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Life Drones On

Domestic drone use is rapidly increasing and may threaten our human rights.

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Features Editor

Planes that can level houses, yet have no person in them?
Hummingbirds... with video cameras?
Flies that are robots?

Drone technology is advancing quickly. Unmanned aircraft has been used for military use recently in history.

These unmanned aircrafts, or drones, have evolved over time. The first drones were strictly used for military use.

The first time the military used a drone is unsure. According to *The Nation*, in the late 1950s, guided cruise missiles were used.

These may be the first form of what has developed into drones today.

Since then, drones have been created to not just be missiles, but to be unmanned aircraft used for surveillance and can deliver bombs.

It has been reported an armed drone was used in February 2002, to target Osama Bin Laden, but there is evidence for use even earlier than this time.

Over time, drone technology has drastically improved. Drones now have heat sensors, thermal imagers, and even attached weapons. They can range from the size of a plane, to the size of a fly. These drones have helped to save many lives, as there does not have to be a person in the drone itself and it can be controlled from miles away.

Though drones have been used in the military in the past, unmanned drones have the possibility of having many positive uses in our society and may begin to be incorporated into our everyday lives.

Law enforcement is already beginning to start to use drones.

According to the *New York Daily News*, there are tens of thousands of domestic drones being used in the United States. Some of these drones are not only being used by law enforcement, but the movie industry and environmental organizations.

The movie industry is using them to shoot films to capture angles that are too hard to capture without them. Environmental organizations use them for surveying land, especially in instances such as a wildfire.

To me, this poses some interesting possibilities of how drones may be used in the future and shows how man keeps pushing forward. However, whenever a major change in our society occurs, a new array of possible consequences arises.

If law enforcement is given the ability to use the drone, the question then arises to when it may be used.

Dr. Ladd, a history and government teacher, thinks that domestic drone use can be a slippery slope.

"I think it should be used in basic law enforcement. It could be great for information gathering and there is no loss of life when using a drone. However, it is a dangerous door to open for the public to be able to use drones," said Dr. Ladd.

The use of drones in law enforcement has been increasing as more and more law enforcement groups are getting ahead of the technology.

Will this use of drones evolve into an invasion of privacy and violate our human rights?

Not only law enforcement, but other people in society want to have drone technology.

From farmers using it to survey their crops, to the movie industry using it to shoot films, drones could become a useful tool for many people.

However, the question arises whether this can happen without the technology falling into the wrong person's hands.

"Once they open the door for others that are not a part of law enforcement to use drones, the use will become increasingly higher. There will always be a way to justify why it is safe," said Dr. Ladd.

Drone technology is advancing and spreading quickly. It is important for us to make sure it does not end up violating our human rights.

"The way to stop it from violating our human rights is to complain a lot. If enough people complain they won't do it," said Dr. Ladd.

Domestic drone use has increased and it will probably continue to increase among law enforcement. It's rise – like cell phone technology – will be exponential. Really, we are just seeing the start of this.

If drone use is not limited in some way for law enforcement, it may result in a violation of our human rights. There must be only specific times

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when a drone should be used, such as an emergency or when there is a warrant to search an area.

If not, it will violate our rights as they will be able to survey anywhere without limitations, with no way to stop them.

With more and more law enforcement groups getting ahead of the drone technology, the easier it will be for it to slip into the wrong person's hand.

If drones were allowed to the public, there would be way too much abuse of the technology.

For example, a thief may get ahead of the technology and be able to survey somewhere they may want to stage a heist. Others could create their own drone or even attach some sort of weapon system on the drone causing havoc.

There are too many possible instances in which drones may be used by others that are not a part of law enforcement, which may violate our human rights and cause harm to our society.

The worst part about this all is that much of the population does not know about this uprising conflict.

More people need to become aware of drone technology, as it may become a large part of our society in the near future.

Otherwise, we may never know who or what will be watching over us in the future.

Case Closed

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"When you're a lawyer, you are responsible for preparing direct examination questions, cross examination questions, opening and closing statements, and memorizing objections," said Fraser.

The mock trial team has been meeting every week since November for about two hours each time.

"The pressure of the competition is intense, but it's my favorite part," said Biafore.

Senior Michael Lepior is another student who is no stranger to the mock trial team.

"I have been in mock trial for three years, and this year I was both a witness and a lawyer," Lepior said.

The responsibility that Michael Lepior took on was tremendous, and overall, he scored relatively well.

"Preparing for the competition is a lot of work. As a lawyer and a witness, you just have to work with your teammates and trust each other," said Lepior.

Fraser and Lepior both agree that the actual competition is the best part of being in mock

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Students

Clayton Rygwelski



Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?
A: I want to be a chef and open my own restaurant.

Q: Favorite subject?

A: Culinary Arts and Chemistry

Q: Favorite Teacher?

A: Mr. Schleder

Q: Favorite Holiday?

A: Easter

Sam Schaffer



Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?
A: A college professor

Q: Favorite subject?
A: English

Q: Favorite teacher?

A: It's a tie between Mr. Murphy and Mr. Ladd

Q: Favorite holiday?

A: Anyone with food, so I guess all of them

trial.
"The entire team did really good. Our prosecution side faced an intense defense side, but our defense team versed a relatively easy team," said Fraser.

The mock trial team, despite their tremendous effort, did not qualify for the state competition this year, but with some of the students who will step up next year, the team is sure to claim a spot amongst the champions.

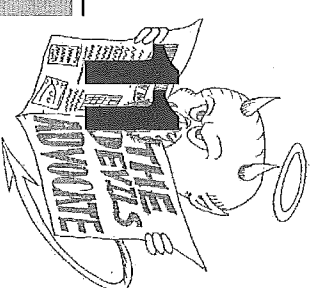
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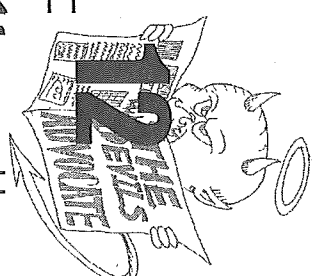
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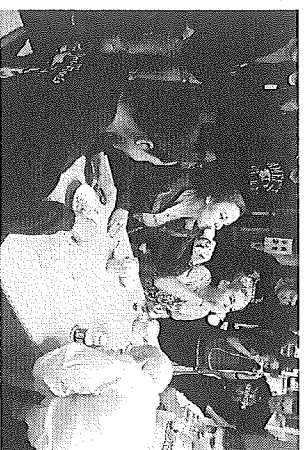
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St. Patrick's Day



Lucky Charms Eating Contest!

Adam Boyd, Caitlyn Gordon, Madison Zarkowski, Xavier Knuckles, and Dr. Ladd competed in the annual Lucky Charms Eating Contest on March 15. Dr. Ladd defended his win from last year by narrowly beating out Adam Boyd to claim the free box of Lucky Charms.

HOROSCOPES

Aries: March 21 – April 20

Although you've been very busy recently, always make time for the important things like work, friends and, most importantly, family. Set aside time just for them.

Favorite Flower: Lavender

Taurus: April 21 – May 21

You've been feeling pretty good about your latest accomplishments, but you've become a bit to full of yourself. Take a breath and see how others are doing. Try to give off some of your good energy.

Favorite Flower: Foxglove

Gemini: May 22 — June 21

You're quite the prankster this month. April fools is going to be a great day for you, Not only will you get tons of laughs, but you'll receive an unexpected text or call from someone you've forgotten about.

Favorite flower: Lilac

Cancer: June 22 — July 23

They always say laughing cleans the soul, which works in your case this month. Your laughter is contagious and someone you like will notice your adorable laugh. With your constant good attitude and just being yourself, this will be one of the best months ever.

Favorite flower: Daffodil

Leo: July 24 – August 23

All the stress you've had lately has been eating you up. You're attitude has been

offensive and isn't pleasant to be around. Attempt to fake a good attitude until you have one. You—and everyone else—will really appreciate.

Favorite Flower: Bleeding hearts

Virgo: August 24 – September 23

Jealousy isn't your best color. Look at the things you have going for you in your life, and be grateful. You always want more, but what you do have is not that terrible. Appreciate what you have and try not to focus on what you don't.

Favorite Flower: Aster

Libra: September 24 – October 23

You've been very attentive to all your friends lately. You help the continuously with their problems, but they don't usually help with yours. While realizing this, start to look for the friends that are with you for your issues too. Stop over extending yourself for those who don't really care.

Favorite Flower: Peony

Scorpio: October 24 – November 22

Rumors can be hurtful, and maybe you've been the core of where they start. Step back and think about how you would feel if you heard someone gossiping about you in that way.

Favorite Flower: Veraine

Sagittarius: November 23- December 21

There is nothing wrong with being a little mysterious. Don't try too hard to impress,

it will only push them away. Playing a little hard to get is good, you don't need to seem easy to get. Go with your gut instinct; if you think they're playing games, and then don't waste your time.

Favorite flower: Tulip

Capricorn: December 22 - January 20

This coming month is going to be rough. With so much on your mind, it's hard to focus on anything anymore. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger, so as the days go on, you live and learn, trying to make your days better.

Favorite flower: Rose

Aquarius: January 21—February 19

Bad days just lead to worse days. Don't let people bring you down. You only live once. That's one shot to make it the best it can be. Keep a smile on your face and be yourself, because better days are on there way.

Favorite flower: Daisy

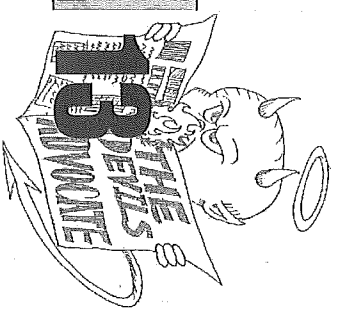
Pisces: February 20-march 20

You feel pretty good about your situation, though you couldn't say why exactly. It's just an unconscious insight that you can get more done than usual, and it's working for you. Don't question it! Unexpected things will happen to you and they'll leave you speechless, in a good way.

Favorite flower: Orchid

Features

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Cheerleaders holler their way into history

By: Adam Boyd
Sports Editor

"It felt really good to make history," said senior and four-year cheerleader Joanna Fenwick.

Fenwick competed in Rounds One and Three this year at the 2013 MHSAA Cheerleading State Competition, held on March 2 at the Delta Plex Arena in Grand Rapids.

This year the cheerleaders set a state record becoming the first team to win and defend a state title in Division Three. After Round Two, Fenwick was certain that she and her team had just defended their state title. "Our Rounds One and Two were just too strong for anyone to catch us," said Fenwick.

For Fenwick this year's experience was better than last year's. She said, "It wasn't easy. The target was on our back and we just worked so much harder for it."

Fenwick finally felt like her hard work had paid off. "I've been working towards this goal ever since 5th grade when I started gymnastics. If I learned one thing it would be that every day brings you a new challenge and you have to draw from past experiences to get through the new challenges."

Fenwick believed the team has become more than a family that just a team because the younger people have learned what it takes to win and because of how close they were to winning before.

She wants next year's team to remember what winning feels like and to not let that feeling slip away.

Another senior and four-year cheerleader is Ashley Barrett. Barrett also said this year's experience was better. She said, "Last year was more exciting because it was a new experience, but this year was better because it felt like we earned it more."

Like Fenwick, Barrett was also in Rounds One and Three.

"If you are willing to work hard enough for something then you can achieve it as long as you put in the time and work for it," said Barrett.

She thinks that her team is more of a family than other teams because of all the bonding they do during practice and outside of cheer. Barrett thinks of the team as her sisters and brother. "Can't forget Jonah," said Barrett, referring to sophomore Jonah VandenBussche.

Alyssa Brickel another RHS senior cheerleader said, "It felt good knowing that I could do something great with my



Cheerleaders hoist up their state championship trophy. *(photo credit RHS yearbook)*

team.

Brickel was also in all three rounds of the competition.

The cheerleaders seemed to think that they won after Round Three from the looks on their coaches' faces and all they put into the season.

Brickel and Barrett both said, "The way the last three rounds went, and what we put ourselves through in the season, we just put all our hearts into it and it turned out to be how we wanted it to be."

Brickel added, "Knowing I can accomplish anything I want to really opened the doors for me because I know what I can do and how much more I can do if I just commit myself to it is amazing."

Brickel is also fond of her rings. She said, "My rings! I will wear them every day to show off my pride and hard work!"

All the senior cheerleaders including Brickel, Fenwick, and Barrett all said "I wouldn't change anything that happened this season because everything all happens for a reason."

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Girls' Tennis

Winning Districts and Regionals is one thing. Getting all the way through to the State Finals is a whole other animal.

With a talent-filled squad, the girls' tennis team looks to reclaim their Regional championship with another strong season. The team has won four straight District titles and three straight Regional titles, but has been trying to improve in order to take home a State title. Expectations, therefore, are obviously high for the upcoming season.

Of the returning athletes, senior Anabella Ottenbacher is optimistic about claiming another Regional title.

"We always come back expecting to," said

Ottenbacher, who plays first singles.

Ottenbacher said she loves playing tennis on a team with a winning tradition. Not only does tennis involve the team as a whole, but the athletes compete individually as well.

Coach Pearson expects a lot out of this team since he has many players returning from last year's team. He said the players have been hitting in the offseason and receiving group lessons.

Among the objectives that Coach Pearson has for his team includes winning Districts and Regionals again, having the team elected as the Macomb County Team of the Year, and performing strongly in the State Finals. "We want to have a better finish," Pearson said.

Golf

With Spring comes the golfers waiting for the good weather. Good weather only means golf season is about to begin and it is time to begin practice outdoors.

Some golfers have been working on their game over the offseason by practicing at the Dome. Junior Jacob Folske was one of those golfers.

Folske has been looking forward to golfing once again for his third season on the team. He expects his team to compete for one of the top three spots in the standings. He says the best part is actually meeting with the new kids.

"I always look forward to golfing with new people and talking to new kids from other schools," Folske said.

Unlike last year, the team will have a new coach this season. Lee School teacher Mr. Parlandg will be coaching the team now, though, he does not believe that this should affect the team's run at winning the Blue Water Area Conference this year.

Beyond just getting the conference title, Parlandg wants to see other accomplishments, too. "I want to have some kids qualify to States," he said.

The problem, though, is that the warmer spring weather has not broken out yet. He wants to get his team out on the course as fast as he can.

As the team waits for the weather to break, the team will begin their practice at the Golf Country Club in Marysville and hit off heated tees. In order to win the title away from Cross-Lex, the team will be getting as much practice in as possible before the season officially tees off.

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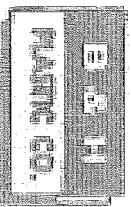
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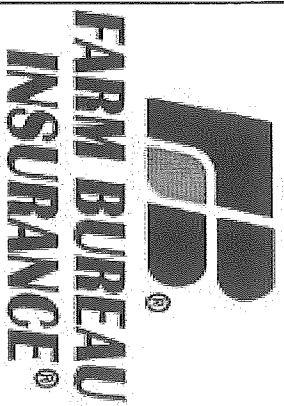
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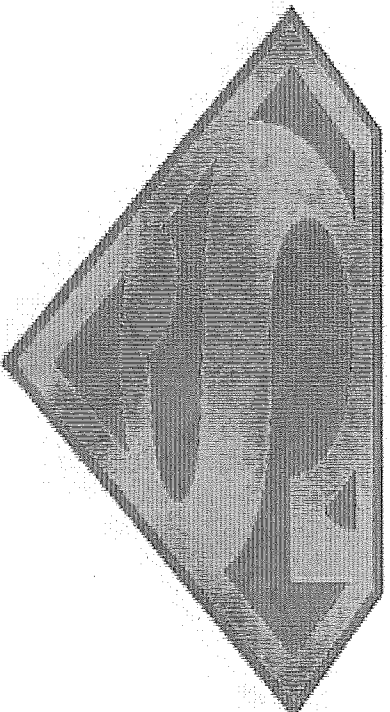
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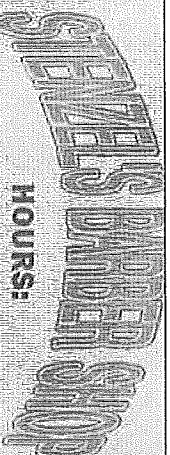
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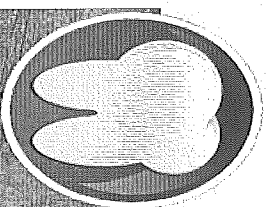
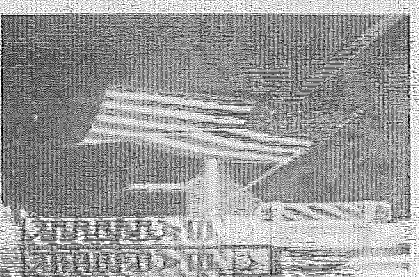
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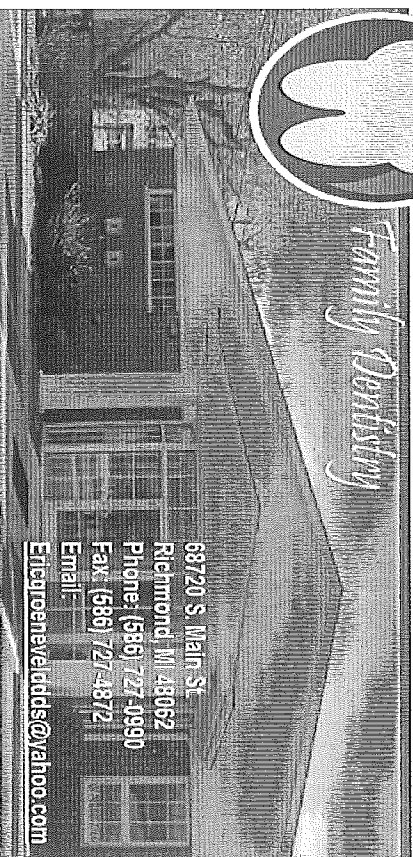


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