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Testing the Issue



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Here is why tests should not exist.

Tests have probably been around a lot longer than anyone reading this. Tests written on paper, on a tablet or, verbally, have been around since the beginning of time.

Tests have evolved from something to see how you are learning to just a grade. Teachers don't even care about your test; they just want to submit your grade and move on and unfortunately, students feel the same way. That ruins the point of test, in my opinion. I'm too worried about getting a bad grade, which has its positives and its negatives.

One positive about tests making you worry about your grade is that the test will make you study more, which will result in you knowing your topic.

However, the negative portion about tests making you worry about your grade is that while studying, you are just memorizing for the test and I feel like you cannot absorb the knowledge provided to you if you are stressing about a test. That outweighs the positive.

To conclude, I believe students should not get tests. Test provide unnecessary stress and you cannot learn that way.



Will You Escape or Run Out of Time?



By Natalia Tellez
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Recently I went to an Escape the Mystery Room with my friends and I thought it was really fun.

An Escape the Room is when you and a few other people are locked in the room and have to find clue after clue to try to beat the 50-minute clock and escape by reaching the final one. You aren't just finding clues though, but solving puzzles and understanding hidden codes that go with metal locks to get out.

There are many different types of Escape the Room themes, from 8-10 and levels of difficulty. Some are "Treasure Island", "Murder Mystery", "Hollywood Studios", "Superhero", and even "Zombie Apocalypse" themed Escape the Rooms. And if those don't sound fun, there are many more.

Not only that but you can choose

how challenging your Escape the Room is depending on the age and number of the participants.

This way you can have a great time and usually manage to escape but still get stumped throughout.

Along with that each Escape the Room comes a choice to ask for two clues throughout your time there to help you keep going. When I went, we used both of them and they were so useful to figuring out the combination to the last lock we needed to escape.

Overall, I think that an Escape the Room is a great and enjoyable experience for all ages, so get a small group together and

go to an Escape the Room near you to see if you will escape or run out of time! *Editor's Note: Escape the Mystery Room is located in the Palisades Mall in Nyack. <https://allinadventures.com/>*



Annual Lions Carnival Signals Start of Spring



**By Allison O'Connor
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Imagine you are flying in the air like Superman. That's because you're on the ride called "Superman".

On another ride, you're spinning fast, then you get faster and faster until you feel like you're floating. That ride is called "The 2000".

And then, you're 20 feet off the ground, riding down a slide. That ride is called "The Super Slide".

There's also one where you're super high up and you can see every-

thing for miles around—it's The Ferris Wheel. And another spinning ride called "The Dragon Ride" spins you around in a circle.

The obstacle courses are also cool, but not as fun as everything else.

The food was amazing—lots of sugar and salt. The arcade features darts and water gun contests, along with basketball shooting and "Shoot Out the Star" with pellet guns. You did all of this to win a variety of stuffed ani-

mals. And during the whole time, there was loud music and a DJ.

All this was at the Lion's Annual Carnival that took place right next to SMS.



American League Competition Is Heating Up



**By Jesse Manginelli
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The MLB season hasn't been going on for a while, but I will be going over the best teams so far in each league.

In the AL East the first-place team is the Tampa Bay Rays. The Rays are 19-9. They are 9-7 at home and 10-2 away. They have some star players like Kevin Keirmaier and Mike Zunino. Keirmaier is a center fielder this year he has had 94 at bats with 25 hits. His batting average is .266 with 11 RBIs. Zunino is also doing well this year. He has gotten up 65 times and got 15 hits with an average of .224.

The second place team in the AL East is the New York Yankees. Most of their original roster is on the IR or not able to play. They are still

able to show up even against good teams with full rosters. One star who is not hurt is Luke Voit. Voit has done amazing this season and always gets the crowd rumbly. Voit already has 8 homeruns and 30 hits. He also has 25 RBIs with a batting average of .283.



The 3rd place team in the AL East is the Blue Jays. The Blue Jays are 14-14 and 7-8 at home and 7-6 away. The Blue Jays have a great first baseman named Justin Smoak. Smoak has 5 homeruns already. Smoak has gotten 88 at bats with 24 hits. He also has 18 RBIs with a batting average of .273. The Blue Jays are still doing well, but Smoak is going above and beyond. Now that's it with the AL East.

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Who Shot Mr. Burns? An Analysis



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Who Shot Mr. Burns was the thriller mystery 2-partner episode in The Simpsons in 1995. The owner of the nuclear power plant Montgomery Burns was shot by a person. They revealed it in part two, but can you figure it out only with part one? Yes.

Part 1: Plot

The first episode starts by Principal Skinner finding the class gerbil dead. He hands it to Groundskeeper Willie to bury him. Willie strikes oil and everybody thinks that the school is rich. Mr. Burns being the evil man he is steals the oil for himself.

During the drilling, the fumes enter Moe's Tavern and Moe and Barney (The bartender and the town drunk) both complain. The drilling also destroys the Springfield Retirement Castle, leaving the old folks homeless. Later a bunch of oil hits Bart's treehouse and destroys it. It also injured the dog, Santa's Little Helper.

Burns also steals candy from a baby. The plot thickens when Mr. Burns shows his master plan to Waylon Smithers (his servant). His plan is to make a giant object to block the sun. Smithers doesn't like his idea and is then fired. Burns also, gets Homer Simpson mad because he forgot his name.



Mr. Burns later puts his plan into action and a meeting is called to object it. Mr. Burns arrives with a firearm and earlier on you see a lot of residents carrying guns. After the meeting Mr. Burns gets shot in the parking lot by his own gun. He also almost fought off his attacker. He knew the attacker as well. He falls on a sundial with his arms points at either WS or MS (it's hard to tell).

Part 2: The Prediction

So, let's start by pointing out the suspects. Lisa in part 2 points out some suspects so let's start there. First up, Moe Syzlak. He was very mad he lost his bar, his initials are MS. Those are good things, but in the episode, he was holding a shotgun and that shotgun is an accessory of Moe.

Next there is Barney. He lost Moe's bar, but he doesn't have MS or WS as his initials and was carrying a small pistol.

Next, we have Principal Skinner. He was mad because of the school, no longer is rich and his initials are WS, but he was shown with a silenced gun so, not only that he has a firearm you also, wouldn't hear the gun because it was silenced.

Finally, out of our first 4 suspects we have Groundskeeper Willie. He was furious that he didn't get his crystal slap bucket, didn't have a gun, but his initials don't match.

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Criteria	Why they are mad	Has a firearm	Initials are WS or MS	If Mr. Burns Would Recognize them
Moe Syzlak	Bar is gone	Yes. Shotgun	Yes. MS	Has Met Mr. Burns
Barney Grumble	Bar is gone	Yes. Pistol	No. BG	Has Spoken with Him
W. Seymour Skinner	School is no longer rich	Yes. Silenced Pistol	Yes. WS	Argued Against Him
Willie MacDougal	Doesn't get a crystal slap bucket. (whatever that is)	No	No. WM	Has Not Met Him

Mr. Burns

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So, right now after those 4 suspects, I think the best suspect is probably Moe or Principal Skinner. I'm going to bring up 4 more characters in a chart. It is self-explanatory so; I won't write specifically about each character.

So, you would think that Waylon Smithers shot him, but there is one more clue. Smithers says he never misses the show Pardon My Zinger. Pardon My Zinger was earlier shown in an ad in Moe's bar to have a new episode at 3 PM the same time that Mr. Burns is shot.

Part 3: The Result

So, if none of these people shot Mr. Burns, who did? Well, in part 2 it is revealed that Maggie Simpson was the criminal. How is Maggie the criminal? Maggie was mad at Mr. Burns because at the end, he steals Maggie's lollipop. She did not have a gun and shot Mr. Burns with his own gun. Her initials are MS and Mr. Burns recognized her in a picture earlier on. So that's how Maggie shot Mr. Burns.

Criteria	Why They Are Mad	Has A Firearm	Initials Are WS or MS	If Mr. Burns would recognize them
Bart Simpson	Lost Treehouse. Dog Was Injured	Yes. Knows Where Grandpa Simpson's Gun Is	No. BS	Yes
Abraham Simpson	Lost Retirement Home	Yes. but the Gun Was Buried	No. AS	Yes
Waylon Smithers	Lost Job	Yes. Revolver	Yes. WS	Yes
Tito Puente (The Guest Star)	Lost Job	No	No. TP	Not Likely

American League

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Now I will be talking about the AL Central. The first place team in the AL Central is the Twins. The Twins are 17-9. The Twins are 9-4 at home and 8-5 away. The Twins have some good players. One of them is Jonathan Schoop. Schoop has 4 homeruns with a batting average of .267.

The second place team in the AL Central are the Cleveland Indians. The Indians are 15-12. They are 7-4 at home and 8-8 away. The Indians have some great ball players but one is above them all. That one is Francisco Lindor. Lindor has already hit 3 homeruns with a batting average of .219.

The 3rd place team is the Tigers. The Tigers are 12-14. They are 6-5 at home and 6-9 away. The Tigers have an all star player named Miguel Cabrera. Cabrera hasn't been doing great this



season but he actually is an all star. Cabrera is an 11x All-Star and a 7x Silver Slugger.

Finally, I will be going over the AL West. The first place team in the AL West is the Astros. The Astros are 17-12 and 10-3 at home and 7-9 away. The Astros have one of the best players in all of baseball named Jose Altuve. Altuve is the 2017 American League MVP. Altuve already has 9 home runs with an average of .248.

The second place team is the Mariners and are 18-13 and 7-9 at home and 11-4 at home. One of the best players on their team is Kyle Seager. Seager has hit 175 home runs in his career.

Finally, the 3rd place team is the Rangers. The Rangers are 14-13 and 10-4 at home and 4-9 away. The Rangers have a great player named Elvis Andrus. He has 5 homeruns. Well that's all for the American League. What do you think the records will be next week?

A Brief History of Rap's Baby Rappers



By Noah Volkman
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In a world, of ever-changing rap names, there's one moniker that MCs have loved for years, and that's "baby." In some cases, the name just means they run with an older crowd like Lil Baby, who says, "I hang around a whole lot of older dudes, so they just hit me with Lil Baby," or they're literally the baby of their family like DaBaby, who is the youngest out of his siblings. Today, there are plenty of babies on the charts, so I decided to look back at some favorites.

First up, Africa Baby Bam from the Jungle Brothers who took his name as an homage to Afrika Bambaataa. Bursting onto the scene in 1988 with their first release, *Straight Out the Jungle*, the Jungle Brothers, along with buddies like De La Soul and A Tribe Called Quest, paved the way for hip-hop's free spirits.

Next up, one of the most famous and the first babies in hip-hop, Cash Money CEO Bryan "Birdman" Williams aka "Baby." And the story behind his nickname is straightforward. A friend of Birdman's said, "Everybody used to go to her, 'Ms. Gladys what's his name?' She said, 'Baby.'" Two three weeks after that she came up with a name; she said his name was Brian. But ain't nobody calls him Brian because everybody knew him as Baby."

In 1992, Birdman and his brother turned business partner Ronald "Slim" Williams established Cash Money Records, which became home to superstar artists like Lil Wayne, who also began as a Baby—Baby D, before changing his rap name. And his Young Money imprint eventually housed Drake and Nicki Minaj. "I got the rap game on lock; you must know that first. Can't nobody fade what we tryna do and what we bout to do," Birdman said.

Birdman's own rap career, both as a solo artist and as one half of the duo Big Tymers, garnered him a total of 22 Hot 100 hits. But as the decade rolled along, there was yet another "baby" in Birdman's clique, Cash Money affiliate and Hot Boys member, B.G. aka Baby Gangsta. "I ain't realize being a rapper was what I wanted to do but Baby had started Cash Money Records. He came in the barber shop one day and was like 'spit somethin' for me' so I spit somethin' for him and

he told to come hop in the car with him," B.G. said.

The Hot Boys considered B.G., Lil Wayne, Juvenile and Turk, all under Cash Money and its CEO: "Baby." Of their three studio albums, two of them, *Guerrilla Warfare* and *Let 'Em Burn*, landed on the Billboard 200 chart, with the former going Platinum. But as Cash Money's babies took over the charts through the late 90s and early 2000s, a few other babies made it into the mainstream as well.



There was Baby Bash, originally known as Baby Beesh, who eventually racked up 7 Hot 100 hits by the mid-2000s. "Most people call me Bash. I pretty much roll with the Bash. If you wanna get technical it's Baby Bash but I was Baby Beesh before all that. Baby Beeshy love my chicken greasy," Bash said.

The 90s also gave us Oakland rapper Baby DC, who was just twelve years old when he signed to Too Short's label, Short Records, in 1998. Then there was Baby Stace, Ma\$e's twin sister and the only female in the group Harlem World, a New York rap crew that included Ma\$e, their brother Blinky Blink, Loo, Meeno, Suga J, Cardan and the late Huddy Combs. They released their first and only album *The Movement* in 1999.

By 2000, there was Atlanta's Baby D, who came into the game with his debut album, *Off Da Chain*. And New Orleans rapper and No Limit Records



signee Baby Boy Da Prince, whose debut studio album *Across the Water*, peaked at #6 on the Top Rap Albums chart.

And while the 90s and the early 2000s seemed to have plenty of "baby" rappers, the game remained largely unchanged until the following decade. Today, the babies are taking over the charts faster than ever, from Florida's Bhad Bhabie to Atlanta's SahBabii. "I got the name SahBabii from my auntie...her name T-Babii. So, she had just put the 'baby' behind my name, and I got that name when I was little," SahBabii said. Other notable babies include Baby Soulja, Sada Baby, Baby Keem, Yung Baby Tate, Bali Baby, Baby Goth, Baby E, BBG Baby Joe, Baby Jayy, Smoovie Baby, Big Baby Scumbag, Big Baby Gandhi, the late Baby Ahk, and a number of others. So, who's your favorite baby?