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BOSTON IS TITLE TOWN

BY JULIA CENSULLO

Living in the New England area, people are very intertwined with sports. Even if they choose not to worship the gods of Orr and Fisk like we do in my house, their lives are impacted by the dominance of this area's sports teams. In the past 10 years, in 4 sports, there have been 7 championships won by a New England or Boston team. Each team has won its title through challenges and even some adversity.

The team that has brought home the most championship titles, in this decade, is the New England Patriots with 3 Vince Lombardi trophies to their name. When Drew Bledsoe was injured and out for the season in 2001, the responsibility of running the offense was thrust upon the shoulders of Tom Brady, a second year quarterback from Michigan that had not started for the Patriots. After that fateful season, which led to the victory of Super Bowl XXXVI, Brady led the Pats to two more. Under the ever scrutinizing eye of head coach Bill Belichick, the Patriots have become a force to be reckoned with, not only in the AFC East, but the NFL as a whole.

Right behind the Patriots in the number of championships this decade, are the Boston Red Sox. We all know about the 86 year strife that was once known as being a Red Sox fan. After all, how much faith can you have in a bunch of “Idiots”? However, the Curse of the Bambino was reversed in 2004. It took a bloody sock, Jesus playing centerfield and a full lunar eclipse, but it was won. The Sox repeated this accomplishment again in 2007. The celebration was less of a shock this time around, won to the tune of “Sweet Caroline” and “Shipping Up to Boston.” How many other teams have had a pitcher step-dancing on the pitcher's mound?

After championships came to the city in the years 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2007, it was only a matter of time before another team from Boston made themselves known. It happened. In 2008, the Boston Celtics won the NBA Championship. They had to “Beat LA” in order to do it, but when the Finals rolled around, it was the Celtics that were victorious.

Three years seem like a long time to Boston sports fans. It was time for the Bruins to do their part in making Boston “Title Town.” 82 regular season games is physically taxing enough. However, in order for Lord Stanley's Cup to come to Boston, the Bruins would have to face a 7 game series against their most hated rivals, reverse history of a 4 game sweep from just a year prior, defend against 2 more 7 game series, and watch as Nathan Horton lay motionless on the ice. It wasn't always pretty, nor was it perfect but, Tim Thomas saved, Horton brought dirty water to Vancouver and in the end, Lord Stanley's Cup was lifted in the air by the massive 6'7" Zdeno Chara.

Living in New England, sports run deep. There will always be the images of Orr flying and Fisk waving the ball fair. Now we can add the memories of rolling rallies, streaming tears, confetti and champagne showers, and even more trophies being hoisted. So cheers to Boston sports. I know who my “Papi” is, I will never “Ole, ole, ole,” and I will always keep the faith.

IS CLIMATE CHANGE WORRISOME?

BY BRIAN HANIDES

July 21st, it's 92 degrees and humid outside. 6 months later, January 21st, and it is 20 degrees outside with a high risk of frostbite. Welcome to New England. While even those of us who are born and bred here don't always enjoy it, it's a fact of life we've all come to know and sometimes love. It's usually rather routine. December means snow and July means scorching temperatures. Lately, however, this is not the case. It seems that since the beginning of this year, the temperatures have been abnormal. It was cold through May, and when the heat finally came, it decided to linger to the point where we saw 60s in December. Even though now the weather has become, once again, freezing cold at a normal time, the timing is more concerning. Not only does the time frame itself seem pushed back, but we (gladly) accepted a snow day at the end of October and then saw a rise in temperatures that wouldn't again fall until mid-December.

It's not that those who cry hurricane are anything new. Citizens of the world have been pouting about climate change ever since Al Gore decided it would be a good idea to attempt an election sweep with the idea of saving the environment. Personally, I believe in getting over the deficit and focusing more on space exploration—we can't get attacked by other nations over spilt milk (or trillions of dollars) when we're colonizing a moon of Saturn, now can we? My own conspiracy theories aside, climate change is nothing new in the news. Yet, it seems to alarm a reasonable amount of locals each and every year. What direction is the climate taking, and is it really life threatening?

IS OUR SCHOOL SAFE?

BY JULIA CENSULLO

High school isn't exactly the most exciting place to spend time. However, when it comes to our safety, we all just assume that nothing will happen to us. We view ourselves as something indestructible. A few weeks ago, there was a "bomb threat" posted on one of the bathroom walls. While security and the administration viewed the threat as illegitimate (the word "bomb" was spelled incorrectly), it worries me that this fact was never formally presented to teachers by form of e-mail. As can be seen, nothing happened to the school or any member of the student body. It is a breach in the feeling of security we've come to expect at school.

Everyone knows about horrific incidents such as the Columbine shootings and the Virginia Tech tragedy. Events like these can happen anywhere and Haverhill High School is nothing different.. An illegitimate bomb threat is not something to call in a SWAT team for; however, it does beg the question of whether or not we are really safe in our school.



Visitors to the high school are required to check in at the security desk located by the main office.

THE COLOR OF THE MATTER IS...

BY BRIAN HANIDES

Working with the research of others as sourced evidence, we can easily see that colors are more than just the work of your brain interpreting light's reaction to objects. Colors can also have a psychological effect, and with the school in the process of being color coded, one wonders if the student body will be impacted.

Black: Black is the color of authority and power. It is popular in fashion because it makes people appear thinner. It is also stylish and timeless. Black also implies submission. Priests wear black to signify submission to God. Some fashion experts say a woman wearing black implies submission to men. Black outfits can also be overpowering, or make the wearer seem aloof or evil. Villains, such as Dracula, often wear black.

White: Brides wear white to symbolize innocence and purity. White reflects light and is considered a summer color. White is popular in decorating and in fashion because it is light, neutral, and goes with everything. However, white shows dirt and is therefore more difficult to keep clean than other colors. Doctors and nurses wear white to imply sterility.

Red: The most emotionally intense color, red stimulates a faster heartbeat and breathing. It is also the color of love. Red clothing gets noticed and makes the wearer appear heavier. Since it is an extreme color, red clothing might not help people in negotiations or confrontations. Red cars are popular targets for thieves. In decorating, red is usually used as an accent. Decorators say that red furniture should be perfect since it will attract attention. The most romantic color, pink, is more tranquil. Sports teams sometimes paint the locker rooms used by opposing teams bright pink so their opponents will lose energy.

Blue: The color of the sky and the ocean, blue is one of the most popular colors. It causes the opposite reaction as red. Peaceful, tranquil blue causes the body to produce calming chemicals, so it is often used in bedrooms. Blue can also be cold and depressing. Fashion consultants recommend wearing blue to job interviews because it symbolizes loyalty. People are more productive in blue rooms. Studies show weightlifters are able to handle heavier weights in blue gyms. Interestingly enough, in 2008, blue street lights were placed in many Japanese subways in an attempt to harvest the tranquility of the color and reduce suicide rates. No absolute results have been proven, however.

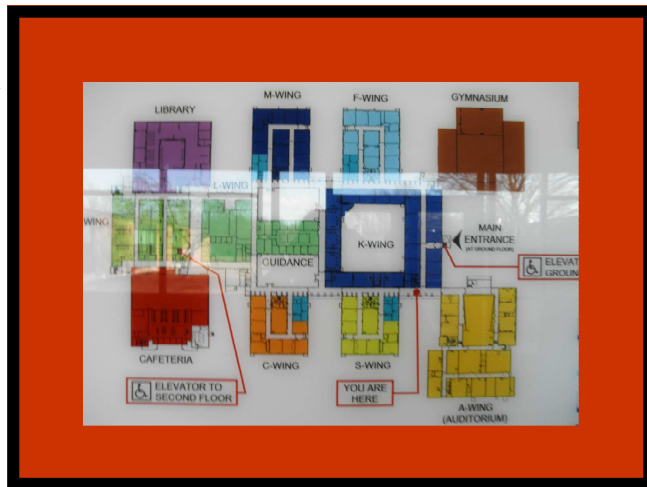
Green: Currently the most popular decorating color, green symbolizes nature. It is the easiest color on the eye and can improve vision. It is a calming, refreshing color. People waiting to appear on TV sit in "green rooms" to relax. Hospitals often use green because it relaxes patients. Brides in the Middle Ages wore green to symbolize fertility. Dark green is masculine, conservative, and implies wealth. However, seamstresses often refuse to use green thread on the eve of a fashion show for fear it will bring bad luck.

Yellow: Cheerful sunny yellow is an attention getter. While it is considered an optimistic color, people lose their tempers more often in yellow rooms, and babies will cry more. It is the most difficult color for the eye to take in, so it can be overpowering if overused. Yellow enhances concentration, hence its use for legal pads. It also speeds metabolism.

Purple: The color of royalty, purple connotes luxury, wealth, and sophistication. It is also feminine and romantic. However, because it is rare in nature, purple can appear artificial.

Brown: Solid, reliable brown is the color of earth and is abundant in nature. Light brown implies genuineness. Brown can also be sad and wistful. Men are more apt to say brown is one of their favorite colors.

What does this mean for the school, anyway? Luckily, the system most likely isn't picking favorites with wings but rather using colors for organization rather than psychological control. Interesting, nonetheless.



A WORD WITH THE MAGICAL, MUSICAL MR. GORI

BY LEXI BALEVRE

Every year, the Haverhill High School Drama Club puts a lot of effort into their school plays. These plays are entertaining to the students and adults who see them, and even the stars themselves. This year, the Drama Club has already done an excellent job with their first play, *Noises Off!*, which had many laughs from the audience. But this year's plays have differences compared to the school plays in the past years.

Joseph Gori is in charge of the school plays here at HHS, and is certain that the plays this year will all be great. When asked how the idea of *Noises Off!* was formed, he replied, "I have four seniors who want to major in Musical Theater, and I wanted to choose a play that's challenging. *Noises Off!* is a very well-known play for beginning actors, so I thought it would be beneficial for them in the future." *Noises Off!* received much praise from students and faculty. There were many jokes, falls, and innuendos. The main problem with the play is it's hard to follow plot. People who have not seen the movie didn't quite understand because of the fast progression and the concept of being a play within a play. "I had no idea what was going on, but the play was still hilarious," said Ivelisse Pabon. Other students, however, thought the play was redundant and the humor died down after a while. "I thought the play was boring," said Odilia Mok. "The play was too long and started to become redundant." The play was unlike other plays in the past, but it represented a different kind of drama to the high school.

Upcoming plays this year will be *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and *Into The Woods*. *Charlie Brown* will be a cute and simple play based on the famous comic strips of Charles Schultz. "*Charlie Brown* is taken right from the comic strips. This play is meant for the elementary schools to see." Mr. Gori said. *Into The Woods* is a fairy tale story with tragedy.

The one change in plays that many were disappointed in was not showing *A Christmas Carol*. Mr. Gori said, "We wanted to mix it up this year. We've been doing *A Christmas Carol* for 5 years now. We wanted to do something new." With the production of *Noises Off!* there wouldn't be any time to do *A Christmas Carol* by Christmas. But due to popular demand, *A Christmas Carol* will return next year. The dates of the upcoming plays are to be announced.

