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School News

Things Happening in the School: Part 7

By James Hanmer

Have you asked yourself yet “I wonder what has been going on around the school lately?” well I got you. Here are some of the things that have been happening around the school. One thing that happened already was the pumpkin walk with the trunk or treat, which sounded pretty fun. Another thing that happened is on Thursday there was a Halloween walk for all the younger kids and their Halloween costumes plus also some of the freshman, sophomore, junior, and seniors put on some costumes just to show their spirit for Halloween. Masquers is doing the fall play, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, this Friday and Saturday at 7pm, and it should be funny! Lastly, the varsity boys and girls soccer teams are going to the finals and let's try and excite these teams and hope they do the best and also hope you have an awesome Halloween!

Arsenic and Old Lace...TECH WEEK?

By: Dorothy Disha

Arsenic and Old Lace is currently undergoing Tech Week, the exciting and nerve-wrecking week before the show starts. For this week's article I decided to interview Fatemah Rosbrook (Senior) and Ciara Sparber (Sophomore).

Fatemah Rosbrook

“What is your Character’s name?”

Fatemah: “I’m playing Elaine.”



“How is tech week so far?”

Fatima: “Very long, and tedious.”

“Are you excited for the show, how are you feeling?”

Fatemah: “I’m excited for the show, we have worked hard.”

“What’s your favorite scene? No spoilers.”

Fatemah: “Probably when I meet Jonathan.”

“Do you think people will enjoy the show?”

Fatemah: “I think people will enjoy the show, it’s very funny. And find it easy to understand compared to previous productions.”

“Lastly, since your time as a cast member has almost ended, what was your favorite part of being a cast member?”

Fatemah: “Messing around backstage.”

Ciara Sparber

“What is your Character’s name?”

Ciara “I’m playing Officer Brophy.”

“How is tech week so far?”

Ciara : “Hel- the opposite of heaven. But still kind of fun ”

“Are you excited for the show, how are you feeling?”

Ciara: “I’m excited for the show because I like my character!”

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“What’s your favorite scene? No spoilers.”

Ciara: “My last scene, because I think it's really fun.”

“Do you think people will enjoy the show?”

Ciara: “I think people will enjoy the show, it's very funny, and comedic.”



“Lastly, since your time as a cast member has almost ended, what was your favorite part of being a cast member?”

Ciara: “Backstage banter.”

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Interview on the Middle School Play

by Maren Ettrich

I interviewed Lilly Brooks. She is an 8th grader and is in the middle school play for this year's Frozen, Jr. production.

Question : Who is your charter and how do you feel about this charter?

Lilly : I play Anna in frozen. I really like it, I feel that I relate to the character because our hair is the same.

Question : How is the play going?

Lilly : It is going really good and fun. It is really fun to act and that is something I also love to do.

Question : What are you most excited for during the play?

Lilly : I am really excited to act. I also have never done anything like this so I am really excited to put on the play.

Question : How do you think the audience will feel?

Lilly : I think they will take it as any other play, I think they will really like it and enjoy watching it.

School Spotlights

Wise Words with Snyder!

By Rihanna Dye



For my debut in the Emerald Press this year, I thought I would ask Snyder for 3 pieces of wisdom from him. We all know that Mr.

Snyder is basically an owl and is one of the wisest teachers in the school. So, let's hear from the wise owl himself.

1. “Good friends are hard to come by, take care of your friendships like you would care for a pet.”
2. “Get really good at something, get really good at one thing”
3. “Don’t be a jerk”

And that’s it from Mr. Snyder! Make sure you listen to the wise owls advice and you will be perfectly okay in life!

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Senior Spotlight

By Gavin Snyder

Name - Drew Baker

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Favorite sport - I love Basketball because it's indoors and I don't have to deal with the rain or cold.

Mc danks order - I always order two spicy McChickens and a Coke because one McChicken is never enough.

Slices of Oliveri's - Always slices, it's not even close, there's something wrong with you if you say otherwise.

Best sports moment - Has to be going to Phoenix to play AAU in front of John Scheyer along with the experience as a whole.

Favorite food and drink - I like Lobster and Chocolate milk, but not together because that would be gross.

Favorite horror movie - The movie Scream because of the plot as well as the jump scares.

Advice for the youth - Be yourself.



Local news

Weekly Weather Outlook

By Cheyanne Bennett

This week looks to be mostly cloudy with some sun and rain showers. This would be a good time to get out and see the pretty fall trees and enjoy the coolness because sooner than we know fall will be over.



Monday, October 28th, 2024: Mostly sunny with some clouds, with a high of 53 degrees and a low of 37

degrees, and light and variable winds.

Tuesday, October 29th, 2024: Cloudy with rain later in the day with a high of 58 degrees and a low of 49 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph and a 100% chance of rain.

Wednesday, October 30th, 2024: Mix between clouds and sun with a high of 71 degrees and a low of 53 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday, October 31st, 2024: Mix between clouds and sun with a high of 74 degrees and a low of 51 degrees and winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Friday, November 1st, 2024: Rain early with cloudy skies later in the day with a high of 53 degrees and a low of 30 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph and a 60% chance of rain.

Saturday, November 2nd, 2024: Partly cloudy with a high of 48 degrees and a low of 33 degrees with light and variable winds.

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024: Partly cloudy with a high of 54 degrees and a low of 42 degrees with winds at 5 to 10 mph.

Overall, this week looks to be a pretty cool week, I hope you all have a great week!

Photo credit-The Weather Channel

US News

Elon Musk PAC Sued for Voter Lotto

By Michael Hayden

Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk and America PAC, the political action committee he runs, incurred legal action from the city of Philadelphia over a \$1 million daily sweepstakes they were running for contributing voters. Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner filed a lawsuit against them this Monday, October 28, on the grounds that they were running an illegal lottery.

America PAC, as a nonconnected political action committee, exists to solicit donations from the general public. They are then supposed to pool those donations and gift them to the official campaign of the political candidate that they support, which in this case is Donald Trump and his running mate, JD Vance. However, America PAC instead organized a lottery in which registered voters in Philadelphia and across the swing states (Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, and Wisconsin) who turn over their address, phone number, and email address to the committee and sign a pledge in support of the First and Second Amendments are eligible to win \$1 million. This is against Pennsylvania state law, which states that all lotteries within the state must be regulated by the state government.

The giveaway may violate federal election law as well, according to DA Krasner. Since America PAC is backing Trump, there is concern that voters participating in the lottery will be influenced to vote for Trump, not because of his policy, but for their own short-term financial gain. According to UCLA election law professor Richard Hasen, "...this is essentially a lottery that's open only to people who register to vote. So it's

either an incentive for someone to vote or it's a reward. And either way, it violates federal law."

The hearing for the case is scheduled for this Friday, November 1, under Judge Angelo Foglietta.

Supreme Court Allows Virginia to Purge Voter Rolls

By Michael Hayden

This Wednesday, October 30, the Supreme Court ruled that the state of Virginia is allowed to purge their voter rolls.

Virginia has already removed 1,600 people from their voter rolls after being flagged because they did not, on a specific form for the Department of Motor Vehicles, indicate that they are a citizen. Several civil rights groups, including Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights, with support from the Biden administration, sued the state on the grounds that some eligible voters who were not citizens when they filled out the



DMV form but have since gained citizenship have been wrongfully denied the right to vote. Additionally, under the National Voter Registration Act, states are barred from systematically removing people from their voter rolls within 90 days of election day - and there is currently, at the time of publishing, only 4 days until the election.

Despite this, the Supreme Court, on a 6-3 majority, overruled U.S. District Judge Patricia Giles's mandate that the 1,600 individuals be reregistered to vote. Fortunately, Virginia allows same-day voter registration, so any US citizens wrongly removed from the voter rolls should still be able to vote come election day.

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Menendez Brothers

By Maren Ettrich

In 1994 the Menendez brothers were put on trial for murdering their parents. The trial lasted two years and ended up finding the brother guilty of murder. The brothers were sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. The brothers were represented by Leslie Abramson. The reason according to the brothers was that they experienced physical abuse and many years of sexual abuse. But the prosecution noted that the brothers killed their parents for money. Their main evidence of this was that once their parents murder they went on a spending spree with their money. One main piece of evidence that the defense had was that they did an evaluation of the brothers. The brothers were eighteen and twenty one at the time and the evaluation came back that they were way below their IQ level. The brothers' case became one of the most popular murder cases in the United States. But recently there has been a retrial for the brothers. In this article I will be talking about what this retrial means and what this means for the brothers and their freedom from prison.

The brothers were sent to jail in 1996 and have served almost thirty years in prison. The older brother Lyle is 56 and his younger brother Erik is 53 today. Many people in America have been fighting for the brothers to get a retrial. Also at the time of their conviction many people were angry with how the case turned out and the outcome. But recently the case has become more popular with many famous people going to visit them and talk about their case. The most recently famous person was Kim Kardashian who went a few months ago. But the Menendez case had



recently been eligible for a retrial because of how many people wanted the brothers to be free. Many family members in the Menendez family have stated that they believe that the brothers have served their time and should be free.

What this could mean for the brothers that the brothers could get out of prison and would not have to stay there for life. The brothers have been waiting for this upcoming trial and their family has also been waiting. The trial is going to focus on the evidence and their statements. The trial is also going to look at what the brothers said about what their life was like before the murder. This time they are also bringing in family members for this trial and close friends of the family. They are also going to be asking new questions and look deeper into the case than before.

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Global News

Russia strikes Ukraine

By Cheyanne Bennett

On October 29th at approximately 5:27 AM Ukraine was attacked by Russia. Russia sent out Russian drones, missiles, and bombs at two of the largest cities Kyiv and Kharkiv in Ukraine. Kyiv officials said "North Korea sent in approximately 10,000 soldiers" to help Russia in their military campaign. Russia has attacked many of these civilian areas of Ukraine almost every day since this full attack started.



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President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine was expected to speak about this new threat at a meeting on Tuesday, October 29th in Reykjavik with leaders from Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. This attack that struck one of the largest cities in Ukraine, Kharkiv got hit around 3 am in the Northeast. This attack hit a house and killed four people. Government Oleh Syniehubov said "Nearly 20 houses have been damaged during this attack.

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Spain's Flash Flood

By: Pyper McEwan

On Wednesday, October 30, 2024 Southeast Spain had a flash flood. There were a lot of people who had been effected. 62 people



have died because of this tragedy and many people not being able to find safety. This flood had made it so highways were not able to be used, and a lot of people

had no way out of the flood to reach safety. The flood went down the streets sweeping down walls off buildings and moving parked cars, the current was so strong it took away a whole garage.

The Spanish Prime Minister spoke out and said how they will be using all the resources they can to help out the



people. The rescue team has found some bodys, but they are still searching. The government had sent out more that 1,000 military members to help search for people and help out with the damage.

Photo cred: CNN

Israel and Gaza a Never-Ending War

By: Dorothy Disha

The Israeli military has killed thousands in Gaza and has no signs of stopping, as they have recently killed around 30 more with air strikes. Northern Gaza, where Israel said in January has dismantled militant group Hamas' command structure, is currently the focus of the military's assault, with more than 80 percent of all total attacks. Israel, claiming that all attacks are meant for Hammas, has said it has continued food deliveries into Gaza and blames the



United Nations for failing to feed Gazans. Israeli statistics released by CNN show that aid shipments allowed into Gaza in October remained at their lowest levels since October 2023. So far, it is clear that this



warfare has no signs of stopping.

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Teacher Word Search

By: Pyper McEwan

Rhiannon Murray

Word Search

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BOSSARD

In recent days at Hamilton Central, the infamous game from almost two years ago has made a comeback. If you are not in the know of the varsity girls soccer team, HayDay is back. Now from every corner of the school building, screams can be heard for carrot cake and chicken feed. Back in the spring of 2023, HayDay ran rampant throughout the school. The same screams could be heard with many students whipping their phones out in class to feed their cows. Sorry, Mr. Darrow :) However, this year is a little different because of the new phone policy! The once HayDay expert, Adriana Catania, has taken an unfortunate fall after the game failed to save her progress. #riphamtownhos. If anyone wants to be my friend on HayDay and donate some tomatoes, I will be VERY grateful!!!!



Image credit - Google Play Store

Role of Sound in Horror Movies

By Gavin Rutledge

Sound plays a pivotal role in horror movies and it creates a major aspect of suspense during the film. Loud, sudden, and unexpected sounds add a lot to the jumpscars that happen during the movie. Non-traditional sounds such as growling,



and distorted voices trigger discomfort and make people more uncomfortable during the movie and often makes the antagonist more threatening. Silence during horror movies can be just as essential as sound, it removes the ability to expect and know that something will happen and creates an uneasy feeling because you aren't sure what or when something will happen

Psychology of Horror Movies

By Gavin Rutledge

Horror movies have always been my favorite genre of film and Halloween has been my favorite holiday forever. I decided to learn more about why people love horror movies and the psychology of fear.

Watching horror films triggers the fight or flight response which releases adrenaline and other stress hormones. The thrill of this keeps people engaged and wanting more. Horror also allows people to explore scary situations while being safe the whole time. Experiencing fear can also allow people to release built up stress leaving them relieved. Finishing horror movies and haunted houses can lead to feeling accomplished because you overcame fear and stress.

Hay Day - The Rerun????

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Horror in general can be a great stress reliever for some. But it may create stress for others. But nonetheless horror movies bring people together and create a great experience overall



Opinion

Pumpkin Festival Review

By Dom Mensche



Hamilton's Pumpkin Fest brought the community together this weekend with seasonal treats, painted pumpkins, and plenty of excitement. Students and families gathered to admire pumpkins painted by the elementary school kids, each one showing off creative designs and colorful characters. Sweet treats like apple cider, pumpkin pie, and candy were on hand, adding to the fall spirit as kids went trick-or-treating from open trunks and displays around the festival grounds.

One of the highlights was the "Touch-a-Truck" section, where kids could climb into cabs and learn about the various big trucks, tractors, and machinery from local services. White Eagle Farms brought along farm equipment, while Hamilton Fire Department,

Hubbardsville FD, Madison County EMS, and NYS DEC Police showcased emergency vehicles. Electric and plumbing trucks added even more variety, giving kids a hands-on look at the different tools and equipment used across various professions.

With its blend of fall festivities, learning experiences, and community spirit, Pumpkin Fest once again delivered a day of fun and celebration for all ages.

Album Review

By Dom Mensche

Album Review is an overview of albums released by popular artists, and they are rated by professional music analyst Dominick "Metro" Mensche



This week's review will be on the album *Heroes & Villains* by producer Leland Tyler Wayne, globally known as Metro Boomin. Or by his nicknames "Young Metro" "or just Metro".

For *Heroes & Villains*, a 2022 release from Metro Boomin' with extensive features by Future and 21 Savage, the album dives deep into intense, dark themes balanced by a sense of resilience and ambition. Known for his collaborative artistry, Metro uses this project to showcase the unique voices of his frequent partners, such as Future, 21 Savage, and Travis Scott, alongside others like The Weeknd, ASAP Rocky, and John Legend.

Each track seems carefully constructed to bridge gritty realism with Metro's signature cinematic production style. For instance, Future shines on the song "Superhero," rapping about taking on a larger-than-life persona, while 21 Savage pairs with Young Nudy on "Umbrella" for

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a powerful performance that matches the foreboding energy of the beat. Travis Scott, Don Toliver and Takeoff also make notable contributions, adding a layer of melodic depth that resonates across the album.

Ultimately, Heroes & Villains is both a major achievement in production and a compelling narrative, with Metro Boomin framing each artist's story in a way that pulls listeners into a world where strength is tempered by struggle, and heroism is a choice in a challenging landscape.

Food Review

By: Dylan George

On a cold fall night in upstate NY, some HCS boys varsity soccer team members voyaged across the state to watch a blistering battle between the Emerald Knights of Hamilton and the Red Knights of LaFargeville. This huge semifinal battle was held at Carthage High School, two hours away. After a group discussion, we decided that to complete the long journey, we would need to stop and dine at one of the best restaurants in the country, Chipotle. This fine establishment is known for having some of the best fast food. We all ordered a bowl and customized it to our liking; these were our orders and ratings out of 10:

Bryce Wright: “I ordered a bowl with white rice, chicken, guacamole, cheese, and lettuce with a bag of chips on the side. After going months without visiting this pristine restaurant, this dinner made up for the long absence.” **Overall:9.5/10 (Food service was good, loaded up protein, affordable and delicious)**

Gavin Hames: “I ordered a bowl with brown rice, steak, queso, pico de galla, corn salsa, a dash of sour cream, lettuce, and cheese. I also ordered a bag of chips with queso and guacamole on the side. This is my go-to order whenever I

visit here, and it always hits the spot. **Overall: 8.5/10 (The food was delicious, it was swift, and the customer service was excellent)**

Dylan George: “I ordered a bowl with white rice, steak, queso, medium salsa, corn salsa, cheese, and pico de gallo with a bag of chips on the side. This is my go-to order every time I visit this sacred place, and it hit the spot extra because it's been months since I have eaten here.” **Overall: 9.1/10 (We didn't have to very long, and the food was excellent)**

After a tough decision to watch the girl's soccer team, we decided to go, and a significant factor in that decision was we knew we would be able to stop at Chipotle. After a delicious dinner at Chipotle, we were ready to support the girls, beating LaFargeville 1-0 with the best student section in the 315.



Photo Credit: Chipotle website

Sports

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Girls Varsity Soccer: Sectionals

By Eve McCorkle



On Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024 the girls varsity soccer team entered the first round of sectionals at their home field. The girls played Bellvile-Henderson and won. Scoring for the

Knights were Logan Langel and Chloe LaFrance. Logan Langel scored in the last twenty-nine seconds of the first half and Chloe LaFrance scored early in the second half.

The girls took on DeRuyter on Saturday, October 28th, 2024 for the second round of sectionals. Scoring for the Knights were Eve McCorkle, Logan Langel, Kristen LaFrance, Polly LePage, and Reagan Hope. The girls played an outstanding game from the moment they stepped onto the field to the last whistle. Eve McCorkle had the first goal of the night from an impressive corner kick from Abbey Hope. Then right after McCorkle found Logan Langel for a second goal.



Kristen LaFrance also finished a ball played by Eve McCorkle to put the Knights up 3-0. Heading into the second half Reagan Hope, Polly LePage, and one other scored to make the final

score six to zero. Overall, the girls played an outstanding game and they are now on their way to the semi-finals. They will face off against Lafargeville at Carthage High School at 7:00 p.m. Make sure to be there or to livestream the game to show your support! Good luck, Girls!

Photo Creds: HCS parent

Girls Varsity Volleyball: Sectionals

By Eve McCorkle

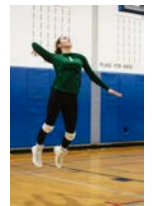
On Monday, October 28th, 2024 the girls varsity volleyball team hosted Onodaga in the first round of sectionals. The girls played a great game and they won all three sets.

In the first set, Hamilton dominated the whole time they did not let up and kept their heads up. They finished the set 25 to 14. The girls had some great defense and offense. In the second set, the girls solidified their winning streak. They took the set 25

to 17. To end the game on a good note the girls won the last set 25 to 16.

Overall, the girls played a great game and now they enter the semi-finals. They play Lafayette, on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024. Make you show your support and good luck, girls!

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Boys Varsity Soccer

By: Gavin Snyder

Last Wednesday the Varsity team played Lyme to carry on their sectional run. The first half started off tough with both teams battling to get the first goal. Each went back and forth until Hamilton put in the first goal. From there it was downhill with



Hamilton ending the first half three to zero. The second half did not go as well with Hamilton struggling to keep the ball out of

their half and finally Lyme was able to score a goal. But the knights were able to hold off, ending the game three to one. Goals were scored by Sawyer Latella, Gavin Hames, and Luke Langel, all having one. With assists Gavin Hames had two and Brayden Pretre added one.

Photo Credit - Gavin Snyder

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Colgate Sports Report

By: Dylan George

This past week, Colgate Sports excelled and hosted many games in Hamilton. For the teams that hosted games, they had an overall record of 5-1-0. The Raiders, who took the road, also did well, having a record of 4-4-0. Here is a report on some of the teams and how they did this past week:

Men's Hockey: The Men's hockey team visited RIT and played two games in Rochester. The Raiders finished with a record of 2-0-0. On Friday night, the Raiders won 5-4. Five different skaters scored for the Raiders, and goaltender Nick Haas secured the win in net, saving 11 shots. On Saturday night, the Raiders won 4-3, with Brett Chorske leading the scoring for the squad with two goals. Andrew Tackas could stop 20 shots as the Raiders secured a two-win weekend.

Women's Hockey: The Women's hockey team hosted the Maine Black Bears in a two-game slate. They were able to secure both wins. On Friday night, the women's team won 8-3, led by Emma Pais and Kaia Malachino, with two goals apiece. On Saturday night, they secured another win with a final score of 4-1. Elyssa Beiderman led the Raiders with two goals on the night.

Football: The Football team traveled to face off against a tough Merrimack squad. Unfortunately, the Raiders were unable to secure the win, losing 51-17. Jake Stearney led the offense with 155 passing yards and a touchdown. HCS's student teacher, Bardhyl Gashi, was able to protect the quarterback, allowing 0 sacks. The Raiders' record now stands at 2-6.

Colgate athletics is on a roll this year and looks to keep this momentum coming into the playoff season. The Raiders look to have an even

better record next week and get a few trophies, as the Patriot League playoffs are short.



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Colgate athletics website

The Dodgers and Yankees World Series Game

By James Hanmer

The one game that everyone has wanted to see happen between the two best MLB teams the Dodgers and the Yankees just happened the other day in the World Series with the Los Angeles Dodgers going with a score of 7 to 6 with the



New York Yankees. But it's not just how the score was so close there were a ton of things that happened during the game just as how

when Mookie Betts a player for the Dodgers went to catch a ball from the side out in the foul area a fan of the New York Yankees grabbed Mookie's glove and then ripped the ball out of Mookie's hand which made the ball fall and go for an out instead of a catch, a second thing that happened during the game is all the bases had a player and it was the Dodgers strong power hitter up to bat Freddie Freeman which processed to slam the pitch for a grand slam plus also he got 3 other home runs to help the team win.

Source: ESPN

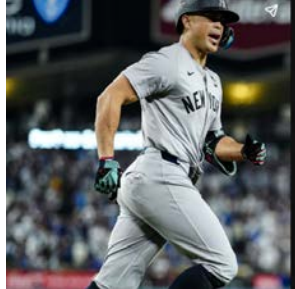
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Fan Interference?

By: Rihana Dye

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The LA Dodgers and the New York Yankees were tied in the 9th inning. Gleyber Torres hit it into left field, but a Dodgers fan put his glove over the fence. The umpire immediately called for fan interference. The center-fielder claims that he thought that the ball was doing something weird in the air and had cleared the fence but still thinks that they made the call right. Rule 6.01(e) states that “the ball shall be dead at the moment of interference and the umpire shall impose such penalties as in his opinion”. This means the umpire can make the call depending on how much interference was affecting the play.



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