

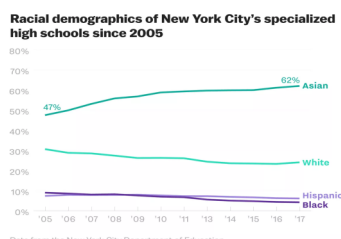
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Discrimination or Revolution? NYC To Diversify Special HS Admissions

by JK Ronobir Rajjo 8-509



The nine specialized high schools (SHS) of New York City, are claimed to be for the best and brightest public school students. Almost two-thirds of students attending specialized high schools identify as Asians. As the city progresses to become a diverse center of the population, the education system does not reflect the equal and accepted distributions of the city's citizens, especially for these select high schools for intellectually gifted students. To make the schools representative of the population, the Mayor of New York City, Mr. Bill De Blasio, has issued a plan to allow more students of other races to attend specialized high schools. This would mean that the eighty individuals who took the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) this year in Public School 83: Donald Hertz, would have their probabilities of acceptance altered in some way. Meant to regulate the distributions of races and other inferior minorities, this plan has resulted in major controversy for being discriminatory against Asian Americans.

According to the New York City Department of Education, "The plan will increase enrollment of disadvantaged students, eliminate single admission test through new legislation. (cont'd. on pg. 7, col. 1)

So Many Books, So Little Time

by Lendita Alimehaj 8-509



The Great American Read, was an event based around the country's votes on their favorite books. This year, our school is focusing on reading, so the members of the Barking News thought this could be a fun and worthwhile project to try at our school.. We are calling it The Great PS 83 Read. Students of PS 83, grades six to eight, were asked what their favorite books were in order to make a ballot. As you can imagine, there were all kinds of stories and genres. The list spans a broad range of titles, some as far back as the 1900s and some published within the last couple of years. Students in PS 83 read all kinds of books because it's what appeals to them.

Reading is a key part of life. PS 83 encourages everybody to contribute their favorite book. It's an interesting mix, there's a little bit of something from every genre. Genres such as, horror, romance, comedy, action, drama, and more are included in the books students choose. Students read books that appeal to them. All students are different, so similarities and differences are to be expected.

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Breaking News! Student Council Elections

by Ashally De La Cruz
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The elections for the Student Council Executive Committee took place on November 28, 2018. The President is Dionne Dusaj (801). The Vice-President is Nazifa Ali (502). The Treasurer is Anatoli Velikov (701). The Secretary is Scarlett Herriot (704).

Each class will be represented in the Student Council. The fifth grade class representatives are Albesa Gjevukaj (501), Kevin Cedeno (503), Etrit Osdaudaj (504), Faizul Chowdry (505), Jon Bucaj and Elsa Kastrati (506), and Carla Martinez (519). The sixth grade class representatives are Erdit Dreshaj (601), Destiny Caamano (602), Diana Altaheri (603), Imari Hunter (604), Kayla Polpaj (605), Metzil Nava Herrera (606), Erion Cekaj (607), and Rhyan Sencion (619). The seventh grade class representatives are Isabella Kalavaci (702), Jaylah Herrera (703), Jaida Muratovic (705), Alan Perez (706), and Lillian Morales (707). The eighth grade class representatives are Ashally De La Cruz (801), Samantha Vecino (802), Gianna Francavilla (803), Stephanie Albarracin (804), Jsenia Rodriguez (805), Leana Colon (806), Naté Calhoun (807), and Jaion Corley (819).

The Student Council began a canned food drive on November 26, 2018. The food drive ends on December 20, 2018. The food will be donated to people who are unable to provide for themselves and their families. The Student Council members are coming up with more ideas to help improve the school and the community. They welcome suggestions.

The Student Council members sold candy grams during all lunch periods on December 218, 2018. For those that don't know what candy grams are, they are cards with candies attached to them. They are used so students can write a message to another person. They were sold 2 for \$1. The money will help sponsor future activities of the Council.

PS 83 Makes The Holidays Bright

by Sarah Reda 8-508



PS 83 is always filling our school with holiday spirit which is why they hosted the annual holiday day show. This show included the Dance team, the Cheer team, and kindergarten through fifth grade performance. The holiday show was held in the school auditorium on December 18, 2018.

All the teams prepared and organized the clothes that they wore in the show. The Dance team performed two different pieces.

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Pay For NCAA Athletes?

by Ismail Shahid 8-508

College sports is a growing industry that made over one billion dollars last year in revenue. But, besides scholarships very little money goes to the players. Some players may not even receive scholarships no matter how good they are. Should elite college athletes players be paid? These players bring in millions of dollars for the organization and see very little of it. Being a college athlete can be a full-time job since it is possible that he/she is working over forty hours a week. The question remains why aren't college athletes getting paid.

In my opinion, elite college athletes should be paid because, in some cases, they can bring in the majority of the money for the school. Some players need more money than just what the scholarship provides. Former running back for the Baylor Bears, Silas Nacita, was ruled ineligible for accepting a place to stay even though he was homeless. If he had been paid, maybe he would not have been ruled ineligible. The NCAA has strict rules when it comes to players taking financial benefits but does not pay them. UCF Black Knights kicker, Donald De La Haye, had his scholarship taken away because he was making money creating Youtube videos because his scholarship was not enough. Including practice and games athletes work about forty-three hours per week. It is hard for them to work jobs with sports and school. Many struggle to live in the cities in which the schools are located.

Paying players could also be good for the NCAA. The players may stay for all years of eligibility rather than leaving their junior year. This would generate even more money for the school as more people would watch the games. Teams may be more successful with their star players staying for longer. Some players leave early for each sports draft or selection so they can get paid and play at the professional level even though they may not get to finish their college education. If schools or the NCAA paid the players, they may bring in more players that may have chosen not to play sports otherwise. (cont'd on pg. 9, col. 1)

Mr. Muccino's Corner

Leap Into Our Culture: An Talk with Mr. Muccino

by Era Bucaj 8-509



America is a melting pot, which is a place where different people of different cultures come together and begin to mix. PS 83 is a school which promotes every culture and is a safe environment. In an interview with Mr. Muccino, he discusses his idea of culture and how it is prevalent in our school.

Mr. Muccino states that culture in our school involves everyone. He goes on explaining how the students and staff create the environment and we are the culture. He states, "The first thing that people say when they come to PS 83 is the great culture we have, one of respect, one on inclusivity, and one of overall kindness. And that's the culture we have created here. It's our own unique culture." Culture to Mr. Muccino is what the student and staff make it and how we connect with each other. Mr. Muccino promotes culture by including translations of every letter given to students in the three predominant foreign languages of PS 83, Albanian, Spanish, and Arabic. He translates the letter using the ps 83-Donald Hertz app, which "everyone should download".

Additionally, Mr. Muccino strives to advocate uniqueness in a group of people. There is a way, he says, to encourage a student's uniqueness and he explains to do this through school. He wants students to present themselves in their writing and books they read. In two words he emphasized, "educational uniqueness". Another way he wants to support people's culture and students unique self is in clubs and activities. He says how after-school activities are able to build-up someone's unique self. Any after-school program starts with a demand and can get created. If anyone approaches Mr. Muccino with a request then, they will need enough people to participate. For example, the football team, Pokémon club, and many other clubs were recently created due to an interest from a group of people. Furthermore, other school programs are able to teach kids on something they want and need. The school has invited, during school hours, speakers on many different topics. One including, college access which educated the seventh grade on college and allowed students to visit colleges. Mr. Muccino explains how he would love to bring someone in to discuss different cultures and different areas of expertise.

On another note, I spoke to Mr. Muccino about an activity called Culture Day. This would mean that students would celebrate everyone's culture. The school community would pick one day, more towards the end of the year, and would have a celebration in the yard with food, music, dances, and more, from each culture. Mr. Muccino would want to begin this initiative on a small scale, so maybe start out with the eighth grade. Mr. Muccino says that he thinks Culture Day "sounds great" and he loves to promote culture, so it just might take place.

After speaking with the Principal, I realized all the effort the school makes to include every culture. This is a welcoming thought because as a community we are very diverse and Mr. Muccino expands the school to be a place where every student can feel as if he or she belongs.

Bark Back!

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Bark Back!



Amazon's HQ2 & HQ3

by Danielle Mataquel 8-509

After years of Amazon's only headquarters being in Seattle, Washington, the company has finally decided to expand. This has caught the attention of an abundant amount of cities, knowing how Amazon may greatly benefit them. For one, a second headquarters would offer a larger amount of job opportunities, considering Amazon would need a total of 50,000 employees. People working at HQ2 would also earn more than 100,000 dollars a year on average. Many states and cities have taken in consideration how Seattle has been one of the fastest growing cities as well, partly due to the fact that Amazon's only headquarters is found there. Along with this, Amazon has also set a very small list of requirements needed for a particular place to be a potential choice. The space would need to have at least 500,000 square feet of office space, large enough to fit thousands of employees.

Although many pleasurable things can come from having Amazon in one's city, there are many drawbacks as well. For one, the fight for Amazon's HQ2 has caused a 'frenzied bidding war' between the cities. Having the headquarters in one's area would also affect the people there economically. The headquarters would have a big impact towards housing, traffic, and taxes the community would have to pay. Housing would become less affordable for that particular community. Traffic would increase considering the expansion of jobs Amazon is offering. Taxes, on the other hand, will prove to be even larger of a burden as taxes will be raised. Along with this, Amazon has also set a very small list of requirements needed for a particular place to be a potential choice. The space would need to have at least 500,000 square feet of office space, large enough to fit thousands of employees.

In the end, Amazon had chosen to open up not one, but two new headquarters, one in Arlington, Virginia as well as one in New York City. It has been decided that the HQ2 and HQ3 will be located in Crystal City as well as one in Long Island City, Queens. Although this seems like great news for both Amazon and many looking for jobs in those areas, it also poses as a drawback considering how this will affect the community around the two sites. Because of the new headquarters, real estate prices will definitely go up, largely affecting people especially in Long Island City considering prices there are already high. With this, public transportation will get even more frustrating as an addition of more than 25,000 workers will largely affect just add to the already large crowds. With this, planning and preparation for the two new headquarters is still occurring, despite the large controversies evidently present.

California Wildfires' Impact Keeps Getting Stronger

by Rukhma Chaudhry 8-509

As the wildfires continue to spread in the state of California, the news covering it continues to spread around the world. Currently, California is facing devastation. Along with the approximate ninety people who have already died in the fires, more than eight thousand structures have been destroyed.

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Forming Student Interaction Groups

by Angelica Diaz 8-509



Many students at PS 83 recognize Ms. Stephanie Loretta as the guidance counselor for grades five and six, who is actively making an effort to help students feel comfortable around each other at school. In November of 2018, Ms. Loretta thought of a plan that can further help students both socially and academically. To help students better interact with one another, she plans to form groups that are aimed to help certain students in the school.

"These groups are organized in a certain manner. There are groups for students who have just lost a family member, a group for LGBTQ empowerment, and two more for a young men and a young women initiative.", Ms Loretta stated in a one-to-one interview. It's important to note that students who are going through the same experience are paired together in one group, and as Ms. Loretta also mentioned, everyone regardless of race is welcomed. As she explained, "This exercise is meant to encourage students and help them learn to respect everyone, despite their differences." With these groups, students will be able to mature successfully, as well as improve academically. Starting in January of 2019, applications will be sent out for students who are interested in joining these social groups. Ms. Loretta concluded her description of the plan by stating "This will play as a trial, and then we will go from there."

There are several students in PS 83 who are going through some sort of stress, whether at school or at home, who don't usually bring their problems among their peers. There are also other students who wish to be known and respected for who they are. With the social groups that Ms. Loretta plans to form in January, students will be able to interact with people who have a similar situation to them, and learn to respect and support one another. It is hoped that these groups will help many students at PS 83 grow emotionally, socially and academically.

California Wildfires (cont'd from pg. 3, col.1)

The fires have grown forcing many Californians to evacuate their home state and many of them unfortunately going homeless. While California is facing the issue of the direct impact of the wildfires, the rest of the world is impacted as well, especially here in the East.

On November 19, 2018, the weather forecast of New York City expected the next day to be nothing but another ordinary, breezy November day. However, when the next day arrived, it seemed to be different than expected. During the day, New York City, specifically the Bronx, experienced a seemingly cloudy day with clearly visible hazy skies. As this day became one that meteorologists had not predicted correctly, they began to look into it. After finalizing their examination, meteorologists, specifically the ones at Bronx 12, were able to come to the conclusion that the haziness they discovered was linked to the California wildfires. As strange as that might seem, the smoke from across the country in California had travelled 3,000 miles all the way to New York City.

The point that the smoke was able to reach the East Coast all the way from California truly impacts the perspective of how strong these fires actually are. Surprisingly, even the damage from the fire was able to affect the east coast. As the haziness brought a lack of visibility in the air, danger was easily brought to residents. People, significantly children and the elderly, experienced difficulty when it came to everyday necessities like breathing. Although this event has already occurred, that does not take away the opportunity of it happening again. This event can occur anytime in the future and thus, we should take this event we've already experienced into consideration as a lesson in case of another.

Michael Bloomberg Donates \$1.8 Billion To John Hopkins



by Arnis Dreshaj 8-509

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has recently donated approximately 1.8 billion dollars to the John Hopkins University in Baltimore. This very large donation was made because of Mr. Bloomberg's strong belief that the academic capabilities of a student should be a bigger factor in enrolling in college than how much money the student has to contribute. In an analysis made by the Times, dozens of America's most prestigious schools are made up of mostly students that come from the top one percent of the United State's income. This is the case even though many middle class and lower class students have the qualifications to enter these top tier colleges. The former mayor also believes that because of the fact that so many applicants are turned down for not meeting the financial requirements the college and the country misses out on what that individual could have offered to society. But through providing the next generations with resources, society can help them achieve higher education that they deserve.

Mr. Bloomberg has created and funded a program called CollegePoint. The program has helped approximately 50,000 students fully look at their options and receive financial aid if they are deserving. Although programs like these can be established and funded, they alone are not enough to provide education for all academically strong people. For real progress to occur, federal grants need to keep pace with rising costs for education causing states to slash financial aid. America should be regarded as opportunistic for those who work hard and seek out success. That's the principles this country was founded on and these will be the same principles. With this, America can finally reach its full potential and be what it was hoped to be.

Making The Season Bright

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One of their dances was a contemporary piece to the song "All I Want For Christmas" by Ariana Grande. Their other presentation was a "Mean Girls" clip that included its dance. The Cheer Team performed a dance to the song 1942 by G - Eazy combined with the song "Level Up" and a cheer to "Let's go Bulldogs!"

Throughout rehearsals, there were many complications. Each team repeated their performances three or four times so adjustments could be made. The teams did have to address some problems. For starters, there were many girls on the Cheer team that are also on the Dance team and that caused the need for readjustments. There had to be enough time for each of the girls to change clothes between acts. The show needed a hostess and chose Isabella Lozano from 8-508. After this, the show was ready to be presented.

On Tuesday, December 18, 2018, the day of the show, all after-school members and parents or relatives of the performers came to watch their child perform at 4:00pm. In order to catch the attention of the audience, the Dance Team performed an opening act as the hostess introduced them.

After all the time and effort that was put into creating choreography and songs and trying to make everything enjoyable, the show lived up to expectations. The show pleased the audience and was a wonderful way to begin the holiday season.

The Future of Humanity is Rested in...Paws

by Agnesa Rraci 8-509



Getting a dog is a big responsibility for people. However, dogs today have been given their own special responsibilities. Dogs have been tasked with the roles of therapy, guidance, bomb detection and much more.

These animals are thoroughly depended on for the safety and lives of people. With this important job they're given, these dogs must be heavily trained in order to ensure a safe experience for the people in need. For instance, guide dogs have been a significant part of helping blind people live normal lives. With such difficult issues that they are faced with daily, these dogs take eight weeks of training as a puppy and fourteen more months of training as an adult. These trained dogs allow for blind people to go anywhere, even in crowded areas like New York City. The help of these endearing animals can make life for the disabled so much easier than before. Moreover, the late President George H.W. Bush had a service dog as well. This dog stayed by his side until the last moments of his life. The dog, Sully, guarded the casket of the late President. Sully's love for Bush is what kept the dog by his side and remain helpful to the President, even though he was only with the President for about six months.

Although guide dogs are important to people's physical health, these animals are also used to help people stay mentally healthy. On February 14, 2018 in Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, Florida, there was a tragic school shooting that occurred. The event itself was terrible but the pain that was being endured by the survivors of the shooting was also something that needed attention. To get the students to feel some type of happiness after that terrible experience, the school brought in dogs. Therapy dogs have been used for decades due to the helpful impact they have on people. A majority of the students were able to express their sadness on the situation, making it much easier for them to receive help from others. This task is equally as important as the other duties that they are given so they have to receive up to one year of training.

Lastly, there are police dogs. These dogs play a vital role in keeping communities safe from any harm. They have a more well known role in the bomb sniffing area. Dogs are such brilliant animals with amazing abilities. However, they are given such a difficult job in this field. For these reasons, each dog receives approximately a month of training.

The lives of people are left in the paws of these adorable animals. They are trusted with very important jobs that are essential to the livelihood of people everywhere.

The Screaming Mummy Of Ancient Egypt

by Farida Ahmed 8-508



A mystery that has lasted for 3,000 years has finally been resolved. As many Egyptian mummies may look peacefully wrapped, this one mummy caught the attention of archeologists. This mummy was out of the ordinary. It was wrapped in sheepskin which was considered by the ancient Egyptians ritually impure. Not only that but when he was unwrapped he was found dead with a horrifying face. He had his mouth open! (cont'd. on pg. 6, col. 1)

Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

by Siobhan Rice 6-308



Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

115 West Ninety Fifth Street.

One September night in 1897, eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon tearfully asked her father this question when he arrived home from work at their home on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Dr. O'Hanlon's answer was smart, creative, and, a way of buying himself some time: He told her to send her question in to the New York Sun newspaper,

The question of whether Santa is real or not came with one of the most famous responses of all time: "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus."

This article touched the hearts of all who read it. One of the most memorable parts describes the power of innocence and love, how it is stronger than the combined power of the mightiest men alive. "You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding."

This one letter changed the opinions of many readers of the New York Sun, and most of America. To learn more about this inspiring story, read the letter and full response at <https://www.nysun.com>. And if you are bored at home during the holiday season (or any time) you can watch the "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" film.

This story is very inspiring to me. It sparks a feeling of beauty and love. It is a truly beautiful story, and what makes it all come together is the lesson about it. This is a true story about a young girl who wrote a letter that changed the world for the better.

Merry Christmas? Is Christmas Really What It's Cracked Up To Be?

by Samya Nili Abdul 7-409



Ahhhhhh... The holiday season, a time to be with family friends, exchange gifts and eat food. But is it really? Cue the record scratching. To be honest, it isn't always what it is all cracked up to be in the movies and songs. People all over the world sometimes don't have money for gifts and food, sometimes they don't even have homes. Or maybe their families aren't even together. Take it from me, during the holidays it can be difficult. In my case I switch between my mother and father.

What you see in almost every holiday movie are rich families with huge trees, plenty of food, and presents. They probably live in a big house too. But that's not how it always is in real life.

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Holiday Debt: The Real Cost Of Christmas

by Erdit Dreshaj-6-308



A Debt Free Man Free Life

Christmas is a time for holiday cheer. But why spend so much? People will pay hundreds on decorations, and even more for presents? I believe people shouldn't spend so much on these fancy holiday articles. In fact, the average American will burn through about a thousand dollars on Christmas just this year alone. Some will even spend a great deal more.

In fact, Christmas tree sales of 48.5 million trees were at an all time high in 2017. Who's to tell if that will be broken again? However, one way somebody can save time and money, is by buying an artificial tree, unless one insists on getting his or her own piece of natural beauty. In that case, people can just cut down a tree of their own, as long as they follow the rules and regulations of that area. But if that is too much, it is possible to just buy a more expensive artificial tree that will last an average of ten years.

But the madness doesn't stop with the trees. Next comes the house decorations. It is a fact that hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent on lights and other decorative objects. But the average cost for this Christmas is \$215. This doesn't seem like a great deal but it is actually up four percent since last year, one of the all time high points in Christmas spending. Imagine if that escalated even further. Who's to say 2019 will be even more expensive than this year? I can't even imagine the electric bill! That could change though, with the help and consideration of all Christmas spenders. A good substitute is LED lights for the tree and house.

Don't get too discouraged though. The point I'm trying to make is this: manage the money you have wisely. Set a reasonable budget. Don't use all the expensive wrapping in one year. All these are just a few ways to save money during the holidays. Don't give up this special holiday even if it means being a little stingy. The most important part is to enjoy the holidays and have a Happy New Year!

Holiday HotList 2018

by Madison Ravenell 7-409



As you undoubtedly know the winter holidays are coming up, and it's the season of giving. However, you may have trouble deciding what to ask for or what to gift someone. Some people are difficult to shop for, or you may want to do something big this year. Whether you are the electronic, artsy, gaming type, or someone who has everything, these are just a few options that may help.

If you know someone who likes electronics, there are many options to gift them. You can give them a phone, tablet, mobile watch, computer, laptop and more. Depending on the type of person, they might want one of these items more than the other. If you're gifting someone who is younger, an electronic like an iPod or a tablet would be good if they are too young for a phone. However, if they are older, an electronic like a new phone, laptop, apple watch, or a tablet is something they likely would enjoy. Although these items were separated by age, it is likely that anyone would enjoy these items even if they are younger or older.

For the artsy type, there are also many options for them. If they enjoy painting, a painting set, with canvases, paint brushes, and paint would be something they'd like. Another cool gift for someone who likes art is an Instax/ Polaroid camera from Amazon. These types of cameras are very common right now, as when you snap a picture, a film comes out from the top and the picture comes to life.

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Candy Around The Planet: A World Of Snacks

by Amani Hayan 8-509



Talk about a sugar rush! There are many different types of candy around the world that we all know and love. The United States has chosen Red Vines (a brand of licorice candy) as the candy that most represents the life we have here in America. According to The New York Times Magazine, “Thanks for their ubiquitous (found everywhere) presence, and the East Coast/West Coast feud that has developed between their fans and Twizzlers enthusiasts. They’ve become a cultural hot button, showing up in television shows like “Gilmore Girls”, “The Big Bang Theory”, “True Blood”, “Last Week Tonight With John Oliver”, and “Weeds”.” Although this article does in fact represent a candy that is enjoyed by most of the United States, other articles say otherwise.

As for candy in other parts of the world, many sources like The New York Times and other newspaper magazines claim that Ghana, a type of chocolate bar, manufactured by the Japanese company Lotte Confectionery, is a very popular candy in Korea, definitely in the top ten. In Canada, one of the most-delightful candy bars is called Coffee Crisp, a chocolate bar made in Canada, consisting of alternating layers of vanilla wafer and a foamed coffee-flavoured soft candy, covered with a milk chocolate outer layer. Not all people agree with these favorite candy choices. As for the United States, although some sources say that Red Vines or Twizzlers are the favorite candy, others say that it is Snickers, while others say that the favorite candy is Hershey’s Chocolate.

In an article titled “Candy Crush”, by Mary H.K. Choi, she shares her experience of traveling the world and tasting the different types of candy from around the globe. In testing all of these different candies, Ms. Choi “reveals just how different our palates are - and how much we have in common.” She claims that “candy is controversial”, which is true. Not everyone in the world has the same candy to call their favorite. But, in a way, this article shows how a lot of people do like things that are alike, such as the few candies that is liked by most people. Candy is candy, as far as it goes. Most people adore it, but not one candy can be picked as the favorite in all the variety. There are no definite answers for the favorite candy in any country, and no one can name a type of candy that is liked by everyone. But there is one question that must have a definite answer. What candy is your favorite?

The Screaming Mummy (cont’d. from pg. 4, col. 2)

According to the Daily Mail, it claims that archaeologists first discovered the Screaming Mummy at Deir El-Bahari which is a complex of mortuary temples and tombs located on the west bank of the Nile, opposite the city of Luxor, Egypt in 1886. They also thought he was poisoned, but new studies showed that he may have been hanged. DNA analysis suggests he may be the son of King Ramses III, who was murdered. The findings line up with texts on the plot to assassinate the pharaoh. So according to this information they are saying that this mummy is the son of king Ramses III, who plotted to kill his father and was sentenced to death by hanging. Ramses III was The New Kingdom Pharaoh who held reign over Egypt from 1186 to 1155 B.C. (cont’d. on pg. 6, col. 2)

Titanic - The World’s Indestructible Ship Being Built Again by Aaron Dreshaj 7-409



In 1912, the Titanic set sail on a course from United Kingdom to the United States. It was known as the indestructible ship. But it sank after crashing into an iceberg. Clive Palmer, the CEO of Blue Star Line which builds ships, loved the Titanic and wanted to recreate it. With the net worth of 2 billion dollars, this is possible for the company.

The construction of Titanic II began in 2012. The expenses are about 500 million dollars. Deltamarin, a construction company, would assist in the development phase of the Titanic II. Several other companies joined to help in the making of the ship. It would be a near exact replica of the original Titanic. They wanted to make people in the ship feel like it is the 1900s. Tickets would cost about one million dollars.

Blue Star Line wants to make the Titanic safer than it was in 1900s. The steam engines would be replaced with modern diesel-electric propulsion system. The material will be ten times stronger than the one used 100 years ago. The Tillberg Design of Sweden would produce replicas of paintings that were in the Titanic. They had everything they needed to replicate the Titanic as closely as possible to the original in terms of adornments.

The Titanic II was set to sail in 2016, but it was pushed to 2018 because the Blue Star Line still had lots to do. The date was additionally pushed back to 2022. Building the Titanic II would take longer than they thought. To fully match the experience of the Titanic, the ship would be going on the exact route it went on a hundred years ago.

No one knows how long it will take to build but it will surely be an amazing piece of engineering once it comes out. The Titanic has had a huge significance in the world. But when it crashed, people learned a lesson. They needed to make their ships safer. By building the Titanic II, Blue Star Line are showing to people that ships now are much safer and they can be a luxurious ride.

The Screaming Mummy (cont’d. from pg. 6, col. 1)

The Daily Mail also states “Ancient documents revealed that one of his wives, Tiye, meant to have him assassinated in order to get her son Pentawere onto the throne. Pentawere was second to his half-brother Amun-her-khepeshef, but in a plot that involved servants, administrators, and other members of the royal household, Tiye plotted to kill Ramesses III and overthrow his successor to name Pentawere pharaoh. The injury may have been deliberately kept a secret by Egyptian embalmers. A new book by Egyptologist Zahi Hawass and Cairo University radiologist Sahar Saleem called ‘Scanning the Pharaohs: CT Imaging of the New Kingdom Royal Mummies’ describes the recent findings. Using computed tomography (CT) scanning, the team was able to find new evidence linked to an ancient plot to kill Ramesses III, according to Live Science. Ramesses III’s big toe was likely chopped off with an axe, Sahar Saleem told Live Science, which can be determined based on the shape of his fractured toe bones.”

This mystery had and still is making archaeologists conduct many tests to actually solve the mystery and confirm that the conclusion is really what occurred. But what is actually confirmed is that “The Screaming Mummy” is the son of Ramses III. This is solution to the mystery of the screaming mummy!

Discrimination or Revolution? (cont'd from pg. 1, col. 1)

Ten percent of specialized high school students are Black or Latino, despite making up seventy percent of the City's overall student population." This statistic is used to explain one of the reasons why the city is taking such an ambitious approach, since the demographic is highly misrepresented in the schools. The plan states, "An estimated sixteen percent of offers would go to Black or Latino students, compared to nine percent. It will immediately expand the program to twenty percent of seats at each SHS and adjust the eligibility criteria to target students attending high poverty schools." The seats reserved for impoverished students, and Black or Latino students are separate, as New York City Assembly Member Charles Barron states, "The Mayor and I are presenting this bill that will increase the opportunities of Black and Latinos by forty-five percent." This plan has been created through considerations of races and economic groups alike, which would eventually lead to accurate representations of diversity in schools.

This plan has garnered support from many people who will be positively impacted by this change. According to New York City's Chancellor, Richard Carranza, "I just don't buy into the narrative that any one ethnic group owns admission to these schools." *Vox*, a media website, states in reference to the Specialized High School system, "This system was put into law by white leaders who specifically wanted to limit the number of Black and Puerto Rican students." This source also states, "A large portion of Asian American students take courses to optimize their scores on the SHSAT. This, of course, takes money, time and access." Many Black and Latino people are now viewing this as an opportunity to attend the schools that they believe they have been denied access to by the city's educational system.

Asian Americans have strongly opposed this new strategy, as their success in the SHSAT and the potential specialized high school will be undermined. Many of their opportunities will be taken away to favor other underachieving peers. As *Vox* elaborates, "But Asian American leaders who oppose (Mayor) DeBlasio's plan insist their presence in specialized high schools isn't a sign of privilege. One specialized high school student told *The New York Times* in 2012, "Most of our parents don't believe in gifted. It's all about hard work." Asian Americans have been accused for having unprecedented privileges like SHSAT preparation courses as mentioned previously, but the demographic confirms that it is not the case. *Vox* counters this racist comment of privilege, by explaining, "Especially in New York, where Asians have the highest poverty rate of any racial group." According to Kenneth Chiu, the chair of the New York City Asian American Democratic club, he comments about Stuyvesant High School, one of the top specialized high schools, "(Mayor) DeBlasio never had this problem when Stuyvesant High School was all white. He never had this problem when Stuyvesant was all Jewish. All of a sudden, they see one too many Chinese and they say, 'Hey, this isn't right.'"

This plan to diversify the elite New York City Specialized High Schools has led to the emerging of two perspectives. On one hand, the minority group of Blacks and Hispanics have seen this scheme to be a revolution, and a whole gateway of opportunities. On the other hand, Asian American students would not be able to attend these elite schools and pursue careers, as opportunities would be taken away from them through what they view as racist attitudes. Fingers are crossed to see how the races and demographics will be impacted by this new plan once it takes effect.



Take A Seat. Your Standing Desk Is A Mistake

by Sophia Regalado 6-308

Sitting is a part of daily life. You sit at desks at work, in front of the television at home, at a steering wheel in your car, and at a desk at school every day of the week. This is how everyone got used to sitting down all the time. But then, studies came in and everyone quickly changed their minds about sitting down so much. "Any extended sitting - such as at a desk, behind a wheel or in front of a screen - can be harmful. An analysis of thirteen studies of sitting time and activity levels found that those who sat for more than eight hours a day with no physical activity had a risk of dying similar to the risk of dying posed by obesity and smoking," says mayoclinic.org. People soon started investing in standing desks and everyone now had them. They were used in a lot of places like at your workplace or even at home. Sitting became dangerous and we didn't even know it could possibly kill us.

Standing desks have many benefits that sitting desks don't. Standing desks resolve back and neck pain, standing lowers the chance of being obese and gaining weight, lowers chance of high blood sugar, and they help improve mood and energy levels. "Reducing sedentary time can improve physical, metabolic and even mental health. This is why sitting less and standing more is such an important lifestyle change," says healthline.com. Standing desks became a part of our average life, and most people stopped sitting so much.

Some readers who have been reading *The Barking News* for quite a while would remember the "Sitting: The New Smoking," article by Isabella Lozano. In her article, she said, "It is said that sitting can cause blood clots, most likely in the leg, because of too much sitting. This great amount of sitting at home, offices, school and work might cause people to get these blood clots. Blood clots can cause heart attack, stroke or other serious medical problems." Most readers took this into consideration and stopped sitting so much. "Imagine how much that would be for a school!" she said. "Something that schools should try to do is order a few of the desks, test them out, and get feedback from the students." After everything was settled, and standing desks were the new thing, studies came in again and everyone heard about it. "But new research from Curtin University in Australia has found that standing desks might not provide a better alternative for office workers. The 2017 study concluded 'prolonged standing may have health and productivity impacts.' After working on computers at standing desks for two hours, study participants reported 'discomfort,' 'muscle fatigue,' and 'lower limb swelling,'" says businessinsider.com. People then became confused. Which was better? Standing desks or sitting desks? Healthline.com says, "Researchers say standing burns more calories than sitting, but the amount benefits from working on your feet varies from study to study." Standing may be better in most cases, as it has many benefits, but sitting is the same way. Cancer.org says, "The study found that standing burned eighty-eight calories per hour, not much more than the eighty calories an hour burned while sitting."

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How Technology Impacts Humans

by Bassam Muthana 8-509



As the years and generations past, people kept on developing new technology. These new technologies either were to help humanity or entertain it. Even though these technologies are a big help to humans in the areas of engineering, medical science and many other things, many scientists had fears of the effect it had on humans. As technology develops, people get more obsessed with it.

One thing that absorbs many people of all ages is phones. Phones developed every year, attracting people to buy them every time they come out. As these portable screens had everything people need, people got into them, separating society. As the historian of science Michael Bess said, "The more you live through screens, the more you're living in a narrow bandwidth, an abstract world that's increasingly artificial." These days people are living in the fake world of internet, not knowing what's happening around them. They don't need to socially communicate with each other if they can with the new technology. That's what feared many scientist and people, that everyone will soon lose their social interactions with each other, individualizing societies. In addition to that technology took part in humans in them sharing their lives to social media. As social media grew, people became more comfortable to it, that their lives are recorded for other people. They record where they are, what they are doing, what they are eating, and other things. That's not a good idea because there are predators everywhere on the internet watching the user. The technology was the tool for many people to reveal themselves to the social media. Since many people shared their privacy on the internet, it made them less scared to do it, then actually doing it in front of people. To some people this is

Another thing that technology is taking away is that it is surpassing what it means to be human.. Technology is a good thing to have because it's a big help to many things including medical science, engineering, surgery and other things, but there is a fear that technology is the future of our Earth. Albert Einstein said "I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interactions. The world will have a generation of idiots." As technology evolves, the smarter it gets and the more things it does for us. People have already developed A.I. (artificial intelligence) that is as smart as humans and even smarter. This is a fear because people will be lazy since technology one day will do everything for people and education will be left out.

Merry Christmas? (cont'd. from pg. 5, col. 1)

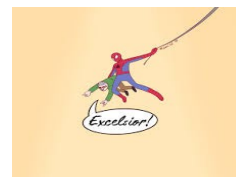
According to FactsOnLife.com, "At least a fourth of the children in the United States have parents that aren't together, one parent, or none at all." This can complicate a child's view of the holidays. The report continues, "On top of that, an eighth of those kids don't have enough money for presents or even food." These circumstances don't need further explanation.

The holidays take place during winter, the coldest time of the year winters. In New York, there are plenty of homeless people. With all the holiday bustle, this fact is often forgotten or ignored. According to recent statistics, there are 62,025 homeless people in New York City to be exact.

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The End of an Era Due To The Loss Of A Legend

by Ergi Agaj 8-509



Sometimes, the world can be a cruel place. To many individuals, it seems as if their problems will never go away. However, Stan Lee created a remedy for said problem. It wasn't a bottle of medicine; it was Marvel®.

The imaginary world where a crime fighting vigilante with the proportionate strength of a spider swings around New York City using webs immerses people into a much better world where almost all problems can be solved. A universe where a billionaire uses his wealth to create equipment useful in catching bad guys reminds people that people truly care about others. The story of a doctor who was transformed into a giant green monster conveys that heroism comes in all shapes and sizes. This makes readers find the good in all things, no matter the circumstances.

At the beginning of his career, Lee was working as an office assistant at Timely Comics in 1939. Following that, in the early 1940's, he was an editor for the company. The company's name was changed to Marvel Comics during the 60's and this presented many opportunities to Lee and his team. He was asked to create a series of comics with his own twist; so he didn't use generic superhero cliches. Thus, in 1961, his first major work came to life; The Fantastic Four.

New superheroes were added into the mix as the company became more popular. Lee played key roles in the making of the Hulk, Spider-Man, Doctor Strange, The Daredevil, The X-Men, and many more familiar faces. As mentioned before, Lee made each of his characters unique. This was made evident through the fact that all of the characters deal with their own personal problems while also tackling real world problems. This goes back to the idea that Lee's works helped brighten people's days since such prominent figures were also dealing with their own ordeals and making the world a better place.

Mr. Lee was proving himself to his supervisors and in 1972 was promoted to editorial director and publisher. Soon enough he moved to the west coast to work on Hollywood productions of his creations. The superheroes gained popularity over the years due to various multimedia projects which Lee also took part in and had many cameos in.

Everything that Mr. Lee worked on left an impact on the world. The way he encompassed his struggles during the Great Depression and other real problems while still keeping a humorous and entertaining aspect captivated readers and took them to a whole new world. Reading comics became a hobby for many people, but for Stan Lee, making them and seeing people's smiles widen was his job.

"Excelsior!" perfectly encompasses the message that Stan Lee wanted to convey through his works. It indicates a superior quality. Keeping in mind the problems that he faced in his life, depicted in his comics, it implies that no matter the circumstances, one must always rise up and overcome their problems, just like a true hero.

R.I.P. Stanley Martin Lieber
December 28, 1922 - November 12, 2018

Standing Desk - A Mistake?

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Each desk has pros and cons. It's all about a person's lifestyle. Standing desks are better if someone is less active at work and wants to change up his/her daily life a bit. Sitting desks are better if a person is more active at work and just wants to relax. Which desk would you prefer?



The Face of Our Childhood Big Bird Retires

by Anatoli Velikov 7-409

The friendly bearded face of Carroll Spinney may not be one you immediately recognize. But if you have watched television at any point in the past fifty years, you may be familiar with his marvelous work. Since 1969, Spinney has played the parts of benevolent, inquisitive Big Bird and the lovably disgruntled Oscar the Grouch on Sesame Street, the longrunning children's program that captivated the minds of many viewers around the world.

On October 18, 2018, Mr. Spinney, at the age of eighty-four, as he so often has, traveled to studios in Astoria, Queens, where Sesame Street is produced, and recorded some voices for his creative and colorful alter egos. Then he retired from the program. His roles passed on to new performers and his remarkable half-century run, in which he has embodied two of the most beloved characters on television, will come to an end.

Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit education program that produces Sesame Street, does not have a precise figure for the amount of episodes Spinney has appeared in, but a spokeswoman said the number was likely thousands of the more than 4,400 episodes that have been created.

In recent years, Spinney has said that the physical requirements of performing the colorful characters had become difficult for him, and he had developed problems with his balance. He had stopped doing the puppeteering for Big Bird in 2015, and had since only provided the voices for Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch.

"Before I came to 'Sesame Street,' I didn't feel like what I was doing was very important," Spinney said in a statement released by Sesame Workshop. "Big Bird helped me find my purpose. Even as I step down from my roles, I feel I will always be Big Bird. And even Oscar, once in a while!"

Spinney's coworkers also commented on his retiring. As seen on Today.com, "Big Bird has always had the biggest heart on 'Sesame Street,' and that's Carroll's gift to us," said Jeffrey Dunn, the president and chief executive of Sesame Workshop. "I think it's fair to say that Carroll's view of the world and how we should treat each other has shaped and defined our organization."

Although Spinney has retired, he takes the bright, colorful and dynamically creative characters with him wherever he goes. In an article in The New York Times, "I've been playing a 6-year-old for 50 years," Spinney said. With a bit of mischievous glee, he added: "And the children bought it."

Pay For NCAA Athletes? (cont'd from pg. 2, col. 1)

Many schools like the University of Alabama main selling point is their sports programs. A great deal of their money is made from their elite football program so, why shouldn't that money go to the players? The Crimson Tide football team brought in seventy-seven million dollars for the school. Many people justify not paying the athletes because they get scholarships. The University of Alabama spent 1.8 million in scholarships while Head Coach Nick Saban made 8.3 million dollars last year. If money is the reason, why they are not being paid why is the coach being paid over four times as much as all scholarships given out.

College football and basketball bring in millions of dollars and little of it is used on basic needs for the players. College sports is like full-time job and the players deserve to get paid as they work about as much as the average adult. Many players have been ruined by the NCAA and them not wanting to pay the athletes. It may be costly in the short term for the NCAA but, over-time, it may benefit them and the student athletes.

Sneaker Shock: The Fashion World Now Wears Sneakers?!

by Leilani Sanchez 7-409



For those who love fashion you may have noticed that in the Escada Fashion Show of Spring 2019 that the models wore sneakers. Way back in 2014, Karl Lagerfeld hosted a show in which models wore bejeweled sneakers. Fashion artists have toyed with the idea of creating custom sneakers before but now they've actually done it. The article from The New York Times called "Season of Peak Sneaker Silliness" displays an image of a Jimmy Choo sneaker that's rose gold and is all jeweled up. However, they are huge and look heavy. The other sneakers displayed in the newspaper article also look similar to Jimmy Choo's sneaker. As the article "Season of Peak Sneaker Silliness" states that the sneakers, "...really look more like Frankenstein monsters at the foot, cobbled together from references and peer-pressure unwieldy and aggressively clumpy. They don't free the wearer to take flight. They weigh her down." The sneakers are clumpy and hard to wear. They're not like normal sneakers and are quite difficult to walk in.

To the average person, a line that could stand out is, "They don't free the wearer to take flight. They weigh her down." This can stand out because most sneaker slogans are about being free. Nike's slogan is "Just Do It" and this can be associated with flying or preparing to take flight. Jordan's logo is Michael Jordan jumping with a basketball. This can also be associated with flight because he jumps up and flies. Most sneakers are comfortable and they can feel cloud like and make you feel good; like you can soar through the sky. Another slogan that you can associate with flight is Adidas'. Theirs is "Impossible is Nothing". To most, flying is impossible but to Adidas, it is possible.

I recently took a survey of about thirty-three students asking them what brand of sneakers they prefer. More people enjoyed wearing Adidas which are comfortable in my opinion. Nobody enjoys wearing New Balance or Reebok. People like the look of sneakers but also the feel of them. The shoe can be comfortable but not look pretty so people might not buy them. A total of twelve people liked Adidas which is 40% of the students that I interviewed. This brings back to us everyday people and our peers because we are a part of fashion too. Everyday style, we're all a part of it.

Merry Christmas? (cont'd. from pg. 8, col. 1)

They don't have food or warmth during the holidays, and not enough people address this. Donating clothing like jackets and sweaters to local clothing drives is always helpful.

This season, everyone should try to give back to the less fortunate. An example of this is donating money and gifts to people or even animals that don't have it well. Working at soup kitchens or donating canned goods are more great ways to give back this holiday. PS 83 has our own canned food drive in fact. Those who celebrate holidays by spreading a little joy this season and helping others actually report a greater degree of happiness. According to the Mental Health Association, "Doing good does you good." It might be a good thing to do if a person truly wants to have happy holidays

New Dinosaur Larger, Heavier “A Giant Thunderclap At Dawn”

by Maysoon Reda 6-308



On October 6, 2018 a group of researchers revealed that recent fossils led them to the discovery of a new dinosaur species that because of its size, they have named *Ledumahadi mafube* (L.M.). The dinosaur's name translates to “a giant thunderclap at dawn” in Sesotho, (a language spoken in South Africa the region where the bone was found). This enormous new dinosaur, leaves all of its researchers in amazement. But before worrying that this race is too young to die, it's probably, most likely, extinct. Although this is a very massive dinosaur, the good news is that it is plant eating and if still alive, it won't probably hurt anybody. Although, it still fascinates many of the human race, at least a little part of anyone should still be frightened that somewhere out there lives another one of these dinosaurs.

There might be questions asking why this is important and the answer is that no scientist knows if in this world there lives yet another one of these, or any of its dinosaur siblings. The discovery was a 400-year-old “shipwreck” as scientists called it. They had to study it to uncover what it was and what happened to it. The newly discovered 26,000 pound dinosaur was once the biggest creature to walk on this planet. Two hundred million years ago, this dinosaur was double the size of two adult African elephants living in South Africa. This jurassic animal who was a close relative of the brontosaurus, was an extreme species. Is it possible that there is yet to be more dinosaurs to discover?

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Something else an artsy person may like is a 3d pen. While these aren't a new thing, someone who is great at drawing or even if they are not can draw things in 3D like a sculpture.

This year, there are a few gaming systems you may want to check out. The newest PlayStation, the Sony PlayStation 4 Pro, came out in 2016. This, just like any other PlayStation, has a wide variety of games that you can play with it. Another gaming system you may want is the Playstation VR. This gaming system comes with a virtual reality headset and a special type of controllers, with which you can play fun games in augmented reality.

A few more gaming systems to check out are the Nintendo Switch and the Xbox One X. The Nintendo Switch is a gaming system that you can take on the go. It has many games that you can play on it, similar to those on the Wii. The Xbox One X is a video games system that you can play many new games on right now. Depending on how you prefer to play games, certain systems will fit you best.

However, if even with all these options, you still don't know what you want, there are cool gifts for someone who has everything. A common thing young people like to have are subscription boxes. These boxes are delivered to customers every month and range from books to toys to projects, that can be used in any spare time available. Another cool gift is to take someone on a trip somewhere fun. This is a nice gift to give someone because there are so many places to choose from with lots of activities depending on the place.

This holiday season, you may want to surprise someone with something special. However, you may not have an idea of exactly what you'd like to give or ask for. Since people's interests differ, there are a few suggestions for an artsy, an electronic, and a gamer type, and those who have everything. This December, these options can help you to choose what to gift or ask for this holiday season.

Eyesight Is A Gift Doctors Restore

by Enola Brahaj 7-408

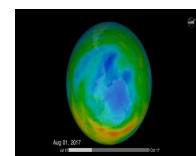


Some people might not realize that eyesight is a gift. They expect to wake up every morning and be able to see, but many people in other parts of the world have lost that gift. They are blind because of a cloudy or opaque area that appears in the lens of the eye called cataract. About 34.1% of them are people who live in Southeast Asia and 25.4% of them live in the Western Pacific. Thousands of people all around the world had been living in darkness until two doctors, one from America, named Geoffrey Tabin and the other from Nepal named Sanduk Ruit decided to do something about it.

The story about Dr Tabin and Ruit is told on CBS News.com “Restoring eyesight with a simple, inexpensive surgery”. Dr. Tabin and Dr. Ruit worked together to restore people's sight. Together they have cured more than 150,000 patients' cataract blindness. They even trained other doctors who then healed about four million other patients. The surgery to restore eyesight takes about ten minutes and cost only about twenty five dollars, but even though it does not cost much many people in poor countries cannot afford it. Millions of people still need to get their sight restored. To help, a person can donate money at <https://www.cureblindness.org/eye-on-the-world/features/one-life-changed>. Cataract blindness may not be such a big problem in America but it is in other parts of the world. Especially this time of year, people spend money on things they want but don't really need. This is a wonderful opportunity to change a person's world from darkness to light.

Ozone Health Care The Ozone Layer Is Healing

by Shanelle Dong 8-509



After millions of years of human evolution, one problem had always been lurking around the corner since the 1970s. This problem has caused a series of problems such as exposing people to the dangerous UV rays from the sun leading to skin cancer. This problem is the ozone layer depletion. But fear not, it is said that the ozone layer is starting to repair itself and scientists predict that the ozone layer should be repaired by 2030s and the Antarctic ozone hole should disappear in the 2060s.

Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), though it may be a big word, it's simply the cause of the depletion of the ozone layer. Chlorofluorocarbons contains gaseous compounds that contains carbon, chlorine, fluorine, and sometimes hydrogen; and all of these compounds can be found in normal everyday items everyone uses. Items may include cleaning supplies, aerosol propellants, and plastic foam, just to name a few. But the chlorine produced by CFCs had been on the decline for a while now and with the ban on certain chemical products, the ozone layer is starting to repair itself slowly but surely. But, for the ozone layer to continue healing, it's important for everyone to do his/her part in the healing process, buying air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment without the use of HCFCs or buying aerosols sprays without the use of CFCs. With these little changes, it can impact the world by a whole lot.

Who is Michelle Obama?

by Amina Choudhary 7-408



Michelle Obama was the First Lady of the United States of America from 2009-2017. She was born on January 17, 1964, and raised on the south side of Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Obama is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law school. For her first real job, she worked at the law firm, Sidley Austin There she met the love of her life, Mr. Barack Obama. They were married on October 3, 1992, and have two daughters, Malia and Sasha.

When her husband became President of the United States, Ms. Obama was the African-American First Lady. In this role, Ms. Obama received a great deal of respect from others. For the next four years, Ms. Obama and her family stayed at the White House waiting until the next Presidential election. But Mr. Obama ran for a second time and was elected President for another four years.

On November 13, 2018, Michelle Obama published her book Becoming. She is touring the country giving speeches about her book. Today, the Obama Family is having fun getting to know each other again. Throughout her life, Ms. Obama has always kept a message in her mind, "Whether you come from a council estate or a country estate, your success will be determined by your own confidence and fortitude."

Ms. Obama is very inspiring to many. She has so much more adventure ahead of her in the future. She always thought positively. She worked hard to get to the point where she is now. There are many who hope that she decides to run for President in 2020.

So Many Books.....(cont'd. from pg. 1 col. 1)

The use of imagination plays a big role in how the world is perceived, sometimes imagination is better than pictures seen most places.

George R.R. Martin once said, "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies... The man who never reads lives only one." Reading is way to escape reality and explore a world we wish we could have lived in. Everyone is able to experience millions of places without even traveling. People can pick up a book and learn about different cultures, people and places. When you pick up a book you learn things about yourself and the world around you. It turns from passive understanding to an experience of reflection. The writer gives the audience the tools to create and visualize the world and imagination does the rest. There is something unique about reading fiction that paints a picture in your head as you read so much so that it takes time (for me at least) to go between my reading world and the rest of reality. We visit a world with magic, imagination, powers, anything you want. We will print out the ballot in the December issue of the Barking News and publish the results of the vote in the February issue.

We will create and distribute a ballot in January and publish the results of the vote in the February issue of the Barking News.

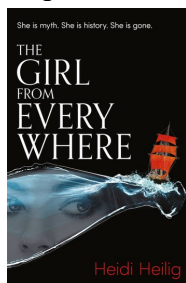
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Books That Would Warm The Cold Season

by Yusra Alamari 7- 408



Finally my favorite season has arrived the season of holidays and schools are closing which means all kids are having fun in their cozy homes, and a new chapter starts in everyone's life. You probably have guessed right, WINTER. It's time to forget about the warm weather and renew ourselves. It's time to get ready for the white windy season. While we do that, why don't we also renew our reading list? As Mason Cooley said "Reading gives us someplace to go, when we have to stay where we are". Need help finding books that would fit the season? Alright, grab a cup of hot chocolate and keep on reading...



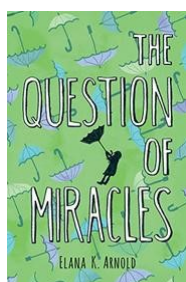
1. The Girl From Everywhere by Heidi Heilig

This book is about a girl named Nix. Nix has to deal with the historical uprising of the white plantation owners, the worry that she might not exist if he goes back in time to her mother's death and her father's erratic behavior. Find what will happen to Nix by reading the rest of the book.



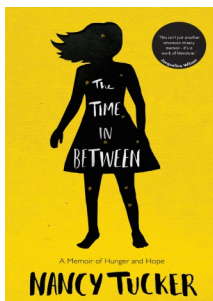
2. The Orphan Island by Laurel Snyder

On a big island everything is amazingly perfect, the sky is clear and the wind, water and trees protect everyone lives in this island. Every year a small boat appears from the mist upon the ocean carrying one young child to join the island, and takes the eldest in the island and you will never see again. However, this year the boat will take Changing best friend Deen replacing him with a new child. Can Changing teach the new child life in the island?



3. The Question Of Miracles by Elana Arnold

Moving into another place is always hard for everyone. Sixth-grader Iris Abernathy hates life in Corvallis, Oregon, where her family just moved. It's always raining, and everything is so wet. Besides, nothing has felt right since Iris's best friend, Sarah, died. Iris had a hard time making friends, since she isn't good at expressing herself. She always wondered why some people receive miracles and other don't. And if she could ever receive a miracle and communicate with her best friend again.



4. The Time In Between: A Memoir Of Hunger And Hope by Nancy Tucker

When everyone in your class have something they really want and you don't, how would you feel? When Nancy Tucker was eight years old, her class had to write about what they wanted in life. She thought, and thought, and finally she wrote: 'I want to be thin.' without knowing the reason why? Over the next twelve years, she developed anorexia nervosa, was hospitalized, and finally swung the other way towards bulimia nervosa. She left school, rejoined school; went in and out of therapy, ebbed in and out of life. On the book jacket, it states, "From the bleak reality of a body breaking down to the electric mental highs of starvation, hers has been a life held in thrall by food." Read to find out how she'll face all these things in life.