



Freddy Awards

Christopher Green

The Freddy Awards is a program that was created by the State Theatre in Easton to recognize and reward accomplishments in high school musical theater programs in the Lehigh and Northampton, Pennsylvania Counties as well as Warren County, New Jersey.

The Freddy Awards received their name after J. "Fred" Osterstock, who was the "Fred the Ghost" of the State Theatre, who had owned the State Theatre from 1936 until he passed away in 1957. The 2023 Freddy Awards were streamed on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00pm. on WFMZ. You can view the list of all the 2023 nominations and more on <https://freddyawards.org/>.

The Freddy Awards feature categories such as Overall Production of a Musical and Outstanding Orchestra. Nominations for the 2023 Freddy Awards occurred on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Wilson Area High School's production of Pippin was nominated for three Freddys! Wilson was nominated for Outstanding Performance by a Female Ensemble Member, Isabella Dayton as Berthe; Vic Kumma Award for Outstanding Solo Vocal Performance, Corner of the Sky; Dylan Penyak as Pippin, and Outstanding Overall Production by a Smaller School.

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Art Show

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This year's 2023 annual art show was an absolute success. There was a wide variety of styles of painting, drawings, sketches, and even printed virtual art. Some of the styles featured include expressionism, abstract, modern, anime, and portraits.

Some of the art that caught my eye was created by Kassie, Elena, Maura, and Dulcie. Kassie included very impressive pieces of portraits. Some of them were of her friends and others were of herself. Elena was awarded a scholastic art and writing award for young artists and writers for one of her pieces. This is a very impressive reward given by Kutztown University. Dulcie included very detailed pieces of virtually created art of anime characters. Maura also had very talented pieces including a portrait created solely out of cardboard, as well as virtually created drawings of anime characters.

All of these different mediums included in this year's art show made it very interesting to see the diversity in perspective and art styles. Wilson Area High School should be very proud of their art students for the effort and dedication that was put into this year's art show.

I highly recommend students and staff to attend next year as well for more breathtaking talent.



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AP Testing Interview

Emily Pezzuto
Patricia Santiago

The month of May can prove to be the most stressful time of the year due to AP tests. Because there is so much information to review, students can become overwhelmed. We decided to ask some of our friends in AP classes how they felt about their exams and how to prepare for them. This is what they had to say:

Le'Asia Webster

Q: What AP test(s) did you take?

Le'Asia: I took AP English Literature and Psychology.

Q: How do you think you did?

Le'Asia: I think I did excellent, like so amazing on the English exam!

Q: Do you feel like you prepared enough and if not how would you prepare better next time?

Le'Asia: I think I was very well prepared for the exams.

Q: Any advice for students taking AP's next year?

Le'Asia: Do the required reading and focus on taking those AP practice tests.

Aden Broome

Q: What AP test(s) did you take?

Aden: I took AP English Literature and AP Physics C.

Q: How do you think you did?

Aden: I think I did pretty well on the English one but not as much on the physics one.

Q: Do you feel like you prepared enough and if not how would you prepare better next time?

Aden: I feel like I prepared enough for both tests, but I feel like I should have taken more practice exams for physics.

Q: Any advice for students taking AP's next year?

Aden: For English, definitely read your classic novels because it helps having a variety of options when writing an essay. For physics, keep taking AP practice tests.

Hennessy Renninger

Q: What AP test(s) did you take?

Hennessy: I took AP Biology and AP Drawing.

Q: How do you think you did?

Hennessy: I think that I did fairly well. I shot for a 3, so I hope I reached it on both.

Q: Do you feel like you prepared enough and if not how would you prepare better next time?

Hennessy: I think I did my best to prepare for AP Biology. There will always be little things that you forget, but overall I was ready. For AP Drawing, I worked on my portfolio all year so I think I was well prepared.

Q: Any advice for students taking AP's next year?

Hennessy: Definitely pay attention to the small details in AP Biology and in AP Drawing, take any criticism you can get as it helps your art grow.

Good luck to anyone who plans on taking any AP courses next year!

Ahiella Borgen

Have you ever wanted to persuade your mom or dad into letting you go out with your friends? Journalism is the perfect class to learn those skills. Joining the journalism club gets students involved on all levels, from mingling with students, to attending school events, and actively participating in something that benefits the entire school body. Students benefit from yearbooks just as much as the schools do in creating a positive school spirit.

Journalism class is all about expressing yourself in words for other people to read. Yes, we do write monthly articles for our school newspaper, but it's not as hard as it sounds. It gets your mind going on subjects you're intrigued by, and it also gives you an opportunity to share your opinions with other people through writing. Apart from writing for the newspaper, we also collaborate with how the yearbook is created. We get to pick a theme, and then make each page unique and organized. What's better than helping out on a project that every student looks back on for the rest of their lives?

Don't believe me? Here are words from two students that have been in the yearbook for almost their entire highschool experience and loved it !

Raymond Drepaul : It's a fun class where you can connect with friends and create something as cool as the yearbook for everybody to see.

Holly Rose : You get to write and read stories that you're passionate about, and get the chance to inform other students about important topics.



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How to Stay Safe from Sex Trafficking

Zack Stackhouse

Human trafficking is shockingly still a big problem in America and many other countries. Even though we shouldn't have to, we still need to be taking all precautions to protect ourselves.

One thing you can do is make sure to watch your back, this means you need to keep your head on a swivel. Also, you could get targeted in a store. They will watch you and ensure you are alone. For example, they could follow you outside and attack you when you least expect it. Perpetrators could sit in the parking lot and watch for unsuspecting victims. Then, they may put a red or an orange zip tie or some other type of ribbon on your car door handle. This is to let other sex traffickers know that the person is alone and an easy target.

This might be your last resort before screaming and yelling, but keeping some type of defensive weapon can really save your life one day. Pepper spray is extremely effective. It will temporarily blind your attacker, and it will either stop him in his tracks or drop him straight to the ground. This will give you plenty of time to run and call the police.

Men are also targeted too. It is way more uncommon for a man to be abducted than a woman as men are typically harder to attack than women. Even though it is not entirely common, it is a sad reality you need to prepare for.

Tik Tok Trends Go Too Far

Ahiella Borgen

Challenges are the main way in which TikTok creators encourage people to join a discussion or interact with their content. In other words, they challenge people to create videos performing a specific action or task. There have been numerous viral dance challenges that everybody is fully aware of.

It's been a known topic that social media is a dangerous source for children, but a platform as big as the tik tok franchise is easily taking over the world. From its musical days to now being named "Tiktok," it has over three billion downloads. With children coming of age and wanting to fit in or feel "cool," Tiktok is the main source for having a "social life".

On the other side of TikTok, there are so many challenges where things haven't been so cheery. An alleged Tiktok trend called the "Benadryl challenge" has claimed the life of Jacob Stevens, who was only thirteen years old. The viral TikTok challenge involves taking massive amounts of Benadryl, the over the counter allergy drug, to get high and bring on hallucinations. Jacob was already using a ventilator, which helps move air to the lungs for the patient whose breathing insufficiently.

Even though the Stevens family is taking legal action, what is to stop things like this from happening? They can win a lawsuit or get pity cased, but nothing will make up for the fact that their child was easily influenced by social media.

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Australia Plans to Ban Recreational Vaping

By: Emily Pezzuto

On Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023, the Australian government announced that they are planning to ban recreational vaping in the country to crack down on the e-cigarette epidemic. According to a Reuters article, "About 22% of Australians aged 18-24 have used an e-cigarette or vaping device at least once, data last year showed". Australian Health Minister, Mark Butler, is placing controls on imports and packaging in order to discourage vaping in the country.

Australia's plan to ban vaping is being spread all over the news to explain what the plan entails. According to CNN, Butler has stated that non-prescription vapes will be banned from importation and vapes will have pharmaceutical-like packaging. This means prescriptions will be required for any vaping products that still remain legal. Single use and disposable vapes will be banned, and brightly colored vapes will be restricted. Butler believes that these devices lure younger people into smoking.

The concept of banning vaping in Australia wasn't as sudden as we thought it was. It originated all the way back in October of 2021. The Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care decided that Australians will need a prescription to legally access nicotine containing e-cigarette products for any purpose.

Vaping is a growing concern across the globe. Statistics show that teenagers and young people are three times more likely to take up smoking. With Australia starting to take steps in a smoking-free environment, only time will tell to see if other countries will follow in their footsteps.

Ten Year Olds Working at McDonald's

By Mya Marsac

According to the United States Department of Labor, a pair of ten year old children were found working at a Louisville McDonald's until 2am. This was just the first of many children discovered working illegally. The two ten year olds were allegedly the children of the night manager, but not approved by the franchisee organization. Many conveyed their doubts about this story.

The divulgence was a part of an investigation into child labor law violations. After an investigation was announced, analysts found more than 62 McDonald's locations in Kentucky, Indiana, Maryland, and Ohio had illegally employed children.

These locations had employed over 305 minors that worked illegal hours, performed tasks prohibited by the law, and worked while being under age. The oldest were fourteen and fifteen, and some were as young as ten.

The children were often seen using hot grills, ovens, and deep fryers. In addition, they were required to serve the food to the people in the restaurants. The businesses would make the children work a significant amount of hours, and they exceeded the daily and weekly limits for these minors. In some cases the children would be working during school hours.

According to officials, the 62 McDonald's locations were run by three franchises, including Bauer LLC, Archways Richwood LLC, and Bell Restaurant Group LLC. The authorities have attested that the violators of the child labor laws were to pay \$212,754 in fines. Most people think that the fine they received wasn't enough for the crime they committed.

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Woman Dead After Teens Throw Rocks at Cars

By: John Anklam

Three teens in Colorado have been arrested after throwing rocks at vehicles, leaving one person dead. Twenty year-old Alexa Bartell was killed after one of the rocks went through her car windshield while she was driving.

The suspects, Nicholas "Mitch" Karol-Chik, 18; Joseph Koenig, 18; and Zachary Kwak, have been charged with first-degree murder and extreme indifference. Karol-Chik told authorities that Koenig was driving the vehicle while Kwak was the one who was throwing rocks. The teens then went back to the car where they took a picture as a "memento." The police say that the arrests were possible because of cell phone forensics, which may have something to do with the pictures they took.

Bartell was on the phone with a friend when the rock hit her windshield, and the call went silent. Her friend was then able to find her by tracking Bartell using her phone. When she found Bartell, she was fatally injured and her car had gone off of the road.

The three were arrested overnight and are now being held without bail. A witness claims to have been with the three on the night of the murder. They were loading landscaping rocks into the back of a pickup truck.

This is not the first time the teens have done this; reports say that the teens have been throwing rocks at cars since February. On the night of the incident, it is reported that the teens threw rocks at seven different vehicles, resulting in minor injuries to two other drivers.

Bodies Found at Oklahoma Home

By: Darrian Cascioli

On Monday, May 1st, authorities found seven dead bodies on an Oklahoma property. It was a search for two missing teen girls. The property is located east of Henryetta and 90 miles from Oklahoma City. Jesse L. McFadden, the 39 year old owner was found dead at the property too.

The worst part about this is that Jesse was also a sex offender. During the search for the two teen girls, five other bodies were found. Jesse also had a court appearance on Monday but never showed up. The reason he had court was for soliciting sexual conduct and communication with a minor. Before that he spent 17 years in jail for rape back in 2003.

The authorities have found all of the bodies on the property but are not disclosing how they died. Five of the bodies were all minors, some as young as 13 years old. The story gets even more weird. It turns out that Jesse was actually one of their neighbors. The family said that they had also been friends with Jesse since 2020. They thought he was a normal person, and he never told them about his history.

The two girls went to the same school in Henryetta. The school has been grieving over them and even put up their own memorials. They put up a message on their website for the victim's families. When the school had cleaned out the girls' lockers, they found notes that other students had left them. The notes claimed that she was a great friend and showered her with compliments. The events that unfolded can only be described as a tragedy.

Israel-Palestine Conflict Background

By: Holly Eichlin

The state of Palestine is in the Eastern Mediterranean region of the modern Israel and Palestine territories of the Gaza Strip and West Bank. This land is a Jewish ancestral home, but the people of Palestine also claimed the land. Tension grew when the international community gave Britain the task of establishing a national home in Palestine for Jewish people.

The conflict between Palestine and Israel started getting fairly tense in the 20th century when Jewish civilians were fleeing persecution in Europe and wanted an established homeland. However, when they tried to settle in this Arab/Muslim majority territory, they resisted, seeing the land as rightfully theirs. A plan was formed by the United Nations to give each of them a part of the land, but it failed miserably. This conflict has caused numerous wars, but the most significant battles took place in 1948 and 1967.

During the war in 1967, Israel occupied East Jerusalem and the West Bank, as well as various other territories, which is home to a large number of Palestine refugees and their descendants. Neither of the refugees or the descendants have been allowed to return to their homes.

Currently, tension is still very high between Israel and the Palestinians living in Jerusalem, Gaza Strip and West Bank. Gaza has been overtaken by a Palestinian militant group, The Hamas. Palestine states they are suffering from Israeli action and restriction due to Israel and Egypt tightly controlling Gaza's borders to stop weapon flow.



Israel Palestine Conflict in West Bank

By: Tosin Adebayo

On Thursday, April 27, 2023, the Israeli Army killed an alleged Palestinian Attacker in West Bank. The following Monday, May 1st, a Palestinian teen was killed by Israeli fire. These attacks have shed more light on the prevailing conflict between Israel and Palestine.

The confrontation on Thursday occurred when the Israeli Military had received reports of a Palestinian attempting to carry out a car-ramming attack. When Israeli soldiers realized that the alleged perpetrator was wielding a knife, they opened fire. The victim was identified as a 39-year-old man named Ahmed Taha.

Fatah, the Palestinian nationalist and social democratic party, released a statement saying that Taha was on his way home from work as a First Lieutenant of the Palestinian security forces and a father to two boys aged five and seven. They went on to condemn the Israeli military's actions.

The Palestinian Military claimed Taha had tried to swerve into another lane of traffic, but the Palestinian public stated that in the video, the damaged vehicle appears to have a Palestinian license plate.

The incident on Monday was a result of a raid by the Israeli forces in the occupied area of the West Bank. During this raid, a 17-year-old named Jibril al-Laada was fatally shot and killed. In addition, three others were wounded. The Israeli Army reported the presence of gunmen on the scene.

The raids in West Bank towns, cities, and villages have been nightly occurrences as of late. The claim to their purpose was to “stamp out militancy.” Dozens have lost their lives from these raids and nineteen have from Palestinian attacks against Israel.

This has added to the growing number of people killed due to the conflict between these two nations. A whopping 96 Palestinians have been killed since the start of 2023.



Zhonghua Plant Explosion in China

Lianah Thomas

A petrochemical plant explosion in China took the lives of nine people around the country's May Day holiday. Rescuers were able to find the bodies of the nine Zhonghua Group workers who were killed in this explosion. One person has been declared missing after the explosion, and another was hospitalized with injuries. An interdepartmental task force has been assigned the job of investigating the cause of the explosion. Despite its industrial achievements, industrial safety still remains a major issue in China.

The accidents caused by these issues are blamed on poor oversight and heavily criticized safety regulations. Industries that are major sources of employment and tax revenue are often given a pass on infractions. Since a 2015 explosion at a chemical warehouse in the northern port city of Tianjin killed 173 people, the majority of them being firefighters and police officers, the central government has committed to enacting better safety measures. Numerous municipal officials have been charged with accepting payments in connection with the accident to cover up safety infractions.



China's War Phone Call with Ukraine

Ayah Mallah

On April 27th, 2023, the president of China made a phone call to the president of Ukraine to address their alleged support towards Russia. According to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, “[I] have had a long and meaningful phone call with China’s Xi Jinping since [Russia’s] invasion.” Although China attempted to act neutral regarding the Russo-Ukrainian War, Zelenskyy recognized China’s support towards Russia.

In an attempt to defend his stance, Zelenskyy referenced various data that suggested the increase in contact between China and Russia. Specifically, he reported an increase in imports and trade between the two nations. Despite such a claim, China confirmed, “[We are] always standing on the side of peace.” Numerous political reporters have expressed their support towards China’s claim as they state, “Unlike the West, Beijing [China] has sought to appear neutral on the Russian invasion.”

According to the official audio transcript of the phone call, “President Xi: China, a responsible majority country, would neither watch the fire from the other side nor add fuel to the fire, let alone take advantage of the crisis to profit.” Zelenskyy ultimately accepted that China is not opposing Ukraine by engaging in a public alliance with Russia.

Following the phone call, President Xi Jinping revealed his willingness to engage in trade with Ukraine. Such an offer is highly favorable due to China’s ability to positively influence the outcome of the war and potentially end it. Nonetheless, Zelenskyy had noted that “...it is too early to know whether it would lead to some sort of meaningful peace movement, or plan or proposal.”

Russia Bombs Its Own City

Kevaughn Simpson

On April 6th, 2021, a Russian bomber conducting military exercises near Belgorod accidentally dropped four bombs on a residential area. This caused significant damage and injured at least two people. The incident has sparked outrage and raised questions about the competency of Russia's military and its leadership. It highlights the dangers of conducting military exercises near populated areas and the need to prioritize the safety of civilians.

Initially, the Russian government denied the incident, but later confirmed it as a mistake made during training exercises. The Defense Ministry expressed condolences to the victims and promised compensation for damages. However, the incident raises concerns about the safety of civilians living near military bases and training grounds. There have been several incidents of Russian military equipment malfunctioning or crashing during training exercises, resulting in civilian deaths and property damage.

The incident underscores the need for transparency and accountability in military operations and the importance of acknowledging mistakes and taking responsibility for them. It also raises questions about Russia's military capabilities and its preparedness for potential conflicts. The accidental bombing suggests systemic issues with the training and supervision of Russia's military personnel.

The international media has widely covered the incident, with many expressing concern about Russia's military posture and its potential impact on regional and global security. Some have even suggested that the incident could be a sign of broader problems within the Russian government and military leadership.

Military Documents Leaked

Sarah Mallah

On April 13, 2023, a Massachusetts guardsman who served at the 102nd Intelligence Wing at Otis Air National Guard Base was convicted of exposing confidential military documents. The incident is considered the most prominent military leak of the decade. The documents contained salient details regarding national security conflicts—primarily the war between Russia and Ukraine.

The twenty-one-year-old United States National Air Guard associate, Jack Teixeira, had not been popular among his comrades. Moreover, his peculiar background and behaviors brewed tensions between him and the authorities. In high school, Teixeira had been suspended on numerous occasions due to racial threats and gun-related violence. During the court trial, his defense lawyer stated, “He is not the person he described in the letter...”. However, many disagree with this statement, proclaiming that dismissing his past behaviors led to the interception of military documents.

Teixeira befriends virtual gamers on a notable communication platform known as “Discord.” Amidst a series of direct messages, Teixeira sends multiple messages discussing his sinister intentions. The young man was indoctrinated into believing he was created to rid the world of the feeble. A reporter transcribed a message attesting, “If he had his way, he would ‘kill a [expletive] ton of people because it would be ‘culling the weak-minded.’”

The leaking of classified information ignited concerns from Americans nationwide. Many people questioned whether or not the United States could conceal their most binding documents, nonetheless, if they could trust their own employees. Under the Espionage Act of 1917, disclosing sensitive details is particularly considered to be a federal crime. Jack Douglas Teixeira is currently being held in jail and can face a maximum of 15 years in prison.

Employee Puts Needles in Food at Lehigh County Giant

Makenna Sandt

Troopers were contacted for supposed food tampering at a Giant store in Lower Macungie Township. Giant claims to have been aware of “a product integrity issue” and notified law enforcement to investigate.

A juvenile, who is now a former employee, has been identified as a suspect. The product tampering occurred after 5 pm on Thursday, April 13th. The investigators are confident there was no other contamination before that time because of their video surveillance where they saw everything he did.

Troopers said the juvenile put sewing needles in bagged vegetables and individual Tastykake packages. Once the items were bought and the needles were discovered, they were returned and no one was injured.

Giant removed an abundance of products out of caution. Some of those items include the individual Tastykakes, fresh bagged green beans, onions, fresh asparagus, dog food and much more. Although precautions are being made now, Pennsylvania State police are warning customers to check their groceries before eating, and if a needle is found, call the State Police immediately and return the item back to the store.

Bed Bath & Beyond Stores Closing

Kylee Burwell

Bed Bath & Beyond has been a one-stop shop for essential items such as kitchenware, electronics, towels, and home decor. Over the past few months, though, customers have abandoned the store in favor of other stores like Target, Walmart, Costco, and HomeGoods.

Bed Bath & Beyond filed for bankruptcy Sunday, April 30th, and said that it will be closing its remaining 360 Bed Bath & Beyond stores. They have already managed to close over 400 stores in the past year. Bed Bath & Beyond has fallen to the “retail apocalypse” while other businesses around are still growing.

A lot of other stores such as TJ Maxx, HomeGoods, and Ross have scooped up some of these vacant stores. Burlington, Five Below, Nordstrom Rack, and even Planet Fitness may fill up these places as well. Bed Bath & Beyond’s real estate is a precious scarce resource for retailers, so this is space that other stores can tackle on. Bed Bath & Beyond has a lot to offer for prospective tenants.

With Bed Bath & Beyond closing, there are closing deals that are coming along with it. Customers can shop online and in-store deals of ten percent to thirty percent off merchandise at all of the 360 locations. It is uncertain when all these stores are closing, but you can only redeem Bed Bath & Beyond gift cards, store credit, and merchandise credit through May 8th. The store will only accept returned items from April 26th to May 24th.



NBA Update

Shamel Gibson

With the first round of the NBA playoffs coming to a close this year, it has been nothing less than extraordinary. There were a lot of unexpected finishes and had fans in complete awe while watching. The first series that had an unexpected ending was the Miami Heat vs Milwaukee Bucks. With the Bucks having their MVP, Giannis Antetokounmpo, many thought they would sweep through the Heat. It was the opposite of that, in fact the Heat beat the Bucks in 4-1 games dominating moving on to the next round with ease.

The next series that ended in a quick fashion was the Los Angeles Lakers vs Memphis Grizzlies. LeBron and the Lakers didn't waste any time and did what they were supposed to do. Even with them being the lower seed. A lot of people had the Lakers favored. The Phoenix Suns and the Los Angeles Clippers faced off as well in the first round. What looked like to be a scrappy and hard fought series, turned out to be the total opposite. Phoenix lost game one and after that, they didn't lose another game in the series.

Another exciting series was the Denver Nuggets vs Minnesota Timberwolves. Even though the Wolves lost in 4, every game was a nail biter. It also showed that the NBA has a rising young star in Anthony Edwards.

The New York Knicks were also a surprising team in the playoffs. They faced off against the Cleveland Cavaliers. Many people thought the Cavs were going to move on. Instead, the Knicks had something to say to that, stepping on the gas, and they did not let up. They won the series 4-1, shocking everyone because they have not won a playoff series since 2013.

Trae Young and the Atlanta Hawks battled for six games before losing to the defensive juggernaut called the Boston Celtics. Trae didn't give up easily putting up one of the best numbers in the playoffs. The Celtics were too much for them in the end and moved on to the next round.

The last playoff series but definitely not the worst was the Golden State Warriors vs the Sacramento Kings. The Kings ended the 16 year playoff drought and finally made it this year. They lit their beam in the first two games showing that the Kings team was ready, winning both.

Stephen Curry and the Warriors let everyone know why they were the champions last year. With every game being so close, it took both teams to seven games to find out who would move on. In the end, it was the Golden State Warriors who showed their experience and that they are not done yet.



Aaron Rodgers Traded to the Jets

Raymond Drepaup

After a whole off-season of rumors swirling around Aaron Rodgers getting traded to the New York Jets, a deal has finally been made official. The Green Bay Packers agreed to send star quarterback Aaron Rodgers, their 2023 first-round pick (No. 15) and a 2023 fifth-round pick (No. 170) to the Jets for New York's 2023 first-round pick (No. 13), a 2023 second-round pick (No. 42), a 2023 sixth-round pick (No. 207) and a conditional 2024 second-round pick that becomes a first if Rodgers plays 65% of the plays this season.

This is the second time in 15 years that the Green Bay Packers are sending an aging superstar to the New York Jets. The first time was back in 2008 when they traded Brett Favre to the Jets. After this trade the Packers will turn to Jordan Love to take over the quarterback position. Love was selected in the 2020 NFL draft with the Packers first round selection that year. There will be high expectations for Love as he sat three years behind Aaron Rodgers, so most believe he should be ready to go.

For the Jets, with this trade they will finally try to end what is the longest playoff drought in sports. With the Sacramento Kings making the playoffs in the NBA, the Jets were next in line for the longest sports drought, which is now 12 years. With the Jets barely missing out on the playoffs this past season, they will turn to Aaron Rodgers to lead New York back into the postseason. With the additions of Allen Lazard, and Randall Cobb, Aaron Rodgers will have some weapons he's already familiar with to throw the ball to.



Gervonta “Tank” Davis vs Ryan Garcia

Gavin Ehlman

This fight was the most hyped up event in boxing since Floyd Mayweather. Coming into this fight, both fighters were undefeated, Ryan Garcia with a record of 23-0, and Tank Davis with a record of 28-0. This fight was to determine who would be the new face of boxing.

Both fighters talked a lot of trash before the fight and all throughout the press conferences and social media. This drew more attention to the fight and brought in millions of viewers. By the time they both walked out of the tunnel, all eyes were on them. Ryan Garcia walked out to the song, “Ocean ” (Where Feet May Fail), while Davis walked out to “Love Sosa ” with Chief Keef performing.

Once the fight started, everyone was on their toes waiting for a knockdown. Both fighter’s respected each other’s power and were testing each other out in the first round. As the rounds went on, more punches and combos were being thrown. Davis was being more reserved and waiting for the right time, while Ryan Garcia was patient, but throwing more punches.

The moment everyone stood up and held their breath was when “Tank” Davis knocked down Ryan Garcia with a minute left in the second round. Ryan Garcia was swinging and trying to combo him but ended up leaving his face open, and Davis took full advantage with a left hook. This is the moment where they started to figure each other out.

As punches were being thrown and rounds were going one by one, everything changed when “Tank” Davis hit Ryan Garcia with a liver shot. Any fighter or anyone who knows a lot about fighters will understand the pain a liver shot can do. Once Ryan got hit, he felt it, he tried to get back up and create space to buy some time. Unfortunately for him and Ryan Garcia fans, he had to take a knee, causing Gervonta Davis to win by knockout.

Most fans were hoping it would end in a knockout, but the type of knockout where the other would be on the floor sleeping. At the end of the match, the score cards read 58-56, 59-56, and 59-55, all in favor of Davis. Fans are expecting a rematch in the future, but for now fans are content with the fight.



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Met Gala 2023

Emma Davenport

This year's Met Gala was held May 1, 2023 at the Metropolitan museum of art in New York City. This year's theme was "Karl Lagerfeld: A Line of Beauty," and many very famous celebrities were in attendance.

Doja Cat, a popular song artist, wore a cat costume designed by Oscar de la Renta. While wearing this outfit, Doja got very in character with her costume and even decided to meow like a cat while getting interviewed by influencer, Emma Chamberlain.

Some of the Kardashian/Jenner family was also in attendance this year. Many fans really enjoyed Kim Kardashian's haute couture Schiaparelli gown. Kim's gown featured many beautiful pearls to match her jewelry and shoes. Kylie Jenner also attended, and she wore a fiery red gown by Haider Ackermann and definitely stole the show.

Jared Leto, a famous actor, decided to wear a full on cat suit to the gala. Leto did this to pay tribute to Lagerfeld's relationship with his beloved cat, Choupette, who was not present at the gala. Leto's outfit definitely got a lot of attention due to the very realistic details on his outfit. Many celebrities took photos with him including, Kylie Jenner, Anne Hathaway, Jenna Ortega, and even Donatella Versace. The 2023 Met Gala was definitely one to remember, and fans are ecstatic to see what is in store for next year and the following years to come.



The History of Sanrio

Patricia Santiago

Sanrio is a widely known franchise consisting of a cast of cute characters meant to put a smile on everyone's faces. Hello Kitty, the main mascot, can be seen in stores and on the internet. The cartoon cat even has her own cafe. However, the company did not begin with Hello Kitty.

In 1960, Shintaro Tsuji, the CEO of Sanrio, had established Yamanashi Silk Center Co. with the intention of beginning a social communication business. The company launched gift products as well as a poetry collection titled "Loving Songs" in 1966.

In the year 1969, Sanrio Greeting Co. was officially established as a greeting card company. They would open the first directly managed Gift Gate Store in Shinjuku, Tokyo.

It wasn't until four years later that Sanrio would go under its current name as well as create its first three characters. Hello Kitty and Patty & Jimmy were the first established Sanrio characters within the franchise. In 1975, the first Hello Kitty product was introduced under the name "Petite Purse." Within the same year, the Strawberry newspaper and Sanrio's first animated film "Little Jumbo" was also established. Two more characters, My Melody and Little Twin Stars, would also be added to the cast.

As decades passed, Cinnamoroll would be introduced as a new character in 2001. Years following, Sugarbunnies would also be added. The franchise began to grow before ultimately landing their first Sanrio store in Moscow, Russia.

Sanrio's success continued throughout the 2010's and has continued to thrive even in recent years.

The Late Late Late Show

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After eight fun filled years of James Corden hosting the famous "Late Late Show," he has decided to call it quits. On Friday, April 28th Corden filmed his final episode of the show alongside his guests Harry Styles and Will Ferrell.

The CBS network hired James back in 2015 to take over as the host following Craig Ferguson. Corden is famously known for doing his Carpool Karaoke segment with artists such as Lizzo, Bad Bunny, Ed Sheeran, and many more. He ended his last show by doing this segment with Adele.

When it comes to the reason as to why the show has ended, James explained he wants to be able to spend more time with his wife and three children. He and his wife are now planning to move back to London in order for their kids to experience some of their childhood over there. On the other hand, there have been some rumors that the network was losing millions of dollars from the show and that is the reason it ended. However, CBS has not confirmed anything and even said James made this decision completely on his own.

Now that Corden is done hosting the Late Late Show, CBS has decided they will not be replacing him, and he is able to take the show with him. However, the network is looking to fill the time with a reboot of the game show "@ midnight." There is no specific date for when the reboot is airing, but it will be taking over the 12:30 am time slot!