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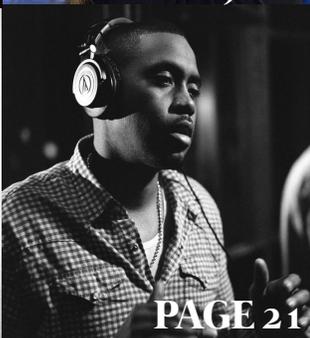
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POPE FRANCIS COMES TO AMERICA

BY ANJALI KAPUR
Lately, Pope Francis, the current leader of the Catholic Church, has been a popular discussion in the news.

The Pope has made a splash with his more liberal policies and beliefs, and won the support of many people internationally. For this reason, Americans eagerly tracked the Pope's recent visit to the United States.

Pope Francis arrived in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, September 22. He was greeted by President Obama and for the following few days spent time touring the D.C. area, meeting with both religious and political officials.

After Washington, Pope Francis traveled up the coast to New York, where he visited the 9/11 Memorial, Central Park,

and St. Patrick's Cathedral, along with a few other prominent NY destinations. The Pope then spent several days in Philadelphia, experiencing some of America's extensive history there and visiting some of their more famed churches. After holding mass on Sunday, September 27th, Pope Francis departed to return to Rome.

Overall, the Pope left America impressed with warmth of Americans and with a "heart full of gratitude and hope," as he put it. Many Americans were also left impressed by the Pope's more candid nature. While in America, the Pope confronted such controversial issues as international relations, sexual abuse, and Catholic divorce, he even visited a prison!

It's safe to say that Pope Francis's

visit to the United States benefited both the relations between the Vatican and America, as well as the American public's understanding of the Pope's new leadership style and his more modern take on Catholicism. Perhaps with even more visits and interactions like this one, the Catholic Church can slowly adjust to the modern culture of the West.



POPE FRANCIS ON...

"If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge? We shouldn't marginalise people for this. They must be integrated into society."

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"MEN AND WOMEN ARE SACRIFICED TO THE IDOLS OF PROFIT AND CONSUMPTION: IT IS THE 'CULTURE OF WASTE' IF A COMPUTER BREAKS, IT IS A TRAGEDY, BUT POVERTY, THE NEEDS AND DRAMAS OF SO MANY PEOPLE END UP BEING CONSIDERED NORMAL."*



A Cardinal, Pope Francis and President Obama share laughs and greetings on Sept. 22, 2015.

HAJJ STAMPEDE ENDS IN TRAGEDY

What was only supposed to be a religious ceremony, ended in the most brutal ways possible. In early September of last month, the pilgrimage to Hajj is now the memory to many as a lurid stampede that killed over 2000 people, from more than 30 different countries, in Saudi Arabia.

More than two million people from around the world were present in Saudi Arabia for the Hajj, a religious journey for all Muslims who complete during some point in their lives. The millions of people are required to perform a series of rituals in the matter of five days. This deadly stampede took place on the third day of this event. The journey is known to be physically grueling enough alone, with temperatures soaring to 110 degrees Fahrenheit. Anyone who succumbs to the elements during the journey will most likely collapse and never recover.

This is not the first time an event like this has occurred, as hundreds of other pilgrims in the past have been killed. Last September's disaster has been the deadliest ever, the closest in rank being when 1,426 people perished at Mina, located in western

Saudi Arabia. After a previous stampede during the Hajj in 2006, where 363 people were killed, the government decided to build three massive pillars to create a \$1.2 billion, five story bridge where pilgrims could toss stones. After the last tragedy, many wonder what more can be done to prevent another disaster like this one.

Even though Saudi officials show extreme merit when hosting these substantial crowds, many of the pilgrims are making the journey for the first time and might not be prepared to handle chaos. Although, if a single mistake occurs, or if one group takes the wrong turn, that could be the main-spring of another high-scale disaster.

A month after this brutal event, foreign governments who were involved in the stampede have calculated a final death toll of 1,849 people. This deemed the pilgrimage of Hajj to be the biggest tragedy since the tunnel stampede near Mecca in 1990. However, hundreds of pilgrims involved with the attack have also not been accounted for, which might bring the toll to even more deadly limits. A recent tally from more than

30 countries show the death has overtaken the 1,426 pilgrims who died in Hajj's worst previous incident. Around the middle of October of this year, a month after the attack, there is still no word from the Saudi Arabian panel and authorities about the complete cause of the stampede. This has caused various countries, like Iran, to become angered by Saudi Arabia's lack of hastiness on the matter. Furthermore, crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, the man responsible for overseeing the committee investigating the stampede, as still yet to find any indication to the cause.

Due to Iran's increased anger, a series of twitter messages has been rallied by the supreme leader of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who complained and indicated his anger on the matter, stating, "It appears that the Hajj Stampede tragedy has been due to negligence of hosting government." If the Saudis continue to avoid this matter any longer, it could lead to much more unnecessary violence, something that should strongly be avoided.

BY NOLAN PICCOLA

Cultural Appropriation— WHAT IS IT?

When members of a dominant culture take elements from a culture of people who have been systematically oppressed by the dominant culture this is called cultural appropriation. It's a power dynamic that praises a dominant culture for things they pilfer from an oppressed culture.

So what does that mean? Well, have you ever walked into a Halloween store come October and seen sombreros and ponchos? What even is that costume? That's cultural appropriation. Ever see your social media feeds after a big music festival? You ever notice how everyone and their mom has henna and bindis on? Or maybe the Native American headdresses? These are examples of cultural appropriation. Okay and so then you think, 'well they probably didn't mean to be offensive,' and 'well no, I know that person—they are not racist!' And they may not be, but it doesn't change the fact that they are flippantly donning apparel that is sacred to a culture or religion just as a bindi is to Hindu culture, without really knowing—or caring about its significance. It's not an accessory to just be put on for an occasion then peeled off, or an aesthetic. There's a difference between paying homage to a cultural tradition and stealing it—and that all boils down to motive. Okay, I see what you're saying, one may then say, but what about when a person—say Black, or Indian—takes things from Western Culture? Everyone does that, it's cultural diffusion and assimilation. And here I would have to say, you're wrong. Cultural appropriation is not the same as cultural diffusion because most times people of oppressed cultures and races are chastised for adhering to their own culture, while those of dominant cultures get praised for being cosmopolitan, and worldly and they even make money off of it sometimes. Those from oppressed cultures such as that of

Native American and African don't get to pick and choose because that's the thing—they are oppressed—the power isn't in their hands—in fact many times in history when a dominant culture is adopted, it is adopted as a result of force—for example Native Americans having to convert to Catholicism or speak only English. Lots of times people are perfectly happy with their own culture, and would like to keep it alive.

So now you know what it is, but what's the problem? Well, I'm here to tell you. For one, it fundamentally misrepresents the people that they are pretending to be, and then perpetuates these usually racist stereotypes. It lets one group of people get credit, or simply more recognition for something others came up with. It spreads lies about oppressed cultures. It makes things "trendy" for white people but unprofessional or "ethnic" for people of color. It shows that you don't have to respect a person and their culture in order to steal from them. As I list these things, I'm sure you can come up with examples in everyday pop culture whether it be Kylie Jenner being praised for dread locks while Zendaya got dragged, or Iggy Azalea stealing the sound and the fashion of 'black culture, but not being there and standing together with the same group of people when they are being shot in the streets. It's tricky because there's a line between trying something new and trying to exploit another's culture. So when you look for your Halloween costume this year or try a new hairstyle, or listen to new music, think of the motive you have behind using these culturally significant trends (are you emulating this culture to fit in with or even worse to mock a certain people group?) and take a moment to become more globally and culturally aware because at the end of the day a knowledgeable person is better than an obtuse ignorant one.

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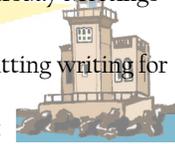
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ANOTHER homecoming football game lost on Saturday, September 26th, 2015 at 1:30 pm. The football team was defeated by Hills West with a score of 20-28.

By 1:30pm the crowd was anxiously waiting for the Huntington football game to start. The game begins, 12 minutes on the clock, starting the first quarter, and the crowd is already restless. The amount of cheering that goes on is outstanding, and the shouting and waving of foam fingers was a sight to behold.

Senior Yardalie Daniel said, "Well, this was my first game, and you definitely have to attend at least one game." Hoping for a victory, many were saddened when the Blue Devils lost the homecoming

game. But the crowd continued to have positive thoughts; Senior Annie Troussell said, "Even though it was a loss, I thought they competed with a strong ambition and spirit! Hopefully that will continue as the season progresses!" Senior, Chelsea Connell added to this upbeat positivity when she stated, "It was litzy."

In the end, the Blue Devils held their heads up high. When asked his thoughts, football player Amaru Jones stated, "I believe we can beat them, we had a lot of mistakes ourselves. I believe we are better and can beat them." It will certainly be interesting the next time they verse Hills West, and they will bring their "A" game.

HUNTINGTON HOMECOMING PARADE A HUGE SUCCESS

By Alex Tacopina

A SPECTACULAR Homecoming weekend continued as the Huntington High School students showed off their beautiful class floats to the Huntington community at the annual Huntington Homecoming parade in Huntington Village one Saturday in September.

The theme for this year's Homecoming floats was 'Dr. Seuss'. The Class of 2019 chose One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish; The Class of 2018 chose Horton Hears a Who; The Class of 2017 chose the Lorax and the Class of 2016 chose The Cat in The Hat.

The process of building the floats occurs in multiple steps and requires a lot of planning. The float building process is huge," School-Wide Class President Alexandra Berwick said. "The float idea must be drawn out and then with the use of wood, chicken wire, and lots of nails, it slowly comes together." The finishing touches of the floats were made the night before behind the high school as students worked from 6 PM to 11PM to complete their unique class floats.

The next morning, the floats, along with many other students, parents and faculty from all of the Huntington schools paraded throughout Huntington Village from the Post Office on New York Avenue all the way to Huntington High School on Oakwood and McKay Roads. "I thought the floats were awesome this year, I especially loved hearing the marching

band come through as they always kill it at the parade," said Mr. Rob Gilmore, Dean of Students at Huntington High School.

"I enjoyed performing in the parade," said Sydney Jean-Baptiste, Huntington Senior and Marching Band member. "I loved representing our school and town and it was an awesome experience." The parade spectators were in awe of all the students' hard work as each float passed along the parade route. "My favorite part of the parade is always the beginning," Ms. Berwick said. "Watching everyone's eyes stare at the floats gives me such a good feeling inside knowing that all of our hard work has pleased others."

The 2015 Homecoming weekend was a great success and to each person, Homecoming always has a significant meaning. "Homecoming is a chance for the whole school to come together as one," Mr. Gilmore said. "It allows for everyone to rally around our sports teams as well as show off their school spirit."

"Homecoming to me means bringing everyone together. To see everyone talking and working together to pull off this incredible project really makes me appreciate the school I go to and the people I am surrounded by," Ms. Berwick said.

The 2015 Homecoming will go down as one of the best in the Huntington Community, but there is no doubt that 2016 Homecoming won't either.

Ms. Dipalma Joins the Blue Devil Family

BY HANA E WADA

Accompanying the Huntington High School's staff is a new physics teacher named Ms. Dipalma. Ms. Dipalma is a Binghamton graduate who is now settled teaching juniors and seniors the physics course in the high school.

While growing up on the island, Ms. Dipalma always had a dream of becoming a teacher when she was a little kid, but didn't expect to teach physics, "I had to take AP Physics in high school and all I wanted to do was to get rid of the class. As the year went on, I fell in love with the course and the lab work and I wanted to pass it on to other people and get them excited about physics the way I felt." Senior Dylan McCarty, a student of Ms. Dipalma, laughingly states, "She fits well with all the other teachers and it's hard to realize that it's her first year here."

As a recent Binghamton graduate, Ms. Dipalma has fresh knowledge regarding physics. She was a lab teacher assistant during her years in college and was also involved in a program that allowed her and her classmates to teach physics to classes ranging from kindergarten to 5th grade. Senior Janelle Fore explains, "Since Ms. Dipalma is fresh out of college, her youth helps the kids relate to her better, which may be harder to do with someone who is older. It seems easier to get to know and connect with her since she understands our generation."

Although Ms. Dipalma is a fanatic in the science world, she has many hobbies outside of school that she loves to do. She loves participating in volunteer work, exercising, and going to the beach, but by far, her favorite thing to do is travel. "I've recently been to Italy and France and loved exploring their cultures. Hopefully, in the future I'll get to see more of the world." To add to Ms. Dipalma's exciting and adventurous life, she has one major event to look forward to, coming up this summer- her wedding. Ms. Dipalma is recently engaged and can't wait to spend the rest of her life with her fiancée.

Since her arrival to the high school, her main goal this year is to get her students excited about physics. She wants them to be able to incorporate physics into their daily lives and to get them involved in any STEM field for their future endeavors. When asked to give general life advice for everyday high school students, she voices, "My advice to students throughout their high school years is to be kind to everyone. Help others and don't be afraid to ask for help yourself."

PRINCIPAL BRENDEN CUSACK HAS BIG PLANS FOR HUNTINGTON HIGH

By Emmanuel Anastos

It's clear that school is different this year. Opportunities, which make both studying easier and school better have already been provided to Huntington High students, many of which I personally have been taking advantage of for the past, couple months. Everyone knows about the "Text of the Day", but free school Wi-Fi, available iPads, and a new library are also new to students this year.

These changes have already made it easier to submit an assignment at the last minute, look up something before a test, or catch up on things that we were too worn out to do the night before. Each of these changes is geared towards helping students in the classroom. Additionally, this year offers many other opportunities which give students more freedom; students have established new clubs made from their own original ideas that are highly encouraged and backed up by administration and lunch in the courtyard is something everyone thinks is cool. You might look for someone to thank for all of these new changes. The answer: Mr. Brenden Cusack, our new principal.

Mr. Cusack has been an assistant principal at Huntington High for three years, so he is familiar with Huntington's student body and has a great feel for the school community. While he didn't always know he wanted to be a principal, he always had an idea that he wanted to make an impact on a large number of students since the beginning of his career. "No, I wasn't certain [about being a principal], but no one goes into a job like this without having an idea [of becoming more]..." he suggested. Regardless, Cusack has been putting his all into his career since the start, so his new position is a well-earned opportunity. He graduated with a major in education twenty years ago, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in education (earned earlier, in 1995), a Master of Science in Adolescent Education (2002), and finally a professional diploma in school administration, (2005). This



summer, Cusack did research at Harvard to look for the best ways to enhance student education, and help the broadest range of students receive the most impactful high school experience.

Cusack has plenty of experience, paired with a passion for the job. Cusack's ideas seem to focus on not only distinguishing the high-ranking "honor roll" students, but also promoting equal opportunity. His primary focus is for everyone to do something they are passionate about through the school and to let students know that *everyone* is valued at Huntington. Cusack wants to increase the amount of empathy throughout the school. Our teachers believe in us, and inspire us but more than that, he wants us to believe in ourselves and inspire each other. His aforementioned idea: "Text of the Day" is already spreading a daily message to the student body. The best part? It's submitted by any student who wants to inspire others (text @ hhs15-16 to 81010 to join).

This year, the library has applied new rules with the help of Ms. Miller-- albeit they are somewhat strict. Cusack states, "The library needs to remain an academic venue, but also must be inviting." This is yet another way Mr. Cusack is trying to help the majority.

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Finally, Mr. Cusack plans to start up student focus groups. These councils will not only help students encourage one another, but help students who previously had little to no voice in the school community voice their opinion, and let these same kids know that their opinion is valuable because they are just as much a part of Huntington High as anyone else is.

Mr. Cusack seems to enjoy being the boss thus far. "Yes, it's overwhelming, but it's the good kind of overwhelming", he says, "it is the best kind of busy, the kind when you wake up with energy every day, because you know the things you are doing are exciting and full of opportunity to make changes in; there is a great energy about it." Cusack is thrilled to be in such a progressive position where he can really have an effect. However, with so much opportunity comes all of the responsibility of being in authority. His least favorite part is the paperwork. "Lots of paperwork and signing", he says. "Also, it is a completely full-time job." His favorite part though, is how his family is so invested they are basically honorary Blue Devils. He has two boys 6 and 8. "They say to me they are 'Blue Devils at heart'; I love that and I think that is so cool," Mr. Cusack states happily.

Despite the daunting responsibility of being "the man" for everything, Mr. Cusack feels that being principal is, again, truly the "best kind of busy". The opportunity to make his greatest impact is right in front of him and he is excited to take it. With that comes new opportunity for the students as well and we would be remiss not to get involved and make the most out of Huntington High.

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Il Mese del Retaggio Italiano) FROM ITALIAN HONORS SOCIETY

BY SABRINA FLORO

October is the official time of year for the National Italian American Heritage Month. This celebration coincides with the Columbus Day festivities, and the achievements and contributions of Italians are recognized. The rich traditions of Italy, as well as the food, music, language, and culture are all acknowledged and appreciated this month. A wide range of activities and events are planned throughout the United States, such as sessions and informational meetings about Italian culture, opportunities to learn about making an authentic Italian meal, recognizing scientific advancements, fashion contributions, learning about Italian history and culture, and of course getting to know the language better. The "three crowns" of the Italian language are Dante, Boccaccio and Petrarch, and they are credited with the development of the language. San Francisco holds the nation's oldest Columbus Day/Italian Heritage Parade, while Los Angeles will be hosting the "Taste of Italy" event which will feature award-winning restaurants and wineries. Italians celebrate in similar ways, by holding parades, having parties, and spreading the excitement of Italian culture!

THE CASE OF KIM DAVIS-

BY RACHEL MOSS

The Facts

Recently, news headlines have blared with the name Kim Davis. Everyone is talking about this Kentucky county clerk who has taken up a fight against same sex marriage, after being jailed for five days. Davis refused to issue marriage licenses to gay couples, defying the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June that legalized same-sex marriage. She would not have her name on same sex marriage licenses due to her religious beliefs, saying, “It is not a light issue for me. It is a heaven or hell decision.”

Davis also did not allow her six deputy clerks to issue the licenses for her. Under the U. S. Constitution’s first amendment, Davis may freely follow whatever religion she wants. However, this does not give Davis the right to defy a Supreme Court ruling, especially as she is an elected official in a government position. If Davis truly felt that issuing a same sex marriage license was contradicting her beliefs, she should have delegated the job to one of her



deputy clerks, instead of stopping them from issuing the license as well. If working in the department that issued the licenses offended Davis, she could have resigned from her job. It wasn’t in Davis’s control, nor was it her right, to stop the marriage license from being issued by her deputy clerks. Davis was elected to her clerk position by the majority of Kentucky citizens,

and had a responsibility to execute whatever laws were in place, not act against them through her employment. Just as Kim Davis has the right to be a faithful Christian under the law, gay couples have the right to legally marry under the law. Kim Davis’s case and fight for her beliefs will set an important precedent in America on issue of gay rights versus religion.

TAKE ONE

BY NICOLE ARENTH

Kim Davis

is a county clerk in Kentucky who some see as a hero and others just see as a close-minded homophobe. After same-sex marriage finally became legal in all fifty states, many in Kentucky went to get married to their partner after years of struggles. Davis though, refused to marry gay couples by signing their certificates, using the excuse that it didn’t agree with her religious beliefs. Soon enough, couples began to complain, stating that what she was doing was illegal. A federal judge then ruled that Davis must comply to marrying gay couples, or she would be sent to, and then remain, in jail.

As she continued to refuse, Davis went to jail and began to make her story into something ridiculous, trying to declare justice for herself and have others fight for her. Though, isn’t it Davis’ job to marry couples, whether or not she personally believes they should be together?

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Davis’ job is to give couples an official marriage, she must do this no matter who they are going to marry. Now, I personally find it absurd how Davis is turning her imprisonment into a social injustice, when in fact, she is the one causing the social injustice. She refuses to give up her job, but also refuses to marry gay couples, does she not understand the point? It is almost laughable at the points that Davis is making. She thinks she is good at her job and wants to use it for her religious activism. She clearly does not see the irony of that since she is working as a public official, which entails the need to sign off on the certificates.

It seems that Davis is using her job as something to broadcast her “activism” when she should be using her job to marry people, a clearly stated duty that falls on her shoulders. It is clear that Davis is another ignorant person who was given the wrong power.



Many people are adamantly against Kim Davis and what she stands for. But what exactly does she stand for? Some think she is simply a homophobe that can’t let others be happy, others think she is using her job as an inappropriate platform for her religion. But I mean, what is the appropriate platform for one’s religion besides their everyday lives? When you are passionate about something, you share it everyday in your normal environment and even in special circumstances. Just as passionate as people are about gay rights, religious people are passionate about their creed and the rights that come with being an American. People are quick to defend the LGBT community and even quicker to critique the religious community—Christians in particular. Sure Kim Davis is prohibiting people from getting married and yeah that’s unfair, but it’s also unfair to make her sign her name to something that is fundamentally against her values. It’s unfair to target her when you could get married a city away. Why antagonize? Either not signing for same-sex marriage to get married or forcing her to sign, both ways someone’s rights are getting violated. And that’s the problem you can’t please everyone. When there are so many people coexisting in this world, it’s hard. Sometimes your truth contradicts my truth, calls it a lie. What then? Which person is expected to compromise their beliefs? It’s not fair for anyone to have to, but unfortunately that’s what it’s come to. It’s come to a woman being arrested for having the courage to stand up for what she believes in. Though she was arrested for contempt of court, one might say but it all boils down to the same thing. Yes, she should be able to do her job, but when she signed up for it, marrying gay people wasn’t a part of the job description, and I’m sure it was she wouldn’t have ran for it. So, she and all who reside in her little podunk town in Kentucky find themselves at a crossroads, stuck in a particularly hairy situation. Personally, I believe she did all she could do and now—if she hasn’t already it’s time for her to resign. She got her message across and stood unwaveringly in the face of something that was against her beliefs.

ONE STORY, MANY TAKES

TAKE THREE | BY ALEXANDRA MULLER

“Her actions are not justified by any means”

Kim Davis used her power in government to discriminate against members of the LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender) community. Not only unlawfully- given the recently passed law legalizing gay marriage nationwide- but she was also out of her jurisdiction to deny any persons marriage licenses. Her own personal dilemma regarding her faith does not justify the hate crimes against the LGBT people. Her excuse that “God” was the reason she denied these people licenses is completely disrespectful. Many people put their faith in “God,” some of whom belong to the LGBT community, but she refused to even recognize these people. Denying these individuals marriage licenses not only victimized them, but also joined Church and State, which goes against the Constitution of the United States of America. Not only that, but she forced her beliefs on others, when the country was founded on the idea of freedom of religion (and all beliefs in general). It is understandable that she wished to practice her beliefs, but she should have known to keep her beliefs, which contradicted her legal delegation, to herself. It’s extremely disrespectful that she decided to view her religion in such a narrow manner that she justified discrimi-

nating against other persons.

Kim Davis’s duty was to issue marriage licenses and she failed to properly perform this duty. At first I was very unsure if she was properly punished for not issuing these licenses. Following her arrest, I was quite conflicted, although what she was doing was clearly wrong in my eyes she didn’t necessarily break the law, she just wasn’t doing her job. However, once I began to learn the details of her arrest- her ignoring a Court Order and still refusing to perform properly- I realized that it was not unjust. I believe that if her beliefs were considerably affecting her job performance, she should not have been working in such a field, or at least should no longer be. She disobeyed a Court Order to issue these licenses, however still refused to do her job. I also believe that her arrest served as a way to prove to people that this kind of injustice would and will not be tolerated. The legalization of gay marriage was just that, the legalization. It gave members of the LGBT community the right to marry as they please, a right that they did not previously possess. In short, her actions are not justified by any means. The way that she discriminated against these individuals was absolutely disgusting.



“WHILE YOU HAVE RIGHT TO YOUR BELIEFS, IMPOSING THEM ON OTHERS IS WHERE WE CROSS THE LINE”

Kim Davis- the definition of skewed beliefs.

For those who don’t know, Kim Davis was a clerk that refused to sign off on marriage licenses because she was Christian.

Yes, she’s saying that because she was a certain religion, these people cannot be married. Why? Well, because of the classic excuse that ‘the bible said so’.

Davis was obligated by her job to sign the licenses, especially after the Supreme Court ruling. She believes that her religion is more important than any ruling and sadly, can’t be fired due to her being in an elected position. Why didn’t she just resign if the gay couples bothered her so much?

Well, logic is her enemy. You see, in 2004, Kentuckians voted to define marriage as one man and one woman and Davis seems to think that the Bible and State laws hold precedent over a Supreme Court ruling. She needs to realize that she was elected to do a job. Sure, there may be conflicting beliefs, but there is separation of house and state for a reason. Keep the church for Sundays or whenever you want to worship *in private* and when you have a job, you do it. If it bothers you so much, that’s what reassignment and quitting is for.

Seriously, what gives her the right to decide who should marry and who shouldn’t? A book written over 3,500 years ago? Religion is and gay rights is another closely related story, but while you have right to your beliefs, imposing them on others is where we cross the line. It is not okay to force others to conform to your beliefs.

I won’t go on a ‘let them love’ tangent, but who are you to say they can’t? The LGBT Community isn’t do anything to anyone really. Is holding hands and kissing doing much? Well, to Kim Davis it’s apparently the end of the world. As much as I don’t like her, she does have right to her religious freedom. She just needs to learn what that actually means, because what’s she’s doing is the complete opposite.



EXPOSING SNAKE OIL AND HOLISTIC REMEDIES

In the early 1900s, the Food and Drug administration (FDA) was created in the effort to protect the consumer from potentially dangerous and unchecked foods and medicines that were sold to unsuspecting consumers at the time. In the years since, the FDA has made great strides in preventing multiple food-based diseases and useless or dangerous untested drugs. One of the greatest achievements by the FDA was the eradication of unregulated medicine, commonly generalized as 'snake oil'.

A snake oil salesman is a generalization for a person who supplies medicine that has little effect on the body but boasts multiple claims such as curing polio, or autism. Due to the efforts of the FDA, modern civilization looks back on these remedies with a sense of amusement and awe. But these people still exist; unchecked claims using a false scientific backing continues to plague society and even worse, is growing in support. I interviewed two stores in Huntington Village, New York, "PHOUNTAIN HEALTH" and "Dr. Kosner's Wholistic Wellness Center", through this I became aware of a disturbing hidden culture, a culture removed from any scientific literacy and one that I am certain is dangerous to the community.

The more I uncovered about these people's practices and beliefs, the more I was concerned with the safety of the people choosing these remedies instead of proven and research based options. Even television personalities like Dr. Oz, have championed these remedies as being helpful, suggesting that they can even help people lose weight. More disturbing however, is that this is becoming a growing trend amongst the young and old, united in rejecting the FDA and any 'regulated medicine'. Perhaps this is due to a growing distrust of the government, particularly the legislative branch. Due to extreme partisanship within Congress, the general public has grown discontent with the lack of serious and polarizing issues being addressed. Although the FDA falls under the executive branch under the Obama administration, rampant claims of the government's ineffectiveness by Congress has created a major distrust between the people and their leaders. I feel that this distrust is a major component in people making the decision to pursue alternative forms of medicine, despite any understanding of their effects or risks. However this pseudo-scientific option may actually cost lives. From what I was told by the young woman working at one of the stores I researched, they had very little understanding or control of the pH levels that they were dealing with. Accord-

ing to them, the healing effects begin around a body pH of 7.5 and anything onwards was generally viewed as fine. For reference ammonia has a pH of 11 and lye has a pH of 14 and both are lethal. The lack of this understanding and education to their customers is dangerous not just to the consumer but also to the scientific and medical community as it spreads great misunderstandings about the field and can potentially cost lives. Although not outright claiming that they can cure cancer (probably due to legal reasons), they did heavily insist that 'studies' have shown that a heavily alkaline environment effectively destroys cancer cells. This unsubstantiated claim was followed up by them saying that modern cancer treatments can harm the body whereas alkaline water can help against cancer. (See Interview)

The receptionist at "Dr. Kosner's Wholistic Wellness Center" surprised me. Although I am ashamed of it, I felt sympathy for her. I am aware of course of how patronizing and pretentious that sympathy was but in that, I did understand how she turned to this lifestyle. She had no deeper knowledge of how it worked and even admitted that she had not personally seen many success stories, only that she believed in it and was desperate enough to follow. This type of mentality is one which cults feed off of, preying on those who are weak and want help, believing anything as long as it will provide support.

Another troubling aspect of the majority of goods that they sell is that nearly all can be described as "dietary supplements"; therefore the FDA cannot regulate the substances. The term dietary supplements has been a confusing gray area for the FDA as they cannot be classified as either a drug or a food, meaning that they are out of the FDA's jurisdiction and thus have been given free rein to create a wide variety of unsubstantiated claims. Although the FDA cannot prosecute dietary supplements, the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) can regulate these products if they make direct, untruthful claims. This is the reasoning for the vague wording such as "we make no claims here", and "reports have shown that in some cases..." The people operating these stores fully understand that if they are caught making any direct untruthful claims, they could be fined, shut down and or criminally prosecuted. Such is the case of Kevin Trudeau, who over ten years ago, made similar direct claims and was prosecuted by the FTC. Trudeau's infomercials made several unsubstantiated claims such as claiming to cure baldness, addiction and learning dis-

abilities and in March of 2014, Trudeau was sentenced to ten years in a federal prison.

The reason I discuss this is that Trudeau's approach to his 'medicine' was quite similar to that of PHOUNTAIN Health and Dr. Kosner's Wholistic Wellness Center. Trudeau used techniques such as claiming his 'medicine' unlocked secrets that 'they' (referring to an authoritative government body) did not want you to know. I find this quite similar to how PHOUNTAIN Health is opposed to the FDA, despite them ironically taking great effort to not make any direct claims. From what I understand, it seems that PHOUNTAIN Health, Dr. Kosner's Wholistic Wellness Center and the multitudes of other snake oil salesman fully understand that what they do is unsubstantiated and wrong so they take great care in ensuring that what they provide is as vaguely worded as possible as to ensure that they will not fall into the crosshairs of the FTC or the FDA.

From the interviews I conducted, I was given two very distinct images of the people involved within this group. The first was of a blind believer who was energetic and ready to share the knowledge of their cult with the world. The approach was business-like: efficient and emphatic. The other was of a woman who was caught up in the business and had an almost religious type of belief. What I mean is that she expressed certain doubts about the institution but all the while maintained hope that these people in the long run actually improved the quality of life of their members. The receptionist at the second business seemed far more genuine in her belief than any of the employees at PHOUNTAIN health. From what I have seen both of the businesses that operate in Huntington offer no real assistance towards the ill. Furthermore, the assistance that they provide can be quite dangerous as they have demonstrated a complete lack of understanding of the scientific principles under which they claim support. The most troubling aspect of them is that it would not be hard to imagine a scenario in which a person, recently diagnosed with cancer, comes to them for support. Not questioning the usefulness of their dogma, they continue to assure the person that what they are doing is right and works. However, if the person later dies of the disease and as they claim no liability, they would continue to provide this snake oil to an unsuspecting populace. The purpose of this article is not to slander but rather to warn the upcoming generation, my peers, to be wary of these organizations and to stay critical of those like them.

{HOLISTIC REMEDIES CONTINUATION}

The following is an example of the dialogue with pHOUNTAIN Health. A second interview at Dr. Kosner's Wholistic Wellness Center was much the same.

Q: So this is mainly an alkaline water, (or slightly basic) store?

A: We are an alkaline education center.

Q: What does that mean?

A: So what we do is that we teach people about alkalinity and how to change the body, why it's important, what does it mean, etc.

Q: About slightly basic water?

A: Well this is alkaline water so yes, it'll have that base because everything is either an acid or a base. This is on an alkaline level, so in nature for an element to be a base it needs to have more electrons than protons in it. So base water has more of an electron base to it.

ACTUALLY, THE MEASURE FOR WHETHER IT IS AN ACID OR A BASE IS THE POWER OF HYDRONIUM (pH), HAVING MORE ELECTRONS THAN PROTONS ACTUALLY CLASSIFIES IT AS BEING NEGATIVELY CHARGED AND NOT DETERMINATE OF WHETHER IT IS AN ACID OR A BASE.

Q: And what would you say are the positive effects of this?

A: Goodness! Effects, oh my goodness! There's energy, um, buffering and neutralizing of acid that's found in either foods that we eat or bottled water. Bottled water is completely acidic, it's housed in plastic. At the end of the day any disease can't survive in an alkaline environment- if you're trying to get yourself to more of an alkaline state.

Q: So, like cancer?

A: That is correct.

Q: So you're claiming that you can cure cancer?

A: We don't make any claims here.

THE FTC CANNOT PROSECUTE YOU AS LONG AS YOU MAKE NO DIRECT CLAIMS, WHICH IS THE REASON FOR MANY OF THESE RETAILERS AND PRODUCTS MAKING VAGUE CLAIMS. BUT THERE HAS BEEN RESEARCH THAT'S PROVEN THAT CANCER CANNOT SURVIVE IN AN ALKALINE BATH

Q: Would that be maybe because no cells can survive in an alkaline body?

A: Cancer cells cannot sur-

vive in an alkaline environment. That was proven by doctors like a hundred years ago.

Q: But cancer cells are regular cells that have undergone a mutation that causes uncontrolled cell growth and reproduction-

A: But what you can do is you can change the environment inside of your body.

Q: But how would that not affect regular cells.

A: You mean like blood cells?

Q: No, like skin cells, as the problem that most physicians have with cancer is that removing it often requires removing it and other cells around it or using radiation to specifically destroy it.

A: Which are very acidic unfortunately.

Q: Radiation treatment... is acidic?

A: It has to be, it's any type of you know, artificial effect on the body is going to have an acidic state. If you were to encompass mutated cancer cells and surround it in an alkaline environment, it could almost regenerate itself.

Q: So what you're saying is that it only affects the cancer cells, not regular cells.

A: Well regular cells are gonna be, if they're not mutated, there would be no effect on them regardless. Think of it this way in a protective environment, if you were to extract cancer cells and put them in a plastic petri dish and multiply, if you put them inside of a glass petri dish nothing would happen.

Q: So do you inject the water into the cancer cells or does the alkaline water specifically target it?

A: Alkaline water, an alkaline lifestyle of any sort, green drinks, any of that type of thing in order to increase the blood alkaline levels. Your blood is 7.365 on the alkaline scale

I believe she meant the pH scale

Q: Which is neutral.

A: About neutral, it's different than a temperature

of 98.6 which can go all the way up to 105.

Q: What would you say are some of the negative effects of acid on the body?

A: Oh my goodness! Uhm, heartburn, acid reflux if you think about it you are born with a divine pharmacy in your body, sodium, magnesium, potassium, calcium. If you're having a breakdown of any of those, your body pulls sodium bicarbonates to neutralize acid and when you run out of the sodium bicarbonate you're then given the acid reflux [sic].

Q: So, why for example would it be better to take an alkaline lifestyle rather than an anti-acid.

A: Because it's a quick fix. Alka-Seltzer is a quick fix. It's a sodium bicarbonate to temporarily buffer and neutralize out the acid that's there. It like a man coming with bug spray to clean your house, yeah the bugs are present but you have to go in there and clean it. It's like having a sick fish, are you going to use antibiotics or change the water?

Q: I'd probably do both. So what other remedies do you offer here?

A: We have detox services, infrared saunas, vibration therapy machines to stimulate the lymphatic system.

Q: What is the effect of infrared?

A: Infrared is going to cause blood cells to dilate and release toxins, cells contract and they bring oxygen into the blood cells. All of that regeneration of blood cells.

Q: I was wondering about the symbol on your logo? I've seen it before, I just forgot the name.

A: The flower of life. That's sacred geometry it's been around since the very beginning. If you're thinking about sacred geometry and how it works it's like self-preservation.

(She then asked her co-worker to explain it to me and brought up a website and YouTube channel known as "Spirit Science", an entity whom I was fully aware of, as he had made claims similar to this and once claimed that the Sphinx held a great city underneath it, complete with unbreakable emerald tablets and a space ship)

PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING

By Janelle Fore

GLOBAL WARMING, YES GLOBAL WARMING. EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT IT, EVERYONE IS TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT IT, SO ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME THAT WE WORK HARDER TOWARDS ENDING IT?

Stop your waste of water, stop your waste of energy, stop your loitering, stop global warming! Preserve the Earth and help save your world.

Yes, the world is not perfect, but why add to this imperfection by damaging it with waste, when we can be taking steps to help? The worldwide issue of global warming is a problem that is talked about non-stop, so why do we continue to discuss global warming? Why is it that there are still discussions of the well-known topic? Why can't we simply stop global warming for good? I'll tell you why- because people are inconsiderate of how their actions affect our earth and don't take the few seconds a day to help!

Scientists from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate carrying out global warming research have recently predicted that average global temperatures could increase between 1.4 and 5.8 °C by the year 2100. Changes resulting from global warming may include rising sea levels due to the melting of the polar ice caps, as well as an increase in occurrence and severity of storms and other severe weather events. Did you know that Italy is slowly tilting to the east and is sinking, like the titanic, and will eventually be underwater? Is that how we really want our world to end up, underwater?

THERE ARE 10 SIMPLE WAYS THAT YOU COULD HELP, EVEN IF IT IS JUST ONE PERSON AT A TIME IT HELPS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT. THINGS THAT WILL HELP ARE:

- RECYCLE AND DON'T EVER LITTER
- TURN OFF SINK WHILE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH
- TURN OFF THE LIGHTS WHEN YOUR NOT IN THE ROOM
- USE RECYCLABLE GROCERY BAGS INSTEAD OF PLASTIC
- WALK/RIDE BIKE TO PLACES
- CARPOOL
- CHANGE LIGHT BULBS TO FLUORESCENT LIGHTS
- UNPLUG APPLIANCES WHEN YOU'RE NOT USING THEM
- DON'T PREHEAT THE OVEN
- REUSE PAPER PRODUCTS

THERE ARE JUST EASY WAYS TO HELP IMPROVE THE EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT AND BY HELPING THE EARTH, YOU ARE HELPING YOURSELF. A CLEAN EARTH EQUALS A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL!

Netflix: What's Coming, What's Going

OCTOBER 1ST

- A Christmas Carol (1938)
- About Alex (2014)
- Alexander: Theatrical Cut (2004)
- American Pie (1999)
- Barefoot Contessa: Back to Basics: Collection 1
- Batman Begins (2005)
- Boogie Nights (1997)
- The Bourne Supremacy (2004)
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)
- Curse of Chucky (2013)
- Dark Was the Night (2014)
- Design on a Dime Collection: Collection 1
- The Devil at 4 O'Clock (1961)
- El Tiempo Entre Costuras (2013)
- Extreme Homes Collection: Collection 1
- Fixer Upper (Season 1)
- Glass Chin (2014)
- The Great Food Truck Race Collection: Collection 1
- House Hunters Renovation Collection: Collection 1
- Last Man Standing (Season 4)
- Million Dollar Baby

- (2004)
- Million Dollar Rooms: Collection 1
- Monkey Thieves, (Seasons 1-3)
- On the Town (1949)
- The Navy SEALs: Their Untold Story (2014)
- The Nightmare (2015)
- Pal Joey (1957)
- Pepe (1960)
- Pressure (2015)
- Property Virgins: Collection 1
- Reasonable Doubt (2014)
- Richard Pryor: Icon (2014)
- Robin Williams Remembered, A Pioneers of Television Special (2014)
- Some Came Running (1958)
- Take Me Out to the Ball Game (1949)
- Throwdown With Bobby Flay: Collection 1
- Uncle Grandpa (Season 1)
- Vanilla Ice Project, (Seasons 1-4)
- Wakfu (Season 1)
- White Rabbit (2013)
- Wild Horses (2015)
- Worst Cooks in America: Collection 1

OCTOBER 2ND

- Anjelah Johnson: Not Fancy (2015)
 - La Leyenda de la Nahualla (2007)
 - Reign (Season 2)
 - The Vampire Diaries (Season 6)
- ## OCTOBER 3RD
- Alpha and Omega 5: Family Vacation (2015)
- ## OCTOBER 6TH
- American Horror Story: Freak Show (Season 4)
 - The Flash (Season 1)
 - iZombie (Season 1)
 - The Flash (Season 1) (2014)
 - The Originals (Season 2)
 - Tremors 5: Bloodline (2015)
- ## OCTOBER 7TH-12TH
- Arrow (Season 3)
 - American Heist (2015)
 - Jake and the Never Land Pirates (Season 3)
 - Jane the Virgin (Season 1)
 - Mighty Med (Season 2)
 - Strangerland (2015)
 - The Mr. Peabody and Sherman Show (Season 1)
 - Supernatural (Season 10)
 - The Mr. Peabody and

- Sherman Show, (Season 1)
 - Winter on Fire: Ukraine's Fight for Freedom (2015)
 - Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me (2014)
- ## OCTOBER 14TH-20TH
- The Lazarus Effect (2015)
 - Beasts of No Nation
 - Circle
 - Anthony Jeselnik: Thoughts and Prayers
 - All Hail King Julien, season 2
 - Some Assembly Required, season 2
 - Ain't Them Bodies Saints
 - Pee-wee's Big Adventure
 - William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet
 - The Big Lebowski
 - The Exorcist
 - The Hunt For Red October
 - The Producers
 - Twilight
- ## OCTOBER 23RD-30TH
- Hemlock Grove, season 3
 - Walt Disney Animation Studios Short Film Collection
 - Manson Family Vacation
 - August: Osage County
 - The Gunman
 - Popples, Season 1

BY CHRIS GIORDANO & MICHELLE D'ALESSANDRO



Going:

- ## OCTOBER 1ST
- Analyze This
 - Annie Hall
 - Interview with the Vampire
 - Pee-wee's Big Adventure
 - William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet
 - The Big Lebowski
 - The Exorcist
 - The Hunt For Red October
 - The Producers
 - Twilight
- ## OCTOBER 14TH-16TH
- Sesame Street Classics
 - Brino

HUNTINGTON LIAA ARTISTS

By Katy Dara

Huntington has always been known for its talented students, so it's no wonder that Ekaterina Koulakova and Aaron Feltman have been named Long Island Arts Alliance Scholar Artists, placing them among a superb group of artists and musicians in Nassau and Suffolk counties. The Huntington seniors are two of the just twenty high school students to be named Long Island Scholar Artists in the program's ninth year. This prestigious program in association with Newsday only allows one nomination per school in each category; music, visual arts, dance and theater and media arts. Ekaterina Koula-

kova has won in media arts, while Aaron Feltman has won in visual arts. The work from their junior year was assessed for the awards, featuring outstanding pieces of artwork. Some of these pieces were on display at Huntington's annual art show last May.

Huntington has had LIAA winners in the past, highlighting the school's (and counties') best young artists. The Long Island Arts Alliance selects artists on the basis of a formal application and presentation of their art, their grade point average and letters of recommendation.

The seniors are both very excited and honored about the recognition. Those who meet the requirements in an exem-

play fashion are the ones who come out on top. "Winning this award is a cherry to the end of junior year, where all my efforts in the artistic field were rewarded," Ms. Koulakova said. "The best part is, I won it with my 'partner in crime,' Aaron Feltman." The winners were honored on September 9th at Half Hollow Hills East High school.

Additional recognitions include a Newsday profile on Newsday.com as well as at a spring gala at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Long Island University (LIU)Post. Both artists see the award as a significant accomplishment, hoping to continue creating art to share with the world.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

If you would like to submit a piece, contact Ms. Mohanty and email the PDF file to hhsdispatch@gmail.com, along with a brief artist statement that features your name, grade, and inspiration for the piece.

LAUREN FELDMAN

"My name is Lauren Feldman. I am in tenth grade and am currently taking Drawing and Painting I. My inspiration for this piece came when I was at home and in the mood to try something new. I was flipping through some old pictures online and I found one with TV static, which drew me to the idea of doing a sort of "Static Person". I did

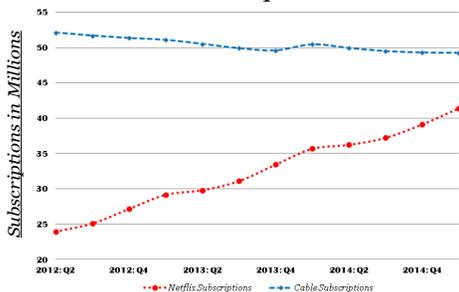


GRADE 10 DRAWING & PAINTING I

not, however, make this in my art class. Drawing and Painting I is very much up my alley, which is why I enjoy it so much. We are working with ink, which is my favorite medium. Pointillism, while I haven't been able to perform it successfully yet, as well as other time consuming mediums are a continual inspiration for me."



Netflix Subscriptions vs. Cable Subscriptions

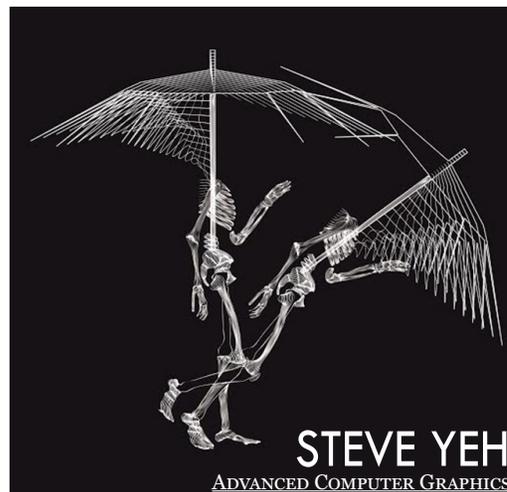


NETFLIX VS. CABLE TRADITIONAL TV'S DOWNFALL

By Christopher Giordano

In 2007, Netflix introduced its new streaming service. Their online library started off with a small amount of titles to offer, but that number quickly grew. Eventually, Netflix became one of the largest streamable content libraries on earth, and cable television began to feel the effects. In the past 12 quarters, TV subscriptions have been down 11 quarters. In this same period, Netflix subscriptions are up 73%. This decrease of cable subscriptions may appear to be insignificant or minor. But, when you put into perspective that cable TV has been around more than 60 years, and Netflix streaming only 8 years, you can truly see how quickly Netflix is becoming the standard for television.

The cause of this trend? It's rather obvious. On one hand we have a service with scheduled programming, long commercial breaks, a limited on-demand library, and access only on your television, at home. This service costs around \$50-\$80 per month. On the other hand, we have a service that has an extensive on-demand library, zero advertisements, outstanding original content, support for 4K content, and access from virtually any device with a screen (excluding your TI-84 calculator). This service starts at \$7.99 a month. The contrast between these services is absurd. When you compare the two at their core, it seems ridiculous that people still have a cable TV subscription.

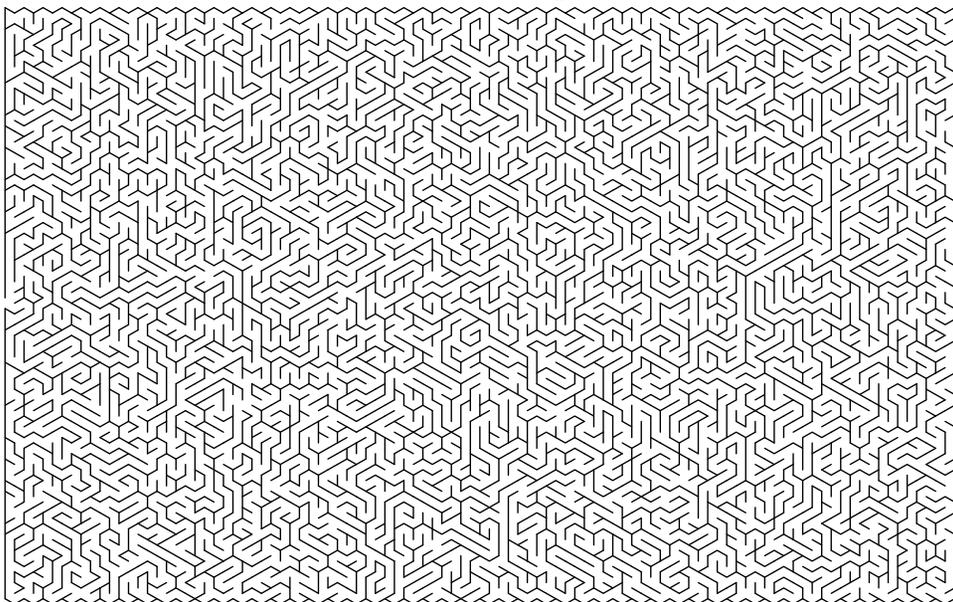


GRADE 11

Hello, my name is Steve Yeh and I am an eleventh grader. I am currently taking Advanced Computer Graphics taught by Ms. Mohanty. I am working on a series of images that focuses on umbrellas. There are, in total, six pieces I wish to include in my Digital Arts portfolio. Each image reflects a specific element of design; the element of design for this particular piece was "Line". To be frank, I do not know the source of my inspiration for creating this piece that I title: Umbrella Man. Rather, I attribute the creation of my ideas to a spontaneous work process, experiences and art pieces I admire. This piece was created using Adobe Illustrator. In ACG class, we use Adobe Illustrator and Photoshoph in tandem. I really love the freedom we are allowed in ACG, unrestrained to pursue new techniques and ideas.

Two of my favorite artists are M.C. Escher and Claude Monet; though both have a striking contrast of techniques, they are ingenious artists. My favorite piece of art from Escher is "Relativity". Painted by Monet in the 1910s, his "Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies" is another one that I love.

The 'If You Stare At It Long Enough, I'll Start Looking Like An Optical Illusion' Maze



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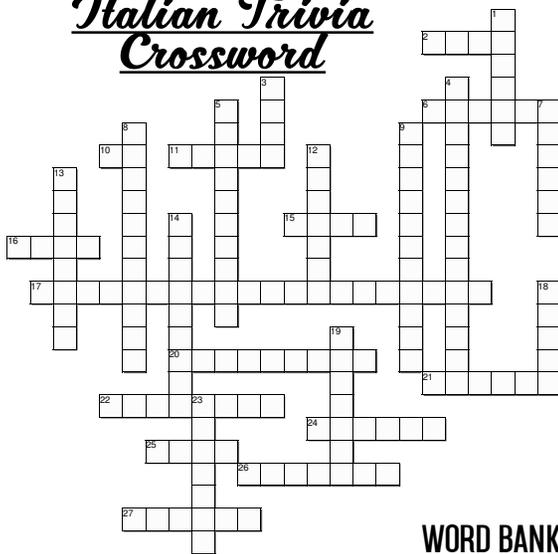
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- 6. Italians Speak A National Language Based On This Dialect
- 10. Longest River In Italy
- 11. Art Form Created In Italy
- 15. Italy's National Flower
- 16. Number Of Times Italy Has Won The World Cup
- 17. Three Instruments Invented In Italy
- 20. Italy Holds The Guinness Record For Having The Most
- 21. Setting Of Shakespeare's Romeo And Juliet
- 22. National Bird Of Italy
- 24. National Sport Of Italy
- 25. National Animal Of Italy
- 26. One Of Italy's Famous Sports Cars
- 27. Number Of Regions In Italy

DOWN

- 1. City That Hosts The Oldest Film Festival In The World
- 3. Napoleon Spent His First Exile On This Island
- 4. Killed One-Third Of The Italian Population In The 14th Century
- 5. Number Of Gallons Of Wine The Average Italian Consumes Per Year
- 7. City Where Pizza Was Born
- 8. Italy Has The Most Of These Of Any European Nation
- 9. Invention Of Galileo
- 12. A Separate Sovereign Nation Within Italy
- 13. One Of Italy's Active Volcanoes
- 14. Italy Is Called This, Meaning Beautiful Country
- 18. National Food Dish Of Italy
- 19. Italy Is Slightly Larger Than This American State
- 23. Location Of The Oldest European University In Continuous Operation

Italian Trivia Crossword



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| -BUBONIC PLAGUE | -PASTA | -VATICAN |
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| -ELEVATORS | VIOLIN, | -VERONA |
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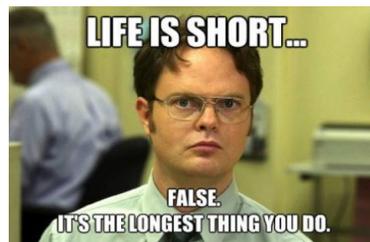
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 Current events
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INTERESTED IN DRAWING COMICS?

THE DISPATCH IS LOOKING TO ADD A COMICS SECTION

If you are interested, drop by Florea's room Thursdays after school to submit ideas and comic strips

THE FUTURE OF AUTOMOBILES:



BY CHRISTOPHER GIORDANO

TESLA'S NEW MODEL X

Tesla Motors has been revolutionizing the car industry since their first production vehicle, the Tesla Roadster. The first fully electric sports car redefined both efficiency and luxury in 2008, now, in 2015, Tesla continues to lead the way in revolutionary car design. Continuing with their reputation of innovative new designs, their recently announced Model X manages to surpass the already-enormous expectations that Tesla has set for itself.

This absurdly powerful, all-electric SUV is undoubtedly unrivaled in every way. Tesla claims that it is the "safest, fastest and most capable sport utility vehicle in history," and they aren't joking. Model X sports a 90 kWh battery, which allows 250 miles on a single charge, all-wheel drive, and acceleration of a ludicrous zero to 60 miles per hour in 3.2 seconds.

The safety features of Model X include cameras that continually scan the roadway, radar systems, sonar systems, automatic brakes in emergency situations, and a medical-grade HEPA filter. This air filter removes pollen, bacteria, viruses, and pollution before air enters the cabin. According to Tesla, this filter has three different modes; "circulate with outside air, re-circulate inside air and a bio-weapon defense mode that creates positive pressure inside the cabin to protect occupants."

Model X doesn't compromise utility for technology. Even with a very small form factor, the car seats seven people across three rows. Since there is no gasoline motor, there's plenty of trunk space in the front, along with a rear cargo area and additional space under passenger seats.

Now let's get to the fun stuff. On either side of the Model X, there are large

'Falcon Wing' doors, which swing up and allow access to the second and third row seats. These doors are able to rise up in a manner that prevents them from extending out too much on either side of the SUV, so they are able to open in even the tightest parking spaces. The front windshield of the Model X has "the largest glass panoramic windshield in production, providing an unparalleled view of the stars and says above". Additionally, the windshield will use solar tinting based on the intensity of sunlight in order to prevent a blinding glare for those in the car. There is so much more that the Model X has to offer, from the way the doors open automatically when you approach the car, to an enormous touch display at the center console. For the sake of being brief, here is an outline of some of the more notable features in the new Model X:

- **Falcon Wing rear doors with built in sensors, which automatically adjust to the optimal opening arc in confined spaces or small garages.**
- **Automatically deploying rear spoiler**
- **Maps and navigation with real time traffic updates**
- **Daytime running lights**
- **Power-folding and heated side mirrors**
- **Front trunk with room for luggage, strollers or two golf bags**
- **Full size rear cargo area for your gear**
- **Free long distance travel on Tesla's expanding Supercharger network**
- **8 year, infinite mile battery and drive unit warranty**
- **Automatic keyless entry, with automatically opening front doors**
- **GPS enabled Homelink**
- **Parking sensors, blind spot warning and side collision avoidance**
- **Automatic emergency braking to assist in avoiding collisions, even at highway speeds**
- **Seating for up to seven adults**
- **Four LATCH child seat attachments, two in each passenger row**



As for the price, in order to have the most advanced SUV on the market you may have to start saving up- the new Model X costs a cool \$132,000 and will be available in the latter half of 2016. Tesla continues to lead the market in innovation with their newest car, whose revolutionary technology easily makes it by far as one of the coolest cars this decade.

iPHONE 6S AND iOS 9

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

BY CHRISTOPHER GIORDANO

iPHONE 6S AND iPhone 6S PLUS: WHAT'S NEW AND DIFFERENT



SHOULD YOU UPGRADE?

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE THE iPhone 6, 6 PLUS, OR 5s, I would recommend you wait until the next model is released. Although the new 6S models sport some cool new features, these features are not worth the upgrade.

IF YOU HAVE AN iPhone 5, 4s, 4, OR OLDER, this is the perfect time to upgrade. Everything about the 6S and 6S Plus will most likely blow you away when compared to your current phone.

NOT COMPLETELY SURE IF YOU WANT OR NEED TO UPGRADE? Go to the Apple Store or your cellphone carriers store. Play around with it, test the speed, test the camera, see if you like it!

3D TOUCH: A new sensor embedded in the screen of the 6S and 6S Plus allows you to press harder on the screen for quick information, app shortcuts, and more.

IMPROVED REAR-FACING CAMERA: New, improved camera sensor which supports 4K video recording, 12MP photos, and "Live Photos." Live Photos are short clips that set your pictures into motion.

IMPROVED FRONT-FACING "SELFIE" CAMERA: New, improved camera sensor which supports 5MP photos and "Retina Flash," which uses the screen of the phone as a flash to illuminate your selfies.

FASTER PROCESSING: The new A9 chip sports a 70% faster CPU and 90% faster GPU, which makes the 6S and 6S Plus faster, smoother, and more efficient.

IMPROVED TOUCH ID: A second-generation fingerprint sensor built in to the home button; now faster and more accurate than previous models.

FASTER LTE AND WI-FI: Improved download and upload speeds when using LTE or Wi-Fi.

IMPROVED WATER-RESISTANCE: Internal seals protect the logic boards from water damage, making it almost water-proof.

IMPROVED SPOTLIGHT SEARCH:
Now, spotlight search shows you useful information such as recent contacts, recently used apps, nearby locations, and news as well as being able to search in Settings. Information you search for, such as the weather or the score of a game, can also appear right in spotlight search as you type.

IMPROVED PERFORMANCE:
iOS 9 makes your device faster and more responsive than ever.

NEW EMOJIS:
The software update soon after iOS 9; iOS 9.1, which is expected to be released sometime in October will also include a burrito, a taco, a unicorn, a middle finger, new weather and sport emojis, and much more.

IMPROVED BATTERY LIFE:
According to Apple, iOS 9 adds up to an hour of battery life to your device. You can also turn on the "Low Power Mode" feature, which disables background processes, decreases brightness, and takes other measures to preserve even more battery life.

NOTES APP:
Now you can include drawings, photos, and checklists into your notes with the updated version.

NEWS APP:
This new app lets you pick your favorite topics and news sources, then selects the articles you will be most interested in and adds them to your news feed.

SHOULD YOU UPGRADE?

IF YOU HAVE AN iPhone 6, 6 PLUS, 5S, 5C, OR 5, I would recommend updating to iOS 9. Most of the improvements are minor, but the improved battery life, Low Power Mode, and soon-to-be-released new emojis are what most people see to be the quite useful and fun. The update requires about 1.3GB of space to be free on your phone, but once it has finished installing you should get most of that space back.

IF YOU HAVE AN iPhone 4S, your device is compatible with iOS 9. However, I would strongly recommend that you not upgrade. The 4S was released in 2011; four years ago, which means the hardware is a little bit outdated, and iOS 9 may make your phone much slower.

IF YOU HAVE AN iPhone 4 OR OLDER, your device is unfortunately not compatible with iOS 9.

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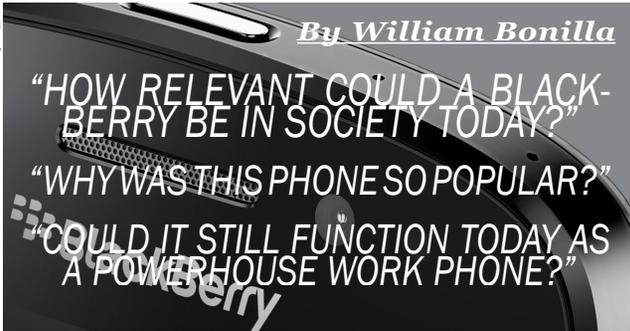
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THE BLACKBERRY EXPERIMENT

For most of the kids in my generation, we missed the blackberry "crackberry" era. Back in the day, I watched in envy as I saw my older relatives with their brand new Blackberys. So, here we are today. It was time for me to upgrade my phone. Doing a lot of research on what kind of phone would fit my need best, I came across a blackberry. The blackberry instantly caught my attention, and I thought to myself "How relevant could a blackberry be in society today?", "Why was this phone so popular?", "Could it still function today as a powerhouse work phone?"

I jumped at the chance to buy one. Because of the ancient piece of technology, people were practically throwing them away online. I got one for cheap and had nothing to lose. Now it was time to experiment with this phone. I was really excited about getting this in the mail. Upon opening the package, I was blown away by just how small the phone was. Coming from a phone with a screen size equivalent to an iPhone 6 Plus, I was already regretting my decision of buying this phone. The physical keyboard is a major selling point for this phone, but I wondered, "How can I manage to click a



key if they are so miniscule?" I appreciate my phone even more after holding the cheap plastic blackberry. One thing I do give an enormous amount of credit to the Blackberry for is the amount of work you can do on it; it truly is a phone for the working businessman. This phone comes stocked with a word processor, spreadsheet, PowerPoint app, alongside some other organizational apps. That is why this phone was so popular and deemed the "crackberry." You could do so much work with this little piece of

By William Bonilla

tech. To any student thinking about getting this phone, I can almost guarantee an increase in productivity.

With this phone, you're disconnected from any form of social media...well at least Snapchat and Instagram. There's simply no way of getting distracted. Overall, this phone was a cool blast from the past. It was interesting looking at how far technology has come in such little time and really got me thinking about in just how much farther technology will go.



1. The Revenant -
JANUARY 8, 2016

Directed by three-time Academy Award winner Alejandro Iñárritu, and starring zero-time Oscar winner (too soon?) Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hardy, this film has a great deal of potential. The film is an Adventure-Drama that follows a frontiersman in the 1820s who seeks vengeance against those who left him for dead after a bear attack. The trailer alone is better than 80% of the movies that have come out this year, so I highly recommend watching the trailer (it contains no spoilers) and seeing this film January of next year.

2. Joy -
DECEMBER 25, 2015

David O. Russell never fails to deliver with the films he directs. American Hustle, Silver Linings

Playbook, The Fighter; must I say more? This will be his third motion picture in collaboration with Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper, and Robert De Niro. I can't help but expect great things from it. Joy follows the story of a family across four generations and the woman from which rises to become founder and matriarch of a powerful family business dynasty. The trailer for this film also looks fantastic and appears to have no spoilers for the film.

3. Spectre -
NOVEMBER 5, 2015

This will be Daniel Craig's fourth Bond film and possibly his last. Craig has served well as Bond in Casino Royale, Quantum of Solace, and Skyfall. Now, in Spectre, Bond must use a cryptic message from his past to uncover a sinister organization. Sam Mendes, director of Skyfall (nominated for five and won two Oscars), returns as

director for his second Bond film. This is good news, as Skyfall was a quality addition to the Bond collection and I'm sure Spectre will be too.

4. The Hateful Eight - JANUARY 8, 2016

This is the eighth film by Quentin Tarantino; one of the most well respected modern directors. He never seems to disappoint audiences or deliver a sour film. His crazy, thrilling, intense, funny, stories are unique and always welcomed with open arms. The Hateful Eight will take place in post-Civil War Wyoming, where bounty hunters attempt to find shelter during a blizzard, resulting in betrayal and deception. It will most notably star Channing Tatum, Samuel L. Jackson, and Kurt Russell. If Tarantino's track record says anything, this will be a great addition to his resume.

5. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 -
NOVEMBER 20, 2015

This will be the final installment of the Hunger Games saga, after almost four years since the first. I must say; the first installment was an adequate film and a faithful adaptation, the second film was excellent, and the third was extremely lackluster. I do understand and support the reasoning for the third book of the trilogy being split into two movies, but due to the split the third film didn't have much story to work with. Based on the trailers and the book it is adapted from, I want to believe that this last installment will be an improvement from the previous.



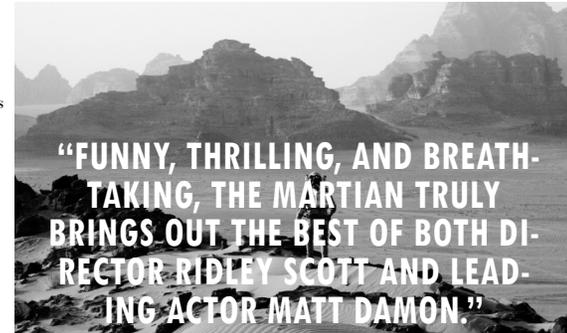
BY CHRISTOPHER GIORDANO

OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, Hollywood has been delivering some fantastic and powerful Sci-Fi films. In 2013 there was Gravity, in 2014 Interstellar, and now in 2015, The Martian. When I heard that Ridley Scott was directing this film I was both intrigued and skeptical. Intrigued since Ridley Scott has directed some of the best Sci-Fi films of all time; Alien, Blade Runner, but skeptical because his most recent films have been somewhat disappointing when compared to his best. Fortunately, after seeing The Martian, I am happy to say it easily measures up to Ridley Scott's best.



The film follows Mark Watney, astronaut and botanist, played by Matt Damon, who finds himself stranded on Mars after the rest of his crew believes he is killed by debris in a storm. Watney must use the little supplies and food he has left to survive on Mars until NASA's next mission to Mars lands in four years, or until he can find a way to signal to Earth that he's still alive.

"I'm gonna have to science the sh*t out of this."
—MARK WATNEY, THE MARTIAN



Watney is possibly the most likable astronaut in all of film history. Think Chris Pratt's Star-Lord from Guardians of the Galaxy, only in a more life-like setting. He documents his time on Mars with cameras mounted on his spacesuit and inside NASA's base station. He never fails to make the audience laugh or, at times make the audience feel infinitely hopeless and lonely.

I could go on and on about the art of the film and how the cinematography really captured the tone of the film, but I will spare you from that. Most of you just want to know if you should go see this movie. The answer? Yes. I promise you will not be disappointed. Even people who don't particularly go for Sci-Fi can enjoy this film due to its light-heartedness, and those who do like Sci-Fi will enjoy it even more.

BY ELLY MUSTAFA

Everyone is getting ready for Halloween by watching scary movies and spooky shows. Fox and X Files creator Chris Carter took advantage of the Halloween season and decided to announce the upcoming continuation of X Files by dropping two new promos on us on Monday, October 5th. What better way is there to kick off the spooky season than to start it with 'Spooky Mulder'?

The first episode of the six episode mini-series will not air until January 24th, 2016 for the general public. However, die-hard fans and casual convention attendees alike had the opportunity to see the first episode early at New York Comic-Con on October 10th. The premiere of the pilot was met with fanatical cheering and applause from the crowd. One source claims that anyone who liked the original series will enjoy the reboot. The original cast will be returning, with David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson reprising their roles as Fox Mulder and Dana Scully and retaining the chemistry that made the show so great.

(Spoilers ahead!)

The characters are in two very different places when the mini-series begins;



Mulder has closed himself off completely from the world, while Scully is working in a hospital saving lives. Anderson, who plays Scully, states that she "likes where Mulder and Scully's relationship is," at the start of the episode. Mulder and Scully are no longer together—professionally or personally.

The episodes and events taking place in them will be relevant to modern life today. Creator Chris Carter stated, "Every day, I look in the newspaper and see a possible X Files episode." As the series is now taking place in a Post-9/11 era, government spying

will play a large role in the plot. Each episode will be a standalone episode, and there will be a "monster of the week" episode. In addition to a new twist on the show, there is a new character: a conspiracy theorist that spreads his ideas via internet. However, there have been hints that we may lose a character soon.

While Carter does not see a full season reboot in the future, he can see additional mini-series to continue Mulder and Scully's story. Here's to hoping it's a great six episodes, and many more to come.

THE OBSESSIVES-HECK, NO NANCY

Adolescence is often an overlooked stage in our lives. It comes and goes so quickly that many artists can't truly capture the feeling involved in growing up. Perhaps this is why the hardships of adolescents are often overlooked. The things that adults see as trivial or even laughable are usually the most important things in a teen's life, whether it be seeing a good friend go away to college, trying to impress a girl, or just trying to fit in. The high school years are often fraught with emotion and change, and it's hard to find a soundtrack to fit the surroundings of young adulthood.

This is where Washington D.C. based band The Obsessives come into play. Their first full length album *Heck No, Nancy* (Near Mint Records) is filled with angst and heartbreak, yes, but not once does it seem whiny or petty. Songs like the opener, *Daisy* show the turmoil of the teenage years without stepping over the line emotionally, it perfectly captures the fragility of life without making it too serious. Unlike their counterparts in the emo genre, Modern Baseball, the vocals aren't as high-pitched, and lead singer Nicholas Bairatchnyi has a rasp to his voice that is indistinguishable. If you're a fan of emo, definitely check this album out.



OVERVIEW:

SCORE: 8/10
FOR FANS OF:
 Modern Baseball's *Sports*,
 Snowing's *I Could Do What
 ever I Wanted If I Wanted*

WHIRR DROPPED AFTER ATTACKS ON G.L.O.S.S.

BY ALEXANDRA MULLER

After shoegaze/indie rock band, Whirr, tweeted transphobic tweets at an up and coming punk band, G.L.O.S.S., their label dropped them. Being a fan of the band, I was completely shocked by their actions. Given the family-like feel of the punk scene, I was legitimately hurt by their actions and felt dreadful that they would not be making music as they once did.

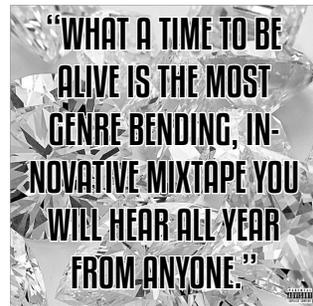
The tweets regarded the members of G.L.O.S.S. as "a bunch of boys running around in panties," then proceeded to compare their transgender lead singer to the character Buffalo Bill, the serial killer, from *Silence of the Lambs*. Following the tweets, fans of the band were outraged; even those who weren't fans of the band were up in arms. Waves upon waves of responses came in, all defending G.L.O.S.S. and dismissing Whirr's actions as disrespectful and revolting. Shortly after the incidents involving Whirr's social media disaster, Run for Cover Records tweeted multiple times saying "We as individuals and as a label are accepting of all people and require the same from the bands and people we work with... We will not be working with Whirr from this point on and do not support that behavior in anyway... G.L.O.S.S. is awesome and crucially important and we need more bands like them." In addition to dropping Whirr, the label also dropped Nothing and Camera Shy because they had mutual members that were involved in the scandal.

Not only were the actions of the band uncalled for, they were completely and utterly offensive. Even other bands in the genre began to fire several tweets back at Whirr to prove that what they said about G.L.O.S.S. was vulgar. Especially in this genre of music, disrespecting people of any race, gender, or sexuality is entirely unacceptable. I know that it will take me a long while to be able to listen to the bands' music again- if I ever do.

WHAT A TIME TO BE ALIVE- DRAKE X FUTURE

As of late, I feel like rap has been a very different game. The charts have been dominated by one hit wonders and lackluster auto-tuned acts (*ahem Fetty Wap ahem*), but in my opinion there hasn't been many solid whole hip-hop albums released this year. Future and Drake shattered my expectations with *DS2* and *If* you're reading this it's too late, respectively but when they announced a joint mixtape, I was extremely skeptical. How could these two distinct voices work well together every track? I felt that Future's drugged out trap rap would be underwhelming next to Drake's flow of consciousness lyrical masterpieces. Boy was I wrong. *What A Time To Be Alive* is the most genre bending, innovative mixtape you will hear all year from anyone. And I mean anyone. Each and every song showcases both rappers best lyrical attempts, and even though most beats on the album are pretty low key in terms of composition, the hooks and the verses

are so clean flowing into each other it seems upbeat and almost danceable. Songs like *Jumpman* and *I'm the Plug* are instant bangers with bass heavy beats that compliment the incoherent Future's lines about late nights and drugs and Drake's witty punchlines. On the other side, the track *Plastic Bag* is almost melancholy with Drake crooning that the girl dancing "deserved it". Future's verse



serves as perhaps a cautionary tale against the dangers of hard drugs with him talking about "xan's in his pockets" and "not remembering the night". The most standout track on the entire project though is the track *Big Rings*. It's infectious beat will be in your head for days and Drake is spitting manic over the track, I haven't heard Drake rapping as hard or as well since 2013's *Nothing Was the Same* and dear god, it's good to hear him back. Future somehow actually manages to outshine him on the track though by giving the beat his own signature dose of drill-inspired flow. It's somehow like his voice becomes an instrument, something more than words is portrayed when he gets on the mic. This mixtape is really good overall and to be honest, I didn't dislike any tracks. It is one of the most consistent, concise, relevant mixtapes in recent memory and I cannot wait for both artists to release more.

By Page Montecalvo

THE WORLD IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE

~Harmlessness~

BY PAGE MONTECALVO

YOU CAN'T LIVE THERE FOREVER.

This track starts off a bit odd for a World Is track, instead of their usual grandiose sound structures, they stick with a lo-fi acoustic riff with only 1 of the bands 9 members on vocals until about the two minute mark. The song explodes about halfway through with lead singer David F. Bello exclaiming "we are as harmless as the thoughts in our head" as the song breaks down into a beautiful stringed melody.

8.2/10

BLANK #11.

This is an ambient instrumental track this serves no particular purpose besides an introduction to the next track. Interesting but nothing is really happening.

4/10

JANUARY 10TH, 2014-

Again differing from their previous full length album, this track is a 6 minute epic telling the story of a vigilante female in South America, its post-rocky, it's brash, and still delicate enough to allow keyboardist Katie Dvorak to lend her vocal chops. The percussion rips and chops towards the end to conclude an extremely well put together song.

8/10

THE WORD LISA-

In a stellar return to form for TWIABP this song bubbles with life and shows already that this album is nothing to sleep on, it's energetic, and proves that even a short song (2:03), can put a point across.

9/10

RAGE AGAINST THE DYING OF THE LIGHT.

This song is one of the most post-rock influenced songs World Is has ever released with atmospheric soundscapes colliding with pounding drum work, but the vocals leave something to be left desired with vocalist Bello almost sounding bored for half the song.

6/10

RA PATERA DANCE-

The complete opposite of the song previous, Ra Patera Dance is a lyrical masterpiece with the band exhaling an aggressive self-importance messages. Every time I hear the lyrics "Today we are superheroes, today we'll just be tired" I get legitimate chills up my spine from the pure honesty of Bello's voice.

8.9/10

MENTAL HEALTH-

Shying further away from their emo debut album, Mental Health is a modern day Fleetwood Mac-esque track that proves again this album isn't just a fluke. TWIABP may have accidentally written a modern day classic. Tears will be shed, just a warning.

10/10

WENDOVER-

I really just did not enjoy this track. It sounds like it's straight off one of the lazier Modest Mouse albums and the end seems like a jumble of ideas rather than a conclusive finale.

2/10

WE NEED MORE SKULLS-

This album refuses to be put in a box. This track sounds like an outtake from Brand New's *Daisy* and I couldn't mean that any more lovingly. The guitars are intense, the vocals are urgently straining against the instrumentation, beautifully setting up the conclusion when the breaks with the lyrics "We set out to make up all the mistakes of our parents and their friends. We set up, we set up a safety net, but it was above our heads"

9/10

HAIRCUTS FOR EVERYBODY-

On this album, for every great track, there is a more lackluster one. This is that track, it's corny and almost over the top with the tag repeated being, "change my life, please come change my life". It almost veers into show tune territory. Steer clear of this one

3/10

WILLIE(FOR HOWARD)-

Literally written as a favor to their friend Howard, this song is just too chaotic. It's a melodic mess with too much going on instrumentally wise. I can't follow the themes presented and it frustrates me to no end.

4/10

I CAN BE AFRAID OF ANYTHING-

The album finds it's way again with uplifting group vocals, and gripping guitar work by Chris Teti. This song is almost a reprise of *You Can't Live There Forever*, and if you listen to the album start to finish, it's almost a deja vu type moment. Fantastic track.

9/10

MOUNT HUM-

The album's closer is an 8 minute run through of all the album's themes of loss and redemption, but doesn't really feel like an definitive ending to the album. This song could've been so much more.

5.5/10

NAS TAKES W.E.B. DU BOIS AWARD

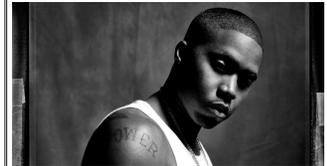
The W.E.B. Du Bois Award is Harvard's highest honor in the field of African and African American Studies. It's an award given to individuals who Harvard feels have worked hard in contributing to the African and/or African American culture. Recipients include scholars, artists, writers, and many more and previous winners include Oprah Winfrey, Toni Morrison and Maya Angelou all of these women are huge contributors to the ever growing and evolving genre of black literature.

One of this year's recipients was rapper Nasir "Nas" Jones. Nas was the first person from Hip Hop recognized for this award. Nas constantly speaks out on the behalf of blacks not only nationally, but globally. Whether it's in a song, Instagram post, or some other medium he brings light to their struggles. "This is a light I want on me. I hope that I can be a great role model for those kids," the Queensbridge rapper said at the ceremony during his acceptance speech. Other winners of this esteemed award include, Muhammad Ali, former professional boxer, artist Carrie Mae Weems, Eric Holder, and many more.

By Ingrid Oliva



ERIC HOLDER AND NAS WITH HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S HENRY LOUIS GATES JR. AND LAWRENCE BOBO VIA NAS' INSTAGRAM



DOES HIP HOP ACTUALLY DECREASE VIOLENCE?

BY EMMANUEL ANASTOS

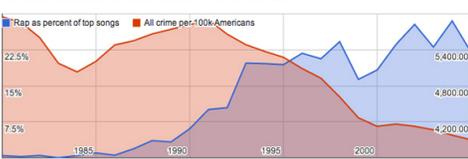
Although you probably never have, if you've ever asked an adult "how does hip-hop effect violence?" they'd probably say something like "Oh, I suppose it makes violence go up a bit". In general, it would be something which says that the only way they'd ever consider hip-hop to effect violence is by increasing it. While there is no substantial proof to prove this, the evidence may even suggest the opposite.

Many people who are not familiar with hip-hop often stereotype it as a negative and disrespectful encouragement of things such as violence, drugs, and flagrant sex. But if one who takes the time to study that thought process, he or she will realize the error in that assumption. Yes, some popular hip-hop songs we hear on the radio may have little substance, but the majority of this music genre is but expression of what the artists have lived through; while many expect this music to rile up people and create them to do more violent, instinctive actions, it in fact may give them hope and give them a more positive, inspired outlook. In several scientific studies, this concept may be supported, like in an observational experiment of the relationship between lyrics of hip-hop and crime rates done in 2014 that showed that there was not a positive correlation between violent lyrics and crime rates, but a slight decrease. In a

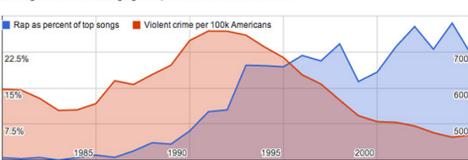
study done by a professor at University of Pittsburgh, it is shown that rap can provide a therapeutic experience to violent, delinquent youths. In another study, it was proven that there was no immediate change in sexual motives after listening to sexually explicit hip-hop, again debunking a stereotype of a perceived negative effect of hip-hop. In Chicago, a new sect of hip-hop has arisen and grown since 2012 called "drill music". Although 2012 showed a spike in violent activity (perhaps the reason this new form of hip-hop expression began), the murder rate has lowered since that time, and in 2014, it was it has been in three decades.

As the fact that hip-hop decreases violence is certainly not set in stone, it is fair to say that hip-hop does not strongly increase violence, and that its connection to increased violence is something to be quite skeptical of. With no blame intended, if you are someone who sneers at hearing the names "Kanye West" and "Chief Keef" because their lyrics come across to you as "gross" and "awful", you may want to consider their background of poverty and how they made themselves a fortune through expression or their reality, and how that could potentially open up the doors for inspiration, hope, and the decrease of the epidemic of violence throughout the whole of our country.

As rap became more popular, overall crime declined.



As rap became more popular, violent crime declined.



PETER PAN REMAKE- WHAT HAPPENED TO TIGER LILY?

By Anne Glakin

What happened to Tiger Lily? The Peter Pan story has been adapted for film and television countless times and each new director brings a new take. However, throughout all the changes, Tiger Lily has always been a constant. It is practically impossible to have a Peter Pan story without the Native American Princess and her tribe. Tiger Lily does appear in the new movie Pan— but not as you may remember her.

In the new movie, Tiger Lily is played by the blonde, blue eyed, All-American Rooney Mara. This casting decision immediately met resistance, especially since director Joe Wright had been preaching his desire to create an "international and multiracial Neverland." How do these two things fit together? Simple answer: they don't. Tiger Lily and all the other main characters are played by Caucasian actors and actresses. The only source of diversity comes from the supporting cast, and it is a small amount at that. While it is unfortunate that audiences were not given the diversity they were promised, most casting decisions can be forgiven since the source material did illustrate the characters as Caucasian—all besides Tiger Lily. The casting of Rooney Mara and the rest of Tiger Lily's tribe are blatant examples of white washing. You could argue, in director Joe Wright's defense, that when he offered "diversity", he really just meant that characters would be portrayed differently. Either way, there is a large disparity and people of color do not find themselves represented in this movie which is a regular trend.



A ROAD TRIP CHECK LIST

By Michelle D'Alessandro

LIQUID	VERB
NOUN	NOUN
ANIMAL	OBJECT
NOUN (NOT A PLACE)	PLURAL NOUN
FOOD	NOUN
PART OF BODY	NOUN
ADJECTIVE	VERB ENDING IN -ING
PART OF BODY	ADJECTIVE
ACTION	ARTIST
ADJECTIVE	PERIOD OF TIME
SPORT	PLACE
VERB	EXCLAMATION

1. Have you filled your car with _____ *liquid* _____?
2. Do you have reservations for a room at the _____ *noun* _____?
3. Are you taking your pet _____ *animal* _____ in the car? If yes, do you have his _____ *noun (not place)* _____ and plenty of _____ *food* _____ for him?
4. Did you remember to pack all of your toiletries, such as your _____ *part of body* _____ brush and your _____ *adjective* _____ _____ *part of body* _____ paste?
5. Did you bring your _____ *action* _____ outfit and your _____ *adjective* _____ _____ *sport* _____ shoes?
6. Do you have a map to show where all of the _____ *verb* _____ stops are so you can _____ *verb* _____ and grab a bite of _____ *noun* _____?
7. Dis you remember your travel- sized _____ *object* _____ and plenty of money in small _____ *plural noun* _____?
8. Did you remember to turn off the _____ *noun* _____ and make sure the _____ *noun* _____ isnt _____ *verb ending in -ing* _____?
9. Do you have a/n _____ *adjective* _____ playlist with plenty of _____ *artist* _____ to play for the _____ *period of time* _____ -long trip to _____ *place* _____? If you answered " _____ *exclamation* _____!" to any of these, you're all ready to go!



Sports



By Alyssa Bailey

M-E-T-S, METS, METS, METS!

After an electric beginning to the season, the New York Mets want more! Following a good season consisting of 90 wins and 72 losses, the Mets clinched the National League East Division and are headed to the playoffs.

Despite their strong win-loss ratio, the Mets had their hardships. They had to deal with many of their star players being but on the disabled list. The players included: Starting pitcher Zach Wheeler, Third Baseman David Wright, Catcher Travis d'Arnaud (on the disable list twice), Starting pitcher Steven Matz, Outfielder Michael Cuddyer, First Baseman Lucas Duda, and finally short stop Ruben Tejada. The Mets dealt with tough players, missed calls, harsh plays and more. But despite of that, presently the Mets are living the dream! They are deep in post season and hoping to clinch a spot in the World Series. The Mets played against the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NLDS. By winning against the

Dodgers, the Mets secures a spot against the Chicago Cubs in the NLCS. One of the most brutal and bogus plays was the controversial slide made by Chase Utley by sliding from first base to second base. At the time of the play, Mets short stop Ruben Tejada had his back to Chase Utley who spitefully and knowingly slid into Tejada's lower legs. This scored a run for the Dodgers. While the players and the other fans in Dodgers stadium cheered, all the players in the Mets dugout were all angered and concerned for Tejada's wellbeing. Ruben Tejada was taken out of the game and placed on the disable list with a broken leg. Due to his actions, Chase Utley received A suspension which he appealed. In the end the Mets defeated the Dodgers and now are one step closer to the World Series. The only thing we the fans at home can do now is watch and root for our only standing home team, and hope for them to pull through. The World Series is on October 27.

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