

THE END OF THE RACE?

Their days are numbered, but there is still time to save the cheetah.



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A cheetah running in its well-needed home. (Source: National Geographic)

BY ANIKA A. AND ERICA C.

Imagine you're a cheetah. As you run through Western Africa searching for prey, you come across some humans. *Oh no!* You think. *They'll kill me!* You run as fast as your legs can carry you as you dart through the trees. You see the motorized monster that they're riding chase after you. "Faster, Carson, faster," you hear them yell. You have one, last spurt of energy. As you use it, you can feel pain in your back. You run slower, as they catch up to you. You finally give up on life and drop to the ground, almost lifeless. *I'm done for. I can feel blood running down my back.* "We got 'em, boys!", you hear them yell again. Now, this might be a bit dramatic, but this

doesn't mean that events like this don't happen every day. Cheetahs in Africa die almost every day. This causes them to be endangered.

One reason cheetahs are becoming endangered is because humans destroy their habitats, causing them to lose their shelter and resources. On the Defenders of Wildlife website it says, "The cheetah's future is uncertain due to a variety of threats. The biggest is habitat loss due to human encroachment." This causes the cheetah to be endangered because while the humans make their homes in the cheetah's habitat, they are taking the resources with them. This causes the cheetah to die due to no natural resources. No natural resources means that the cheetahs' numbers will start

to drop, due to the lack of shelter from predators and hungry from lack of food. Therefore, they will struggle to survive because humans destroy their much needed home.

Another reason why cheetahs are becoming endangered is

because humans are hunting and killing cheetahs. The website of the African Wildlife Foundation states, "Cheetahs tend to encounter conflict with farmers when loss of their natural prey leads them to attack livestock, and farmers kill them, as pests, in retaliation." Since the cheetahs are losing prey (because humans are destroying their habitats), they have no choice but to hunt the farmers' livestock. Then, because of this, the farmers kill the cheetahs, using guns and traps. It is like cause and effect. The farmers are affecting themselves by destroying the cheetahs' habitat, but in return, the farmers decide to kill the cheetahs.

In conclusion, cheetahs are in great danger. Cheetahs are endangered because humans are destroying their habitat, and because of this, the cheetahs' resources are disappearing. The surviving cheetahs have no choice but to attack farmers' livestock. This causes the farmers to kill the cheetahs with weapons. Cheetahs die in Africa every day. You can help stop it by interacting with wildlife conservations and/or stay tuned for the latest news about cheetahs. You can help cheetahs escape extinction, and win the race.

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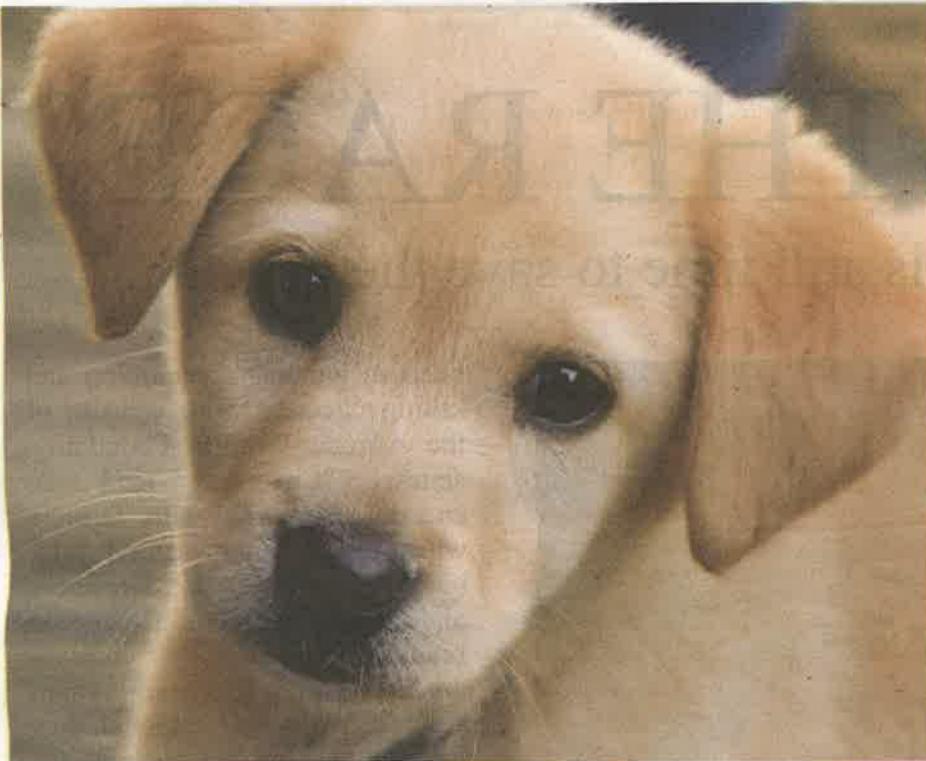
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They may be a huge responsibility, but who can resist this face? (Source: lifehacker.com)

Man's Best Friend

BY HAYDEN Y. AND JADEN M.

Do you know the saying: *Dogs are a man's best friend?* What makes so many people tempted to adopt these pets are that they're affectionate and adorable. But kids, your chances of getting one of these fluff balls are pretty slim, mostly because parents don't approve of it.

Usually, dogs are great if you are not busy or if you are independent. Dogs are great pets because they are always loving and they can keep you very healthy. On the website Purina.com, it says, "They're loyal, intelligent, devoted, and affectionate- and are known to improve our physical and mental health." This supports our idea because they are smart and can reduce the number of visits to a doctor clinic. They also can alert you to an unwanted or suspicious presence. On the OdyesseyOnline.com, it says, "Small dogs can at least alert you to an unwanted presence." In addition, another reason why dogs are good pets is because they can help disabled people. On the website arlfr.com, it states, "A dog can locate the source of a sound in 1/1600 of a second and can hear sounds four times farther

away than a human can." This also supports the idea that dogs are smart because they can also alert you and keep you safe from danger.

While dogs can be good and kind pets, they can also be a huge responsibility. The first concern is that they require a ton of training. OdyesseyOnline.com says that the responsibilities that come with owning a dog includes potty training and teaching them to obey your commands. This is bad because if you don't have enough time to train your dog, you will have some trouble with training your dog. Another reason is because you have to pay more when you're keeping your dog safe. Also on OdyesseyOnline.com, it says that if caring for your dog requires shots and surgery, you'll have to pay more money. This shows that dogs can cost you a ton of money and responsibility. The money you use for your dog could also be used for food, water, and other essentials.

Altogether, dogs have their pros and cons. But regardless of the huge responsibility, dogs still make great pet for children and adults.



Police officers stand with members of the canine unit. (Source: The Daily Journal)

Man's Best Sidekick

BY TASHVI R.

Have you ever wondered what the world would be like without police dogs? Well, if you have, you've found the right place to look.

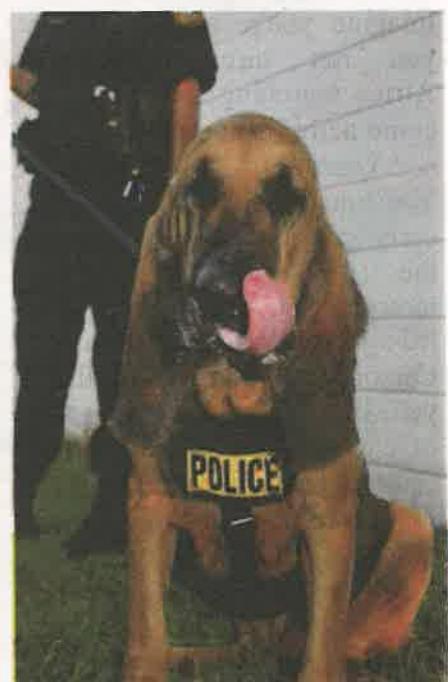
The first reason is that they are able to sniff out drugs and other hazardous or unsafe substances. Dogs have a very powerful sense of smell. Once they are given an object with a person's smell on it, they are able to sniff out that person's trail from up to 20 miles away! (nationalpolicedog-foundation.org)

The second reason is they help to catch criminals (ducksters.com). Once they find the criminal, they are trained to hold them until their officer arrives. This is very helpful because if they caught the criminal and then let them go, they wouldn't be helping, would they? (They can also be trained to find dead bodies.)

There are many different types of breeds used as police dogs. (akc.com) They are usually picked based on their size and abilities, such as speed, learning ability, smartness, loyalty, and cooperation abilities. The breed most commonly used is German Shepherds. They can grow up 24-

26 inches in height. They are considered to be one of the most loyal species, and are very common. Some other breeds that are used Belgian Malinois, Bloodhounds (for tracking), and Beagles (for detecting drugs). These breeds have the specific traits that police dogs need to be suited to be a proper police dog.

As you can see, without police dogs in the world, our world would not be as safe or as amazing as it is today.



Bloodhounds also aid officers. (Source: earthrated.com)

Natural Disasters in the US

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Did you know that thousands of people die in the United States from fires and hurricanes? In the U.S. there have been a lot of fires and hurricanes. Most of them have killed many people and destroyed many new and old structures.

In 2017 there were many fires in the United States that caused destruction. According to CNN.com, the biggest fire burned 27,000 acres and destroyed at least 571 structures. It occurred on October 14, 2017, where 31 people died and there were reports of 400 people going missing in Northern California. Another fire called the Santa Rosa fire, which happened in Anaheim Hills, California, burned 6,000 acres of land, according to the Los Angeles Times. It destroyed 24

buildings. One firefighter had to be treated for smoke inhalation. The Santa Rosa firestorm killed 23 people, and 600 went missing. The third fire, the Detwiler fire, burned more than 45,000 acres (NBC News.) The city is home to 2,000 people. Today, 100 people are still missing. All the fires combined, more than 300,000 acres have been burned in California so far this year. This shows that there have been a lot of fires in 2017 and many people got killed and structures destroyed as a result. Fires are very dangerous and can cause many disasters.

Hurricanes are another natural disaster that can cause much destruction. Hurricane Katrina was one of the most expensive hurricanes in the history of the US, according to Creepybasement.com. It cost \$106 billion. It was the third strongest hurricane ever

recorded. 1,833 people died in Hurricane Katrina. In addition, Hurricane Harvey hit on August 25, 2015. It cost \$108 billion (TheBalance.com). 82 people died, and 39,000 had to evacuate their homes. (Ussartf.org) says that about fourteen hurricanes hit

the US each year. This shows that the US has been losing money to pay for hurricanes in the last few years and has been very damaged.

To conclude, there have been several disasters in the US such as wildfires and hurricanes. They have destroyed structures, people's lives, and have cost a lot of money to the government.



Deadly fire in Colorado. (Source: Denver Post)

Millions Die in the Dreadful Holocaust



Armbands were worn to identify people as Jewish. (Source: bodzentyn.net)

BY VINNY V., ZACH G., ALIJAH J. AND LIAM T.

37 million people died during the Holocaust. There were many horrific events that happened during this time, including gas chambers and experiments. These horrific events led to the deaths of these millions of people.

The Holocaust started for

multiple reasons. According to a Holocaust encyclopedia Ushmm.org, Hitler, the leader of Germany and the Nazi Party, wanted everyone to be his religion because he thought that he was superior. Hitler wanted one, unified religion that everyone followed. Hitler also tried to conquer all of Europe and used the Nazi soldiers to accomplish this.

One of the methods Nazis used to show superiority over the Jewish people was through sending them to concentration camps. Concentration camps were used on Jewish people by Hitler. According to Ushmm.org, concentration camps were like prison camps--people were forced to do hard labor and the weak people quickly died of starvation or were killed in gas chambers. Many people died in these places.

The Nazis also conducted many medical experiments on Jewish prisoners and gypsies at the concentration camps.

According to Ushmm.org, there were three different categories of medical experiments. The first type were military survival experiments. For example, one of these was freezing experiments using prisoners to find a cure for hypothermia. Also, in the Dachau concentration camp, physicians from Germany conducted high-altitude experiments using a low pressure chamber to determine the maximum altitude that crews could parachute to safety. They

also used prisoners to test methods for making sea water drinkable. The second category of experimentation was injecting medicine to cure or prevent diseases. One example is prisoners were injected with medicine to try to cure yellow fever. Also, at Natzweiler and Sachsenhausen, both concentration camps, "their prisoners were subjected to phosgene and mustard gas in order to test possible antidotes." Third, experiments were conducted on twins. This was because identical twins would have the same DNA, which the doctors used to be able to compare the success of different trials on one twin versus the other. All of the different types of medical experiments prove that Nazis were terrible because they harmed innocent people in order to benefit themselves. The experiments were horrific because they killed a lot of people just for their own sake.

In conclusion, the Holocaust was a terrible time in history. Horrific events, such as gas chambers and different types of experiments, led to millions dying.

Plane Danger

BY NATALIA G. AND SIENA B.

Have you ever wondered how bad traveling on an airplane can be? Traveling on an airplane can be very dangerous for various reasons. On the runway airplanes could be very dangerous and they can cause very destructive damage, proving that traveling on an airplane is risky.

One reason why traveling on an airplane can be dangerous is because the runway is very dangerous. According to the

website www.planecrashinfo.com it states, "While approaching Bishkek for a fuel stop, the cargo plane crashed passed the end of the end of the runway destroying 23 houses." Additionally, according to www.planecrashinfo.com, while approaching Teterboro Airport, an aircraft crashed into the ground just before landing on the runway. The buildings got caught on fire. This shows that traveling on an airplane is not safe because there have been several accidents on the runway. Many people have died from these runway accidents. People should

be careful while going on airplanes.

Another reason why traveling on an airplane is not safe is because airplanes can be easily damaged. It states on the website www.bbc.co.uk/guides, "Flying into a storm with strong winds can badly damage the aircraft." This shows that you can risk your lives when you fly during a storm. You can't control when storms happen, so this is something you should not be risking. Also, according to www.planecrashinfo.com, there have been several times where

engines of planes have caught on fire, fuel tanks have run out, and the electrical has failed. This damage can cause an airplane to not work properly and, therefore, it's not safe to travel on an airplane.

In conclusion, flying on an airplane is not safe. It is dangerous because the runway can have problems and planes can be easily damaged.



An airplane in a runway incident. (Source: Daily Motion)

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Three Epic Facts About Black Holes

BY PRANEEL S., ZANE Z., AND THOMAS S.

"They are massive objects - collections of mass - with gravity so strong that nothing can escape, not even light," says space-facts.com. Only one thing fits this description: Black Holes. There are many types of black holes, and their formation and discovery are quite unique.

Many people contributed to the discovery of black holes. On the amazingspace.com website it says, "Albert Einstein first predicted black holes in 1916 with his general theory of relativity. The term 'black hole' was coined in 1967 by American astronomer John Wheeler, and the first one was

discovered in 1971." This tells us that Albert Einstein and John Wheeler, along with many other people, supported to the discovery of black holes. The formation of black holes is very interesting, but weird. On Hubblesite.com it says, "... when a larger star collapses, it continues to compress and creates a stellar black hole." It continues,

"Supermassive black holes may be the result of hundreds or thousands of tiny black holes that merge together. Large gas clouds could also be responsible, collapsing together and rapidly accreting mass. A third option is the collapse of a stellar cluster, a group of stars

all falling together." Additionally, Hubblesite.com says, "Such bodies could form when stars in a cluster collide in a chain reaction. Several of these forming in the same region could eventually fall together in the center of a galaxy and create a supermassive black hole." This

*** ...when a larger star collapses, it continues to compress and creates a stellar black hole.***

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tells us that when stars either collapse under their own weight, or stars in clusters collide with each other, a black hole is formed.

There are four different types of

black holes-primordial, stellar, intermediate, and supermassive-and they are formed in different ways. When a large star, usually larger than the Sun, collapses, it is compressed and compressed until the pressure gets too great and the star becomes a stellar black hole. If there are many of

these black holes close to each other, they could fall into the center of a galaxy and become a supermassive black hole. Also, in space.com, it says, "We think these early black holes are forming around the time when the dust was first forming in the universe, less than one billion years after the Big Bang," said Xiaohui Fan, an astronomer at the University of Arizona. "The primordial universe did not contain any molecules that could coagulate to form dust. The elements necessary for this process were produced and pumped into the universe later by stars." The last type of black hole is the intermediate black hole. Astronomers are not sure how they are formed, but they have found one, in the arm of a spiral galaxy. This shows that there are four types of black holes: primordial, stellar, intermediate, and super massive because all of them are theoretically possible and they can all be physically made, too.

In conclusion, the formation, discovery, and the types of Black Holes are epic. These overpowered objects can be formed in many different ways.



Black hole sucks up all the material of this star, so it can get bigger. (Source: NASA)



A bobcat in a conservatory eyeing food. (Source: The Nature Conservatory)

Bobcats Will Make Your Mind Explode

BY CLINTON C. AND JULIUS E.

Imagine you're in a jungle and you hear a strange noise that suddenly leaps out from the shadows and attacks you. It's a bobcat. Bobcats are unique animals. They have a certain diet, they live in different places and their behavior is very interesting as well.

Bobcats have a really big food web. They eat a lot of stuff such as small mammals, skin of dead deer, gophers, ground squirrels, rabbits, wood rats, raccoons, skunks, and moles. They also can eat some other cats. According to Urban Carnivores, it says "Bobcats are strict but generalist carnivores. Their diet is entirely made up prey species but they don't specialize on one prey type. Bobcats usually prey on small mammals but they may also hunt small birds and reptiles. However bobcats will feed on dead deer. A national park system found that bobcats eat rabbits but also eat gophers, ground squirrels and wood rats." This shows that bobcats have a big diet and they eat different types of animals. It is a good thing that they eat a

variety of animals because if they only ate one type then they might starve if they couldn't find that one animal.

Bobcats live in several parts of North America. According to Urban Carnivores.com, Bobcats live in every part in the United States and in some parts of Mexico and Canada. They can be found in forests, mountains and semi-deserts. The bobcat population is 750,000 in the whole entire United States. They are also partly in Canada, and Mexico. The same website also states that "bobcats are the most widely distributed animals in North America... Given their wide distribution these species are not endangered." Bobcats can adapt to places where a lot of people live. For example, you might find bobcats in urban areas such as the Hollywood Hills or Griffith Park even though they are inhabited by people. This means that bobcats are spread apart throughout North American countries. They can live both rural and urban areas, which means that the bobcat is able to adapt to various habitats.

Bobcats have interesting behaviors. According to defenders.com, Bobcats are excellent hunters, living in areas with less vegetation and more meat or prey. Their den is in a specific spot depending on food, prey, resources, and placement. This shows that bobcats act a certain way by telling where they settle, their food, and where they would live.

In conclusion, bobcats are interesting animals. They hunt different types of animals and live in parts of North America.

Two Heartbreaking Reasons Why Rainforest Animals are Becoming Extinct

BY KAAJAL S. AND YARA H.

Did you know that there are thousands of endangered animals getting killed every day? There are many rainforest animals becoming endangered such as toucans, sloths, and jaguars.

Part of the reason rainforest animals are getting killed is because of poaching. Poaching is illegal hunting. On the United for Wildlife's website it states, "Poaching is a growing threat to rhinos, pangolins, elephants, and tigers among other species across the world..."

One thousand four hundred twenty-five killed by poachers between 2000-2012." This proves that poaching is getting larger by the second and rainforest animals are getting smaller by the minute.

Another reason rainforest animals are becoming endangered is because of illegal trade. According to USA Today's website it states, "What began as subsistence hunting quickly grew an illicit commercial trade in gorilla meat that sees the animals butchered, transported, and sold." Additionally, United for Wildlife states, "The illegal wildlife trade is one of the biggest threats to the survival of some of the world's most threatened species." This explains that big companies are trading animals illegally and are getting money out of killing them, so that is why they are also becoming endangered.

To summarize, some of the reasons rainforest animals are becoming endangered is because of poaching and illegal trade. There are many rainforest animals becoming endangered all around the world.



Toucans of the rainforest. (Source: Wikimedia)

Is Virtual Reality What You Think It Is?

BY LOGAN C., PRESTON S. AND ARAMEH P.

People think they can use virtual reality without consequences; however there could be enormous consequences. Virtual reality is bad for you and your body.

First, only certain people should use virtual reality. According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, children under thirteen should not use virtual

reality because their eyes need to develop so they get more protection. If you use it when under thirteen the affects may be major since virtual reality is like holding a phone only inches away from your eyes for possibly hours on end. This shows how virtual reality should not be used for young ages because of the harmful effects.

Second, you can feel sick from using virtual reality. According to

Canadian Association of Optometrists, people get dizzy if they use virtual reality for too long which is why you should take a 20 second break every 20 minutes. If you do not take a break you will feel sick and dizzy because of the motion on the screen. For example, in action virtual reality games, the games moves you but you are not actually moving. This creates a dizziness effect and shows how bad virtually reality can make you feel.

In conclusion, people under 13 should not use virtual reality because their eyes are still developing and people can feel motion sickness from action games. Even though virtual reality is very fun, it is not good for you or your body.



Two people immersed in the virtual world. (Source: GE.com)

Two Upsetting Things That Are Causing the Siberian Tiger to Be in Danger

BY SAVANNA A. AND LAUREN J.

Wow! The Siberian tiger has remarkable features including the ability to leap 36 feet into the air and has beautiful patterns on its fur. Too bad they are endangered for several reasons.

The first reason why the Siberian tiger is endangered is that people are killing them on purpose.

According to National Geographic, it states that people kill Siberian tigers for fur and body parts. People use the fur for clothes like jackets, scarves, t-shirts, and pants. People use the body parts for Chinese medicine. With the Siberian tiger being killed on purpose by humans, this leads to extinction.

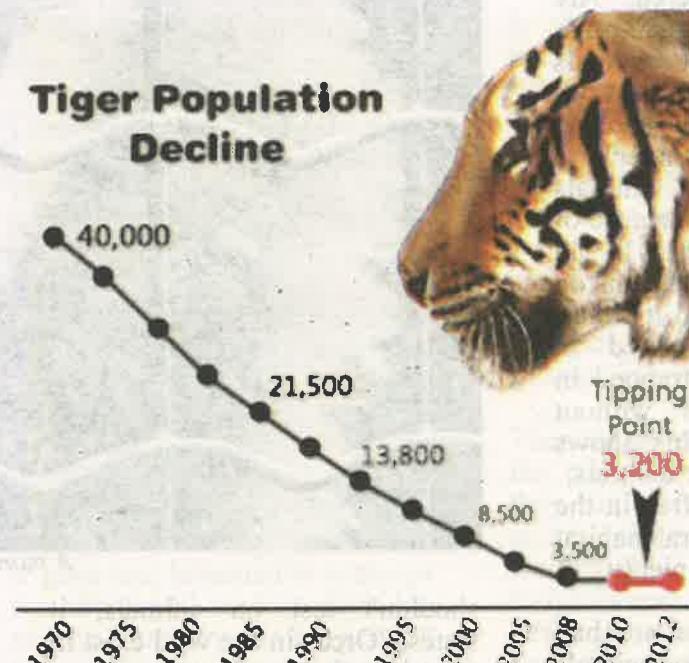
Second, their homes are being destroyed. National Geographic

says that there is forest reproduction, and this is very bad.

This means that their habitats are being destroyed and, as a result,

the tigers are being destroyed too.

In conclusion, the Siberian tiger will be long gone and if we don't do something fast, such as building artificial tiger habitats and forming laws against hunting them, the Siberian tiger will soon become extinct.



Siberian Tiger population has dropped over the years. (Source: savethesiberiantigersnow)

Crossword Puzzle: 5th Grade Science

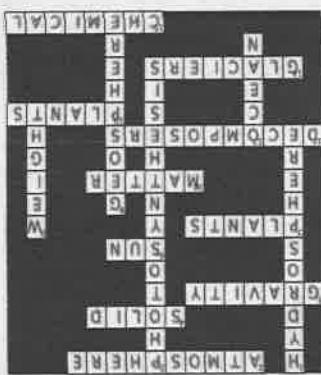
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2. air makes up this Earth system
4. liquid, gas, _____
5. pulls objects towards Earth
6. appears larger and brighter than other stars
7. almost any kind of animal's food can be traced back to this
10. made up particles that are too small to be seen
11. organisms that break down dead organisms
13. get their material for growth from air and water
14. much of Earth's fresh water is frozen here

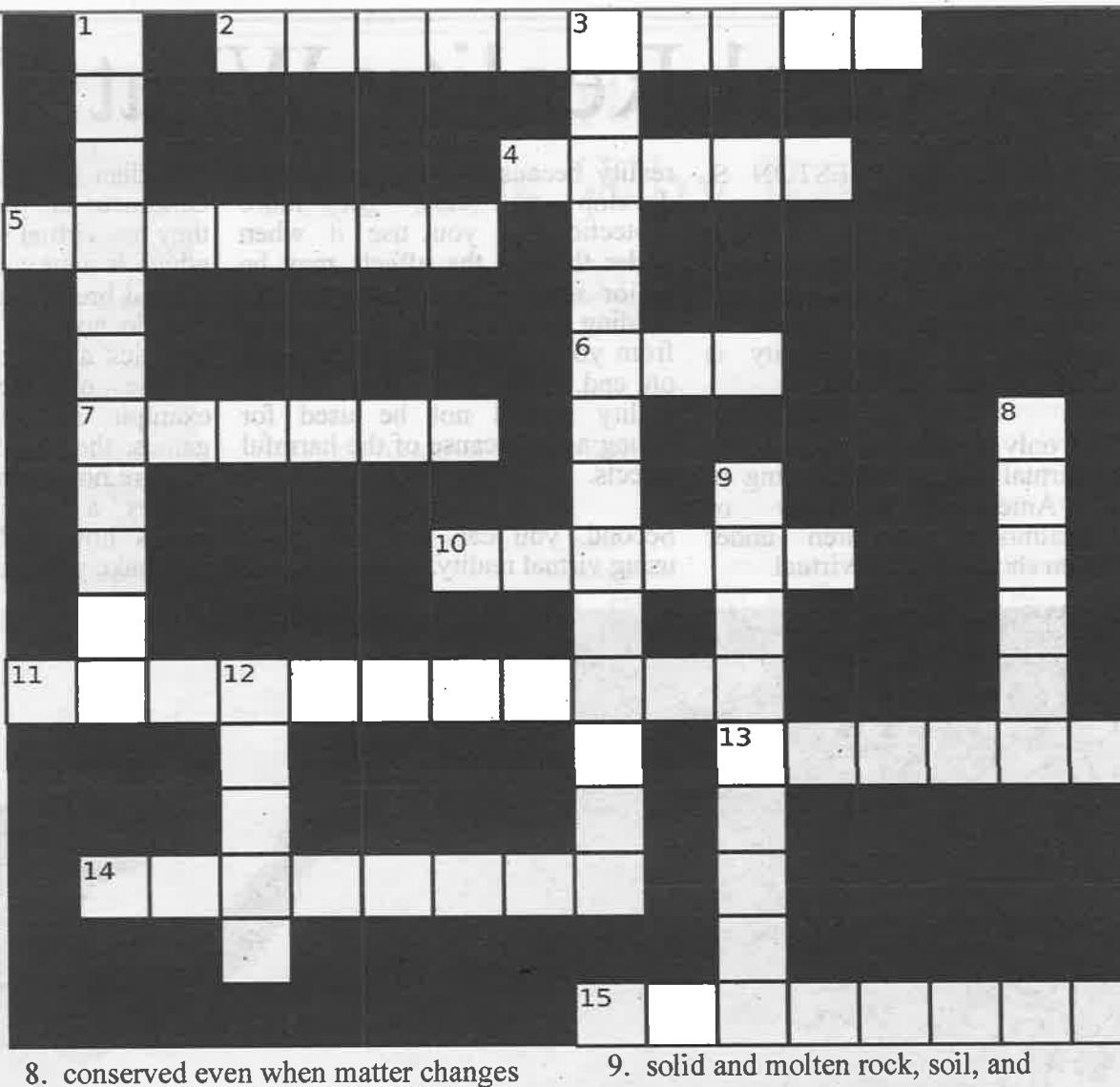
15. two or more substances mixed to make a new substance to create this reaction

Down

- 1. water and ice make up this Earth system
- 3. chemical process that forms plants



Answers



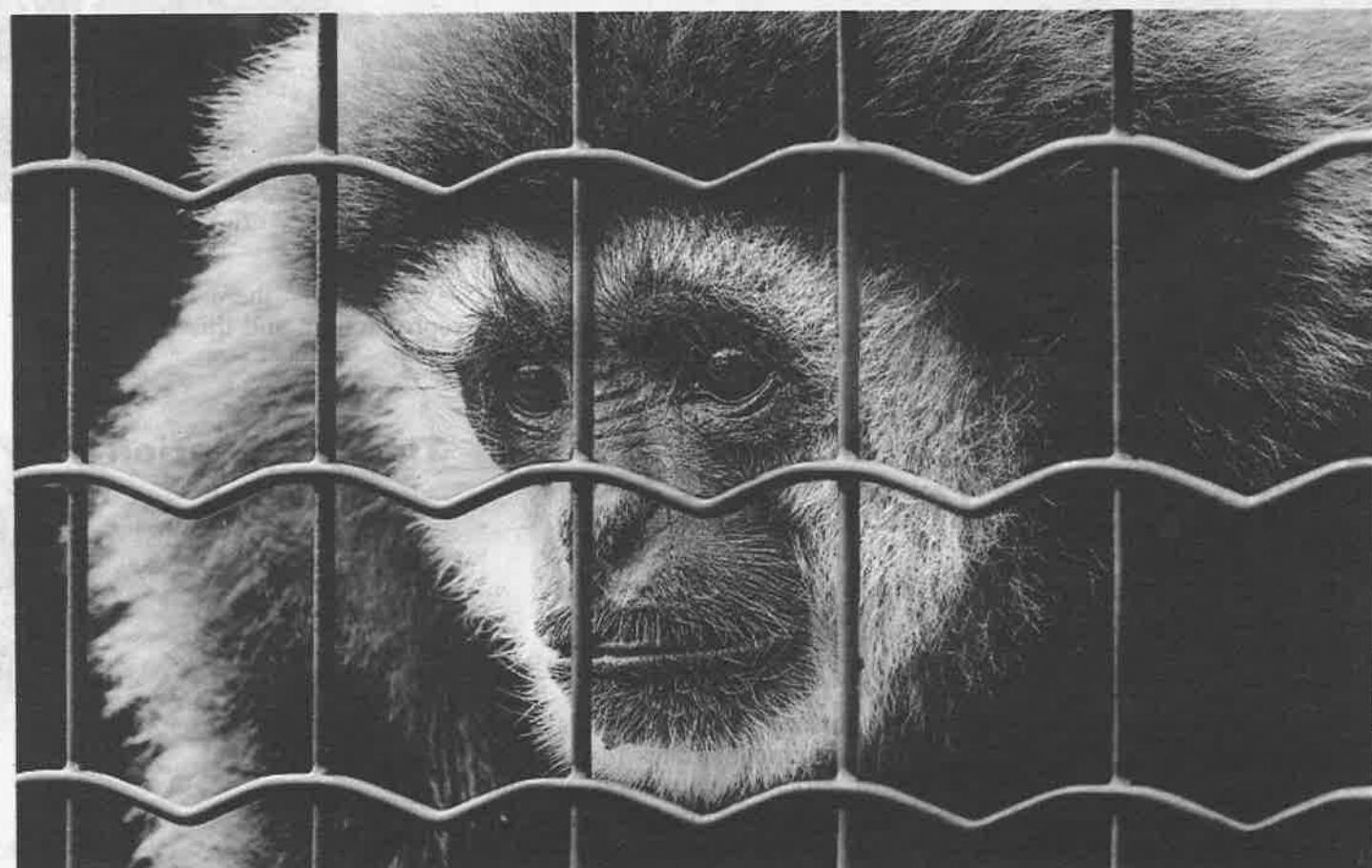
The Zoo

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One day a little girl went to the zoo and saw how amazing it was until she leaned against the bear door and wondered, "Are these animals really safe?" We firmly believe that animals should not be kept in zoos because of unnatural habitats and abuse for entertainment.

and abuse for entertainment. One reason why animals shouldn't be in zoos because of the unnatural habitat. In an article about bears and lions on the website dodo.com it states, "for months they lived in horrific conditions, trapped in tiny concrete cells without food or water." This shows that zoos are bad for animals. They should be out free in the wild with their natural habitat where they have plenty of space.

Another reason zoos are bad for animals is because animals are abused for entertainment. According to Navs.org, an organization that says we



A monkey behind the bars of its unnatural habitat in the zoo. (Source: Pixabay.com)

shouldn't test on animals, it states, "Orcas in the wild exist in tight knit family groups and can travel 100 miles in a day, yet captured orcas are kept in small pools for entertainment in which

they cannot dive and must swim in circles in shallow tanks." This also shows that zoos are bad. Animals should be free, not abused for entertainment. This shows that zoos are not good for

animals because the animals are not treated in the best way. In conclusion, we think animals should not be kept in zoos. They are abused for entertainment and live in unnatural habitats.

The Devastating Hurricane of 1900

BY MADELEINE F.,
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Did you know that the deadliest hurricane recorded in U.S. history affected 23 major areas? That great tragedy was called the Galveston Hurricane. On September 8, 1900, this great beast slammed into Texas.

The 1900 hurricane destroyed a devastating number of buildings and kicked up a fatal wind speed. In the text of History.com, it states, "...with winds surpassing 135 miles per hour." 135 miles per hour could not only knock a full grown man off his feet, but could pull a roof off of a house. Imagine being hit by plane! In Oceanservice.org, it states, "...over 3,600 buildings were destroyed." To help recover all the lost homes, people from all around the United States donated, with a total amount of donations exceeding \$1.25 million. The work began in

1903, and ended in 1910. If it took seven years to build, that fact alone tells you that this hurricane was very destructive.

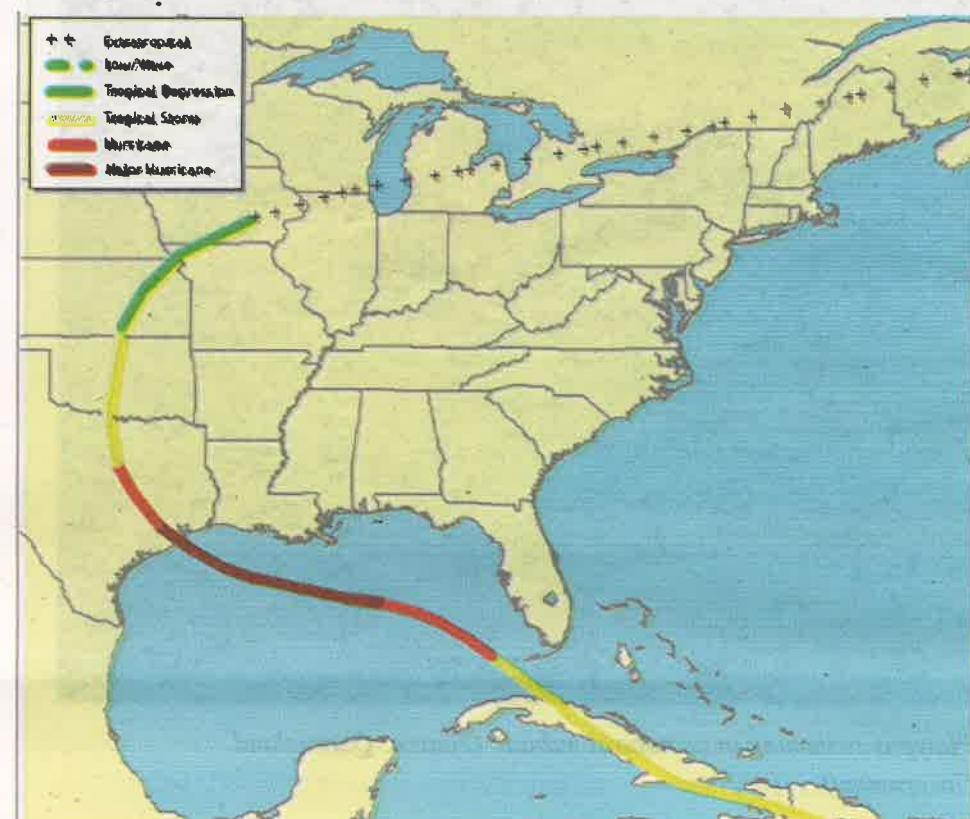
The storm surges in the Galveston hurricane reached outstanding heights and made it to one of the deadliest categories. According to the text of Oceanservice.org, it states, "Storm surges rose 15 feet..." 15 feet is as tall as a full grown female giraffe. And in the selection of History.com, it states, "...a category four hurricane descended on the town..." There are 5 categories of hurricanes. 5 is the highest, and 1 is the lowest. The Galveston Hurricane was so terrible that it was almost the strongest category.

This hurricane caused an overwhelming cost in damage and took an unfair amount of innocent lives. In the source of HurricaneScience.org, it states, "...and damage estimates exceeded \$20 million (in 1900

USD)." If \$20 million was the cost of the damage in 1900, then it would be \$551.4 million if it happened in 2017 because of inflation. According to the text of Oceanservice.org, it states, "...estimates of 6,000 to 12,000 unwary people were killed." There were more than two long columns of names that were written down as "dead." That amount of people is about the approximate number of students in the Newhall School

District!

To end with, the Galveston hurricane is the deadliest of all hurricanes in the U.S. This hurricane killed around 6,000-12,000 people, damages caused \$551.4 million, and it destroyed over 3,600 buildings. All in all, the Galveston Hurricane most definitely takes the crown for being the deadliest.



The track of the Galveston Hurricane. (Source: TSHA Online)

Seven Mind-Blowing Facts about Bears



A group of panda bear cubs. (Source: i.pinimg.com)

BY BRENDEN D., ANDRE B.,
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There are many different bear species, but four in particular are quite interesting. Here's a profile of these different types of bears.

One type of bear is the panda bear. According to livescience.com and

pandasbears.com, the panda bear's lifespan is about 20 years. The scientific name of a panda bear is *Ailuropoda Melanoleuca*. Another fact is that Pandas eat many things, including veggies and meats which makes them omnivores, which means they have a varied diet. The panda bear is three to four feet tall, the male panda bear weighs about 220 to 254

pounds and the female weighs about 150 to 220 pounds as an adult. Panda bears do not hibernate unlike other bears they migrate instead. Pandas love bamboo and they live in bamboo forests. Pandas have a powerful jaw and are very strong, which likely helps them eat and get energy.

Another type of bear is the grizzly bear. It takes a grizzly bear about 180 to 250 days to develop a baby cub. Grizzlies are about 6.5 feet tall as an adult. In contrast to the panda, the grizzly does hibernate unlike the panda who migrates. When it goes into hibernation it sleeps for about 152 to 213 days. A grizzly bear lives as long as 28 years. Grizzly bears can run very fast, faster than a human. Another fact is there are 50,000 of them in North America,

according to livescience.com.

In addition to grizzlies and pandas, there is also the black bear. It takes the black bear 220 days to develop a baby, which is approximately the same amount of time as a grizzly bear. The black bear is an omnivore, black bears come in many colors the black bear is the smallest bear they live in the forest the black bear is very adaptable their population is getting bigger.

Then there's the polar bear. Sadly the population is getting smaller they are very fast just like the grizzly, the male polar bear male weighs 990 pounds the female weighs about 330 pounds the polar bear can swim very fast the polar bears live up to 30 years the polar bears looks for food for a long time the fur is thick so they don't get cold in the ice cold water.

Platypus Problems



Platypus swimming in its natural habitat. (Source: Queensland Government)

BY JOY K., GRETNA R. AND STELLA C.

Do you think elephants are the most endangered animal in the world? If so, you're wrong. Platypuses are also one of the most endangered animals on Earth. There are several reasons why the platypus is endangered.

First of all, what exactly is a platypus? The platypus is an egg-laying mammal that lives in mainland Australia and Tasmania, according to the World Wildlife Fund. They have thick brown fur with a duck bill and flippers for swimming in fresh water.

One reason this animal is endangered is because of hunters. People have been hunting these endangered creatures for their fur. According to the Word Press Duck Bill Platypus website, "The duck billed platypus was once hunted to near extinction due to its highly prized fur." The platypus' fur is one of the

best mammal furs and is worth a lot. This means that because their furs are excellent and can be used for many reasons, it is highly priced. The platypus is being killed because of this.

Another reason the platypus is in danger is that in some places the platypus's environment have been destroyed! According to the Word Press site, humans have been polluting the platypus's environment with harmful chemicals, trash runoff, and raw sewage that contaminates water that the platypus depends on for survival. This means that the chemical infects the platypus skin and if it's not cured fast the platypus could die! They depend on their environment to live, and if it is destroyed this animal will be destroyed too!

In conclusion there are several reasons the platypus is in the path of danger. These include being hunted for their fur and the destruction of their homes.



The Ethiopian wolf and red panda are almost extinct. (Sources: www.awf.org and impremedia.net)

Three Tragic Endangered Animal Stories

BY ALLISON H., JULIA H. AND ALISON S.

Did you know that some endangered animals are about to disappear forever? Well we are going to tell you about three endangered animals which are the red wolf, red panda and the Ethiopian wolf.

Did you know that there is only 3,000 red pandas left in the wild? That might sound like a lot, but it is not. These animals are becoming endangered because of deforestation. That is when people cut down large amounts of trees. Red pandas are a cat sized carnivorous mammal, according to Nat Geo and the Smithsonian's National Zoo page.

The Ethiopian wolves are endangered there are only 450 Ethiopian wolves left, according to Nat Geo. The reason why there are 450 is because of lost habitat, diseases, and people. One reason is because people are

building into their habitats another reason they die from diseases such as abstract, rabies. They also die because of people because they kill them for fur or meat.

People say that there are only 45 to 60 red wolves left in the world. Red wolves live in Florida and the West. 1980 the red wolf was declared biology extinct, in the world. Another challenge is recovering a species. Also people and organizations go out into the wild and count also count see how healthy they are in the wild. They look at Florida and other places to see the red wolves. For years the problem is also the cars and traffic. Red wolves are also mistaken for coyotes (A-Zanimals.com).

In conclusion there are many endangered animals in the world, but these are three of them. Please help the red panda, the red wolf, and the Ethiopian wolf so that they don't disappear forever. We encourage everyone to be aware of endangered animals.



The red wolf. (Source: www.fossilrim.org)

Here's Why the iPhone X is The Phone for You

BY ZACHARY P., RAHUL P. AND ARSHIA D.

Don't you hate the spaces on the top of the screen on the old iphones? The iphone X is the best iphone. There are many reasons for this, but the best three are it has the most durable glass ever, it's also dust and water resistant, and it has face ID. For these three reasons, the iphone X is the best.

The first reason that the iphone X is the best phone is that the screen's glass is extremely durable. On Apple.com it says, "The most durable glass ever in a Smartphone, front and back." This makes the iphone X good because with other smartphones if you drop your phone frequently they will crack and cost hundreds of dollars to fix. However, if you get the iphone X none of this is going to happen and you can save hundreds of dollars.

The second reason the iPhone X is the best is that it's resistant to water and dust. According to Apple the iPhone is "water and dust resistant." This helps because the rain and dust won't damage your iphone and make it glitch. On other phones the dust or rain can ruin your phone. Although you can fix this kind of damage, it will cost money. The iPhone X will save you money since it won't get damaged. Also according to the Huffington Post, "We already had this on the iPhone 7, but it's good to know that even with the whole glass surround and the edge-to-edge screen updates."

The final reason that you should buy the iphone X is because it's easier to get in. Apple.com states, "Your face is now your password. Face ID is a secure and private new way to unlock, authenticate, and pay." This is good because if someone tries to unlock your iphone X it won't work. Only you can unlock your phone.

Get the iPhone X!



The iPhone X is water resistant and shock-proof. (Source: fiz-x.com)

Two Exclusive Secrets Why Three Toad Sloths Are on the Road to Extinction

BY MEGAN J., HANNAH M. AND OLIVIA M.

Did you know that you're making the three toed sloth is

endangered?

The three toed sloth is endangered because of human and predator threats. In

Reference.com it states, "Visitors such as local people, fishermen, and lobster divers hunt the sloths for their meat." People hunt sloths too much and the effect is that the

three toed sloth is on the verge of becoming extinct.

Another reason that the three toed sloth is endangered is because of human destruction to the rain forest. In Webly.com it states, "Humans are cutting down mangrove trees where the three toed sloth lives and gets its food." Since they live in such a small area it's hard for them to survive if they don't have their trees to live in. The sloths won't have a home or food if we keep doing this.

In conclusion, three toed sloths are considered to be critically endangered and there are only one hundred left in the world. If we don't do something about it, these cute and loving creatures will become extinct! The three toed sloth is endangered and only we can save them.



People are chopping down the sloth's home, the forest. (Source: BBC)



The Fraser dolphin surviving in the ocean. (Source: i.pinimg.com)

Fraser Dolphins

BY JACKSON P., KAI W., MAX C. AND ETHAN V.

Have you ever heard of a Fraser Dolphin? Fraser Dolphins are extremely fast creatures and they are quite interesting. They have unique survival methods.

These dolphins look different than other dolphins, which allows them to survive. According to dolphins-world.com, a Fraser Dolphin's color is grey, black, and blue. This type of color is a good color because predators can't eat them because they are camouflaged with the water. This also shows that Fraser

dolphins can live long lives since they are not easily attacked.

Fraser dolphins travel and communicate with other dolphins, which also helps them to survive. According to US.whales.org, Fraser dolphins travel in groups of 100 so this helps Fraser dolphins from getting hurt and getting lost since they are all together. This also helps Fraser dolphins communicate with each other to know if there is a predator or not.

Fraser dolphins also survive by eating. They are fast swimmers so they can quickly eat their prey, like fish in the ocean, and can grow and get strong, according to US.whales.org.

In conclusion, Fraser Dolphins survive in many ways. Their coloring, grouping and eating all help keep them alive.

Endangered Animals: Ten Amazing Ways to Save Them

BY LEO P. AND LUCA M.

Did you know that about 2,000 animals become extinct every year? We can save endangered species right now and in the near future if you choose to help.

There are many ways to save and help endangered species right now. From the website Endangered.org, it states that you can help by making your yard wildlife friendly, recycle and buy sustainable products, and don't use herbicides or pesticides because they are harmful to animals. These are all things that you can do at your home that will help endangered animals. Additionally, you can also protect wildlife habitats, slow down when driving, and don't harass wildlife. These are all things that you can do when you're out and about near animals' homes. If you do all of these things, you can save a lot of endangered species and also other species plus make the world a better place for yourself

and every single thing around you.

There are also many things you can do in the near future to help endangered species. From the website WorldWildLife.org, it states that you can help by not creating machines or buildings or other things on the animals' land, don't take the resources the animals need to survive, and make really careful plans that wouldn't hurt the animals or their land. For example, if you're transporting oil you shouldn't carelessly go right across an animal's land, plan a different route and go around so that you don't disturb the animals. This can prevent animals from being killed or harmed and also help preserve the land the animals need. All it really takes is some careful planning.

To recap, protect wildlife species and the habitat. We can save endangered animals right now and in the near future if you follow these tips.



The elephant is one of many endangered animals. (Source: thereshegoesagain.com)

SPORTS

Two Great Reasons Why Crosby is Better Than Giroux

BY CRUZ K., JONATHAN M. AND JOSEPH A.

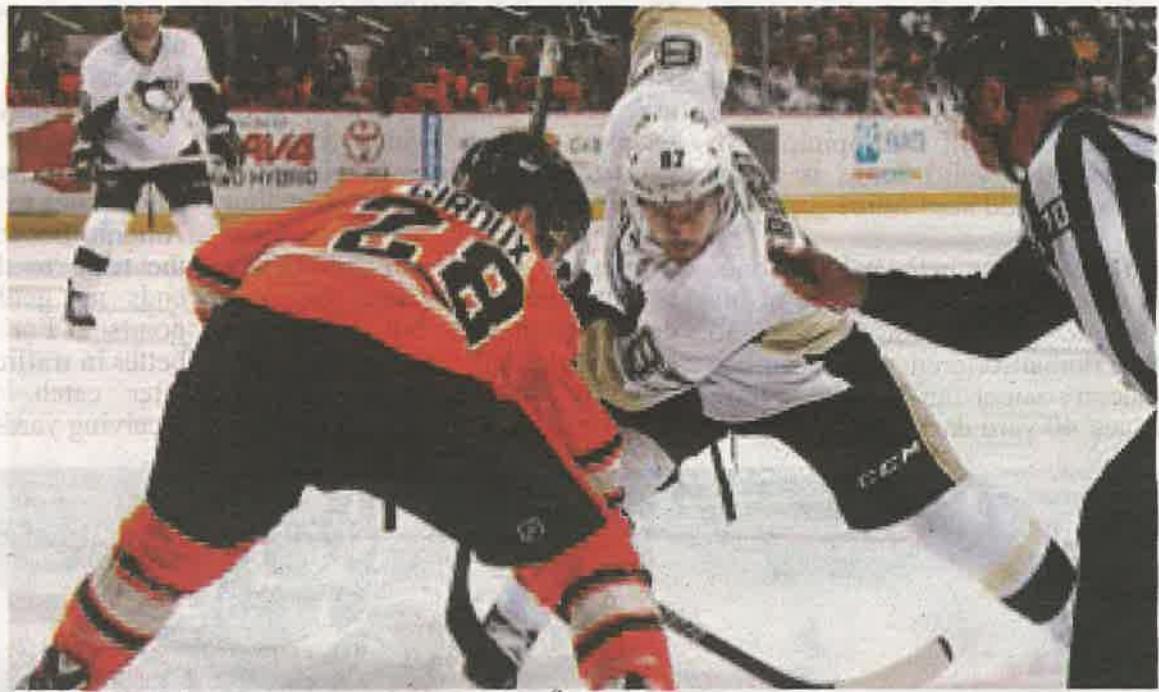
Sidney Crosby is a great hockey player and the team captain of the Pittsburgh Penguins. Claude Giroux is another hockey player and the team captain of the Philadelphia Flyers. Do you know how hard hockey really is? Well, we think it is really complicated, and we are debating which player is better Sidney Crosby or Claude Giroux. We strongly believe that Sidney Crosby is better than Claude Giroux.

The first reason why we think Crosby is better is because he has more career points.

Crosby has 1,036 career points and Giroux only has 584, according to the National Hockey League's website. This shows that Crosby has worked harder to become an amazing player and earn more career points. Career points are the number of goals made into a hockey net, so this shows that Crosby has

scored more goals which means he has helped his team win.

Also, Crosby has more injuries so this means he is a better player than Giroux. Crosby has had six injuries in his career and Giroux has had three, which is a stat available on



Crosby vs. Giroux. (Source: Getty Images)

FoxSports.com. This proves that Crosby is playing harder than Giroux because when you're playing harder you will get more injuries because you're putting 110% into the game! In hockey, players get hit, tripped and pushed, but clearly Crosby has gotten right back up again!

In conclusion, we think Sidney Crosby is a better player because he has more career points and he has more injuries which mean he is working harder. Sidney Crosby is obviously the better player, rather than Claude Giroux.

Jose Altuve

BY COLLIN M., MADDUX L. AND DANIEL S.

Ever heard of the Jose Altuve? He is the short but mighty super slugger and the 2017 American League MVP. We strongly believe that Jose Altuve is the best player of the 2017 season because he is the best hitter, a team player, and a great fielder.

Jose Altuve is the best hitter because he has many hits and home runs. According to ESPN's website, it states that he has 204 hits and 24 of those are home runs. Also on baseballreference.com, it said that he has four Silver Slugger awards. This proves he is a great hitter because 204 hits is a high

amount of hits for not even 200 games in the regular season. Also 24 homers are more home runs the usual MLB player has. Four Silver Slugger awards is a very high amount for any baseball player in the MLB. This all shows that Altuve is an excellent hitter.

Altuve is a team player because he cares a lot for his teammates. ESPN said that in the 2017 regular season he had a total of 81 RBIs. This is being a team player because RBIs are the runners batted in from your hit, meaning not only does he score his own runs but helps his teammates get runs too. Also, he is a good team player because every time one of his teammates gets a great hit he jumps over the fence and cheers the player on. Cheering a teammate on is great for building the team's spirit, thinking they're going to win. This shows how Altuve is a great team player for the Astros.

The last reason Jose Altuve is the best player is that he is a great fielder. On baseballreference.com it said that Jose Altuve has won the Gold Glove Award. Having won a Gold Glove Award means that the year you won you were the best fielder in the MLB. A fielder is a player who fields baseballs that hit towards them, so to be the best at this means that he



Jose Altuve hitting a homerun. (Source: therunnersports.com)

is really good at making spectacular plays and getting someone out. This shows how Jose Altuve is a great fielder.

In conclusion, Jose Altuve is the best baseball player of the 2017 regular season. He is the best hitter, a team player, and a great fielder.

Julio Jones vs. Antonio Brown

BY RYDER S., MANNY O., MATTHEW D. AND CAMDEN O.

Say you were the manager of an NFL team, and you had to choose between two All Star wide receivers--Antonio Brown and Julio Jones. Now that's a tough choice! But in our opinion we believe that Julio Jones is better and we would start Julio.

One reason we believe Julio Jones is a better player is because of his stats, according to ProFootballReference.com and a Falcon's super-fan website. Julio Jones' 40 yard dash time is 4.39

seconds. Being fast is very important for a wide receiver because you are a deep ball threat. His stats also show that he is faster than Antonio Brown. Also, on November 26, 2017, Julio Jones recorded 12 receptions for 253 yards and two touchdowns. These are great stats for any wide receiver. Most wide receivers average about 70 yards, but Jones was over 250! That is almost four times as much as the other averages. Additionally, defensive coordinators think that they can double team him, but it just isn't enough to get Julio from not catching the ball. He has a milestone for 500 receptions in his

career. He is only the second youngest NFL player to achieve 500 catches along with Randy Moss. That's a huge milestone. Randy Moss is one of the game's best receivers ever. So being alongside him is an honor and also proves that Julio Jones is an incredible player.

The last reason we would pick Julio Jones to be on our team over Antonio Brown is because he leads the team to the end zone, which ends up getting his team more points. For example, Jones is better in traffic, he has a better run after catch, and he has more receiving yards per game,

according to the Falcon super fan website. He is also a long ball threat. And that is what leads up to touchdowns. This leads up to touchdowns because when you are in the red zone (beyond the other team's 20 yard line) those are very important. As most people know, touchdowns lead to seven points and if you have more points the more likely you are to win.

In conclusion, Julio Jones is a better wide receiver than Antonio Brown. His yards per game, his speed, and his number of touchdowns all prove that Jones is a better all-around athlete.



Jones getting yards after catch. (Source: Sporting News)

Pittsburgh Penguins or LA Kings?

By BEN C., CALEB A. AND ZACH C.

Who do you think is a better team--the Pittsburgh Penguins or the LA Kings? Based on the stats for both teams this season and the number of Stanley Cups received overall, the Pittsburgh Penguins is a better team.

The first reason why the Penguins are a better team is because the starters have better player stats. Our proof of this statement comes from ESPN's website and also the official NHL site. For example, the Penguin's goalie Matt Murray has 14 losses and 109 goals allowed. The King's goalie

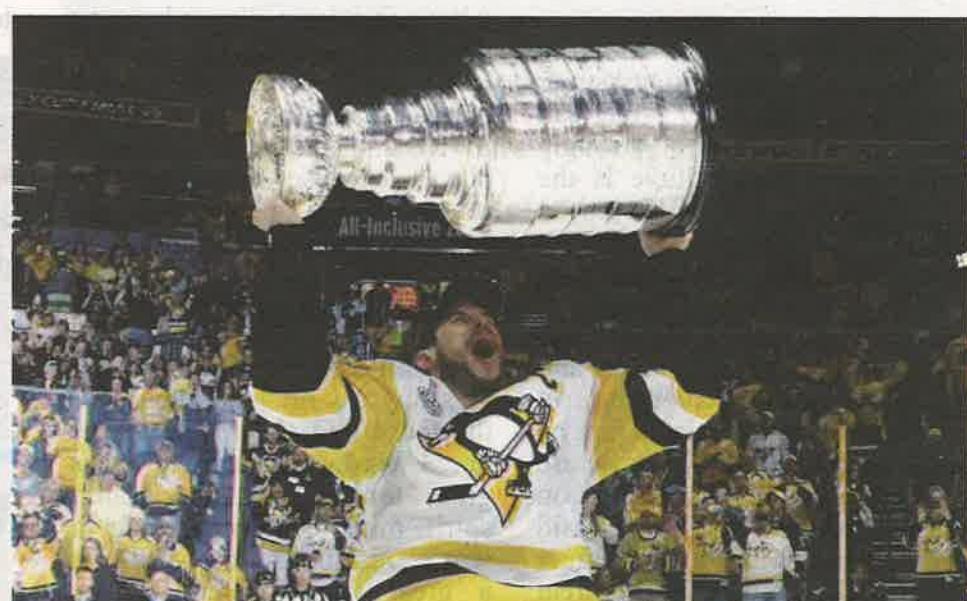
Jonathan Quick has 26 losses and 132 goals allowed. This shows that the Penguin's goalie is better. Also, this year the Penguins have won more games than the Kings--42 wins for the Penguins and 41 for the Kings.

The Pittsburgh Penguins are better than the LA Kings based on the Stanley Cups won. According to ESPN, the Penguins have five Stanley Cups and the Kings have only two Stanley Cups. Stanley Cups are championship trophies won for the entire season. If a team wins a Stanley Cup, that means that they are the best team for the season. Therefore, the Penguins have been the best team

for five various seasons, however the Kings have only been champions twice.

The Penguins have better stats, have won more Stanley Cups, and

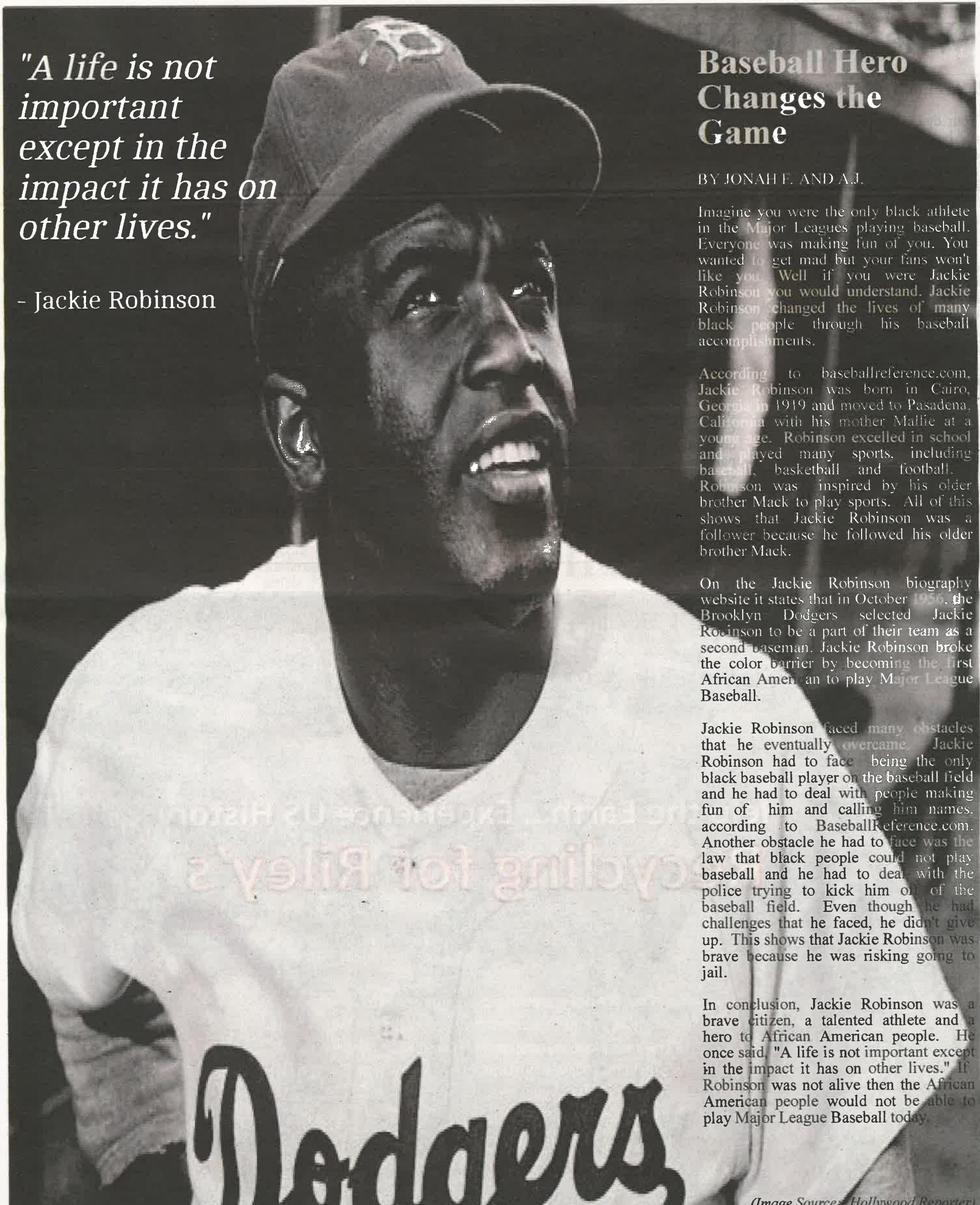
are doing better than the LA Kings this year. In conclusion, for these reasons the Pittsburgh Penguins are better than the LA Kings.



Crosby holding one of the Penguin's five Stanley Cups. (Source: SBNation)

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

- Jackie Robinson



Baseball Hero Changes the Game

BY JONAH F. AND A.J.

Imagine you were the only black athlete in the Major Leagues playing baseball. Everyone was making fun of you. You wanted to get mad but your fans won't like you. Well if you were Jackie Robinson you would understand. Jackie Robinson changed the lives of many black people through his baseball accomplishments.

According to baseballreference.com, Jackie Robinson was born in Cairo, Georgia in 1919 and moved to Pasadena, California with his mother Mallie at a young age. Robinson excelled in school and played many sports, including baseball, basketball and football. Robinson was inspired by his older brother Mack to play sports. All of this shows that Jackie Robinson was a follower because he followed his older brother Mack.

On the Jackie Robinson biography website it states that in October 1945, the Brooklyn Dodgers selected Jackie Robinson to be a part of their team as a second baseman. Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier by becoming the first African American to play Major League Baseball.

Jackie Robinson faced many obstacles that he eventually overcame. Jackie Robinson had to face being the only black baseball player on the baseball field and he had to deal with people making fun of him and calling him names, according to BaseballReference.com. Another obstacle he had to face was the law that black people could not play baseball and he had to deal with the police trying to kick him off of the baseball field. Even though he had challenges that he faced, he didn't give up. This shows that Jackie Robinson was brave because he was risking going to jail.

In conclusion, Jackie Robinson was a brave citizen, a talented athlete and a hero to African American people. He once said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." If Robinson was not alive then the African American people would not be able to play Major League Baseball today.

(Image Source: Hollywood Reporter)

What is the NBA Dunk Contest?

BY FELIX A. AND ENZO W.

Your dad is watching some type of basketball contest. Tall, athletic men are leaping in the air to make baskets. The crowd is cheering. The atmosphere is exciting. This is the NBA Dunk Contest.

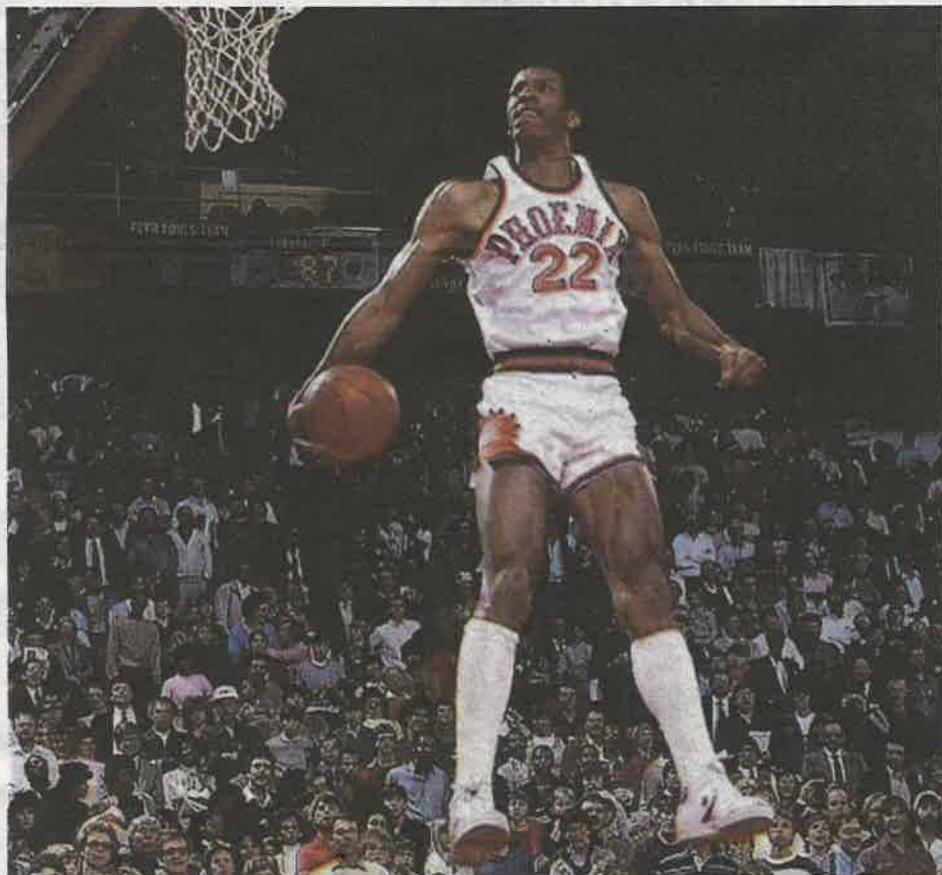
The NBA Dunk Contest is a competitive tournament. Certain NBA stars are invited to come and shoot baskets against one another, according to the NBA All Star website. It began in the 1980s. Players are not actually participating in a basketball game during this competition. It's just about making a number of dunks and getting the highest amount of points.

You are probably wondering how to play the NBA Dunk Contest. According to nba.allstar.com it states that, "The

rules are simple. Each player has to make a number of dunks. The jury gives them notes. The highest scores pass to the next round. In the final round the player with highest number of points wins." One would think that the rules are pretty simple because it's not an actual game. It's just a fun competition probably made to entertain the fans.

Only a few stars are invited to the NBA Dunk Contest. Some past NBA Dunk Contest stars include Michael Jordan, Julius Erving, Larry Lance, and Dominique Wilkins.

In conclusion, the NBA Dunk Contest is an exciting competition. Only a few players participate and the rules are simple.



A star of the NBA Dunk Contest. (Source: brittneysphotos.com)

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A photograph of a group of students dressed as Revolutionary War soldiers, standing in a line. They are wearing tricorn hats and red uniforms. The background shows a grassy field and some trees.

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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Are Dogs Good Pets?

BY SOPHIA J., GABY L.,
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VICTORIA A.

Imagine you're at the park with your dog and you meet someone, you are nervous and don't know what to say, but you see that they have a dog! Your dog starts to communicate with the other dog and you and the owner become friends! Without a doubt, we believe that dogs are the best pets ever!

The first reason why we think dogs are the best is because they are loyal companions. They are great listeners and patient so they will wait for you if you're busy or you're somewhere else. Also, they are good for someone who lives alone or desires company. On the site dennym.sseattleschools.org it says, "Dogs are patient and make great listeners. Many people find themselves telling dogs things they can't tell anyone else." It also states, "A dog is an especially good animal for someone who lives alone or is lonely and desires company." This shows that dogs are the best pets ever because they would wait for you if you're at work, or going out somewhere, they would stay at home and wait for you

to get there. Also if you're lonely they can give you company and make you happy so you can have a friend. Other owners with different animals aren't likely for this to happen.

Another reason why dogs are great pets is that they are social beings. They are curious and want to meet other people, they are good conversation starters so many people are likely to approach someone with a dog, and they make us laugh. We know this because in the article on dennym.sseattleschools.org it says, "Most dogs are curious by nature. They want to meet other people and animals...but their owners meeting new people and socializing... Dogs are good conversation starters, and many people are likely to approach someone with a dog." In the article on Business Insider's website it says, "People who own dogs laugh more, according to a study published in the journal Society & Animals." This shows that dogs are the best pets ever because if you're walking your dog and they start to approach someone with a dog, they can communicate and you can be friends with the owner. This will allow owners to make new friends because of their dogs.

For these reasons, dogs make great pets. They are loyal companions and social beings. We firmly believe that dogs are the best pets ever!



An adorable Pembroke Corgi makes a great pet! (Source: adogbreeds.com)



What is better, Coke or Pepsi? (Source: [Business Insider](http://BusinessInsider.com))

The Battle Between Coke and Pepsi

BY TYLER B., KELLY H. AND WYATT H.

In the battle between sodas what side would you take Coke or Pepsi? In our opinion we think Coke is better than Pepsi because it has less sugar, and a majority of people prefer Coke over Pepsi. We without a doubt feel that Coke is better than Pepsi.

First, Coke isn't as bad for you as Pepsi is. In an article on Business Insider's website, it says, "Pepsi has more sugar and it has more carbohydrates." Also it says, "Pepsi is even worse for you if you are on a diet." Therefore, Coke is not as unhealthy as Pepsi because Pepsi has more sugar and carbohydrates. If you have too many carbohydrates and sugar you will gain weight, which can cause heart problems, diabetes, and other health issues.

Another reason why Coke is better than Pepsi is that Coke is preferred by the majority of people. According to Business Insider, "64% of the people prefer Coke over Pepsi. People enjoy Coke more and people like the taste better than Pepsi's taste." Also, according to Encyclopedia.com, people prefer the vanilla raisin taste of Coke more than the citrus taste of Pepsi. This proves that people prefer Coke more than Pepsi for the reasons stated above and therefore Coke is better than Pepsi.

In conclusion, Coke is a better beverage to drink because it is not as unhealthy as its arch rival Pepsi and the majority of people like it more than Pepsi. Therefore, in our opinion we strongly believe that Coke is a superior beverage over Pepsi.

Shopping Secrets

BY SAVANNAH W., AVERY W. AND MICHELLE H.

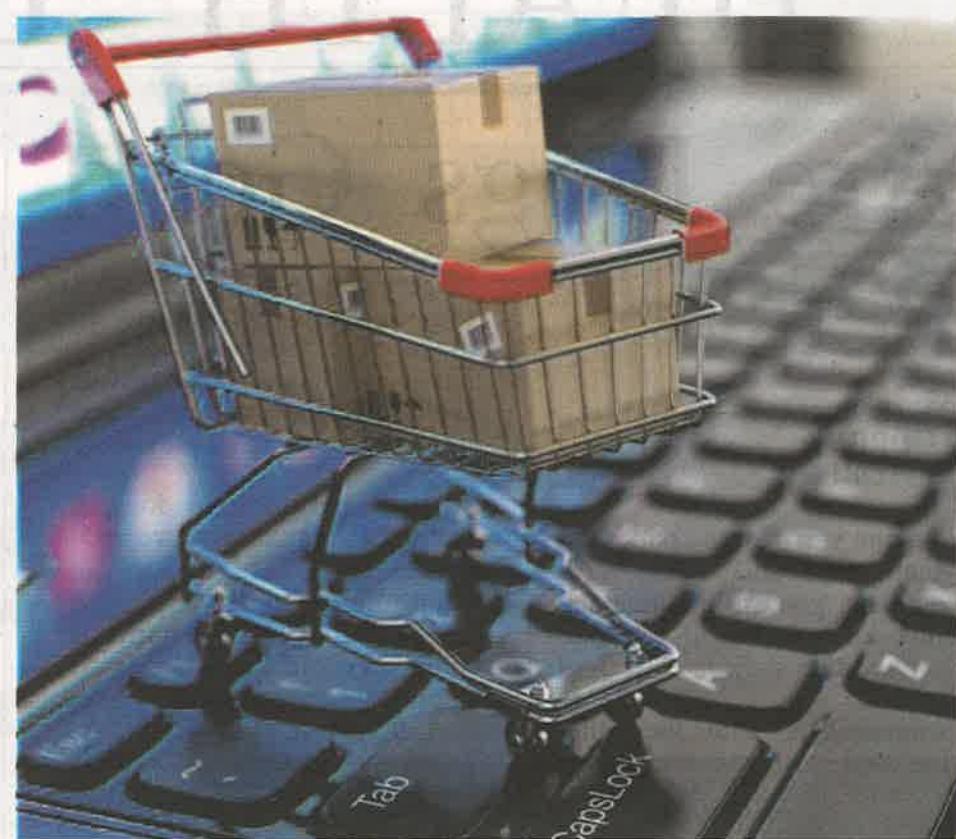
"I'm sorry ma'am we don't have any in the back, check online." Have you ever heard this while you were in a store? Well by shopping online you can buy any item, anywhere, and at anytime. You will always be able to go online, since the internet never opens or closes. This is why shopping online is more convenient and helpful than shopping in stores.

Our first reason shopping online is more helpful is that it isn't compulsive. The evidence that proves our reason is a website called Tough Nickel. It states, "Often times when we're out shopping, we end up buying things compulsively that we don't really need. All because shop keepers pressure us or use their selling skills to compel us to make these purchases." This evidence supports our opinion by showing how business owners are being compulsive. With them using compulsive language they are trying to sell you junk that you don't even

need, just to get money. Online shopping isn't compulsive because a computer screen can't persuade you as much, to make a purchase.

Our second reason why shopping online is more helpful than in store shopping, is that you get honest opinions and reviews. The evidence that supports my answer is from the website Quicken Loans. Quicken Loans states, "Sometimes you can always count on is that the online community is a diverse mass of very opinionated and self-proclaimed experts. Search any product and you are guaranteed to find thousands and reviews from past customers describing their experience with the company, like the shipping process and product itself." This supports our reasoning by showing that you can get true opinions, on the whole product including packaging and shipping. Not only you get honest opinions but also ratings. In stores you get opinions from the sellers, and online you get opinions from the buyers, (which are usually honest.)

Our final reason why we believe shopping online is more helpful, is that it never opens or closes. The evidence that supports our reason is from the website Quicken Loans. Quicken Loans

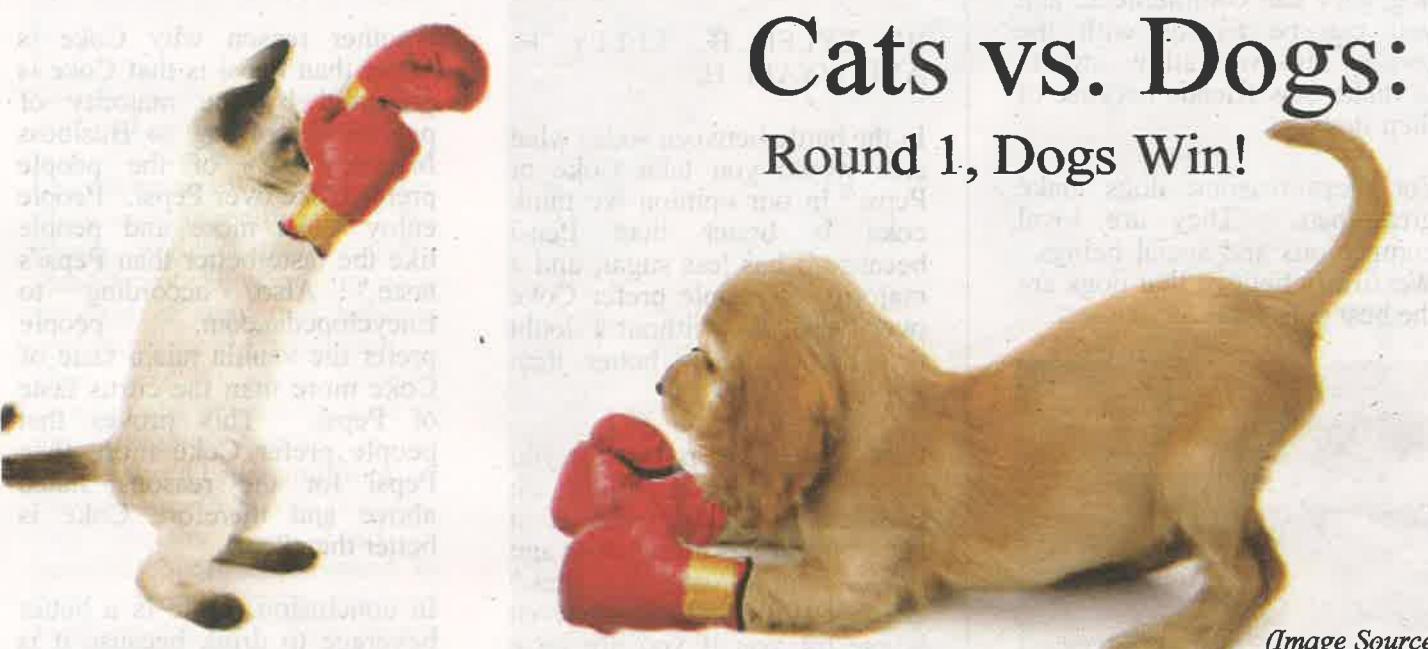


Online shopping is easier than in-store shopping. (Source: photoshopDNA.com)

states, "Depending on your schedule, a store's hours might prove to be very inconvenient. Some stores open late and close before the average person gets home from work. Luckily, the internet never opens or closes." This proves our reason because if you have a busy schedule it will be hard to get to the store, or around town in time before it closes. Well by using the internet it will never open or close.

In conclusion, we truly think online shopping is less compulsive and you get honest opinions and reviews. Also we took a poll with thirty-seven people, and twenty-five people voted for online shopping over in-store shopping, some actually changed their minds after hearing our reasoning. Therefore, we believe that shopping online is much more helpful than in-store shopping.

Cats vs. Dogs: Round 1, Dogs Win!



BY MAHEEN H., IBTISAM S., HANNAH L. AND GARRETT B.

You went to the adoption place looking for a cat or a dog but you can't decide which to get. On one side of the shelter there are dogs, the other side has cats. Then you start to notice that the dogs are

playful and active. The Pomeranian is chasing his tail in circles. The Pug keeps trying to high-five you again and again as you laugh. The cats, on the other hand, are sleeping. In our opinion, we firmly believe that dogs are better pets than cats because they can save your life and they love you more than

(Image Source: Scholastic)

Dogs love their owners more than cats. In a scientific study reported by The Telegraph Science, it was proven that the love hormone in dogs is higher than cats after playing with their owners. This shows that even though cats love us, the hormone in dogs was

proven that they love us more than cats. This makes dogs better pets because you want a pet that loves you the most, and dogs can provide you that love.

Another reason that dogs are better pets is that dogs help you to be healthier and can save your life. On the Health Line website, it said that dogs can sniff out cancer, help you quit smoking, save you from a burning building, and help you get exercise. Also in Quora, another website, they say that when a cat has nothing to do, they get lazy. This shows that dogs can save your life in many ways a cat can't. Dogs can also help you be healthier by exercising with you, whereas cats are lazy and won't workout with you.

In conclusion, dogs are better pets than cats because they can help you be healthy, and love you more. You should consider a dog over a cat.



The Snapchat logo. (Source: 1000logos.net)

Snapchat: Is It Actually Safe?

BY CHLOE B. AND HANNAH L.

Imagine this—you heard of this new app called Snapchat and you really want to try it out. You start sending funny photos to your friends and start to like the app more and more. Suddenly, your friends start making fun of your private photos. “Wait... What?” You notice that your friends and some other strangers have gotten all of your passwords, accounts, and photos because of an update; you had accidentally given out your password to everyone. We strongly believe that Snapchat is a dangerous app and it can give out your private information for everyone to see.

To begin with, Snapchat is a dangerous app. A new update on Snapchat called “SnapMap” allows you to see exactly where your friends and followers are. According to theguardian.com, it states, “A new update called

‘Snap Map’ can tell you where your friends exactly are and where you are, and can cause stalking and bullying.” Nobody wants their life to be miserable and traumatized because of an update from a silly app. Stalking and bullying can mess up lives and can cause people to be scared and feel worthless. This is only one reason why Snapchat is such a terrible app.

In addition, Snapchat allows unwanted photos and passwords online for everyone to see. On TheWashingtonPost.com, it says, “People on Snapchat are sharing their passwords and it’s giving other people access to see that person’s account, unwanted photos, and unwanted videos.” Do you really want an app that gives all of your private information to everyone you know and people you don’t know? All apps should be safe and fun but Snapchat is neither. It has clearly gone too far by making it too easy for people to get embarrassed, bullied, and scared. It is so messed up that an app can literally ruin innocent people’s lives.

Therefore, Snapchat is a dangerous app that lets private information to get out just like that. We steadfastly believe that no human should get traumatized, scared, or embarrassed because of Snapchat. Nobody should have this terrible app, unless they want their life to be ruined.

Hidden Dangers of the Pumpkin Spice Frapp

BY SOPHIA S. AND JAZMINE M.

People all over the world wake up and get a nice cup of Starbucks. One of Starbucks’ most popular drinks in the fall is the Pumpkin Spice Frappuccino, but what if we told you are risking your health when you drink it? We will tell you the dangers of the beverage and will answer the question “should we be drinking it at all?”

Starbucks’ drinks taste amazing to many people, but you might not know that there’s an enormous amount of sugar in the Pumpkin Spice Frappuccino. On Starbucks.com it states that the drink has 53 grams of sugar. According to Healthline.com, the daily amount of sugar a person should consume is 25 grams to 37.5 grams. This proves that Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Frappuccino isn’t good for you because of the amount of sugar it has in just one drink. If you were to have this everyday it could lead to health problems, such as diabetes.

Another reason the Pumpkin Spice Frappuccino is bad for you is because it has a bunch of saturated fat. Saturated fat is incredibly bad for you. Eating it

is basically like eating a can of lard. On Starbucks.com it says that in the Frappuccino has 9 grams of saturated fat. Also on Healthline.com it states, “Saturated fat contains high proportions fatty acid molecules.” This shows that the Pumpkin Spice Frappuccino isn’t healthy because having too much saturated fat can raise your level of LDL cholesterol (bad cholesterol) and increases your chance of heart disease.

A final reason why the Pumpkin Spice Frappuccino is horrible is because it can cause cancer in animals, which is really cruel. On Foodbabe.com it states, “Starbucks announces they will “phase out” ammonia based caramel coloring level IV that causes cancer to animals.” This illustrates that if this causes cancer to animals the animals might pass away leaving us with less food. Also, if it causes disease in animals, who knows what it can do to people!

All in all, this is why we believe that the Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Frappuccino isn’t good for you. It has a lot of sugar, saturated fat, and gives cancer to animals.



It tastes so delicious, but the Pumpkin Spice Frapp is not good for you.

(Source: staticflickr.com)

Dogs Are Good for Your Health

BY MAYA K. AND JUNE M.

Have you ever imagined having a pet that will love you forever? In our opinion we believe that dogs are better than cats.

One reason we believe that dogs are better than cats is dogs will never stop greeting you come home. According to care.com it

says, "They'll greet you like you've been gone a century when you only went out on a five-minute trip to the store." This proves that your dog loves you and they missed you while you were gone. They will make you feel happy and loved. Cats, on the other hand, often will be sleeping and are not so excited when you come home. Cats won't make you feel loved and missed when you get home since they're not there to greet you.

Another reason that dogs are better than cats is dogs love to exercise with you. On care.com it states, "dogs make the best workout partners. They'll motivate you to get up and get moving but won't make you feel guilty when you just want to crash on the couch." This proves that dogs will help you get fit and



Dog exercising on a hike with its owner. (Source: puppytoob.com)

keep you healthy. So, dogs are actually really good for your health in addition to your emotions. However, you never see cats out walking with their owners on a leash. Cats aren't going to help you get healthy like

a dog will.

In conclusion, dogs are better than cats. Dogs make you feel emotionally good, and they are good for your health and fitness.

Is McDonald's Good for You?

BY HARSHAL H., PATRICK G. AND NOAH A.

If you have ever driven by McDonalds before, you have probably seen immense amounts of people flocking to its "food." These people have made a terrible mistake; a mistake that will not be erased anytime soon. People should be avoiding McDonalds entirely. McDonalds should never be even thought about ever again. People should not eat McDonald's food because the food is unhealthy and it is not real.

One reason that people should not eat McDonalds is that the food is extremely unhealthy. On the website theodysseyonline.com it says, "McDonalds is unbelievably unhealthy...It is comprised of a surplus of fats, sugars, and preservatives." All of these things are unhealthy for your body. Fats can cause your weight to explode. Sugars can cause diabetes. Preservatives are less healthy than natural food. Preservatives make the food last for long periods of time, like 50 years. On the mercola.com website it says, "One example is that Davy Whipple, a man from Utah, who came forward in 2013, claiming that he had a McDonald's burger that dates back to 1999-but is yet to show any sign of decomposition." This



McNuggets before they cook and serve them. (Source: The Odyssey)

means that the preservatives that were put in the food made it last for more than 13 years because he said that the burger did not show any sign of decomposition. This is unwholesome for humans because they put harmful chemicals in their food. These harmful chemicals can make people very sick or even kill them. This shows that people

should not eat McDonalds because the food is highly noxious for you.

Another reason why people should not eat at McDonalds is because the food is not real. In an article on articles.mercola.com, it says, "McDonalds uses fillers, additives, and preservatives in their meat showing instead large beef chunks on a conveyor belt going through a

machine that forms them into patties." In the same article it continues to say, "Even if it is true that McDonald's burgers do not contain preservatives or additives, this does not excuse the fact that McDonald's meat actually comes from confined animal feeding operations." This means that the meat that they serve you is not the promised family fun food. Behind the toys and clowns lies factory farmed meat, and other fake food products. This abomination of food will not only damage your weight but also can make you weaker to virtually any disease. Here is an easy question. Would you rather be consuming fake and injurious food or first class food, made with real care and actually valid? Obviously, it's a pretty easy choice. As you can see, this is just another reason you should not eat McDonalds.

To sum it up, clearly the food you get at McDonalds is something you really shouldn't be eating. So many people are eating their "delicious" food not knowing that it is not real and very unhealthy for them. Everyone should stop eating at this place for good and go somewhere else to have a more healthy and delightful meal.

ENTERTAINMENT

What Was the Top Album of 2016?

BY JAKE F., JUDE R. AND RYAN J.

If you read this, you might consider buying David Bowie's album. In our opinion, "Blackstar" by David Bowie is the best album of 2016. We believe this is the best album because his album shows up on four sources at number 1, 2, and 3 and has also won five Grammy Awards.

First of all, David Bowie's "Blackstar" showed up on four sources as a top album, and they were the New York Times, Consequence of Sound, Magnet Magazine, and Rate Your Music. The first and the third source listed "Blackstar" at number 2. Consequence of Sound voted "Blackstar" number 3. The Rate Your Music source listed "Blackstar" at the top of the charts, number 1. The other albums that were top rated were

Beyoncé's "Lemonade" and Chance the Rapper's "Coloring Book". However, we believe "Blackstar" is the best. These sources prove that "Blackstar" is top rated on many different sites, and therefore this is a very popular album. David Bowie's album was listed the most out of other albums and was ranked the highest. This tops all of the other albums, therefore making his album the best album of 2016.

Another reason David Bowie's "Blackstar" is the best album of 2016 is because he won five awards for it in 2016 at the Grammy Awards. According to the 59th annual Grammy Awards website, David Bowie's album won the Best Rock Song, Best Alternative Music Album, Best Rock Performance, Best Recording Album, and Best Engineered Non-Classical Album. The other top award winning albums were

"Lemonade," "Coloring Book," and Adele's "25." However, "Lemonade" and "Coloring Book" still didn't beat the five awards David Bowie's album won in 2016. The only one that it tied with was Adele's "25" with also five Grammy Awards, but her album was not shown on any of

the four sources listed above. This proves more people thought "Blackstar" was the better album of 2016.

In conclusion, David Bowie's 2016 album, "Blackstar" is the best album of 2016 because it was top rated on many music sites and

it also got five Grammy Awards. Even though Beyoncé's "Lemonade," Chance the Rapper's "Coloring Book," and Adele's "25" were good albums of 2016, but David Bowie's album "Blackstar" is the best album because of these two reasons. To sum it up, we think David Bowie's "Blackstar" is the best album 2016.



David Bowie's "Blackstar" album cover. (Source: McGill Tribune)

The Evolution of the LEGO Company



Today's modern LEGO logo. (Source: Lego.com)

BY JOSHUA F., LUCAS B. AND JOHN C.

Did you know that the LEGO Company made wooden toys before making the famous plastic bricks also known as LEGO? Did you know that wooden toys upgraded into plastic bricks? Legos have evolved quite a bit over time.

Legos got started in Denmark in 1932 by Ole Kirk Christiansen. Christiansen started making these toys because he was poor and wanted entertainment, according to the LEGO Group. The first Legos were made out of wood.

When Ole Kirk Christiansen made wooden toys his son Godtfred Kirk Christiansen. He helped with the making of the LEGO Company. He was born in Billund, Denmark. When he grew up he started

building wooden toys in 1932. On a Sunday afternoon in 1924 Ole and Godtfred Christiansen set fire into some wood shaving causing the house to go on fire. LEGO had taken a upgrade into plastic bricks made by a special plastic called acrylonitrile and it became very popular. In the text it states "Ole Kirk Christiansen passed away on the 11th of March, 1958 because of a heart attack and didn't get to see the success of the toy and his son Godtfred soon took over the business." This proves how LEGO evolved in to one of the best selling toys.

In conclusion, this is about Ole Kirk Christiansen creating Legos because he was poor and for kids' entertainment. This is how Ole Kirk Christiansen upgraded the wooden toys into plastic LEGO bricks.



Scary creatures on a Magic Mountain roller coaster. (Source: hollywoodgothique.com)

The Most Chilling Place on Earth

BY JAIDEN L., MAX S., MICHAEL C. AND CESAR R.

You are walking through the foggy dark. All of the sudden, a clown with sharp teeth growls at you and starts chasing. I screamed at the top of my lungs running for my life. This is Magic Mountain Fright Fest. Is it scary or not? From what all sources state we can tell that Fright Fest is terrifying. Fright Fest is very scary because they have many bloodcurdling creatures and events this time of the year.

One reason why Fright Fest is scary is because it has received awards. According to Six Flag's official website, Fright Fest was voted America's number one haunted theme park attraction.

Awards are given to things that are successful and deserve being recognized, so Fright Fest receiving this award shows that it is the best haunted attraction in America.

Fright Fest is also petrifying because it has many haunted attractions. According to DailyNews.com, it has mazes, scare zones, and haunted shows, such as Dead End, Aftermath, Toy'z of Terror, Chupracruba, and Hidden Haunts. These are only some of the haunted attractions, mazes, and scare zones at Magic Mountain. One visitor described her experience by saying, "In other mazes, you can see the scenery, but with this one not really knowing where to go was the scariest part." The president of Six Flags Magic Mountain called Fright Fest "a scary, scary environment." This shows that Magic Mountain has many attractions for people to be scared by. Also, all of those attractions are scary and could give you a fright.

To wrap things up, we think Fright Fest is daunting. Fright Fest features many scare zones, mazes, and many other scary haunted attractions. This was voted best theme park for this time of the year in the U.S.! Fright Fest is scary because of

Slime Time!

BY JONAS C., ALBERT Z. AND RONNIE R.

Do you like slime? Have you ever tried to make slime? According to "50 Ways to Make Slime" there are more than 50 types of slime you can make! Well, the Slime Guys here at Stevenson Ranch Elementary School are here to tell you about the different kinds of slime, how to make them, and our opinions on which are the best.

There are many different slimes that can be made and each type has its own unique traits. The different kinds of slime we made were silver slime, gold slime, princess putty slime, glow in the dark slime, sand slime, and rainbow treasure slime, which were created following procedures on CreativeChild.com. The sand slime feels like sand! The rainbow treasure slime looks and feels like there is treasure in it. Gold slime and silver slime are metallic. Glow-in-the-dark slime is unique when you turn out the lights. Finally, there is the princess putty slime that is super glittery. Our experiments show that these different slimes are unique by having their own traits such as texture and color.

There were some very creative recipes with the slime. All the slime used glue and an activator, such as borax or sta-flow liquid starch. Some of the slimes have other extra ingredients, too, which make them special. For example, sand slime has the basic ingredients plus play sand to make it feel like sand. We liked the sand slime because of the texture. Also the Rainbow Treasure slime needs the basic ingredients plus rainbow glitter, treasures and gems. The gold slime and silver slime use the same materials in addition to

either gold or silver coloring, or gold and silver glitter. The princess putty slime needs the key ingredients, but instead of regular glue it uses glitter glue. The glow-in-the-dark slime needs the basics plus glow-in-the-dark paint and neon food coloring. All of these recipes came from CreativeChild.com plus some experimentation of our own. Our trials show that most of the ingredients are the same, which means it is pretty easy to make slime, the only difference between each recipe is that they have their own little twist of an ingredient. With all the slimes, we recommend keeping them in a closed container so they don't dry out. Typically, the slime lasts about six weeks when you store in this way.

We had different opinions on the different types of slime that we made. Our favorite type was the sand slime. The texture made it most unique since was stretchy and rubbery like regular slime but also had an interesting rough feeling to it. The rainbow treasure slime was also unique because you can stretch it really far, further than the other slimes. It also has treasures in it which makes it feel both soft and crystal-like at the same time. You can get very creative with the different types of treasures to put inside, which makes it extra fun. Warning, however, the rainbow treasure slime does not last as long as the other types of slime.

In conclusion, these are some of the different types of slime, how to make them, and our opinions on them. If you make these slimes, which we recommend, you should make sure to keep a lid on most of the time, and if you make this slime. Have fun!



The variety of slimes we made. (Source: Jonas and Albert)

Five Reasons PlayStation is a Great Game Console

BY FRANCISCO P. AND JESSE V.

Do you prefer PlayStation or Xbox? Well, if you like Xbox better, think again! There are several reasons why PlayStation is better, including quality, price and add-ons.

PlayStation has more to offer than Xbox. With PlayStation, you can have add-ons like virtual reality and PlayStation Plus. Xbox only has one add-on, which is Xbox Live. Also, PlayStation teamed up with one of the best consoles which is Nintendo. Xbox didn't team up with anyone. This is good for PlayStation because Nintendo gave them a huge boost in games. The Xbox only has Halo and Gears of War 4 but, unlike the Xbox, PlayStation has Nioh, Horizon, Zero Dawn, Uncharted and Lost Legacy.

Also, with the PlayStation you get your money's worth. The PlayStation is \$100 cheaper than Xbox. Xbox is more expensive at \$500, according to TechRadar.com. Although PlayStation has a camera similar to Xbox, PlayStation has a built in mic in the camera so you get your money's worth because you get two things for 460 and, if you don't have enough money to buy a PlayStation camera, when you buy the PlayStation it comes with a mic, according to tomsguide.com.

Another reason that PlayStation is better is because Xbox is a mess! According to tomsguide.com, Xbox has a "circle of death" which will reset and delete your data, and it will take about how long you had your Xbox to get your data back on all of your games. The



PlayStation is better than Xbox. (Source: trendblog.net)

PlayStation also has an easier way to get around but the Xbox is super complicated and the menu is a mess.

In style cases ps4 wins because it is curvy and sharp but the Xbox is just like a power brick. And the PlayStation also beats the Xbox by the looks because the PlayStation runs in 4k and the Xbox does not run in 4k, so PlayStation gives better screen

quality.

In conclusion, PS4 is better than Xbox. This is because PlayStation gives you your money's worth, the console looks better, and the image quality on the screen is better than Xbox. The PS4 also has more add-ons, which gives players more opportunities to have fun!

Sea World Safety

BY LOLA B., GIANA B., HANNAH B. AND SOPHIE O.

SeaWorld is good and bad in many ways. For example, SeaWorld has rescued 31,103 animals, but they keep their animals in small dark cages and some of the animals have died because of captivity in SeaWorld.

SeaWorld is good for a few reasons. They have their own vet for the animals so if something were to happen the would come quickly (SeaWorld.com). They also pick up trash every day, so it doesn't go in the animals' cages and harm them.

SeaWorld is also bad for their



Dolphins with care. (Source: Sea World)

animals. The whales and orcas were crying because they were in captivity. This is bad because most vets say animals live longer in the wild. Another

reason is the trainers cover up the sun burns on the animals for the shows. This is bad because when they do the shows they will get more sun burns.

In conclusion these are some ways that SeaWorld is both good and bad.

Dark Disney

BY LACIE J. AND BERKLEY W.

You walk into work at Walt Disney World and are greeted with a "You're covering the late night shift for Jenny." You try to stay positive and ask, "Will I get paid extra?" Your boss tells you no. You then walk into Space Mountain to start the ride and another worker tells you that you're working the Haunted Mansion now. You see a mother protecting her young daughters as the girls are holding on to her as tight as possible as Pluto and Mickey wants to give the girls a hug. The girls' father is yelling at a management specialist about how the park is disgusting and the mascots are terrifying. Walt Disney World is not "The Happiest Place on Earth." With poor worker treatment and terrifying aspects, Walt Disney World is really the most depressing place on Earth.

The first reason why Walt Disney World is the most depressing place on Earth is the poor worker treatment. Workers are being treated unfairly under poor circumstances of their hard work and aren't getting paid enough, and working more than they should. The cite an employee survey on DisneyatWork.com, a worker review states that, "Most of us here at WDW [Walt Disney World] work to do our best but honestly it gets very difficult with low pay, forced overtime (yes, forced) and a schedule that never seems stable." Obviously, if the worker is not happy then is it really the happiest place on Earth? Imagine walking into work every day and having to ruin your night with forced overtime, a schedule that never stops changing, and low pay.

Another reason Walt Disney World is really not the happiest place on Earth is because the guests are unhappy. Many guests complain that lines are too long, prices are way too high, and the park is too dirty. According to a guest review on

the website DisneyAtWork.com, "The magic kingdom was over crowded it was disgusting. The food and drink prices are ridiculous. I have never been to a park that had two hour waits for an attraction all because they don't limit the number of guests entering each day. Very poorly managed. Management could take some lessons from Sea World, Busch Gardens, and Aquatica." Multiple guests have written reviews just like this one. If guests are unhappy, how can Disney be the happiest place on Earth? You sure wouldn't be happy if you paid one hundred

dollars for your family of four to eat just one meal and they didn't like it whatsoever. The lines were so long that even if you wanted to go on multiple rides you're stuck going on just a few. The ultimate point is you're not getting what you pay for. Disney World is super expensive, so guests would expect first-class food, shorter lines, and better customer service-none of which Disney World is providing.

The final reason why Walt Disney World is the most depressing place on Earth is the terrifying mascots. From our own experience we and a lot of other people will definitely agree mascots walking up to you and trying to give you a hug

is just like you trying to give a stranger a hug. It is also just creepy when a big character walks up to a child that is not even half the character's size. When you were little walking around Disney World and a giant Mickey Mouse jumps at you, you would definitely run behind you mom or dad and tell them, "Keep him away from me!!!!" That is most-likely going horrify you for the rest of your childhood life!

In conclusion, Disney World is not the happiest place on Earth. Because of the horrible guest experience, poor worker treatment, and disturbing mascots, Disney World is really the most depressing place on Earth.



This depicts a little girl being terrified by Disney mascots. (Source: kids crying at disneyland.blogspot.com)