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America's Got Talent Judge Saved

By
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On November 23rd, 2019 Gabrielle Union's contract was not renewed to return as a judge on America's Got Talent. There is now a major investigation on why she was fired from the TV show.

SAG-AFTRA released a statement saying, "We take issues of workplace health and safety very seriously. We immediately reached out to Ms. Union's representatives when these reports came to light."

There are many claims that she was let go because she raised concerns about inappropriate racial remarks and actions. Anonymous sources claimed she had requested that a man who had said a racial joke in a segment of the show be reported to NBC's human resources. NBC commented on this and stated, "We remain committed to ensuring a respectful workplace for all employees and take very seriously any questions about workplace culture … we will take whatever steps may be appropriate." This is only the second time a judge on AGT has been removed after one season.



Union has not formally stated anything publicly about these circumstances. A day after the Variety article came out about this situation, she tweeted, "So many tears, so much gratitude. THANK YOU! Just when you feel lost, adrift, alone… you got me up off the ground. Humbled and thankful, forever." This topic caused an upset with many Hollywood celebrities. All of them sending love to Union from Lin-Manuel Miranda to Ellen Pompeo. They applauded her for her courage and bravery in such a difficult time.

Debra Messing, from "Will & Grace", said, "This is disgusting behavior from a network that has been my professional home for decades. Yes, woman become 'difficult', when their insistence on a respectful and professional working environment, is ignored." NBC has faced backlash on previous racial issues. Nick Cannon, AGT's former host, left in 2017 because he had been threatened to be fired because of a joke he had told using the n-word. NBC has previously explained they want to keep "refreshing" their panel of judges although three male judges are returning for AGT's fifteenth season. The replacement for Union's spot as a judge has not been announced.

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Trump Impeachment

By
Ian Watson

On November 8th, 2016, business man and television personality Donald Trump was elected as the 45th president of the United States over Hillary Clinton. Although, having a different type of personality than any other president, people feel that he has accomplished quite a bit as President. For example, he has created almost 4 million jobs. More Americans are employed than anytime in American history. But now, some Americans have started to turn on him as impeachment inquiries have begun. It all started when a "whistleblower" claimed that Trump had asked the Ukrainian "Dig up dirt" on an opponent in the 2020 election (The Washington Times). Since this information has been released, there has been more than one whistleblower who said they support this statement about Trump and are a part of the intelligence community. Trump immediately went to twitter to deny these whistleblowers by tweeting out, "Democrat lawyer is same for both Whistleblowers? All support Obama and Crooked Hillary. Witch Hunt!" This was given with no facts or cited statements of why the whistleblowers are incorrect. The whistleblowers recited from a transcript between Trump and Ukraine President Zelensky in the past few weeks that say Trump asked him in a phone call to dig up dirt on Biden and his son. Trump wanted details on a high paying job on the board of a major Ukrainian energy company for Biden's son. He wanted to do this so he can bring it up in an upcoming campaign for the 2020 election. This has started an impeachment inquiry for President Trump. The inquiry is mostly based off the transcript between Trump and the Ukrainian President. A poll done by George Mason University shows that Americans believe it was appropriate for the house to open up an inquiry on Trump. On the other hand, they also said that it would be appropriate to also investigate Biden and his son. Still today,



MICHIGAN MAN SHOT DEER HUNTING

BY
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On Saturday November 16th around 5:30 p.m, a man and his brother went hunting and after going deeper into the woods to find a deer that one of them had shot earlier, the man accidentally shot his brother mistaking him for the deer. He immediately called 911 after realizing that he had shot his brother and not the deer. He claims he believed he saw the deer move but after firing realized he struck his brother. Once authorities arrived the brothers walked out of the dense woods to meet the first responders. The victim was then transported to Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. The victim was in critical but stable condition when they arrived. Though the investigation is still ongoing, police said both brothers have been very cooperative. The perpetrator has said ,many times it was an accident, but police still have not been able to confirm that. The victim was struck by a bullet from a muzzle loading rifle. Where he was shot has not been disclosed to the public, neither have the names of either brother. There has also been no update on the victim's condition or whether or not he has been released from the hospital. Opening day in Michigan was a day prior to this incident, November 15th. It sounds like this really was unintentional,but it is still is very dangerous and could have been life threatening. This is why it is so important to be careful and cautious around loaded guns. Especially in this situation where they were in the woods in the dark looking for a deer, not able to differentiate a deer from one another. Make sure if you go hunting you are cautious and where the appropriate clothes. Make sure you are wearing some of that neon orange so you are visible, even in the dark.



Boys' Swim & Dive Preview

By
Aaron Price

The winter season brings upon the start of an array of sports and activities, including basketball—both boys' and girls'—hockey, wrestling, and competitive cheer. However, one winter team that is often overlooked at Allen Park High School is the boys' swim and dive team. Coached by Chris Maurino, the Jags look to have another successful season under the leadership of Victor Martinez. Last season, Victor made a trip to the MHSAA State Competition, finishing third in the 100 meter breaststroke event, breaking the Allen Park 100 meter breaststroke record set in 1987 in the process. Coming into this season, Victor is ranked top 100 in Michigan, and looks to make another run at the state competition.

Along with Victor, Jags Swim also showcases Harrison Shanton, Bobby Lambert, Danny Wilkes, and Terry Emeigh. On the diving side, Brendan Wilkes is the lone diver, looking to represent Jags Dive.

Harrison Shanton, who swims the 100 butterfly event, had this to say about the upcoming season. "I truly believe this will be the best season I will be a part of in my high school career, as this year's senior class is very talented and has strong leadership skills. However, I am most excited to see what the several newcomers are able to bring to the team."

The newcomers to the team are Jerry "The Jet" Kephart, Ross "The Boss" Koscielny, Brendan "Water Arms" Stephens, and Dylan "DJ" Holly. Along with the upperclassmen newcomers, freshmen Gilberto Chapa and Zach Pauley are very promising swimmers. These new members will add to the talent the seniors already supply.

Aside from actual competition, the Jags Swim and Dive also want to make practice fun, and senior Andrew "Roz" Rozman is a great example of this. Not only is Roz a star on the gridiron and with the drumsticks, he is some sort of a fashion icon as well. At practice, he sports a pink speedo, with graphics of donuts, cats, and unicorns scattered over it. The Jags' swim and dive team began their 2019/2020 season on December 7 and hopes to see several students at their meets.



Poetry Out Loud

By
Colin Cox

The Poetry Out loud event is held all over the country consisting of high school students. This year our students participated in the event. For the event, the students have to pick and learn a poem of their choice and recite it in front of their classmates and a panel of judges consisting of the English teachers of our high school.

All of the students in the class of 2022 participate in this event in their classrooms and the class as a whole picks the student that had given the best presentation of their poem. From there the move on to present in front of the class as a whole only 10 students will make it to the next round. The students that had made it to this round include Sophia Kardas, presented "That's My Heart Right There" by Willie Perdomo, Amelia Czajka, presented "I am trying to Break Your Heart" by Kevin Young, Connon Coogan presented "Genetics" by Jacqueline Woodson, Ava Spampinato presented "a song in the front yard by Gwendolyn Brooks, Layla Jamil presented Memory as a Hearing Aid" by Tony Hoagland, Ariana Riley presented "Flirtation" by Rita Dove, Jenna Gregory presented "Across the Bay" by Donald Davis, Xavier Marshall presented "In Flanders Fields" by John Mcrae, Jayna Mcamara presented " The Kiss" by Rober Graves, Shannon Kocis presented "I am Offering this Poem" by Jimmy Santiago Baca.

The students were graded on 5 categories being Physical Presence, Voice and Articulation, Dramatic Appropriateness, Evidence of Understanding, Overall Performance.

The winner of this event was Shannon Kocis. She now has the opportunity to present at the national level. The poem she presented was "I am Offering this Poem" by Jimmy Santiago Baca. The poem is about offering all that you have to someone else. Lines from the poem include "I have nothing else to give you so it is a pot full of yellow corn to warm your belly in winter, it is a scarf for your head, to wear over your hair, to tie up around your face," by Jimmy Santiago Baca.





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Mustang Mach - E

By: Aaron Price

On November 17, 2019, Ford announced its most advanced vehicle yet, the Mustang Mach-E. The fully-electric SUV is a direct shot at Elon Musk and Tesla, and Ford looks to make a splash in the electric vehicle market. The Mach-E will start at an MSRP of about $45,000 for the base model, and reach nearly $60,000 for the GT model. While this exciting new vehicle boasts power and technology, is it really a Mustang, as its name implies?

Within the first few weeks of its unveiling, many Mustang and muscle car enthusiasts have voiced bitter opinions on the name of the vehicle. This is due to the changing of the vehicles construction entirely, ranging from the motor to the silhouette. However, Ford executives insist the Mach-E will have the same driving experience as its powerful predecessors. According to CNN, the Mach-E GT will get an estimated 459 horsepower, allowing it to accelerate from 0 to 60 miles per hour in about 3.5 seconds. Ted Cannis, Ford's director of electrification, claims the Mach-E is "a freaking rockstar."

So, with all the performance the Mustang Mach-E showcases, what new tech innovations is Ford implementing? Aside from its fully-electric power source, it is easy to spot the giant tablet displayed in the middle of the cockpit. It is apparent Ford is drawing inspiration directly from Tesla, as the large touchscreens are a main attraction on their vehicles. Additional innovative technology the Mach-E features include: FordPass, an app that allows the user to control many features of their vehicle from their device; E-Latch, a smart lock system; a dashboard soundbar; and a Panoramic Fixed Glass Roof.

One concern that the Mach-E is raising amongst potential buyers is the availability of charging stations for the SUV. In response, Ford recently made public that they are in the process of creating a "large network of electric vehicle charging stations across the US that can be accessed using a smartphone app," (CNN). Once the project is completed, Ford is estimating that network will include over 12,00 charging stations.



Greta Thunberg Mural

Lily Andrysiak

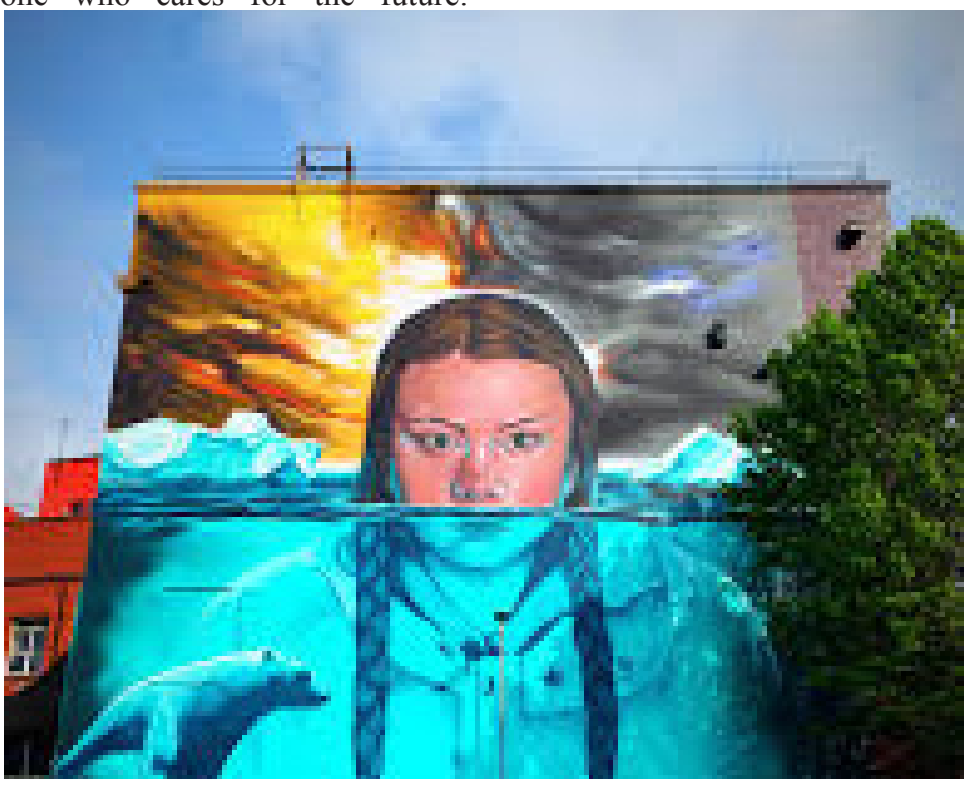
Andrés Petreselli is creating yet another emotional and beautiful mural to display on the walls of downtown San Francisco. After completing his mural of Robin Williams, he is now painting Greta Thunberg. Petreselli states in a CNN article that "he feels connected to everything Thunberg has done and will do for our planet and that she sets examples for the whole world."

For these reasons, he will donate all of his time to create this mural. Greta Thunberg is a sixteen-year-old Swedish environmental activist on climate change who has been recognized all over the world. Her journey started by skipping every Friday from school and protesting outside the Swedish Parliament. According to Biography.com Editors, "Thunberg and other concerned youths created 'Fridays for Future,' to pressure leaders and lawmakers to act on climate change through their regular walkouts."

After Thunberg attended the 2018 United Nations Climate Change Conference and gave a moving and powerful speech, she became a role model for many. After the Conference, student strikes took place every week somewhere in the world. Thunberg is now the leader and the voice for the youth regarding climate change. To spread awareness, she travels by boat meeting global leaders and speaking at assemblies to demand climate solutions and a recommitment to the Paris Agreement. She recently overcame a challenge by speaking out on her illnesses. She stated, "I was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, OCD and selective mutism. That basically means I only speak when I think it's necessary. Now is one of those moments."

She uses her mental illnesses as a "super power" and states that it is an "advantage" because it pushes her to speak out. Paul Scott is the leader of a nonprofit organization that is funding the mural. Scott states that the goal of the mural is to push people to "take the time to learn more about what she's trying to share," and that is "makes them want to help."

On March 13, 2019 Greta Thunberg was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. She is brave, a role-model for youth, and someone who cares for the future. Petreselli stated "We're pretty much at the beginning of our extinction, so if we don't do anything right now, it's going to be too late."



DISNEY PLUS

BY
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Disney released a new streaming service, Disney Plus. Disney Plus was released on November 12 and the day after it reached ten million subscribers. It only costs $7 dollars a month, or you can pay $70. for a prepay of the year and get almost two months for free. Verizon also offers a year free to their wireless subscribers. One other option is to get Hulu, ESPN, and Disney plus for $13. a month.

Disney Plus is designed to be the primary home to stream all movies and shows ranging from Star Wars, Marvel, Pixar and Disney's own studio, as well as National Geographic. Disney also is bringing out a bunch of original shows and movies based on those brands and others.

Disney brought many shows and movies back from years ago that weren't available anywhere. They have a special category of just the original Disney princess movies called, "Out of the Fault."

Since the launch the most watched things on Disney are 1. "The Mandalorian" 2. "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series" 3. Star Wars: The Clone Wars" 4. "The World According to Jeff Goldblum" 5. "Encore!" 6. "The Imagineering Story" 7." Forky Asks a Question" 8. "Pixar SparkShorts" 9." Marvel's Hero Project"10. "Pixar in Real Life."

Many people have asked: Is Disney Plus actually worth it? Well, since the release date it has been all the talk. Many people have made posts talking about how much they loved it and how it brought back so many of their old favorites that they haven't seen in a long time. It also offers shows for everybody and many options and deals to come with it.

With the huge release of Disney Plus and it' deal with Hulu, it brought streaming down on Netflix, and had them scared. Recently released was the news that Netflix was teaming up with Nickelodeon to bring back old shows from Nick, similar to Disney Plus. In hopes to bring more viewers they hope to release new shows at the beginning of the 2020 year.

Disney Plus has brought so many shows available to so many people and will continue to bring more.

Netflix and Nickelodeon

By
Fran Tucci

Shortly after Disney+ was released, Netflix announced that they will form a partnership with Nickelodeon. People across the world have become ecstatic from this news. Since both of these powerful streaming companies are partnering up, many have decided to ditch cable. So, the remaining question is, which is better? There are many differences between both of these programs according to USA Today. "While Disney+ may not directly benefit from advertising revenue, it can at least indirectly drive ad revenue by drawing in more Hulu users via the Disney+, Hulu, and ESPN+ bundle." This is an advantage for Disney+ because Netflix refuses to emit advertising in their service. Hulu users are expected to be drawn to this due to having three streaming services for a cheap price (including ESPN). Another difference between the two is that Netflix has rated R movies and shows, where Disney + is strictly PG. Netflix has more of a range of movies and shows to choose from; however, most of the childhood shows that people want is on the Disney + service. The main setback that is holding people back is the ads. Advertisements allow these companies to make more money since they are exposing products to whoever utilizes their service. However, there are still setbacks from Disney making a higher profit from the advertising. USA today also provided a description of what is included in Netflix & Nickelodeon's partnering service: "The family-friendly service provides 500 movies and 7,500 TV episodes, all that leverage iconic properties like the Disney studio itself, plus Pixar, Marvel, "Star Wars" and National Geographic."This is super exciting for people who have been urging Netflix to acquire some of these shows over the years. This program allows people to relive some of their favorite childhood TV shows. Since the release of this streaming service, people all around the world have been nonstop posting about it. Disney placed themselves in a great position to allow growth for their company. Netflix is hoping that they will receive feedback from viewers around the world. Both streaming services provide a plethora of entertaining shows to watch.



Google Stadia

By
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On November 19th, Google released a brand-new way of gaming. Google Stadia is a service where one can stream video games that are available with Stadia without an entire separate console needed. This service is designed to work on a variety of platforms such as PC, phones, and TV streaming devices like Chromecast. This has appealed to many people because streaming movies and television shows is very popular this day in age and the ability to play across multiple platforms is new and innovative. Lots of people were interested to try out the new service, though it is early and people may still experience some problems.

Google Stadia costs $9.99 per month for streaming access across platforms. Users can then buy games and play them across whichever platform they would like to play them on. For $130, consumers can buy the "Stadia Premiere Bundle" which includes the Google Stadia controller, a Chromecast Ultra for playing Stadia on your TV, and 3 months of Stadia Pro which allows you to stream games in 4k resolution. But consumers need to pay this one-time price plus the $9.99 per month after the 3-month Stadia Pro. A Google Stadia controller costs $70 without the bundle.

As of now, there are only 22 games available, Destiny 2 and Red Dead Redemption 2 being the most popular. In 2020, there is going to be a free subscription which allows for streaming at a lower quality. There are also going to be more games released, bringing the total available games to 42 with the confirmed releases.

Google Stadia is currently still in beta and Google is still charging full price for it. There have been some issues and disappointment upon release. For example, some people were unhappy with the picture quality of the games. They claim that, "The 4k doesn't look like 4k," in that the picture is not as clear as one might hope. Google Stadia is also not compatible for use on a phone using LTE, which disappointed some consumers.

Google plans to make changes to Stadia come 2020 along with more games and an overall better experience for their consumers.



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10 Must Watch Holiday Movies

By Gwen Ruetz

The holiday season is coming soon. It's just about time to change into your Christmas pajamas, grab a cup of hot cocoa, and cuddle up on the couch with a blanket to watch holiday films. Before you do that, here are 10 of the most popular Christmas movies for the season.

1.Elf- Full of laughter and holiday fun. Will Ferrell plays Buddy the Elf and visits New York to meet his father. His adventures are hilarious and the movie still puts you in the Christmas spirit. "The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear."-Buddy The Elf

2.Home Alone- As Kevin McCallister is left home alone for Christmas when his parents leave for vacation without him, he must defend his house as robbers try to break in. The movie was hilarious as the two con men continue to get hurt by Kevin. It's a reminder that the most important time of the holidays is time spent with family. 3.How The Grinch Stole Christmas- Dr. Seuss' classic holiday book was turned into a film with The Grinch played by Jim Carrey. Although the movie is filled with comedy the moral of the story is that there is more to Christmas than presents and Santa Claus. 4.Love Actually- This film isn't a typical Christmas movie, but it's filled with love as Christmas spirit is spread around through family and strangers. 5.National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation- As Christmas approaches for the Griswold family, Clark wants everything perfect for his family, but nothing seems to go right as he struggles with Christmas lights, family, and his job. 6.A Christmas Story- Ralphie Parker gets ready for Christmas by making his list for Santa. The first thing he wants is a "Red Ryder air rifle." Ralphie's parents keep telling him he'll shoot his eye out, but he insists on the gift, Christmas morning he gets the rifle and his Christmas is made. 7.Four Christmases- Brad and Kate, an unmarried couple, plans for a Christmas trip are cancelled, leading them to spend the holidays with their crazy relatives. Kate starts to question the decisions she's made to distance herself from her family and decides she'd like to start a family. 8.The Santa Clause- Divorced Dad, Scott has custody of his son on Christmas Eve. As he accidentally kills Santa on Christmas, he is forced to take roll as Santa. Scott thinks it is a dream, until he transforms into Santa: gaining weight and growing a white beard and white hair. 9.The Polar Express- A young boy who begins to doubt the spirit of Christmas takes a magical train to the North Pole with other kids. There he experiences the magic of Christmas and learns to believe in the wonders of life. 10.A Christmas Carol- Though London awaits the joyful arrival of Christmas, miserly Ebenezer Scrooge thinks it's all humbug, berating his faithful clerk and cheerful nephew for their view. Later, Scrooge encounters the ghost of his late business partner, who warns that three spirits will visit him this night. The ghosts take Scrooge on a journey through his past, present and future in the hope of transforming his bitterness.

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Joker Movie Releases With Extra Security

By Madison Stibel

The movie "Joker" released in October and had extra security at the theaters on opening night. Because of the plot of the movie, law enforcement decided it was best to up the security at the movie theaters. In Los Angeles, the police department had a high presence at the main theater and even banned costumes.

Police were afraid that the movie would promote copycat killings of the murders the main character committed in the movie. The main character found salvation through random murders in the streets of Gotham city. The killings were portrayed as giving the main character a sense of belonging and police were afraid of viewers wanting the same sense of belonging that he was given.

The FBI and Department of Homeland Security put out a warning to local law enforcement to look for threats of mass shootings that were planned for the opening night of the movie. Federal authorities didn't receive direct threats of these killings, but were informed of potential threats coming from social media sources. However, there were credible threats made to a theater in a city outside of Los Angeles and officers were deployed there. The theater managers eventually decided to close the theater for safety reasons and did not open for the release of the movie.

Law enforcement was also concerned because of the mass shooting at a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado during the opening night of "The Dark Knight Rising", which is another Batman movie. That shooting left twelve people dead and many more injured. Because the "Joker" is a Batman movie that features a clown who kills after feeling like he is in the shadows and nothing in his life is going right, there is controversy within the community. People believe that Warner Bros was glorifying this type of salvation, but they publicly released that this character was meant to be viewed as the villain in the Batman series.

The main character is played by Joaquin Phoenix and CNN put this statement in an article, "His portrayal of the character is meant to provoke," he said. "I think it's really good ... when movies make us uncomfortable or challenge us or make us think differently," he added (CNN.com) This shows that even the main character views the character as someone who is meant to add to the plot of the existing series and not someone who follows the morality of society.





Alex Trebek Tribute

By Ryan Wadell

With over 8,000 episodes, Jeopardy has been airing on television since 1964 and is one of the most popular game shows ever. Recently the current host, Alex Trebek, announced in March that he has stage four stage pancreatic cancer. Trebek is well known as the host for Jeopardy as he's been around since 1984.

On a recently aired episode that was filmed in September, a Brown University student named Dhruv Gaur was competing. Going into Final Jeopardy, Gaur wagered $1995 of his $2000 meaning if he lost, he'd be left with only 5 dollars. The college student did not know the Final Jeopardy question, so the answer he put was "What is we love you, Alex!" This had Trebek quite emotional, once he read the answer he began to choke up.



When Gaur was welcomed into the Ellen DeGeneres Show he said, "When I got up there, obviously I wasn't gonna win the game or anything, so I was like, I could try to figure out the right answer, or I could do something for this person who might need it right now," according to "E! News."

When the episode finally aired, Gaur was at a watch party with some friends and received a text from his mom. He said, "I was at the watch party for this episode with my friends and my mom texted me." "She was like, 'You're trending on Twitter!' And I was like, 'OK, mom, eight tweets isn't 'trending.' And she was like, 'No, really, check.' And '#weloveyoualex' was like in the top 10 trending hashtags on Twitter. And since then, it's been crazy. Like, I'm here. Also Ryan Reynolds, Chrissy Teigen all tweeted this moment and there's just been a lot of energy around this."

Gaur is now doing another tribute in honor of Trebek. According to "E! News", Gaur said he and some of the other Jeopardy! Contestants plan to watch the Tournament of Champions finals together and play along and for every question they answer correctly, they plan to donate $1 to the Lustgarten Foundation to support pancreatic cancer research.

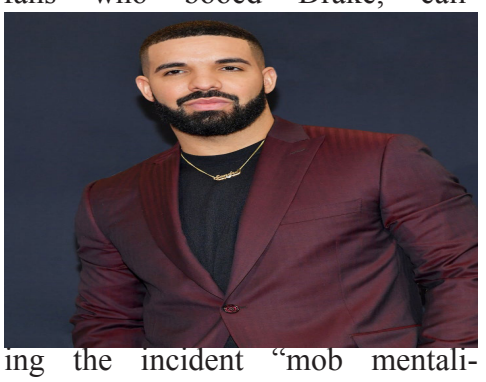
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Drake booed off stage

By Gabi Verra

Drake got a less-than-enthusiastic welcome when he made a surprise appearance at Tyler, The Creator's annual Camp Flog Gnaw Carnival. The carnival was at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on Sunday, November 10, 2019. Drake was a surprise guest at the Flog Gnaw Carnival and he received a less-than-enthusiastic welcome. He performed for around twenty minutes and while it was a pleasant surprise that one of the best rappers of this generation was on stage, many fans that attended hoped to have Frank Ocean perform as a surprise guest. As Drake was performing, he got the message that man fans there did not want him to be performing and he ended up cutting the performance twenty minutes short, according to the NewYorkPost. He asked the crowd during the booing if they wanted him to "keep going." But when people started screaming no, he decided to leave the stage. "It's been love. I go by the name of Drake, thank you for having me," Drake said before ending his set 20 minutes early, Billboard reported. The Canadian musician is laughing it off, writing in an Instagram post a few days later that the haters won't keep his spirits down — or off the Flog Gnaw stage. "Plot twist…just signed a 10 year residency at Camp Flog Gnaw sorry kids see you EVERY SINGLE YEAR till you are 30," he wrote. The post has racked up over 2.7 million likes and is full of comments of support and amusement by celebrities ranging from Kendall Jenner to 2 Chainz.

On the other hand, Tyler, was not very happy with the fans that attended the event. Tyler, the Creator criticized fans who booed Drake, calling the incident "mob mentality and cancel culture in real life." He then took to social media to say, "Thought bringing one of the biggest artists on the planet to a music festival was fire!" Tyler tweeted. "But flipside, a lil tone deaf knowing the specific crowd it drew. Some created a narrative in their head and acted out like idiots when it didn't come true and I don't fool with that." He also took to social media to state, "YALL REPRESENTED ME AND FLOG TO MY GUEST AND MADE US LOOK SOOO ENTITLED AND TRASH."



Kanye West's Album

By Leila Orefice

The new album released by Kanye West in August this year titled, Jesus Is King has definitely drawn in some attention within the past few months. You may have heard of the three highest ranking songs on the album titled Follow God, Closed on Sunday, and Selah which are a different type of style than the rapper normally chooses to pursue. He decided to use the album as a platform to open up about his faith and share with the world his journey with God. Within the past few months, West has been sharing that despite "all of that arrogance and cockiness that y'all have seen from me" from before, "God is now using him." In addition to this, Kanye has recently spoken in pastor Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas about his spiritual journey, explaining "I know that God's been calling me for a long time and the devil's been distracting me for a long time." However, he knows that this is his calling describing that, "every time I stand up, I feel that I'm standing up and drawing a line in the sand and saying, 'I'm here in service to God and no weapon formed against me shall prosper." With the holidays approaching, Kim and Kanye are also trying to direct their focus on helping others rather than on themselves. They hope to spread the message to their kids that there are people who are less fortunate and who need help and want to get them involved in some charity work as well. West even went on to hold a surprise concert in the Harris County Jail in Houston and met with death row inmate Rodney Reed in learning that his execution had been suspended. Kanye is very passionate about his faith and wants to spread the beauty of it with others. "He believes in the healing powers of music, but also believes that God can step in and heal people's brokenness and their issues," a source says (per people magazine 2019).



Teacher Turn About



Franchesca Tucci as Mr. Riggs



Izzy Sarzynski as Mr. Banick



Isabelle Conn as Mr. Stowe



Katrina McKay as Mr. Dunlap



Abby Reay as Mrs. Hunt



Zach York as Ms. Gabon



Jacquelyn Lazarski as Mr. Pierson



Molly Shearer as Mrs. Risher



Kaylin Bolton as Mrs. Tomich



Casey Boswell as Mrs. West



Samantha Farley as Mr. Collins



Maddie Stiegler as Mr. Burkey



Noah Harris as Mr. Loyd



Sam Oedo as Mrs. Keisel



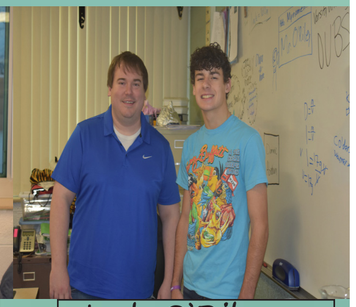
Rita Richa as Mrs. McMaster



Ella Palencar as Mr. Arnoldy



Aaliyah Steward as Mrs. Pierfelice



Jack O'Riley as Mr. Ashmore

Myles Garrett Ruling

By: Ryan Waddell

Suspensions in the NFL are thrown out left and right every year but many people don't think about if the suspension is long enough. Many players often receive a fine with their suspension, but is it enough?

This season earlier this year, Myles Garrett was suspended because of an incident with Mason Rudolph. Nearing the end of the game, Mules Garrett hit Rudolph, in which Rudolph thought it was late, and Rudolph began to try to take his helmet off. Garrett didn't take this nicely. He then proceeded to drag Rudolph by his helmet until he tore it off, and stroked Rudolph in the head with it. This may be the biggest on field altercation ever in the National Football League.

Much after the incident, Garrett accused Rudolph of using a racial slur which Rudolph denied. When Head Coach of the Browns, Freddie Kitchens, was asked about it, he declined to speak out on it.

"What Myles and I talk about will stay between Myles and me. I am sure that Myles presented himself professionally like he has done ever since the moment it happened afterwards. He has been nothing but professional in his responses. I can't really comment on the arbitrator's decision. We will respect his decision on whatever he decides, and I know Myles presented himself professionally to the arbitrator and the hearing. I stand by Myles, and that is not going to waver," Kitchens said, according to Bleacher Report.

When the second-year Browns quarterback, Baker Mayfield was asked about the incident, he decided to give his take. "I don't care, rivalry or not, we can't do that ... That's endangering the other team," Mayfield said. "That's inexcusable. He knows that -- I hope he does now. It's tough."

When Garrett finally shared his thoughts, he was very apologetic. "I lost my cool and I regret it. ... It's going to come back to hurt our team. I appreciate my teammates having my back, but it shouldn't have gotten that far. That's on me."

Personally, I think this is an absolute malicious act and has no place in the NFL. Garrett deserves additional time longer that just the rest of this season. Also, Rudolph deserves some sort of punishment. If he had not started by attempting to take off Garrett's helmet, then the incident would not have happened. I think 2 games and a fine would be sufficient for Rudolph. Remember, there are only 8 seconds left in the game. Rudolph acted out in anger that his team was losing, and Garrett completely acted out and did one of the dirtiest things this league has ever seen.



Collin Kaepernick's Return

By: Abdullah Tammom

Colin Kaepernick has been in the headlines as of late for his attempt to make his way back in the NFL. Kaepernick, who once kneeled during the national anthem while playing for the San Francisco 49ers, has been blackballed by the league for a few years now. Kaepernick claims his motive for kneeling was to raise awareness of racism and police brutality. Although his intentions seem pure, the media completely destroyed him. His actions resulted in many other players following his lead. Attention to these actions grew when President Donald Trump called out those who were kneeling by stating, "You have to stand proudly for the national anthem, or you shouldn't be playing, you shouldn't be there. Maybe you shouldn't be in the country." Colin Kaepernick was an elite quarterback, leading his team to the Superbowl a few years prior to the protesting. Kaepernick became a free agent going into the 2017 NFL season but he went unsigned. This was odd considering many teams were in need of a talented quarterback yet none offered Kaepernick a role. He eventually filed a grievance against the NFL and its owners accusing them of conspiring to keep him out of the league. Considering that many lower-tier quarterbacks were signed to teams instead of Kaepernick, he had a valid argument. I believe that Kaepernick has been completely blackballed by the league but it has been swept under the rug. He recently was given the opportunity by the NFL to have a private workout in front of a select number of NFL teams to showcase his talents. This seemed odd because normally the NFL doesn't organize events like this, it would typically be with individual teams. This shows more proof that the NFL has had some involvement in keeping Kaepernick in his place. The workout was scheduled to be private, yet last minute changes resulted in a public workout in a nearby high school. He wanted to make sure everyone could see his performance and that the media couldn't manipulate the story. Weeks after the workout, the receiver that was catching balls from Kaepernick, ended up getting a gig with the Washington Redskins. At this point it seems as though the NFL is doing this out of spite. Kaepernick had a solid workout and is more than capable of being an excellent quarterback in today's league. Yet for some reason, the NFL is fixated on him.

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Astros Being Punished?

By: Aaron Price

To no one's surprise, in 2017, the Houston Astros took home the World Series Championship. After all, they had been preparing for the title since the start of the decade, suffering several losing seasons to gain top draft picks to build towards their future. Then again in 2019, Houston looked to have another ring, until the Washington Nationals spoiled their run. All was well for Houston, who looks to make another title run in 2020, until rumors started to leak claiming they had been cheating at the home field, stealing the other teams' signs, leading their hitters to have an unfair advantage over the opposing pitcher. So what did the Astros do, and is it worthy of major discipline?

Allegedly beginning in the 2017 season, the Houston Astros set up a sign stealing system by positioning a camera in center field that could read the opposing catcher's signs. The footage was linked to iPads that team personnel would watch, and then relay to the dugout, where players would bang on a garbage can to alert the batter of the next pitch. While sign stealing has always been a part of baseball, it most often comes in more natural forms, such as opposing players decoding their opponents signs, so the Astros cheating scandal is a big deal.

Not only are Houston's antics unfair, but they are against Major League Baseball's new policies limiting the use of TV cameras fixed on the catcher. Per CBS Sports, Major League Baseball's new rules, instituted before the 2019 season, have banned in-house outfield cameras from foul pole to foul pole, limited live broadcasts available to teams to the team's replay official only, and the replay official will be watched by a league official to keep them from relaying signs to the team, and other TV monitors that are available to the clubs will be on an eight-second delay to prevent real-time sign stealing.

So, seeing as the Houston Astros violated several of MLB's newest laws, they must be punished. However, a popular solution many are backing is the relinquishing of the 2017 title, which I find to be incorrect. There are several recorded instances of players using illegal steroids that improved their performance, yet their records and numbers have not been taken away. If found guilty, MLB should discipline the Astros by a series of fines, and the pulling of future draft picks.

Is Cheer A Sport?

By: Zach York

I have been asked many times whether or not cheer is a sport and I am going to tell you why it is not. For one, it is very hard to cheer. I completely get that, but that does not make it a sport in my eyes.

The main reasoning behind me saying that it is not a sport is the fact that the performances are based on how a judge scores them. This, to me, makes it unable to be a sport. They are going up against other teams, but they are really going against the judges. The best team will not always win in cheer. It is completely based on opinion.

There is no form of professional cheerleading league. The only "professional" cheerleaders are the ones that are for another professional league like the NBA and the NFL. Sideline cheer is not nearly as hard as competitive cheer so it also should not be considered a sport.

Also, there is no event in the Olympics that is for cheerleading where most of the "sports" actually occur. The only reason for something to not be in the Olympics is either not enough countries that take part which is not the problem. In conclusion, competitive cheer is very hard, but I do not believe that it should be considered a sport.

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DISNEY CARTOON VS. LIVE ACTION

By: Alex Tarnowski

Disney loves to make "Dreams Come True." They bring back everyone's classic animated films in a new and modernized way. Though Disney has released many of its whimsical live action films, everyone still loves the old classics. The real question is, which are better? Let's start off with "Cinderella" as our first example. The classic Disney Princess animation is filled with over the top musical numbers and with a sense of magic that just builds your imagination. In the Live Action movie though, its graphics are exquisite. The musical numbers aren't as fascinating and special to the viewers. Another popular animation and live action movie is "Alice in Wonderland." It's hard to believe the original animation came out in 1951 and is still loved by Disney and non Disney fanatics today! The original animation is filled with colors and everything in a child's imagination. The" Live Action" movie took the story to a darker side. Even though almost every film that Johnny Depp is in is usually amazing, this classic tale was twisted around. It even takes you into the future by showing you what becomes of Alice once she leaves Wonderland. Next is the classic tale of one of the original Disney princesses, "Sleeping Beauty." She often is forgotten due to her being asleep for a large part of the movie, but the animation is still one to remember. Who doesn't love the 3 fairies and the still catchy music from the film? For the "Live Action" film, the producers decided to focus more on the villain. They also took this story to a sad darker side, but they ended it with a happy twist some even believe is better than the classic cartoon. Lastly is a tale as old as time," Beauty and the Beast." Everyone loves the original animation of a small town girl who falls in love with a Beast, and saves the castle and its residents from a curse. The original is filled with an intriguing plot along with some of the best musical numbers in any Disney film! "The Live Action" starring Emma Watson, seemed to have the most popularity of them all. The film has great vocals and magnificent graphics and other aspects, but it does change the story up slightly which discouraged some viewers. The film still was a top hit in theatres So the question still remains: Are Disney's classic animations or newest " Live Action" films better?

WORLD SERIES

BY COLIN COX

Baseball is America's pastime. Families sit around for hours watching their favorite team play. The World Series is a sight of its own even if you don't watch baseball. But every now and then baseball in the MLB isn't always true to the rules they have sent in place. About a month a former Houston Astro released some information about the World Series that their team played in 2017. He has released information about them stealing signs for the other team about what pitches they were going to throw. He said that they would use a camera set out in center field directly behind the pitcher to see the catcher giving signs to the pitcher. As a camera was rolling, there was a TV in one of the hallways outside the Astros dugout playing the live feed. If a change up in particular some of the players would bang on a garbage can to alert the batter of the upcoming pitch. The batter would adjust and swing accordingly.

The banging would occur late in the game during the 7th through 9th innings after learning the signs earlier in the game. The league is still deciding on what to do for punishment as it seems that nothing will happen. They are looking back at the rest of the season to see if it was just the World Series or not and they are finding that they were doing it the entire season at home games only. The Astros would continue the banging around the same time during their home games. It worked successfully at not getting caught but in the batting performance there was a select few times that batters hit the ball.

When the Astros played the New York Yankees in the 2017 World Series, CC Sabathia was a member of those Yankees teams and the losing pitcher in Game 7 of the 2017 ALCS. He was asked about how he felt in the investigation in an article by George A. King III . "It's weird, man, I don't know," said Sabathia the just-retired left-hander told The Post. "Some days I am like, 'Hey, it is what it is,' and other days I see certain other things and I am like, 'Damn, that is a lot.' It's tough, I don't know. It's a tricky thing. It's one thing to get signs from second base, but a monitor downstairs and all that stuff is coming out." Sabathia does not hold too much of a grudge on the topic as he is retired now as it is still unfair to the other teams in the league for playing the right way.

49ers vs Ravens

By Joey Mocnik

The Baltimore Ravens (10-2) played the San Francisco 49ers (10-2) on December 1st and the two Super Bowl favorites did not disappoint. The best offense in the league was going up against the best defense in the league. The weather was a huge effect of the final outcome. It was a very close game in which the Ravens won 20 -17 off a game winning field goal by Justin Tucker.



At the end of the first half, the 49ers' Robbie Gould missed a field goal try that was just two yards longer than Tucker's game-winner. Ravens' quarterback Lamar Jackson completed 14 of 23 passes for 105 yards (4.6 yards per pass) with one touchdown and no interceptions. The Ravens' wide receivers combined for just three receptions worth 18 yards, but tight end Hayden Hurst stepped up with three catches for 21 yards He ran 16 times for 101 yards (6.3 yards per rush) with one touchdown and lost his first fumble of the season. He managed to find tight end Mark Andrews for a 20-yard touchdown to tie the game 7-7 in the first quarter.

The game was tied on the last possession of the game, then Lamar Jackson came up huge with a 4th and 1 conversion to set up the game winning field goal by one of the greatest kickers of all time.

"But I was very much in favor of the Ravens going for it on fourth-and-1 at their own 44 with the score tied and 4:41 to play," said Jackson. (Elsenberg) Jimmy Garoppolo completed 15 of 21 passes for 165 yards. The rain affected both sides as both QB's had a very low passer rating. The 49ers 3rd string running back, Raheem Mostert, had a heck of a day with 146 yards on 19 carries .

The defense didn't have a day to remember. In the pouring rain, it had issues with tackling, normally a strength, especially in the first half when the rain was coming down A huge key to winning this game for the Ravens was holding DE Joey Bosa zero sacks against Lamar Jackson.

Jags Hockey Preview

By Sam Wilkie

The 2018-2019 season was up and down for the Jags Hockey team. After losing eight seniors, hopes weren't all that high for the Jags coming into their 2019-2020 season but with a 3-1 start the Jags look to be rolling. Lead by third year seniors Colin Cox (F), Nathan Magier (D), Joey Mocnik (F), and Zach York (D) plus second year seniors Brendan Rachfal (F), Nick Scott (F), Jaydon Miller (F), and Blake Mehlhose (F) the Jags have a strong senior core. Also with returning juniors Leo Tiefry (D), Cody Pippin (F), Zander Geladin (F), "Bernie" Bernardo (D), and Ioannis Moutzalias (G) all of the Jags' returners look to contribute. The Jags also added Zach Yuhaz (F), Nick Kilburg (D), Cody Adams (F), Bryson Balina (F), Trent Peschke (G), and Brandon Thomas (F) all look to contribute early in their careers.

For their first two games the Jags went out to Grand Rapids to play East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Central. The first games against East Grand Rapids ended in a defeat for the Jags 0-3. The next day the Jags switched up their first line and beat Forest Hills Central 2-1. Since that first loss and a change to their first line the Jags have been 3-0 with the other two victories coming in a mercy against Carlson and a hard-fought 2-1 game against Woodhaven. To this point the leading goal scorer is a tie between Jaydon Miller and Brendan Rachfal, Joey Mocnik is leading in assists, Ioannis Moutzalias leads the team in saves, and the leader in penalty minutes is Collin Cox.

Although the Jags have a very impressive record the upcoming schedule is one of the hardest in the state so it will be interesting to see how the rest of the season goes. Right now, the Jags look to have a lot of promise!

NFL MVP RACE

By: Abdullah Tarmoom

The 2019-2020 NFL season has been one for the history books in regards to the performances of quarterbacks. Players such as Lamar Jackson, Russell Wilson, and Deshaun Watson have taken the league by storm.

Jackson, once the 32nd pick of the 2018 NFL Draft, has been putting up record-breaking numbers this season while leading the Baltimore Ravens to a 10-2 record. His versatility as a quarterback is what separates him from the rest. His ability to run the ball like a running back while maintaining accuracy in the pocket is what makes him a once-in-a-generation talent. His 25 touchdowns and 1,000 rushing yards is a record for a Baltimore Raven. As the season comes to an end, it is th general consensus that Lamar Jackson is the favorite to win the award. Although Jackson has the highest probability to win, there are still a few players chasing him in the race. Russell Wilson, Michael Thomas, and Christian McCaffrey are all still in the hunt. Wilson, who has led his Seahawks to an impressive 10-2 record, has also been having a great season himself. He leads the league in touchdowns with 26 and has thrown for over 3,000 yards on opposing teams. In his 8th season, it seems as though Wilson keeps improving tremendously. He is one of the few quarterbacks who has led his team to a winning record every year since he entered the league.

Michael Thomas of the New Orleans Saints has been having a career performance as well. With 110 receptions and 1,300 receiving yards, Thomas is leading the league by a large margin. Despite losing Drew Brees for a span of 5 games, Thomas has still been able to put up impressive numbers. Christian McCaffrey of the Carolina Panthers has been having a career season as well. In his 3rd season, McCaffrey has had to pick up the load for the team with an injured Cam Newton not available to play. He leads the entire league with 1,800 yards from scrimmage along with 12 touchdowns. He's been able to flourish this season but his body has taken a huge toll.



DETROIT SPORTS

By: Zach York

Detroit has had some great sports teams throughout time, even having success in recent years. However, this year is definitely not one of those years. As of December 5th 2019, all 4 of the major Detroit sports teams are under .500.

This is very sad for sports. The Detroit Tigers finished the worst in Major League Baseball with a 47-115 record which is way under the .500 mark. This team's future does not look bright either with little amount of valuable prospects and very unstable and poor coaching staff and unwillingness of the owner to put more money into the team.

Detroit's basketball team, the Pistons are underperforming so far this year with the team having an 8-14 record through 22 games after coming off a playoff berth last year. The Pistons are supposed to be the best Detroit team and one of the best teams in the Eastern Conference. The Detroit Pistons will most likely make a turnaround, but as of right now they are still under .500.

The Detroit Lions started the season strong, but ever since then it has been a steep downhill slope for them. The Lions are now 3-8-1 and are currently plagued with many injuries to key players like Quarterback Matthew Stafford and Running Back Kerryon Johnson. They have already been eliminated from the playoffs, one of the first teams this has happened this year. The Lions have potential in the future. They just need a couple more players on their defense and they will be in contention for the NFC North.

The Detroit Red Wings are the final major Detroit sports team who happen to also be under .500. Through 30 games played, they are 7-20-3 and last in the Atlantic Division in the Eastern Conference. This is ranked last in the league in terms of points towards playoffs. The Red Wings are undergoing a rebuild and have many players that are old that are going to be gone very soon.

Detroit sports at the moment are not going well, the Pistons are the best this year and might turn it around, the Lions are having injury problems, the Tigers are just bad, and the Red Wings are going to be bad for a year or two.

Elon Musk's Tesla Cybertruck

By
Mario Mangiapane

On November 21st, Elon Musk revealed his latest Tesla project, the Cybertruck. This new and innovative electric pickup truck is equipped with a full-size 6.5 foot bed. The body is made out of stainless steel and it will have built in solar charging.

Musk said, "The system will be able to add between 15 and 40 miles of range depending on conditions."

The look of the Cybertruck, however, received lots of mixed reactions from people. The shocking, futuristic look of the truck got lots of attention across the internet. Many tweets were made making fun of the new look of the truck. The stainless-steel with sharp edges give the truck a very different look compared to standard trucks, such as Ford's F-150.

Though the truck has received some hate for its looks, there are still lots of people excited for the release of the Cybertruck. There are over 350,000 preorders and counting, which means lots of money for Elon Musk and Tesla.

The Tesla Cybertruck will be available in 3 different trim levels, each with a different powertrain. The base model will feature a single motor and a range of about 250 miles. This version will be rear-wheel drive only, and Tesla claims that it will tow approximately 7,500 pounds. Tesla plans to offer this version of the truck for $39,900 before any incentives or add-ons.

The second level is a dual-motor trim. This level will have all-wheel drive and Tesla claims that this mid-tier model has a range of about 300 miles. They also claim that this model will be able to tow approximately 10,000 pounds. The dual-motor trim is planned to sell at a starting price of $49,900, which is a great price for the performance specs claimed by Tesla on this model.

The third and highest trim level is a tri motor, all-wheel drive Cybertruck model. This truck is claimed to have a range of about 500 miles and will be able to tow approximately 14,000 pounds. This high-tier version of the Cybertruck is set to have a starting price of $69,900.

Orders for the Cybertruck were available immediately upon the reveal but production for the truck will start in the fall of 2020, according to Tesla.

Climate Change Is Very Problematic

By
Madison Stibel

The world is continuously warming, which poses a large threat to children's health everywhere. It starts out from air pollution from the increasing amount of fossil fuels used throughout the world. If people do not limit the emisions they are producing, then children could face health problems such as malnutrition and infectious diseases.

Children are more at risk because their hearts beat faster than an adult's heart and they have a higher breathing rate which means they intake more air. Since the air is polluted, there is more of a risk for diseases in their lungs than an adult's lungs. Furthermore, children absorb more air pollution given their smaller body size. On average children also spend more time outside than adults do and are more exposed to the pollution.

In 2016, it was reported that approximately seven million people around the world died from air pollution alone. The burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, produces a type of fine air pollution that damages both the heart and lungs when inhaled. This pollution is known to cause asthma and low birth weight in children. In The New England Journal of Medicine, a study was done that proved that children who grew up when the air was cleaner had more lung tissue than the children who grew up with worse air quality.

Another growing problem in the world is wildfires because of the increasing temperatures. The vegetation is dried out and isn't retaining as much water which makes them more prone to catch on fire and release smoke into the air.

According to The New York Times, "Since the middle of this decade there has been a 77 percent increase in the number of people exposed to wildfire smoke worldwide."

This number is going up as the temperature is continuously rising and the amount of wildfires is spreading.

There are also multiple mental health problems that kids today are facing. Many kids will grow up without having to escape disasters such as floods and wildfires. They will be changed mentally forever because of the climate change issues that they have to live with. The loss of property can also affect a child mentally.

Marajuana Side-Effects

By
Francesca Tucci

This past year, marijuana has been legalized in many states across the United States. Many people use this drug medically (to relieve pain), which is the main reason why it was legalized, according to an article by CNN10.

"With the legalization of weed in several states, researchers said they hope more scientists will look into any potential health risks as the use of the drug becomes more acceptable."

Since marijuana was finally made legal, many citizens across the nation have taken advantage of this. People misuse this drug for their own pleasure and a temporary feeling. The major fear surrounding this drug is that it is a gateway drug that will lead its users to become addicted to harder drugs.

Based on research, smoking weed regularly has shown results of many heart problems known as arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat) which can lead to a deadly stroke. This problem is severely high in males in the age range of 15-24.

Although marijuana can be prescribed medically, many people take advantage of this. People who regularly use e-cigarettes, marijuana, smoke, or drink heavily have more chances of acquiring heart issues that may end up being deadly.

It is also important to note that regular use of weed can seriously put an individual at a high risk during surgery when undergoing anesthesia. Smoking weed has also shown long term effects on mental health, diseases regarding the respiratory system, as well as messing with the formation of an individual's brain.

In 2007, there was a speculation of marijuana being linked to causing severe mental health issues such as: psychosis, schizophrenia, depression, and many others. When using this drug, many disregard the serious consequences that follow it.

"An individual's brain is not fully developed until the age of 25," according to Psych Central, "Short-term side effects can include anxiety, changes in appetite, panic reactions and even psychotic symptoms. About nine percent of users will become dependent, compared with 32 percent for nicotine and 15 percent for alcohol. Withdrawal may trigger insomnia and depression."

Although occasional use of this drug may not cause any of these symptoms, it is still important to use it with caution. Before anything enters someone's body, they should be aware of the impact it will have on their health and if it is really worth it.

Marijuana is a recreational drug that should only be used for medical purposes or if used personally, it should be used with precaution and an individual should notify their doctor.



Patrick Dempsey Making Miracles

By:
Leila Orefice

You may know Patrick Dempsey from his famous roles in Can't Buy Me Love, Enchanted, or Grey's Anatomy. One thing that isn't as well known is Dempsey's mother Amanda, and her long and lost battle to ovarian cancer- which re-occurred over twelve times from 1997 to 2014. Dempsey knows exactly what it is like having a cancer diagnosis in the family saying that, "It's devastating and you're never the same after."

In 2008, Patrick Dempsey decided to honor his mother in a way that impacts the lives of others as well. In the state of Maine in Lewiston, his hometown, he opened up the Dempsey Center where he gets to experience the joy of offering free quality of life cancer care and give back to his community.

"It's an inspiring thing, and working with people who have the intention to improve other people's lives in an altruistic way — that's what the meaning of life is about, in my opinion, and we need more of that," said Dempsey.

In addition to the wonderful cancer care center, in 2009 The Dempsey Challenge was created in an effort to inspire people to improve their health. The Dempsey Challenge is a walk, run, and bike experience that benefits the center and gets people moving. Just recently, he has returned back to his hometown for the premiere of this event.

During the holidays, Dempsey plans to honor his mother aside from the care center in his own unique way. He explained in a recent interview that his mom made the same squash dish every year for Thanksgiving dinner that no one ate, but that she deemed mandatory. In discussing this, he recalled the time when her dish had literally "hit the wall" in a family dinner incident.

Dempsey commented, "It was sort of the appropriate outcome of that dish with a smile."

Return Of The Plague

By:
Collin Cox

The bubonic plague is scary in its own but as of late a man in China has eaten a wild rabbit and caught it again. "Twenty-eight people are in quarantine in China's northern Inner Mongolia province after a hunter was diagnosed with bubonic plague Saturday," the local health commission said."

The plague is growing so is the scare of it spreading across the world. To how most of these people get infected is still unknown because there could be several different reasons to why one could get infected. Most get infected by poorly cooked food but there are other reasons as well.

"Although plague is inextricably linked to the Black Death pandemic of the 14th century that killed around 50 million people in Europe, it remains a relatively common disease," said Ben Westcott from CNN. He goes on to talk about the amount of people that catch the plague a year.

"At least 1,000 people a year catch the plague, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), which they acknowledge is probably a modest estimate given the number of unreported cases." (Westcott).

The plague is still a thing today which is scary to think because what if a string of the virus mutates to become immune to our medicine.

As of right now, the three most endemic countries are the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, and Peru. These countries are where most of the people are infected with the plague. The countries are taking serious precautions on stopping the spread of this plague.

There is even an outbreak in our own backyard.

An average of seven Americans get the plague every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "In 2015, two people in Colorado died from the plague, and the year before there were eight reported cases in the state," said Westcott.

The fact that we as a nation be infected is scary. So to take precautions we must keep clean and watch how we cook our food and make sure we cook it right to not catch the plague and spread it further.



Best Holiday Activities

By:
Nico Tiberia

1. MAKE GINGERBREAD HOUSES- If you have the time and initiative, skip the pre-fab houses from the supermarket and make your own gingerbread.
2. GO ICE SKATING- Go to the nearest ice rink or take a trip to Downtown Detroit to skate at Campus Martius
3. HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR- Walk or drive to the best-lit houses in town and let everyone decide which houses are your favorites.
4. DECORATE YOUR FRONT DOOR LIKE A PRESENT- With a bit of wrapping paper from the dollar store and either a ribbon or bow, your front door is transformed into a giant gift!
5. HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT- Gather round with a bowl of air-popped popcorn and select your favorite holiday movie for a night that's sure to please you.. Can't decide which is your favorite? Make it a double-feature!
6. RED AND GREEN PAPER CHAINS- Create a paper chain and cut one link a day to build excitement as Christmas approaches.
7. GO CAROLING- Similarly, those who cannot easily get out would love to have visitors bring them a bit of holiday cheer in the way of music. You'll bring joy to many hearts and stay warm inside at the same time!
8.. MAKE ORNAMENTS- Homemade ornaments from the kids are a sweet memory you can pull out year after year, and they cost next to nothing. The gingerbread recipe above will work just as well for little gingerbread men, just remember to punch a little hole it the top for a ribbon to hang before you bake. Or create one of dozens of other ornaments.
9. MAKE A SNOWMAN (OR SNOW ANGELS OR SNOW FORTS)- If you are blessed with snow this year, make the most of it! Snowmen, snow angels, snowball fights and snow forts offer hours of fun for all ages.
10. HOLIDAY PARTY GAMES- Gather round the table or fire with family and friends and have a night of fun for free with these party games.



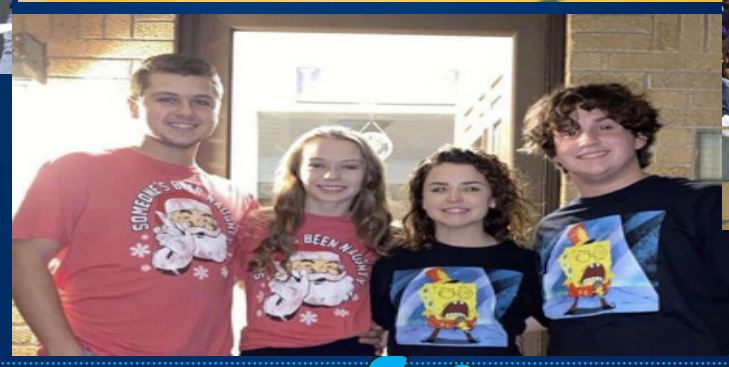
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