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Police, Protestors Face off at Riverdale Pipeline

By Chris Grecco

Riverdale, NJ—Anger grew as the Pompton Lakes Police Department tried to fight off high school protesters at the Riverdale Pipeline. The high school students are protesting recent blocking of the pipeline which was their infamous party spot.

The scene broke out when an unnamed fraternity from Pompton Lakes High School gathered at the Pipeline to underage drink on Friday afternoon instead of going to study hall. They noticed the mounds of dirt and rock blocking the entrance and alerted their friends via snapchat. It eventually went viral.

The #FreeThePipeline trended on twitter and millions of students around the country came out in support of the small town students. Chanting about how “pipeline is a tradition,” the small town does not take lightly to squandering of it.

Although not present at the protest, Vice Principal of PLHS, Mr. Anthony Mattera, has some very strong feelings toward the protest. “The students need a place to party. They need to go to a place here they can relieve all their stress.” (cont. on page 6)

NYU Creates “Safe Spaces” for Students to Whine about Election Results

By John Henry Vitz

New York University - On college campuses in America, college millennials are creating “safe” spaces through bullying everybody with whom they disagree. New York University has announced that safe spaces will be created for students who feel uncomfortable in the company of anyone who voted for Trump, (cont. on page 4)



Pipeline protestors fighting for the rights of students to party

Cross Country Gone Mad

By Melissa Perez

Pompton Lakes, NJ—During Friday night’s football game at Hershfield Park, the cross country team burst onto the field, stabbed the football, and held up protest signs reading

“We’re tired of no one paying attention to us,” shouted the leader of the group, Dijellza Zaku. (cont. on page 7)



Hot and Thirsty DAPL Protestors Sprayed by Police

By Madison Yourth

North Dakota—As things began to heat up at the protests for the Dakota Access Pipeline, police graciously came in with hoses and gently sprayed protesters to cool them off.

Since January of this year, the Sioux and various other groups have been protesting the building of the Dakota Access Pipeline through Standing Rock. As the protests gain more followers, more police have to come in, and some say that officers sprayed protesters with high powered water cannons in freezing temperatures, causing some cases of hypothermia. An officer from Standing Rock with really cool glasses who was at the scene last night, Daniel Schwartz, commented on what happened.

“I just don’t understand what these people are talking about!” he exclaimed, “*Sure*, it was a cannon, but how else could we have reached everyone in the crowd? The people looked hot and tired, not cold! It wouldn’t be fair if only some people got the feeling of refreshing water.”

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Trump Defends Homie from Mad Shade

By Esteban Garcia

New York, NY—Vice President-elect Mike Pence attended highly acclaimed Broadway musical “Hamilton” in New York last Saturday only to meet with some colorful words from the cast. They took center stage, locked arm in arm, and urged Mike Pence to “uphold American values” and “work on behalf of all of us.”

President-elect Donald Trump wasn’t happy about the cast talking smack about his brohanski, so he was tryna start some Twitter beef. Trump threw some shade back, saying, “The cast of Hamilton was very rude last night to a very good man, Mike Pence. Apologize!”

Mike Pence’s response was quote, “Chill,” after Trump’s tweet. “I wasn’t offended from what was said on stage.”

Mike Pence hasn’t been holding up the deal, though. Last month, Mike Pence said he, “Cannot defend,” Donald Trump’s offensive remarks about women. Pence stated, “As a husband and father, I was offended by the words and actions described by Donald Trump in the eleven year-old video released.” Mike Pence was throwing shade at his own homeboy!

Some say that this reveals a critical fault in the Trump-Pence relationship, especially after they disagreed about major issues in their first interview earlier this year in July. Others, though, say that this is some typical petty beef that could easily be squashed. Mike Pence offered up his view on the issue last Sunday saying, “Who cares?”

It is clear that Trump has always been super extra and doesn’t show any signs of stopping. Pence assured the public that their transition had, “the best legal minds in the country” involved. Trump-Pence bromance is preparing for the long haul, as the next four years of presidency are looming before them.

Advice Column

Dear Douglas,

At Thanksgiving, I told my friend to hit me as hard as she could across the face. She listened of course, but instead of hitting my face, her arm whacked me on the side of the head. Now I can't hear out of my left ear. The doctor told me I need to have surgery to fix the problem. Should I sue my friend?

-Abused in PL

Dear Abused,

Smack the other side of your head against the side of a bookcase, causing the same thing to happen in both ears. This way, you will have two ears that do not function. With this, you will probably get a deaf student scholarship for several colleges, and you will not need to sue your friend for money. Good luck!

Douglas

Dear Douglas,

Someone slashed the tires on my WRX. I told Mr. Mattera but the person who committed the crime has still not been found. What should I do?

-Car Lover in PL

Dear Car Lover,

In the middle of sixth period when no one is around, slash two tires from every vehicle parked in the pond hole. The person with the least reaction is guilty. Bring that person to the police station so justice can be served.

Douglas

Douglas is a well respected therapist with little success. His interests are skinny jeans, drinking deviled eggs, and burning encyclopedias.

Students Do Not Want to Pay for Parking

By Serena Mazzella

Pompton Lakes, NJ—The long fight continues for students at PLHS, as they find it wrong to have to pay for their parking spots at school.

Over the years the prices have gone up, causing students to struggle since school parking is a necessity for some. Senior year is pricy as it is, and the price of parking is just the icing on the cake. The students have been left with no options.

Prioritizing parking at school, students are forced to resort to soup kitchens and thrift shopping. "There is no reason that I should have to pay to park at school!," says Karley Flynn, senior at PLHS. She continued on by saying, "I just had to pawn my 3-peat sweatshirt to Mr. Foley to pay for my last parking payment."

Students have been protesting in the parking lot by parking illegally anyways, forcing the police department to go out of their way to individually ticket each car every day. The police department's actions against the parking are a result of how serious the issue is, and the lengths they are willing to go are endless. This case is prioritized before other crimes but the students will not back down.

Teachers have opposing views on the issues. "This is unacceptable," says Mrs. Bonano. "The protests and riots must end! Students should just pay for parking so we can continue school in a safe environment." Whereas Mr. Riordan says, "I think it is awesome that the students are fighting for what they believe in. This is what makes America so great."

Regardless of what anyone says, for now the students are going to fight until they get what they want. They believe they sat around for too long, unnecessarily paying for something until they are out of money. They will not give up any time soon.



Impoverished senior, Shkumbin, receives a meal from the PLHS soup kitchen

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including family members and previously close friends.

“Thanksgiving was hard, and I felt very alone,” said Kale Weber, a freshman from Detroit. “I have grandparents nearby and I was going to stay with them. But they voted for Trump and think gender doesn’t go beyond male and female. It is kind of hard to love them even though they pay for my education and have always supported my major life decisions.”

NYU has announced that safe spaces are “A beneficial social haven in which college kids who feel threatened can be safe and feel unchallenged in their opinions.”

NYU has gone on to create safe spaces all over their campus in order to accommodate all students who did not support Trump and are distraught about the election. “We believe all non-Trump supporters should be given a place to cry on each others’ shoulders about how he is a fascist racist while they blame white people for ruining America, engage in white guilt fueled race degradation, and shout down anybody who attempts to challenge their own ideas about the world,” said NYU in response to a question regarding the possible hypocrisy of creating safe spaces for people who preach acceptance and discriminate against people who think differently from them.

“We have a lot to fear,” a college millennial said, while sipping a pumpkin spice latte from Starbucks. “We have to deal with extreme racism, sexism, bigotry, xenophobia, genocide, global nuclear war and the inevitable Trump-ordered holocaust.” He spoke with us in between chants of ‘not my president’ and ‘dump the trump’.

“Safe spaces provide us a haven to concentrate on solving these problems while simultaneously reinforcing our fragile egos through conformation of untested ideas from a large amount of similarly thinking people,” he stated, momentarily pausing to yell about how narrow minded Trump is, “and feeling validated for announcing our support to groups of marginalized peoples that never interject different ideas is very comforting.”

Assorted college millennials we found hovering around a Hillary shrine went on to state that they have been “fighting the system” by protesting on their own college campuses, chanting offensive statements against everybody who attempts to have a conversation with them, and rioting in the streets to convince others that they are a peaceful and sensible group with good arguments.

“Well my professors told me that college was a place for me to be safe, rather than be introduced to ideas which remotely challenge my own preconceived notions of the world,” said another millennial who was wearing communist symbols and yelling about fascism as he stomped on the American flag, “and since all adults are credible and trustworthy, I listen and live as if what they say is god’s word.”

College millennials know that rejecting all constructive conversation in favor of savage yelling and insulting everybody with slightly different ideas is the best way to protect safe spaces, and here at NYU, they will do anything to keep their ideas, and minds, in a safe space mentality.

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Marie Ann, one of the protesters who did not have glasses as cool as Daniel, was one of many who misunderstood the whole situation. “I am really upset right now,” she whined “the cannons were really painful and the spray hit my grandmother who fell over! It was sub-freezing last night!”

The police at Standing Rock urge the people to understand that the whole situation is a misunderstanding. They definitely have no ill will towards Native Americans at all and care immensely about their well-being. Michael Ray, another officer deployed at Standing Rock with a dashing smile had something to say that he thought would be important to add to the conversation.

“Alright,” he shrugged “there was that genocide, and the Trail of Tears, but *come on!* Discrimination is over! Racism doesn’t exist anymore after 1964! They’re being dramatic! It’s not even like this will affect their drinking water!”

A representative from the company trying to build the pipeline, Energy Transfer Partners, made it clear to us that just because this pipeline will go through a sacred Sioux graveyard and in the event of a problem with the pipe it would poison their water supply, that it is in the greater good of us all to sacrifice a little for better capitalistic gains.

“Think about it,” she said “Sometimes if you wanna make a little money, you gotta screw some people over simple as that... I, uh, mean we are definitely not doing that because our pipe will be impervious to human error... Hmm, oh is that a phone call? Whoops gotta get this”

We will report more as more developments come in.

Advice Colum [Dell]

Q&A

Q: Hi, I'm Colum Dell, and I've been living in Pompton Lakes for a while now. Recently, my parents broke the news to me that we are moving to Texas. I was wondering how do I fit into the Texan lifestyle?

A: Hello Colum. Moving into another state can be very difficult for some people. You must become a cattle ropin', horse ridin' cowboy if you want to make it down in The Lone Star State. You are gonna need to buy tons of steaks and whole lot of ten gallon hats

Q: What If I forget someone's name?

A: If you forget a Southerner's name, refer to him or her as Bubba. You have a 75% chance of being right.

Q: How do I talk like a Texan?

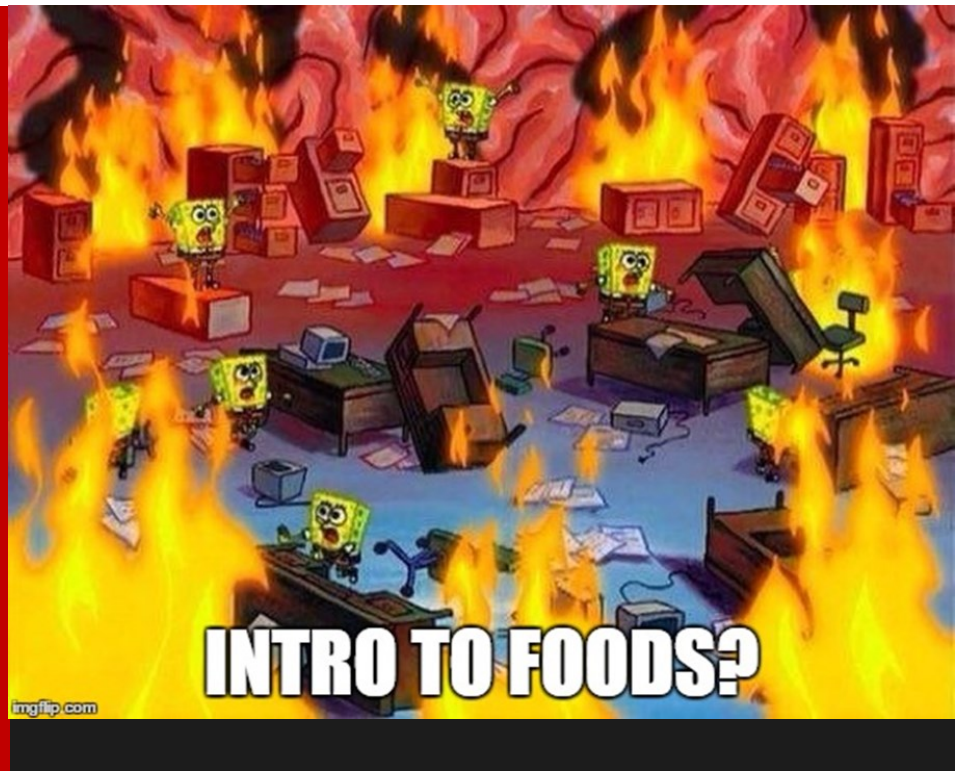
A: The proper pronunciation you learned in school is no longer proper. Y'all is singular, All Y'all is plural, and All Y'all's is plural possessive. Don't be worried that you can't understand anyone though. They can't understand you and your Yankee way of speaking.

Q: What do Texans eat?

A: Anything that can be fried in bacon grease. If it can't be fried, then it ain't worth cooking, let alone eating

Q: What do I do if I get lost in Texas?

A: You can ask a Southerner for directions, but unless you already know the positions of key hills, trees and rocks, you're better off trying to find where you're going by yourself.



Samsung Exploded “Only Like A Little” Reports Local Hero

By Chris Mancinelli

Pompton Lakes, NJ—Local Hero, Tommy D.’s pants caught fire during period 4 study hall.

He felt a burning sensation on his hip, but whether it was the phone or the copy of “Fantasy Island” in his pocket, he wasn’t sure. One thing we are sure of though, is that his phone did explode. Local Hero reassured everyone when he pulled out his phone and posted the incident on Facebook. “One like equals one prayer.”

“It is true my phone did explode and catch my pants on fire. That does not make me a liar, however and it by far is not the worst burn I had in that area.

“My pants are now destroyed and that means that I need to go to the local Walmart for more,” Local Hero went on to share unnecessarily. “If any female would like to join me please let me know. Usually my mother goes pants shopping with me.”

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Local Teen Looking for Pity Change from Peers

Tradition Being Torn from Young High School Students

By Karley Flynn

Outskirts of Wayne, NJ—Pompton Lakes has been known for its pride and tradition since the 1100s. Students live and die for traditions such as color wars, the annual bonfire, and uncensored letters to Santa. Since this spirited high school is supposedly known for tradition, students were appalled when they were told that their Halloween assembly would be taken away on October 27th.

More than five students came together and slaved for over 24 minutes to get a Halloween assembly planned. When students told the principle, Dr. P that they had everything sorted out, the students were turned down and were told that they were too late.

“What I saw when I walked into Miss Helm’s room was fascinating,” said students Serena Mazzella and Brooke Boniello. “Andrew Carroll and Kelly Minard tied up Helm up and were burning FBLA trophies in honor of the lost Halloween assembly.”

The rebellion continued in senior hallway where students were chanting, and spray painting all over the lockers pride and tradition. One student even went far enough to throw a plastic bottle into the garbage before screaming, “Yeah thanks assembly planning,” while making dramatic air quotes.

The riots have calmed down but students are considering retaliation during the Christmas assembly, if that even happens.

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The Pipeline is a place where many of the students’ parents and even grandparents travelled to have parties and is an important tradition in the Pompton Lakes community.

Local hometown hero and gym teacher, Justin Jones, reminisced about how the Pipeline has helped him become the man he is today. “Without the Pipeline how will the student ever get a football scholarship like I did? What will help them get into a good college?” Jones is appalled by the actions of the PLPD, and hopes they put a stop to it soon.

In a town where pride and tradition have been infused into the heads of all students by the time they were three, these students are taking a heroic stand on one of the few traditions they have left. Their hopes are that the PLPD removes the barricade and they can party freely once more.



A tease almost as big as Karley’s head

Letter to the Editor
End Underclassman
Hunger

Dear Editor,

There is an obvious need for more food in PLHS: the underclassmen are hungry. They cannot stop eating each other's faces in between every single period.

I believe that these scandalous acts are retaliation for the increased prices of cafeteria food. Why buy a bag of chips for \$1.50 when you can eat the person's face next to you for free? Unfortunately, monkey bread every single day last year was not enough to ease their stomachs.

The introduction of Chef Foley this year has been a step in the right direction to ending underclassman hunger. Hopefully Foley will be able to make enough food for all the underclassmen. Together, with the help of Chef Foley, we can end underclassman hunger.

Sincerely,
Andrew Carroll



AJ's pizza employees strut. Read a full review at thenestreview.wordpress.com

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“Why should football get a field? We want a real track.”

While some members chopped up tires on the sidelines for a real rubber track

Others dug up the old, pot-hole ridden track while football fans in the stands looked in shock.

“Who the hell is even going on a trip cross country” questioned delinquent, high school dropout, Brianna Lim. Only angered more by this idiotic statement, Mr. Hennessy, member of the Pompton Lakes High School English Department, came speeding through the gates in his Nissan Altima, and began tearing up the football field by doing donuts on it. With a crazed look in his eyes, he began laughing menacingly and sets fire to the stands.

After hearing the football coach hurriedly explaining that cross country is running, Chris Grecco, a hot headed football player scoffed, “Anyone can run, it’s not a sport.”

Slowly but surely the cross country team lit their matches and started melting the rubber onto the track. Paralyzed in shock, everyone stared but had nothing to say.

Zaku added that she had joy rushing through her veins as she smelled the burning rubber and smoke from the stands, which she concluded, “It’s lit.”

Off-Season Football Players Dominate on All Fields of Play

By The Editor

The Caf—As post football-season boredom sets in, athletes look to life-and-death challenges to sate their thirst for competition.

Joe Nic found himself in a match of wits with Ty Money Tuesday afternoon which could only be settled with a bet. No one could translate what Tyler said, but he and Colum “Tex” Dell went on to purchase three rows of spicy sweet chili Doritos in the caf vending machine and pondered if Joe could eat them by the end of the period.

Reports claim Joe Nic had already consumed four bags before the bet began. “It’s a warm-up,” he claimed while writing his name on the gymnasium wall with Doritos dust. “What’s one mile before a marathon?”

Tyler clicked his tongue a few times, snapped his fingers, and leaped onto the table, crushing several bags of chips. Joe ripped open a bag and consumed the crumbs in one gulp.

“I’ve watched a lot of messed-up youtube videos,” Jake Newton, resident opera singer said after the fact, “but the destruction I witnessed that afternoon makes the war in Syria look like *The Sound of Music*.”

Study Hall supervisors watched in amazement, according to one witness. One stared with dismay into the trashcan while another joined in the fun by chugging some filtered junior hallway water.

In the span of ten minutes, Joe Nic tackled twelve bags of Doritos and didn’t vomit in gym class the following period. Another Cardinal victory!

Editor’s Note

This newspaper is satire, meaning it identifies issues with society and seeks to bring attention to necessary change through humor.

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Joe Nic “dominates” on the cafeteria table