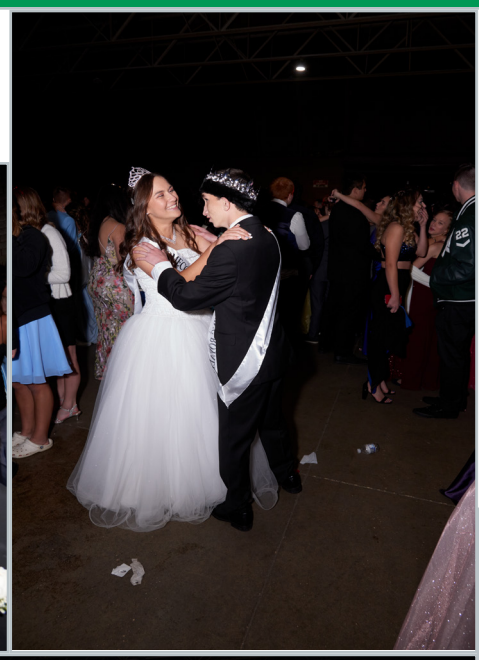
This issue is dedicated to Mia Howard and Nick Scott(See Photo Story)

JAGUAR JOURNAL #JJ

VOL. 68 NO. 1
NOVEMBER 2021

HOMECOMING



















News:
Pages 2,3,4
Entertainment:
Pages 5,6,7
Student Life:
Pages 8,9
Editorial:
Pages 10,11
Sports:
Pages 12,13
Lifestyle:
Pages 14,15
Photo Story:
Page 16

Jag Journal Staff

Head of Design:
Abbie Chojnacki
Mackenzie Waddell

Senior Editors:
Abbie Chojnacki
Mackenzie Waddell

Design Editors:
Abbie Chojnacki
Mackenzie Waddell

Writers:
Alayna Albanys
Layla Alzaidy
Elizabeth Antrassian
Lily Brenner
Alexis Brown
Madison Buchanan
Reese Chabot
Gabe Craig
Emily Dingman
Miranda Dokey
Brooke Genaw
Noah Genevich
Isabela Gomez
Morgan Griffiths
Colin Guitar
Mike Junkin
Emma McBeth
Ivan Salinas
Peyton Shear
Eva Skarbinski

Guest Writers:
Alexis Crosslin
Maura Martin
Delaney Shiveley

Homecoming 2021

By Madi Buchanan

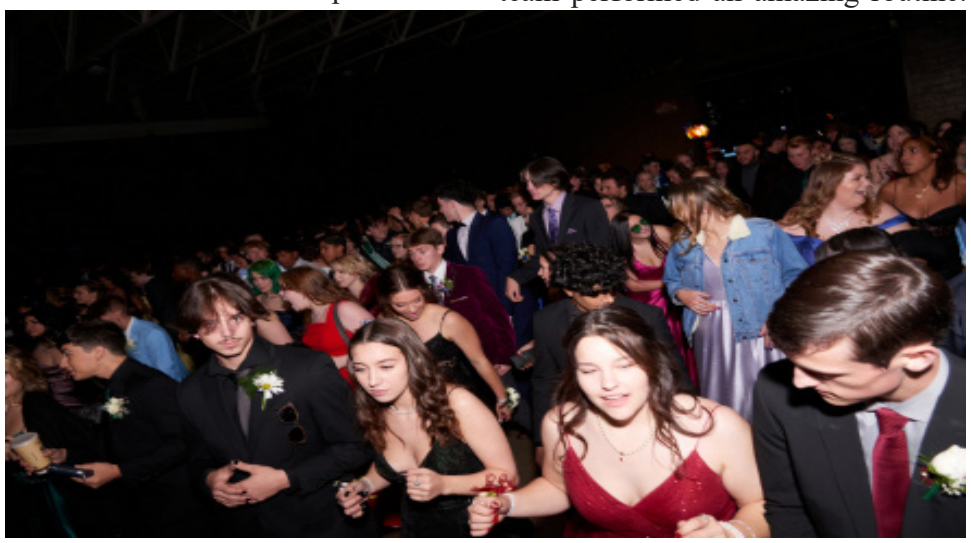
Homecoming spirit week started strong with the overall theme of Decades. Freshman were the 1950's, sophomores were the 1920's, juniors were the 1980's and seniors were the 1960's. The week started off with each class dressing to their chosen theme with the lunch activity fruit by the foot.

Tuesday's dress up day was Outer Banks with a lunch activity of cup pong. Wednesday had a theme of soccer moms and barbeque dads and a mummy wrap competition. Thursday's theme was music day with a brain freeze competition of who could drink a Slurpee the fastest. To end the week Friday was of course green and white with a game of survivor pong. Seniors had the most dress up participation resulting in them winning all spirit week days.

The pep assembly was held on the football field where the band started off playing us what they have been working on. Next where the events fast food run, and of course the obstacle course. The seniors won both events giving them more points towards the spirit block. To finish off the pep assembly the varsity cheer team performed an amazing routine.

The parade went down streets with each class's decorated floats and the homecoming royalty in their cars. On court this year was: Billy Couturier, Bralin Fikel, Zander Lambert, Parker Quisenberry, Jackson Pierce, Ava Branam, Madison Hool, Anaya Colon, Lisa Lueke, Alexis Wilson. While there was an interruption from the train it did eventually pass and the parade was able to continue. The juniors won the float competition with their 80's inspired Pac Man float. During the football game our Jags dominated all throughout with an ending score of 48 to 0 against the SouthgateTitans. During half time the homecoming court was brought to the stage where Madison Hool and Parker Quisenberry were crowned King and Queen. The seniors were also announced as the winners of spirit week giving them the spirit brick.

The homecoming dance was an amazing end to our spirit week. The dance was held at Heritage Park under the pavilion. While it may have been cold at times it was a blast.





Supreme Court Moves to Reverse Abortion Rights

By Miranda Dokey

The Supreme Court may reverse the ruling that allows abortion, amid Texas abortion ban. The court decided in 1973 during the infamous Roe V. Wade court case that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. The Supreme Court is currently made up of eight associate judges and one chief justice. Texas has a new law that puts a ban on abortions when you can detect a fetus heartbeat, it was passed on May 19, 2021 and went into effect September 1, 2021.

The court voted 5-4 to deny an emergency appeal from abortion providers and others that sought to block enforcement of the law that went into effect Wednesday. Out of the 9 Supreme Court justices, three are liberal leaning, five are conservative leaning, and Chief Justice John G. Roberts is a non-consistent voter, and serves as the swing vote. In the 5-4 vote Chief Justice Roberts sided to approve the emergency block on the abortion ban. What could this mean for Michigan going forward? Looking into the laws in Michigan, there's still a 1931 pre Roe v. Wade Michigan law on the books which criminalizes the use of tools or drugs with the intent to "procure a miscarriage," making it a felony. It is unclear if and when the 90-year-old law would go into effect if Roe v. Wade were to be overturned.

State Democrats have tried to have the law repealed, but with a Republican-controlled legislature, has been blocked. Governor Gretchen Whitmer has promised to veto any abortion restriction bills that comes her way. Abortion in Michigan is currently legal. 54% of adults said in a poll by the Pew Research Center that abortion should be legal in all or most cases. In the United States, eleven states have trigger laws that would automatically ban abortion in the first and second trimesters if the Roe v. Wade case was overturned.

January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, affirmed the legality of a woman's right to have an abortion under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. The Court stated that a woman's right to an abortion fell within the right to privacy (recognized in Griswold v. Connecticut) protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. The decision gave a woman the right to an abortion during the entirety of the pregnancy. The case defined different levels of state interest for regulating abortion in the second and third trimesters the ruling affected laws in 46 states.



AOC's "Tax the Rich" Dress: All-American or Cheap Attention-Grabber?

By Eva Skarbinski





This year's Met Gala, a charity event for New York City's famous Metropolitan Museum of Art, is traditionally attended by celebrities, artists, and athletes. This year, the rising star on the political scene Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) was invited to the gala and showed up in a beautiful white gown, designed by black artist Aurora James that had the words "tax the rich" emblazoned across her back side. AOC's fashion choice has enraged republicans and even gotten mixed reactions among her supporters.Ocasio-Cortez is a left-wing representative from New York's 14th congressional district which includes the Bronx and Queens. Since her 2018 campaign, she's accumulated a cult following of young progressives who advocate for environmental protection, abortion rights, free healthcare, affordable education, and social justice. Most of her supporters seem to support her wearing her "tax the rich" gown, but some of them also say she could have brought awareness to her cause in different ways. Notable political Commentator HasanAbi said that the representative could have used the Met's platform to speak up without drawing as much controversy. Members of right-wing parties had a much stronger reaction to Ocasio-Cortez's boldness. Greg Gutfield, the host of the Fox News talk show 'Gutfield!' mocked her saying it "must feel great waiting on snobs who paid your yearly income for a night out" and that the Met was "a real working-class event." It's worth noting, however, that Ocasio-Cortez was invited and did not pay for her ticket.This isn't the first time celebrities have used the Met to bring awareness to political and social issues. At the 2018 Met Gala, actress Lena Waihte wore a LGBT+ pride flag and in 2019 donned a periwinkle suit that said "Black Drag Queens Invented Camp". This year, however, the event saw a spike in politicized fashion. Billie Eilish only agreed to wear her stunning Oscar de la Renta ball gown after the designer agreed to stop making clothing with fur, according to Popsugar. Model Cara Delevigne's shirt bore the phrase "PEG THE PATRIARCHY ''. But for Representative Ocasio-Cortez, the dress will have a further impact on her career than that of the several other celebrities. Now her name will be further tied to the issue of tax evasion by the rich. New Yorkers she represents, who make an average of only $66,664 per household (according to Census Reporter) in a city where the price of living is notoriously high, will likely expect her to do more to "tax the rich" and close the income gap. If she doesn't act soon, she may face criticism for being inefficient. That leaves many to wonder why her campaign committee even allowed her to wear the dress. Was it a reelection campaign publicity stunt, or was it a pledge of confidence to Americans?

Lollapalooza - Getting Back to Normal

By Layla Alzaidy

The music industry has been hit hard by the Coronavirus pandemic. As everyone knows, touring and live performances bring in the most revenue in the music industry. Of course, after COVID, none of these were permitted due to the health and safety guidelines. During the peak of the pandemic, attempts were made to try and bring some of the lost revenue back. Virtual concerts, virtual performances, and virtual shows were put in place to try and bring everyone back together, in hopes of being able to get back together in the future. Well that once unforeseeable future has arrived.

A very popular music festival, globally known as Lollapalooza, returned back for the first time since Covid in July of this year. The festival held over 385,000 people, with some light rules in place. Each day, all attendees were required to either bring their vaccine card, vaccine record or a negative Covid test. Also, any and all attendees who were not vaccinated at the time of the festival were required to wear masks throughout the day. Although staying Covid free obviously wasn't guaranteed, the rules set in place helped keep as many people as possible safe. After Lollapalooza took place, a huge amount of festivals released dates, performers and rules. Over 50 festivals are scheduled to take place before the end of this year, which all come with almost identical rules. All of the festivals either require you to be fully vaccinated or show proof of a negative COVID test taken no longer than seventy two hours before your attendance date. Some festivals are even setting up testing locations within a 15 mile radius of the festival, in order to attract a bigger crowd. So what does this mean? Music festivals and concerts coming back are a huge step in the right direction. These shows coming back means that we are this much closer to our old life. Requiring all concert goers and music festival attendees to be fully vaccinated or provide a negative Covid test encourages the general public to watch for their health and be extra careful in public, so they don't risk missing a show.







Where is Gabby Petito?

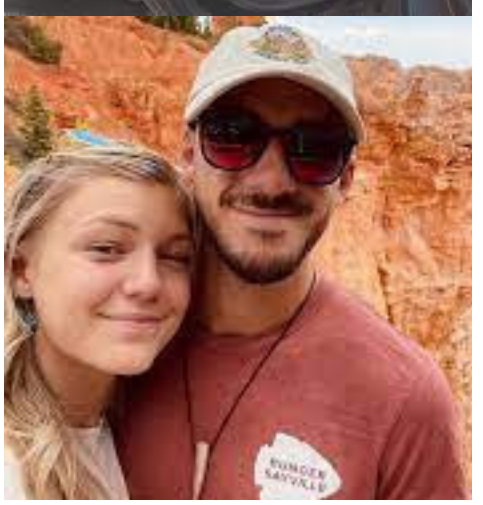
By Emma McBeth

August 30th, 2021 was the last time Gabby Petito was ever heard from. 22-year-old Gabby Petito and her fiancé Brian Laundrie set out on a cross country road trip at the beginning of June that was scheduled to end on Halloween. The couple planned to use Petito´s van to travel along the west coast and to visit a multitude of national parks. However, due to uncertain circumstances, the road trip was cut short when Gabby Petito was declared missing. Towards the end of September Petito´s body was found and the case switched from disappearance to homicide. Laundrie and Petito first became known by the police on August 12 when a bystander called 911 to report a man in a white van with Florida plates slapping a woman. When the responding officer showed up to the scene the couple declared their love for each other and claimed they ¨did not want to see anyone charged with a crime.¨ The officer suggested the couple split for the night and they agreed. The trip then went on as scheduled. Petito was in constant contact with her family and loved posting about her travels on her social media accounts.

On August 24th, Petito FaceTimed with her family and said she was ¨leaving Utah and headed to Wyoming.¨ On August 25th, Petito and her mother exchanged multiple text messages and she is believed to be at Teton Range in Wyoming. August 30th was the last time Petito´s mother received a message from her. The message read ¨No service in Yosemite¨. The family does not believe that Gabby Petito was the one to send it though. On September 1st, Laundrie returned to the couple's home in Florida alone. On September 11th, Petito´s family in New York reported her missing. As the case grew in popularity Laundrie remained silent. Tik tok users began investigating the case themselves as the topic blew up on social media. Press conferences were held but no one had answers. Petito´s parents begged Laundrie for some kind of answer on what happened to their daughter but he remained uncooperative. On September 14th, Laundrie was spotted leaving his house with a backpack. A few days later his family revealed that they had not seen him and a nationwide manhunt began. On September 19th, human remains consistent with Gabby Petito´s description were found in Teton County, Wyoming which was the last known location of Petito. On September 21st, forensic testing revealed that the remains were in fact that of Gabby Petito. The cause of death has not been confirmed yet but the corner has declared the manner of death as a homicide.

As of September 22nd Brian Laundrie still has not been found and has not been named a suspect in the murder of his 22 year old fiancée, Gabby Petito.





Marvel's 'Shang-Chi' is a hit in the US - Banned in China

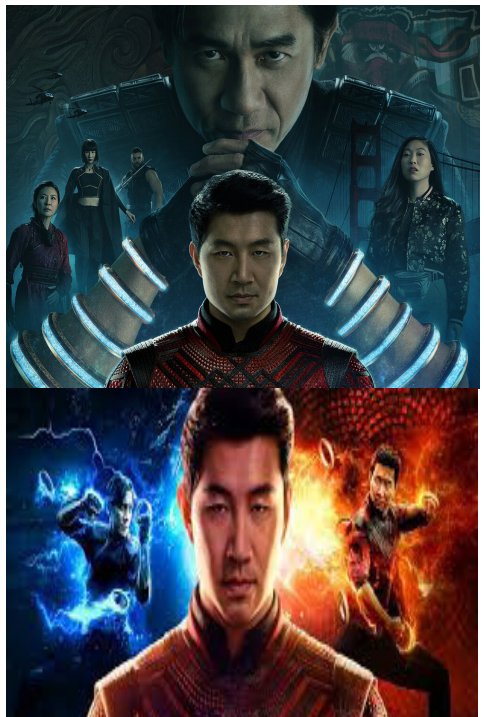
By
Eva Skarbinski

After a year and a half of waiting, Shang-Chi has become the first film to be released completely in theaters since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was met with hundreds of thousands of fans flocking to see it, and became the highest-grossing domestic release of 2021 in the States. The film, directed by Japanese-American Destin Cretton, was met with praise by activists and critics alike for its inclusion of authentic Chinese and Asian-American culture, its basis in Chinese myth, and excellent production. In fact, it's the first installment of the Marvel Cinematic Universe starring an Asian actor. It will be followed by Marvels 'Eternals' in November, which will be directed by Chinese-born Chloé Zhao.

But despite its celebration of Chinese culture, 'Shang-Chi' was banned in China by its President Xi Jinping. Along with this, he banned cryptocurrency and 'effeminate men'. The ban comes amid rampant bans of foreign media including Tik Tok, Instagram, screen time for minors, and several news sources. Although the President has not issued any statement as to why these restrictions have been passed, it's safe to say that the Chinese government means to stop foreign ideas from infecting its people. And since the movie follows San Francisco native and Asian-American Katy Chen, its China ban suggests a particular emphasis on keeping American influence out.

Whatever President Xi's motive for banning 'Shang-Chi' is, he can't stop the movie from becoming a smash hit in the rest of the world and perhaps even finding its way into China illegally. According to a Reuters.com article, Chinese pirates cost foreign production companies billions each year as of 2007. With such a popular movie being banned, pirates will almost certainly seize the opportunity to sell it in that country. Because of that, the attempt by the Chinese government to solidify their control over their citizens by restricting media consumption could just as easily result in the growth of crime and rebellion.

Nevertheless, 'Shang-Chi' is a film to be celebrated for all it has brought to Hollywood filmmaking. Aside from being overall a thrilling movie, its attention to detail and accuracy when portraying other cultures is excellent and raises the bar for other productions to have that same awareness.





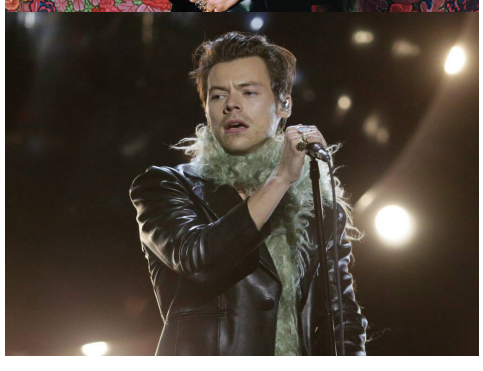




Harry Styles: Love On Tour

By
Emma McBeth





Harry Styles is set to release his third album very soon. Fans have been waiting for a new album since Styles released ``Fine Line¨ back in December of 2019. Currently is on tour for his ``Fine Line¨ album and calls the tour ¨Love on Tour¨.

HSLOT kick started just a few weeks ago but fans are already anticipating the announcement of HS3. According to Styles, the album has been in the works for quite a long time and he plans to surprise his fans with the release date. A secret source has revealed that Styles began working on the album in early 2020 and had a few writing sessions done before the pandemic really hit. A lot of the details are top secret right now but the HS3 track list should be decided soon. Styles already has two singles out; Fine Line and Harry Styles, which have topped charts repeatedly. He is currently busy with his 39 date tour series as well as his acting career. Styles had a small role in ¨Dunkirk¨ and is now going to be starring in ¨My Policeman'' and ¨Don´t Worry Darling¨ which will be released sometime in 2022.

The dates have not yet been confirmed but filming concluded mid-2021. Both movies were directed by Styles' new girlfriend, Olivia Wilde.

Everything about Styles´ new album has been kept private so all anyone knows is that most of the recording was done in the United Kingdom in the midst of the pandemic. At his concerts he has played several unreleased songs such as medicine and anna. Fans can't help but wonder if these unreleased songs will be making it onto Harry Styles 3. Styles used to be a part of a popular British/Irish band called ¨One Direction¨ alongside Liam Payne, Niall Horan, Louis Tomlinson, and Zayn Malik. The band produced chart topping hits and eventually called for a break in 2015. Styles still sings songs from his 1D days on all of his tours. Maybe one day the band will get back together? Maybe there are collabs with his former bandmates on HS3?

Oliva Rodrigo Talks Mental Health

By Caroline Hinds

Singer and songwriter, Olivia Rodrigo, had a sudden jump to fame with the drop of her hit song, Driver's License, in January of 2021. As the media began swooning over this song, Rodrigo's fame only grew.

After getting her start on Disney Channel show, Bizaardvark, then later Disney Plus series, High School Musical: The Musical: The Series, Olivia Rodrigo became noticed by Disney fans. However, she did not think her popularity would grow this large. R After releasing her debut album, SOUR, in May of 2021, Rodrigo's fanbase enlarged even more. With her fast approaching fame came mental health problems. Being an 18 year old female, new to the music industry can arise some problems in many aspects of one's life.

Rodrigo touches on the subject of mental health while talking with Billboard. She speaks about her gratitude towards the people who have stuck by her through it all. "It was surprising to see who was genuinely supportive of me and who wasn't," Rodrigo said.

Alongside this realization, Olivia Rodrigo spoke on her mental health and how rising to fame changed how she dealt with it. "I'm taking it one step at a time. It can be really tough on your mental health, though. I'm grateful for the people who like me for me, and keep me separated from all the noise and tabloids or what people are saying about me on social media. That's always been a top priority."

It is good to know that this upcoming artist has a positive mindset and a good support system with the launch of her career.



Met Gala 2021

By Lily Brenner

Usually the Met Gala is held on the first Monday in May. Due to COVID-19 it was held September 13th during fashion month. The Met Gala is known as the Oscars and Olympics of fashion. It was held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

If you are not familiar with the Met Gala it is held to fundraise a new exhibit. "In America: A Lexicon of Fashion," The theme of this year's Met Gala was "American Fashion" and some celebrities didn't really dress the theme but some of the outfits were spectacular. The guest list consisted of: Billie Eilish, Timothée Chalamet, Rihanna, Kim Kardashian, Addison Rae, Dixie Damelio, Lili Reinhart, Kendall Jenner, Justin and Hailey Bieber, Jennifer Lopez, Gigi Hadid, Frank Ocean, Olivia Rodrigo, Lily Rose Depp, Megan Fox, Emma Chamberlain, James Corden, Simone Biles, Ciara, Lil Nas X and many more.

Outside the Met Gala there were many Black Lives Matter protesters and in order to get in there was a vaccine mandate. The exhibit they are fundraising for is a little more political than usual. It focused on a broad-ranging selection of overlooked designers. Andrew Bolton said it "very much came from the Black Lives Matter movement. Many of the outfits were representing gender inequality and even proposed solutions. Pop star Billie Eilish wore a dress honoring Marilyn Monroe. United States House Rep Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wore a dress representing "Tax the Rich".

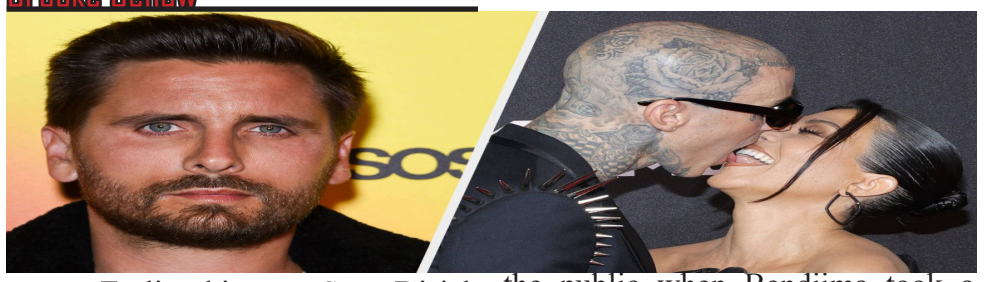
The reunion of Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck led a lot of fans to excitement. Nicki Minaj didn't attend because of the mask mandate, she tweeted out to her fans explaining. Whoopi Goldberg however was all about the mask mandate and said "If you're not going to get vaccinated you really have to question where you stand in the country. Kim Kardashian wore an all-black outfit covering everything on her body even her face. There are rumors going around that she dressed like that to prove that even when her whole body is covered she gets criticized. The Met Gala in general caused a lot of controversy but also a lot of excitement.





By Disick vs Kardashian

Brooke Genaw



Earlier this year, Scott Disick has started a feud with the whole Kardashian-Jenner Family. It seems that the feud has recently escalated, Scott has unfollowed the whole family on Instagram along with his recent ex Amelia Hamlin. It all started when Disick Dm'ed Kourtney's Ex Younes Bendjima.Disick is a known American media personality and socialite. Along with having three kids with Kourtney Kardashian - Mason, Penelope, and Reign. Kardashian and Disick have continued to keep a close bond until recently when Kourtney started to date Travis Barker. Kardashian and Travis Barker have reportedly been dating for almost a year. Although Disick has given the couple his blessing, he has never fully liked the idea of them dating. It became very apparent when he DM'ed Younes.The feud came apparent to the public when Bendiima took a screenshot of his DM's with Disick. The apparent text was a picture of Kourtney and her boyfriend Travis Baker getting involved with PDA on their trip to Italy. Disick sent a comment of "Yo is this chick ok!???? Broooo like what is this. In the middle of Italy." Bendiima replied with "Doesn't matter to me as long as she's happy. PS: I ain't your bro." Bendiima posted the screenshot to his Instagram story.Disick also expressed wanting to kill Bendiima on the reality show. After Disick reportedly unfollowed the whole family, Amelia Hamlin reportedly broke up with him. The rumor is that the feud caused a huge strain on their relationship. Hamlin assumingly broke up with Disick because of the Instagram drama.

Black Widow Lawsuit Against Disney

By
Alayna Albanys

`Scarlett Johansson started a lawsuit against the Walt Disney Company. On Thursday she settled her lawsuit over the streaming release of Black Widow, bringing an end to what had happened as the major fight between a studio and star over releasing her movie. She filed the lawsuit in Los Angeles California two months ago. She agreed to continue to work with Marvel with this movie. She has been in all the other 9 movies as her character "black widow" Natasha Romanoff. She was proud to work with Marvel the past 10 years. Alan Bergman, Chairman of Disney Studios Content, said he is "pleased that we have been able to come to a mutual agreement. "The lawsuit stated that Johansson agreement was that she would have a theatrical release. Instead of going with what she said Disney went against it, they released it on Disney + for a $30 dollar rent fee during the pandemic.

Before the lawsuit Johansson gave Disney and Marvel every chance to fix their issues but they didn't. Disney at the time said the lawsuit had "no merit whatsoever," adding that it was "especially sad and distressing in its callous disregard for the horrific and prolonged global effects of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Disney then said they changed their release plan so she would have her chance to earn the money from a theatre release, after being delayed more than a year because of COVID-19 pandemic, "Black Widow" debuted the movie then a pandemic best of $80 million in North America and $78 million from international theaters on July 9. But theatrical fees declined sharply after that. In its second weekend in release, the National Association of Theater Owners issued a rare statement criticizing the strategy. Filmmakers and financiers who are unhappy with potential lost revenues and their lack of say in such strategies. But none were as big or as public as Johansson's lawsuit.



Free Britney Movement

By
Emily Dingman

The "Free Britany" movement was constructed by fans of Britany Spears to try and get her released from her conservatorship, which began in 2008. The movement became popular in 2019, after the emergence of allegations involving Spears's time in a psychiatric facility early in the year.

A conservatorship is granted by a court for individuals who are unable to make their own decisions, like those with dementia or other mental illnesses. Her conservatorship was divided into two parts. Brittany's estate and financial affairs is one part and the other is her as a person. Spears' legal effort to end her conservatorship gained traction following the February release of The New York Times documentary "Framing Britney Spears." The documentary centers on the so-called Free Britney movement and her struggles under her court-ordered conservatorship, which gave her father broad control over her life and finances after it was approved in 2008. Jamie Spears was initially in charge of both parts of the conservatorship but stepped down as his daughter's personal conservator in 2019 for health reasons. The court forced Jamie to extend his position into September 2021. At one point he even wrote his own letter saying that he thought he should step down and him being in charge of his daughter's life was causing her "more harm than good". But in June 2021, she was allowed to address the court directly. In explosive testimony, the star asked the judge to end the "abusive" conservatorship so she could get married and have more children. On August 12, Jamie complied, filing papers announcing his intent to work with the court to "prepare for an orderly transition to a new conservator." Then, on September 7, Jamie filed a petition to permanently end the conservatorship, citing "recent events" that have "called into question" whether grounds for the conservatorship still exist. As of now the conservatorship has ended, letting Britany make her own decisions regarding her life and finances. Finally her voice has been heard for the first time since 2008.



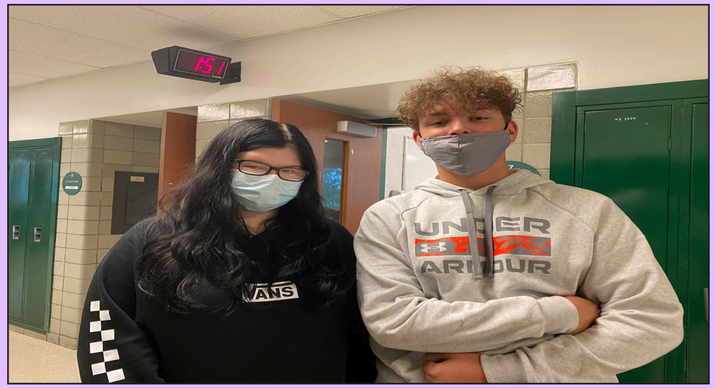


By
Isabela Gomez

As we all prepared for lockdown we were all searching for some shows to watch to keep us entertained and there it was on Netflix Tiger King. The true-crime story of Joe Exotic and Carol Baskin. Tiger King became the show everyone was talking about in March 2020 Now 18 months later Tiger King comes back with a Season 2 on Netflix They announced the second season will come out on November 17. For those that didn't catch the first season here's a summary of season 1.

Joe Exotic, a mulleted, gun-toting polygamist and country-western singer who presides over an Oklahoma roadside zoo, stands out among the eccentrics and cult characters in the stranger-than-fiction world of big cat owners. Joe, a charismatic but misguided guy, and an incredible array of characters, including drug lords, conmen, and cult leaders, all share a passion for big cats and the status and attention that their hazardous felines attract. However, things take a turn for the worse when Carole Baskin, an animal activist and owner of a big cat sanctuary, threatens to put them out of business, igniting a rivalry that eventually leads to Joe's arrest for a murder-for-hire plot, revealing a twisted tale in which the only thing more dangerous than a big cat is its owner. Tiger King 2 is one of Netflix's newest true crime documentaries, and it's likely the most well-known of the bunch. When Season 2 premieres on November 17th, we'll see if fans are hungry for more.

What Are You Most Excited About For Homecoming?



"Seeing everyone's outfits." "Hanging out with friends."

Lindsey Swiercz-Freshman Keegan Pringle-Freshman



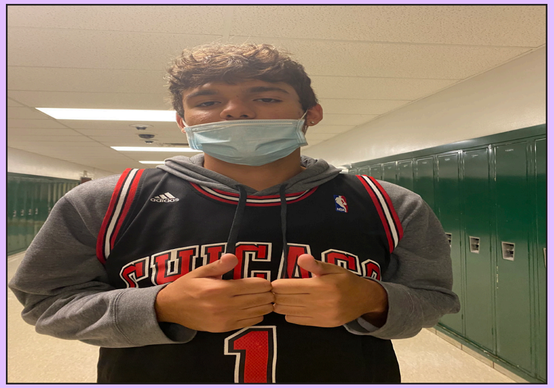
"To finally get back to traditions and celebrate again."

Mr. Llyod



"To have my first school dance"

Aubrey Buffa-Sophomore



"Dinner after the dance."

Conner Martinez-Sophomore



"The parade." "To dance with my friends."

Domenic Corradi-Senior Courtney Perttula-Senior



"Very excited to see all Jags having fun and be apart of the Jag Jungle."

Ms. Foster



"To actually have one."

Ella Anselmi-Sophomore



"Seeing everyone's dresses."

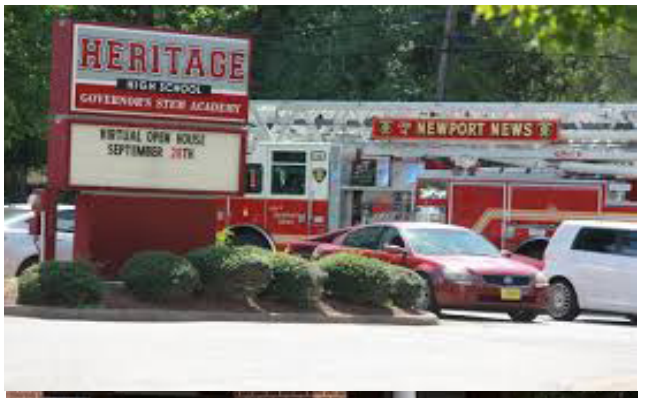
Madison Buchanan-Junior

School Shooting at Virginia High School

By Mike Junkin

I am going to be writing about is a school shooting that happened in Virginia. I am writing about this because it is an important topic that needs to be talked about more. School shootings have become a big part of school, and schools have taken big steps to make their school safer. There are lock down drills that my school has started to do, where we shut and lock the windows, and put big and heavy stuff in front of the door to keep the intruder out. We have been taught to stay out of view from the door, and if the intruder does make his way in, we will have to have a big and heavy object to throw at him, to hurt or distract him if possible. New Port News police arrived at Heritage High School as students gathered at the tennis courts outside the school building. Police confirmed that they transported 5 individuals to the hospital, 2 had gunshot wounds. Doctors do not believe the gunshot wounds are life threatening. A male 17 years old was struck on the side of his face, and a female 17 was struck on her lower leg. Police have not released details of who the shooter is, however, they do believe the shooter and the victims know each other.

In a few days they are going to question him and ask him his reasoning for the horrific attack and determine if mental help is needed. School shootings have become a big part of the world now, and schools may need to tighten down even more if something does not change. Some suggest checking people's backpacks for school every day, or always having an officer in the building ready just in case something goes wrong. Think about it hundreds or thousands of kids coming into the school every day with backpacks that they could put anything in, and we would never know. My school has done an excellent job, security wise, so nothing ever goes wrong. I hope every other school does the same so we all can stay safe, and these tragedies do not continue to occur.







Should Schools Have Gifted Classes?

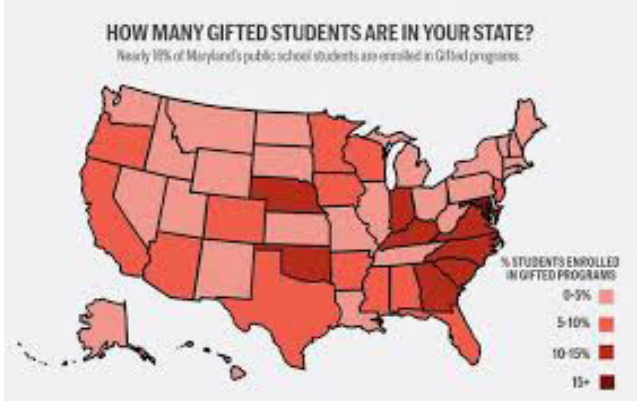
By Emma McBeth

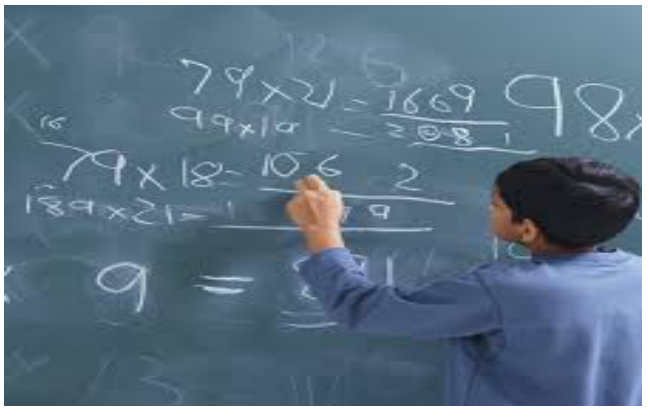
School systems around the country are debating whether or not ¨gifted¨ and ¨honors¨ classes should be eliminated. Gifted classes are creating caste systems in schools and dividing students based on academics. Gifted classes should be eliminated altogether. These classes have a negative effect on students. Usually in elementary school, students start getting divided from their peers based on academic performance. The better you are at testing, the smarter they tell you that you are. When children are placed into these boxes of gifted or not, they tend to keep that label for the rest of their lives. This can be really damaging for students labeled as ¨regular¨. They start to feel that they are not as high achieving as the gifted students when in reality it is all because of a label that they received at a young age.

Furthermore, gifted classes do not prepare students for higher level and harder classes. Many students become burnt out by the time that they reach high school and do not have very good study skills. They start to become frustrated when learning is suddenly difficult for them.

There is also the argument that gifted classes benefit students. The argument is that it allows those who learn at a faster pace to be with people who learn the same and those who need more help to be together. Now this is a valid point but should not be the only thing determining whether or not gifted classes should stay in schools.

Gifted classes should be a choice. Not a box that you are checked into at such a young age. The classes should only be offered to higher level students such as high school and college. Students should be able to choose when they feel that they need more of a challenge or if they would like to stay in the class that they are in. The motivating factor for students when deciding what classes to take are whether it will help you get into college or not. Most colleges do not even look at what kind of classes that each student took. All in all, gifted and accelerated classes should only be offered to older students.







Social Media's Impact on Poltics

By Eva Skarbinski

The way we get our news is changing rapidly. That much is obvious. We still read our news, talk about politics over lunch, and once in a while, a copy of the News Herald is dropped in my driveway. But people 30 years ago wouldn't recognize the world of news today. Today, the internet has provided millions with a platform to get their views out into the world, allowing small movements to gain national attention, issues to be brought to light for everyone to see, and people to be held accountable for their actions. But those benefits come at a cost.

Gen Z doesn't know of a world where Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram didn't exist. We never watched a man in a suit and tie read the news to us while we read it on headlines on the bottom of the TV screen. Today's teenagers get their news through people just like us. Everyday people broadcast their version of reality from their beds to thousands of people worldwide, and too often those viewers don't question it. We've created a culture of blind trust in people that's spread misinformation like plague across the world.

The repercussions of this are monumental. We all remember Pizzagate, the January 6 insurrection, Qanon. But sometimes we don't realize that these are just physical manifestations of what goes on every day on the internet. Every day, we're fed misinformation. Every day, we're being manipulated into doing or believing something someone says just because they said it. People don't think for themselves anymore and that's the true danger the Internet has brought on our world.

That's not to say we should abandon the internet altogether. We've already seen what the internet's done for us. But we need to learn to be conscious of what people in the dark corners of the media want from us. There will always be, and there have always been, people who want to use whatever power they have to lead us in a dark direction. Now, with the tool of global communication in their hands, they're more powerful than ever. But we have always had the most powerful weapon created: our minds. We need to use our minds to think for ourselves, to do our own research, and to be open-minded but not gullible.











Tesla Uninvited From White House Event

By Miranda Dokey

The White House is holding a summit on the future of electric vehicles but may have excluded the nation's top-selling electric-car company. Tesla, which has been responsible for about 74% of electric-car sales in the US over the past three years. A news article was posted to Twitter questioning if the White House will exclude Tesla. Elon Musk Tesla CEO responded to the tweet saying, "Yeah, seems odd that Tesla wasn't invited." Confirming the rumors. The event is centered on selling a lot more Electric Vehicles by 2030 — a 50% target market share that includes plug-in hybrids as well as full electrics.

The reason why the White House excluded Tesla, according to Market Watch, is because of unions. During the Q&A section of the White House Press Secretary's briefing one of the reporters asked about the rumors, she responded "We, of course, welcome the efforts of all automakers who recognize the potential of an electric vehicle future and support efforts that will help reach the president's goal, and certainly, Tesla is one of those companies. Today, it's the three largest employers of the United Auto Workers and the UAW president who will stand with President Biden as he announces his ambitious new target, but I would not expect this is the last time we talk about clean cars, the move toward electric vehicles, and we look forward to having a range of partners in that effort." A follow-up question was, "So it's not because Tesla's a non-union shop?" and Jen Psaki replied, "Well, these are the three largest employers of the United Auto Workers, so I'll let you draw your own conclusion." Musk has publicly discouraged union efforts at Tesla. The White House event will focus on the future of electric cars and fuel-economy standards. It will feature President Biden, as well as chief executives from Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler's parent company, Stellantis.

Tesla has managed to become one of the most valuable car companies in a matter of 17 years from selling electric cars alone. At the event, Biden is expected to emphasize the importance of keeping the EVs American-made — something Tesla has excelled at. In June, Tesla beat out Ford to become the most American-made car.

Jaguar Fever

By
Ivan Salinas

The Allen Park Jags split a three way Downriver League title with Woodhaven, and Carlson. The Jags hit the playoffs with an impressive record of 7-2. They suffered their first loss in a heartbreaking last drive against rival Woodhaven.

Allen Park would bounce back with a victory and another close loss to Harper Woods. The minor setback meant nothing to the Jaguars as they caught fire heading into the playoffs. In the district opener the Jags faced the Riverview Pioneers, the undefeated Huron League Champions. Allen Park pulled out a close affair 28-20 in the rainy, and muddy conditions. A highly anticipated rematch between the Marauders and Jags would determine the district championship. For the second time this season Carlson was picked as the favorites going into Friday Night. The Jaguars would score on their first drive, with a rushing touchdown by senior Sunerio Hamilton. Carlson would later tie the game at seven. Junior Kevin Lebron would return the kickoff into Marauder territory. Thanks to senior Offensive Linemen Brady Montie, Brendon Peters, and Gabe Craig, quarterback Ethan Gajewski had enough time in the pocket to find Lebron for a touchdown pass to reclaim the lead. It was all Jags from there, senior Thomas David Jr. would score on a rushing touchdown to end the half. The Marauder offensive struggled all night as the Jaguar defensive proved to be too physical for them once again. Allen Park would prove everybody wrong once again with another blowout in Carlson. Coach Tom Danosky and his Jags would bring home the District Trophy for the third time in four years.

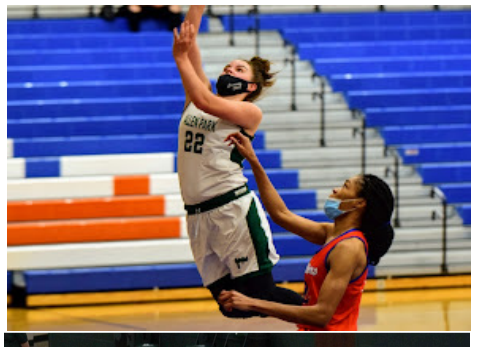
When asked about his thoughts on the game Senior Gabe Craig replied with, “We knew what we had to do, and we came out and dominated from the jump, and shut them down immediately.” Allen Park faces their biggest challenge yet taking on number 1 ranked Martin Luther King Jr. High School. We asked quarterback Ethan Gajewski what he thought about facing MLK and he replied with “It’s going to be a brutal, tough, and physical game. We are the underdogs again and are going to battle the best we can to bring this trophy back to Allen Park.” The Jags look to claim the regional title Friday November, 12th at MLK High school.















New Coaching Staff - Same Lady Jags!

By
Alexis Crosslin, Maura Martin, and
Delaney Shiveley

With an all new coaching staff, the nine returning varsity Jags are hungry for a league and district title this upcoming season. This team has been faced with many adversities. From a new coaching staff every year, to wearing masks while sprinting up and down the court, several unfortunately timed injuries, and quarantine putting an abrupt end to their season, they overcame all. With seniors, Alexis Crosslin, Delaney Shiveley, Maddie Hool, Madi Ramey, Maura Martin, Sarah Sexton, and Emily Dingman, these Jags are looking forward to a successful, senior season. The seniors are accompanied by two returning juniors, Emma Bateman and Faith Peschke.

After Coach Michael Zacny resigned following his first, and only season, he was replaced by knowledgeable, experienced, Joe Johnson. Coach Johnson is a former Allen Park Boys’ Basketball Assistant Coach, and is an assistant coach to the varsity football team. He gave up his assistant coaching role in exchange for the head position of the girls varsity team. “I am very excited! I can already see the potential this group of girls has to offer,” says Coach Johnson. Senior, Emily Dingman, claims, “He is nothing like any coach we have had before, and we are excited to see what he will bring to the season.”

The Jags had rigorous tryouts earlier this week, and they gained six new players, all juniors: Gianna Breslin, Luci Granata, Mia Hool, Molly Hool, Morgan Sizemore and Sally Cruz. With these new additions to the team, the Lady Jags are looking solid.

An upcoming debut of their hard work is hastily approaching. On November 30th, the Jags will challenge the Fordson Tractors on their own territory to kick off the season. They are hoping to recover from a previous losing record of 3 wins and 8 losses. The seven seniors began playing together in 5th grade and through middle school with 2 undefeated seasons. This season, they will be relying on team chemistry to carry them as far as they hope to go. After eight years of playing together, the seniors anticipate a winning season to leave off on.

Detroit Red Wings Season Starter

By Alexis Brown

The Detroit Red wings (4-3-2) had recently started their 2021-2022 game season on October 24th.. They began by playing the Chicago Blackhawks (6-3). The Detroit Red Wings were predicted to be good this year, and even though some people would think that their first game would have solidified it, the Chicago Blackhawks are known for not being super good. In fact, they have the longest losing streak in NHL history.

So, they went onto their second game which was against the Washington Capitals on October 27th. They were tied 2-2, and went into overtime until the Red Wings player, Dylan Larkin scored the game winning point (3-2). This was starting to intimidate other teams, as the Detroit Red Wings have officially begun their winning streak. Accordingly, then went onto their third game of the season. On October 29th, they played the Florida Panthers. This was very nerve racking for the Red Wings, as they were facing a very talented team in the NHL (7-0-0). The Panthers were up by two points to begin. The Red Wings fell just a hair behind as they caught up by the third quarter, and were tied. The game went into overtime until the Panthers player, Aleksander Barkov, scored his second, and winning goal of the game (3-2). This ended their very short winning streak.

They continued play against the Toronto Maple Leafs (4-4-1) on October 30th. This game had unfortunately started their short losing streak. It took little time for the Maple Leafs to score, but the Red wings did not score until the second period, while the Maple Leafs scored one again as well. Fortunately, they scored three in the third period, but so did the Leafs. This gave the Toronto their second win of the season thus far (5-4). The Detroit Red Wings do not play again until November 2nd against the Montreal Canadians (2-8-0).



Detroit Tigers Season



BY COLIN GUITAR

The Detroit Tigers last season was the best season they have had in the past few years finishing just under .500 with 77 wins and 85 losses. The record might not seem that good but it doesn't really tell the whole story of how they actually played they have struggled in the past with their pitching but the bullpen is looking solid with one of their closers in Gregory Soto making the All-Star game and Spencer Turnbull throwing a no hitter against the Seattle Mariners but then needing surgery and not playing most of the season. the Tigers hope he will be ready by the start of next season.

The Tiger bats also stepping up this season with the top 3 hitters being: Jonathon Schoop Batting .278, Jeimer Candelario batting 271, and Akil Baddoo and Derek Hill both finishing with a .259 batting average. Also this season, was one of the best Tigers of all time, former Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera hit his 500th home run against the Toronto Blue Jays finishing the season with 502. There are rumors of them going to get Astros Superstar Carlos Correa because he is a free agent this offseason which would be a great addition. The shortstop finished the regular season with a batting average of .279 with 26 home runs and 155 hits. Not only would he be help on the offensive side but a big help on the defensive side because the Tigers have had a hard time trying to find that guy to be there long term shortstop.

Not only are there rumors of them signing free agents but also bringing players up from the minor leagues. Players like Spencer Torkelson who plays first base and third base and finished 2021 season with 30 home runs and a .263 batting average for the Toledo Mud Hens. The Tigers AAA team.. On the same team Riley Greene who plays outfield finished with .301 batting average and 24 home runs. With the rumors of those two getting called up the Detroit Tigers look promising enough to be playoff contenders next season.

Fast Fashion

By Caroline Hinds

Fast fashion is easy, cheap, and popular. But it's not a good trend to support. Sirin Kale, from The Guardian, said, "Around half the young people they surveyed said that they would continue to purchase from Boohoo, even after learning that workers in Leicester factories that supplied the fast-fashion giant were paid less than £4 an hour."

Boohoo along with other "fast fashion" brands including Shein, Forever 21, Zara, etc., under pay their staff and produce often unsafe martialed clothing. A 2020 Vogue Business survey of 105 members of Generation Z found that more than half reported buying most of their clothes from fast-fashion brands, according to Kale. "Mintel data shows that Gen Z claims to care more about the environmental impact of their purchases: 70% of 16-19-year-olds agree that sustainability is an important factor when purchasing fashion items, compared with just 20% of 65- to 74-year-olds."

Generation Z has shown their enthusiasm towards benefiting the environment in the past in ways such as the past 'save the turtles' act. But if Gen Z is pro-environment, how are these fast fashion brands thriving?

Alessia Teresko, a 21-year-old student from Nottingham, seldom wears the same outfit online twice. "I can't take another picture in it because I already posted it," says Teresko. "I know that sounds very superficial." Fast fashion is easily accessible and cheap, so this is a more convenient way for young adults to get new outfits. "Bowden is a regular young person, working, seeing his friends, and conforming to the pressure we all feel – young and old – to look fashionable," says Kale. Fast fashion is bad for the environment, but it allows individuals to constantly be switching up their styles, in turn, advancing the fashion industry even more. This everlasting battle puts young adults in a tough spot, however as the past couple years of the fast fashion trend have only shown successes in this activity, the desire for fast fashion will not soon fade. As long as fast fashion is accessible, individuals will fund these brands.

SHEIN

boohoo



Why Do Sunflowers Face the Sun?

By Madi Buchanan

At dawn sunflowers will start facing east so they will be facing the sun when it comes over the horizon. As the sun moves across the sky the sunflowers will move so that they are always facing the sun. This is because they use a sun tracking movement known as heliotropism. This is a motion in response to the direction of the sun.

In 2016 there was a study published which revealed how sunflowers' own biological clock, ability to detect light, and the flower's genes allow the stems to bend with the arc of the sun. The study showed that sunflowers have their own 24-hour circadian rhythm which is like an internal clock. The stems in young sunflowers grow more during the night but only on the west side which allows the sunflower head to bend eastward. During the day, the stem's east side grows, resulting in a swaying motion to the west with the sun.

As a sunflower matures or grows older its overall rate of growth slows down. This leads to the older sunflowers facing east as a reaction to the early morning light that comes facing that way and it will eventually stop moving to face the sun at all times. There is an important advantage towards sunflowers facing east. By already facing that direction as the sun rises, that gives the flower a head start on warming up, which will, in turn, attract more pollinating insects, like bees.

When researchers compared mature flowers facing east all day to those that turned west, they found that the stationary blooms attracted upwards of five times more pollinators.

Sunflowers are able to grow in all 50 states but thrive best when they are somewhere receiving six or more hours of direct sunlight. Sunflowers can survive in extreme heats but do best in temperatures between 70 to 78 degrees. Once sunflowers have roots they don't need as much water meaning they could survive periods of droughts.







HOW TO STOP BEING LATE

BY BROOKE GENAW

Everyone has experienced being late to an event, and we have all experienced having to rush out of the door. You never want to be the reason people have to wait to get started. There are many ways to break this habit, but it is always hard to break a habit.

Tardiness can be explained through many things like personality traits, lack of time management skills. Often, being tarty is caused by attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Some of those personality traits would be being a perfectionist, crisis-maker, being a dreamer, and being a pleaser. some ways to help you to break your tardy habits is: Workout exactly how long it will take you to get somewhere, then build extra time. Most of the time people tend to underestimate how much time it takes to get ready and to reach their destination. You might think it takes you 20 minutes to reach your destination but the traffic could be bad or needing to find a parking spot.

Never plan on being right in time, always plan on arriving five to ten minutes early in case something unexpected were to happen. Prominently display how to show clocks all throughout your house. For example, put on in your living room, bedroom, or any other place you see yourself spending a lot of time in. Setting many alarms helps anyone who struggles with punctuality. Practice setting an alarm for when you want to leave and for when you actually need to leave. Also set an alarm for when the appointment is supposed to start. The reminders help to get your attention if you have lost track of time. Do not start a fun activity before you need to leave Try not to start planning your favorite video game, or begin tackling a work task in the hour or so leading up to having to leave. It would not be surprising if you were still engrossed in the activity you were doing.





Schools Face Shortages Due to COVID-19

By Reese Chabot

Along with many other schools, our school has faced many challenges over the year and a half. These shortages include bus drivers, substitute teachers, food, and supplies to provide for the students and teachers.

These inconveniences have definitely improved since last school year due to the state opening up and not remaining under full lockdown. With restrictions being lifted, it has opened up more job openings to provide for the people who may have lost theirs last year. These new jobs then provide for everyone which helps schools like ours have resources and supplies for students to come back to school in a safe and responsible environment.

Another big impact this pandemic has made on school systems and have caused shortages to, is substitute teachers. Many school districts may have certain rules set in place to be able to provide for the common good, such as being vaccinated or providing a negative Covid test. Many teachers have been the substitute for other teachers in the building during their prep hour due to the shortage. This shortage affects both teachers because their prep hour is their time to grade assignments and prepare for future weeks as well as, causing teachers to be hesitant on when to take days off or not and be able to plan far ahead to hopefully find a substitute that is available. Our school has done their best to provide for our students and staff during this hard time with the resources they have available to them. Many other schools such as the ones in North Kansas City Schools in Missouri. The schools in this district are trying to produce enough food for all students for both breakfast and lunch. In effort to do this, they made Sam's Club trips a regular occurrence. A huge shortage every school is going through is the lack of food. They try their best to provide two meals a day for every student however, with these food shortages and all the health.

Family lives in RV to Pay Off Debt

By Mike Junkin

A mother who moves her family into an RV to help pay off their debt. The family after 2 years of scraping by and living in debt Karen Akpan and her husband Sylvester decided it was time to move into an RV full time. The family sold their California home in February of 2020. Just before the pandemic hit the U.S.

The family also has an 8 year old son traveling with them. They moved into their fully renovated RV in May of that year. The family says that they were just sick and tired of all the bills and living in California and barely scraping by. So they decided to do something different for their son. Her and her husband now have several goals that they want to accomplish, they want to pay off all of their debt and then they want to create generational wealth, and then just spend more time together as a family which is really important to their family because life is too short, and the most important part to them is spending time with the people you love.

It has now been about a year and a half and the Akpan family have been able to pay off $200,000 dollars in debt, about half of which was student loans. They say it sounds scary when you think about it and she says they shouldn't have been in that much debt in the first place, it was absolutely nuts. Even though they still have a little more credit card debt to pay off they are about to be done.

Through their journey of all this Akpan says she's become some sort of an advocate for financial literacy encouraging her friends and family to start a Roth fund and learn about more.



Photo Story















