. But other than that, senior year has been fantastic. For me, it included a seven day trip to Italy and making friends that I can confidently say will be around for a while.”

**Matthew Hammad**

“Writing Publication is definitely a class I would recommend to others for senior year. It’s hands on and if you enjoy writing this is totally for you. There’s more than enough time to finish the work given to you. It’s pretty much at your own pace and you get to write on things you feel are important. So you don’t have to worry about being forced to write about something you don’t relate to. The most important thing about this class is there’s no homework! I’ve had a great time in Writing for Publication: lots of laughs, articles and entertainment in this diverse class. Hope you will get to experience the same as you take my word and join this course.”

**Ty’Saun Blevins**

“As this school year comes to a close and my high school career is quickly ending within the blink of an eye, it is quite easy for me to look back on the four years I have spent at Lakewood High School in a good way. Whether it was sitting in the mods classrooms in the painfully awkward desks, sitting in orchestra trying to block out the noise of the construction, or standing outside for the third time in a week because once again we had another fire drill during our freshman year. One of my biggest regrets was not being a part of the Lakewood Times earlier. Not only is it a class where you just get a grade, but it is so rewarding to see the final product of something you have worked on for so long. Being a part of this class really has solidified my decision to go into journalism at Kent State University. I will miss LHS and all of its small wonders.”

**Sara Crawford**
“My senior year has been one of the craziest years in high school. I have met so many new people, and have been more social in general. It is going to suck leaving high school, because I have met so many good friends, but also I’m just used to having to come to school everyday to see those friends. Even though most of my friends are going to the same college as me, I’m still going to miss the environment that I’m so used to being in. I can’t say that I have a favorite memory in high school, because the most of my best memories are from Electronic Engineering, and there are too many to list. My senior year has been really fun, and I can say that I am going to miss it.”

Daniel Keith

“My senior year at Lakewood High School this year has felt like one of the fastest years in my high school career. Being apart of the 2016-17 Lakewood Times really was a great and memorable experience. I shared lots of laughs with my fellow classmates and wrote some very exotic articles. Some of my best work included writing about Harambe and Club Penguin. I also has the honor of doing some of the cover art for other articles in the class, which was extremely fun since I really like art. I’m really glad I decided to take Writing for Publication. In all, I’m actually pretty sad to be leaving high school. It’s actually kind of scary too, since for a time being it will feel like I don’t ‘belong’ anywhere anymore. In a way, it’s also exciting to move on with the next stage of my life.”

Connor York

“After four years of being in Lakewood High School, I never thought I’d miss it until now. I overall had a great experience at Lakewood High School and in the Writing for Publication class! Being in the class taught me how to socialize better with people other than my usual social group. It taught me to write better and put my thoughts and ideas on paper. This class was such a great class and will be along with other things I’ll definitely miss!”

Allana Harrison
8 to 3 to 7:30:

Is a Part-Time Job in High School Worth It?

By Abbey Stone

A part-time job, be it bagging and cashiering at a local supermarket or working the counter at a fast food joint, has always been rite of passage for high school students. A sense of freedom is often gained in earning your own money; many regard it to be an important part into a teen’s entrance into adulthood, as being a means to “build character.” Some, however, do not view a job in high school as nearly as beneficial, but rather as detrimental; a very significant distraction from one’s schoolwork. Whatever one’s stance on the issue is, considerable benefits and drawbacks should be considered when drawing a conclusion on really a rather subjective scenario.

There is an indisputable correlation to increased stress, decreased grades and working upwards of three hours a couple nights during the school week. Question any student on the subject and without pause, even those who cite often the level of appreciation they have for their job, will rattle off at least one grievance of the inconvenience of working during the school year. An after-school job poses a unique challenge that extends itself even further as a schedule obstacle than any other school-sponsored extracurricular activity would in relation to having to work one’s homework schedule around their work schedule. Team sports or after-school clubs have an understanding of the workload expectations of students, a factor that is not of urgent importance to a majority of employers, especially so if the ratio of young adults to teenagers is higher.

“Most nights that I work after school, I don’t get off work until around 8:45,” says Lakewood High School senior, Maya Sutliff.

“By the time I get home and maybe eat dinner, it’s already close to 9:30 before I’m able to start my homework.”

This extended schedule often results in noticeable drops in grades of students as late nights of homework almost become impossible to endure after eight hours of school and four or five hours on the clock at work.

Though a part-time job can take a lot out of the full-time student, there are several benefits to having a job while still a teenager. Many students under estimate value of at least small steady income. Come time to pay college fees, the relief provided from work money to pay for items such as gas or other early monetary obligations of teenagers to one’s savings’ account will be considerable as vital money did not have to be a significantly dipped into to cover them.

A job exposes students to several types of scenarios and people as well, fostering necessary people, group, and leadership skills that they will need to enter virtually any workforce once they begin a career or full-time job.

Though a part-time job has several benefits to students and I wholeheartedly advocate that every student consider one, several students do not really have a choice as to whether or not they well get a job: they have to. Whether it be working up enough money to send themselves to college or even having to contribute to their family’s income, many students do not receive the chance to consider factors such as the impact it will have on grades or their social lives, ones that typically top the list of common drawbacks to having a job while still in high school. Ultimately, to get a job is a personal decision that one in analyzing their circumstances and expectations should determine for themselves what steps they should take to find a job during the school year or simply hold out until the summer.

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Welcome to Night Vale

By Sam Stone

Have you ever listened to something and just thought, “what kind of drugs created this?” That is a constant feeling for Welcome to Night Vale listeners. The creators of the Eternal Scouts and the Glow Cloud, two things found in the odd universe contained within the city located within the desert that is known as Night Vale, are the writers Joseph Fink and Jeffrey Cranor.

The basic storyline of the podcast is the nightly radio show located in the town called Night Vale made to spoof the shock jock news casting of early morning. The radio host, an interesting character named Cecil Baldwin, accounts the odd incidents going on in the small town that are often other worldly, supernatural, gruesome, however just flat out weird. Such incidents are a dog park no one can look at, go into or take dogs into it, a glow cloud floating over the town and raining dead animals and the shape in Grove Park no one can acknowledge or speak about.

The story line is amazing. The creativity that is put into formulating such an odd story is quite appalling. At times, the story is flat out ridiculous. One second one could hear Cecil’s accounting of his crush on Perfect Carlos and His Perfect Hair, take their earbuds out for a second, put them back in and randomly hear that there were no survivors and angels aren’t real. No matter what old woman Josie tells.

The podcast is as perfect as Carlos’ hair. It is as weird as the enigma that is existence that Cecil always doubts. It is as mind boggling as the idea that one cannot control what happens in their day-to-day life. Audience, are we not all celestial beings created by an explosion and millions of years of evolution? Or is there deeper meaning to this life? Or is there not?

And now...the information about the podcast.

The podcast gets five out of five floating cats. The podcast is updated twice monthly; it is available in the Apple iTunes store, Stitcher.com, Podbay.fm, and soundcloud.com. The podcast is free wherever one goes to listen.
Top Ten Tips for Incoming Seniors

By Sara Crawford

1. Don’t procrastinate on all of your college applications – Even though the deadlines seem to be far away, they come quicker than you think.

2. Try to go to as many school events as possible – It may seem lame now, but you only have this last year to really experience it to the max.

3. Make sure your priorities are set straight. Do not dedicate your time to things you may regret later on.

4. Do not be afraid to branch out and make new friends – Although it’s your senior year and you will be leaving next year, it is still good to create new friendships.

5. Appreciate Lakewood and Cleveland to the fullest – As many in your class will be going all over the place, you’ll want to fully remember your hometown as much as possible.

6. All of the school work piles up quickly – Even though it may not seem to be too much, it quickly becomes it. Try your best to stay caught up.

7. Although everyone says senior year is one of the most stressful years in high school – It is not as bad as it seems.

8. Sleep is really important – Even though everything else seems to have higher priorities, sleep is also extremely important and good for you.

9. Listen to the advice others give to you – At the time, it may seem to be not the greatest, but it may be actually quite valuable.

10. Most importantly, make your senior year the greatest – It will fly by extremely quickly!
Summer 2017 will definitely be a summer to make memories. There’s so many things to do for free or cheap alternatives.

This summer one of the biggest things in the city will be the concerts. Two of the most important concerts that will surely bring out fans is Chance the Rapper and Future. If you’re not aware of who these two people are, they are two of the biggest modern day rappers. Chance the Rapper, who just received his first Grammy, has become a huge deal in the industry in such a short amount of time. His concert will be at Blossom Music Center on May 19, 2017. Although his concert isn’t during summer break, it’ll definitely count as one of the summer’s biggest shows.

Next up will be rapper Future’s concert. Unlike Chance, he isn’t coming alone. This concert will also feature Migos, Tory Lanez, Kodak Black, and Zoey Dollaz. These are all really important rappers in today’s music making this one the best concerts of the year! Future has been in the rap industry for a while and is a pretty well known artist. I’d suggest buying tickets for this show early because it will definitely sell out. This will take place May 27, again at Blossom Music Center. Tickets are on sale for both shows now.

Other things to do this summer will feature Wade Oval Wednesday in University Square. Wade Oval is a place where you can get with friends and listen to live music for free. It also has food trucks and many different vendors. Wade Oval Wednesday’s are definitely a great place to make summer memories.
A New View

By Dinar Naserallah

After this year I can definitely say that I have had quite the experience at Lakewood High School. It was not all too bad, but then again I could say that I have had better welcomings into a new school. Only having the mods for a solid few months, I can not say that those were the worst part of my “welcome to high school experience.” One thing that I am excited for, hopefully, is how my sophomore year will play out.

I am not expecting things to go horrible, as we will have some new parts of the school implemented in next year. We will finally have the cafeteria up and running, as well as the gym where we will actually be able to have gym class. It will be a step-up from this year; having to run a whole quarter in the pool lobby.

One thing that I hope will improve as my high school life goes on is my propensity to pack my schedule; from having hardly any classes, to being packed in with classes. This year was a bit of a struggle only having one free period, and that being my lunch. Even then, during my only free period, I was always doing school work for my classes.

There is also no forgetting the embarrassing moments of me falling on the stairs multiple times. I really do not want that trend to continue on, but there is no controlling things like that. I hope I am not that freshmen known for falling on the stairs in front of everyone.

I have high hopes for next year. Almost everyone I have talked to about high school tells me to wait for my sophomore year. Those who have told me that are also the same ones who told me that their sophomore year was the best out of all of their high school years. I want to believe it, so with that thought in my mind, I am hoping they are right.

With all of that being said, there is no telling what next year will bring. This year has personally been one of the worst years of school I have ever had. I have had some share of good days along the way, but the majority have not been up to my highest standards. I have strong feelings that my thoughts about high school will change, as well as mood that I feel with it. Whatever happens, I know that there will always be some good things to look forward to in the school.
For the last 30 years or more, Lakewood High School has had an editorial class for a school newspaper known as the Lakewood Times. There have been countless issues and it was traditionally printed and handed out to each class monthly to keep students up to date on local and school events. However, as of the last year that has changed. The printing company that had a contract with the Times is no longer in business with them, so all current issues are uploaded online for a more modern news experience. At the Times, we are all about issues and opinions of Lakewood’s high schoolers as well as Lakewood as a city entirely. Each story told includes people, places, and ideas we are all familiar with as Lakewood’s citizens. One could read about popular Lakewood landmarks like Lakewood High School, Lakewood Park, Madison Park, Birdtown, Detroit Ave Marc’s Plaza, and more. As a class, it is highly recommended that any student who is interested in writing for the school newspaper take the class. It is a good amount of work, as most classes are, however you have the opportunity to write enticing articles side by side with your classmates.

It is a great class to learn basic journalism skills and an even greater class for applying these skills. Each issue is proofread by the entire team of editors and it is a group effort. A couple of students who have past experience in the class (typically two seniors) are chosen by Mr. Ebner to be the class Chief Editors. This year, our chief editors are Abbey Stone and Eman Naserallah. Our online editor is Brandon Gue and our Sports Editor is Hailey Owens.

All and all, the Lakewood Times is a super fun class, but it requires discipline, the ability to follow a deadline, and the ability to follow directions. It will look great on a college application and most of all, you become recognized by your peers for writing in the school newspaper and contributing to your school in such a creative way. Consider joining the Lakewood Times for the 2017-18 school year!
Every student knows that school breaks are great opportunities to catch up with friends, leave behind the stress of tests, and go to exciting, new places. Summer break is no exception, and the members of the *Times* have big plans. Here is what each of them will be up to during their summer breaks.

Eman Naserallah- “Starting working full time and enjoying summer before college”

Brandon Gue- “Working and vacationing”

Ty’Saun Blevins- “Working two jobs, going to concerts and graduation parties, skydiving”

Allana Harrison- “Going to the Bahamas”

Dinar Naserallah- “Enjoying the summer while it lasts and taking a break from school”

Mo Suleiman- “Maybe going overseas”

Mandy Muscatello- “Working; this summer is prime time to get a lot of hours and save up”

Riley Hill- “Working on my car”

Halina Dreger- “Going camping, attending dance intensives, and going to band camp”

Dan Keith- “Simply enjoying the break”
It sounds like the members of the *Times* have a lot planned for the summer! Besides, with over two months to take a break from the stress of school, they’re bound to bump into additional plans and activities.
Summer Restaurants
By Connor York

There’s lots of tasty restaurants that are perfect for the summer. Whether or not you want breakfast, lunch, or dinner, you can’t go wrong with a nice slice of pizza from Angelo’s Pizza, here in Lakewood. Angelo’s, located on Madison, is a really famous spot here in Lakewood, especially during the summer. Many kids and adults from all around Lakewood love going here, as not only is their pizza amazing, but so is everything else. Yes, Angelo’s is by no means limited to just pizza. They have a whole array of appetizers, entrees, and salads. Also, Angelo’s has been known to attract some pretty famous people, such as Tom Hanks.

Another famous restaurant that is a great summer hang out is Big Boy’s over in Lorain. They have some of the best burgers there. Not only that, but their selection malts and milkshakes is near endless. That makes Big Boy’s automatically a great summer hangout with your friends. Some of their flavours are just so delicious.

Another great place to be is the Rustic over in Rocky River. They have some really good food over there, as well as some of the nicest waiters and waitresses. Their customer satisfaction is extremely high, making them a really fun place to hangout with friends during the summer.

Many of these places may be far and not in Lakewood, but that doesn’t make them any less great. These are some of the best places I know and love to eat at.
Winter is the season to cuff. In Ohio, this may apply to multiple seasons. It’s cold outside and it’s snowing. Your whole mood just changes. There isn’t much to do because the last thing you want to do is go outside and fight off the cold. So what better to do than have a partner in crime for the season. Now you have someone to watch movies with and play 2K. The winter time is the time of year that people feel the most desire to have a significant other because you just want to be alone honestly. The weather outside is frightful and you want a cuddle buddy. But the question is this real or just a seasonal thing?

Maybe there is a break up season too. I don’t know about you, but I have seen a pattern of multiple people breaking up when winter ends and summer is on it’s way. This may just be a coincidence or it could be the time of year. I think the time of year effects your mood and what you want to do. Therefore, effects if you want to be “cuffed” or not. When the weather starts to warm up you have many more options on what to do with your time than in the winter. Does this mean you just drop your boo? Not necessarily because you may have actually wanted to be with them and it’s not just a fling. But, some people just “cuff’ to “cuff’.

It’s just that time of year and now the sun is out and it’s time for your boys to play basketball and the girls to buy sundresses and go to the beach. During the summer you mood brightens and you don’t want to stay the house. If you have something real it will last all four seasons and you will be able to go through your moods together. But, sometimes you are “cuffing” because it’s the season. Then you break up because it is that time again. High schoolers follow these season more than other because our moods are effected the most.
While flipping through the channels on a typical weekend afternoon, one might come across the TLC channel. Between episodes of *Say Yes to the Dress* and *Love, Lust or Run*, someone might come across the show *My Strange Addiction*. This series shows a glimpse into some people's lives with some serious...well, addictions. Some people call it fake or just a stunt to get raves for a show. However, to the point where some may seem staged, it’s not. Addictions are real. Considering the actual word “addiction” attaches to such a negative connotation, they’re not to be messed with.

According to Dictionary.com, the word addiction is defined as, “the fact or condition of being addicted to a particular substance, thing, or activity.” Doesn’t sound too serious, sure, however it depends what those particular substances, things or activities are. Some addictions are harmless, and just seem more comical. For example, in one episode of the hit TV show, one person is seen addicted to sucking their thumb. It fits the title of the show, that is strange indeed. Then there’s that awkward case such as being addicted to looking like or actually being Justin Bieber or Madonna.

Then there’s cases that aren’t represented on that show. There’s the case when drugs are involved. It’s not a comical matter anymore. To put that in a more understandable manner, according to a statistic reported by Cleveland.com, 2,482 Ohioans died of a drug-related overdose just in the year 2014. About half of those deaths, 1,177 to be exact, involved heroin. According to CNN, from 2002 through 2013 drug overdoses have quadrupled in numbers. Drugs are an easy addiction that just about any average person can latch on to.

The real question is, though, what specifically makes some people become addicted? To get an even better picture of what addiction really is, Shatterproof.org says, “Addiction is a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry.” According to this source, it is considered a disease. That’s only because just like other diseases, victims of any source of addiction experience relapse and a rehabilitation phase. When experiencing an addiction, the brain receives actual pleasure or a pleasurable feeling while doing whatever it is. Shatterproof also compares addiction to heart disease because both involve the disruption of a healthy and functioning organ, they both have serious consequences and if left untreated, it could last a lifetime.

Not all addictions need to involve a drug to be considered dangerous, too. Going back to *My Strange Addiction*, there are many serious episodes. For instance, some involve eating makeup, or eating mattresses. Unfortunately, as much as many would like to spare a giggle, it’s too dangerous to laugh. They may be addicted, to whatever it is they’re consuming, but they don’t realize what they’re doing to their bodies. Obviously not everyone is walking around eating anything other than food, but that’s because they know not to. Victims of addiction are walking around numb, basically creating a reality in their minds in which they are living in. They don’t know that it is hurting them because they’re enjoying it too much.

Addictions of all kinds are to be taken seriously always. It’s a sad world when people just might need a tiny bit of help until they realize it. Whether it’s physically confronting them about their issue or making them come to the realization that they are in danger and harming themselves. The ultimate goal in the end is to make sure everyone is safe and living in a healthy environment.
After the disappointing end to the 2016 season, the Indians are poised to make another run. This year’s roster features both familiar and new faces, however the Indians did lose first baseman Mike Napoli and outfielder Rajai Davis due to free agency. Napoli signed with the Texas Rangers and Davis signed with the Oakland Athletics. The Indians added a good replacement for Mike Napoli by signing Edwin Encarnacion, spent the last five seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays. The Tribe signed him to a three year $20 million deal. Encarnacion hit 42 home runs last year while driving in 127 runs. Encarnacion adds power to the middle of the lineup for the Indians. The Indians are also adding left fielder Michael Brantley back to the lineup. Brantley only played 11 games last season after trying to comeback from a shoulder surgery. Brantley was finally ready to go and was ready to play for the first game against the Texas Rangers. The Tribe put rookie Yandy Diaz on the opening day roster as well. Diaz was a very good hitter in the minors hitting .325. Putting Diaz on the opening day roster was a move to help boost the Indians offense. Yandy Diaz will be the starter at third base until star second baseman Jason Kipnis comes back from his shoulder injury; Jose Ramirez will then move to third base. The Indians are also missing right fielder Lonnie Chisenhall who is rehabilitating from an injury. When everyone is healthy, the Indians should be considered one of the deepest rosters in all of the MLB right now.

The Indians’ offense should be one of the best in the MLB, but it is their pitching staff that could really separate them from the other teams. The Indians have a great five man rotation and arguably one of the top bullpens in baseball. Starting the rotation with the ace and 2014 American League Cy Young Winner, Corey Kluber the Indians rotation is already in good shape. The Tribe also has the hard throwing right handers Carlos Carrasco and Danny Salazar, who both pitched great seasons last year despite battling injuries and being unable to pitch during the Indians playoff run. Hopefully both can stay healthy and he will ready to go for another playoff run. The rotation finishes with Josh Tomlin and Trevor Bauer, who both are serviceable and make the backends of a strong rotation.

The Indians have one of the deepest rosters in the MLB and are poised to have another deep playoff run. In the words of longtime Indians’ radio announcer, Tom Hamilton, the Indians are looking to give the fans, “another October to remember.”
March Madness

By Hailey Owens

Not only does March mark the end of winter but NCAA “March Madness” college basketball tournament as well. Over 68 teams are selected every March for the NCAA Division I men’s basketball tournament, commonly known as March Madness. These 68 teams come together to play each other in the biggest tournament of the year. Every year, people around the country make brackets whether it be on paper or online showing who they think will be the national champ.

Thirty-two teams gain automatic entry through winning their conference’s championship. The remaining thirty-six teams rely on the selection committee to award them an at-large bid in the tournament. The selection process takes place on Selection Sunday and the days leading up to it. Selection Sunday is when the men’s brackets and seeds are released to the public.

This year, three Ohio teams made an appearance at the tournament. Kent State lost to UCLA in the first round 97-80. Dayton lost to Wichita State in the first round as well 64-58. Cincinnati made it to the second winning the first round against Kansas State 75-61 then losing to UCLA in the second round 79-67. We can definitely be proud of how many Ohio teams actually made it to the tournament.

The biggest upset of this tournament was(Ranked #7) South Carolina 88, (Ranked #2) Duke 81 (Second Round)

It seems a little less shocking now that we know South Carolina would go on to lose in the Final Four and lead Gonzaga into the first national semifinal. At the time, though, Duke nor the Gamecocks had the fans believe that this outcome was even possible.

The best game of the whole tournament was (Ranked #1) Florida 84, Wisconsin 83 in OT (Sweet 16)

Because of the overtime factor and because this was the buzzer-beater of the 2017 tournament, and because the buzzer-beater was a full-court situation with a memorable arrangement, this game has to put this one ahead of UNC-UK.

To win the whole tournament was the North Carolina Tar Heels. The runners up were the Gonzaga Bulldogs from Spokane, Washington. The game was very close during the first half ending it close as the bulldogs were leading 35-32. A year after a heartbreaking loss to Kris Jenkins and losing to Villanova in the 2016 championship game, the Tar Heels defeated Gonzaga 71-65 on Monday in Glendale, Arizona for their first championship since 2009. The 2017 national champs, North Carolina Tar Heels returned home on Tuesday and were greeted by thousands of happy, cheering fans at a celebration at the Dean Smith Center.
The newest edition to Lakewood Rangers Football team is one that can make or brake this years record. Head coach Hannan, the coach with a plan to take Lakewood farther then a 0-10 season. I interviewed Coach Hannan to see his thoughts of Lakewood Rangers football team as of now and to find out his game plan.

1. Q: Does the Lakewood football team have a chance of being the best they can be this up coming season?
A: “Well you always have a good chance, that’s why they play the games and if you knew the record you would have before the season started you wouldn’t even play. So yeah, I think we have a good chance, but we have a lot of work to do and we had made good improvement in the weight room. [But] like I said we have lots of work to do.”

2. Q: What’s different from the last season?
A: “I don’t know exactly because I wasn’t here last year, but the process will be a journey that you go on, and that journey has already started in terms of the offseason program. We are going to be more disciplined and in better shape. We are going to have a different of fence and defense.”

3. Q: What kinds of different offence and defense techniques are we running?
A: “We’re going to be running the wing T, a multiple wing T which we will be in the spread. Sometime when we break out of the wing T and we will be running a four-four defense.”

4. Q: How long have you been a coach?
A: “This will be my 35th year, this year, and a head coach for 26 years.”

5. Q: Can you give us some background Information about you?
A: “The last three years I was the offence coordinator at James A Garfield, a little school in Portage County. We went to the regional championship game last year and we lost to the state champions--Canton Central Catholic-- we were 9-4. I won 121 high school games.
If you paid attention during the 2016 Presidential Campaign, one issue that was constantly being talked about was health care and how Donald Trump promised to repeal it should he get elected President. Then, it happened: Donald Trump got elected, and prior to taking office, placed health care repeal at the top of his wish list. Seventeen days after introducing a repeal bill, House Republican leaders cancelled the vote, as the bill did not have the necessary support to pass. So what happened, you ask? Let me tell you.

Republicans have dreamed of repealing Obamacare ever since it passed in 2010, claiming that it gave the government too much power and that it took away other affordable options from people. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) as its actually called, was designed to increase health care quality and affordability, lower the number of people uninsured, and reduce overall health care costs. The law also requires insurance companies to accept all applicants, so as to prevent people with pre-existing conditions from getting denied. Since it was enacted, more than 20 million more Americans have health coverage than before the law was passed. Numerous estimates from the Congressional Budget Office conclude that the law will over time reduce the budget deficit and that its repeal would increase the deficit and hurt the American economy.

Now, you might wonder why Republicans would want to repeal such a helpful and effective law. The truth is more complicated than you would think. For a start, the law is not perfect. Since its enactment, more than 60% of counties in America only have one or two health care providers. In 2016, health care premiums increased in five states, and options in those five states decreased significantly. These are significant issues that need to be addressed, but that doesn’t mean that a repeal of the law is necessary. Republicans don’t think so, that’s why President Trump made it an early priority to repeal and replace the ACA. On March 20, House Republicans leaders introduced the American Health Care Act (AHCA) to formally begin the repeal process. The AHCA was designed to cut costs, increase options, and get rid of the individual mandate that the ACA established. That sounds pretty good, but there’s more to it than what meets the eye.

Just recently, an modified version of the AHCA passed in the House by a vote of 217-213. For now, Trump is claiming victory, but its passage in the House is just the first part. The bill still has to go through the Senate, where significant changes will likely be made, but then the changed bill would have to go back to the House to pass again. Republicans do have reason to celebrate, but for right now, Obamacare is the law of the land.
The first 100 days of Donald Trump’s President approaches its closing. It has been a ride of reforms, slander, and “alternative facts.” The constant flurry of coverage has left many wondering what has happened in the past 13 weeks. For those lost and confused, here is a week by week play of his administration’s actions politically,

Week 1 (January 20-27)
- Donald Trump makes his speech in front of the CIA memorial. He spoke of funding for the CIA and armed forces along with the attendance of his inauguration
- The Women’s March occurred internationally. Millions joining together in opposition of the election, one of the multiple organized protests against the results.
- Donald Trump signs 3 executive orders:
  - Pulled us out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a now 11 country alliance that involves Japan and Mexico. Trump’s justification was the defense of domestic manufacturing jobs
  - Froze the hiring of federal employees in areas except national security, public safety, and military
  - Reinstituted the banning of United States government funding to foreign non-government organizations that perform or promote abortions
- Trump signs approval for the Dakota Access Pipeline. A pipeline that transports crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois and a controversial subject as it crossed into sacred land belonging to the Standing Rock Sioux
- Trump meets with British Prime Minister Theresa May on January 27th. They discussed a trade deal between the UK and US. Trump tells May that “Brexit is going to be a wonderful thing for your country”
- Signed two orders considering immigration:
  - The immediate construction of a wall on the southern border
  - Reinstituting Secure Communities Program, a program used by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement to target illegal aliens, withholds visas, and strip federal funding from sanctuary cities that harbor undocumented immigrants
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Week 4 (February 12-19)
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- Senate confirms Scott Pruitt, Oklahoma Attorney General and climate change denialist, as Environmental Protection Agency administrator
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Week 6 (February 28- March 6)
- Trump gives his first address to congress, promising to revive the economy and strengthen military
- Ben Carson confirmed as Secretary of the Department of House and Urban Development
- Rick Perry, former Texas Governor, confirmed to be Energy Secretary
- New Travel ban executive order signed. Removes Iraq from the list of banned countries considering 90-day ban on the issuing of visas
- House releasing bill for new health care plan, not requiring health insurance and giving tax credits based on age rather than the ACA’s income-based subsidies
- Trump promises to keep Planned Parenthood federal funding if the organization stops providing abortions. (Note that the organization is already not allowed to use funding to provide abortions)

Week 7 (March 7-14)
- Trump gets his first briefing fro, the State Department
- US Attorney Preet Bharara fired
- The Congressional Budget Office finds that 14 million more people will be uninsured under the new healthcare bill by 2018 and 24 million would lose insurance by 2026
- Trump signs order to cut costs on federal spending

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Week 8 (March 15-22)
- Federal judge Derrick Watson puts new travel ban on hold
- Dan Coats, former Indiana Senator and US Ambassador to Germany, confirmed as Trump’s Director of National Intelligence

Week 9 (March 23-30)
- Senate Banking Committee hold confirmation hearing for Jay Clayton, attorney specializing in mergers and capital markets offerings, for chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission
- Trump issues presidential permit to building the Keystone XL pipeline and calls it a “great day for jobs”
- Trump signs Energy Independence order that revokes Obama’s Climate Action Plan
- The vote on the American Healthcare Act, an act to repeal and replace Obamacare is called off due to lack of support

Week 10 (March 31- April 6)
- Trump calls for Michael Flynn to call for immunity
- Trump leaves Oval Office without signing executive orders and leaves the question in the air if the Department of Justice should grant his former national security adviser immunity
- Trump orders missile strike on Syria military targets following a chemical attack, citing it to be an interest of the United States to prevent chemical weaponry

Week 11 (April 7-14)
- Gorsuch sworn in as justice
- Trump threatens action against North Korea over nuclear weaponry, pushing China to act, citing that the North was “looking for trouble”
- US drops “mother of all bombs” in Afghanistan on a cave complex used by the Afghanistan branch of ISIS. The weapon had the power equivalent of 11 tons of TNT
- Trump signs legislation holding funding from Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers
- Trump pulls his claim that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is obsolete

Week 12 (April 15-22)
- Trump chooses Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown to be ambassador to New Zealand
- Trump’s choice to authorize missile strikes against Syria provokes debate over authorization for use of military force to break out in Congress
- Secretary of State Rex Tillerson claims the administration is attempting to get North Korean leader to negotiate
- Trump signs bill expanding Veterans Choice Program

Week 13 (April 23-29)
- Trump’s administration delays on-going debate over border wall funding
- Sanctuary city executive order blocked by California judge William Orrick III
- Administration names Randolph Alles as new director of the Secret Service
- Former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue confirmed as Agriculture Secretary
- Administration considers exiting North American Free Trade Agreement, an alliance allowing free trade amongst the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
On April 4th, 2017, Syrian President Bashar Assad launched a chemical attack in the town of Khan Shaykhun. The Syrian government has been in a six year civil war with Syrian rebels who are fighting for their independence and to get rid of their corrupt government. The Syrian government has denied all accusations of using chemical warfare on its own people. In retaliation, American President Donald J. Trump launched 59 Tomahawk missiles in the Shayrat airfield, which is believed to be where the chemical attack was launched.

Russian President Vladimir Putin strongly disliked and disagreed with President Trump’s actions against the Syrian government. As tensions rise between America and Russia, many people are fearing the event of another World War. The fear is that Russia or America will nuke each other causing an apocalyptic global event. On April 13th, President Donald Trump gave ordinance orders to bomb Afghanistan to a site where ISIS was believed to be hidden underground. The bomb that was dropped was named the Mother of All Bombs (MOAB), the largest non-nuclear bomb. The bomb has a blast radius of 1,000 yards. The bomb itself weighs 11 tons and is 30 feet long. Donald Trump claimed the attack, “was a very, very successful mission”. There has been a range of estimated hostile casualties from 30-90. There were 18 allied casualties and no civilian.

North Korea accuses the CIA of an assassination plot against its leader Kim Jong-Un. North Korea has also been pursuing the hope of detonating a nuclear bomb successfully. President Donald Trump prefers diplomacy with North Korea and claims that a meeting with the two leaders is possible in the future.
In order to experience a productive morning to a successful day; you must set aside your first hours before a waking of a typical morning. With the time you set aside, you invest in one’s own needs, top-priority activities before your daily duties, others priorities come barging in.

Ray Baumeister, a Florida State University psychology professor says, “That willpower is like a muscle that becomes fatigued from overuse.” Diet, he says, comes undone in the evening, just as poor self-control and lapses in decision making often come after in the day.

Taking time, though, can offer you a more optimistic mindset throughout the day. A good tip is to mentally prepare to take on your day with a better look. With a rebirthing feeling on your will power as your mindset,

Things such as making sure you get a good night’s rest, drinking water, working out, strategizing your day, and the list goes on, can all help you in your day to be that better person you want to become.

So give it a try, open your blinds and take in some natural sunlight and think positive because every morning is a new day.

“If it has to happen, then it has to happen first” - Laura Vanderkam
(expert time management author of What The Most Successful People Do Before Breakfast)

“Early to bed and early to rise make a man health, wealth and wise” - Benjamin Franklin
The Final Word from the Times of 2017

“It’s been fun.” -Eman Naserallah

“See ya when I look at ya.” -Abbey Stone

“Goodbye.” -Dinar Naserallah

“See you next year.” -Halina Dreger

“It was a good year.” -Joe Burtzlaff

“Its’ been a really fun time being on the staff this year.” -Sara Crawford

“Will I still be Pebbles after this?” -Sam Stone

“I won’t miss this place.” -Matt Hammad

“Don’t burn it down while we’re gone.” -Brandon Gue

“It feels good to flee the coop.” -Connor York

“Don’t shop too much online.” -Allana Harrison

“I felt bullied and discriminated against.” -Riley Hill

“That’s all folks.” -Daniel Keith