THE BLUESTREAK

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Roasted Rumblings

Thanksgiving Dinner Timing

The table is set, you're perfectly dressed and the aroma surrounding your home is captivating. Your stomach can't even begin to describe the hunger you've been fighting, eagerly waiting for the feast. The moment feels almost too good to be true. Dinner is going to be held at 2:00—how exciting! But



then, you ask if dinner is ready, and the response shatters your hopes: "Oh no, dinner hasn't even fully started yet. We just took out the rolls." Excuse me? Fire up those grills, sergeant! We have a Moo Deng to cook! Suddenly, your whole body collapses in disbelief. On Thanksgiving, we will not accept a meal time of 5:00 or later! Thanksgiving is the day to honor those who feasted before us, meaning now is NOT the time to be on Ozempic. Speaking of Ozempic, what's the deal with it? Why are we giving Nikocado Avocado? This holiday, we need to come together, embrace each other and feast like the Thousand Pound Sisters.

During this time of the year, we simply say what we're grateful for and eat some ham while our family most likely argues about politics or football. The anticipation of that perfect feast, just on the horizon... and yet, it's not quite there. Even if the turkey is late, and the rolls are the only thing you can snack on for now, we all find our way back to the table eventually. And once we do, it's as if time slows down, and for a brief, beautiful moment, everything feels right. So on this beloved holiday, don't let your grumbling stomach trump the whole thankful mood.

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Hey AHS!

As November comes to a close, we hope you all have a great time on Thanksgiving break and even possibly use some of the recipes featured on pages 20 and 21. Fall weather means football so look at pages 8 and 9 for a college football feature. If you prefer basketball over football, don't fret, we have that, too! Turn to pages 22 and 23 to read about the NBA and how it's looking for the teams.

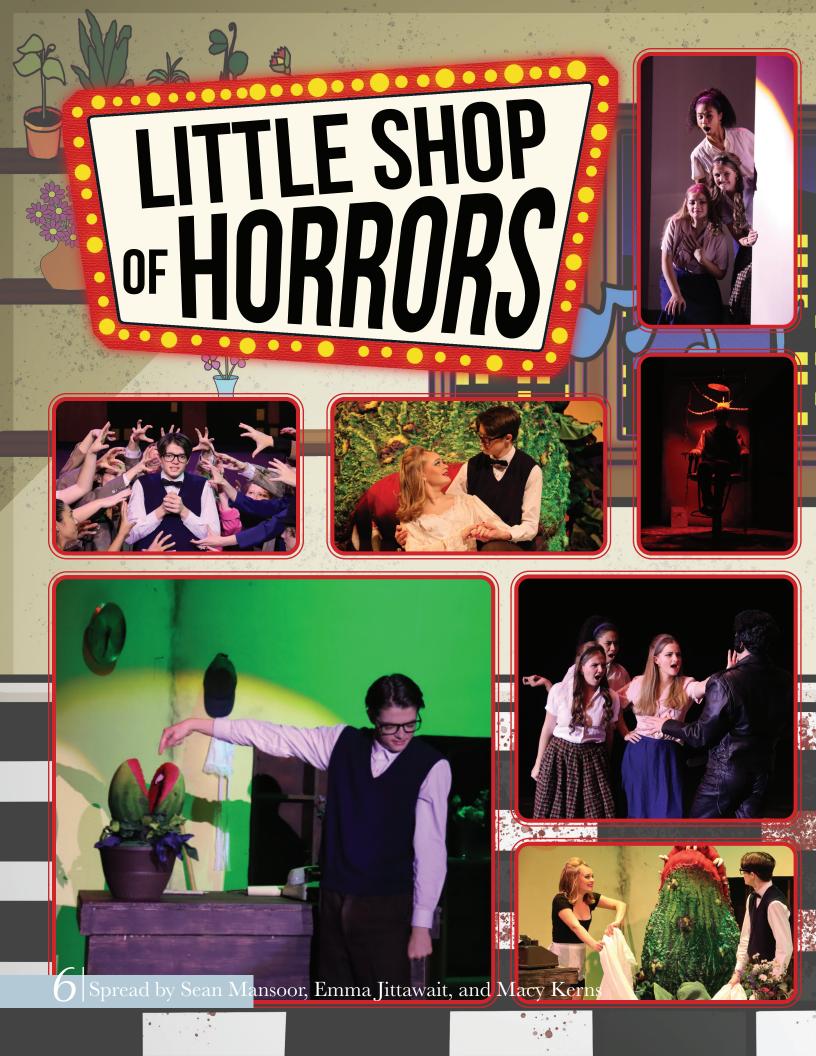
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We ask that you look at pages 4 and 5 to honor the hard work that our theater crew put into their latest production! Our staff tries to shine light on the efforts of other organizations and their amazing dedication. Dedication can show in many forms like senior Tate Hutchinson who has filmed over 50 episodes of mukbangs for his TikTok fans. To read the full story, turn to page 18 to see the feature.

See you next time for the December issue, Andover!

Catch you on the flip side,

Addi Wissman













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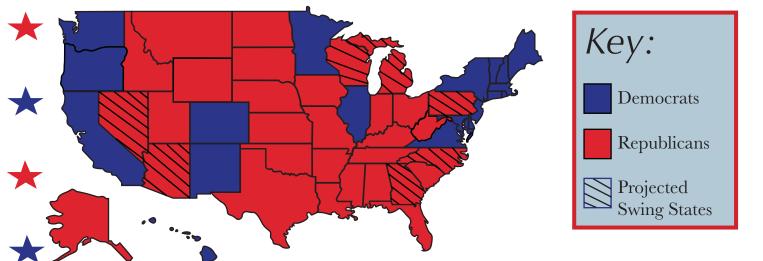
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The Electoral College was created by the founding fathers with the purpose of compromising electing president by Congress and electing president by popular vote. The Electoral College consists of "electors." Every state has the same number of electors as it does members of the House of Representatives, which depends on the population, plus the two state Senators. For example, Kansas has six electors. Each presidential candidate and political party has their own "slate" of electors whose selection depends on the state. In total, there are 538 electors- meaning 270 is the majority and is required to elect president. When you vote for president, your vote goes to a state tally. The winner of the tally gets all the electoral votes for that state (with the exception of Nebraska and Maine assigning their electoral votes with a different system.)



In the United States Senate, the republicans have the majority with 53 versus the democrats having 46. To be in the majority in the United States House of Representatives, a party must hold 218 seats. Which party will have control is currently, as of November 11th, teetering back and forth between the republicans and the democrats.

Donald Trump's vice president is J.D. Vance. Vance has served for two years in the US Senate for the state of Ohio, being sworn in office on January 3rd, 2023. Trump explained to Truth Social, "J.D. has had a very successful business career in Technology and Finance, and now, during the Campaign, will be strongly focused on the people he fought so brilliantly for, the American workers and Farmers in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Sisconson, Ohio, Minnesota, and far beyond."

























Current Events

GAZA-ISRAEL CONFLICT

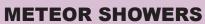
The Gaza-Israel dissension is a localized part of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that began in 1948. It started when 200,000 Palestinians fled from their homes and were left in the Gaza Strip as refugees. Because of that, there have been nearly 15 wars involving organizations that can be found in the Gaza Strip, a small territory on the eastern coast of the Meditrranean Sea. The most recent attack was on October 7, 2023 when Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups marched into Israel and attacked. Then, the Israeli cabinet officially declared war against Hamas. Today, around 85% of the Gazans have fled from their homes due to the most recent attacks, cities have drastically changed and millions of people have been impacted. Not only has Egypt been significantly affected, but also Turkey, Qatar and the U.S. United States leaders have offered different ways to help: boosting the Gazan aid or sending weapon supply. With Trump's new victory, he has declared that his priority is to end the war and stem the drain on U.S. resources.



CHRISTMAS ALBUMS

With Christmas right around the corner, anticipation increasingly grows for the release of new Christmas albums. Jason Kelce's A Philly Special Christmas Party features

collaborations with his former teammates as well as his brother Travis Kelce. Kelly Clarkson and Sabrina Carpenter also dropped new Christmas music earlier this September. Celebrities such as Brett Eldredge, Little Big Town, Jimmy Fallon, Jennifer Hudson, and Lea Salonga are set to release their new holiday albums just in time for the Christmas season. This winter, listen along for



While November may feel redundant, meteor showers are abundant. According to NBC, 3 meteor showers, the Taurids, Orionids, and Leonids, were visible to spectators this November. The Northern and Southern Taurids, long lasting showers with less defined peaks, were visible especially on days of overlap and clear skies. The Taurids sporadically produced special illuminating meteors also known as fireballs. Simultaneously the Orionids meteor shower

Simultaneously, the Orionids meteor shower was able to be viewed for about a month from the end of October to the end of November. The Leonids meteor shower climaxed in mid to late November with as many as 15 meteors

seen an hour.

GAVIN CASALEGNO'S NEW MARRIAGE

To the shock of many, Gavin Casalegno, one of the stars on The Summer I Turned Pretty series, recently tied the knot. Casalegno married Cheyanne King on a hill-topped landscape under a beautiful flower arch to encapsulate their love for one another. He and his bride posted their union on November 12. Fans left comments reflecting their surprise and sadness at the sudden announcement.



COLLEGE FOOTBLEL Spanning a 16 week season college football is full

Spanning a 16 week season, college football is full of surprises. The annual College Football Playoffs are steadily upon us. Airing on January 19th, 2025, the championship game will take place in Miami, Florida. Many fans are anxious to know if their team will make the cut. Every Tuesday up until December 3rd, the top 25 rankings will be released leading up to Sunday. December 8th, when the final lineup will hit viewers nationwide. As of November 19th, the top five leaders are: Oregon, Ohio State, Texas, Penn State, and Indiana. However, the selection won't be set in stone until the 8th. This is a change from previous years where the playoff format allowed only four teams a ticket to the playoffs. Debuting this year, twelve teams will be selected (straying away from the subjective voting nature of the four team playoff. This format also gives more teams a shot at winning. Aside from the upcoming playoffs, a big part of the game revolves around stats. As of November 19, Cam Ward is the offensive leader with 3494 yards, and Shaun Dolac is the defensive leader with 137 total tackles. As for rushing yards, Ashton Jeanty leads with 1893 yards, and Mike Green has the most sacks with a total of 15. On receiving yards, Nick Nash dominates with 1282 yards. Finally, Nohl Williams has the most interceptions with 7.

Why do fans take the goal post down?

Everyone gets excited when their team wins, but some fans take it to a new level. After a seven point win against their rivals, the Alabama Crimson Tide, Tennessee fans stormed the field. Overwhelmed with extreme emotion, Tennessee college students ripped the goalpost down and carried it out of the stadium, later throwing it into the river in 2022. Two similar incidents occurred October 5th, when Vanderbilt played Alabama and Arkansas played Tennessee. In a shocking upset, Vanderbilt overcame No. 1 Alabama by five points, resulting in the tearing down and dumping of the goalpost in a nearby river. Vanderbilt was later fined \$100,000 for these offenses. On the same day, Arkansas was also hit with a \$250,000 fine-it was not the first offense.



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TOP 4



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON 11-0



OHIO STATE 9-1



UNIVERSITY COF TEXAS 9-1



PENN STATE 9-1

as of November 19

Where To Watch











KANSAS STATE
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KANSAS

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One of the most anticipated games among Kansans occurred on October 26th and gave K-State a two point edge over KU. While the season is nearing its completion, there is still excitement ahead as we dive into the post-season.

PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

December 12-19

COTTON BOWL (QUARTERFINALS)

December 31

ORANGE, ROSE, SUGAR BOWLS (OUARTERFINALS)

January 1

FIESTA BOWL

January 8

PEACH BOWL

January 9

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (MIAMI)

January 19

EVERYONE HASA

story

Quinn Hartman, a senior at AHS, grew up in a large family and loud house. Living in the shadows of his older brothers, Aidan, Riley, and Jordan, he thought he would enjoy being the only one at home. However, after Riley--the second oldest--moved out, he started to increasingly feel their absence. On a positive note, the circumstances allowed him to build a close bond with his brother Jordan. The two were the only ones left and were close in age. Even so Jordan grew up, folloing in his brothers' footsteps.

"When Jordan moved out, that's when it really hit me—we were all getting older, and I was now the same age as my brothers when I used to look up to them and couldn't wait to grow up." He continued, "Suddenly, all the attention shifted to me from my parents, and I honestly didn't know how to feel." Quinn touches on how you don't realize you truly miss something until it's gone. He shared further, "Once they moved out, I understood just how much they cared for me, always checking in and asking for life updates, even if they didn't always show it." It is almost certain that everyone can relate to this feeling. Quinn and many other seniors are at a weird point where they're on "the edge of adulthood." He summarized this idea: "I feel independent, yet still dependent

With the stress of adulthood rapidly approaching, Quinn opened up about feeling tired and struggling to keep up a conversation with his parents some days. It can be especially difficult when there is no one else to divert the attention to when it's been a tough day.

Along with the transition to adulthood, one of the hardest things to leave behind is our parents. In a similar sentiment, Quinn expressed, "It worries me to think about how my parents will handle it when I move out, especially since I'm the youngest." Surely this is something a significant number of us can relate to as our parents have been rocks in our unsteady lives. "Their [Quinn's parents] support has allowed me to enjoy life and has played a huge role in shaping who I am today," he added.

Considering how much time we spend with our parents, it is clear how much they impact us. Quinn remarks, "I don't think I would be here without their support. Their support has allowed me to enjoy life." Again, something numerous students at Andover--especially upperclassmen--can relate to.

Ultimately, our parents can only hold our hands for so long before they have to let go.

"When I think about my future, these thoughts hold me back from pursuing the things I want to do," he admits. "Now, it's up to me to figure out the rest on my own."

Apart from his gratitude for his parents, Quinn's friends hold a special place in his heart. Previously thinking of himself as an introvert, he made it a goal this year to become more social. Through this, he has built a strong support system and has learned he thrives on social interaction. Regarding his friends, he commented, "Each one brings something unique to the table. Some have a way of making me laugh and distracting me from my worries, while others provide a listening ear that helps me sort through my thoughts...My friends make it easier to achieve this goal, creating an environment where I feel comfortable and energized."

In short, growing up is a part of life, but how we react to what is happening around us can shape how we respond. Quinn says it best himself: "I've learned the importance of not taking things for granted, as nothing lasts forever. I encourage everyone to embrace change, as it's a constant in life. My main advice is to try to live in the moment and be present. While it's easier said than done—since we all deal with our own anxieties—being present allows you to appreciate what and who is around you, which can help foster a sense of gratitude."

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From First Bite To Forever: A Love Story

How Raising Cane's has become my obssession



I've always been that person who proudly orders chicken tenders no matter where I am. It's not that I'm picky; it's simply that I believe in sticking with the classics. There's something about a perfectly fried chicken tender: crispy on the outside, tender on the inside, and dipped in a sauce that sets my soul on fire. I've sampled tenders from numerous spots—Chili's, Braums, Zaxybys, Chick-fil-A, Wingstop—but none compare to the golden delight I have discovered at Raising Cane's.

My obsession began innocently enough after seeing a TikTok showcasing the dreamy chicken tenders. I thought that it was just another chicken joint How wrong I was! My official introduction to Raising Cane's happened on January 22, 2022, while visiting Lawrence, Kansas. As I walked through the big, red doors, I was greeted by a disco ball, vintage artwork celebrating the University of Kansas, vibrant red and gold decor, and the best thing I had ever laid my eyes on-a life-size cutout of Nelly. I wish that I would have stolen it that day and will regret it forevermore. All these decorative elements informed me that this place had a funky and exciting atmosphere. Walking into this experience, I knew that there was an element of importance in every bite of the meal-from the tenders to the sauce to the toast. Every aspect was designed to pair perfectly with one another.

I strutted up to the shiny counter and ordered the Caniac Combo, including 6 Chicken Fingers,

Crinkle-Cut Fries, 2 Cane's Sauce, Texas Toast, Coleslaw and Large Dr. Pepper. That first bite of sauce and tender was magical. I mean, the orange-tinted sauce is just to die for with its immense amount of flavor. The magic didn't stop there though. The Texas toast—golden and buttery, with a soft, warm center melted in my mouth like a soft cloud. The crinkle-cut fries were the ideal companion, perfectly seasoned, crispy on the outside yet fluffy on the inside. By the time I left the restaurant, I was 5 pounds heavier and a whole lot more obsessed. Since that fateful day, I've driven two hours to Manhattan, Kansas, just for Cane's, solidifying my status as a devoted fan. I have a backpack dedicated to my love for the eatery and amazing gifts from friends who understand my obsession. Honestly, a tattoo celebrating my affection for Raising Cane's isn't out of the question. My next goal for my Caniac Love is to visit the New York City Golden Canes. I know it's funny how something as simple as chicken tenders can have such a profound effect on someone, but it's not just about the food—it's about the experience. When I simply hear the name or see an ad about my favorite restaurant, I am instantly met with a giddy feeling because the atmosphere is so joyful and celebratory.







Hayden Mize, an Andover Senior, shares her achievements and future aspirations about joining the military to serve the United States. "I am joining the Kansas Air National Guard and I will be an Airman," Mize says with a smile, "In order to do so, I will go to Texas for Basic Training and technical school to learn about how to be a good Airman. I will be taught how to properly do my job." She elaborates by saying, "I know that I'm a part of the small percentage of people that serve, and even if it's a small contribution, I'm helping the country in the way that I can." Lastly, Mize excitedly states, "I chose to serve because no one thought I would actually do it. I talked about it growing up, but I finally made the decision to join in June because it will help me pay for college and the career that I will eventually go into." She is looking forward to the opportunities and friendships that she will make throughout her time of service. Mize's name will soon be posted on Andover High School's Military Service Wall of Honor and that is something to thank her for.

Veterans Day



Veterans Day, celebrated annually on the eleventh day of the eleventh month each year, is a profound holiday dedicated to remembrance, honor, and patriotism. Originally named Armistice Day by President Woodrow Wilson, it was proclaimed to be one of the most important days to go down in American history. The historic November eleventh of 1919 marked the end of our nation's first world war and the beginning of a healing period for the country. Years later, in 1938, it officially became a legal national holiday. The name of the holiday was not changed until President Eisenhoweer signed the bill in 1954 to rename it to "Veterans Day." At first, it was a day to recognize WWI veterans, but the holiday has grown significantly over more than a century and is now a day where all veterans, regardless of what war they bravely served in, are appreciated and remembered. No matter what day of the week that this holiday falls on, it is an opportunity to honor and remember the sacrifices of countless selfless Americans who fought for our nation.

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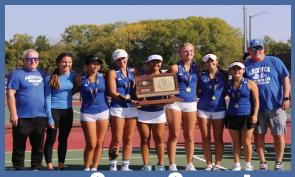
On behalf of the Bluestreak Staff,

Thank you, Veterans for your service!

Substate Sports Overview

Girls Tennis

The AHS girls tennis team aced their season with a fourth straight team state title at their home court. Seniors Nadia Kaewsai and Biz Gaddis won the doubles championship with another Andover team of Ada Tantemsomboon and Emma Jittawait coming in second. Similarly, Molly Gaddis won singles and Mia Jaramillo placed third.





On Saturday, November 2, AHS cross country traveled to KU's Rim Rock course to run at the state meet. Girls state qualifiers were Erica High, Kate Harris, Clara Conard, Brecken Bogner, Sam Siegrist, Jordyn Cleary, and Maddy Wallace .Aidan Braun qualified individually for boys. The girls finished off their strong season with a 7th place finish as a team, junior Maddy Wallace placing 4th and senior Jordyn Cleary placing 8th. Aidan Braun, running individually for the boys, placed 13th. Additionally, the three received all metro honors along with Sam Siegrist.

AHS volleyball capped their season with the state tournament. Prior to state, the Trojans beat KMC, Carol, and ACHS. On Friday, November 1, volleyball went to Salina HS to compete in the afternoon wave. Fighting hard, the Trojans dropped a result to Kapaun and St. James in two sets after beating Great Bend in three sets. The team ended their season with a final record of 32-6. Senior Aliyah Green was AVCTL Div 2 Player of the Year with Kaitlyn Gordon and Lauren Heinz receiving 1st team honors. Moreover, Camille Avila received 2nd team and Brooke Parham Honorable Mention.

Volleyball





Girls Golf

AHS girls golf traveled to the Salina Municipal Golf Course to compete on October 21st and 22nd for the state tournament. As a team, the girls finished in 7th place. Regan Dusenbery was individual state runner up and Isabel Hawley tied for 26th place.

DANCING WITH THE STARS

HISTORY

The iconic interactive television show, Dancing with the Stars, first aired in 2005 on ABC. The premise of the show is to teach people who have never stepped foot on a ballroom dance floor technique, rhythm and how to evoke emotion through dance. Celebrities, athletes, and other famous people (that are lucky enough to get casted) are each assigned a professional dancer as a partner. The couples then work together in hopes of winning first place and taking home the mirrorball trophy. Throughout the directory

of the show's seasons, the pairs of competitors grew, resulting in this season's cast being the largest one yet with 13 pairs. Although the teams get scored by judges and put onto a leaderboard, each couple cannot make it to the top without viewership and having fans vote for them to stay in the competition. The 33rd season has continuously been breaking voting records every Tuesday night and will be wrapping up on Tuesday, November 26th. Tune

in to vote for your favorite team as the final



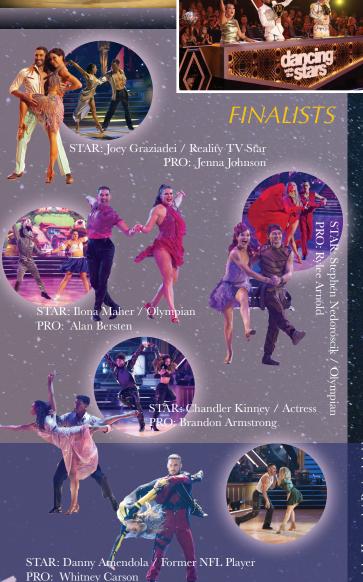
JUDGES

The judges on Dancing with the Stars each have an extensive and impressive background in ballroom dancing. Regardless if they have only been judging for a few years or decades, each judge has worked their way up and into the spotlight, deserving their spot and right to critique.

Derek Hough, a professional dancer on DWTS for a decade, has leveled up due to his skill level and popularity-not to mention that he has won the competition six times. He now judges his once opponents and is a refreshing new addition to the show's panel. Receiving a high score from Hough means the pair truly deserved it.

Carrie Ann Inaba got her start as an actress and singer, but has made numerous notable accomplishments in the world of ballroom. She is currently the only woman judge on the DWTS panel and focuses on critiquing footwork, storytelling and more.

Bruno Tonioli is considered to be the judge with the most personality and charisma due to his complex compliments that he gives contestants each season. He began judging alongside Inaba in 2005, but had significant judging experience from previous shows he had been on. He has choreographed for many famous music videos and danced in some himself, most notably Elton John's, "I'm Still Standing."



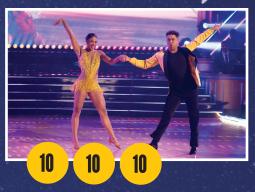
STAR: Dwight Howard / Retired Athlet PRO: Daniella Karagach

STAR: Jenn Tran / Reality TV Star

STAR: Phaedra Parks / Reality TV.St PRO: Vak Chmerkovskiy

pread by Avery Vogt, Gabby Kanagy and Emma Jittawait







JOEY GRAZIADEI AND JENNA JOHNSON FOXTROT **CHANDLER KINNEY** AND BRANDON ARMSTRONG ARGENTINA TANGO







Anna Delvey

CONTROVERSY

Anna Delvey is featured on season 33 of Dancing with the Stars alongside her pro, Ezra Sosa. In 2019, Anna Delvey was convicted of many theft-related charges and is guilty of having stolen an estimated \$275,000, all while posing as a German Heiress, When ABC announced that this "infamous NYC socialite" was joining the DWTS cast, there was immediate backlash. People argued that her crimes were being romanticized, Nevertheless, Anna Delvey stepped into the ballroom. Fighting deportation, she was required to wear an ankle monitor during her time on the show. She lasted one full week and then was eliminated the second week, after having performed a quickstep that scored her 17 out of a total 30 points. To add even more controversy to the situation, Delvey had an interesting last remark before the episode came to an end. Co-host Julianne Hough asked Delvey, "what will you take away from this experience?" Delvey simply responded, "Nothing." She faced even more retaliation on the internet as critics declared their disgust for the "rude comment" after all the "special governmental treatment" she received. In response, Delvey declared

that Dancing with the Stars set her up. She stated in an email, "I feel that the show so obviously used me to drive up the ratings." Her partner, Ezra Sosa, stood up for her saying, "I knew she was going to say something very iconic..." and later even got a tattoo on the back of his shoulder of the famous word, "nothing."

Joey Graziadei and Jenna Johnson

America's most recent Bachelor on ABC jumped at the opportunity to dance on this season of DWTS with one obligation- to keep his relationship with his fiance Kelsey Anderson protected from online rumors of romance with his dance partner. He told the ABC producers that he would only do the show if he had a pro

partner who was extremely secure in her own relationship. They listened to Graziadei and granted him a partnership with Jenna Johnson. The two have expressed how grateful they are to have found each other and have sparked a wonderful friendship.





PRO: Gleb Savchenko



STAR: Reginald VelJohnson / PRO: Emma Slater

STAR: Anna Delvey /

CONTESTANTS

STAR: Tori Spelling / PRO: Pasha Pashkov



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genelary MUKBANGS



HOST: Tate Hutchinson



What is Legendary Mukbangs?

Legendary mukbangs is a TikTok "show" I record with my friends during our school lunch. Nearly every day we will explain our lunch and discuss various topics in our lives with microphones connected to the audio. I continue to do it as a fun way to chronicle our lives over the course of the year and think it provides a window into how fun our school experience is.

Best lunch you've ever had?

Episode 18 is probably the best lunch to date. For the rare occasion where I don't record what I eat, I had an amazing sandwich at the Shipwreck Café in Michigan.

Do you think this will set you on the path to become the next American leader?

The path to the presidency starts with 20 TikTok likes at a time. I'm only 9,900 followers and 100,000 likes away from monetization, and then my campaign will begin.

CO-HOSTS:

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Tristen Winfield



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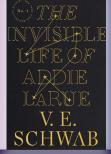
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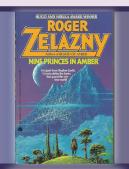
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If you like FANTASY



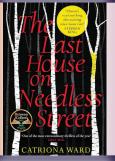




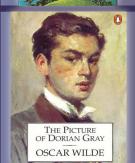


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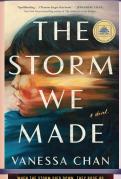


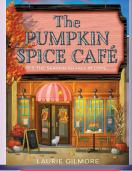


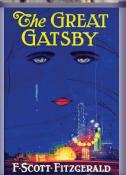


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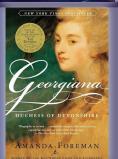


If you like NON-FICTION









SOUP SEASON

TE CHICKEN CHILI SOUP

Instructions

Heat olive oil in a pan and saute onions and garlic. Add chicken broth, cumin, paprika, oregano, coriander, cayenne pepper, salt and pepper (to taste) and simmer for 15 minutes. Drain and rinse beans and puree until smooth. Add Neufchatel, corn, puree, and simmer for 5 minutes. Stir in chicken, cilantro, and add toppings.

Ingredients:

- l small yellow onion, diced
- l Tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 2(14.5 oz) cans low-sodium chicken broth
 - 1 1/2 tsp cumin
 - 1/2 tsp paprika
 - 1/2 tsp dried oregano
 - 1/2 tsp ground coriander
- 1 (8 oz) pkg Neufchatel cheese (aka light cream cheese), cut into small cubes
- 1 1/4 cup frozen or fresh corn
- 2 1/2 cups shredded cooked rotisserie or left-over chicken*
- 2 Tbsp chopped cilantro, plus more for serving

EESY BAKED POTATO SOUP

Recipe: https://www.millennialkitchen.com/cheesy-loaded-potato-soup/

Instructions: (1 hour 15)

Cook bacon in a large pot until crispy on medium low heat. Then remove the bacon from the pot and let it drain on a paper towel. Cook diced onion in the pot for 5 minutes and add 1/2 tsp of salt and black pepper. Whisk together garlic, flour, milk, and broth until the liquid begins to thicken. Season with 1/2 tsp of salt, black pepper, and 1 tsp paprika. Add potatoes and stir.

Let the mixture simmer for 30 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Add soup to an immersion blender until it reaches your desired consistency. Add 8 oz of shredded cheese and other desired toppings.

Ingredients:

- 12 oz bacon, cut into small pieces
- 1 yellow onion, medium diced

Kosher salt

Black Pepper

- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 tsp Paprika

into 1" pieces

16 oz cheddar cheese, shredded &

Recipe from https://www.gimmesomeoven.com/chicken-and-wild-rice-soup

Instructions (1 hour):

Melt the better/oil in a stockpock and then sauté the onions, carrots, celery, garlic, and flour (add in flour last).

Pour in the chicken stock and stir until there are no more clumps of flour. Add in chicken breasts, wild rice, and rosemary. Let the soup simmer for 40-45 minutes until the wild rice is tender. Take out the chicken breasts, shred it, and add it back into the soup. Stir in the milk and baby spinach. Stir in the milk and baby spinach.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons butter or olive oil
- l onion, peeled and diced
- 2 medium carrots, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 6 cups chicken stock (or veggie stock)
- pound boneless skinless chicken breasts
- cup uncooked wild rice, rinsed and drained
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 cups plain milk (cow's milk or plant-based milk)
- fine sea salt and freshly-cracked black pepper

Grandma's Recipes

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- -13/4 cups sugar
- -1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups flour
- -1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 3 cups peeled, thingly sliced apples (tart varities like granny smith work best)
- 1- cup chopped walnuts
- -Confectioners' sugar (optional)
- Vanilla ice cream (optional)

Grandma Bell's Caramel Dumplings

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven 350 degree farenheit. Grease 9x13 baking pan.
- 2. In large bowl, beat together eggs, sugar and oil until light fluffy.
- 3. Stir in flour, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. Gently fold in apples and
- 4. Transfer mixture to baking pan. Bake 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
- 5. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar while warm and serve with vanilla ice cream if desired. Store leftovers in an airtight container.

Ingredients: Sauce:

- -11/2 cup brown sugar
- -21/2 cup boiled water Batter:
- 1/2 cup sugar
 - -5 cup milk
 - 1 Tblsp
- -1 Tblsp baking powder

Grandma Loftin's Apple Cake Instructions:
Drop batter
into syrup, cover
and cook 15-20
minutes in pan

On May 16th, 2023, the lottery for the upcoming NBA draft was held, a spinning wheel determining each teams fate in picking their next star. It came down to the San Antonio Spurs receiving the first overall pick, but it was sure that there were no considerations to be held in who they would select. Victor Wembanyama has been seen as one of the most highly touted prospects since LeBron James himself. The French prospect's 7'3" height paired with his 8' wingspan made him look unstoppable, and San Antonio knew exactly what they would get out of him. Wembanyama looked great his first year, easily winning Rookie of The Year with a 21 point, 10 rebound, and 4 block average across the season. His unique blend of size, agility and skill along with his highly touted-ness has drawn comparisons to alltime great big man Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Abdul-Jabbar stood two inches shorter than Wembanyama, yet they are similarly close in weight. Similar size, massive wingspan, and the ability to control the game on both ends of the court highlight similarities between the two, however, the times

that Abdul-Jabbar played in were different, due to the fact that for his first ten seasons, the three point line wasn't established yet. Wembayama shot 33% from behind the arc his first season in the league, showing how he is more perimeter oriented than Abdul-Jabbar was.

Luka Dončić, another European star, entered the draft in 2018, getting drafted by the Atlanta Hawks, yet ultimately playing for the Dallas Mavericks. Known for his play making and super efficient scoring, 'Luka Magic,' has been putting



SON OF THE GOAT?

Jimmy Butler has been lighting the league the past five years he has been on the Miami Heat. Known for going on a tear in the postseason, Butler has led his team to the Eastern Conference finals four out of his six seasons in South Beach, two of those years being NBA Finals

the league in the spotlight.

Dončić stands at 6'7", his height paired with his playmaking abilities giving him an easy comparison to the Mag

comparison to the Magic Johnson, who stood at 6'9" and is known as one of the best passers to touch the floor. The difference between the two, however, is that Johnson never displayed Dončić's pure scoring or isolation skills. Luka Magic has averaged an incredible 30 points on 43/32/81 shooting splits since entering the league in 2018. The scoring aspect of his game is comparable to the late and great Kobe Bryant's. Kobe and Luka were/are both masters of iso ball, finding creatives ways to put the ball in the basket. From in-your-face threes to fadeaway jumpers, or even throwing down a dunk in traffic, Dončić and Bryant will both go down in NBA history as excellent scorers, perhaps even the two best to ever do it.

Many Boston fans have seen the story of a big and skilled wing leading their and yet it seems that history is repeating itself. Jayson Tatum has been on a tear since hitting the court in 2017 for the Boston Celtics. Leading his Boston team to five conference finals, two finals appearances, and one championship ring, Tatum is already on a path to be who his comparison was, and everything more. Paul Pierce spent the majority of his long 19-year career on the Celtics, and is known as one of Boston's most prestigious players. Drafted in 1998, Pierce had shaky postseason success, until the 2007 season, when he led the C's to a Finals win for the first time since 1986. Both Tatum and Pierce are larger wings who have been known to use footwork, body control, and tempo to breakdown opponents and score.

team to postseason success,



appearances in which Miami devastatingly lost. These crazy runs have had many fans have comparing his game to the GOAT's, putting it side-by-side to that of Michael Jordan. Of course many fan-favorites are able to be compared to stars of the past, but this situation has many other clues that may show how Butler's father might be the greatest basketball player to touch the court. In 1988, Michael Jordan would not

claim an unwanted child of an affair in hopes of not ruining his current marriage. It's rumored that Jordan paid the kid's mom in hopes of not tarnishing his public image. This child took on his mom's last name: Butler. It gets crazier when it was found that Jordan was in Houston in a matchup against the Rockets approximately seven months before Jimmy was born there, leading fans to believe he was conceived on that trip.

Balling back on the court: the NBA returns with fresh thrills and high stakes the knowled

In this upcoming 2024-2025 NBA season, several teams are projected to perform outstandingly. The Boston Celtics have made significant roster altercations that have shown great improvements. They have added a large amount of experience to their already experienced roster. Additionally, the

Milwaukee Bucks remain

a dominating force in the

Eastern Conference, with

Giannis Antetokounmpo at

the front. Furthermore, the

Oklahoma City Thunder

are at the feet due to their

heavily young core of team

players like Shai Gilgeous-

Along with their young

the OKC Thunder team

has developed their team

chemistry on and off the

coaching staff also possesses

court. Their powerful

ages young attributes,

Alexander and Josh Giddey.

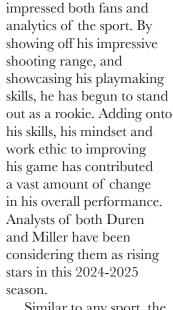
members. This core includes

the knowledge to maximize their said potential. Each of these teams have shown a vast amount of commitment, strong leadership, and intense rosters.

With teams rising, players are beginning to peak their heads over the horizon. Jalen Duren, just one of the rising stars, has begun this season with the

turning of heads. As a young player on the court with the Detroit Pistons, his defensive skills and combination of great athleticism, on both

sides of the court, has made him a standout in the league. Many analysts and predictions have him projected to make a great impact this year, due to his tremendous pre-season performances and training. Duren's shot blocking, improving offensive drive, and outstanding rebounding are key factors in his rise to the league this year. Along with Duren, Brandon Miller, of the Charlotte Hornets, has made a step in the right direction this upcoming season. The versatility, along



with his scoring ability, has

Similar to any sport, the pre-season preparations are an essential part of the outcome of the season.

Teams typically start with

training camps where players are able to develop and shape their possessed skills. Teams include a series of drills that test out a variety of lineups and strategies. On the coaching side of things, coaches tend to focus on building the chemistry throughout the team; this allows for synchronization on the court. Through this time with veterans, rookies are able to show their potential individually. Altogether, teams are able to figure out who is an essential fit to execute an adequate season.









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With the NBA season beginning, so does sports coverage and news following with it. Starting off the 2024 season with history, Lebron James and his son, LeBron Raymone "Bronny" James Jr., made the books by playing on the court together. After getting picked in the second round of the NBA draft, the father and son duo made their way to the court, in the 4th minute of the 2nd quarter, playing against the

Minnesota Timberwolves on October 22nd. LeBron has frequently expressed his long desire to play with his son before his retirement. Their collaboration on the court is seen as not only a historic moment in sports, but also as a continuation of Lebron's long, enduring legacy throughout the sport of basketball.



Holiday Shopping

Ushat Is In Students Carts

Black Friday, both loved and dreaded, is a day full of sales and crazy experiences. It's a great opportunity to get your holiday shopping out of the way for cheap prices. There are so many great deals this year inculding sales on clothes, electronics and beauty priducts. These sales can cause people to get a little crazy, even to the point where they are willing to fight for just a couple bucks off their haul. Some people claim they love it while others claim they hate it, but, either way, everyone is still out in stores checking off ther lists.

Black Friday

RECIEPT

- "Two people got arrested for assault and battery over a TV."
- -Layne Kneisel

RECIEPT

"I saw to Karen's fighting over a pair of shoes and the cops had to drag them off each other."

-Grace Waters

In case you miss the deals on Black Friday, you have another chance the Monday right after. Cyber Monday is another day full of sales but is less chaotic because all the shopping takes place from the comfort of your own couch. Sometimes it's even better to wait until Cyber Monday to purchase certain products because retailers tend to deepen the discount on items that were already discounted for Black Friday. People also find it better to buy major appliances and smaller items on cyber monday because you have a chance of getting it for slightly cheaper. So, if you ever forgot to buy your parents a christmas gift on Black Friday, remember you can still save a few bucks on Cyber Monday.

Cyber Monday