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HOOPING IT UP for **Hearts**

By Pooja Surti and
Sumaiyah Abdul Nur

On Thursday, March 30th, all grades at Holly Ridge Middle School participated in the Hoops for Heart Tournament within their physical education classes going against their fellow peers to recognize one winning team from each grade level. The competition was fierce and everyone played with all of their might to try to claim the winning spot. The three teams then went on to compete against each other for a final playoff on April 4th, 2017.

The sixth grade finalists were Ella Wilson, Staci Williams, Aliyah McLean, Faith Purdie, Leah Brown, Allison Majka and Kaitlin Littlejohn. Seventh graders included: Nick Calleri, Jarrett Huff, Connor Smith, Landon Sykes, Jake Fields and Trevor Volk.



Congratulations to the eighth grade team for beating the others and taking the Hoops 4 Heart crown! The team included Joey Phillips, Gary Williams, Lathan Harris, Solomon Kiger, Thomas Harris and Ty'rek Barnes, who played against the faculty at the spring pep rally.

HRMS raised more than the annual goal of \$10,000. We appreciate everyone who helped raise donations for the American Heart Association, a great cause that benefits those with heart complications. For every ten people, \$100 is raised, so imagine how much was raised. The games and the games all went really smoothly. We hope to have a great Hoops 4 Heart tournament next year as well and thank you all participating!



North Korea Missile Launches

By Claire Dates

Recently, North Korea has been launching missiles. Although, this is nothing new, they have been testing missiles since 1984. Some missiles have entered Japan's zones, which has caused some conflict between them.

The most recent test was on April 16th, 2017. They fired an unidentified ballistic missile that exploded almost immediately after launching. So far, North Korea military have already launched three missiles in 2017; one in February, one in March, and again in April. The one in February was on the 12th, and was an intermediate-range Pukguksong-2 ballistic missile. On March 6th, 2017 they fired four ballistic missiles, three of which landed in Japan's exclusive landing zone. Also, North Korea has completed a total of five nuclear weapon tests.

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America is an ally of Japan and South Korea, who are strongly against the missile tests. Currently, US intelligence agencies are closely watching North Korea for signs of another underground nuclear test, or a long-range missile test. The Air Force Strike Command also announced that a US long-range nuclear missile was test fired from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.



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[<https://www.vox.com/world/2017/5/15/15640968/north-korea-missile-test-guam>]

Syrian Missile Strike

By Ben Kingsland

At 8:40 PM on April 6th, 2017 President Donald Trump authorized a missile strike on a Syrian Airbase with fifty-nine tomahawk cruise missiles. The air base was called Al Shaxrat Air Field. This is the first direct military action taken by the United States military. In the airstrike, six people were killed. President Trump took this action in response to the gas attack.

Oil prices escalated after the missile strike. Thirty-six tomahawk missiles were fired from the USS Ross and the other twenty-three were launched from the USS Porter, though one of the missiles didn't make contact. The president of Syria is deciding whether to attack the United States.

The United States military has not taken military action against Syria in six years. Trump is debating on whether to attack President Bashar al-Assad and if the president of Syria is attacked, it could result in a worldwide conflict, such as a World War III. The time of the airstrike was chosen at night because airfields are not active at that time. The U.S. warships were in the east Mediterranean Sea and the United States is awaiting Syria to take military action.



Syrian CHEMICAL ATTACK

By Shannon Carroll

“Chemical Attack” in Idlib, Syria kills 58. On April 4th, 2017 people were awoken by the sound of an explosion at approximately 6:30 AM. When the citizens reached the scene, there was not any smell, but people were lying on the ground, unable to move, and their eye pupils were constricted.

The Syrian citizens of Idlib, Syria were scared by this said “chemical attack” that occurred on April 4th, 2017. This could be for a number of reasons, including Syrian conflicts and possibly a Russian attack. They said that people were lying there silently, choking to death. Some people believe the exhaust from Russian jets had caused choking of many people. The symptoms were similar to those of a gas attack. Medics said that they had “been treating people with symptoms including fainting, vomiting, and foaming at the mouth.”

In return, it seemed that the United States bombed them right after the gas attack. Trump gave the order to bomb Syria on April 7th, 2017. He did it to take military action to the civil war in Syria. “Tonight, I ordered a targeted military strike on the air field in Syria from where the chemical attack was launched,” Trump said as the strike was on its way to Syria or possibly had already arrived.



[<https://www.google.com/>]

Syrians found dead or near death from a supposed “gas attack” on April 4, 2017.

St. Petersburg Metro Explosion

By Anthony Guevara

At least eleven were killed in a metro explosion which took place in St. Petersburg, Russia on April 3, 2017. Three agencies responded to this incident. The train left to another station when the explosion suddenly occurred, and fifty-one were injured due to this and the metro system soon shut down for the sake of other’s safety. The metro system was a transportation service for over two million people. Nobody was blamed for the explosion but a few responders have stated that this was a “terrorist attack.” President Vladimir Putin laid roses during a makeshift memorial for the remembering of the eleven people who were killed. Putin has been working with security to help receive more information about the investigation.

Many passengers have described the incident as “a horror” while others have said that they’ve “felt the explosion coming”. It was a possibility the train conductor could’ve saved people’s lives. He stopped at an unexpected station, where many people could’ve evacuated to save themselves.

The question if a “terrorist attack” was taking place still remains unquestionable. Russia has been a trouble area in recent years for terror attacks. In 2013, a suicide bombing in Volgograd took place at a bus station killing sixteen people. In 2010, two suicide bombers killed themselves in Moscow which in return killed forty people. This concludes the news for the tragic incident in St. Petersburg.



[CNN News]

Protests in Venezuela

By Claire Dates

The people of Venezuela have been protesting against the government since the beginning of April, in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela and other major cities.

The people in Venezuela want Maduro (the current president of Venezuela) to resign and want the government to set a date for the delayed government elections. They also want economic reform and better security.

College students were protesting and a twenty year old guy, Daniel Queliz was shot in the neck during a protest (he attended a local university). More protests broke out because of Daniel's death. There are one-hundred political prisoners in jail. "I need an answer from the highest level of state," Alexander Queliz said in regards of his son's death.

The US government hasn't gotten involved. Protestors won't be expected to stop until they get what they want.



(Source: CNN.com)

New York Flooding

By Ben Kingsland

On May 5, 2017, the state of New York received heavy rain throughout the day. A heavy rainfall shut down roads and highways. Some motorists were left stranded and transit systems were shut down or delayed. Different areas of New York received two to three inches of rain and Central Park received about three inches of rain. That is two thirds of the monthly total rain in Central Park.



Two transit systems were closed and the rest were delayed, and some of the tracks at Penn Station were closed. Water had gotten onto the subway system tracks. Cars were stuck on two bridges that had been closed, as well at the John F. Kennedy Airport hundreds of flights were delayed due to water being on the runway. Some of the flights were even canceled at other airports. Rivers and streams caused flooding on roads. The streams would rise very quickly and lower very quickly. New York wasn't the only state that received heavy flooding. Ten people died in Arkansas due to this storm. St. Louis also received rain, but no severe flooding. May 5th was truly a rainy wet day.

SPACEX To Launch Moon Tourist Flights by 2018

By Savanna Coffel



[Taken Feb. of 2016. Space X. Launch of Falcon Heavy cargo rocket.]

Although still relatively in planning phase, Space X announced on ambitious project to put Earth tourists in space by 2018.

The Falcon 9 and Dragon capsules are set to be approved by NASA before the mission. The currently unnamed passengers will be the only members of the flight. They will not actively fly the craft, but will be trained for emergency situations if things go awry.

The overall cost of the mission is significant. NASA pays \$80 Million per seat on its crewed missions, and Space X expects this non-crewed mission to cost slightly higher. The passengers, "paid significant amounts" to secure their seats and funding to support the first ever space tourist trip.

The final goal of the Space X missions are to establish a human colony on Mars. This tourist launch scheduled for 2018 seems like a step in the right direction for both an establishment and sustainment of an interplanetary civilization.

"Oddly enough, I actually think the odds [of a Mars colony] are pretty good. At this point I am certain there is a way. I'm certain success is one of the possible outcomes for establishing a self-sustaining Mars colony, in fact a growing Mars colony. I'm certain that it's possible. Whereas until maybe a few years ago I was unsure whether success was even one of the possible outcomes."

-Elon Musk

NC State Bus Stops Go Solar

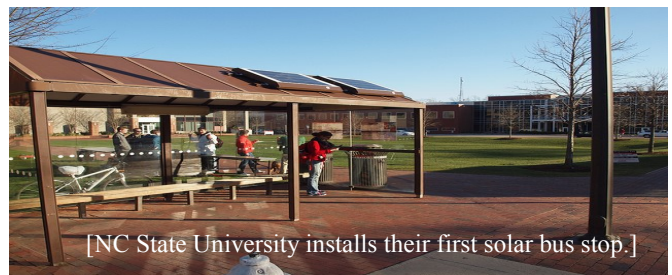
By Savanna Coffel

Members of the NC State Stewards installed solar umbrellas that electrify one of their busiest bus stations, and in more ways than one.

Solar energy has been on the rise for the last few decades, and though it is a costly investment, it's both cleaner and more efficient than fossil fuel energy. NC State's Dan Allen Drive bus station is one of the busiest on campus, and is now powered by two 160 watt panels on its roof. Students only need to plug in a USB cord, and the station will begin charging their phones. The panels take in so much energy in fact, what's stored in reserve can last both overnight and in cloudy stretches of weather.

In 2015, the Stewards began a prototype for the panels, and in March of this year, finally completed the project. Their mission is to promote clean energy throughout the NC State campus, and they're doing that by installing solar panels over as many bus stops as they possibly could. At the project's beginning, the group received a grant of \$10,500 from the university's Sustainability Fund. They now have extra money left over, and plan to use it to install a monitoring system to observe the solar panel usage. The bus stop on Dan Allen Drive will serve as a pilot for other projects like it.

"This is a great example of a successful progression from student-cultivated ideals to tangible products opportunity to enjoy," said Christian Rust, a textile engineering student and member of the NC State Stewards. While big companies



[NC State University installs their first solar bus stop.]

continue to try and promote cleaner energy, perhaps it would be more effective on a smaller, day to day scale. Over time, NC State will become a cleaner, more energy efficient campus.

SPRING SPIRIT WEEK

By Saniya Chambers



Spirit week at Holly Ridge Middle school is during the week of April 3 through the 7th. All students and staff are encouraged to participate and show their spirit for the school. Each day of the week is dedicated to honor different aspects of importance.

Monday, is wear your favorite NCAA shirt in recognition of March Madness. On Tuesday, to feature "Community Connections", shirts were worn to show affiliations with different organizations within our community that are supported by Hornets.

"Out of this World" was on Wednesday. Participants sported attire that brought us into the future and beyond. The spring pep rally was on April 6 and everyone wore their Blue and Gold to show their Hornet Pride. The eighth grade band, conducted by Mr. Grimes, performed for the school.



Spirit Week concluded on Friday with National World Health Day. School spirit is very important because students and staff show their unity within the school community and their appreciation to be a part of Holly Ridge Middle School.

Outside Learning at the Zoo

By Gibson Lussier and Billy Knorr

Holly Ridge Middle school students in the 7th grade went on a field trip to the Asheboro Zoo on April 5, 2017. All of the 7th graders boarded the buses at 8:30 and left at 8:45. The bus ride took about an hour and a half to get to the zoo. When the students got to the zoo it was bright and sunny. The day was perfect, even though there were chances for rain.

As soon as the buses arrived, all the students found an area to eat lunch. Then it was time to explore and see the animals at the zoo. Everyone split up into their assigned groups and then were able to go where ever they wanted with their chaperones. At first, most people went to visit the alligators or see the polar bears. The day was long, but fun and everyone had a great time seeing all of these animals from different countries and climates.



Sadly, towards the end of the day, it started to rain and the kids had to leave a little early, about thirty minutes. A lot of people went to the gift shops and purchased cool stuffed animals and toys to remember their visit to the zoo. The bus ride home felt long, but once everyone was back it felt good.



Science Olympiad State Competition

By Sarah Hines



The Science Olympiad is a competition designed to test your knowledge on different scientific topics, diseases and environmental science are examples. Holly Ridge competed in this event and was able to move on to the state competition held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, bringing Holly Ridge Middle School the farthest ever within the state competition.

The HRMS Science Olympiad team took a field trip to explore the NC State campus and to “impound” their devices. When you impound a device for the ‘Build It’ event, you are checking it in and the administrators make sure that teams abide by the rules. Although we studied for the competition, the team didn’t mind it as much taking a loss, because they didn’t put as much work in as they did for the regionals competition.



Overall, Holly Ridge did not get into the top ten schools or move on to nationals, but the HRMs team still enjoyed the event. Unlike some of the other teams, we had joined to compete for fun and not to win. Even though the competition is over for Holly Ridge, many more teams have moved on and will be competing in nationals. In the end it was a wonderful experience that the whole team enjoyed.

Running for the Ridge

By Grayson McMurray



On April 22nd, 2017 HRMS had the annual Run for the Ridge. The Run for the Ridge is a charity run/walk that raises money for the school. The total distance that you have to run/walk is a 5k. The route of the run started at the bus loop then through the school and a neighborhood called Sunset Ridge before it finished in the bus loop. The cost to enter the race was \$35 per runner. The money raised this year through runners’ fees and by many sponsorships, will be used to buy new computers and technology.



Money was also earned through donations collected by the PTA, who were also in charge of the race. The workers that were at the race were all volunteers from school and parents. All participants received a bib with a Jaguar timing chip.

Chorus Concert

By Sarah Hines

On Tuesday May 16, Holly Ridge had a chorus concert. The concert was held by Ms. Romiti and the chorus students. The event was held in the auditorium to show the chorus progress. The day before the concert the students went into Ms. Romiti's room and the auditorium during first, second and third period. The song list in order is: *Africa, It's Possible, Simple Gifts, Can't Help Falling in Love, Pure Imagination, Kyrie, Blackbird, Say You Won't Let Go, Flight of the Icarus, and Soon and Very Soon.*



Chorus students arrived at Ms. Romiti's room at 5:30 to practice for the concert and to prepare to go onstage. The AC however was malfunctioning along with the sound system making the concert slightly quieter and definitely hotter. On stage, many of the students were sweating, making the concert slightly less enjoyable but still fabulous.

Band Concerts Sweep through Holly Ridge in the Month of May

By Savanna Coffel



Music has been one of the key focuses of Holly Ridge throughout the month, with concerts showcased from all grades in both the gymnasium and the auditorium, from *America, the Beautiful* to *Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables* and *Brave*.

Personally, I am of the opinion that music is a life changing concept. And although the intention of this article is not to convince someone to join band, I do encourage it; if not for the music, for the experience.

A list of the pieces performed by the respective grade level ensembles has been put together below:

6th- *School Spirit, America the Beautiful, 1812 Overture, Royal March of the Lion, Pirates of the Barbary Coast, and Raiders March.*

7th- *John Williams Movie Adventures, Ancient Voices, Abington Ridge, Country Wildflowers, Rites of Tamburo, and Selections from Les Miserables.*

8th- *Phantom of the Opera, Concert Rondo, Hollywood Milestones, Brave, and Cumberland Cross.*

There are two concerts per year for each grade designed to highlight the improvements made by the members. With the addition of a Jazz Band this jump was even more apparent. Emotions ran high, especially for the 8th graders, as this was the last concert of their middle school career. Not only were they parting from this program, but also parting from each other. As eighth graders, we hope to leave behind encouragement for the ones who follow behind us, to continue making music and changing lives. The music of the future lives at Holly Ridge.

NJHS INDUCTION

By Anthony Guevara



The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is a student organization which recognizes outstanding students in middle school. It is an honor of membership which requires students to have principles of character, citizenship, service, etc. Ms. Graham and Ms. Honeycutt are in charge of NJHS in Holly Ridge Middle School. NJHS gives leadership to the school.

On May 4, 2017, on Thursday evening, the induction for NJHS was held for the remaining students who were going to be part of the society. An estimated hundred rising eighth graders were meeting in the school cafeteria for a chance to be part of NJHS. However, not just any person can be part of NJHS, and a process is organized to see who can be part of the society. This is based on hours of service and principles in character that are reached in the community or school for students who would like to be part of NJHS. At the end of the process, the remaining of the students were chosen for the induction had the chance to be part of the eighth grade National Junior Honor Society at Holly Ridge Middle.

At the end of the process, fifty-one rising eighth graders were chosen to be part of next year's National Junior Honor Society. Congratulations to these students who are finally part of the society and Holly Ridge Middle hopes to see your leadership in the community next year.

Character Education Recognition

By Olivia Lawrence

Character Education recently recognized the months of February, March, April and May with breakfast and awards for students May 11, 2017.

February was the month for integrity, March was for perseverance, April was for good judgement, and for May it was a composite of all the positive traits, as well as an opportunity to focus on service learning and citizenship.

This month all of the characteristics from February through May. All the students to the eighth grade have been noticed for either integrity, perseverance, or good judgement.

Some of the students in the sixth grade noticed:

Jose Acevedo, Jake Allen, Patrick Beam, Avery Farrar, William Islas-Silverio, Easton Long, and Sophia Sanchez.

In the Seventh grade, some students are:

Jasmine Allen, Cameron Beverly, Jesus Esteban-Ramos, Lauren Hooper, Ella Sjoquist. Not many were on the list but that's alright.

Eighth grade Students were:

Madeline Bartels, Jason Ellis, Maxwell Clark, Owen Farrar, Terry Jones, Kari Shedrick, and Lillian Lange. Many more students were called out through sixth grade to eighth, but I could not name them all. These students were selected for their behavior in school and towards others inside school.



Highlights of the Hornet Boys Soccer

Season

By Grayson McMurray



The HRMS boys' soccer team so far in the season has won one game against Fuquay, tied two games to Salem MS and West Lake and have been defeated by Davis Drive and Mills Park.

The season hasn't gone the way most students expected. Everyone thought this team would be an All Star team, but surprisingly the season had some difficult moments. The scores for the games were 2-2 against Salem, 0-1 against Davis Drive, 1-5 against Mills Park, 1-1 against West Lake, 4-6 against Holly Grove, 5-4 against Fuquay-Varina, 2-5 against Apex, and 2-4 in the last game of the season against Lufkin.

Some highlights of the games included our goalie Logan Benninghoff scoring two goals against Fuquay-Varina. Another highlight was in the first game against the first game against Salem when Will Davis scored a goal from a corner kick that helped us end in a tie.

Overall, the season was one for developing better teamwork skill, even though the team suffered a lot of losses with only one victory.

Cinco de Mayo Cary Tennis

Tournament

By Samuel LaScola

On Saturday, May 6th through Sunday, May 7th, the Western Wake Tennis Association held an L5 tennis tournament for players of all skill levels. Since precipitation ruined the courts before the matches started, an hour delay was put into effect for each match time. Sign-ups were fast and simple. Volunteers were given your name and they assigned a court to participants who received three tennis balls. Courts were a little difficult to find, what with there being thirty three in the entire complex, but were could be located in no more than five minutes. Boys went against boys and girls went against girls; not a mix of the two.

When entering the court, players would reset the score counters and choose sides. Serving away from the sun is the best side to serve on, whichever it may be, but eventually you will end up throwing the ball up and missing the shot completely due to the glare. Every time the scores for you and your opponent are added to make an odd number, and then you switch sides. Moderators pace around the courts in their area and give time warnings to every player. Five minutes were given for a warm-up and matches could potentially last as long as necessary. The first player to earn six points, wins the set. Two sets are in a match, but if there is a tie, a ten point tie breaker is put into effect. If the first match is lost, a shot to redeem yourself is given in a consolation match, but after a loss in that one, you exit the tournament for good.

Winning the first match, moves the tennis player on to the semi-finals and then onto the finals. Brayden Hakerem won the boys fourteen and up tournament, and Camille Battle won the girls fourteen and up tournament. The next tournament will be held by Western Wake, and maybe other inspired tennis players will participate. The prize is a large trophy that would look great on any shelf, so go out there and test your might. You could even meet people that you grow to like. Practice your tennis arm and compete, and you may even see me there.

The Big Bend

By Gibson Lussier

The big bend sky scraper is a whole new way of thinking. Instead of height, the architects designed the structure with length. When completed in 2020, it will be the longest skyscraper in the world. It will be huge and have windows all around. Aside from height, the Big Bend will be a little taller than the World Trade Center, by approximately 200 feet.



The location will be in New York around Central Park and become part of the New York skyline. Some people say it will destroy the skyline view although others don't agree. The reason for this is to make a better engineered and unique building. They substituted height with length by making one big curved building and one side doesn't touch the ground.

Skyscrapers will be a new age for architects and all of the buildings in New York. Building up and over allows a greater number of office and residential space. Architects will begin building longer buildings instead of shorter ones. This is the future, a new time for innovative building structures, and the Big Bend will supersede the length of Dubai's Burj Khalifa.

Technology in School

By Aiden Fine

Is Technology in school bad or good? Allowing students to use tablets or laptops during school hours, instead of passing out tons of worksheets can save a lot of money overtime. Teachers would no longer need to use as much printer ink and paper as they currently do. Some schools even spend around \$30,000 per year just on paper alone. Students could be more organized without all their binders and papers shoved in their book bags or lockers.



When students get papers in school, most of them will just throw it away, or lose their paper and then ask for a new one the next day; with laptops, students can learn how to create and use files so when they get a job in the office or a job where they have to use computers, they will know somethings about them. Students will have access to digital textbooks, which are up to date and are less expensive than hard copies. Students would be more excited to read books online, or work on a computer than in a real book and on paper. An unidentified eighth grader from Holly Ridge Middle said, "I would much rather work on the same thing on a computer than in a book."

Students would rather use laptops to study and complete homework because they don't have to carry around several books and using laptops would make school a lot more fun. Students will have access to updated textbooks. Many students would enjoy school a lot more if they had more access to technology. It will also prepare students for the future.



Destiny 2

By Josh Cubillos

Are you ready for Destiny 2? A continue of destiny, and more for destiny fans.

Bungie, is making destiny 2 and will release on September 8th. Bungie studios are creating Destiny 2 because they did not want to continue expansion packs for destiny and they had big ideas. Destiny fans finished the first games and sort of got bored of it. Players needed something new. So bungie studios started to work on destiny 2. Before they release the game they will need to put out an open beta so players can give bungie some feedback. The open beta livestream will be on May 18th.

Bungie has put out 2 trailers so far for the game. "Humanity's last safe city has fallen to an overwhelming invasion force led by Ghoul, the imposing commander of the brutal Red Legion. He has stripped the city's Guardians of their power, and forced the survivors to flee. You will venture to mysterious, unexplored worlds of our solar system to discover an arsenal of weapons and devastating new combat abilities. To defeat the Red Legion and confront Ghoul, you must reunite humanity's scattered heroes, stand together, and fight back to reclaim our home." You are needed to regain your home by fighting Ghoul. This is the main idea for the game but I know they will add more download content (DLC) I years to come. To some people this game will be a new start, to others it will be a continue of the first game. Bungie has said though that it is a full sequel to the original game but to some people it does not need to be. They are making the worlds you can explore even bigger.

But some of you may be wondering what is destiny in the first place. Destiny is a first person shooter in which an alien race has taken over all the human race except for one city. The Last City on Earth contains the home of the Guardians: the Tower. The Tower is the location where Guardians can meet up with others, plan strategies, and launch off world

with their ships. Guardians can find the Vanguard, the factions, the Gunsmith, the Postmaster, the Vanguard and Crucible Quartermasters, and other providers of valuable resources and gear. You are just trying to stay alive and keep the city safe. This is where bungie got the idea of having the darkness/aliens take over the city to start Destiny 2.

2018 Mustang Magnetic ride, 10-speed auto

By Alex Ferreira

It looks like the v6 Mustang is finally dead. Ford will no longer be making this model for Mustang. Many people are happy because they think the v6 motor is slow and trashy., while others think it a great sounding engine, a good gas saver while still providing fun. For 2018, the models still confirmed to be around are the EcoBoost, GT, GT350, GT350R, and GT500, coming back from 2014. The automatic transmission option will be available in the Track Package GT and EcoBoost. In 2020, most cars will be automatics. Car enthusiasts who crave a lot of fun from their cars are not pleased. The automatic transmission for the Shelby will mostly be available in 2020, if not available in 2018.

New color options for the new 2018 Mustang include "Fury Orange". S197 and S550 Mustang owners love the rare and exclusive color "Grabber Blue" around since 1969, but mostly seen on 2005-2017 models. One color introduced in 2015 that didn't make it very far as far as sales go. Many people weren't too interested in this new color, because it looked kind of like the "Magnetic Grey" color option, except it had a greenish barf type tone to it. For 2018 it looks like their color options are very restricted. Many mustang owners like this action because it just shows how much the company is willing to do to make the mustangs and mustang society better and more improved.

The new 10-speed auto transmission is already getting some bad reviews from standard shift mustang drivers because they like the freedom to shift. Automatic transmissions have sport mode these days allowing you to use paddle shifters to shift up and down. The regular transmission has six gears; most drivers feel it's good enough. Ford has made great improvements to their cars and many believe they will continue to do so.

Splatoon 2

By Sam LaScola

When the Nintendo Switch was announced back in October of 2016, fans got a glimpse of new titles to be released. Among these few games came *Breath of the Wild*, *Super Mario Odyssey*, and Nintendo's relatively new IP (intellectual property) *Splatoon 2*. Originally released in May of 2015, *Splatoon* took fans by surprise and captivated players after just a few months after release. Though, after a year people could not feel the same joy as before. The game became repetitive and many quit playing. The franchise looked to be doomed, when suddenly Nintendo announced 'Splatoon 2'!

Fresh new weapons, hairstyles, and special abilities all come to the table in a new take of Nintendo's surprisingly successful series. "It's a proper sequel to *Splatoon*, as you can see by the "2" in the name. We're making a game that fans of the first can enjoy. I also want to give anyone who was interested in the first, but did not play it, a chance to jump into the fun. That way, it will truly be a proper sequel," says *Splatoon* producer Hisashi Nogami. Every single weapon from the original game makes a return, so veterans don't have to leave their comfort zones. The Nintendo Switch is selling exceptionally well, so many new players will become familiar with new weapons such as the Splat Dualies; dual revolvers that allow an Inkling to roll and perform surprise attacks. New special weapons also arrive, which will replace the special weapons from the previous title, such as the Echolocator or the Inkstrike. These fresh new special weapons include the Stingray, Splashdown, and Inkjet. Overpowered as they may seem, these abilities are easy to avoid if you are on the opposite team, but can set you back if you are caught by them.

With regard to gear, there is a whole array of headgear, tops, and shoes that become available as your Inkling becomes more 'fresh', meaning you need to play turf wars in order to level up. Once leveled up, more gear and weapons become available to purchase in shops adding to your performance capabilities. With turf wars, Inklings team up in groups of four and battle against an opposing team of four. These players are real people playing over an internet connection, so coordination is key to a successful match. Ranked battles come in various different modes, and as of now these modes may vary from the previous game. Ranking will most likely stay the same going from C, B, A, and S. Becoming an

S-ranked player is not so easy to achieve, and trying to accomplish this title may leave a player defeated. A story mode also exists, much like the previous entry in the series, which follows the story of the Inklings' journey to battle the Octolings and take back their homeland. The newscasters Callie and Marie will keep you up to speed with all of the current battle stages and modes, so stay tuned.

Fresh new amiibo are also being sold on *Splatoon 2*'s release date of July 21, which unlock challenges to score your Inkling exclusive gear and weapons. These three amiibo include the Inkling Girl (neon pink), Inkling Boy (neon green), and the Inkling Squid (neon purple).

Fidget Spinners

By Aiden Fine

Fidget Spinners are getting very popular now but why? Fidget spinners blew up when they started being released. They have 3 bearings on the outside and a bearing in the middle covered by a cap. You put your fingers on the cap when it's spinning. People all over the United States are using them.



Fidget spinners are sold on Amazon from \$1 to as high as \$30. They sell out very quickly, so people wait weeks, even months to get their fidget spinner in the mail. People enjoy using the fidget spinners so much. People with ADHD and/or anxiety issues find the fidget spinners useful. Some therapists think the fidget spinner helps with ADHD, because when the spinner is in their hands moving, this helps the individual to focus more on what they need to. Some teachers though at schools are banning them from their classrooms, because they think they are a distraction to other students.

Fidget spinners can be helpful in some ways, while other people get distracted by them. Some people just like to hold them while working and others seem more focused while using them. There are some that don't like them and think they are a distraction. Either way, everyone has their own views on the fidget spinner, but it seems they are helpful and fun for many people.

Injustice 2

By Josh Cubillos

Injustice 2, released on May 16th, is an exciting new game for dc lovers to play. This game has been rated one of the best games of 2017 with a nine out of ten rating from Game informer and Gamespot and a Four point 5 out of five rating from nerdist. NetherRealm Studios, who were the ones that brought you mortal Combat and Injustice gods among us, and now have created Injustice 2. What is Injustice? Well Injustice is a DC comic story line where the joker had tricked superman into killing his wife, which led him into going crazy. In the end, Superman is put in jail by Batman for causing too much fear, destruction, and death among everyone on earth. Injustice 2 is the sequel or follow up to the story and now Batman needs Superman's help to take down Brainiac and the society before destroying the world in Injustice 2. This is a remake of the comics, so the readers can have a better experience with Injustice.



Injustice 2 has a wide variety of characters: Batman, Superman, Wonder woman, Super girl, Aquaman, Atrocitus, Gorilla Grodd, Deadshot, Harley Quinn, Flash, Blue Beetle, Bane, Poison ivy, Brainiac ,Robin (Damian Wayne), Black Canary, Swamp thing, Cat-woman, Cheetah, Cyborg, Dr. Fate, Green lantern, Firestorm, Green Arrow, Black Adam, Captain Cold, Scarecrow, and joker, are all the characters for the game unless you preordered the game which then you get Dark Side. There are three versions of the game, The Standard Edition, Digital Deluxe Edition, and Ultimate Edition. In the Standard edition you get the game with no extra things included, the Digital Edition comes with 3 DLC Characters, one Premiere skin, and one Exclusive Gear Shader pack, and the Ultimate Edition which includes nine DLC characters, three premiere skins, and two Exclusive gear shader packs.

The game has a huge amount of activates to play like the story mode, The Gear system, The Multiverse and Guilds. You are also able to play against friends on your system or against them while they play on there system and you play on yours. You are also able to

unlock cool skins. And last is there is another mobile injustice game. It is similar to the first, but is not just all tapping like the first games. You can dodge, crouch, and jump, or you can just straight up attack them. For more information on that Injustice 2 visit their website to explore and learn more.

Nivea's Controversial Ad Sparks Outrage

By Salma Mourad

The German owned company of Nivea is under fire for racist ad. The advertisement was first shown on their Middle Eastern twitter page. The ad showed the words "white is purity" on the ad. The twitter post soon becoming viral only hours after it was posted. They were calling the ad racist and demanded it to be taken down. Nivea did apologize for the incident and took down the ad.

The ad was meant to sponsor Nivea's new invisible for Black and White spray deodorant. The caption below the picture stated, "Keep it clean, Keep it bright. Don't let anything ruin it." Nivea's apology stated, "We are deeply sorry to anyone who may take offense to this specific post, diversity and equal opportunity are crucial values of Nivea." They expected this apology to calm everything down but that was not the case, people started stating that they were boycotting the company. Multiple people on twitter were expressing their resentment towards the company now, and how they will no longer use Nivea products.

This isn't the first time Nivea has done this: they had an ad in 2011 with a well-dressed African American man who is clutching an afro of a mannequin's head, and under the caption the words were stated, "re civilize yourself." After this current issue came up, this past ad has resurfaced again. Since this older advertisement has resurfaced it makes people think, are these ads trying to promote white supremacy? It is worrying such a big company can promote such words of hate and disgusting hidden intentions. Nivea has denied all allegations of being racist. Was this just a mistake for Nivea? Or do they actually have other intentions?

INFLUENCE Of SOCIAL MEDIA

By Kailee Hageman

I think we can all agree that we all love social media, but could it be influencing us negatively. Social media is defined as websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking. Social media is a great thing that connects people to the world but it could also become a problem. Social media can have a negative influence and affect our health, actions, and our life.

First of all, social media may seem harmless but it could influence and affect our health and well-being. Work by Keefe K. has indicated that observing peers is a major part that influences someone's attitude, behaviors, and intentions. Most people spend hours upon hours each day on social media or other types of media, which is not healthy. Social media could have affects on aggression, sexual behavior, substance use, disordered eating, and academic difficulties. These are raising concerns that could have effects on children and adolescents. Next we will look into how social media can influence substance use.

Social media can influence alcohol use in young adults and adolescents. Images of drinking on people's personal pages and alcohol marketing on social media could reach underage people. Megan A. Moreno and Jennifer M. Whitehill said, "Researchers are beginning to Assess the potential of social media sites in identifying high-risk drinkers through online display messages and interventions." Social media also promotes a lot information and people can say, post, and do whatever they want to on social media, which means that if bad things get out there it could reach and influence young adults to do those things. Now we can get into how social media has become an addiction.

I'm sure many of us check our social media sites daily or multiple times a day but are you addicted to it? Social media has become an addiction. Now 81 percent of Americans have a social media profile. Teens now spend up to 9 hours a day on social media. People can connect with others and spend hours on social media without getting bored. Dr. Shannon M. Rauch says, "For those who post status updates, the reinforcements keep coming in the form of supportive

comments and 'likes'. And of course we know that behaviors that are consistently reinforced will be repeated, so it becomes hard for a person who has developed this habit to simply stop." Medical News Today looks at the evidence of whether we should be limiting our use of social media. Lastly social media could have a big thing to do with our emotions.

Social media can affect and influence our emotions. Anxiety UK conducted a survey about social media use and how it effects emotions. The survey concluded that 53 percent of people said social media has changed their behavior; another 51 percent said the change was negative. These people said using social media worsened their lives, they felt less confident when they compared themselves and their achievements to their friends and other people. Dr. Rauch says, "This problem has defiantly gained recent attention, we know that many people on social media sites often present idealized versions of their lives, leading others to make upward social comparisons, which can lead to negative emotions." Cyber bullying is another thing that contributes to peoples emotions on social media. 95 percent of teens who have social media have witnessed different forms of cyber bullying 33 percent have been victims.

Social media can influence substance use, our health and well-being, it has also become and addiction, and it has and effect on our emotions. Social media can have a negative influence and effect on our health, actions, and our life. Things need to be done to insure that social media doesn't influence users negatively and so that it can be safe and fun for users. Future studies should expand their observations to understand how social media is shaping alcohol use. Users of social media should be precautious of what they look at, read, and post. Social media sites should also work to make their sites safer by monitoring what people post and say. Cyber bullying preventions should be put in place to insure that social media is fun for users and not emotionally draining. Overall social media should be a fun way to connect to the world and not have to worry about all these issues.

Dancing With the Stars Season 24

By Allie Germann

Season 24 of Dancing with the Stars. This season there are a lot of amazing talented contestants. Who is stay and who will go? Dancing with the stars is a reality show that consist of 12 groups that are made up of a pro partner and a star. The stars come from around the United States that are usually famous.

The First star is Bonner Bolton. In the past fourteen months, Bonner Bolton is the world's number one bull rider. In the past year, he had an accident of becoming paralyzed and he has also become an international fashion model. He is paired up with pro partner Sharna Burgess. Next is Charo. On-

ly a few people in the show business are just recognized by just one name. Charo is a virtuoso guitarist, singer, composer, actress, and comedienne. Charo is an American music and pop culture icon. Her pro partner is Keo Motsepe. Then it is Chris Kattan. Chris Kattan is best known for his many characters on Saturday night live, which he joined on March 1996. Completing his seventh and final season in 2003, Kattan will be hitting up the ball room with is pro partner Whitney Carson. Next is two time World Series champion David Ross. He has won titles in 2013 with the Boston Red Sox and in 2016 with the Chicago Cubs. Ross now has a new teammate with pro

partner Lindsay Arnold. Now it is dance-pop/reality TV star Erika Jayne, this real housewife of Beverly Hills is getting real with her pro partner Gleb Savchenko. Then it's Heather Morris, a talented actress and dancer. She is best known for starring in the hit series Glee and being Beyoncé's backup dancer in her world tour "I Am...Sasha Fierce". She hopes to break it down with her pro partner Maxim Chmerkovskiy. "I pity the fool!" is a famous saying from Rocky III star, Mr. T. Mr. T hopes to kick some booty in dancing with the stars with his pro partner Kym Herjavec. Nancy Kerrigan has been one of America's most recognizable sports icons for over 20 years. In 1993 Kerrigan became the United States

Ladies Champion and followed that up with her historic silver medal performance at the 1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympics. Nancy trades in her ice skates for dancing shoes with pro partner Artem Chigvintsev. When former Bachelorette said goodbye for Kaitlyn Bristowe, he was devastated when she said no. Now Nick follows up his run as the bachelor with a run at the Mirrorball with his pro partner Peta Murgatroyd. Normani Kordei is one-fourth of one of the most popular girl groups in the world, Fifth Harmony. She is a very accomplished singer and takes a brand new stage with her pro partner Valentin Chmerkovskiy. Rashad Jennings was one of the top NFL running backs in 2015. He started out every



game and set career highs. Rashad will be hoping that all of his touchdown dances will help him and his pro partner Emma Slater go far. Last but not least is Simone Biles. In the 2016 Rio Olympics she has won a gold in the vault finals, floor exercise finals, all around, team finals, and a bronze on the balance beam finals. She is the most decorated gymnast in the sport. She hopes to add the Mirrorball trophy to her collection with her pro partner Sasha Farber.

Above are season 24's cast of Dancing with the Stars. Don't forget to catch Dancing with the Stars comes on every Monday at 8:00 Eastern time. Stay tuned to Dancing with the stars to see who wins the Mirror ball trophy.

CNN Heroes

By Saniya Chambers

Around the world there are people who are making the world a better place. They are your everyday people who help their community and peers. Now the only difference is the rest of the world knows about them because CNN heroes are being honored.

CNN heroes help around the world. CNN are going to be nominated on December 12th, 2017. CNN heroes are going to be honored for the many deeds they do to help other people. For example, a woman named Nancy Gianni is the founder of Gigi's Playhouse Down's Syndrome Center that helps children with Down's syndrome learn. Today, there are 31 free standing playhouses throughout the United States and Mexico, serving more than 25,000 families and participants. The programs are 100% free to families. The company, Generation G stated, "This is not about me or Gigi; it's about us stepping up to make the world a better place."

Another CNN hero is Maggie Doyne, who is 29 years old and a loving mother to 51 Nepali children. She built an orphanage for homeless children in New Jersey. Doyne started to help homeless people in 2006, after she graduated high school. Over the summer, she went to Africa after a civil war just ended. She saw many children that had lost their homes due to the war. Doyne then built an orphanage in New Jersey. Ever since then, she has been helping children from all over the world. She was the CNN hero of 2015 and she is still making a difference today. "If someone told me at 18 years old that I was going to be a mother of 51 children, I would have thought you were crazy," said Maggie.

CNN heroes help everyone that might be having a rough time. Some CNN heroes can relate to others that just want to help. People like Nancy Gianni and Maggie Doyne make the world a better place, whether it be giving to homeless or giving children a home. These people are really heroes.

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Saving Lives One Soap Bar at a Time

By Salma Mourad



In the country of Cambodia they are having a crisis, a hygiene crisis. Many Cambodians can't even afford a bar of soap. One out of five deaths of Cambodian children at the age of five are due to poor hygiene. Sadly most Cambodians don't even know that these diseases are started by lack of hygiene, much less the importance of hygiene. In 2014 college student Sami Lakhania saw this issue first hand, and realized what a predicament this is and how it needs to be solved.

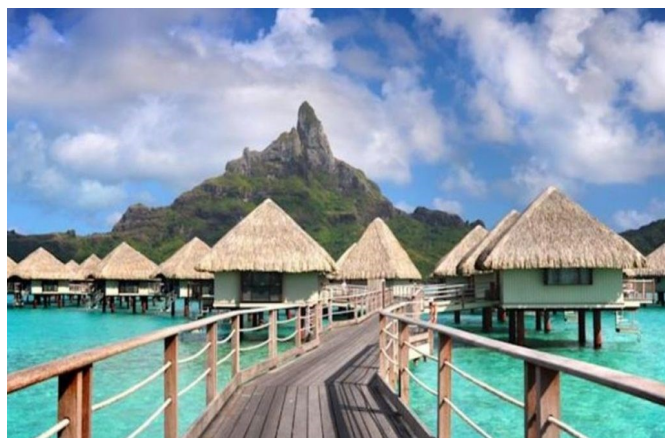
When Samir Lakhania was volunteering in Cambodia, he had to stay in a hotel. There he found the solution to his problem, every day the staff throws away barely used bars of soap. So he created the organization Eco-soap Bank, where hotels in Cambodia work with him and give him all the used soap bars every month. The experience that really made Samir Lakhani want to make a difference is, "I remember quite vividly, a mother bathing her newborn in a basket filled with laundry powder and water, it's an image I can't get out of my head." They sterilize the soap and condense them into new bars of soap, providing women all over the country of Cambodia with jobs and a source of income.

Eco-Soap distributes these new 'recycled' bars of soap all over the rural side of Cambodia. Not only do they give those bars of soap, they also go around Cambodia giving hygiene lessons. Lessons on how to wash your hands and the importance of hygiene. These people are truly changing the world one soap bar at a time.

Bora Bora Great Spring Break Travel Destination

By Kailee Hageman

Are you looking for a place to go for spring break? Bora Bora is a great option. Once you go to Bora Bora it is never forgotten. It is the jewel of the South Seas and there are many things to do there. You can be as inactive or as active as you want to be on this vacation by exploring or lounging in your suite. The island has crystal clear turquoise water.



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Bora Bora is a place where anyone can visit. It is an island that has clear water and above water suites to stay in. Bora Bora is located in the South Seas and is part of the Tahiti Islands. You can go anytime of the year because the weather is always warm. It is a place to relax and have tons of fun; it's a vacation you will never forget. There are many things to do so that you will never get bored on the island.

A great place to stay at is the four seasons resort. There are 85 overwater bungalows, 7 luxury beachfront villa estates, 15 overwater suites with plunge pools, on 1 private island. There are overwater bungalow suites in which you can stay. Many of the bungalows have glass windows on the floor so that you can see the water below. A private deck and a hammock above the water are included

with some of the bungalows. There is also a ladder, which leads down into the water so that you can go swimming in the ocean. Tahiti.com states, "Bora Bora is one of the few places on earth that everyone hopes to witness in their lifetime-and once you see it, you are forever enamored."



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There are many local boutiques to shop at and many restaurants to eat at, which include, Mai Kai Bora Bora, and Bloody Marys. One thing you can do is going on a guided hike or jeep safari tour to Mount Pahia and Mount Oteman. Some popular things to do are diving, snorkeling, cruising, fishing, paddle boarding, kite surfing, jet skiing, and shark and ray feeding. There is also parasailing, skydiving, and a helicopter tour of the island. Bora Bora is a beautiful place to visit and a great spring break travel destination.

Foods of Cinco de Mayo

By Shannon Carroll

What can you do to celebrate Cinco de Mayo? There's a variety of foods and drinks to get into the good vibes of the holiday. Food of course, there are all kinds and many different ways to celebrate. You can make things like tacos, guacamole, burritos, tamales, enchiladas, nachos, ACP (Arroz Con Pollo), and margaritas.

Many people in North America and Mexico celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in North America and Mexico. The holiday is on May 5, 2017. It is to commemorate Mexican victory over French. They celebrate it with food and festivals.

Cinco de Mayo is a minor holiday in Mexico, but has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage. "Some people think it's their independence day. But it's not." - Claire Dates. Cinco de Mayo is a fun holiday that can be celebrated by everyone.



Guacamole Recipe

- 2 avocados
- 1 small onion (finely chopped)
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 ripe tomato, chopped
- 1 lime (juiced)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together. Serve with chips.

Cinco de Mayo

By Allie Germann

Cinco de Mayo is a 'holiday' that is celebrated in the United States of America and Mexico. Cinco de Mayo is Spanish and means the fifth of May. There is a myth that Cinco de Mayo is Mexico's Independence Day. The Day of the Dead on 5/5 is Mexico's Independence Day.



Cinco de Mayo is a celebration observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's unlikely victory over French Forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, **1862**, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza.

Did you know that many Mexican restaurants provide really good deals on May 5th? For example, Taco Bell starts the day off with one free biscuit taco per customer from seven to eleven in the morning. At Moe's Southwest Grill, the first two hundred customers get a free T-shirt. And all day there is a deal that you can order a burrito, chips, and salsa for only five dollars!

When people celebrate Cinco de Mayo, they make lots of yummy foods. Cinco de Mayo is not a real holiday; it is only a celebration of winning the battle.