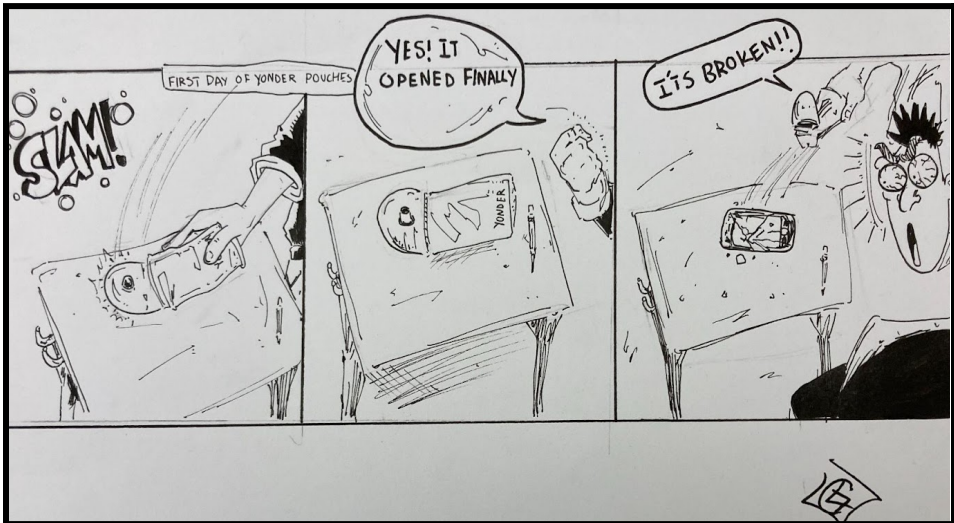




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From the Berlin Bureau...

By Mila Rockedal

Within one of the basins of the Elbe River lies the city of Dresden. As one of the most historically significant cities in Germany, Dresden is home to many intricate palaces and churches built by the Saxons over 300 years ago. It is also home to the Grünes Gewölbe, or the Green Vault, which is the largest collection of valuable objects in Europe. Inside the Grünes Gewölbe, you can find all different kinds of stunning artwork, including a cherry pit with 185 faces carved into it, and a 2 foot statue decorated with jewels and over 16 emeralds. As with any place where valuable objects are located, a great risk of theft is always posed.

On November 25, 2019, at around 4am, over 113 million Euros worth of artifacts were stolen from the gallery. Some of the most priceless items within the collection were stolen, including a 49 karat white diamond, a sword hilt embedded with 779 diamonds, and a brooch worn by Queen Amalie Auguste of Saxony. To reach these precious items, the thieves started a fire on a nearby bridge, creating a power outage and disabling security cameras. They then cut through the iron bars on windows, climbed in, and broke the glass displays with axes. By the time police realized the artifacts were gone, the thieves had long escaped.

After leaving the museum, the thieves had escaped to Berlin. Their getaway car was later found burned in a parking garage. A year later, on November 17, 2020, over 1,600 police officers searched the entire neighborhood of Neukölln, in Berlin. Around 18 houses were raided, and three people were arrested.

After conducting an investigation, it was revealed that the crime had been committed by a major crime family network, called the Remmo Clan. Between 500-1000 extended family members belong to the gang, which is spread out all over Germany. This is not the first time this gang has made large scale heists. In 2017, three members stole a 100kg gold coin from the Bode Museum in Berlin. Other charges against the Remmo Clan include murder, drug deals, and firearm trafficking. In the past, the Remmo Clan has sold or even destroyed artifacts after stealing them, reinvesting the money in real estate. According to art experts, many of the most recently stolen items are too recognizable to be sold, leaving the jewels still unrecovered.

Earlier this May, the thieves involved in the Green Vault heist were convicted, after a 47-day long trial with over 100 witnesses. Four out of the five involved received jail time ranging from four to six and a half years. Multiple members expressed regret towards the heist, saying that the heist was a “huge mistake.” The fifth member was acquitted, after voicing that his only involvement was procuring the axes.

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The Day I Met Meat

By Simon Kislak Brown

For 14 years, the concept of sinking my teeth into a piece of meat has remained foreign to me. As I grow older, my awareness of the culinary world has expanded, leaving me captivated by the tantalizing flavors of meat that await exploration. However, a decision made by my parents at my birth has kept me restricted to a diet rid of meat. It was on the occasion of my birthday celebration that I declared my intention to eat meat for the very first time.

It is important to acknowledge that my parents embraced vegetarianism due to their conviction that taking the lives of animals is morally objectionable. In contrast, my rationale for embracing this newfound culinary adventure rested upon the belief that consuming meat aligns with the natural inclinations of human beings as well as the nutritional benefits meat offers.

My initial plan was to indulge in this experience at the renowned establishment, Persimmon. However, fate had different plans, as it was fully booked until the following month. I opted for a more affordable alternative—the Hope Street Asian eatery, Wara Wara. Upon perusing the menu, I settled on ordering both popcorn chicken and a hanger steak.

The popcorn chicken failed to impress, offering a rather lackluster encounter. However, it did arrive accompanied by a delectable cheesy sauce that enhanced its mediocre flavor.



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The hanger steak, a smaller portion than anticipated, arrived accompanied by a side dish of potatoes. With an eager appetite, I took my first bite of the steak, and an explosion of flavors ensued within my mouth. It was an exquisite and satisfying revelation. However, the task of chewing proved unexpectedly challenging. Undeniably, this meal ranks among the most memorable I have ever savored, serving as a prelude to the multitude of extraordinary culinary experiences that lie ahead.

Looking toward the future, I anticipate that my consumption of meat will remain limited, due to the fact that I reside within a vegetarian household. Nonetheless, I find myself brimming with excitement at the prospect of further exploring the realm of meat-based cuisine and embarking upon future gustatory adventures.

Book Report: The Glass Castle

By Chloe Rourke

The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls, is a memoir of her deeply dysfunctional family. The family lived like nomads, moving all over the Southwest desert and camping in the mountains.

When sober, the four children’s father, Rex, taught them physics, geology, and how to live fearlessly. Mary Rose, the kids mother, painted and wrote, and thought raising her kids was too much work. She would rather make a painting that would last a lifetime than make dinner for her family. Due to this unsustainable lifestyle, money stopped coming in.

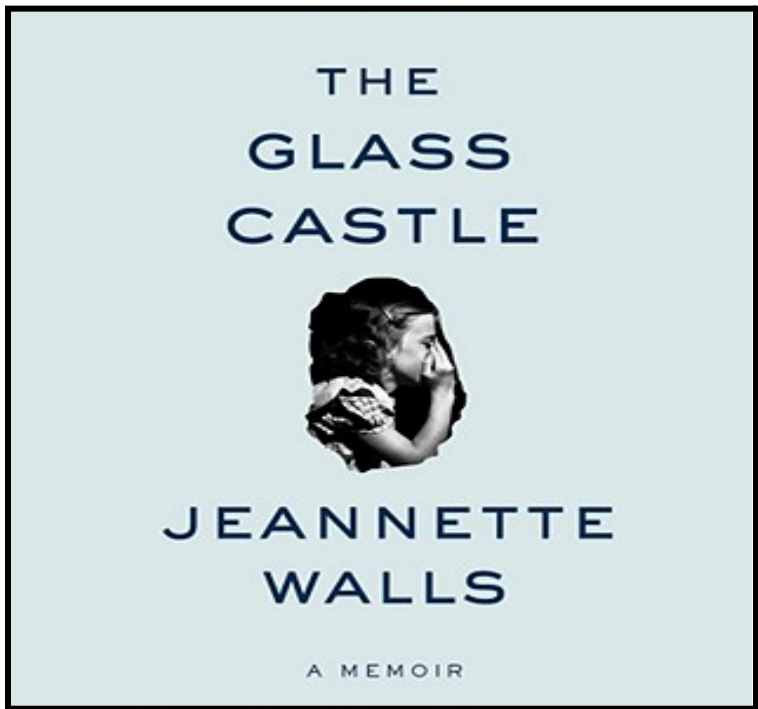


Photo Credit: Changing Hands Bookstore

Faced by this situation, they had to settle down, and everything Rex had tried to escape with his irresponsible lifestyle was in his backyard. Rex drank, stole grocery money, and fought with the children's mother.

Jeannette and her three siblings had to navigate a world in which they were their own parents, they fed, clothed, and protected one another and finally found the will to leave home. Jeannette Wells talks of her family, her siblings and parents in a loving way.

The story of the children was one of surviving with the world going against them. They found love amongst each other and despite all the flaws of her family and the struggles life threw at them. Jeanette went on to create a successful life for herself that she found along the way.

Teacher Interview: Mrs. Polanco

By Janibel Traveras-Disla

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Providence, Rhode Island.

Q: Where did your parents come from ?

A: Both of my parents were born in the Dominican Republic.

Q: Why did they come here ?

A: They came for a better life.

Q: At what age did your parents come here ?

A: My mother was 18 and my father was 22.

Q: What language did you learn to speak first?

A: I learned to speak Spanish first.

Q: Was it difficult for you to learn English?

A: I don't remember but I spoke Spanish at home and English at school so I think both languages became strong.

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Great Sands and Seas

By Khalil Garcia-Llorens



Photo Credit: WikiCommons

In a great desert:

Sands shift through the rooms of the Earth and through realms of view.

Blue ocean perimeters are disregarded.

Life flows in, adapts, evolves and expands.

Grass, wind, sand, life.

150 foot drop sheer drop, and the dissolution is breached– wood mingles shells, shells mingle rain, rain mingles sand, sand mingles salt.

Flowing under and above sand gorges and dunes, fresh water is diverted.

Mountains and rocks grow in, movement dies out.

Desert life shows reservoirs of love and hate, and whichever proliferates is up to simple chance.

When all is done, the cycle starts over again.

Frog of the Month: The Cane Toad

By Aidan Romero

Rhinella marina — or the cane toad as it is most commonly known — is a poisonous amphibian that can be commonly found in Central and South America, but its species has gone far from its preferred habitat of wetlands, for the cane toad is one of the worst invasive species in the world.

The cane toad has a diet consisting of what you might think a normal amphibian eats; bugs and grub. But the cane toad eats a specific type of bug that people all over the world wanted to get rid of: cane beetles. Cane beetles feed off of sugar cane, a valuable asset to a lot of coastal countries and communities. So getting rid of these beetles would be great for cane farmers, and when they found out that this kind of toad eats these beetles, they thought it would be a good idea to import them to cane farms in Australia. The part that people didn't think through was the fact that the cane toad had no natural predators in Australia, and because these frogs are poisonous, it was going to be difficult to find predators for them.

The cane toad lays around 8,000 to 30,000 eggs at a time. Because of their lack of natural predators, the cane toads reproduced rapidly. Consequently, the cane toad is now an overpopulated species, where they live covering around 1/4th of Australia. The population issue got so bad the Australian government spent 1 million dollars on community based control activities to stop the cane toad from overpopulating.

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Q: Why did you become a teacher?

A: I went to Providence Schools my whole life and I had really good teachers so when I went to college I decided I wanted to be a teacher too.

Q: Do you like being a teacher ?

A: Yes, I love working with students that are learning a new language.

Q: What was bad about learning english?

A: I was frustrated because of the spelling.

Q: What schools did you go to?

A: I went to Boston College for 2 years and then I transferred to Providence College for 2 more years. I got my bachelors in art history. Then I went to RI College where I received a masters in teaching. Later on I attended Brown University where I received a second masters in ESL Cross Cultural Studies.

This Month in History: Brown v. Board of Ed.
By Jibreel Reda Frayn

Throughout the 1900s, the United States practiced segregation based on race. This was justified under the Constitution based on the decision of the case Plessy v Ferguson, which implemented the doctrine of separate but equal in May, 1896. This meant that people could be separated based on their race, as long as both facilities were equal. Of course, the facilities were never equal. In 1935-1936, around 13 times as much money was spent on “white schools” compared to “colored schools”.



Photo Credit: Harvard

Fast forward 55 years, and separate but equal was still the standing of the Supreme Court. However, in the 1950s, things were changing. After families in Topeka, Kansas were forced to send their children to schools that required an unreasonable commute due to there not being a black school near them, they filed a lawsuit against the Topeka Board of Education. The District Court of Kansas originally ruled in favor of the Board of Education based on the separate but equal doctrine. The families, represented by Thurgood Marshall, appealed the case directly to the Supreme Court. On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously in favor of the Browns, thus ending the reign of the unconstitutional separate but equal doctrine that had encouraged racism in the US for over 50 years.

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Brown-v-Board-of-Education-of-Topeka>

The invasiveness of the cane toad hasn’t just affected Australia. They have been taken to the Caribbean Islands, Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, the Western Pacific Islands, and even Florida! The toad was brought to these areas for the same reason they were brought to Australia. Interestingly, unlike most frogs, the cane toad cannot climb too well. Meaning that it couldn’t even eat the cane beetles without having some form of elevation, which they had in their natural habitat.



Above: An image of Rhinella marina.
Photo Credit: David Gray

The cane toad is a heavily invasive species. It was one of the primary reasons why congress passed the National Invasive Species Act, which prevents people from importing a species without proper classification. Meaning that if you don’t have the proper credentials, such as a permit or license, you cannot bring a new species in the U.S. One main reason this bill came about was because of how much the cane toad impacted Florida wildlife.

The NBA Playoffs
By Eliya Brody

Every April, the NBA Playoffs roll around. After a long 82 game season, the teams that qualified for a playoff spot gear up for their quest for an NBA Championship.

In the Eastern conference, eight teams made the cut, The Milwaukee Bucks, The Boston Celtics, The Philadelphia 76ers, The Cleveland Cavaliers, The New York Knicks, The Brooklyn Nets, The Atlanta Hawks, and The Miami Heat.

In the Western conference, eight teams also qualified, the Denver Nuggets, the Memphis Grizzlies, the Sacramento Kings, the Phoenix Suns, The Los Angeles Clippers, The Golden State Warriors, The Los Angeles Lakers, and The Minnesota Timberwolves.

A highly anticipated first round match up consisted of the Bucks vs. Heat, and resulted in the biggest upset of the first round with 8th seed Miami gentleman sweeping the 1 seed Bucks, sending them home in 5 games.

Another series happening in the East was the Cavs vs. the Knicks, and similarly, the Knicks were able to gentleman sweep the Cavs, advancing to the eastern conference semis. The Celtics expectedly beat the 7th seeded Hawks in 6 games and the 76er’s swept the Nets, advancing to the next round.

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Nathan Bishop Mock Trial

By Theodore Anderson

This May, Mr. Pride is having another session of the Discovering Justice Mock Trial Program. This session, the students will take part in an appeal of the Fourth Amendment from the previous session.

The first class was on Tuesday, March 14th, and the trial will take place on June 1st at the Federal Courthouse in downtown Providence.

What is an appeal? An appeal is the second stage in the making of a final decision for a court case. It takes place when either the plaintiff or the defendant is unhappy with the result and calls for a judge from a higher court to review the case in an attempt to achieve a different result. This process is called appealing and the one who appeals is called the petitioner.

Once the appeal is called for, the hearing then takes place. An appeal works very differently than the original trial. The major difference is that the appeal is done in front of a judge rather than a jury and generally does not include new evidence or witnesses. This changes the way the attorneys have to present their arguments as the Judge already knows the law and the facts. They are not swayed by emotion and are only interested in the interpretation of the law and the events of the previous trial.

What is the case? The case this Spring is the same as the case in the Fall session. High school student Kendall Ross is suing the school board for wrongly incriminating her on the basis of evidence that was found in an unreasonable search for evidence of a separate crime. Kendall was suspected of writing an anonymous school newsletter that called out and bullied students. Her computer and phone were searched in an attempt to uncover evidence related to the newsletter but instead the school found that Kendall was guilty of crashing the school's drive instructor's car. The school charged Kendall's family for the damage and suspended her from school. In the original case the school won so Kendall will be the petitioner and the school will be the respondent in our appeal.

National Italian Exam Results

By Marco Verzellesi

Congratulations Italian language students! Nathan Bishop has won multiple awards in Italian language proficiency. At the State level, we are the only school to have multiple winners. Our students performed better than both private and public high schools.

On Saturday, June 3, there will be a gala dinner at Lancellotta's in North Providence to recognize the students who placed. Dinner will be free for the students who won, and tickets will be \$50 for everyone else. The students will also receive monetary scholarships from the Rhode Island Teachers of Italian Association.

At the national level, there were 4,600 participants. Fiona Hughes and David Sanchez-Zamudio were in the 99th percentile, and Kate Howlett and Erika Hernandez were in the 93rd percentile. They all received gold medals, we also have other students who received silver and bronze medals. You will find details below.

Gold medals: Fiona Hughes, Kate Howlett, David Sanchez-Zamudio, Erika Hernandez

Silver: Eduarlina Fernandez

Bronze: Katherine Amado, Keily Silva

Other Achievement Certificates: Nyree-Simone LaFortune, Omyra Jim, Alexandra Paredes, Neko Wienert, Camille Payne

Three of the four first round matchups in the West ended in 5 games, with the Nuggets beating the Timberwolves, the Suns beating the Clippers, and the Lakers beating the Grizzlies. A thriller series between the Warriors and the Kings got pushed to 7 games with the Warriors eventually being able to close out the Kings behind Stephen Curry's 50 piece. In the conference semifinals, the Miami Heat sent the Knicks home in 6 games, punching their ticket to the Eastern conference finals. The Boston Celtics faced off against the Philadelphia 76ers and the series went to 7 games, with Boston closing out the Sixers at home in a blowout fashion.

In the West, the 1 seed Nuggets beat the hobbled Suns in 6 games. The Warriors faced off against the Lakers and the reigning champs had their season cut short by LA, losing in 6 games. Now the conference finals were set; a rematch of the 2020 bubble season, Celtics vs. Heat, and Nuggets vs. Lakers. The Nuggets ended up sweeping the Lakers, advancing to the NBA finals.

The underdog Heat took an early 3-0 series lead over the Celtics but the Celtics rallied to stay in the series, winning 3 games straight to force a game seven in Boston. Although the Celtics were at home the Miami Heat blew them out by 19 points and secured their spot in finals. Now the 2023 NBA finals are set, Nuggets vs. Heat.



Photo Credit: SkyNews

The entire league is excited for a highly anticipated battle between the kings of the West and the underdogs of the East!

School Book Fair

By Lucy Schneider

This May, the Scholastic Book Fair came back to Mr. Barrett's library. Many people found new posters, decorations, and trinkets, as well as a great deal of new books to read. The book fair had many different genres to choose from, including fantasy, nonfiction, mystery, and natural history.

The event was popular with both students and faculty. Some books that Mr. Barret noted to be in demand were *They Both Die at the End* (Adam Silvera), *The Hate U Give* (Angie Thomas) and the *Wings of Fire* series (Tui T. Sutherland). A portion of the profits from the fair go to the school to help fund activities, so thank you to Mr. Barret, as well as all who supported it!

International Night

By Jibreel Reda-Frayn

On May 4th, after school, Nathan Bishop hosted a talent show and international night. The talent show showcased dancing, ballet, rapping, singing, a band performance, and magic. There was also a celebrity appearance, as Judge Frank Caprio attended to witness Nathan Bishop’s talent.



Above: Muhammed Gaye rapping for the talent show.
Photo Credit: Jibreel Reda Frayn

After the show, students, parents, and faculty filed into the cafeteria for food. The international buffet consisted of tables from the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Syria, Ireland, and the United States, providing diverse and varied dishes, such as mac and cheese, fried chicken, pastelitos, tres leches, and many other pastries and entrees. Thank you to the faculty who organized this amazing event and those who eagerly participated!



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World Events

By Khalil Garcia-Llorèns

Nova Scotia Wildfires:

By May 25, the Nova Scotia wildfires had already started. While the cause is currently unknown, authorities suspect it to be human caused. Nova Scotia is currently experiencing several of these wildfires. The largest of the fires has burned more acreage in a week than fires in Nova Scotia have in the last year. The fires are rapidly expanding, and have so far destroyed 200 homes. Power has been lost in affected regions, and over 16,000 have been evacuated from the Halifax area. Smoke from the wildfires has been making its way to the Northeast U.S., including in Providence, where the air has become laden with a slight mist of smoke. Unusual for the region, the wildfires are thought to be fueled by the hot and dry weather in Nova Scotia. The fires are currently uncontrolled, and firefighters are working hard towards a solution.

Ugandan Anti-Homosexuality Bills:

This May, Ugandan parliament passed a bill that gives any perceived homosexual activity a severe penalty, including life imprisonment and death. These bills were requested by the current Ugandan president, Yoweri Museveni. Due to its prosecutorial nature towards an often marginalized group, many Western powers have condemned it, including the U.S., the U.K., and Germany.

Coronation of Prince Charles:



Photo Credit: Wikipedia

On May 6, Prince Charles of Wales of the British Royal Family was crowned in the traditional ceremony to become King Charles III of England. Around 2,200 attended the ceremony. Following the coronation at Westminster Abbey, a large procession was held on the Grounds of Buckingham Palace. Critics note that Charles' ascension to the British Throne marks the end of an era of Britain, from being a colonial power in the early 20th century, to a modern Western nation. With the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, Charles’ ascension also marks the end of an era of Monarchical power on a worldwide scale.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Current_events/May_2023

