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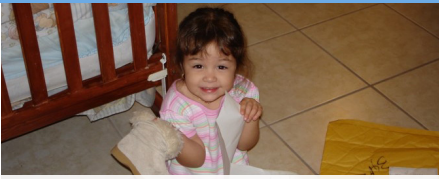
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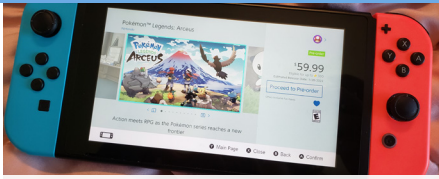
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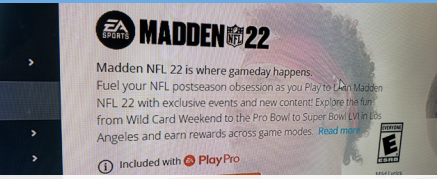
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Students encounter difficulties on campus

By: Rei Perez
Features Editor

Several students at NSU have expressed concerns about campus and the dorms during the fall semester. These concerns included protocol for potential carbon monoxide emergencies and navigating campus with disabilities.

Sam Snell, senior marine biology major, detailed an experience they had when their dorm carbon monoxide alarm went off. The student has five years' worth of experience working with first aid CPR and a Red Cross certification.

"I had just woken up at 10 a.m. and then my fire alarm went off which was really confusing because there's obviously no fire in the room," said Snell. It was not the fire alarm but a carbon monoxide alarm.

"The residence halls don't really brief you on what to do if your carbon monoxide alarm goes off," said Snell.

Snell and their roommates went to the front desk of Mako Hall to report the incident.

15 minutes later, public safety showed up.

"If this was a real scenario, the whole building, not just my own room, would have been endangered," said Snell.

After examining the fire alarm and the room and determining the room as safe, the Public Safety officer left. The student requested that someone come with the proper equipment for measuring carbon monoxide levels. Two men finally showed up to declare the dorm room safe.

By the time the room was cleared, it had been 30 minutes since the original alarm went off.

However, Victoria Myers, director of the office of University Housing, said, "All of our systems are electric, I checked with our design and construction department, and I don't think that any of our residence halls are equipped with carbon monoxide detectors. I think that was an alarm that was installed by the previous student."

Charles Jawor, Fire & Safety manager said that there is no reason for any carbon monoxide leaks in the first place.

"All of our systems are electrical boiler style where the heat is blown by water pipes so there's no forced air through any sort of flame," said Jawor, adding that, "The Commons has a boiler system, the air is forced past the coils, so it's not directly involved with any of the possibilities of carbon monoxide. Mako is an electrical based unit so there are no appliances that have any flame in them."

In response to forming any sort of official protocol or plan that NSU administration has in place for a carbon monoxide leak, considering there are no carbon monoxide alarms, Jawor said, "Honestly, I don't believe so. It would probably be more along just an evacuation drill-type policy."

Seth Mangasarian, director of Physical Plant, said, "I think it would fall in line with

the fire alarm policy. I don't think it would be much different."

Another student, Chloe Rousseau, a junior communication major, sprained her foot in the fall. Rousseau had used a scooter to get across campus, but this had proved difficult.

"I have classes in the UC and the Parker building, and I have found that the paved walkways are loose and not level. I've almost fallen over because my scooter got stopped by a loose [piece of] pavement," said Rousseau.

Mangasarian said, "All of those bricks in front of the library are all paved so if there is an uneven paver [the student] should report it at their dorm ... they can also call in to the work center here if they wanted to make that report as well."

Good news



Louisiana Sheriff hosts "no shave" fundraiser all year

A Louisiana sheriff's office started a "no shave" fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross along with 22 other organizations. According to US News "Deputies and other employees of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office have been donating \$25 a month to charity to be allowed to grow beards in November and December. Those who don't grow beards can dress more casually on Fridays if their jobs allow it."

Brewery honors Betty White

A Wisconsin brewery donated their funds to a local animal shelter in honor of the late Betty White. According to NBC News, Commerce Street Brewery had a chalk board up in her honor. The brewery allowed their customers to "buy a beer" for her, and the board quickly collected nearly 400 dashes of "beers for Betty." The brewery had 396 beers donated which added up to around \$1,980. The owner of the establishment felt it would only be right to donate the money. Since White had such a love for animals, they decided to donate funds to their local animal shelter.

Florida deputy saves woman from burning car

A video went viral of a Florida sheriff rushing to rescue a man who was trapped inside of a burning car. Tampa Bay Times reported that,

"Deputies used three fire extinguishers to bat down flames as they tried to pull the driver to safety." The woman saved was believed to have been intoxicated while driving on the wrong side of the road. After being retrieved from their burning building she was taken to the hospital and her condition was deemed stable.

Colorado woman saves kids who fell into an icy pond

A 23-year-old Colorado woman was caught on video saving three children who fell into an icy pond. The children, who ranged from ages four to 11, were playing on the frozen water when all three of them abruptly fell in. Dusti Talavera watched the scene from her window before jumping into action to save the three children. The Washington Post reported that, "as she reached for the third child, the ice gave way beneath her and Talavera, too, found herself in the 15-foot-deep pond. She tried to pull herself out, but the ice was too slick, so she treaded water to stay afloat as she struggled to hold the unconscious girl's head above the surface." Thankfully, one of the children's 16-year-old cousin managed to throw a rope from a safe distance to pull Talavera and the child from the water. The local community honored and thanked her for the selfless act.



International Tidings

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Protestors attempt to invade parliament in Bulgaria

Anti-vaccine and anti-mask groups protested last Wednesday at the parliament building in Sofia, Bulgaria. According to The Associated Press, "Protesters opposing COVID-19 restrictions in Bulgaria clashed Wednesday with police as they tried to storm the Parliament in the capital of Sofia. A heavy police presence prevented protesters from entering the building and some were detained. Several people, including police officers, were injured during the clashes. Eventually, the protesters were pushed back and police cordoned off the building." Roughly 1,000 people were involved in the protest against COVID-19 related restrictions. Bulgaria is currently facing an increased infection rate and is the least vaccinated country in the European Union.

French teachers strike over pandemic response

French teachers went on strike on Jan. 13 over the French government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. Facing confusing rules and class disruptions, teachers protested and expressed their anger towards the French government. According to The Associated Press, "Unions estimated that 62% to 75% of teachers were supporting the protest movement, depending on which school they're posted. The government said 27% of teachers were on strike. The SNUIPP teacher's union

is calling for a return to a previous rule that shuts classes down for a week if a child tests positive. Teachers are also demanding higher quality masks, more testing at schools and devices in classes warning when ventilation is required." The teachers are advocating for more clarifications of the rules regulating schools and extra support for staff and students.

Prince Andrew stripped of military roles and titles

Amidst a civil trial for sexual assault, Buckingham Palace announced that the defendant, Prince Andrew, would be stripped of his honorary military titles and royal patronages. Andrew's former titles will be returned to the queen, who approved the decision to strip Andrew of his titles. According to The Associated Press, "More than 150 navy and army veterans had written to the queen asking her to strip Andrew of all his military ranks and titles after a U.S. judge said Wednesday a sex assault lawsuit against Andrew could go ahead." Many of the veterans were a part of military units that were associated with Andrew's honorary titles and did not want to be associated with Andrew any longer. Previously, the motion was put forth by Andrew's lawyers that Virginia Giuffre's lawsuit should be thrown out based on a past agreement with Jeffrey Epstein. Lewis A. Kaplan, the district judge overseeing this case, rejected the defendant's arguments on the past agreement.

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Supernova discovered 130 days before its end

For the first time astronomers have detected a red supergiant star before it turns into an explosive super nova. Typically, supernova's are only detected following their explosion. However, scientists were able to find this one about 130 days before its end.

Astrophysicist Wynn Jacobson-Galán stated, "Although the star was in a galaxy about 120 million light-years away — both the star and the galaxy are too faint to be seen by the naked eye — the data from Pan-STARRS showed the star had become much brighter than usual." According to NBC News, following the explosion, evidence showed that the star was 10 times larger than our sun.

Puerto Rico mandates booster shots for public school students

The governor of Puerto Rico announced that the country will require students age 12 and older to be vaccinated. The U.S. territory is battling a surge of COVID-19 cases and has made various efforts in attempt to contain the virus. According to NBC News, "Puerto Rico had reported a test positivity rate of below 5% late last year, but it shot up to 36% this month, a change officials blame on the omicron variant." In addition to the vaccination mandate, the governor also put a 75% capacity on all public and private places that serve clients.

Three middle schoolers hospitalized after exposure to fentanyl

Three seventh graders at Sport and Medical Sciences Academy in Connecticut

had been exposed to fentanyl. One 13-year-old boy was pronounced to be in grave condition after an overdose. When the police arrived at the school, drug dogs found several bags of fentanyl. Though officials believe the drugs may have been taken off campus, the 13-year-old boy collapsed in the school gym and two other seventh graders were hospitalized. It is unclear what the method of ingestion was. Besides the students, the teacher of the class who had suffered a panic attack had been offered support by medical staff. Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said, "Our entire community is praying for this child in the hospital and for his family. And again [I] make an ask of every parent to talk with your kids and make sure they know how serious and how dangerous any unknown substance can be and any drug can be."

At home COVID-19 tests raise questions with omicron variant

As omicron cases continue to rise in the U.S., the Food and Drug Administration is gathering more information about at home COVID-19 tests and their ability to detect the new variant. According to NBC News, new evidence shows that the omicron variant may appear in the throat before the nose. This has raised conversation as many of the at-home tests available are not designed for throat swabbing, but for nasal swabbing. FDA officials are continuing to investigate to confirm the accuracy of at home test and whether or not they can be used for both throat and nasal swabbing.

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NSU introduces R.A.D program

The Student Care Team at Nova Southeastern University held informational sessions over Zoom on how to get involved with their new Rape Aggression Defense Systems (R.A.D.) classes that will begin this semester. The program aims to train students in self-defense mechanisms so that if they were ever to be found in a dangerous situation, they could protect themselves. While the Student Care Team website does have a page about the program found at nova.edu/studentcare/rad.html, it does not have any posted information, but more information will be available for those unable to attend the informational sessions over the coming weeks.

NSU COVID-19 dashboard reports upwards of 500 cases

The total reported cases for the end of the first week back to classes landed at 558 cases, 255 more cases than reported the week before. The dashboard, found at nova.edu/coronavirus/index.html, reports that 157 undergraduate students, 226 graduate and professional students, 30 NSU University School students and 145 faculty and staff members tested positive for COVID-19 during the first week of school. Classes remain in-person, with masks mandated for all indoor and outdoor spaces, for all people on campus, regardless of vaccination status. Students who have symptoms, tested positive or were exposed to someone who

tested positive for COVID-19 should email COVIDcase@nova.edu.

Improv Jam scheduled for the end of this week

NSU's annual Improv Jam is scheduled to take place on Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Theatre. Auditions for Improv Jam took place late during the Fall 2021 semester, and the approved cast of students will put on an improvisational comedy performance for those in attendance.

NSU offers COVID-19 booster shots

Any person five-years-old or older is now eligible to receive a free Pfizer COVID-19 booster shot, in addition to the first two

vaccine doses if they have not already been vaccinated. These shots will be administered at the Florida Department of Health in Broward County's site, which is located at NSU's main campus in Davie. No appointment is needed to receive a vaccine or booster shot, but there may be some wait times if you don't call ahead. Be sure to bring your current vaccination card if you have one, along with the proper identification. The site can be found at 7901 SW 36th Street, Suite 209, and the shots are available Monday through Wednesday from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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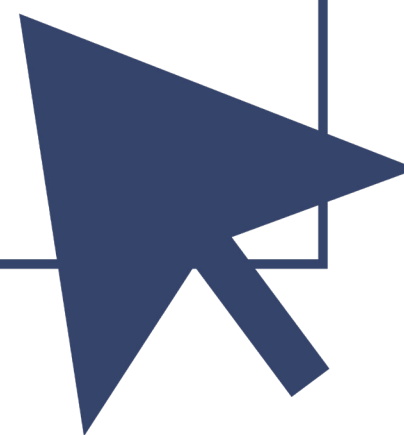
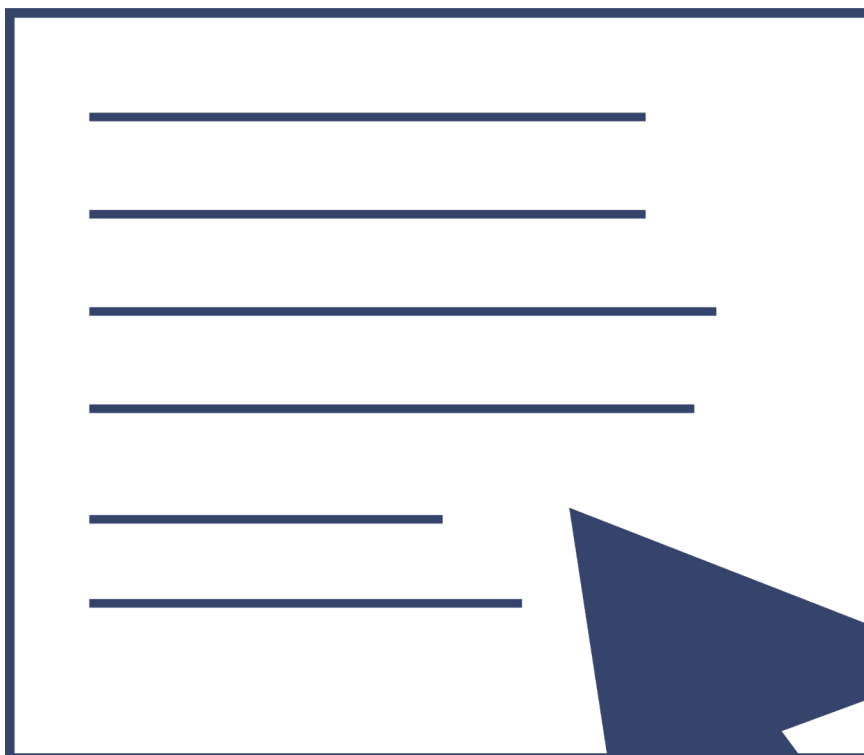
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That time I... had a Cinderella Story

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My family has always been big on nicknames. Mine is “princess,” and at two years old, I had my own version of a Cinderella story. It all took place on my first trip to Walt Disney World’s Magic Kingdom. My mom wanted to make my first experience at Magic Kingdom a memorable one, so she decided that a trip on Christmas Eve would be one we’d never forget.

My parents packed everything necessary and our family took our first trip to Disney. Upon arrival, my little sister and I were excited to be there and wanted to engage in everything in front of us. My dad pushed around a double stroller for us while my mom walked right by

our side. We indulged in sweets until our tongues were colored and our cheeks were sore. The blue coloring from the cotton candy stained my face but I had no worries.

We spent our day in the park doing as much as we could before it got dark and once it did, we got ready to experience the fireworks and the Christmas parade. I had a tendency to kick my feet together while in the stroller, and this was the beginning of my Cinderella story. Somewhere along our magical day in Disney, I lost one of my boots. I used to call my boot “mi buta,” since I couldn’t fully pronounce boot in Spanish. When my parents noticed I was

missing a boot, they asked me about “mi buta” and started searching for it.

They couldn’t find the boot anywhere and decided to check the lost and found. It wasn’t there either so they decided to file a claim for it just in case it ever did show up. My mom was pessimistic and thought the boot would never show up.

“With all the things that get lost at Disney, they aren’t going to return Princess’ boot,” said my mom. On the other hand, my dad still had faith in the Disney magic.

My mom was set on the idea that the boot would never show up so she threw away

the boot that we did have as soon as we got home. To her surprise, the boot was sent to us by mail almost two months later. We received a ridiculously large package for my children’s size 9 boot. The package had come from the park’s Lost and Found team with a letter addressing the claim my parents had made.

My first trip to Disney was not only memorable but unique. Being known as princess and emulating one is quite ironic. Despite my mom’s doubt, my Cinderella story came to a happy ending. I was reunited with “mi buta” which I keep in its original packaging with the letter to this day.

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Five things to do in South Florida when it's cold

By: Ester Ferreira
Contributing Writer

If you just moved to South Florida like me, I bet you were not expecting the weather to change so quickly and now it's suddenly cold. Not a real cold, but South Florida's cold. Because South Florida is known for being hot all year round, it feels like there's nothing to do when the temperature drops.

Even in the sunshine state, there are winter activities for everyone. In this article, I chose five different places and events to visit if you are in South Florida looking for some warm-hearted fun even though it's chilly outside.

Fort Lauderdale Auto Museum – Fort Lauderdale, FL

If you are interested in cars or just looking

for an out-of-the-ordinary program in the Fort Lauderdale area, the Fort Lauderdale Auto Museum may be right for you. The museum displays cars and artifacts from as early as 1900 inside the 30,000 square foot property.

South Florida Fair – West Palm Beach, FL

Florida's winter is the perfect weather for fairs. Starting Jan. 14, West Palm Beach hosts the South Florida Fair, with over 200 rides and 1,000 exhibitors for 17 days. This year's theme is Rockin' Robots, which promises larger-than-life size robots, interactive activities, fun robots, bot battles and daily parades.

Lowe Art Museum – Miami, FL

If you're looking to gain some knowledge or are generally interested in the arts, you might want to pay the Lowe Art Museum a visit. Apart from seasonal exhibitions, permanent exhibits include Greco-Roman antiquities, Italian Renaissance and Baroque plus European, Asian, African and Native American art. Recently, the museum has been offering 3-D contemporary art experiences as well.

Florida Panthers Hockey Game – Miami, FL

Just because Florida is usually hot does not mean that one cannot enjoy an ice hockey game around here. Despite being a bigger tradition in

northern (and colder) states, a Florida Panthers' game can provide you with a unique winter experience straight from the sunshine state.

Sawgrass Mills Mall – Sunrise, FL

Shopping is one of the biggest winter traditions out there, and Sawgrass Mills would make the perfect place to shop or hang out when the temperature drops outside. It is the second largest shopping mall in Florida, and it has over 300 stores, including designer brands. There are also restaurants and even a movie theater, so there's something for everyone.

To the animals we lost in 2021

By: Sofia Gallus
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Scientifically, it is very difficult to declare a species as extinct. In order to do so, researchers must observe the small population left, and based on how much evidence they collect, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will announce if the species is functionally extinct. Announcing extinctions, even if by some chance there is an unknown individual or small group out there, allows more resources to be put towards protecting other species on the endangered list.

As 2021 concluded, the largest group of animals and plants ever were moved from the endangered species list to the extinct species list under the 1973 Endangered Species Act. Twenty-two species of animals were declared as functionally extinct in September. Some of

these animals were native to Florida, but many of them were rare species that we may never see again.

Ivory-billed woodpecker

This species of woodpecker received the most media attention in 2021 when it was declared extinct, as one ornithologist, Tim Gallagher, argued in Audobon magazine that it was too early to declare this bird species extinct. He claimed he spotted an ivory-billed woodpecker in an Arkansas swamp in 2004, but it flew away before he was able to take a picture. He argued that if the species was taken off the endangered species list and declared extinct, crucial habitat for the species might

be lost to farm development. It caused a large debate amongst ornithologists and even in some news outlets who debated over whether or not a photograph was needed to potentially save the species from functional extinction.

Bachman's warbler

The last sighting of Bachman's warbler was in Florida in 1997, although this sighting was also unconfirmed as there was no photographic evidence. This songbird was once one of the rarest songbirds in the U.S., described as small, yellow-breasted birds, found only in the southeast portion of the nation in small numbers and declared endangered all the way back in 1967. However, their population was effectively

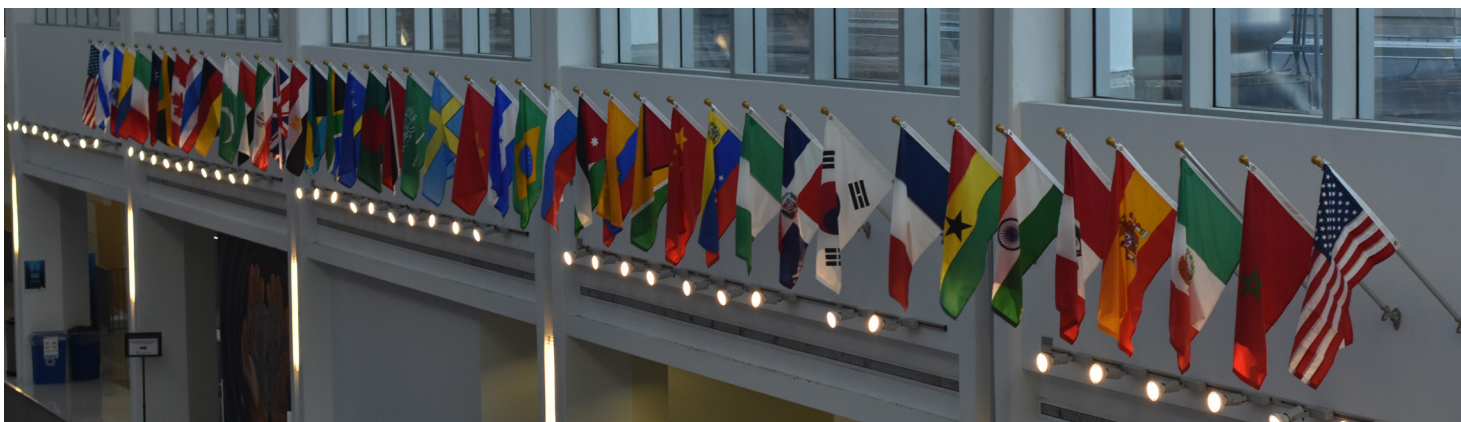
destroyed by habitat loss and natural disasters that have plagued the southeast over the last few decades.

Kaua'i 'o'o

The Kaua'i 'o'o is a bird native to the Hawaiian Islands. Their unique song can now only be found online through recordings. The bird was listed as endangered in 1967 and the last confirmed sighting came in 1987. Bird species on the islands of Hawaii are particularly vulnerable to extinction due to their isolation, in addition to rising competition brought by invasive species.

The international push for LGBTQ+ rights

By: Rei Perez
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In the first week of 2021, Tokyo, Japan, announced it would introduce a same-sex partnership program that includes adoption for couples for 2022 per Tokyo Governor, Yuriko Koike. In the same week, South Dakota introduced an anti-trans bathroom law along with other states that targeted trans people, according to NBC News.

Around the same time, the Canadian parliament passed a law that bans conversion therapy in Canada for minors and adults. Conversion therapy has been banned in many U.S. states and is proven to not be an effective form of therapy.

Early on in December of 2021, Chile legalized gay marriage. Chile joins Colombia, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay as the fifth of the

handful of countries in Latin America to allow gay couples the right to marry.

The increase in protective legislation for LGBTQ+ individuals worldwide is nothing new but these laws are special in their proximity to each other. This recent sweep seems to be indicative of a growing international popularity of LGBTQ+ rights.

According to a Pew Research Center survey from 2019, acceptance of homosexuality has risen in many countries since 2002. Even in very conservative countries, like India and Kenya, there has been significant improvements in the amount of people who accept homosexuality. Another report from the same year noted that, in the U.S., 61% of respondents to a survey favored same-sex marriage as compared to only 31% in

2004.

In developed countries, LGBTQ+ rights and acceptability are steadily on the rise, potentially due to activism, organization and the ability to pass progressive legislation. It seems that even though many underdeveloped countries lack these democratic abilities as compared to their counterparts, they may be inspired by these countries to take action, hence the small yet steady increase.

This increase is also benefiting the trans community. In June of 2021, Pew Research Center found that a majority of 56% of all U.S. adults believe that gender is determined by sex assigned at birth but these numbers are mostly from older U.S. adults. The majority of adults under 30, 56%, believe that gender can

be different from sex. When it comes to using gender-neutral pronouns, the survey found that a majority of 50% of all U.S. adults who participated are comfortable using gender-neutral pronouns.

Across the board, the data shows that younger generations have greater acceptability of LGBTQ+ individuals across the spectrum, even internationally. This recent sweep of laws from around the world is not a one-time phenomenon but rather a forecast of the times to come. There are plenty of anti-LGBTQ+ laws in the world, but protective legislation seems to become more popular as the years go on.

Forgotten projects of Disney

By: Alexander Martinie
Copy Editor

In the next few months, the Star Wars Galactic Starcruiser, a two-day hotel and experience tied to the Galaxy's Edge park attraction, is set to open. Many Star Wars fans have expressed concerns over this project, which begs the question, is the Star Wars Galactic Starcruiser worth it?

The short answer from many Star Wars fans is no. No, the Star Wars Galactic Starcruiser hotel is most certainly not worth the \$1,200 price tag. For that price you could buy about five or six custom-built lightsabers from Galaxy's Edge. Many fans have chosen to cancel their reservations for the experience due to concerns about the price and experience.

With all the issues around this experience,

is the Star Wars Galactic Starcruiser the next in a line of forgotten Disney projects? While there is no way to say for sure, here is a look at some of Disney's forgotten projects so you can answer that question for yourself.

Disney Pixar's Newt

Announced in 2010, Pixar's newt followed the story of a pair of blue-footed newts. Newt was set to be released in 2012 but was cancelled with Brave taking its place as the summer 2012 Pixar movie. This was the first and only Pixar project to be cancelled. Newt was scrapped following the release of Blue Sky Studios' Rio, which had too many plot similarities. This cancelled project has been referenced in other

Pixar films, including The Good Dinosaur, Brave and Toy Story 3.

River Country

Opening in 1976, River Country was Disney World's first water park. River Country would go on to last until 2001 when it was closed for maintenance and never reopened. While the park was popular at the time of its opening, things went underwater within the first decade. Between 1976 and 1980, three children died on the property: one by a freshwater amoeba and the latter two by drowning. The River Country property remains standing today, albeit in a decrepit and haunting state.

Dumbo II

With a sneak peek released as a special feature for the Dumbo 60 anniversary edition DVD, Dumbo II was set to continue the story of the classic 1941 animated movie with the characters of the original stuck in New York. "The kids accidentally get themselves disconnected from the rest of the circus and they end up in the big city," said Jeannine Roussel, who worked as a producer on Dumbo II. This sequel was ultimately cancelled in 2006. Dumbo's story would eventually be revisited in Tim Burton's 2019 remake.

For better or for worse "Archive 81" receives the Netflix original treatment

By: Sophia Cortes
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Netflix is known for releasing a constant stream of new shows and films, and recent to join the fray of originals is the horror series "Archive 81." This new addition to Netflix's growing line of self-produced content is by far the most exciting, as "Archive 81" is based on the acclaimed horror podcast of the same name, leaving many excited to see how much the company is expanding the traditional notions of TV or film adaptations.

The podcast follows archivist Daniel Powell, voiced by co-creator of the same name, as he undertakes a job for a conspicuous company archiving a series of mysterious tapes that survived a disastrous fire 20 years prior. Taking the premise of found footage horror films, "Archive 81" uses tape recorders as its method of storytelling, creating a compelling

and incredibly unique form of horror that is shared by very few. A notable compatriot of this niche being Rusty Quill's acclaimed horror podcast "The Magnus Archives." The Netflix series seems to be following the same plot, with only differences so far being the lead's surname and what is the most fascinating and apt decision of them all, the translation from using tape recorders to VHS.

It's not unheard of for adaptations between different mediums of storytelling to occur. In fact, it's the most natural thing in the entertainment industry, some of the biggest names in television and film have been adaptations of already existing pieces of literature. What sets "Archive 81" apart from all the usual forms of adaptations is its origins; fiction podcasts are often specifically tailored to their medium, meaning the very story

they tell is often intertwined and even thrives within the limitations that a fully auditory medium set before it. Much of the horror heard in "Archive 81" would not work as well in a visual medium as it does within the confines of earbuds or a speaker. Eldritch horror is a tricky genre of fiction that focuses on the horror of the vast unknowable, beings so far beyond human comprehension and understanding that to look upon their face is to know true fear, and to possibly go mad. How do you show this? The answer is that you don't. By using incredible sound scaping and hair-raising auditory effects, the creators of "Archive 81," Daniel Powell and Marc Sollinger, created the perfect concoction of noises to convey the un conveyable.

The very bones of the story itself, in both meta and non-meta narratives, rest on the fact

that this story is being told through audio tapes, through a podcast. Netflix solved this issue with the change from audio tapes to video tapes, but the question of exactly how the horror will be portrayed is still up in the air, and something that concerns many fans. It's not an impossible task, one of Netflix's most popular horror films, "Bird Box," hit the nail on the head when it comes to eldritch horror. I can only hope Netflix's adaptation of "Archive 81" receives the same out of the box thinking, and if it does, then viewers are in for ride they will certainly never forget.

"Archive 81" premieres on Netflix on Jan. 14 and the podcast can be found wherever you tune in to get your audio drama fix.

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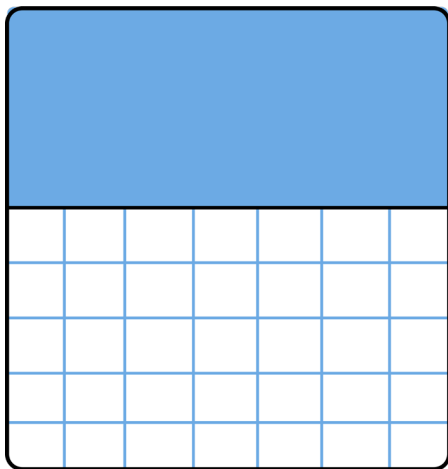
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Waves of the week: My life is a song

By: Danna Bertel
Contributing Writer



Do you ever feel the need to sing a song from a musical randomly? This playlist has great songs to sing to wherever you are, no matter what you are doing. If you love musical theater this playlist is for you.

“Once Upon a December” by Christy Altomare

“On my Own” by Samantha Barks

“And You Don’t Even Know It” by John McCrea

“Say My Name” by Alex Brightman, Sophia Anne Caruso

“Seventeen” by Barret Wilbert Weed

“Twisted” by Twisted Chicago Cast

“We Got Work to Do” by Firebringer Cast

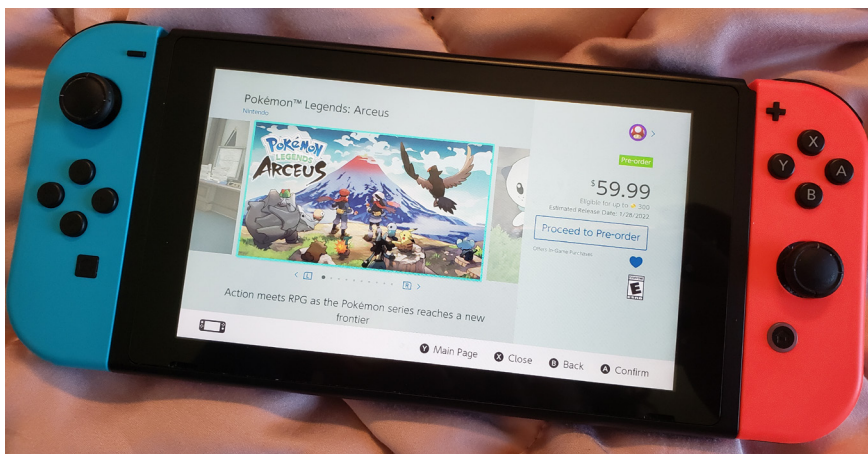
“Journey to the Past” by Christy Altomare

“Ex -wives” by Six Cast

“Don’t lose your head” by Christina Modestou

Anxieties loom as newest Pokémon game release draws closer

By: Sofia Gallus
Editor-In-Chief



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“Pokémon Legends: Arceus” comes out on Jan. 28. When the game was announced last February, fans were excited but skeptical. This game, announced in conjunction with “Pokémon Brilliant Diamond” and “Pokémon

Shining Pearl” remakes, takes place in the same region, but years before Pokémon were ever domesticated by humans. When the game was announced, little was known about the story, other than it was an open world game where

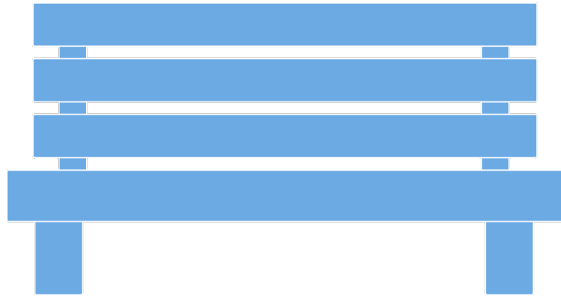
players would explore the ancient region and the wild Pokémon found in it.

As time passed, though, little more was released about it. The animation style echoes another Nintendo game, “Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild,” but plotline is nearly anyone’s guess. This is especially nerve-racking for longtime fans, because in the few trailers we’ve seen for the game, there have been little hints to previous games. This game has the potential to rewrite mainline Pokémon history as we know it. It has little tips to what might form Team Galactic, one of the original “big bads” of the Pokémon franchise, in addition to seemingly having lots of lore surrounding the formation of legendary Pokémon. However, what many fans fear is that the storyline will drop the ball by exaggerating these elements. Twitter and other social media platforms are rampant with fans voicing their excitement as the game draws closer to release, but even more so full of fans voicing their concerns.

As more trailers were released about the

game, it was announced that players would be working to capture the region’s first-ever national Pokedex. To complete this task, the player must catch and register every Pokémon in the region. The trailers show new gameplay elements, like wild Pokémon being able to chase the trainer down and battle with the trainer, not the Pokémon. The player is now able to fly across landscapes on Pokémon’s back, and ride on aquatic Pokémon through the water. This seems to be another source of concern among fans; will the player have control over the mechanics, like a true open-world game would, or will they be automatically transported like previous games? Will the players have true control over their journey as promised, or will this be another zone-locked, open-world-but-only-sort-of game?

While the game’s arrival gets ever closer, developer Game Freak takes a big risk. This is the first Pokémon game of its kind, and it could either be a big success or go down as one of the Pokémon Company’s most disappointing works.



On the bench: Antonio Brown and the harsh reality of the NFL

By: Rei Perez
Features Editor

Former Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Antonio Brown had a rough week at the start of 2022. After a contentious couple of months with the Bucs, Brown finally had enough and ran off the field, giving a “peace out” sign. This infuriated Bucs leadership, who promptly fired him on the spot. Many others on social media expressed anger and disappointment at Brown with some blaming him for his situation. Many allegations came out from supporters of Brown towards Bucs management. Tom Brady has also come under fire from Brown himself for his comments about Brown’s decisions. Brown has multiple sexual harassment allegations against him and got caught with a fake COVID-19 vaccination card. There has been a

lot of speculation about Brown’s mental state, many have speculated that he has developed CTE. It’s a messy situation.

What no one seems to be too concerned about is if Antonio Brown is actually happy with the decisions he has made. Even though Brown’s future in the NFL seems very shaky and uncertain, he seems happier than he was in the Bucs. He has been seen at NBA games and doing interviews on podcasts. If Brown wants to go, then the Bucs made the right decision by letting him go.

What is yet to be seen is if Brown’s attorney’s allegations made against the team are true or not. Brown’s attorney has alleged that the Bucs’ medical appointment that was scheduled

for Brown was used unfairly as a reason for his termination. If they are true or not does not seem to change the fact that Brown’s relationship with the team was becoming difficult and transgressive for both parties. It seems that his departure might be the best thing for Brown. With so much speculation that he has CTE, which is fatal, it is important that he gets the help that he needs and is not under pressure to perform. Sometimes that is exactly what a team needs, in sports or not. Teams need chemistry together and if there is an incident where that is broken to the point where it seems irreparable, it may be best to simply sever ties rather than force players or management to change to fit a mold. This is made even more difficult if there is speculation

that the player is unwell and not receiving the proper help. There may be many altercations like this, not only in the NFL but in all sports leagues and divisions. Some get covered by the media, like Brown, but others may fly under the radar or solve themselves.

What is for sure is that there is more to Antonio Brown’s story than meets the eye. It is still yet to be seen if Brown or the Bucs are hiding details. Ultimately, however, it seems that his removal from the team will shine a light on the alleged ignorance of the NFL towards players who require mental help.

An update to 2022 World Cup Qualifying

By: Blake Malick
Sports Editor

Now that we have reached 2022, it’s finally a World Cup year. The international competition is being held in Qatar, the first Middle Eastern country to ever host the event. This will be the first World Cup that will be held in November and December, not the summer, due to Qatar’s intense summer heat.

There are 32 spots in the 2022 World Cup, with 13 of them being filled. As of now, outside of the automatic qualification of Qatar for hosting the tournament, Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Croatia, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Netherlands, Serbia, Spain and Switzerland have qualified for the games.

There are 19 remaining spots for qualification in the World Cup. Of the 19 remaining, the spots will be dispersed around the

world. Africa has five spots, Asia has four and a half spots, North America has three and a half spots, Europe has three spots, South America has two and a half spots, and Oceania has half a spot. The continents that have half spots are put into an Intercontinental Playoff.

The final two spots will be determined by the Intercontinental Playoff. The matchups will take place on June 13 and 14. The first matchup is between fifth place in Asia’s qualifying and fifth place in South America’s qualifying. The second matchup is between fourth place in Concacaf and Oceania’s top-seeded qualifier. The winners will earn a spot in the World Cup.

Europe’s 10 qualifications were due to those teams winning their group. The final three spots will be filled by the group runners-up and

the two highest seeded third place teams. Path A will send either Scotland, Ukraine, Wales or Austria to the World Cup. Path B will send Russia, Poland, Sweden or Czech Republic to the World Cup. Path C is sending one of Italy, North Macedonia, Portugal or Turkey to the tournament.

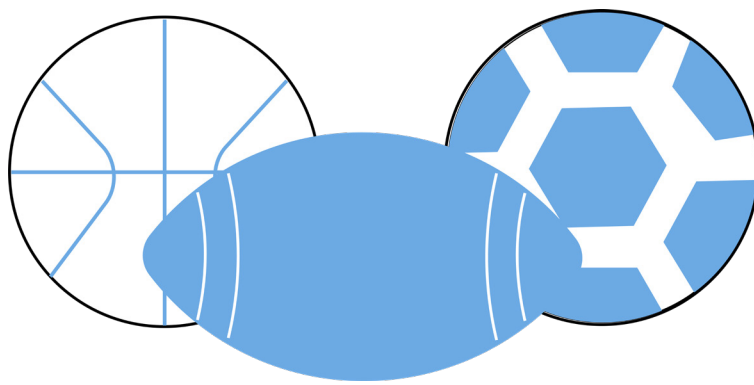
As of now, Ecuador and Colombia would hold the two spots for South America, with Peru earning a qualification for the intercontinental playoffs. Ecuador has 23 points, with both Colombia and Peru both have 17 points. Unlike Europe, South America’s qualification is based purely on points.

North America works on a points scale like South America does, with a set number of the highest scoring teams qualifying for the World

Cup. Three countries qualify for North America based off points. Canada, the United States and Mexico would qualify if it ended today, with Panama going to the intercontinental playoff.

In African qualifying, five of the ten remaining countries will qualify. It will work on two game series, with the highest seed playing the lowest seed. Five of Algeria, Cameroon, DR Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal and Tunisia will qualify for the World Cup based on the results of their matchup.

Oceania has yet to play any of their qualifiers, but it will either be Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Vanuatu or Papua New Guinea that is sent to the playoff.



Out of the shark zone

By: Alexander Martinie
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Djokovic’s spot in Australian open uncertain

Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic is still under consideration for deportation from Australia over issues with his visa. Djokovic’s appearance in the Australian Open will depend on the outcome of deportation decisions from the Australian immigration minister. “If he’s allowed to stay, Djokovic’s bid for a men’s record 21st major title could mean a quarterfinal against No. 7-ranked Matteo Berrettini and possibly a

semifinal against Rafael Nadal or third-seeded Alexander Zverev. He is tied with Nadal and Roger Federer on 20 Grand Slam titles, missing a chance for the all-time record when he lost the U.S. Open final to Daniil Medvedev last year,” according to The Associated Press. If he is unable to compete, Djokovic’s opening match spot will be filled by a player that had lost in a qualifying tournament, this type of player is referred to as a “lucky loser.”

Legislative committee clears trans athlete ban

A legislative committee in South Dakota has approved a bill that would ban transwomen from participating in sports times matching their gender identity. This bill, backed by Governor Kristi Noem, is being moved quickly through the Republican controlled statehouse. According to The Associated Press, “Every Republican on the committee approved the bill, despite warnings from opponents that it alienates and bullies

transgender students and exposes public schools to legal action for a political cause that has not been an issue in South Dakota. Proponents say it protects girls’ sports from trans athletes who may be bigger, faster and stronger than their peers.” If passed, South Dakota will be the 11th state to ban transgender athletes. The U.S. Department of Justice has questioned the constitutionality of these bans and challenged them based on federal laws.

Legendary football personality John Madden dies at 85

By: Blake Malick
Sports Editor

The name that most people will recognize from their favorite football video game, John Madden, died on Dec. 28. The one-time face of football is a legend to the game, whether it was on or off the field. Madden coached the Oakland Raiders from 1969 to 1978 and held a career record of 103 wins, 32 losses and seven ties. His .759%-win percentage is the best of all time at the head coach position. He was voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a coach in 2006.

While he is known as one of the best coaches of all time, his time with a headset on is what many people remember him for. His

commentary career spanned 30 years, starting in 1979 when he joined CBS, before he went on to work for Fox, ABC and NBC. He was such a good commentator that his contract in 1994 with Fox reportedly paid more than any player in the NFL was making. He is responsible for the “Galloping Gobbler,” as the commentator started the tradition of giving the “Most Valuable Player” from the Thanksgiving NFL games a turkey leg as a prize.

His All-Madden team that he started in 1984 is one of the most memorable things about him. Madden picked players that he thought

played football the right way and represented it well. Players strived to be named to his hand-picked team.

When asked about what it meant to be All-Madden, Madden once said, “It’s a whole range of things. For defensive linemen and linebackers, it’s about Jack Youngblood playing with a busted leg, Lawrence Taylor wreaking havoc on the offense, and Reggie White making the other guy wish he put a little more in the collection plate at church. It’s about a guy who’s got a dirty uniform, mud on his face, and grass in the ear hole of his helmet.”

His name will live on forever on the cover of EA Sports Madden NFL games. The coach gave EA the 1980 Raiders playbook as a reference for the game. The game has been released annually since 1988, becoming one of the best-selling video game franchises of all time. Some younger people know Madden as the “video game guy” and it’s perfectly reasonable. Many kids, and even adults, developed a love for football through his video games, and these individuals will take that with him forever.

Dolphins fire head coach Brian Flores

By: Blake Malick
Sports Editor

In one of the most surprising outcomes of Black Monday, the Miami Dolphins parted ways with head coach Brian Flores. In his time as head coach, he inherited a tanking team in 2019 and led it to five wins. In 2020, the Dolphins were here to contend for a playoff spot. Flores led the team to a 10-6 record, missing the playoffs due to tiebreakers. The 2021 season was more tumultuous, going from 1-7 to 9-8, winning eight of their last nine games.

During their 1-7 start, the Dolphins lost to the Jacksonville Jaguars, who secured the No. 1 overall draft pick for having the worst record in the NFL. They also lost to the Atlanta Falcons, a team that finished 7-10. These two games would’ve put the Dolphins in the playoffs had they won them. Some may say that he led the team to two straight winning seasons, but he still led the team to zero playoffs appearances. It is a

result-based business.

It’s being reported by many sources that the firing was unrelated to coaching reasons. Apparently, the relationship between Flores and the general manager Chris Grier was beyond repair, and owner Stephen Ross was left with the decision, Flores or Grier? In the end, he chose to keep Grier. The tension between Grier and Flores may have been due to the debate between building around Tagovailoa or trading for Deshaun Watson. Ross’ decision to keep Grier tells a story in itself; Tua will be a Dolphin in 2022.

Flores had the inability to hire a competent offensive coordinator and staff. The Dolphins ranked 30th in rushing offense, rushing for just 1,568 yards and 12 touchdowns as a team. For reference, there were seven players that rushed for at least 1,000 yards individually. The passing

game was also inadequate when compared to the rest of the NFL. It’s 3,936 passing yards ranked eighteenth in the league, worse than middle of the pack.

Going forward, it’s almost guaranteed that the Dolphins will be hiring an offensive-minded head coach to run their organization. The team was hurt by the inability to put a good offensive scheme and gameplan on the field. The Dolphins have made two interview requests as of now; 49ers offensive coordinator Mike McDaniel and Bills offensive coordinator Brian Daboll.

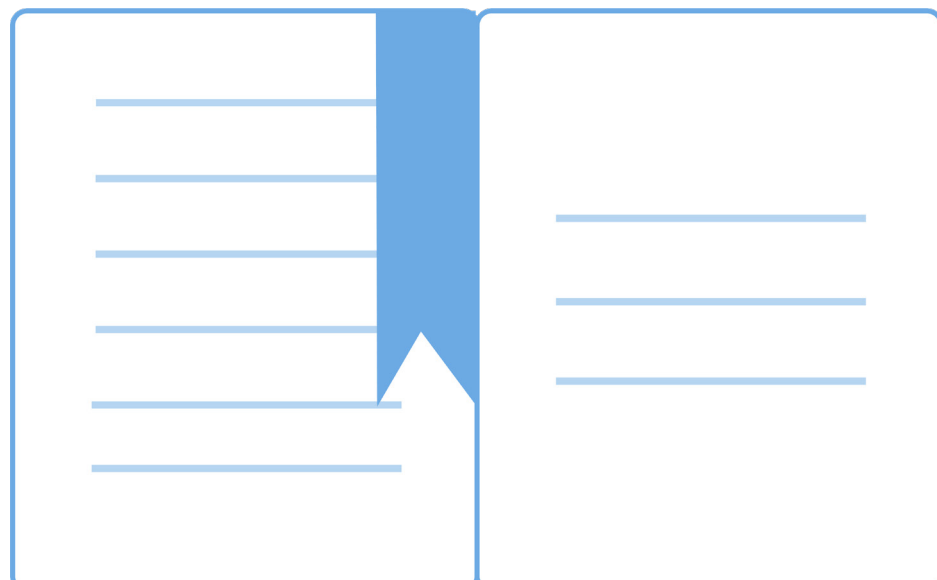
McDaniel would be a very interesting hire, and it shows that the Dolphins front office wants to run the ball. The 38-year-old offensive coordinator has had a large impact on the 49ers seventh ranked rushing offense, one that was missing its starting running back for six games. His run heavy scheme allows for the team to

chew the clock, while also bringing the defense up, allowing for easy completions on play-action passes. McDaniel would be a first time NFL head coach if the Dolphins were to hire him.

Daboll is one of the best offensive minds in football, but would he be willing to take his first NFL head coaching job intra-division? The Daboll interest is generalized, but when one looks deeper, they can see how it made lead to a long-term partnership. Daboll was Tua Tagovailoa’s offensive coordinator and quarterbacks’ coach when he was in college at Alabama, when Tua was at his best. Daboll’s offense in Buffalo finished the regular season with the fifth most yards per game with 381.9. It also averaged the third most points per game with 28.4. Like McDaniel, Daboll would be a first-time head coach in the NFL.

Sports history

By: Blake Malick
Sports Editor



Jan. 19 – Tour de France announced

In 1903, the Tour de France bike race was announced. The bike race is primarily held in France but sometimes travels short distances in or through other countries. The tournament consists of 21 different stages and takes place typically in the summer over the course of 23 days.

Jan. 20 – Wilt Chamberlain makes fifteen field goals in one game

Wilt Chamberlain, an American basketball player, made fifteen field goals in one game against the Lakers in 1967. Chamberlain made the third most field goals in NBA history during his career and held the record until LeBron James surpassed him in 2021.

Jan. 21 – Boston Bruins become the first NHL team to have four different players break records

During the 1970-1971 season, the Boston Bruins were the first team in the NHL to have four different players score 100 goals in a single season. Only one other team in NHL history, the Pittsburgh Penguins, were able to repeat the feat during their 1992-1993 season.

Jan. 22 – The National Association of Baseball Players (NABBP) was founded

In 1857, the National Association of Baseball Players (NABBP) was founded in New York. It was the first organization to assemble to manage national baseball teams and game rules.

However, the organization became effectively defunct by 1871 due to a lack of teams and eventually the rise of other baseball clubs and organizations.

Jan. 23 – The US National Archery Association is formed

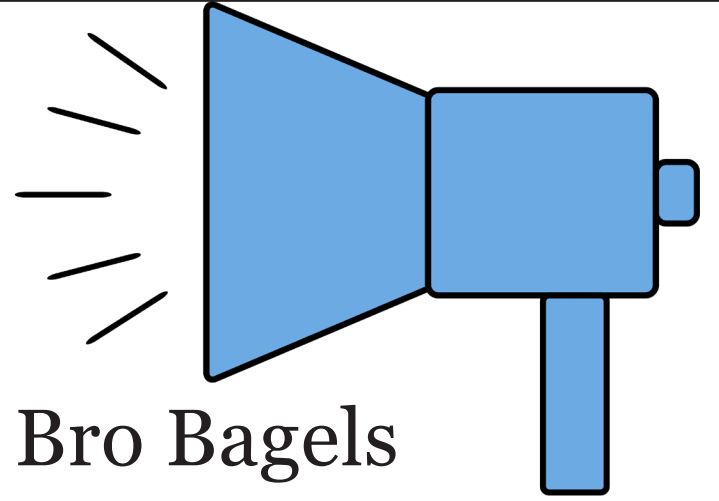
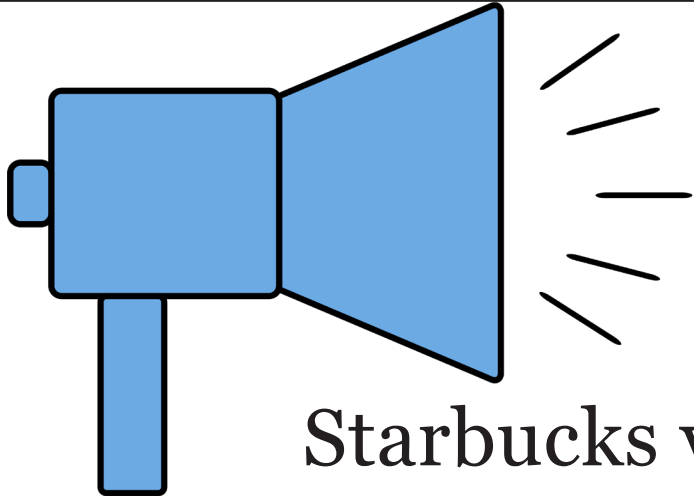
The US National Archery Association was formed in Indiana in 1879. Today, the association is known simply as USA Archery, and is headquartered in Colorado. It was formed to promote the sport and safety measures of professional archery.

Jan. 24 – World’s oldest badminton club forms in England

Newcastle University, in England, formed their badminton club in 1900, making it the oldest of its kind. The club continues to thrive today, boasting opportunities for intense training and game opportunities on their webpage. The club has five teams competing in the BUCS league, composed of three men’s teams and two women’s teams.

Jan. 25 – NY Yankees sold after Ruppert brewery mismanagement

In 1945, the New York Yankees were sold by Ruppert estate after it was found that they were mismanaging their brewery. The team was sold to Del Webb, Dan Topping and Larry MacPhail for \$2.8 million dollars, equal to over \$40 million dollars today.



Face Off: Starbucks vs. Einstein's Bro Bagels

Starbucks is the superior coffeehouse

Brielle Aguayo

Starbucks, to many coffee lovers, is the holy grail of macchiatos, frappuccino's and, most famous of all, pumpkin spice lattes. These drinks are not only the most popular among younger generations, but as a society we collectively all have had an obsession at least once with Starbucks's drinks and yummy treats. My love for Starbucks was even more enforced when I began to live on campus, where its convenient location has me hooked.

As a coffee connoisseur, I enjoy vanilla iced lattes and toasted white iced mochas. They are both sweet and have just the right amount of coffee I prefer as a consumer. When it comes to non-coffee items, I am a refreshers enthusiast. Such as, the dragon drink, the strawberry açai lemonade, the kiwi starfruit and the pink drink.

These drinks provide a fresh taste of caffeinated bases and a take on different fruit flavors.

The world-renowned company not only has some of the best drink combinations I have ever tried, but the food items are delicious. The food menu is also something I gravitate towards when going to Starbucks for my daily breakfast-run. In particular, I am a huge fan of their breakfast sandwiches; the bacon-gouda and egg sandwich, and the double-smoked bacon and cheddar-egg sandwich.

Starbucks does a phenomenal job at providing unique drinks and food items that taste delicious and are creatively brewed well.

Give Einstein Bros. Bagels a chance

Sophia Cortes

With Starbucks' iron clad grip on breakfast foods and coffee, it's sometimes hard to

remember that there are genuinely better, and cheaper, options available. Einstein Bros. Bagels is such a place that you can easily find on campus. Unlike Starbucks' stoic rotation of often unfulfilling breakfast sandwiches and paninis, Einstein Bros. has a large selection of genuinely delectable sandwiches at affordable prices which you can customize at will. My favorite of the bunch being the "Tasty Turkey," which is what a cucumber asiago bagel sandwich would taste like in Heaven.

But coffee is where the most important differences lie. While Einstein's iced coffees and lattes can sometimes be too sweet, something Starbucks doesn't seem to mind when promoting their "signature lattes," their freshly brewed coffee is where the greatest of their strengths lie. Einstein offers wonderful blends of dark and medium roasts, my favorite being their French vanilla flavored roast, which

offers a wonderful, sweet aroma and incredibly flavorful notes of vanilla and hazelnut, all from a single black coffee. If you're not one for black coffee and relish in the sugar brought by most Starbucks products, Einstein offers cold brew shakes in a variety of flavors that go miles above any Frappuccino.

Starbucks is too expensive, and their food can at times be lackluster. Their Pike Place roast? It tastes like office coffee. It's surprising that as much as their blonde and dark roasts change, nothing replaces the bitter dirt water that is Pike's Place. Not to mention how their regular espresso is incredibly subpar. If you want good tasting espresso that does the job, you have to pay extra for the blonde. Where Starbucks lacks, Einstein Bros. comes to pick up the pace as an underrated classic.

Serving up diverse food

By: Brielle Aguayo
Opinions Editor

National food days have been a classic staple of celebratory times and food festivities that impact our daily lives. They make our world so much more light-hearted and insightful. It is a humorous concept that gets everyone talking about the top foods that are celebrated.

In the beginning of January, there are a variety of national food holidays that represent not only culture but creativity in cuisine. There are food celebrations for crême puffs, chocolate covered cherries, spaghetti, tempura, epiphany cake, milk and oysters Rockefeller day.

All of these food items uniquely hold their own. Some are more common than others, like milk and spaghetti, but tempura and epiphany cake add flavor to the importance of these

holidays.

For example, national tempura day is celebrated on Jan. 7 and is an inquisitive food item originating from Japan. This dish is a modern concept of deep-frying that was not initially apart of Japanese culture but continues to establish its important purpose. Especially of its conversion into tempura rolls.

Oysters Rockefeller day tends to be popular for seafood lovers. The holiday takes place on January 10. The classic dish was invented by Jules Antoine Alciatore during the Gilded Age, and ever since has been a significance seafood phenomenon. The food item is a first course that is combined with garlic, parsley, butter and oysters. It is a French delicacy that adds flavor to

anyone's pallet.

During the middle of January, there are many more dates for food celebrations. Such as, hot pastrami sandwich day, popcorn day, cheese lover's day, coffee break day and pie day. There are more national food holidays, however these are just a few highlights of the ones that take place in mid-January.

Hot pastrami sandwich day takes place Jan.14. Its origin comes from New York City in the nineteenth century, because of it being an accessible good it was an inexpensive food item to feed families. The sandwich is a combination of delicious beef adorned in spices to add flavor.

Other national food holidays include New England clam chowder, pie, chocolate cake,

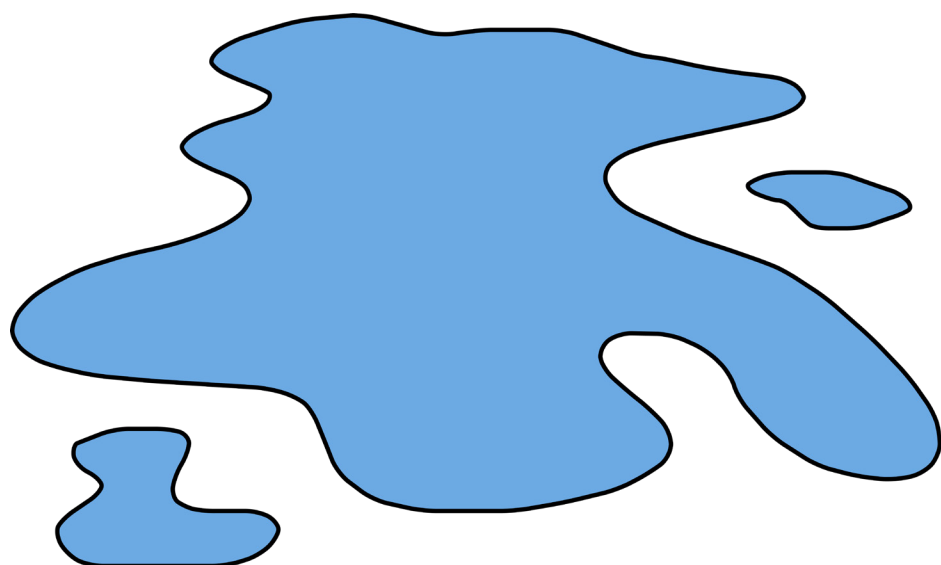
blueberry pancakes, corn chips, croissants and hot chocolate.

A popular and classic soup would be the New England clam chowder, which is celebrated on Jan. 21. This soup consists of potatoes, onions, chicken and seafood. Its creamy consistency is rich in flavor and is a signature dish paired with seafood meals.

These national food holidays are a humorous and light-hearted occasion that brings joy into our lives. Consider doing research to see if your favorite food has its own national holiday.

Water your thoughts: "Community" is still one of the best comedy TV shows

By: Danna Bertel
Contributing Writer



Early in the pandemic with lots of free time at home, I stumbled upon "Community," a sitcom about a community college study group. The beginning of the show felt like your run of the mill sitcom, later turning into something completely different.

I am not an avid watcher of sitcoms. They don't make me laugh or they overuse laugh tracks, making the overall joke less funny. However, "Community" was the first sitcom I watched where I actually laughed. The TV show frequently uses meta jokes and pop culture references and play homage to many television tropes.

While the humor that "Community" offers may not be for everyone, there is something else that makes "Community" such a unique sitcom and stands out for me. Concept episodes tend to

be some of the show's best episodes, which are directly parodying a specific film or an entire genre, ranging from "Law & Order," "Pulp Fiction" and "Star Wars." What makes these homages so great is that they are not randomly incorporated but it is cleverly integrated as part of the show's plotline.

The show still does not lose grasp of their characters when putting them in crazy, almost absurd situations just for the sake of a parody or a joke. The plots created in each episode are an inventive way for developing the characters and creating new plot lines. While I may not understand all of the culture references, I understand enough to appreciate the level of humor that "Community" is offering. All I can say is that "Community" is truly "streets ahead."

Is starting a business as easy as it seems?

By: Chanel Gilcrease
Contributing Writer

In January of 2021, I started my identity design company Intrstellr, after consuming too much content during the 2020 lockdown about being a business owner in the design industry. I'm not the only one with a story like this. There are thousands, if not millions, of people who started small businesses while they were home in 2020, and many have taken to TikTok and Instagram to document their journeys and encourage others to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams as well.

I think it's great that so many people have pivoted into owning their own businesses, and I certainly enjoy the content that's been coming

out of their experiences, my favorite being the satisfying packaging compilations. However, is it really as easy to become an entrepreneur as people make it seem? Can you really just decide one day you want to make scrunchies or custom rugs for a living and be an overnight success like the videos suggest?

Spoiler alert, the answer is no.

Starting a business can be easy in the sense that, depending on the business, there aren't really any barriers to entry because you don't need any or much money to get started. Additionally, thanks to social media platforms, it's easier to raise awareness for your venture.

Post some engaging content and you could get enough attention to be profitable in the snap of a finger, but sustaining your business is another story. No matter how passionate you are about what you're doing, there will be aspects of entrepreneurship that you don't know how or simply don't want to do. For me, it's administrative things like writing contracts, doing taxes and things of that nature. Trust me, I didn't see anything on social media about those things before I started Intrstellr.

I was so excited to get up and running and I still am proud to be a businessowner, but I'd be lying if I said I knew 100% of what I was getting

myself into. There's so much I didn't and still don't know. That's probably the sentiment of many businessowners, especially in the first few years. However, if you're willing to put in time and effort, and you genuinely enjoy what you're doing, then go for it. I know there's plenty for me to figure out, but I love being an identity designer and I can't imagine doing anything else with my life. While it might be a bumpy road, I don't regret starting Intrstellr and I can't wait to see where the journey takes me.

People should get to choose where to watch movies

By: Bryce Johnson
Contributing Writer

In the wake of movie theaters closing due to COVID-19, movies were either delayed or released both in the remaining open theaters and on demand. Several movie theater chains spoke out against this, including AMC Theaters, as it directly impacted their profits. Now that COVID-19 regulations are lightening up, film companies are shifting back towards only releasing their movies in theaters. While an exclusive theatrical release might seem ideal for theater chains, people should be able to see films in the way that best suits them.

Theaters are great for experiencing movies

with an audience just as invested as you are. At the same time, watching them at home can be more affordable, and give a more personal experience if you're watching it with family. There are benefits to both, not everyone is going to strictly want one way or the other. For example, I prefer watching movies in theaters, but I don't want to always watch them that way. There are times when watching them at home can be more convenient, or even a better experience overall.

Back in August, I was excited to watch DC's latest film, "The Suicide Squad." I

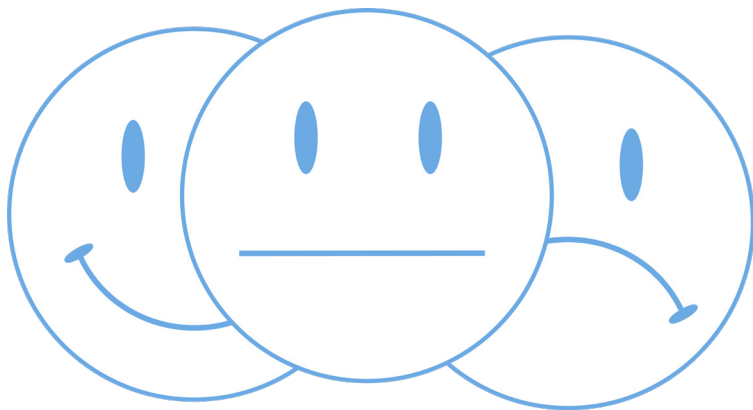
couldn't get to a theater the weekend it came out, but I wanted to watch it then to avoid spoilers. Fortunately, it was available on HBO Max the same day it was released in theaters. The movie is fairly gory and raunchy, which is a type I don't watch all that often. Though I ended up liking "The Suicide Squad", I wouldn't have been able to watch it uninterrupted in a dark theater. Watching it at home let me pause it at the bloody bits and take breaks when I needed to. When I was ready, I could play it again without missing a beat.

At the end of the day, with the simultaneous

release model, the risk of theater companies losing their profit is still there. They can't make money if people are staying at home, so the simultaneous release could be seen as harming the business. But in a way, it can also help it. Letting people make the choice of where to watch movies gives them more options to show their support. If more people support a movie, more movies are made, which would bring more of them to theaters. Regardless of how people enjoy watching films, giving them the freedom to choose encourages them to come back for more.

Seriously kidding: The legend of the clipboard monsters

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Clipboard monsters have this idea that they are powerful beings which owe the world nothing. They are communicators and innovative because of their vicious actions. These monsters tailor to their needs only and won't rest to let their voices be heard.

The Current firsthand has dealt with these viscous clipboard people and has realized they have no self-awareness. They believe they can walk around acting like they own the place when they certainly do not.

It is an invasion of one's privacy which makes people not only feel uncomfortable but have a difficult time during these daily encounters. It is so painful to be in these situations that we resort to unthinkable measures, which is the act of playing pretend or trying to portray being seen as invisible.

For example, many take this job very seriously, by making make-believe phone calls and even pretending to text their make-believe friends. It's a daring task which can only be done by people who do not like performing the act of conversing or the haunting mission of saying no.

Another thing individuals do is hide, literally drowning themselves in their hoodies to avoid being captured by clipboard monsters.

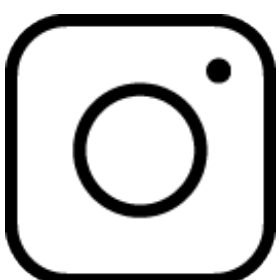
Only certain people would be daring enough to face them and take on their insane antics.

Later, The Current discovered just that, a brave soldier decided to play with their mind and take on the toughest challenge yet. By using distraction and humor, the monster was left speechless and unable to keep going with their mischievous doings. The courageous soldier was a champion in that moment and took down the clipboard monster with pride.

These creatures may always try to get things to be in their favor, however with courage and the power of ignorance they will never stand a fair chance of getting what they most desire. The Current salutes anyone who doesn't stand for the antics, and thanks you for trying your best. It's never an easy task to take down someone who continues to make others feel uncomfortable.

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