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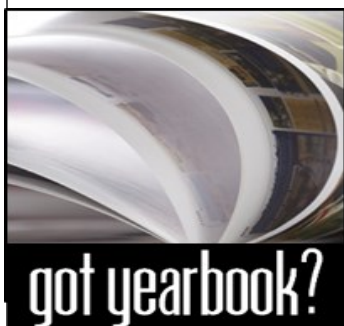
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On September 11, 2001, Islamic terrorists hijacked four planes that were flying above the United States. Two of them flew into the World Trade Center in NYC and the other went into the pentagon in Washington, DC. So many people suffered from loss and grief from this event resulting in the need for greater safety awareness at airports. Greater regulations caused modifications for better vigilance in identifying travelers with destructive weapons.

Airport security is way stricter and they have many different rules as a result of 2001. One rule is the limit to three ounces for liquids passengers are allowed to check on the plane. Updates to the scanners to increase security and make sure people can't sneak anything illegal on board. The doors to the plane are not just big strong doors anymore, they are bullet proof and automatically locked, so that people cannot enter, nor shoot at the door or people inside. Airports were safe before, but now with these new modifications, they are becoming one of the safest places.

9/11 was a traumatic and momentous event for families all over the US. To this day, it is unknown exactly how the hijackers were able to board the planes, but what is known is that the Homeland



Security Agency and airports securities are going above and beyond to prevent this from happening again. (Ipof.org, Ibtimes.com).



Replacing both of the Twin Towers in New York City, are two square pools and a memorial museum. The pools are imprinted with the names of all the casualties. The museum building is open to the public to walk through and view the lost remnants, and items that became artifacts because of the attack. As you walk through this devastating site, you really feel the loss and sadness that came with the event. When you look past all of the overwhelming loss of lives within this place, you feel a sense of hope that the people lost are in a safe and secure place to reside. The memorial is also a safe haven for families to visit to pay their respects and speak to their beloved ones.

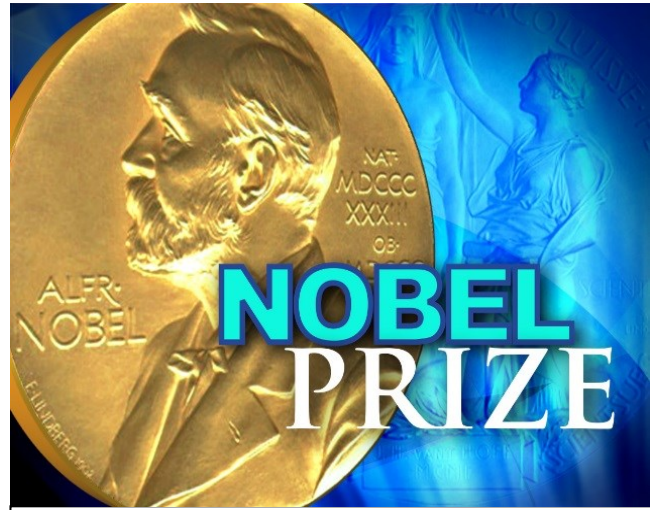
The Nobel Peace Prize

By Cristina Sullivan

Have you ever heard of the Nobel Peace Prize? The Nobel Peace Prize is a very prestigious award that anyone who works hard enough can receive. There are six different subject awards given out every year. These varying subjects are physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, peace and economics. Since December of 1901, this award has been given out annually to people all around the world who have done an amazing job in one of the six subjects.

Alfred B. Nobel, a Swedish chemist who invented dynamite, created this award. After his death he had nine million dollars in his will to create the Nobel Peace Prize award. Every year, the Norwegian Nobel Committee invites qualified people to submit nominations. These nominations are considered by the Nobel Committee at a meeting where they review a small list of nominated people.

The Committee seeks to achieve a unanimous decision, but sometimes this is not always possible. The committee usually comes to a conclusion in mid-September, but occasionally the final decision will not be made until the last meeting before the official announcement at the beginning of October.



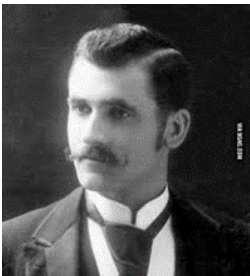
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The Chairman presents the Nobel Peace Prize in the presence of the King of Norway on December 10th of each year. The chairman is the highest officer of an organized group such as a board or committee. As of 2015, the Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to 103 individuals and 23 organizations. Who knows, maybe in the future you'll win a Nobel Peace Prize too!

Who Invented Homework?

By Baron Lo

When you are sitting at your desk and doing your homework, do you ever think about who invented homework? It is believed that the first homework was invented in 1095 by a school teacher from Venice, Italy, named Roberto Nevilis. At that time, students only had classwork. More students tended to like class when there was not any homework. To punish some of his students for bad behaviors in class, Nevilis gave the students homework and told them to turn it in the next day.



According to Flokka.com, the formal school system was invented around the same time and homework became part of the European educational system with the belief that it would help students "fully understand and embrace the full meaning of the lessons."

Did You Know...



According to the HRMS Policy, students should not have more than 90 minutes of homework per night.



Mad Dash to Jupiter

By Bob McCann

NASA recently received a signal 540 million miles away. The Juno space craft is now in orbit of Jupiter. The Juno space craft launched on August 5, 2011. The goal for the end of the mission is to find out what is under Jupiter's fog. This mission is costing NASA millions of dollars, man hours, and stress. The Juno space craft is now the farthest solar powered space craft from Earth, proving the sun's reach is extensive. Jupiter is a very interesting planet with its solar system like moons.

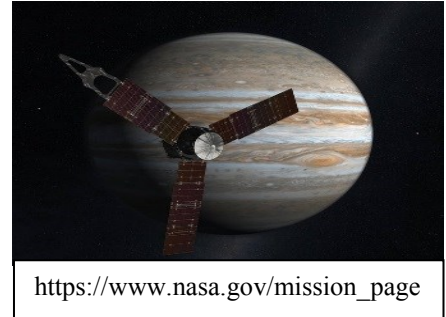
The probe made harsh maneuvers to slow down. Thirty minutes with full blast, even then it was going well over 1000 miles an hour. With a little bit of luck, the probe caught the gravity of the planet and is now in perfect orbit. The previous orbiter "Galileo" crashed into Jupiter. Not by accident, but to keep a secret. One of Jupiter's moons may have an ocean under its extensive fog. Jupiter can now be seen with a lot more clarity because of the newest advancements in camera technology.

The Juno space craft will help us understand what secrets Jupiter has. Some of the commonly asked questions from scientists during this mission are: Does Jupiter have a core? Does it have an ocean? Do aliens exist on this planet? The Juno space craft will help answer these questions.

Scientists are already thinking into the future. Colonization is

in the minds of NASA. Many of Jupiter's moons could become

habitable with enough precaution. Another theory is that the rocks floating near Jupiter could be settled on. But all of this is not in the near future, for we do not have the technology, yet.



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Radio Signals in Space?

By Lydia Stockell

The star HD 164595 is having a closer look since a Russian telescope detected a strong signal. The star is approximately 94 lightyears away. This signal is now raising questions about extraterrestrials and whether they exist or not. A scientist named Paul Gilster from the Tau Zero foundation says that if the signal was artificial, its strength level could infer that an advanced civilization could exist elsewhere.

According to Sciencealert.com, astronomers over the past several years have detected multiple blasts of radio signals known as fast radio burst (FRB). FRB's were discovered in 2007. Earlier this year, ten FRB's were detected and scientists had discovered from old data that they had collected, that there was another FRB in 2012 coming from the same general area.

In November of 2015, six FRB's were detected in ten minutes and four more later that were spaced out and all coming from the same place. Researchers believe that these bursts are coming from another galaxy, but they cannot pinpoint the exact location of where these bursts are coming from.

The researchers based this theory off of the amount of plasma blasts that was dispersed when the FRB's were traveling towards Earth. One theory of where the FRB's came from is that two neutron stars collided and caused an explosive event that created the radio signal bursts.



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The Third Party

By Megan Armstrong

You've probably heard of the Democratic and Republican Parties, and their front runners, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, but have you heard of the third party candidates? Every year there are about thirty-three political parties that aren't Democratic or Republican.

A political party could be started by anyone with fresh ideas, enough support, and most of all, the determination to start and manage one.



Rather than explaining all thirty-three, which would be too extensive, the two main parties with the most support are the Libertarian Party and the Green Party.

The Libertarian Party was founded in 1971 and is the largest and longest running third party. They seek to be in the middle of liberal and conservative and believe in total individual liberty (pro-gun, pro-choice, pro-gay marriage, etc.). This year's front runner is Governor Gary John-



son, former governor of New Mexico, who believes in "More freedom, less government, lower taxes."

The Green party was founded in 1984 and is founded upon the "four pillars of the Green party" ecological wisdom, social and economic justice, grass roots democracy, and nonviolence and peace. They embrace environmentalism, non-hierarchical participatory democracy, social justice, and respect for diversity, peace, and nonviolence. The Green party is the second largest third party, and their front runner this year is physician Jill Stein.

Even though neither of these parties have enough support to participate in any debates, and potentially be elected this year, who knows, maybe one day voting will be red, blue, or green.

The Great London Fire

By Molly Janssen

Have you ever heard of the great London fire? If not, that is probably because it happened in the 1600s, on September 2, 1666 to be exact. Here are some interesting facts that you might want to know: how the great London fire happened, how long it lasted, and who it affected?

The great London fire happened as a small fire on Pudding Lane, caused by the baker whose name was Thomas Frayne. Frayne was the baker for King Charles II. The fire started at one in the morning and lasted three days. It made a huge impact on thousands of people's lives. The fire burnt down 13, 200 homes and 87 churches, leaving 65,000 people without homes. The fire temperature reached 1250 degrees Celsius taking the lives of six people. 350 years later, a replica was created, which took many months to build, but only a couple of minutes to burn down.

The destruction from the London fire had a huge impact on the city, burning down some of London's most important buildings: the Bride Well Palace, the Steelyard, and Gothic St Paul's.



Drawing of the great London fire, depicting how people thought it looked; cameras were not invented until 1888.

Air Pollution Can Cause Alzheimer's

By Maliyah Richardson

Alzheimer's disease also called Dementia is a very progressive disease that destroys people's memories, behaviors, and thinking. Symptoms usually start slowly and get worse over time. Over time the disease gets so bad that it interferes with daily living. Alzheimer's usually affects people around the age of 65, but at least 5% of cases have been in people as young as 40. That is called Early Onset Alzheimer's. Did you know that 60 million people are diagnosed with Alzheimer's every year?

Air pollution is a major cause of Alzheimer's. Most of the air pollution comes from machines such as trucks, cars, buses, etc. Tiny magnetic particles produced by car engines and brakes travel into the human brain leading to the disease. Some factory buildings also give off hazardous chemicals. Carbon dioxide from gasoline fuel, the chemical that cars and trucks give off, also causes Alzheimer's. In some major cities in countries like China, the air pollution is so bad that people have to pack up and leave, others wear masks.



In other parts of the world, the air pollution is so bad that clear skies turn to dark and cloudy ones and you can't see where you're going.

One way to prevent air pollution is to walk, or ride a bike instead of using cars. Conserve energy, remember to turn off lights, and other electrical appliances when you're not using them. Use energy efficient light bulbs and appliances. Use electric or hand-powered lawn care or gas powered equipment, and be careful not to spill gasoline when filling up your car.

Migration to the U.S.

By Kaiya Vaughan-Pierce

The dilemma the United States is facing is allowing the entrance of Syrian refugees. Syria is a dangerous place because of the civil war that has been going on there for five years. The chemical weapons are terrifying children who are affected by this as well. Many children have died in the way of the crossfire. Explosions have killed 25% of the women and children. Around 80,000 civilians have been killed in this war.

Many Syrians fear for their lives and President Obama's goal is to let 10,000 refugees into the United States. A lot of the refugees aren't from Syria and are trying to enter the states with them. Many people believe terrorists could walk among the refugees. In fact, 13% of people in a recent poll answered positively toward ISIS. With all the current situations occurring in the world, this is a huge risk the US could be taking.

President Obama has been trying to persuade other world leaders to allow more refugees into their borders to find homes. The money necessary is immense, but if you were in this situation, wouldn't you want someone to help you too? Many countries in the world are assisting Syrians in danger who are desperate for help and the resources to help them. How will world leaders solve this problem that affects so many?



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More Effective Flu Shot this Year

By Lina Laouti

Are you ready to get your flu shot? Because flu season is back and it's time to get you and your kids a flu shot. This season's flu shot is 60% more effective so far. The center for Disease Control and Prevention said that they are making it one of the most effective flu shots in recent years. The 2014-2015 flu shot had only reduced the risk of getting the flu by 20%. The flu is increasing in the United States.

Thirteen children have died so far from this year's flu. The amount of people seeing their doctors for influenza has increased from 2.4% to 3.1%. The seasonal flu shots have included the H1N1 virus ever since

2010. If you or your family haven't got your flu shots this season, the CDC says it's not too late to vaccinate.

Here are some steps to see if you have the flu: You feel worse by the hour, your joints ache, your head feels heavy, and you can't stop coughing. You're freezing, even as your temperature gets higher, and your stomach doesn't feel good, and your eyes hurt. Dr. David Zich advises "flu patients to not go to the emergency room because they will just send you home. So the best thing to do is to get a lot of rest and some painkillers for your muscle aches."

Why would you not just get the flu shot to help prevent yourself from getting the flu?

Cool tips for Back to School

By Claire Schumann

Over 78.8 million kids, teens, and adults register in school each year in the US. Around the world, students have different breaks. Chilean students are out of school for about twelve weeks. Ethiopian students have twelve to fifteen weeks of school off. Germany only has six weeks of break.

Did you know that seventy to eighty billion dollars are spent on school supplies each year in the US? The planned amount of money spent for back to school shopping is about \$673.57, which includes supplies, clothing, technology, etc. (statista.com).

Here are tips to help you have a successful and less stressful school year:

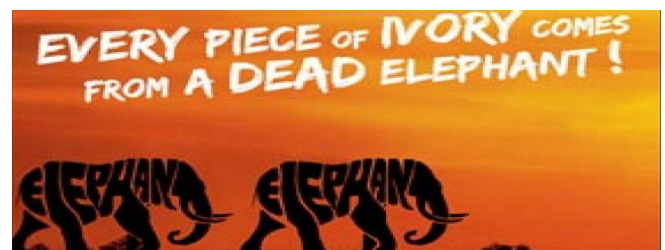
- Don't procrastinate! If you do, you may not be able to get all your homework done.
- Keep everything organized. One way to be organized is to get an agenda. Get in the habit of using your agenda every day so you can be on top of your assignments.
- Check your teacher's websites regularly so you don't miss out on assignments. Check grades on Powerschools weekly, and one final tip,
- Divide study times into blocks. Build in some downtime when home from school (health.harvard.edu).



Saving Endangered Elephants

By Erin Henry

In Africa, poachers are threatening endangered African Elephants! These poachers are killing elephants for their ivory tusks. Ivory is very valuable to people, which is why these elephants are endangered but still being killed. Elephant tusks are very expensive on the black market, which is why the poachers do this horrible action. Even though this trade is illegal, many poachers kill these elephants for the extensive amount of money. Police have been getting involved and are trying to find the poachers to stop them from hurting



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these innocent animals. Poachers have been shooting these endangered African Elephants for years now, and the threat of their species extinction is still very high. (CNN Student News).

Declining NFL Stadium Attendance

By Logan Bonacum

The National Football League (NFL) is by far one of the most profitable leagues, although fan attendance has been decreasing by the millions! In 2011, there were 20 million fans attending games, but those numbers in 2014 decreased to 18 million. Why are over 2 million fans not present at their team's games? There are multiple reasons because of this. One is that the average price to go to one of these games is \$450. People don't think it's worth the time to go and drive, fly or use any other transportation to go to these games. When they can spend \$250 to \$350 to watch the games at home for a whole year. However,



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going to one of these games is an experience you won't forget.

Stadiums depend on their fans to attend these games, buy merchandise, and keep up with their scores. Some major teams have spent more than \$1 billion on stadiums.

The MetLife Stadium and Levi's Stadium cost at least \$ 1.3 billion, while the Packers stadium cost less than a million. With 31 stadiums for the 32 teams, the New York Jets and New York Giants share the MetLife stadium, and they are still attracting those diehard fans! No stadiums are the same.

Many aspects make a stadium different from one another. The Bank of America Stadium for the Panthers is open and uses grass. The Superdome for the Saints is a dome and uses field turf. Even the Oakland Raiders use the baseball park of the Oakland Athletics for their stadium.



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A stadium doesn't always tell everything. The defending Super Bowl Champs, the Denver Broncos, only spent \$360 million on their stadium, but the Cowboys cost \$ 1.3 billion. Consequently, spending a lot of cash on these stadiums doesn't guarantee a Super Bowl victory.

NFL Standings

By Jaden Winter

The NFL season has started, finishing up week 3 with the NFL standings so far.

In the AFC, the AFC East, the New England Patriots are in first place with a 2-0 record. In the AFC North, the Baltimore Ravens are in first place with a 2-0 record including a recent win over the Cleveland Browns. In the AFC South, the Houston Texans are in first place with a 2-0 record. In the AFC west the Denver Broncos are in first place with a win over the Carolina Panthers and the Indianapolis Colts

Now for the NFC. In the NFC East the New York Giants are in first place with a 2-0 record with wins over the Dallas Cowboys and the New Orleans

Saints. In the NFC North, the Minnesota Vikings are in first place with a 2-0 record. In the NFC South, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are in first place over the Carolina Panthers with a 1-1 record. Finally, in the NFC West, in first place is the San Francisco 49ers with a 1-1 record with a win over the Los Angeles Rams. Stand by for future NFL rankings.



Esports Going Big in the Future

By Yeti Gil

Electronic sports, or Esports, is a form of competition that involves video gaming. The video game genres in Esports are real-time strategy, fighting, first-person shooter, and multiplayer online battle arena. The games in these genres include: Dota 2, League of Legends, Counter-Strike, Overwatch, Smite, StarCraft II, Call of Duty, Heroes of the Storm, and Hearthstone. Esports competitors need a team, and there are four people on each team. Some of these teams in Call of Duty include: Optic gaming, Evil Geniuses, Fanatic, Mineski, Counter Logic Gaming, SK Telecom T1, Origen, and Natus Vincere, all are well known teams competing in Esports.

Esports has been around for a while, since the beginning of video games, but not a lot of people know about Esports, which is starting to gain a lot of viewings. Esports is getting the same viewing as a NFL game. Esports began to gain views in the late 2000s and early 2010s. Many people travel from all over the world to attend the events. They travel to see their favorite teams play each other and which team is better.



Some people are confused why a lot of people enjoy Esports; the reason is because people from all over come to this event to enjoy their love of video games. Esports has many associations: Korean Esports, International Esports, British Esports and a lot of others. One of the most known associations is MLG, or Major Gaming League, which helps Esports grow



and look like the creators of Esports. MLG states, “we provide an appetite for video games, the ability to both participate and spectate.”

Esports is still growing fast. A lot of people made a career out of this. For example, Optic Scumpii, has won a lot of championships for Red Bull, which is huge. He also won Cod Champs, tournaments which pay a lot of money for wins. Cod Champs give over \$500,000 for the team. His work is Esports and they practice by playing other teams, called scrims.



[<http://esports-marketing-blog.com/esports-in-2015-attendance-figures-investments-prize-money/>]

All of the pro players pay their own bills and some of them can pay their parents' bills for them, so they don't have to work. Mr. X, a commentator for Esports said, “being at a MLG event is probably the most intense and funniest thing to be at. Esports is going to be a big thing in the future.”

Sit or Stand?

By Ian Shore, Nate Wright, and Ariana Orlando

If you watch the news, chances are that you have heard about 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick sitting during the national anthem in protest of racial inequality. Some people think his actions are disgusting while others agree with his actions. Kaepernick says that he would have never meant to spark this national outrage through his decision. People have burned his jersey in anger of his act saying that his actions are 'not right' and they are very disappointed with his form of protest. Others say that his protest is acceptable and it is a world-wide issue that people need to take more efforts to address.

Players are starting to protest with Kaepernick. Eli Harold states why he joined Kaepernick's protest. "If it was Asians being killed, whites, Pakistanis, anybody, it's just not right" Harold said. "I'm not just doing it because it's black people, I'm doing it because it's not right. It is my race who are being targeted, and they're raising their hands up and they're dying. I feel like in that situation, a guy is unarmed,

he's not threatening you, what is the need to take his life? This is the reason players choose not to stand."

GoColtsBlue commented on Fox news stating, "the people that are oppressing black people are in fact black people. There are so many programs, scholarships, and associations, out there, to help black people succeed, yet there are still so many in the poor neighborhoods getting poorer." Colin Kaepernick says "the national anthem is and will always be a special part of the pregame ceremony. It's an opportunity to honor our great country and reflect on the great liberties we are afforded as citizens.

In respecting such American principle as freedom of expression, we recognize the right of an individual to choose and participate, or not in our celebration of the national anthem."



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PARALYMPICS

By Joshua Arneson and Leah Gracely

Go for the gold! Before the idea of the Paralympics games, a major international multisport event, people with disabilities were not able to compete in the Olympic Games. Ludwig Guttman is the man who had the idea in 1960 for wheelchair athletes to compete, which was the first official Paralympics held in Rome.

One of the most common Paralympic sports is track. Competitions in basketball, swimming, and volleyball, among others were later added. There are also winter games similar to the Olympics, played in the snow during the winter time; some competitions include skiing, snowboarding, skating, among other games. The first winter Paralympics was in Ornskoldsvik, Sweden in 1976.



Many Paralympian athletes were in the army or are retired veterans. In fact, the first games were held in Paris in 1924. Paralympics began as a small British group of WWII veterans in 1948, but then grew to be a worldwide sport. Paralympians are awarded medals in the closing ceremonies, just like the Olympics. This year the Paralympics also took place in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. The 23rd summer Deaflympics, competition for deaf athletes, will be held in 2017 in Samsun, Turkey.

HEISMAN WATCH WEEK 4

By Aiden Simon

The Heisman trophy is a seasonal award given to the best college football player. The ceremony is on December 14, 2016 and presented by the Yale Club of New York City. Last year, the award went to Alabama running back Derrick Henry over Christian McCaffrey and Deshaun Watson. This year analysts are already ranking the top 12 prospects after week 3. Starting at number 12 is a surprise appearance Mitch Trubisky, UNC quarterback. Trubisky, the junior 6-3 220 pound quarterback had an amazing week 3 against James Madison where he threw for 432 yards and 3 touchdowns without an interception. Next, at number 11 is the 2nd out of 5 new additions to the Heisman watch list. Devonta Foreman running back for the Texas Longhorns had an amazing game against California, although they were upset, Foreman ran for 157 yards and 2 touchdowns on 21 carries. Getting in to the top 10 with Patrick Mahomes, Texas Tech quarterback. Mahomes passed for an amazing 470 yards and 5 touchdowns 3 of them being over 20 yards at 36, 42, and 64 yards each. Jabrill Peppers out of Michigan coming in at number 9. Although Michigan was nearly upset by Colorado, Peppers is the only defensive player on the list and has totaled up 25 tackles and 2 sacks in 3 games! Washington football does that seem like a big deal? No, well it is and only recently because of Jake Browning, the number 8 prospect. By statistics, Browning is the most effective QB so far. Browning has totaled up 744 yards and 12 touchdowns with a 71.6 completion rate. The number

7 prospect previously in 13th, has risen the most compared to any other prospect. Donnell Pumphrey, San Diego State running back, is small at only 5'9 and 170 pounds, but he runs a 4.33 40 yard dash. So far this season, he has 599 yards and 7 touchdowns; an amazing reality because most backs' season goal is 1,000 yards. Next up, Georgia running back Nick Chubb, a Georgia native, Chubb overcame a knee injury in 2015. Already this season Chubb has 365 yards and 3 touchdowns on only 71 attempts, which puts him at number 6. Now in the top 5, starting with Leonard Fournette, LSU running back. Fournette has shattered records as a rookie two years ago and now a junior, Fournette is averaging almost 100 yards and 1 touchdown a game. At number 4 is Deshaun Watson, Clemson quarterback. Watson almost won it all last year, but is looking to do it this year. He has 692 yards and 7 touchdowns. The top 3 starts with J.T. Barrett, Ohio State quarterback. Ohio State looked like the scariest team in college football ever seen against Oklahoma. It takes a lot to roll by a number 14 like OSU did, but J.T. Barrett made it look easy with 152 yards and 4 touchdowns. The second best player in college football is Christian McCaffrey, Stanford running back and son of Ed McCaffrey. He ran for 165 yards and a touchdown in the 27-10 victory over USC. Finally, Lamar Jackson is at number 1, without a doubt, the best player football has ever seen. Jackson had 913 yards and 8 touchdowns, but that was just passing; he has 464 yards and 10 touchdowns rushing. Louisville blew out number 2 Florida State 63-20 and rose from 10 to 3 in the rankings.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BACK IN SEASON

By Caleb Brill

College football is back. That's right, sitting next to your friends, watching someone make a touchdown is back. You will see your favorite college team get better as the season goes on and most of all win. You will see them go head to head and literally bash their heads into each other.

Why do you think it's the leading cause of concussions? You will see some of the greatest colleges

face off like UNC vs NCSTATE. College football kicked off on Friday, August 26, 2016, but the actual first game is Saturday, August 27, 2016. This will make your weekend go from a seven to a ten. I hope you're ready for this because football is back. The first game will be on Saturday, August 26, at 10:00 pm. So grab some popcorn and soda because this is going to be good.



Battlefield 1 Versus Advanced Warfare

By Michael Broderick

EA and Dice has recently announced the launch of a new game in their Battlefield Series. The new game Battlefield 1 launched its national release date to be October 21st, 2016. Although the date seems close, EA and Infinity Ward tend to push back the dates because they have not finished development by the time they figured they would. Dice is developing the game with the certain feeling that more players will purchase it because players are demanding a game not based on the future, but Infinity Ward won't work on it, so Dice took the golden opportunity to release a game players will enjoy! Games based on the future are being over-used and Dice finally made a game based on the past.

Battlefield 1 is the rise of shooter games since Advanced Warfare which many players did not enjoy. Players are looking for a game based on the past, like

Battlefield 1, but since Infinity Ward has become accustomed to future based games, they won't change their ways, even if it means losing revenue.

Eventually, Infinity Ward will see the error in its ways when the Battlefield franchise gains more net worth than the classic Call of Duty franchise. Battlefield BETA was



Battlefield VS Advanced Warfare:

<http://wccfttech.com/battlefield>

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<http://www.express.co.uk/entertainment/gaming/>

released not too long ago giving players a feel of what to expect of the game. This seems excellent in my gaming opinion. Some players may disagree with the fact that future based games are becoming the past,

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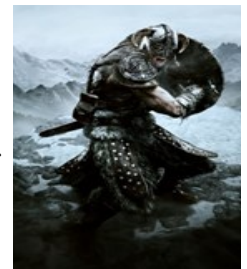
By Ryan Blazer

Bethesda Game Studios, creator of The Elder Scrolls Series and now owner of the Fallout franchise from Interplay Entertainment, has developed Fallout 3 and 4 and published the famous Fallout: New Vegas created by Obsidian Entertainment. They created every single Elder Scrolls Game. The biggest seller and most famous of their games is the fifth installment of The Elder Scrolls which is Skyrim. Skyrim is one of the best games ever made some people say and has sold about 20 million copies. It rates 9.5/10 while others may criticize this not as good as previous installments like Oblivion and Morrowind.

Many people have been very disappointed with Bethesda after Fallout 4 and the really bad DLC streak they have released for the game. It is a disappointment of the Fallout franchise, game critics and reviewers say. Bethesda has to redeem itself before they start losing players. So Bethesda has decided to take Skyrim and remaster it and give it new graphics and mod support for consoles to get some more sales.

They are naming this new edition of Skyrim, Skyrim: Special Edition announced at June 2016 at

E3. It is releasing at the end of this October and it is right around the corner from now. It will be released for Xbox One, PS4 and PC. PC players that own the game and all of its DLC, Dawnguard, Dragonborn and Heartfire get Skyrim: Special Edition FREE. The content is basically the same but with a new look and a lot of fixes for the game. It may sound all good and all but there is controversy about this.



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Not only is this game getting hyped by people, but also is being criticized by console players, who are very skeptical of what Bethesda is doing. Console players are upset because PC players can get the game for free on release and think Bethesda is being unfair. Others are saying Bethesda is just doing this for more cash and really doesn't care trying to make people still play their games after the Fallout 4 drama. Fallout 4 failed because of lack of RPG elements and the feel of Fallout and people fear Skyrim might plummet down the same path if Bethesda starts working on it again. Well we will have to see once Bethesda releases this and see what the future holds for the Bethesda games.

The Errors of Self-Driving Ubers

By Amanda Hernandez

Are self-driving Ubers safe to ride in? Will people feel safe? On September 14, 2016 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Danielle Mooio went on an Uber ride to see how the robotic self-driving Uber works and what needs fixing.

The car did have a few flaws in the end. One problem was when a human person is driving their car and decides to make a right hand turn on a left lane. It did not know how to react because “very rules of the road it defines all logic,” said Danielle Mooio. The safe driver had to take over.

The second problem is a bridge. The driver had to take over. They’re not sure if the problem was the bridge itself or the active cars on the bridge. Another reason could be the bridge doesn’t have an environment or buildings to locate where it is. Plus the map may not say there is a bridge in the area.

The third problem involves maps. Some of the areas in Pittsburgh are not on maps, and sometimes the safety driver must continue the drive. By seeing all the errors you might think there cannot be anymore, well there is.

The final error is that it gets confused when obstacles vanish. It doesn’t know how to understand where the obstacle went and can’t find it on map. One example is when a group of ducks are crossing the road. And then they are off the road, the car does not understand where they went. Plus it cannot find it on the map, so it’s difficult to drive.

In answering the questions about safety, self-driving Ubers are not safe. It’s controlled by a robotic car. What if it breaks down? They are not completely safe yet, because the car has too many errors and people will not feel safe or willing to ride in them.

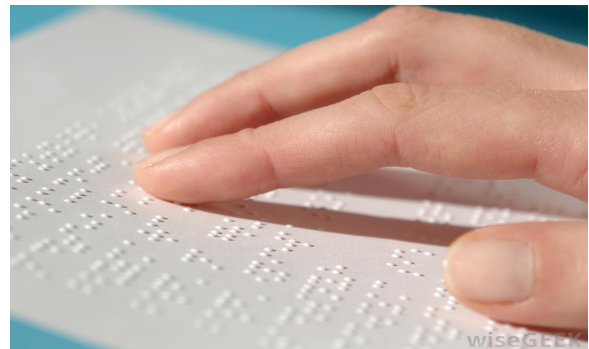


Technology for Visually Impaired

By Kathleen Gomes-Laureano

In our world, there are people who can’t see like other people see. These people are blind people and they communicate by touch, by talking, and even by sign language. Louis Braille lost his eyesight because of an accident when he was 15. When he was blind, he wanted to make a difference for the people who were also blind. In 1824, Louis created the braille system. The braille system is a system where people who are blind, read tiny dots that pop up on paper. This was the beginning of technology for blind people.

Later on, assistive technology was created and helped blind people and others who have disabilities. Assistive technology (AT) is a type of technology for people who have disabilities. Assistive technology reads text out loud to the person and helps these people access their phone, computer, tablet or any other device they have. Since blind people can’t see the screen of their device they use screen readers. Screen readers are devices that blind people use so that everything that is on the computer is translated to the braille alphabet and the person can feel the braille letters.



What Is the Braille System? N.d.

Today, assistive technology helps more people than ever before. Assistive technology is not only for people that cannot see. In fact, AT is a software program or a piece of equipment that is used to increase functional capabilities for people who have other disabilities.

Technology is very useful in present day and in helping a lot of people with their daily lives. It would not be fair to blind people if they were not able to use technology. Assistive technology has helped many people throughout the history of technology and it will continue helping all the people who have access.