

## Preckade background Student loses traction on icy roads, crashes Enjoying their cupcakes and other delicious Losing control of steering, senior Jayden Bridgesnacks, sophomores Maddie Estrem and man tries to point his tires as far right as they can Meredith Johnson partake in the girls event at New Hope Emblem of God. Every year, go, but the car will not turn as it hurtles towards the the church has an event just for girls where middle of the roundabout. Crashing into the "yield" people bring a variety of snacks to enjoy while sign, Bridgeman demolishes the front bumper of they help the girls connect to God. his 2012 Ford Mustang. The impact rips off part of Photo by Makenzie Hill his bumper and shatters his passenger headlight. Uninjured, Bridgeman got out to assess the damage and looked down at the wrecked front of his car and the grounded sign, a worried expression Senior Jayden Bridgemann ason his face. He was wondering how he was going to sesses the damage to his musbreak the news to his parents about what was going tange after an accident caused by to be \$2,400 in damage. Officer Bryan Townes, icey and snow covered roads. "I couldn't believe I just got in another who happened to be nearby during the crash, came accident. I just got my car back a up to Bridgeman and offered to help. "He (Officer few weeks earlier from my last accident," Bridgemann said. Photo by Katrina Fev Townes) offered to call my mom for me so that saved me," Bridgeman said. Officer Townes was sympathetic. "It wasn't really his fault, he just hit a patch of ice and went off the road." The city constructed four roundabouts on 62nd Avenue between 86th Street and the high school in 2012. City Works Manager Dave Cubit believes they are a polarizing issue. A poll conducted by the city showed 42% liked them, 36% did not and the remaining 22% did not have an opinion. However, they have been effective in decreasing accidents and helping traffic flow. Cubit said in the year before the roundabouts there were eight reported accidents. In the year after the roundabouts were constructed the number was cut in half. While some held the belief the roundabouts slowed traffic, Cubit said research showed otherwise. "Before the roundabouts were in place we had a stoplight and at the stoplight you'd have to wait team, so I grew up cheering for them. When they won for it to cycle through, usually somewhere between the Super bowl I was pretty excited. It's a sweet feeling 90 and 120 seconds." watching your favorite team the whole year and then seeing them just absolutely dominate one of the best offenses in NFL history. Seniors had open campus, and often they left during those free periods to go home and relax. Ben Perman '15 Bridgeman was on his way to McDonalds when the crash occurred. "I hadn't got my food yet, and I love the broncos because they were my dad's favorite team, so I grew up cheering for them. When they lost he (Officer Townes) offered to give me a ride to the Super bowl I was sad. Watching your favorite team the whole year and then seeing them just absolutely Mcdonalds," Bridgeman said. "He seemed cool." Bridgeman then entered the cop car, not for a trip throw away the super bowl. I was depressed downtown, but for a food run. - Ben Perman '15 Spread by Katrina Fey & Joe Sprunger student life 87 School Johnston High School Job # 3292 **Special Instructions Template** MICS30901R

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