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Are The Locker Tricks Really Worth It?



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Kids have found a way to get around their problems in Middle School especially with their lockers. With the time limit of only three minutes in between to get to next period, students have to find any way to save time.

The most common action that takes up time is when kids put in their combination in to get the materials needed for class. For this reason students or at least 6th graders have a few locker tricks they use. The question is, is it a smart move or not worth it?

The most common ones are either penciling the locker or pre-setting your combination. To use the penciling strategy, kids put a pencil in the hole next to the inside of the place where the lock is located in the lockers. When students preset their lockers, they put their three-digit combination before they go to next period and when they need to open it all they have to do is pull the black lever. There are more tricks used to save time in between classes that students use, but these are the most popular ones.

A lot of kids and adults think that using these tricks isn't worth it for many reasons. First of all, students might think it's funny to prank kids and open your locker while you're at class. I know that when students stay after school for dif-

ferent reasons, they try to find a locker that is penciled and open it. Furthermore, this is not only something kids use as just a prank but eventually it could turn into something more.

Students can open the lockers and put mean notes or mess up the locker. Using these tricks can result in personal belongings being stolen. It can be pencils, textbooks, and post-its but also phones or earphones. For these reasons and more kids should stop pre-setting their lockers or penciling it.

On the other point of view using these tricks can be very useful. These tricks helps students save a little bit but important time. Also, if students are already running late and the bell is going to ring soon it will be a huge advantage to be able to open their locker in a minimal amount of time. In addition, kids always mess up their combination and penciling their locker is the solution to never having to put it in again. This all



shows that the tricks students use can be very helpful and the difference between being on time or late to class.

I personally agree that students should stop using these tricks. I have a locker but to save time instead of penciling it or pre-setting it completely, I only preset my first two digits in my combination. This is a very smart solution that my friends and I use because it gives you that same advantage but more safety.

What do you think, yes or no to locker tricks?

Is Jim Brown the NFL's Greatest?



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Many could argue for days about who the best player in NFL is. Many say Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, and Walter Payton could all be considered the best players who ever played the game of football, but the most voted player to be the best player ever is Jim Brown.

Jim Brown played for the Cleveland Browns from 1957-1965.



Jim Brown played in the Pro-Bowl every season he played. He won the Browns a championship in 1964. He also led the league in rushing in 8 out of his 9 seasons in the NFL.

Jim Brown played for Syracuse University in college. He was an all-around player and played basketball, track and field, and lacrosse. In his NFL career he had a total of 12,312 rushing yards. He also scored a total of 106 touchdowns. He made it to the Hall of Fame in 1971.

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Ian Cohen**Blueface As Viral Star: Behind His Rise****By Noah Volkman
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Los Angeles rapper Blueface is taking over the Internet—whether you like it or not. He's only been rapping for about a year, but his music videos for tracks like "T**tiana" and "Respect My Crypn" have garnered millions of views and a lot of hype. In early 2018, "Dead Locs" parts 1 & 2 helped him build a local following, and in June, he dropped his EP *Famous Cryp*. "Dead Locs part 2 was going stupid the first day, really. So I'm like 'yeah I gotta drop something else 'cause they listening right now.'" Blueface said.

Blueface has been big in California for a minute, and he's had some local high schools turn up too. "I wanted to touch base with my fans. And I just had everyone comment their city it wasn't even a high school thing at first. People just kept putting their high school in there. So

from then on I just pulled up to that school and that's what really started it."

Eventually, clips of his music videos started going viral on Twitter, and then came the memes. If you get in and get out, they want to hear more. If they want to hear more, they going to have to go to that next song." Part of what got him so much attention was his voice. "I usually write to the beat.

So really the beat could make the song itself whether you think I'm offbeat. I made the song to the beat or at least the beat I was hearing."

And that just seems to be Blueface's style. His flow has been compared to Juvenile's on "Ha" in 1998, fellow Californian E-40's old joints, and even the fast-paced, smooth-talking Southern Californian, Suga Free.

Hate it or love it, Blueface's following continues to grow—and he seems pretty dedicated to his career.

**NBA Trade Deadline Drama****By Thomas Hauser
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This season's trade deadline is going to cause some serious drama.

The Knicks have already sent Porzingis as well as Tim Hardaway and Courtney Lee off to the Mavericks for Dennis Smith, Jr., Deandre Jordan and Wesley Matthews. The reason the Knicks did this is because Jordan and Matthews have expiring contracts and the Knicks will have cap room to sign some big names like Kyrie Irving and Kevin Durant.

The Los Angeles Lakers are

also thinking about making some big moves like going after Anthony Davis and trading Lonzo Ball. For the Pelicans to trade Davis, they are

asking for four of the Lakers' first round picks. Anthony Davis has four teams on his radar: Knicks, Celtics, Lakers and Clippers.

The Charlotte Hornets are also interested in getting Kemba Walker some help. Right now, the Hornets are bad, and they are getting carried by Kemba. He has no help at all and is averaging 24 points and five rebounds.



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**Brown
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Brown wasn't just talented in football. He also had a career in acting. He was in a western film called *Rio Conchos*. Brown had a role in over 40 films. His last role was in 2014 where he played himself in *Draft Day*.



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Have you ever wondered what happened today ten years ago? Twenty years ago? Thirty? In *This Week in History* I will tell you about the events that happened that particular week that could have impacted our everyday lives or are just really interesting to learn about.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

February 8st, 1910

On this date in Washington D.C., William Boyce founded the Boy Scouts of America. The troop was modeled after the British Boy scouts.

February 9th, 1773

The 9th President of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born on this date in Berkeley, Virginia to Benjamin Harrison 5th, and Elizabeth Bassett. He took office on March 4th, 1841, but died of pneumonia only thirty-two days into the presidency.

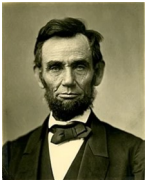


February 10th, 1942

The first medal of honor awarded in World War Two was given on this date to 2nd Lt. Alexander Ninniger for his bravery throughout the Battle of Bataan.

February 11th, 660 BC

Celebrated in Japan as the founding of the country, this date marks the ascension to the throne of the first emperor, Jimmu. Today, the Japanese monarchy is claimed to be the oldest continuous blood-related monarchy in the world, with 124 rulers since then.



February 12th, 1809

Happy Birthday President Lincoln! Born on this date in Hardin County, Kentucky, he went on to become the 16th President of the United States, get the country out of Civil War in one piece, and freed all slaves.



Serena Williams Continues to Inspire



By Chloe Monachelli
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I just can't stop thinking about the fact that Serena Williams lost the Australian Open!! She made it to the Quarter Final and lost to K. Pliskova of the Czech Republic.

I honestly believe that the reason she did this, is because she just took too much time off.

She took 9 months off for her pregnancy, plus more time to spend time with her new daughter. Serena has had a hard time the past year or so, hoping she would still stay number one. As of right now, she isn't.

Serena has been my idol since basically day generations.



one. It's just hard for me to imagine that the famous Serena Williams, who has made history for the rest of tennis eternity, to be done with her tennis career!

That leads me to my next topic about Serena Williams, the superstar of tennis. Serena Williams has been playing tennis almost every day since she was 3! She has made a great impact on MY tennis career so far, and I hope that she knows the outstanding history she has made.

I hope that the world continues to see tennis players like herself, that will keep making history for further

The ‘Insignificant’ Bowl



By Arjun Ojha
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On February 5th, there was the Super Bowl. More like a bad Super Bowl. The Super Bowl this year was referred to as the worst Super Bowl in the history. The final score was 13-3, with the Patriots once again winning the Super Bowl for the 2nd time in 3 years. They beat the Los Angeles Rams this year.

At halftime, the score was 3-0 Patriots. That was the second lowest score by halftime in the history of the Super Bowl. The lowest score by halftime was Super Bowl 9. The score was 2-0 Steelers at halftime.

Now, people were probably thinking that



at least the halftime show would be good, but no. Maroon 5 performed. He was ok. Then, Travis Scott performed, but they blurred like half of it out because of explicit language. Big Boi was half decent.

In the 3rd quarter, the Rams scored a field goal. In the 4th quarter, the Patriots scored 10 points.

Besides the lackluster scoring, even the National Anthem was a bit off. People who were betting on the length of the National Anthem were messed up when Gladys Knight sang it beyond the timing that odds makers had. So, the National Anthem ends when the singer says the word “Brave”, but instead, she said “Brave” twice. That upset most betters.

This was the worst Super Bowl in history.

MLB’s Trade Update—Machado and Harper



By Ian Cohen
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Ever since the end of the MLB 2018 season, two star players, Bryce Harper and Manny Machado, are free agents.

Bryce Harper, an all-star player, has been on the Washington Nationals since he was 19. His salary before was 13.6 million dollars.

And Manny Machado, another all-star player, has been playing in the MLB since he was 19. Before he was a free agent, his salary was 14.9 million dollars. Each all-star had gotten multi-million dollar offers from teams and turned them down for as long as every-



one knows.

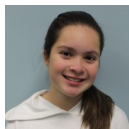
Harper has been in San Diego with the Padres. He might sign with them because he might get up to 300 million dollars for a ten-year contract.

On the other hand, Machado has been back and forth in Chicago meeting with the White Sox. He was offered 200 million dollars for a 10-year deal. Whatever team they make it on will be paying a lot of money for their talent.

It seems as if both players are holding out mainly because they want to sign with teams that have the potential to be contenders for the World Series.



Random Acts of Kindness Add to SMS Culture

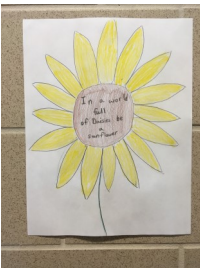


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Every Tuesday, students from all grades have an extra morning class that lasts for 24 minutes called Advisory.

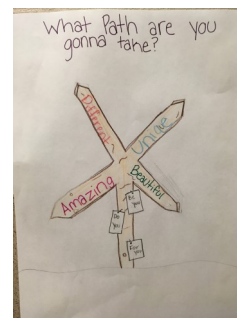
Every month has a different theme. For February it was Random Acts of Kindness. During one Advisory class, students worked in pairs and made posters that spread the kindness message.

The posters are all over the halls and have message or drawings. Some have the famous quote, “Why blend in when you were born to stand out?” or just words that show that everyone is accepted and kindness is in. I really like looking at all the posters as I’m walking to class, and I know they might really



make someone’s day. During this past Tuesday, on 2/4, students wrote a random act of kindness on a piece of paper. This could include picking up garbage, inviting someone to sit with them at lunch, asking teachers about their day, giving people compliments or just a simple smile.

After this was done the slips of paper were put in a paper bag and each kid reached in and took one. Whatever was written was the action students had to perform in the next two days. I personally really liked this idea and think that each student will bring a smile or more to another. Look for random acts of kindness at school!



21 Savage Was Too 'Savage' For the US



By Noah Volkman
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Rapper 21 Savage (birth name Sha Yaa Bin Abraham-Joseph) was arrested by ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) on Super Bowl Sunday for "overstaying his visa." One may argue, *wait, isn't 21 from Atlanta?* Well, according to ICE, he is from the U.K. and he came to the United States

when 21 savage said "five-foot-five, she my ride or die" this who he meant



as a teen. ICE spokesperson Brian Cox said that 21 Savage "was apprehended in a 'targeted operation.'" They also claim that the 26-year-old is a United Kingdom national and came to the U.K. in July 2005 on a one-year-visa. Abraham-Joseph was

stating he was from Atlanta, posing his "rough childhood in the trap" often in interviews.

In a 2016 interview with *The Fader*, Savage claimed to have brought a gun to an Atlanta middle school as a child. Obviously, this was false. "His whole public persona is fake. He actually came to the U.S. from the U.K. as a teen and overstayed his visa," Cox told CNN. He "failed to depart under the terms of his non-immigrant visa and he became unlawfully present in the U.S. when his visa expired in July of '06. Mr. Abraham-Joseph was taken into custody as a convicted felon." In 2014, 21 had a close call when he was convicted of drug charges.

When 21 savage said "I got shooters dressed in all red" this is what he was talking about



Since then, Abraham-Joseph is placed in ICE's "removal proceedings" before going to federal immigration court. Dina LaPolt, 21's lawyer, said that "we are working diligently to get Mr. Abraham-Joseph out of detention while working with authorities to clear up any misunderstandings. He is a role model to the young people in America, especially Atlanta. He is

6ix9ine: "I ain't a snitch"

Judge: "You are looking at 47 years of hard time"

6ix9ine: "You guys ever noticed 21 Savage looks British?"



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actively working in the community-leading programs to help underprivileged youths in financial literacy."

But then there were the memes. Oh, the memes. Since his arrest, there have been many memes about his U.K. citizenship, some conspiring that his lyrics hinted at England. For example, on "Out for the Night," a *I Am > I Was* track, he spits, "Five-foot-five/she my ride or die." Then someone Googled England's Queen Elizabeth II's height, and it happen to be, 5'5". Also, some have taken it upon themselves to Photoshop 21's head on Nick Crompton, British ex-member of Jake Paul's Team 10, and caption it

"England is my city," making fun of the Crompton bar on "It's Everyday Bro." Also, #Free21Savage has been a viral hashtag taking over social media.

21 savage: Oi guv'nor so ye finally found owt me secret eh?



I Am > I Was (I Am Greater Than I Was), 21 Savage's most recent album released in December 2018, reached No. 1 on the Billboard 200 including popular songs like "A Lot," "ASMR" and "Out for the Night." He also performed Thursday in his "hometown" as part of Super Bowl Music Fest.