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USA's Most Endangered Animals

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Hello, Today we will be writing about the three most endangered species in the U.S.
Sit back and enjoy this article.

Lesser Prairie Chicken

By Gabriel Baldonado

The third most endangered species in the USA, The Lesser Prairie Chicken is native to the Southern Great Plains. This species is normally found around shinnery oak and sagebrush. The chicken's diet consists of insects, seeds, leaves, acorns, and fruits that are found around the Great Plains. The young of the Lesser Prairie Chicken is tended to but still feeds itself. According to Biologicaldiversity.org "Habitat loss and degradation from livestock grazing, agriculture, oil and gas extraction, herbicides, mining and roads, wind-energy." According to defenders.org, "This charming bird once numbered in the millions but the population has declined as much as 97 percent and the species now occurs on just 16 percent of its original range." The population of the bird is only around 34,000 this year.

Devils Hole Pupfish

By Daniel Borjas

The Devils Hole Pupfish is the 2nd most endangered animal in the USA. The Devils Hole Pupfish mostly eats algae. According to The Las Vegas Sun, "Only about 170 pupfish existed at Devils Hole."

The Devils Hole Pupfish live in Devils Hole in Nye County, Nevada and have a sanctuary dedicated to them. The sanctuary that the Devils Hole Pupfish lives in is the Ash Meadow National Wildlife Refuge.

The Devils Hole pupfish lives only in Devils Hole, Nevada, which is a problem. The groundwater in Devils Hole is depleting and is lowering the water in the county, which is endangering the Devils Hole Pupfish. With the water depleting the Devils Hole Pupfish is having a rough time trying to reproduce.

People are wondering if they should even save the Devils Hole Pupfish. The Natural Resources Defense Council says, "If you scooped every one of these pupfish left on Earth, the whole species would fit cozily in an igloo cooler." That quote just tells you how little pupfish there are in the world. The Natural Resources Defense Council says, "The species has been trapped in a hot, salty, 500-foot deep aquifer in the Mojave Desert."

Florida Panther

By Andy Lam

The Florida Panther is the most endangered in the USA. The Florida Panther is native to the south of Orlando. Today there are only 120 to 130 Florida panthers left in the wild. The Florida panthers diet consists of white tailed deer, wild hog, raccoons and other medium-sized animals and reptiles. Florida panthers are carnivores so that means they only eat meat. The

Florida panther has been listed as endangered since 1967. According to Big Cats Rescue, "The Florida Panther was once down to 25 individuals." A fun fact about the Florida panther is that it does not roar at all and is only able to purr, hiss, snarl, and yowl to communicate. According to Big Cat Rescue, "The threats of the Florida panther are roadkill and habitat loss."

Thanksgiving Jokes

Edited by Leena Gregory and Roman Mondragon

Q: What can never be eaten for Thanksgiving dinner?

A: Thanksgiving **breakfast!**

Q: Why didn't the pilgrims tell secrets in the corn field?

A: Because the corn had **ears!**

Q: Who's not hungry at Thanksgiving?

A: The turkey because he's **stuffed!**

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?

A: He was trying to give people the impression that he was a **chicken!**

Q: What is the difference between a chicken and a turkey?

A: A chicken **celebrates** Thanksgiving!

Q: Why shouldn't you sit next to a turkey at dinner?

A: Because he will **gobble** it all up!



Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving Traditions

Thanksgiving is full of gracious and lovely traditions. These traditions are great, but it is important to know why we celebrate Thanksgiving with them and why they are even done in the first place.

We will start with the huge feast that we sometimes have with specific foods.

Britannica.com states, "The most popular foods we eat on Thanksgiving are turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and gravy." Why do we eat all of this great food in one day? Well, according to Britannica.com, "Years ago, when the pilgrims settled in America, the Wampanoag (or Native Americans) welcomed the pilgrims with a feast." They brought deer, and the pilgrims brought turkey. "They celebrated the meal together as one joining together to welcome the new people into America." Turkey represents a great part of Thanksgiving history and how important it is.

Next, why do we break the wishbone of turkey? Some people celebrate Thanksgiving with the wishbone of a turkey. Two people grab either side of the wishbone, when it is broken, the person holding the bigger side is granted good luck. According to Makeitgreatful.com, "People use this tradition not only to enlighten their future but also to help remember their past and help people with understanding gratitude."

There are a lot of things you can do to be grateful for Thanksgiving. People do some things every day to show that they're grateful, and some things that people do only on Thanksgiving. Some things that people can do to show gratitude according to doyou.com is, "Give. Give something small to those closest to you for no reason at all" and you can also "Be present. Show gratitude by showing up and paying attention." These are just some of the things you can do to show gratitude. Things that people can do to be grateful on Thanksgiving according to ohhonestly.com is, "cook a meal together." You can "Write a note telling a family member you appreciate them." Also, you can "Say nice things about your family even if they won't hear you." These are only some of the things that people do to be grateful and there are many others.

When it comes to Thanksgiving you might think about big feasts, spending time with family, and being thankful. Being grateful is one of the most important parts of celebrating Thanksgiving. You get to talk about the important things you've achieved, things you have, and many more. To see what everybody around the school is grateful for, I went around the school to hear what everyone had to say. I asked five people what they are most thankful for. Most people said "I am thankful for spending time with my family and eating good food on that day" One person said "I am grateful for having my pets". And the two others said "I am grateful for my mom and my friends". As you can see there is so much to be grateful for. This Thanksgiving you can spread that thankfulness by sharing it with the people you love even if it's the littlest things. Thanksgiving is a time where people show their gratitude, celebrate history, and spend time with their families. Thanksgiving is different in every family. Many people celebrate it differently, but it's always about your family and gratitude. Thanksgiving is a time when people celebrate for what they have.

History of Thanksgiving

As we all know Thanksgiving is a time of celebration, good food, and giving thanks. So as we gather with family, crush unworldly amounts of stuffing, and enjoy a football game in the crisp autumn air, Let's acknowledge the real history of this holiday.

The first Thanksgiving according to eyewitnesstohistory.com was in "1621 between the pilgrims of the Plymouth colony and the Wampanoag tribe in present-day Massachusetts" While records indicate that this celebration did happen, there are a few misconceptions on this holiday as well.

There's no evidence that the Wampanoag people were even invited in the first place. An account from the time said 90 members of the Wampanoag tribe were present and made mention of invitations. Some experts believe that these 90 men were an army, sent by the Wampanoag leader Ousamequin at the sound of gunshots. (which turned out to be a part of the celebration.)

In the first encounter with the pilgrims and the tribe, the pilgrims stole from the tribe's winter provision. They continued to not get along and the tribe wanted revenge on the pilgrim's people, and from there on out it was always caused by the two tribes. The first harvest (Thanksgiving) as we know it today, was followed by deadly conflicts between colonizers and Native people, including (but definitely not limited to) The Wampanoags. The Europeans repaid the Native American allies by sneezing native land, imprisoning, enslaving, and executing native people.

Following "thanksgiving" celebrations by European settlers often marked brutal victories over the native people, such as the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah).

After the first Thanksgiving and all of the tribes and the pilgrims' problems, they had some, somewhat normal and similar thanksgivings to us. Both of the two peoples came together in peace and gathered around tables outside where they brought a dish, such as a turkey, squash, pumpkin, beans, grapes, veggies, etc. So the dishes are a little different from the dishes we have today but, even today not everyone eats the same thing on Thanksgiving. There's always a variety of items. So the pilgrim women served everyone and they all told stories and just enjoyed each other's company and time in the months of September and November eventually we just all came up with our own traditions of this holiday but kept the main concept of family and turkey and gathering the same.

2020-2021 NBA Season Review

By Sam Powell

Although the Milwaukee Bucks did win in the finals last year many people were expecting another outcome, the most common one being the Bucks Losing to the Nets. But Before we get that far we have to understand the whole season starting from the offseason. While the Minnesota Timberwolves got the #1 overall pick the best statistical pick and rookie of the year Lamelo Ball went #3 overall to the Charlotte Hornets According to NBA.com. Another historic moment this offseason according to nba.com was the retirement of Toronto Raptors legend Vince Carter known for his flashy and heart stopping dunks. Well,

with the offseason behind us we saw a very wild regular season with some crazy roster moves, let's take a look at some of them.

On March 25th the Orlando Magic traded away a young star in Aaron Gordon best known for his portrayal of Casper in Basketball comedy Uncle Drew for Gary Harris, RJ Hampton, and future first round picks according to nba.com. Another major move also on March 25th was Former Indiana Pacers star Victor Oladipo who was moved from the Houston Rockets to the Miami Heat for Kelly Olynyk, Avery Bradley, and a draft pick swap according to nba.com. And then, of course the biggest move all year, James Harden was traded to the Nets in a three team deal involving the Brooklyn Nets, Houston Rockets, and Cleveland Cavaliers. Now, to understand why Harden was moved we have to look into the atmosphere that he was playing in. The Houston Rockets are not really a historically dominant franchise (like the Lakers or Celtics) and James Harden wanted to compete for a championship and he didn't feel that Houston was the best place to do that, according to sportingnews.com. Now, you don't need to worry about the Rockets though. They were compensated with young star Jarret Allen and eight total first round picks.

Now, With the regular season behind us we start to see the playoff picture taking its true form. The action began in the play-in tournament that the Washington Wizards won to make it in, eliminating the Pacers, Washington Wizards, and Hornets to do so according to CBSsports.com. Then, our real first round action began with the five seed Hawks against the four seed Knicks where the Atlanta Hawks took care of business winning the series 4-1 according to CBSsports.com. Another fun series in that first round was the Bucks versus the Heat and despite a game one overtime win by two the rest of the series was not very competitive as the Bucks swept the Heat and this was a matter of revenge because the Heat had eliminated them last season according to CBSsports.com. Another fun team to watch in the first round was the two

seed Nets as they ran past the Boston Celtics 4-1 according to CBSsports.com and began gaining momentum and support from the New York fanbase.

On the other side of the league in the Western conference the play-in tournament advanced the Los Angeles Lakers and Memphis Grizzlies while eliminating the Golden State Warriors and San Antonio Spurs according to CBSsports.com. Then, the real action began in round one. A great duel that took seven games was the Los Angeles Clippers versus the Dallas Mavericks but the four seed Clippers did emerge victorious according to CBSsports.com. Another good matchup was the three seed Denver Nuggets facing the six seed Portland Trail Blazers but in the end the Blazers had no answer for Nuggets MVP Nikola Jokic as the Nuggets won the series 4-2 according to CBS sports.com. Another noteworthy bout in the first round was the Phoenix Suns facing the Lakers who has really underperformed all year and that was no different in this series as the young Suns beat the Lakers 4-2. And the final first round series was never really in doubt as the 1 seed Utah Jazz (yes, you heard me right) beat the eight seed Memphis Grizzlies 4-1 leaving no doubt according to CBSsports.com.

Looking back on the Eastern conference we saw a great first round but the Action was barely beginning, the second round was still to come. The first matchup that I would like to talk about is the series that had people everywhere talking, Nets versus Bucks both teams could easily dominate with the star studded roster that they had. The series went to seven games. Neither team seemed better than the other but in the end it was the Bucks who won the game 115-111 according to CBS.com to eliminate the Nets and advance to the conference final. The other second round game in the eastern conference was the Atlanta Hawks facing the number one seeded Philadelphia 76ers and even with the deck stacked against them in another epic 7 games series the Hawks emerged victorious and advanced to play the Bucks in the conference final according to CBS.com.

Shifting our focus back to the western conference we saw some great and exciting second round action, the first series was The Suns Facing the Nuggets but there was no competition really as the Suns rolled over the Nuggets in a clean four game sweep according to CBS.com. The other matchup that would predict our other team in the conference final was the Clippers and Jazz who were the four and one seeded teams, and after the Jazz winning the first two games we were all expecting a runaway but the Clippers fought through the adversity winning the next four games and punching their ticket to the conference final according to CBS.com.

Well these first two rounds were very entertaining but the best action still had not yet unfolded, the stage was set for a great conference finals on each side of the league. Our first conference final matchup was in the east and it was the Bucks and Hawks with no real surprises as the storied Giannis Antetokounmpo led the Bucks to a 4-2 win and advanced them to the finals for the first time in a LONG time according to CBS.com. And on the other side it was the Suns and Clippers and the magic that the Clippers had in the last series did not transfer over to this one as they lost the series 4-2 according to CBS.com to a Suns team playing very well.

And then, of course everyone's favorite part of the season; the finals. It was a test for both teams, neither franchise had won a title in a very long time and both teams were hungry to win the ultimate prize. It was looking very good as a Hawks fan as they captured the first two games but the Milwaukee Crowd never lost hope and the Bucks won the NBA finals for the first time in 50 years according to CBS.com there was no doubt who the best team was and the celebration afterward really reflected the dedication that all of the players as well as fans have to this organization.



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Hot Prospects, Who To Watch

By Brayden Sherred

Zion Williamson, Ja Morant, Tyler Herro, and Lamelo Ball. These players are from different teams, but two stand out, Zion Williamson and Lamelo Ball. Zion is well known on the court for his bold physique and performing top tier last season "averaging 27 points, 7.2 rebounds and 3.7 assists throughout a 61 game stretch in the 2020-21 NBA season" says statmuse.com. Lamelo Ball is also a familiar name to many fans, Lamelo was picked by the Charlotte Hornets with the third overall pick in the 2020 NBA draft. One of his highest scoring games for Lamelo was in 2017 when he was attending Chino Hills High School, scoring 92 points in one game, says thefamouspeople.com. For the other two players, whose names may not be familiar but shine on the court effortlessly, Ja Morant and Tyler Herro who were both drafted by their teams in the first round in 2019, although Morant has the more favorable pick being picked second in the first round where Herro was picked 13th. Both of these players attended college, Morant attending

Murray State University and Herro attending the University of Kentucky according to google. These four players are going to be the hinges to their teams this year. I am expecting golden highlights from each one of these four players, and am looking forward to this season.



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Teams in the Lead

By Piper Rice

There have been many exceptional teams this year but there have been some that have indeed prevailed. One of the statistically best teams this year is the great franchise over the past decade Golden State Warriors, as they are the leagues #1 ranked team in the Western Conference with the most points per game and best three point percentage to back up that claim. Their average points per game were 115.2 according to realgm.com, that is the best PPG form this year by over six points. Golden State has also shown defensive prowess this year averaging more than 10 steals per game according to realgm.com showing that they get it done on both sides of the ball.

One of the second best teams based on PPG (points per game) according to the reliable site basketball.realgm is Charlotte Hornets. They are not actually too well known outside of the basketball community but their PPG is 114.5 which is very impressive. The world is looking

forward to seeing them play this season. The team seems to be pretty good at most aspects of the game however you notice their significant jump ahead in their FGA (Field goals attempted). In a lot of categories they even do better than the lakers. From the data they seem to have some trouble with their DRB (defensive rebounds) . They are a statistically amazing team with some very well respected players such as Kelly Oubre Jr.

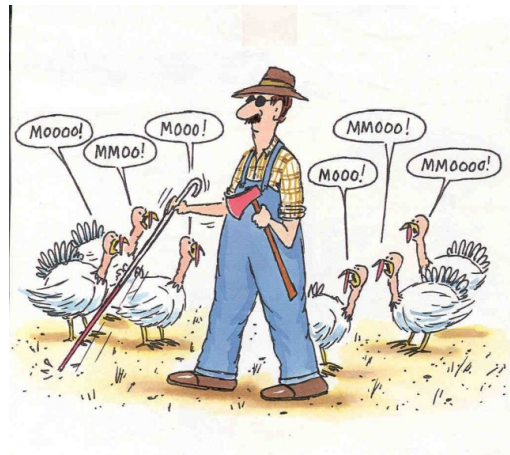
Another one of the teams whose average Points Per Game stuck out were the L.A Lakers. They are a very well known team with some amazing players and very good statistics. Their PPG is 112.2 that is still very impressive although it is 2.3 points below the Charlotte Hornets. LeBron James is arguably one of the most well known players in the NBA. He is their small forward player and carries the team in a unique way. The Lakers are an amazing team, their PPG is rather high and the team seems to be doing well.

This season is building up to be pretty entering with a lot of good teams playing. Fans are getting really excited and we are all looking forward to it. There are just so many things about this season that will make it interesting to see. Of course play offs will happen and some fans are already making bets but we are not close enough to see this early in the season.

Thanksgiving themed jokes

By Blair Donovan





Social Media Effects on Teens

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Social media is what most of us use without even realizing it is social media. Most people are on youtube or tiktok, but both are types of social media. Even if you don't socialize much, but you still watch videos then you're affected by social media.

Social media affects many people sometimes in positive ways, and most of the time negative. Social media is available to people of all ages which is the downside because it teaches young minds that there's an ideal person, ideal body, personality, hair color, the way you look. Body image is how you see yourself when you look in the mirror or when you picture yourself in your mind. People with a negative body image tend to have an eating disorder

because social media has so many influencers it creates a thing in our mind where we need to be skinny, slim, not weigh over a certain amount. Social media increases depression, anxiety, loneliness, self harm, and even suicidal thoughts. Not so fun facts from Health Guide, social media leads to isolation, feeling left out, and instead of decreasing loneliness, it increases these problems. Body image has led to mainly young women feeling distressed or even suicidal. Of course it doesn't happen by itself, bullying is one of the main causes to suicide. Most people bully due to weight and looks. Social media doesn't help the fire either, it's as if you're adding gasoline to it. People cyberbully because they don't want to get caught in person and that it seems easier to hide from what you're doing..

Self Esteem

“Rising rates of depression have coincided with a rise in smartphone use,” according to Sophia Auld. Ever since social media has become a more popular thing there has been a huge impact on the new generation. Social media sets unrealistic beauty standards which can really hurt your self esteem. According to childmind.org, “Social feeds can become fuel for negative feelings they have about themselves.” Social media can be very harmful for young children so if you have a kid on social media, stopbullying.gov recommends that you keep documents of the situation, like how your child is reacting to these things and then helping them through this situation. Social media can influence many kids to get eating disorders, so if you notice a change in your child's eating schedule, confront them. Time limits and having a private account can protect you from any sort of dangerous things.

Recent Studies

Some recent studies have shown that teens, specifically young girls, self evaluate and compare themselves to others that they think are more attractive than them. This can make these young girls put unrealistic expectations on themselves, which can destroy their self esteem. Women and young girls are more likely to use social media now to look at their peers' photos, instead of actually posting themselves, or the things they like.

According to NCBI.com, which is the national center for biotechnology, those who are on social media more, feel more inclined to partake in a form of plastic surgery to change their appearance. "Studies have previously suggested a relation between time spent on social media and body dissatisfaction" NCBI said in an article about how social media can lead to wanting plastic surgery. It is very hard to overcome these insecurities, but there are many ways to learn how to love yourself without social media influencing you.

Social Media Reality

Most of us that have social media on our cell phones can admit to letting the influence consume you. Meaning social media is all about the influence of influencers. The picture they choose to let the world see, may be switched a bit to reality. Everyone has the choice to post what they want their friends to see. They may have their page to be made look exciting, fun, adventurous, etc. But that may not always be the reality of their daily life. It's just what they choose to show. These models, famous people, influencers, almost all usually use editing apps to edit their photos. Editing is extremely common in today's style on social media. Editing is not bad as it is common, but can deform the true picture.

Beauty has been changed to unrealistic standards by the lies on the internet.

Teens take these photos from influencers and look up to them as a standard. According to the Child Life Institute, some studies show that "teens are more anxious and have lower self-esteem because of social media." Overall, social media has an impact on teens' brains. Using social media less would solve a lot of self esteem issues.

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