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The Four People You've BLOCKED on Social Media

By Jeremy Koscelnik, BP Staff Writer

Social Media is an international forum where you can express your thoughts, connect with faraway people and ignore countless requests from your grandmother to play FarmVille. However, social media can be a breeding ground for bigots and creepers, and sometimes you just want to avoid these people at all costs. We've all done it at some point- the moment at which you just have to hit that big red "block this user" button. While there are many others, here are the four people we've interacted with over the internet, and the reason we quickly reported their account.

1. THE OPINIONATED BIGOT: There's a difference between expressing your feelings to your followers and friends, and being totally ignorant. Sometimes it's just an angry dad ranting about how he hates gay people, or an uneducated twelve year old villainizing Muslims and claiming they have no right to live in this country. Either way, you usually want your encounters with these people to be far and few. Sometimes they just post a rant that's so painfully unthoughtful and inconsiderate, that you completely lose your cool and go wild in the comments section. The simple solution: get rid of them and remove yourself from the situation.

2. THE STRANGER IN YOUR D.M.s: Many social media platforms including Twitter and Instagram have introduced the Direct Message (DM) function, which allows people to contact you without even knowing who you are. Most of the time, it doesn't even require this person to be following or friends with you. This can be a good way to meet someone new, but oftentimes, it just makes you uncomfortable when a complete stranger shoots you a "hey, you're cute" or the much dreaded "XD". Once again, however, you can thank the companies for privacy functions.

3. THE SEXTER: One of the most rattling situations is when you're having a casual conversation with someone on Snapchat, and BAM!, out of nowhere, an exposed body part pops up right in front of your grandma. More often than not, this display of sexual interest is totally unwanted, and in this case, maybe it's a good idea to first ask if they meant to send such a lude picture to you. If they say anything other than "no" followed by sincere, panicked apology, then it's best to block them completely on ALL social media platforms and avoid any sort of prolonged eye contact in your daily life. ***All joking aside, underage sexting is against the law and should be reported if this occurs, especially if it involves a minor and adult.

4. THE BLABBERMOUTH: We all do things in our life that we regret, and would rather the majority of people not know, and never bring up again. Sometimes however, we trust the wrong people, and they just can't keep their mouths shut. Maybe you went to a high school party and partook in some "adult indiscretions" that you'd definitely rather forget. Then maybe the next day, the person that you trusted with this information tweets about it to the whole school! And maybe it doesn't affect you now, but by the time college admissions are digging up dirt on you, they find this, and you are rejected from the college of your dreams. If you've been in this situation, you've got a Blabbermouth, and you've got to block and report them ASAP.

While we all have many different reasons for blocking people on social media, were mostly just thankful that it's an option to prevent them from viewing our profiles and contacting us without our permission. It's always good to be careful on the internet, but don't worry about it too much like your grandmother who thinks the government is watching her through her flip-phone. Either way, just remember that you're young, and you will make mistakes, so try to remind your parents of that when they yell at you for posting a pic on Instagram.

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Halloween

PSA: Don't end up like little Johnny

by Kody West, BP Staff Writer

Picture this: Little Johnny is trick-or-treating with his long time pals around the sprawling metropolis of Burton, Ohio. Rumor has it that the one creepy old house on the edge of town is giving away whole candy bars! Little Johnny and his friends rush across town to the house to get there before they run out. When Little Johnny finally reaches the house, his friends are too scared to go ring the doorbell, but not Little Johnny; he is brave, he has the heart of a warrior. He goes and rings the doorbell and an old man answers. Little Johnny is intrigued by his horns, they are a part of his costume.

"My name is Dandy Piddle, and to get my candy you'll answer this riddle!" spouts off the old man. Lucky for Little Johnny, riddles are his specialty: "Bring it on, old man" he says confidently. "Alright, answer this riddle and receive your pay, what are the origins of this holiday?" Now Little Johnny is screwed. Riddles are one thing, but this is just a straight up history question, not his strong suit. Little Johnny really wishes he would have read that one article in the school newspaper that would have helped him score that sweet sweet candy, but he didn't. DON'T END UP LIKE JOHNNY, KNOW YOUR HOLIDAY HISTORY.



The first evidence of Halloween like traditions can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain from over 2,000 years ago. Held around the time between fall and winter, a theme of life and death is present in both holidays. The Celtic people were very superstitious; in the ancient Celtic holiday, people would have large bonfires and dress up to ward off evil spirits and ghosts. Samhain was a time for feasts as well, marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. Later, when the Romans ruled England, Roman festivals and traditions were mixed with Samhain. Roman traditions such as commemorating the dead and bobbing for apples came from this time. Many of these same traditions can be observed today, such as dressing up for Halloween, and the feasts and commemoration of the dead practiced in The Day of the Dead in Mexican culture. These traditions, along with new ones, are constantly evolving and are important to our culture,they make Halloween the fun creepy holiday that it is.

Berkshire Halloween:

By the numbers



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32%



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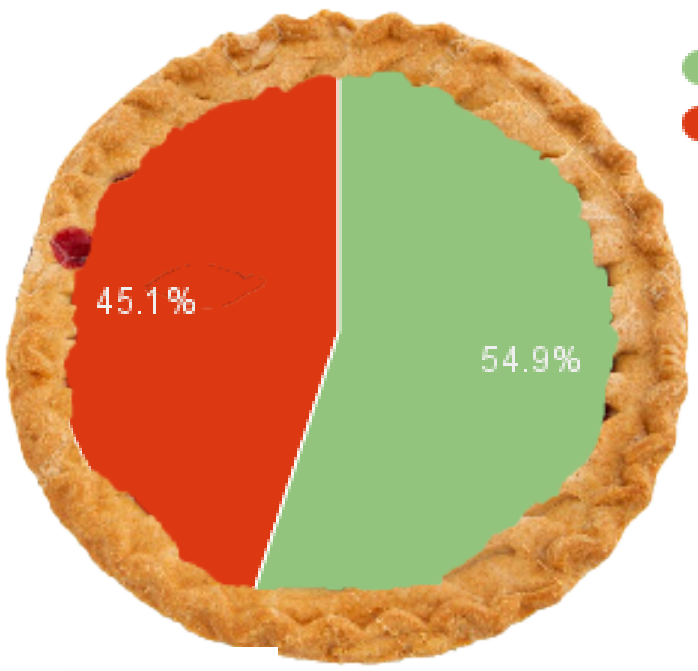


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Take a piece of the pie



71.1%
The amount of students that make pumpkin seeds with their Jack-O-Lantern remains

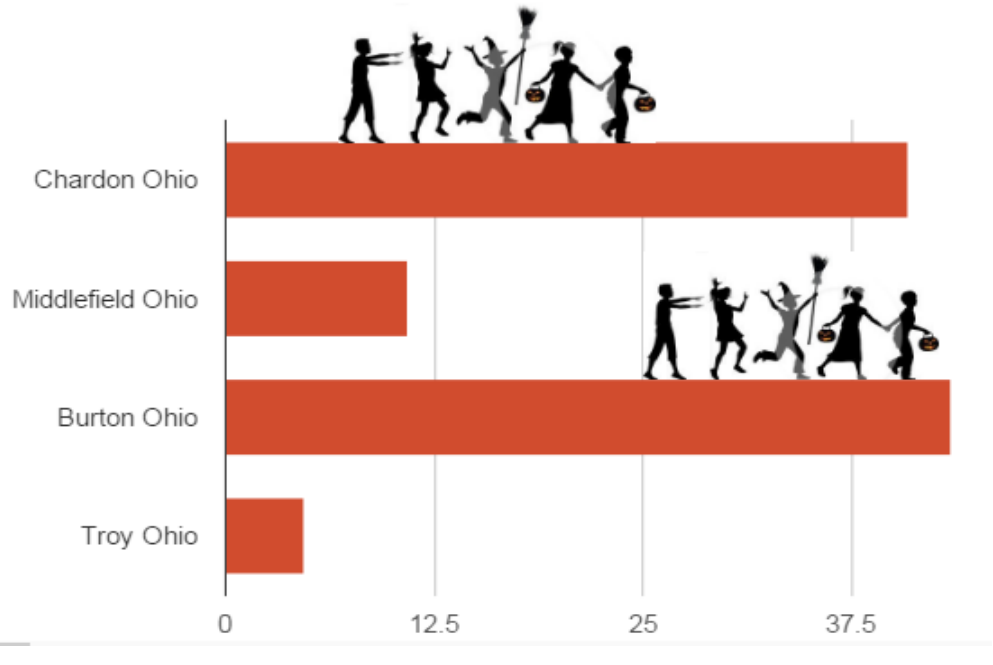
Never!
The age over 60% of the student body thinks is too old to go trick-or-treating.



Freehand:
The decided way to carve your Halloween pumpkin

195:
The number of participants in this survey

Let's go Trick or Treating in...



Halloween Horror Story

Warning: DO NOT READ

by Claire Milano, BP Staff Asst. Editor

Congratulations, you will never be the same again. However, there is still hope for you. Turn the page, ignore this article. Maybe you can keep your beautiful obliviousness. The following story was posted on the popular website Creepypasta by the username "Ivysir," a little while ago. Please, do not keep reading. I'm begging you.

Great, you've completely ignored me. I'm done trying.

You've been warned:

In June of 1972, a woman appeared in Cedar Senai hospital in nothing but a white gown covered in blood. Now, this in itself should not be too surprising as people often have accidents nearby and come to the nearest hospital for medical attention. But there were two things that caused people who saw her to vomit and flee in terror.

The first being that she wasn't exactly human. She resembled something close to a mannequin, but had the dexterity and fluidity of a normal human being. Her face was as flawless as a mannequin's, devoid of eyebrows and smeared in makeup.

She had a kitten clenched in between her teeth, her jaws clamped so unnaturally tight around it to the point where no teeth could be seen, the blood was still squirting out over her gown and onto the floor. She then pulled it out of her mouth, tossed it aside and collapsed.

From the moment she stepped through the entrance to when she was taken to a hospital room and cleaned up before being prepped for sedation, she was completely calm, expressionless and motionless. The doctors had thought it best to restrain her until the authorities could arrive and she did not protest. They were unable to get any kind of response from her and most staff members felt too uncomfortable to look directly at her for more than a few seconds.

But the second the staff tried to sedate her, she fought back with extreme force. Two members of staff holding her down as her body rose up on the bed with that same, blank expression.

She turned her emotionless eyes towards the male doctor and did something unusual. She smiled.

As she did, the female doctor screamed and let go out of shock. In the woman's mouth were not human teeth, but long, sharp spikes. Too long for her mouth to close fully without causing any damage…

The male doctor stared back at her for a moment before asking "What in the [h-e-double-hockey-stix] are you?"

She cracked her neck down to her shoulder to observe him, still smiling. There was a long pause, the security had been alerted and could be heard coming down the hallway.

As he heard them, she darted forward, sinking her teeth into the front of his throat, ripping out his jugular & letting him fall to the floor, gasping for air as he choked on his own blood.

She stood up and leaned over him, her face coming dangerously close to his as the life faded from his eyes.

She leaned closer and whispered in his ear.

"I…am….God…."

The doctors eyes filled with fear as he watched her calmly walk away to greet the security men. His last ever sight would be watching her feast on them one by one.

The female doctor who survived the incident named her "The Expressionless".

There was never a sighting of her again.

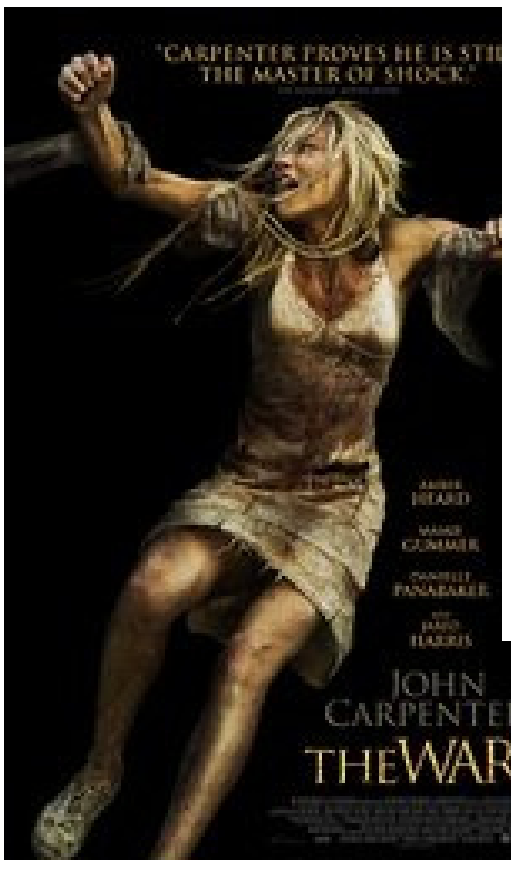
I told you to stop reading…have fun sleeping tonight.

MUHAHAHAHA!!

by our wonderful BP Staff

Top 13 scary movies for when your demons need to come out and play

If you're looking for a terrifying Halloween movie to really rattle your bones, check out the Journalism Staff's top 13 picks for scariest movies!





STANLEY KUBRICK'S
THE SHINING



1. The Ward
2. The Village
3. The Boy
4. Insidious
5. The Shining
6. Silence of the Lambs
7. The Human Centipede
8. The Babadook
9. The Taking of Deborah Logan
10. The Visit
11. The Conjuring
12. Don't Breathe
13. Sinister





Cleveland: Home of the Rising Champions

The 2016 defending NBA champs, The Cleveland Cavaliers, have had a relatively quiet offseason considering all the noise they made last year when they took the playoffs and regular season by storm. The Cavs did not make a big splash in free agency, the main focus for them was making a deal with the four time MVP, three time champion, and three time finals MVP, LeBron James. James had never in his career been the highest paid player in the NBA, despite his eye opening stats and rèsumè as the best in the NBA. Having a max contract and being the highest paid player in the NBA was a must for James if the Cavs had any chance of keeping him around.

The Cavs and Lebron James made a deal within a few weeks after winning the NBA championship. The deal was a max contract for three years, 100 million dollars, which now makes James the highest paid player in the NBA. The Cavs also signed 3 point threat, Mike Dunleavy, and big man, Chris Andersen, whom LeBron played with in Miami. Mo Williams announced his retirement in early September.

Thankfully, the cavs acquired Kay Felder on draft night. Felder is a 5'9 point guard from Oakland University. Felder will provide solid backup for point guard, Kyrie Irving. The Cavs lost Cleveland favorite and their hustle and heart player, Matthew Dellavedova, to the Milwaukee Bucks. Milwaukee offered Dellavedova a four year, 38 million dollar contract that the Cavs just could not match. Center, Timofey Mozgov, went to the Los Angeles Lakers and signed a four year, 64 million dollar contract. J.R. Smith was an unrestricted free agent this offseason and it took the Cavs and Smith a few months to reach a contract agreement to secure him as a Cavalier. On October 15th, in the middle of the preseason, the Cavs and Smith finally agreed on a deal for three years, 57 million dollars. The Cavs were mainly focused on keeping their starters and main weapons of their team, but also adding some new, fresh pieces, that will give us a great opportunity of defending our championship title. With the preseason coming to an end, and just one game remaining, the Cavs have a record of: 2-3. The Cavs will take on the New York Knicks for an Eastern Conference matchup for the first game of the year at Quicken Loans Arena on October 25th. The cavs this season are seeking their second franchise championship and the Cavs, and all of Cleveland, have high expectations for this season. With our first NBA Championship and the King of Cleveland and many others staying Cavaliers, you can say the curse in Cleveland is long gone ■



A quiet off-season for the cavs

Rachel Breckenridge, BP Staff Writer





On July 8th, 2010, something terrible happened that changed Cleveland forever. Lebron James, the star leaves Cleveland and heads south to Florida. For the next four years Lebron did nothing but surprise people with his talents while playing for the Miami Heat. He gained two championship rings while in Miami. After Lebron won his second championship in 2013, he announced that he would be returning to Cleveland, and this time he would win the Cavs a championship. Then, on June 19th, 2016, history was made. The Cavaliers won the 2016 NBA finals. This is a day that not only Cleveland will remember, but Golden state will remember, and never forget how they blew a 3-1 lead in the 2016 NBA finals. I asked many fans of all Cleveland sports how it felt to be a Cleveland fan before we became very successful and Anna Colwill said "it was hard being a Cleveland fan before the Cavs won, but now it's the greatest feeling in the world."

The Cleveland Indians have won 2 worlds series in 1920, and 1948. Our last World Series was 68 years ago and this 2016 season we have a great chance of winning. The Indians are a strong team and a great lineup. The Indians have been getting so much encouragement and so much love. Can you imagine the Indians and the Cavaliers winning their championship in the same year?

The Cavaliers are not the only team in Cleveland that has a championship this year, the Lake Erie monsters won the Calder cup in June right before the cavaliers. This was a great accomplishment for the monsters because they used to struggle on the ice but this year they worked as a team and won.

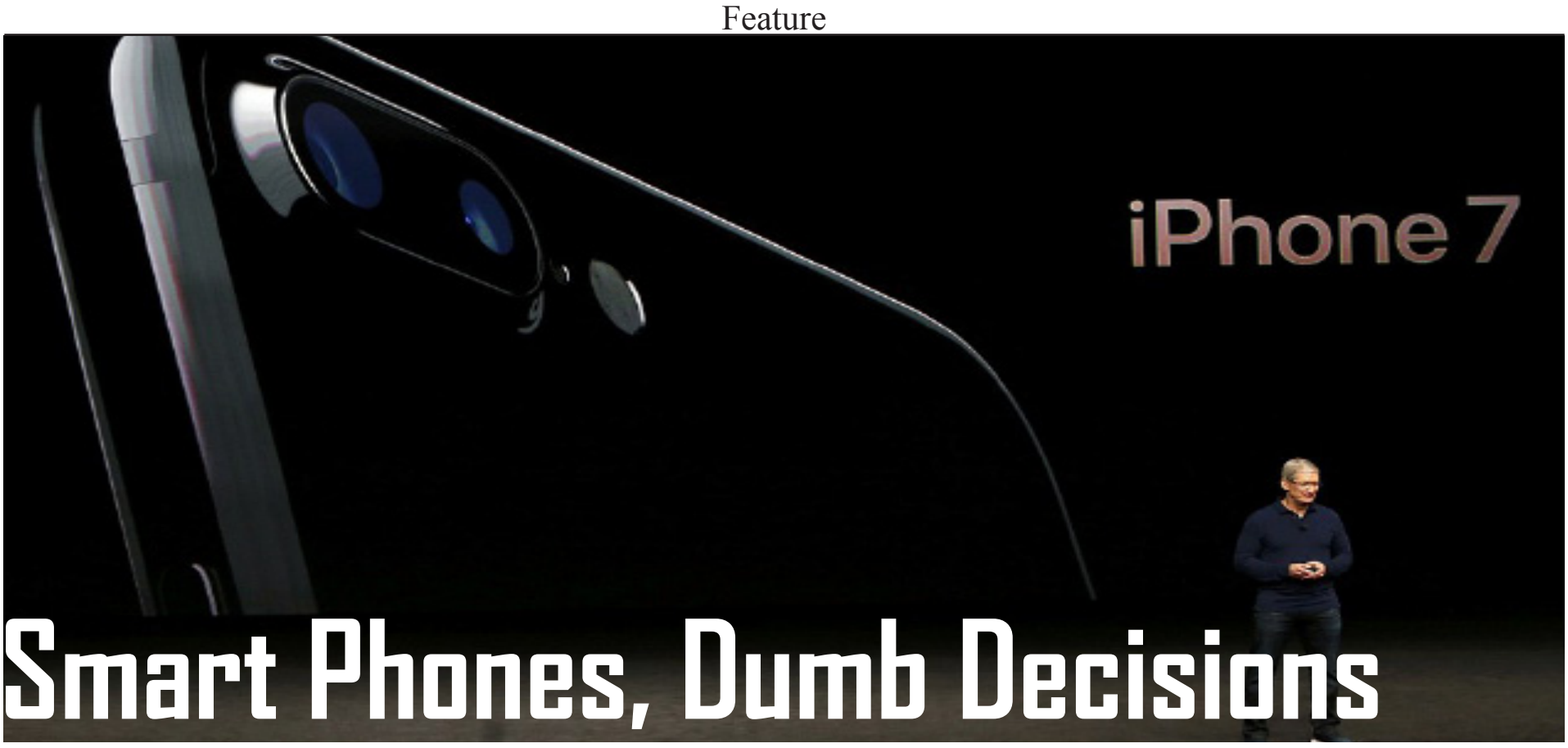
The Cleveland Browns. Where do I start? Yes I know the Browns are not very good. Why do we still love the Browns then? Because the Browns have tried and have been pushing so hard, but we cannot win currently. The Browns have been in the lead in many games but we are 0-6. Even though the Browns aren't too good I still love them and I love Cleveland.

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Smart Phones, Dumb Decisions

Tim Cook, revaling the long-awaited and "revolutionary iPhone 7"

by Sam Martinjako, BP Staff Writer

Everyone these days has a smart device of some sort. Be it a tablet, television, watch, or phone, you no doubt have had some experience with these delightful gadgets. With so many different brands to buy and so many different models to choose from, you'd imagine that it would be kind of hard to mess up your product at this point. Yet, corporations always seem to find a way to screw up even the most foolproof of ideas. I'm not just talking about small companies either. No, I mean the same company that has its fruity logo on the back of your phone, or perhaps the brand name emblazoned below the earpiece.

I'll be more direct now, Apple has made some interesting decisions with their smart devices through the years. Just recently, you've no doubt heard that they've opted to not add a headphone jack to the iPhone 7. This is an especially strange thing for Apple to do, as one of the main reasons people buy their phones (besides the ability to make phone calls or show off) is to use as a media device. People love their applications for buying and playing music, so it doesn't make a whole lot of sense why they would alienate people who wear wired headphones.

To be fair, there are workarounds for this issue. The headphones that come with the device, for example, connect to the phone through its "lightning" port. However, if you're like me, you probably aren't a big fan of these, as their all plastic build can make your ears ache.

The device also comes along with an adaptor for your normal earphones, but it will either have to remain plugged into your phone or attached to the wire unless you want to risk losing and have to shell out ten or so dollars for another one.

A possibly even bigger issue to go along with this is the fact that your headphones now also occupy the same space as your charger normally would, so unless you buy a third party adaptor to give you an extra port, you can't charge your phone and listen to music at the same time. This could all also be circumvented by using bluetooth headphones, but you shouldn't be forced to buy a whole new pair just to use for this phone that you'll probably replace in a year or so anyway.

Aside from the removal of the headphone jack, they also changed the button to be capacitative instead of mechanical. No more satisfying click when closing out of apps, only an unsatisfying vibration that reminds you of what used to be. These issues, along with a number of complaints about iOS 10 could be enough to make a person switch to a different brand. So, how's the latest and greatest Android?

Not good, you've probably heard. The Samsung Galaxy Note 7 is an oddity right off the bat, as it is actually only the sixth Galaxy Note device to be released. It is somewhat like Windows 10 in this way, as it could be confusing for people who don't know they're reasoning for naming their products how they were. Windows 10 isn't Windows 9 because it's possible that programs would confuse the OS for Windows 95 or 98. The Note 7 isn't the Note 6 because the iPhone 6 and Galaxy 6 both came out last year, so they wanted people to know that it's a new device by having it bear the same number as the other flagships of this year.

Its name, though, isn't the biggest issue. What should have been a great phone turned out to be much more a bang for your buck than anybody would have imagined. I say this because the Note 7 actually blows up. That's right, explodes. Not necessarily like a bomb or anything like that, but they have been known to catch fire. The problem is that their batteries overheat to extreme levels, and the chemicals inside them are known to become a bit volatile under heat and pressure. So that's pretty bad, right? Well, even Samsung thought that, so they recalled the first wave of Note 7s and offered replacements that wouldn't explode. This is all well and good, there was only one issue. They still DID explode. The issue is so problematic that it is now a crime to bring one of these devices on an airplane. It is recommended that everyone return their device as soon as possible. Obviously, this is not good for business, and Samsung is losing billions of dollars in market value because of this whole situation. So, perhaps it would be better to buy a new pair of headphones if it means that your phone won't just explode on you.

If you're looking for a new smartphone, I would suggest waiting a little bit longer. It seems that the companies that design them need to work some things out internally. There's more weird decisions besides just the ones mentioned above. Others include the lack of an SD card slot, no support for fast charging, use of old screen technology, less RAM installed, and still a dual core CPU for some reason; and that's on just the iPhone alone. As for Samsung, I think fixing the whole phone blowing up thing is more important than any of these other lesser complaints. Perhaps next year's models will remedy some of these issues and explode in popularity.

The mystical tarot cards

by Claire Milano, BP Asst. Editor

Most people associate tarot cards with fortune telling. While this is true, tarot cards are used more for personal exploration. They allow the reader to explore and unlock new emotions as well as finding his or her inner self. I first got interested in tarot when my sister came into my room asking to practice her cards on me. I didn't know what they were until she explained it to me, and then we wound up playing with her deck for two hours. Since that day I have been fascinated with different decks and learning how to read the cards. I recently ordered a deck of my own. Although it hasn't arrived yet, I use tarot everyday. How? Well, there are many apps you can get on your iPhone or iPad that not only allow you to read the cards, but learn how to relate readings to everyday life. A great app that I use is called "The Golden Thread Tarot." This company started out as an app, but they got so popular they made a physical deck! This app is easy to use, and the cards are beautiful.

The origin of tarot is a bit of an enigma. Historians believe it was a card game similar to today's "MASH," but in Medieval Europe. It was said that this game was brought to Italy from Turkey. However, no one really knows the exact place or time these cards were invented.

A traditional tarot deck consists of 78 cards: the major arcana and the minor arcana. The major arcana are unique cards that represent worldly-things, such as, well, the world. The minor arcana are meant to represent the spiritual journey we all go through during our life. In the minor arcana, there are four "themes," or suits: cups, swords, pentacles, and wands. Pentacles are the circles with the stars in them, like what you would associate with demonic forces. Pentacles are not necessarily demonic, but rather represent water, earth, fire, air, and the soul. Therefore, pentacles represent earthly materials. Cups represent water and emotions. Swords represent air, action, change, force, and power. Finally, wands represent fire, energy, and spirituality.



Claire Milano, Lexi Caponi, and Anna Cowill observe one of the many types of tarot spreads. Photo courtesy of Sam Martinjako.

Now, when you look up "tarot cards" later tonight because they are just so fascinating, the first thing that will pop up is a picture of the Rider-Waite Tarot Deck. These cards are the OG of modern tarot decks. Most cards you see today are based off of the design of the Rider-Waite Tarot because they are just so easy to understand. Arthur Edward Waite was a British scholar and mystic. Commonly known as A. E. Waite, he worked with Pamela Colman-Smith under The Rider Company to develop these cards in 1910. Since then, they have been reprinted numerous times and are the most popular deck in the tarot community.

So, go out and explore tarot. They have really helped me out through tough times, and I know that they will help you too. Plus it's really fun to see your friends' faces when your readings are right! Happy Halloween!



The girls' soccer team gets ready for their playoff game in Croc gear. Photo courtesy of Lexi Caponi.

Crocs or not, the school debate

by Jacob Wichert, BP Staff Writer

It's almost Halloween, and we all know what that means; in three days ghoulish monsters will rise from their graves, and roam the streets of Burton once more. Ghosts and zombies aren't the only things rising from their graves however, because everyone's favorite (or least favorite) rubbery footwear has reappeared as well. Yes, I'm talking about Crocs, the 2002-2010 Swiss cheese-inspired phenomenon that took the world by storm, but then seemingly disappeared for the next 5 years, leaving behind only a few loyalists who still wore them.

Fast forward to 2016, and you'd never believe that Crocs went out of style. They're as popular as ever, from the looks of it, and everybody seems to have a pair of their own.

Personally, I never understood the appeal of subjecting your feet to the sweaty, rubbery prisons that are Crocs, even less so after spending a week camping in them a few summers ago. Naturally my curiosity got the best of me, and I set out for answers. My first source of information was Kayla White, a known Croc-enthusiast.

Q. Why do you wear Crocs?
A. [They're] really easy to put on.
Q. Why do you think they made such a strong comeback?
A. Because they're chill.
Q. Are they here to stay, or it just a fad?
A. They're here to stay, for sure.

Next up was Katelyn Zeliznak, who in the past few weeks, has gone out of her way to point out her Croc-wearing habits to me in the interest of upsetting me. I proceeded to ask the same questions that I had asked Kayla.

Q.Why do you wear crocs?
A.Because everybody hates them, and I like to make them angry
Q.Why do you think they made such a strong comeback?
A.Because other people are wearing them, which causes a snowball effect.
Q. Are they here to stay, or are they just a fad?
A. I think they will because of their recent success… They'll probably come out with something new.

I can't say in all honesty that these interactions changed my original opinion about Crocs, or their usefulness as a brand of shoe. Other than being easy to put on, they don't appear to be have any redeeming qualities, or justifications for wearing them, other than to anger people. Ultimately, it comes down to your opinion, but personally, I'll just stick to my Vans.

Cruel Cosmetics

by Abby Carlson, BP Staff Editor



You're wandering aimlessly through aisles upon endless aisles of cosmetics where about a billion and one different types of makeup are on display, meant to lure unsuspecting passers by to the dark depths of materialism. The process is seemingly simple and not at all thought-provoking as it comes time to choose which luscious lip you want to add to your already massive collection of makeup. You choose what you want, pay for it, and leave without another thought crossing your mind. All is well with the world, you have what you came for and everyone can be happy go lucky again. Except for that bunny that is now blind with patches of fur burned off her body.

Sadly, that knowledge doesn't seem to stop us from grabbing those "3x the length, 3x the volume, can't believe they aren't real!" brands. Perhaps you simply ignore the injustice taking place, or maybe you weren't aware of it to begin with, let's hope it's the latter though, shall we? These animals that are tested on don't get a new shampoo job to see whether or not their fur is softer after they lather, rinse and repeat, but are instead doused and shot up with rancid chemicals, force fed, killed, examined, then tossed in the trash. Not only that, but each test conducted doesn't just require one rodent (that wouldn't make it okay even if they did), but instead up to 32 animals are experimented on for each product.

During a process called skin sensitization, where the substance is applied to the surface of the skin or injected into the body, 32 guinea pigs or 16 mice are used to discover whether or not the product has an allergic reaction with skin. The animals may develop redness, ulcers, scaling, inflammation and itchiness where the product was applied.

In the eye irritation/corrosion process, three bunnies are used to test how irritating the product can be to eyes. The test substance is applied to the bunny's eyes, which may result in redness, bleeding, ulcers, blindness, etc… I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy a product that supports blinding and making a bunny's eyes bleed for the pure pleasure of lash lengthening mascara.

During a process called acute oral toxicity, a substance is forced down seven rats' throats with a feeding tube, causing the rat to suffer from diarrhea, convulsions, bleeding from the mouth, seizures, paralysis, and or death. Perhaps the idea of this happening to a rat isn't all that disconcerting to you, but no matter the animal, it is still a life being thrown away for no reason other than vanity (and if you've ever seen a rat in the pet stores, those little buggers can be pretty darn cute).



We've all been subject to the animal shelter commercials with the cute puppies who have been abused staring up at you with sad, forlorn, pleading eyes to the music of a melancholy tune. After experiencing such a rush of hatred towards whoever harmed these innocent creatures, we decide to stand strong against animal abuse, and tell ourselves we will do absolutely everything in our power to put an end to it. Then we go and buy a roll of Clorox wipes... who tests on animals. But since we don't actually see the animals that are being treated with such cruelty, it doesn't seem real, and it's easy to dismiss from your mind and ignore such a gruesome reality. Not only that, but for some reason, whenever it's being conducted in a lab by a person in a white coat, or in the name of science, it automatically gets a free pass on the morality train. What is happening to those test animals is the same, if not worse than what the shelter puppies endure. Whenever you hear the sentence "A rat is placed into a tube and forced to inhale the test substance. She may experience bleeding of the nose, convulsion, paralysis, seizures and/or death," it is beyond wrong! No animal should be forced to inhale a harsh chemical, especially knowing the outcome could cause paralysis, seizures, and even death. For some reason, if it's done in a house, it's called abuse, but if it's done in a lab it's called "science."

Recently, I've boycotted all cosmetic products that test on animals. Admittedly, it has been difficult avoiding cheap products that don't harm my skin, but the search is well worth it knowing that my money no longer supports animal cruelty. You would be astounded by all the companies that test on animals, nearly everyone does! Sadly, for some of us, our love of makeup is stronger than our love of animals' lives. Boycotting makeup brands is just one tiny step that can be taken to end such a monstrosity, but if everyone takes a stand, eventually those huge corporations are going to go under from lack of funding, and the bunnies will be free! The European Union, Norway, Israel, and India have all banned animal testing, so come on America, let's join the good guy club and put an end to animal abuse! I challenge you to quit animal cruelty, and save lives instead

According to Peta.org, below is a list of popular companies that still test on animals:

Avon
Bobbi Brown
Covergirl
Estée Lauder
Head & Shoulders
L'Oréal
M.A.C. Cosmetics
Mary Kay
Maybelline
Pantene
Revlon
Stila



If you've been persuaded to quit animal testing, here are a few great companies that will suit your cosmetic needs according to allure.com:

Vapour Organic Beauty
Sage & Row
Shea Moisture
ncLA
Beautycounter
Nourish Organic
Ahava
Sibu Beauty
E.l.f
Lush
Burt's Bees
Nyx

Editorials

Clown hysteria across the nation

by Aiden Burkley, BP Staff Writer

There is no doubt that you've heard a thing or two about the clown paranoia around town and across the nation. Weapon wielding clowns, menacingly still, captured in videos and photographs have caught the attention of almost the whole country. Many have taken to calling them 'fake clowns', and in reality they actually are pranksters who throw on masks and stand menacingly at the end of streets.

Looking at the actual dictionary definition of a clown: "A comic entertainer, especially one in a circus, wearing a traditional costume and exaggerated makeup." It certainly doesn't match up to how we view them today. So for a more relevant look, the Urban Dictionary offers a much more accurate definition: "the most evil and revolting creature ever to be placed on this foul wretched earth. Oh my god a clown is going to eat me…" It then goes to say some less appropriate things, but, nonetheless, it's the idea that clowns, in all their supposed good fun and laughter, are not exactly what the traditional definition describes them as anymore.

Some cases are close to home, as a 14-year-old boy was chased by a man clad in black and a clown mask, wielding a knife right in Columbus, Ohio. The clown in this case has yet to be caught, according to NBC News, and the local officers are taking all suspicion quite seriously, determined that they will capture the man responsible. These terrors were to follow after one event in late August, seemingly sparking the craze entirely: various children reported to their parents that they were being beckoned by a clown to enter the woods, it waving to them from afar. These claims have never been confirmed but it was enough to spark a hysteria.

Businesses have begun to take precaution for this, Halloween being just around the corner. Target has pulled several clown-costume related items, not allowing them to be purchased any longer. They do, however, keep in stock costumes/masks that display and support a much happier image of a clown, according to Steve Gorman who had written an article on it. Similarly, McDonald's has taken notice to the madness, removing some displays of their clown mascot, Ronald McDonald, in fear that the character would induce a frenzy. This truly proves the lengths we'll go to make communities feel safe, and it is your decision whether to find this unreasonable or perfectly rational.



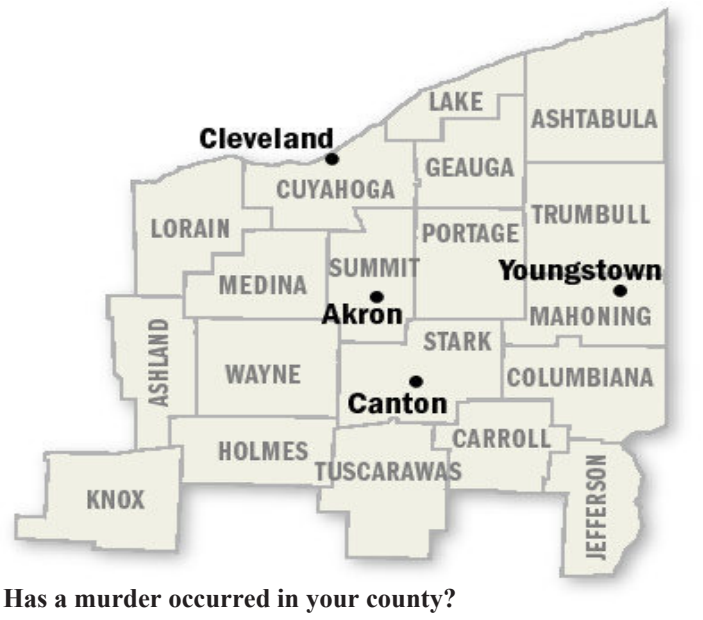
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A clown getting ready for its next attack?

Many think that clown appearances are unheard of in the small town of Burton, but according to some of the students here at Berkshire that is not the case: Claire Milano, a junior, had shown quite an annoyance when I first asked her of her experience and viewpoint of the topic, as her little sister had been sleeping in her room in fear since the beginning of this craze. Her neighbors were even telling her that they had seen some man walking around near their houses. Her final statement: "I think that it's a little coincidental that there have been rumored clown sightings in Chardon and Burton, two places relatively close to Berkshire High School. Perhaps, someone made up these stories for our area."

Unsolved Murders in N.E. Ohio

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Has a murder occurred in your county?

Of course every state has its fair share of cases gone cold, but Ohio stands in 15th place countrywide in terms of cold cases. In fact, in the past 50 years Geauga County has had sixteen unsolved murders. We'll be talking about murder cases of Northeast Ohio that have no known killers.

The first case we'll look at is the mystery of who killed Angela Hicks. In July of 1990, 14-year-old Angela Hicks was reported missing while her mother was at work. The only thing of hers that was missing was a duffle bag that she kept all her Barbie dolls in, and all her shoes were still at her home in Elyria. Her stepfather, Sam Legg, claimed he saw her leave the house before her mother returned, and later Angela's body was found in an abandoned barn by Midway Mall. Not long after her body was discovered, Angela's mom and Sam divorced and moved to separate states. The killer is still unknown.

Rene Wise, resident of Suffield in 1997, had suspicions of someone entering her home when she wasn't there for several weeks. There were muddy footprints in the kitchen and change missing. She filed a report to the police, but before any investigation could occur she was murdered. She was beaten and strangled in her home, a couple months before her wedding. The murderer is still unknown.

Judy Martins of Kent State was said to have gone missing 1978. She had left her friends' dorm room, however she never made it back to her own. Her disappearance was treated as abduction until a few years later; a prostitute who used the name "Judy Martinez" was arrested in Cuyahoga County. She also gave the jailer Judy Martins's date of birth. When her parents went to identify her, the mother thought it was Judy Martins, while the father didn't think so.

In Akron in 1991, 24 year-old Rachael Johnson was riding in a car with her friend when the car got a flat tire. She got out to take a look at it, when another vehicle pulled up behind them. Rachael was either pushed into the car, or got in willingly, but her body was found in the street a few hours later. She had been raped, stabbed, and also set on fire. The police have DNA of the killer, but are unsuccessful in finding a match.

Pamela Terril, 21, lived in Medina. She was found in her bed, with bruises around her throat and tape over her mouth. The coroner called it a suicide and the family was furious. The family called the murder a cover-up. A few days before Pamela died, she had accused her boss, Republican office holder Mark Whitfield, of sexually assaulting her. Eventually, Pamela's body was exhumed, and the new coroner declared that she had been murdered. Whitfield faced trial, but was not convicted due to "lack of evidence." Witnesses testified at the trial saying that Whitfield had tried to break into the house wearing a dress and wig to get to Pamela.

Now, this last one isn't unsolved, but it did happen close by, so I felt compelled to include it. In 2006, Burton resident Daniel Cott was murdered in his home on Claridon-Troy Road. Daniel and his wife were about to move to Michigan and had most of their belongings already packed. They were sleeping on an air mattress when a man broke into their house, tied up Daniel, and shot him when he tried to escape. His wife woke up to find him dead. This case was just recently solved earlier in 2016. The reason behind Daniel's death was mistaken identity. A hit man was hired to kill a Daniel C. Cott, but killed Daniel E. Cott who lived in Burton. The hit man, Chad South, and the man who hired him, Joseph Rosebrook, were both convicted with conspiracy to commit murder and aggravated murder.