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Updated Barking

by Alisa Ponari 8-508

Here are the updates to the articles in January issue of The Barking News:

Super Bowl LVII has come and gone. The Kansas City Chiefs won by three points, the score being the Chiefs with 38 points and the Philadelphia Eagles with 35 points. People were astonished at their victory because of the amazing conclusion. Two people on the team, quarterback Patrick Mahomes and defensive tackle Chris Jones, were titled AFC Offensive Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year respectively. The team was honored at a parade in Kansas City held on February 15, 2023 to celebrate the win. Also, Rihanna's halftime performance at the Super Bowl was a hit. Some people thought she was off her game. They noticed she wasn't dancing much nor moving as well as she did in the past. Many others think she did great, despite being pregnant.

WNBA star Brittney Griner who had been arrested in Russia and was released last month is making changes in her life. Ms. Griner, who was originally a free agent, has now signed a \$165,100 contract with the Phoenix Mercury. She spoke about this saying "I intend to play basketball for the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury this season, and in doing so, I look forward to being able to say 'thank you' to those of you who advocated, wrote, and posted for me in person soon". She had also gotten a standing ovation at the NAACP. The eight-time All-Star took a 32% pay cut to rejoin the franchise that drafted her into the pros. According to Ms. Griner, she's happy to be home and back with her family once again.

Controversy about gun ownership has increased since publication of the last issue. There are now people who want to make the AR-15-Style Rifle the "National Gun" in the same way that the bald eagle and the Star Spangled Banner symbolize America. This gun has been used in many of the deadliest mass shootings. Georgia Republican Representative Clyde handed out pins in the shape of assault rifles to support the cause. Democrats responded with disgust but then Representative Clyde shared a smug remark and stated that they're "triggered". In the opinion of many, people have a right to be worried about making a gun, especially one that has murdered so many, a symbol of America.

Traditional and New Contests - Science Fair & Women's History Poster PS 83 Students Investigate Science & Celebrate Women

by Anthony Kolaj 7-409

The annual Science Fair is one of the most anticipated events in our school. It allows for students ranging from grades 3-8 to express their talent and flair for creating fascinating experiments all the way to devising mechanical engineering feats. The Science Fair allows students the freedom to explore whatever scientific concepts they desire.



On March 11, 2023, there were many visitors to the Science Fair despite the rainy weather. There was fierce competition among many students with only a handful of them triumphant. Participants that won for grades 3-4 were Unik Isufi in Class 3-323, and Fjonda Buzhhala in Class 4-318 who made a Hologram. The next winner, Adea Brahimaj from Class 4-318 did a project on Mouth Bacteria. For grades 5-6, Aiden Picon from Class 6-312 executed the Egg Drop Experiment. The next winner was Peyton Catacutan from Class 5-213 who did Science Spherification. For grades 7-8, Alyssa Regalado from Class 4-409 carried out a solar oven experiment. Finally, Sophia Bui from Class 8-509 presented a project on Algae. After careful analysis, the judges, Mrs. Michele Loughery, Mr. Gregory Sanchez, and Ms. Christina Regenhard, determined Sophia Bui to be the winner of the Science Fair. In the opinion of the teachers and administrators, all of the contestants worked very hard which resulted in many grade winners. They felt that the Science Fair was a successful event that allowed many students to create amazing experiments and compete for prizes.



**WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MONTH**
WHAT ABOUT HER STORY?



by Alyssa Regalado 7-409

For the first time ever, PS 83 hosted a Tell HerStory Poster Contest. It was a contest that encouraged grades 5-8 to research anything that has to do with women's history and then make a poster about it. This allowed students to focus on a place, image, person, event, or anything that revealed the history of women. Students' posters were judged on the importance of the place, image, event, or the person. The judges also wanted the entry to be absent of grammar and spelling mistakes, show an understanding and accuracy of the content on the poster, and look and appealing and neat. All entries for this event were to be submitted to the participants' homeroom teacher no later than Friday, March 17, 2023.

The names of the six winners who won \$100, \$75, and \$50 gift cards were announced on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. There were three first place winners, who won \$100 each. The first place winners were Mia Johnson in Class 5-208 who made her poster on Anna Coleman (Ladd) Watts, Melanie Sencion in Class 8-516 whose poster was about the Mirabel Sisters, and Daniel Corado in Class 6/7-619 who highlighted the accomplishments of Bronx native and Supreme Court Judge, Sonia Sotomayer. There were two second place winners who won \$75 each. They were Orgesa Kelmendi from Class 5-213 who studied Jane Goodall and Ruby Subveri in Class 7-416 who celebrated Mary Church Terrell. Finally, the winner of the \$50 gift card was Mariah Paz from 5/6-517 who drew attention to the life of Amelia Earhart. All of these people did posters that helped PS 83 learn more about the history of women.



Earthquake in Turkey & Syria Causes Widespread Death & Destruction

by Joseph Simoni 7-409

On February 6, 2023, an earthquake struck southern and central Turkey, and northern and western Syria. It occurred thirty-four km west of the city of Gaziantep at 4:17 AM TRT(Turkish time), four hours later more than 34,000 people were killed and tens of thousands injured after a

magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Turkey and Syria. Miraculously, a ten-year old girl was rescued after 147 hours under the rubble. (cont'd on pg. 4 , col. 1)

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ELA and Math State Tests
Coming Soon

Students will have to put their brains to work in the upcoming weeks. Grades 3-8 will take the English Language Arts State Test on Wednesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 20. After the Spring Break, the Math State Test will be administered on Tuesday, May 2, and Wednesday, May 3.



Issues and Challenges In
The Age Of Social Media

by Macaylah Ortiz 8-509

Social Media is a platform that connects all people of different genders, races, ages, and religious beliefs around the country. It's the most popular way now of communication for teens and young adults. This all sounds very positive. It's a way for people to connect with others and create relationships, but if you look deeper what do you see? The dangers of social media are real.

Thousands of people who are young and naive fall for lies posted on social media every day. Some people even become mentally hooked onto social media. A study from Lurie Children's Blog says, many parents and older people find social media intoxicating for younger teens, to the extent where they don't give teens the opportunity to experience and use social media. But is this the right way to go about protecting teens from the possible dangers of social media?

In my personal opinion, no it is not. I do not blame parents and older people for trying to protect their younger family members in this way. Social media is still relatively new. Adults grew up their entire lives with no type of platform for communication like this and now they feel the need to protect their children from it.

A teen can't be shielded from something that is everywhere. Schools, stores, libraries, billboards, and social media are everywhere. Minors, regardless of age, will be curious about things that are seen and heard everywhere. Meaning if teens are prevented from accessing social media, they will only find another way to get onto it, or even just look at it.

If social media is not an adult's forte, rather than not let young people use social media, he/she should monitor it. I don't mean to invade their privacy. They are still allowed to have control in a sense. But teens should be checked upon. Their caregivers should ask who they talk to on social media and what they post. Teens are entitled to their own privacy, but they are still naive to things online. Social media can be a fun place for teens, as long as they are safe and guardians know they are okay.

Is TikTok A Threat
To The United States?

by Anthony Kolaj 7-409

There once was a small app that allowed users to create short form videos that were quick, informative and funny that had been released to America. It has now revolutionized the way people make videos and has opened many doors to people trying to get big on the internet. Many people might recognize this iconic app as TikTok. This app has over one billion monthly active users! TikTok is seen as a way to have fun watching quick videos, but there is more to it than what meets the eye. Many government officials have said this seemingly harmless app is a threat to US national security. TikTok is a company that has grown very large recently, but many are skeptical about how the company operates, and why the United States sees the app as a threat.

Many people have used TikTok aimlessly for hours on end. Time flies by for many people while on the app, but this is no coincidence. TikTok allows for easy to make videos. On top of that, instead of promoting educational or beneficial content, they sometimes promote harmful and useless content. TikTok's algorithm is tailored to get everyone hooked on their platform. According to The New York Times "The algorithm tries to get people addicted rather than giving them what they really want," This shows the main goal of TikTok, addicting their users, and using all of their watch history to recommend the most addicting videos to hook the viewer. The problem with this is how they use all of the data they get from their users. Now, this is where things get messy. TikTok is owned by ByteDance. ByteDance is the parent company of TikTok which is located and based in China. So, all the data coming from TikTok is being sent over to ByteDance, and ByteDance sends the data to the Chinese government. However, The United States has recognized this and has tried to take action against TikTok in several ways.



The United States has seen how TikTok uses data to create profiles on people, and how all of this information is being fed to one of the United States' enemies, China. President Joseph Biden and former President Donald Trump have both pushed bills to try and ban TikTok. A few years back President Trump signed an executive order to ban TikTok if it was not sold in forty-five days. More recently, two US senators have been pushing for the bill named The Averting the National Threat of Internet Surveillance, Oppressive Censorship and Influence and Algorithmic Learning by the Chinese Communist Party Act.

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**Barking News Reporters
Interview Fashion Journalist
About Work As A Fashion Editor**

by Brog Alaudi 8-508

On January 25, 2023, The Barking News of PS 83 interviewed Ms. Julia Marzovilla about her job as a fashion editor for Marie Claire, a site that people turn to for information on fashion and trends. Ms. Marzavilla is a twenty-seven-year old woman, born and raised in New York City. She earned her Bachelor Of Arts Degree in English with a minor in Journalism from Loyola Marymount University in 2018. Ms Marzavilla covers fashion, beauty, entertainment and lifestyle in her articles. She has published her work in many major websites such as Stylecaster, Billboard.com, The Zoe Report, Marie Claire.com, Fashionista, Nylon, and InStyle.com. Ms Marzavilla has many experiences when it comes to the topic of fashion and trends. She has produced as many as four daily articles covering fashion and celebrity interviews while working for Style Caster, and so much more working for other big time websites.

During the interview with Ms. Marzovilla, the reporters asked her about her work and the process it took to get to where she is today. A challenge Ms. Marzovilla deals with is that she has a stutter, but that still didn't stop her from doing what she loves. One question that was asked was, "What advice would you give to people who want to be journalists". She answered to not be afraid and to just believe in yourself. Another question was, "Is there anyone in your life that told you, you'll never make it in life by just writing fashion articles?" She then replied, "Well, yes, I have been told that writing isn't really going to help pay my bills. But you just have to try to not let it get to you". One of the reporters then asked her about how her life was in school. She stated that she did get made fun of by most kids in her school for her stutter, but that only made her want to write even more.

Ms. Marzovilla is now very comfortable with her job even though it takes a great amount of time and dedication. She has been an inspiration to all the girls that she spoke to that day.



Barking News reporters meet Marie Claire E-Commerce Editor, Ms. Julia Marzovilla, in a Zoom meeting in the Main Building Library of PS 83



What's Your Style?

by Habiba Hamdy 8-419

As you all know, there are more fashion trends circulating around social media than ever before. Things like leg warmers, corsets, miniskirts, hoodies and more are becoming popular in the fashion community. You would think that all these types of fashion trends would be brand new and original, but, in reality, they aren't. The truth is, all of the fashion trends we have now are just old trends that were popular back then. In other words, fashion trends are just repeating themselves throughout the years. For example, corsets were extremely popular during the 1900s. Now, after more than 100 years, corsets are coming back and are just as popular as they were back then.

In the fashion industry, it isn't always possible to like certain looks. For example, Y2K is extremely popular when it comes to teenagers, but some people dislike that since it might seem 'tacky' to them. When it comes to styling clothes or styling clothes for yourself, it is important that you feel comfortable in what you are wearing, and you feel powerful in it. This is the reason why some people might not enjoy certain fashion trends, because they might feel insecure about how they look in some pieces of clothing.



In my personal opinion, I find that the Y2K aesthetic is very pleasing to the eye, and it seems to make someone look powerful, but I can't imagine myself in these types of clothing due to my body type. It might not only be me who feels like this, but other people might feel the same about some other styles, which also includes Y2K.

Another popular fashion trend that is trending among young people is sheer clothing. In my opinion, I think sheer clothing is cute, but only on certain people. What is important when finding your style is to find something in your comfort zone, and to find something that you think would fit your own personality.

**Dolphins Pay a Visit
To The Bronx River**

by Matilde Onofre 8-508

The Bronx River used to be full of aquatic species but over the years people started to not care or worry about where they were littering or where garbage went to and how it affected the environment. The river went from a beautiful scenery where people could enjoy and watch wildlife to a sewer where no person would want to be close to. Recently, the public wanted to change this problem by trying to help improve the water ecology so in 2018 the Department of Environmental Conservation released 400 fishes that consisted of adult alewife and types of herring.



In late January of 2023, dolphins were spotted in the Bronx River at Starlight Park. Due to the change of stopping pollution in the river, many living species have been starting to show up in the river and the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) stated "This is great news—it shows that the decades-long effort to restore the river as a healthy habitat is working. We believe these dolphins naturally found their way to the river in search of fish." Many people are happy with the way the river has changed in the past few years and are doing anything they can to keep improving it as time goes on.

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Is TikTok A Threat To The US?

This bill has the goal of wiping all Chinese apps that collect data from millions of Americans. The House of Foreign Affairs has already passed this bill, and now it is in our President's hands to ban the app. Many people have argued the bill was rushed, and want TikTok to stay. However, according to other experts and journalists, TikTok is a weakness and a poison to society that collects data and people's privacy.

In my opinion, I believe TikTok is somewhat of a threat to the United States. Many people and experts have been pointing out that TikTok collects and feeds users data to third party companies and to China. However, it is in President Biden's hands to decide the fate of Tiktok, the short video company that took the world by storm with over one billion monthly active users, and is constantly in danger of being banned for reportedly exploiting the privacy of billions of users worldwide.

Earthquake in Turkey and Syria Widespread Death & Destruction

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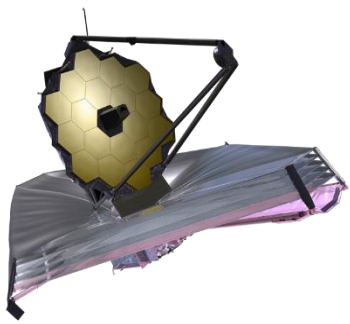
The delivery of urgent supplies to quake-hit areas of northern Syria has been complicated by a long-running civil war between opposition forces and the Syrian government, led by President Bashar al-Assad, who is accused of killing his own people. Also, Russia, which backs Assad’s regime, has previously blocked approval for another aid route to Syria at the United Nations. According to Reuters, approximately 51,907 people have died. At least 118,626 people have had non-fatal injuries. At least 2.4 million people have been displaced. As many as 24 million people have been affected. Over 200,089 buildings have been destroyed. And there has been between 50-90 billion dollars in property damage.



The disaster toppled down buildings, schools, and hospitals, leaving communities and infrastructure in ruins. The people in Turkey are furious because they think that there was poor construction since the government wanted to save money. Because they believe this contributed to the widespread death and destruction, Turkish people have protested against the government.



People have created charities to support Turkey and Syria for the cause of the damage. More than 150 aid trucks carrying desperately-needed relief supplies including food, water, shelter, and cleaning essentials have crossed into northwest Syria from Turkey, according to the United Nations. More shipments are also on the way to the area. Global Giving, a United States-based humanitarian nonprofit, is accepting donations for its Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief Fund.



Billions of Years One Telescope

by Joanna Chen 8-508

What would happen if scientists could see 200 million years after the universe was formed, a phenomenon that is known as the Big Bang? The James Webb Space Telescope is one of NASA's Great Observatories, a series of huge space instruments that will peer deep into the Milky Way. According to spaceplace.nasa.gov, the James Webb Space Telescope will be able to capture images of the first galaxies ever formed, look inside dust clouds, and observe new stars and planets when they form.

The James Webb Space Telescope sees the universe in light that is invisible to the human eye which is known as infrared radiation. This telescope uses its infrared cameras to see through dust in the universe. Stars and planets form inside those dust clouds, so looking inside these dust clouds could lead to some interesting discoveries. This instrument will also be able to see objects—the first galaxies—that are so far away that the expansion of the universe has made their light shift from visible to infrared.

Space telescopes use mirrors to collect and focus light from distant stars. The bigger the mirror, the more details it can see. Naturally, it would be difficult to launch a giant, heavy mirror into space. So engineers solved this problem by giving the telescope eighteen smaller mirrors covered in gold to help reflect infrared light. The mirrors fold up inside the rocket, then unfold to form one large mirror in orbit.

Just like how people wear sunglasses to block out the sun from their eyes. This telescope has a sunshield to protect its mirrors and other important features of the Webb telescope. The size of the sunshield is roughly about the size of a tennis court!



Pictures taken from the Webb telescope were very sharp, pristine, and full of information. The James Webb telescope is better than anyone had predicted! Some people even say it was too good. With the discovery of 850 early galaxies, there is a great deal for scientists to study and understand.

Data Is Evolving

by Ibrahim Essaedi 7-409

Over the years, data has evolved from a megabyte equal to one million bytes if one were to compare it to a zettabyte which is a hundred thousand times the amount of a megabyte. A yottabyte is a unit of digital information that is an enormous number of bytes or its 1000 zettabytes. Many places have data centers that use these big machines that carry a great deal of data which comprises the hardware equipment used in the data centers that includes routers, switches, firewalls, cables, and modems. These machines need cooling systems that are used to draw away the heat produced in the data machines. Estimates are that these data machines hold about 1 petabyte for each one of them. These machines are called servers, and the role of a server is to share data resources and distribute work.

Abbreviation	Unit	Value	Size (in bytes)
b	bit	0 or 1	1/8 of a byte
B	bytes	8 bits	1 byte
KB	kilobytes	1,000 bytes	1,000 bytes
MB	megabyte	1,000 ² bytes	1,000,000 bytes
GB	gigabyte	1,000 ³ bytes	1,000,000,000 bytes
TB	terabyte	1,000 ⁴ bytes	1,000,000,000,000 bytes
PB	petabyte	1,000 ⁵ bytes	1,000,000,000,000,000 bytes
EB	exabyte	1,000 ⁶ bytes	1,000,000,000,000,000,000 bytes
ZB	zettabyte	1,000 ⁷ bytes	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 bytes
YB	yottabyte	1,000 ⁸ bytes	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 bytes

In the future, big data analytics will increasingly focus on data freshness with the goal of real-time analysis, enabling better-informed decisions and increased competitiveness. Also, as AI evolves, data analytics solutions are also changing and becoming more sophisticated.



It's amazing to think the first way to store data was the IBM 23FD which was created in 1971. It was called the floppy disk drive which was used with the System 370 among other computers. But these days, up to 1000 zettabytes or one yottabyte which is an incredible number of one sextillion can be stored. It is important that the method of storage of data is evolving because there are significant new developments and the world will need more data and the means to store it.

Data is important because good data allows organizations to establish baselines, benchmarks, and goals to keep. Because data allows one to measure if a person can establish baselines, find benchmarks and set performance goals. Data can also be important because health is important to track. For example, if a person is trying to lose weight, he/she can track the progress with photos which get stored as data on devices. Tracking obesity is important because obesity increases the risk of several debilitating and deadly diseases, including diabetes, heart disease, and some cancers.

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The Issue of Obesity in Youth

by Emelly Kalavaci 7-409

Childhood obesity is a common problem in the United States. People say about seventeen percent of children in the United States are obese according to stateofchildhoodobesity.org . This is troubling because the extra pounds often lead children on the path of health problems that were once considered adult problems. If children are obese, they are at risk of health problems in the future such as high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes.

Obesity as defined by google is the state or condition of being very fat or overweight. A child could be obese for many different reasons such as poor lifestyle choices which can include too little activity, too many calories from food and drinks, and poor sleep routines according to cdc.gov . Another reason why a child could become overweight is because of genetics. If the family has a history of obesity, the child will have a higher chance of becoming overweight. A third reason why a child may have weight problems is because of certain medications a child may take like corticosteroids, antidepressants, diabetes medications such as insulin or those containing sulfonylureas, some heartburn drugs, hormone therapy, or anti-seizure drugs such as Depakote.



With regard to medications, doctors are allowing weight loss surgery and weight loss drugs for kids twelve and above. Some of the drugs that are being used now are Orlistat, Saxenda, Qsymia and Wegovy. One surgery doctors are allowing is bariatric surgery. Bariatric surgery makes the stomach smaller and makes other changes in the digestive system. Medical professionals are now allowing this because they say that watchful waiting (closely watching a patient’s health but not prescribing any treatment or medication unless the symptoms change) does not solve the problem, it only worsens it.

Childhood obesity is a very dangerous thing both physically and mentally. It can affect the child's mood and people with obesity often experience depression, anxiety, and low self-esteem. This can also affect whether or not the child will be obese in the future. There are ways to prevent this such as exercising daily, eating healthy and not spending so much time on electronics.

Weight Does Not Define What You Are

by Jandrea Butler 8-420

An eating disorder is a serious condition related to persistent eating behaviors that negatively impact people’s health. People with eating disorders can be having distressing thoughts and emotions. One type of eating disorder is anorexia nervosa, a condition that occurs when people have a fear of looking or being overweight. Bulimia nervosa, another type of eating disorder happens when people overeat way too much and then afterwards they make themselves vomit due to feeling disgusted about how much they ate. In binge eating, a person eats without noticing the amount of food they’re constantly eating. Then, lastly, pica is defined as a disorder occurring when a person eats unusual things that aren't considered food such as tape, leather, dirt, and plastic.



Eating disorders usually start in the teenage years and often occur along with depression, anxiety disorders and substance abuse. They have become more common in recent years due to the Pandemic and the increasing use of social media. Eating disorders are often caused by weight concern and social anxiety. People in society feel pressured to be skinny and don’t eat the right amount of food. Many kids and young adults think they have to look or feel the same way, and for that reason they get extremely insecure and develop these dangerous behaviors.

It is fairly well-known that women experience eating disorders but people don't realize that many men can be diagnosed with them too. An estimated 1.5% of men have an eating disorder and 3.8% of women are affected by this condition.

The risk from starving or over feeding one’s self is that it can unfortunately lead to severe health problems that could result in death.

If someone has an eating disorder, the warning signs can be overthinking about the way he or she looks, the amount of food he or she eats, and other things that may lead to negative behaviors. Ways to treat this disorder can be having the confidence to tell an adult that a person has a problem with food and needs help. During treatment, the trained professional can help a person with an eating disorder develop a balanced relationship with food and learn to love one’s self. It is important to remember to not push one’s self to be the person one is not.



Cracking the Popularity Code

by Arianna Felix 7-409

Popularity is the state or condition of being liked, admired, or supported by many people. Being popular is something that most people want, especially in middle school. Many kids like to focus more on popularity than their grades. Kids who are popular usually want to feel more accepted and known in school.

There are two types of popular kids; the ones who are liked and the ones who are disliked. Many kids in middle school do bad things they don’t want to do just to be popular. This can result in them being popular or being popular but unliked. For example, they bully people in front of their friends to seem stronger and better than others. They try to act like they are cooler than everyone else. Some even vape or smoke because they see the “popular kids” do it. Some kids that are popular are narcissistic. This means they are in love with themselves and care for only themselves.

There are many different reasons why kids want to be popular in their class or school. Some kids just like attention. Others are seeking the approval of their peers. Many people want to be the person everyone just wants to be. They want to be recognized by others. The person that everyone wants to be friends with.

The things kids do just to become popular are terrible. They change their personality just to be liked. They change their styles as well. When they change who they truly are to make someone else happy or to be liked, they will eventually be the ones who are dwelling in misery. It is important to think about why people do these things and to decide if it is worth it. To be one’s self in a world that is constantly trying to make a person something else is the greatest accomplishment.

Don't change because you think others want you to.

Any changes you make in your life should be because you want to change yourself for the better

Catherine Pulsifer

Why Does MLB Continue To Lose Popularity?



*The Oakland Athletics continue to not draw in many fans

by Steven DeSalvo II 7-409

Major League Baseball (MLB) was once America’s pastime and one of the most followed sports. So how is it now considered boring and long rather than fun and exciting? Many problems have emerged for the MLB once other sports started to gain popularity. In the last 15 years, the MLB has lost about 14% of their population. One of them is how small market teams don’t get enough attention. Another is how the games get longer and longer causing fans to drift away from the game. The shift (moving defenders over to where the hitter usually hits the ball) also makes it harder for left-handed hitters to do their job because their strengths get exploited. But new rules that got implemented into the game may cause America’s “pastime” to become America’s modern time.

One of baseball’s biggest problems is how small market-struggling teams barely get any attention, one being the Oakland Athletics. Their attendance totals were so bad, that their Triple A team had more attendance than them for three days straight during a certain part of the season. They and others are considering relocating their franchise to draw in more fans. This is a problem because not every team in baseball gets attention for the talent they have in their organization.

Baseball games also get longer and longer every year. This can cause fans to drift away and stop paying attention to the game. This has also caused a loss of popularity for the MLB.

Although these problems are alive and hurt the game of baseball, Major League Baseball has tried to combat them with new rule changes that will be effective for the 2023 season. One of them is the pitch clock. This means that a pitcher will have fifteen seconds to enter his windup when no one is on base. When players are on base, they have twenty seconds. If the pitcher fails to get into his windup before the timer runs out, the hitter is awarded a ball. So far during the games you’ve seen this change in, games have gotten a lot quicker for the better of the game.

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Bulldogs Dunk Their Way Into The Playoffs!

by Bashar Assaedi 7-409

Throughout the season, PS 83 hears about the Bulldogs Basketball success on the loudspeaker. The coaches are Mr. Donal Birmingham for the girls and Mr. Mark VanVoorhis for the boys. The teams include players from grades 6,7, and 8. An interview was started with them and this is what they had to say.

The first question that was asked to Mr. Birmingham was what the coaches are looking for in a good team. The second question that was asked was how has the team been doing this year and when did you start coaching basketball and why? Mr. Birmingham responded with, “The girls basketball team is currently undefeated with a record of nine wins and no losses. They are the second ranked team in the Bronx as we enter the playoffs.” The team is led by eighth graders Amanda Ulaj and Camila Gutierrez and seventh grader Madison Holtz. One of the players, Amanda Ulaj, eighth grader, has been one of the most consistent players on the team, showing both dedication and strength on and off the court. Mr. Birmingham also responded with, “A good team is one that improves during the season because the players work hard and support each other.” He began coaching because he loved basketball, and the college where he played offered to pay for his masters degree if he coached after his graduation.

The boys basketball regular season had a record of 7-3. They made the playoffs and went all the way to the Final Four in the Bronx B division which is the biggest division in New York City. With their entry to the Final Four, they qualified for the Elite 8 for the entire Bronx, making PS 83 Boys basketball team one of the top eight teams in all of the Bronx. Some lead players include Jayden Gonzalez, an eighth grader who was the team's leading scorer. According to the coach, he showed unbelievable strength and leadership throughout the year. David Dogue, eighth grader became such a strong player as the season went on. Selman Sinanaj, eighth grade, has been a huge help to the team, especially in the playoffs having his best games of the year. Seventh grader, Desmond Williams, showed great improvement on both offense and defense. His improvement can help him and his team next year, said his coach. In the words of Mr. VanVoorhis, “These teams have worked extremely hard and have shown the school how well they've grown as a team and family.”

Bump, Set, Spike Into The Tournament Volleyball at PS 83

by John Syku 7-409



The Volleyball Team is one of the many sports teams at PS 83, including the boys basketball team, the girls basketball team, the soccer team, and the cheerleading team. The coach, Ms. Arjeta Krasniqi, leads us to the win and always tells us to persevere. She awarded the role of captain to some of our top players, Jaydie Francisco, Class 7-416, Amra Kolenovic, Class 7-408, and Amanda Ulaj, Class 8-509.

Players on the team include Ana Avdyli, Class 6-308, Siona Gashi, Class 6-413, Pranvera Ibrahim, Class 6-314, Britanya Jones, Class 6-308, Helena Lajqi, Class 6-308, Elora Lekaj, Class 6-410, Besa Redzematovic, Class 6-312, Altea Shahini, Class 6-312, Jaydie Francisco, Class 7-416, Fiona Kelmendi, Class 7-510, Amra Kolenovic, Class 7-408, Edona Lumaj, Class 7-510, Kimberly Michaca, Class 7-418, Alyssa Regalado, Class 7-409, Serena Sinanaj, Class 7-418, John Syku, Class 7-409, Julia Ulaj, Class 7-415, Eva Gjolaj, Class 8-509, Pualeen Hortelano, Class 8-509, Angelina Moran, Class 8-515, Eimy Del Orbe, Class 8-508, Bruna Shllaku, Class 8-509, Taylor Soto, Class 8-509, Khloe Torres, Class 8-419, Amanda Ulaj, Class 8-509, and Jessica Vuksanaj, Class 8-512.

The school’s volleyball team has gone into three tournaments and has ranked highly, or first, in all three of them. The team also went into three scrimmages (games) and only lost one of them. The team has many more upcoming games ahead. Although last year the team didn’t get to play in a game, this year they’re making up for all the games they missed and doing amazingly well while playing them.

In the words of Coach Krasniqi, “The PS 83 Bulldog Volleyball team is home to many great players and athletes. It is also a place where student’s return after they graduate and continue to take part in the 83 community and family. Our goal is to make a safe place for students to learn volleyball, create social relationships, gain leadership skills, and become part of an extended family. It is a place for student athletes to come together as a team but leave as a family with the proper tools to grow and succeed in future endeavors.”

Why Does MLB Continue To Lose Popularity?

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Also, the MLB is exploring new stadium options for teams who fail to draw in many fans as well as considering expanding from thirty teams to thirty-two to thirty-four teams. Many fans and reporters predict that the MLB might move the athletics to Las Vegas, which would draw in more fans and more attention to the team. The Tampa Bay Rays are another small-market team that the MLB may also be interested in getting them a new stadium. However, unlike the A’s, the Rays are actually a pretty solid team, making the postseason four years in a row. Their stadium however, is dark and gloomy and doesn’t bring in many fans due to its low capacity. Moving these teams to a closer area with a nicer stadium can do wonders for their fan bases and really grow the sport.

Another new rule for the MLB is the shift ban. The shift is when the team on the field moves their players (mainly for left-handed hitters) toward where the hitter will most likely hit the ball. This has caused many left handed hitters to struggle. To stop this, the MLB has restricted certain extreme shifts, only allowing 2 infielders on each side of second base. So far, teams have moved their left fielder into the spot where the second basemen would normally go to still prevent a ground ball in the hole. So while this has been a loophole for this rule, it encourages lefty’s to hit the ball the other way and even though it may be more challenging, it is very rewarding to the hitter.



One of the small, but noticeable rules MLB has implemented into the game is making the bases bigger. The methodology behind this rule is that many injuries occur when the fielder has his foot on the base and the runner accidentally runs into his foot while trying to make an effort to be safe at first. Also with these bigger bases, although it is only by a couple inches, stolen bases have been becoming more alive than ever in recent years in the MLB. This can really encourage players to steal bases more often and is rewarding to the fast players on the team.

In conclusion, the MLB used to be America’s favorite sport, but has been going in a downward trend for decades now. The MLB has attempted to combat this with new rules for the 2023 season. Overall, the MLB’s effort to get back on track shows that they still have a chance to become popular again.



How Much Money Did Elvis's Manager Make Off Of Him?

by Alyssa Regalado 7-409

With the release of the new movie Elvis, many people have been reminded of the king and his music. Many people also know him because of his many hit songs, *Suspicious Minds, Jailhouse Rock, Hound Dog, Blue Suede Shoes, Promised Land, The Wonder of You, and Heartbreak Hotel*. People also know the side of Elvis’s manager that helped introduce the world to the king of rock and roll. However, some people may know the side of his illegal immigrant manager supposedly born in West Virginia. Many people also don’t know that this man took more than half of Elvis’s income and made deals behind Elvis’s back. The recent movie Elvis made in 2022 focuses on Elvis’s upbringing, his manager's shady past, and the secret deals that were made.

Colonel Tom Parker was nicknamed “The Snowman” because of his showman talents and ability to con and trick people, according to scmp.com. He put on the false identity of Colonel Tom (Thomas) Parker. His true identity wasn’t revealed until Elvis’s death when he was sent to court for his “unethical management”. The Colonel was born in Breda, Netherlands on June 26, 1909. However, he told many people that he met like Elvis and his family that he was from Huntington, West Virginia. He was the seventh child out of eleven children, with his birth name being Andreas Cornelis van Kuijk. When he was eighteen years old, he fled the Netherlands and joined the United States Army. However, he was discharged from the Army due to his being diagnosed with a psychopathic disorder, according to theguardian.com and tvtropes.org. After that, he started working for the circus, which is where he developed his showman and con talents.

The Snowman was also a huge gambling person, having more than \$30 million dollars of gambling debt by the time Elvis died. According to luxurylondon.co.uk, he would spend twelve-fourteen hours a day just at the casino, which he called his “other office”. At the start of Elvis’s career, Tom Parker was able to get a 50/50 deal with Elvis, meaning that Mr. Parker got half of Elvis’s income from songs, movies, advertisements, and anything else Elvis earned money from. At the time, the industry norms were that a manager got a cut of 10% to 15%, while Tom Parker took 50%. When The Snowman was asked about him taking 50% of Presley’s money, he responded “That's not true at all. He takes 50% of everything *I* earn.”

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AI Art- Is It A Treat Or A Trick?

by Amina Swailam 8 -508

When people search “What is Art?”, they might get the definition that Art is the “Expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power.” But Art is more than that. Art can be used to express other’s emotions and experiences. It can share one’s emotion with another. Art can be expressed in many forms, one of which are music, drawing, painting, sculpture, writing, acting, and theater. The word “Art” can be applied to many things.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) started in the late 1950's. AI is a computer system that is able to complete tasks that would normally require human intelligence. It was something new that made the general public excited. Unfortunately, even in 2023, the excitement is not over yet. Now instead of solving world problems, most people are stuck scrolling through countless “AI selfies”. Now a new trend has been born. Of course, it’s fun submitting pictures in return for reimaginings of something or someone in a whole new look.

But a big problem is, copyright. When it comes to AI generated Art, copyright is a big problem. In the United States, there is no law of copyright toward work made by a machine. Now, why would AI be copyrighted? The way an AI generator works is that it analyzes thousands of images and then tries to generate new images in the style of the aesthetics it has learned. AI doesn’t know all the art styles in the world, that’s why people would use real artists as an example to teach AI the art style. That's where the issue begins. Artists are getting really upset about this because Art isn’t easy to make, it takes time, effort and talent to be a good artist, but now in a blink of an eye people can generate beautiful looking art in a simple click.

Sometimes we can’t express our emotions and feelings. Art can help us do that just by looking at it. It can also be helpful to the artist who is expressing their emotions and thoughts. To think that something that needs effort and concentration can be made in a few seconds is horrifying. This is true because as someone who draws, I understand how it feels to spend so much time on a piece just for someone to “steal” it from you. Now AI cannot only make art but it can generate a lot of different things such as voice generating, essay writing, chatGPT which is an artificial intelligence chatbot and more. Step by step, those AI takeover Sci-Fiction movies where some kind of artificial intelligence may attack humanity and the world would be under artificial intelligence control, might become reality.



