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Image of obvious drug abuse.

Deadly Addiction

Horrifying truths about Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Has it really come to this?

By Sophia Polak

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Drug abuse has haunted our community, and is continuing deteriorate by starting out as a mild problem, then turning into more severe problems. Victims are spread throughout our community, such as the fatal drug story on Brian Bishop. Sites have shown that most drastic situations have happened in 2017. More than 70,000 have died from this abuse in just 2017, with results from 2018 still calculating. Many say this abuse is caused from depression, but interviews with Jennifer Huynh, Erin Williams, and Mark Polak include what they really think is going on.

On January 17, 2019 Erin Williams, the health teacher at the Dr. An Wang Middle School, was asked the familiar question on her thought about drug and alcohol abuse. Williams replied, "I think that

it's really unfortunate that people fall into that trap of abusing a substance... it's important to have good programs and places to educate people about those dangers..." Mark Polak, a retired Lowell police officer, had a similar response to the same question when he was asked on January 23, 2019. "I think we need to get people that are involved in it, the help they need and there's several programs and ways of doing that out there. We just need to make people aware of the help that's out there for them." The facts of the addiction trap by Gulf Breeze include the same type of information Williams and Polak talked about. The abusers are unaware of their addiction, and it becomes a routine. The abusers fall into a trap and only focus on drugs. Like Polak had stated, Gulf Breeze also wants to make the abusers aware of the help they need, and Gulf Breeze is a program that is working to cure these addiction problems.

On January 23, 2019 Mark Polak, a retired police officer in the city of Lowell, replied to the questioning of the effect of drug abusers on our lives. Polak replied, "If you run into someone who's driving a car, that's under the influence of some kind of substance they could hurt you or your family, and crash into you or hurt someone else." Drinking and driving is illegal and can lead to serious punishments. A 61 year old man driving under the influence, rear ended a couple, killing the woman in the passenger seat, Margo Sabater resulting with her husband, in serious condition, at the hospital. The crash, in Sumner Washington, hurt several other citizens too. The deadly crash destroyed the car of the Sabater couple. The ford truck with the drunk

driver, rear ended the Sabater car and sent it barreling into a blue toyota, also injuring those passengers. To add on to the topic of drunk driving, a 5 year old died from a two-car wreck, that a driver coming from a bar caused. Isreal Suarez Lugo, the 34 year old driver that killed Giselle Luviano, has been pressed with charges. The wreck happened on January 20, 2019, in the Greater East End, and injured several other citizens. The truck driven by Lugo, had been swerving out of control and sped through a red light when it crashed into the black Cadillac, injuring all four of the people inside. The 15 year old and the two other adults inside had minor injuries, but Luviano had been rushed into surgery for traumatic brain injuries. Lugo could spend 20 years in prison, but the results are not final yet.

On January 25, 2019, Jennifer Huynh, the nurse at the Dr. An Wang Middle School had been asked multiple questions on her thoughts. Huynh had been asked her thoughts on drug and alcohol abuse, Huynh replied, "I think that there are people who need assistance and that there are a lot of social stigmas associated with abuse." Many sites agree with Huynh. Drug abuse can affect your self-esteem, damage relationships with loved ones, and keep the addicted from getting treatment to help their addiction. Huynh later continued on her thoughts on the effects of drugs in her life. "It's kind of my job to try and take care of them. I was a psychiatric nurse for a little while and I had a lot of fun with that, but it comes down to being a disease similar to other chronic conditions. They just need help and medical assistance." Drug addiction is considered a disease because of the complex attachment. The abusers need help to be able to overcome this attaching addiction. It is almost physically impossible to overcome this addiction alone, so abusers have the option to go to researchers to overcome their addiction the proper and effective way. Huynh also added the explanation of the dangerous drug fentanyl. She stated, "It's a very concentrated form of a painkiller, it's a narcotic, and it's being cut with the cheaper street version called heroin, and unfortunately it has caused a severe amount of overdoses, because it's just so potent." There has been a crisis on the U.S. border, where very large amount of fen-

tanyl was attempted to be smuggled in from Mexico. Nearly 254 pounds of fentanyl was found heading into Arizona. This drug is 80 to 100 times more powerful than the drug morphine, and the amount that was found had enough power to kill more than 56 million people. The Mexican driver had been arrested, and tests shows just 2 milligrams of fentanyl, can be lethal.

In January 2017, over 70,000 people died from overdose and the results from 2018 are still calculating. Overdoses are still increasing and the US population is decreasing. Drug addiction is a relapse. Stop and think, maybe someone you love has been hiding their stress and depression. Maybe that loved one, whether they're a family member, friend, or partner, they could be a victim next. Their presence could be ripped away from you, because of drugs. Don't let this happen. Fight like your life depends on it, because it does.



Image of Walker's Dance Team.

Culpable School Debate

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By, Alyssa Stubbs

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Do The 8th Graders Need Recess?

By: Arianna Cubero- Ledesma

Many people do believe that 8th graders need recess while some think otherwise. The 8th grade classes at the Dr. An Wang Middle School in Lowell, Massachusetts want recess but there needs to be some policies. The 8th grade students have free seating in their cafeteria instead of having recess in the gym like the other grades at the Wang. Free seating for the 8th grade has been going on for the past four months at the Wang; some students like it while the others don't. Some teachers and students want to change that while others don't.

Many students at the Wang believe that they should have recess in the gym just like the other grades. Nya Cavagnaro, an 8th grade student at the Wang, states that "They are the only grade in the whole school that doesn't have it". Nya is biased towards the idea of having recess because she believes that the 8th graders deserve recess. Alice Drinkworth states that "Children are more attentive and productive in the classroom after recess, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics policy statement on "The Crucial Role of Recess in School." Drinkworth believes that having recess will make students more productive in class and that it will have a positive impact on their academics.

Some teachers think that recess would benefit the students and the teachers. Alison Kuzara, a teacher at the Wang states that "If they argued that we would get a little bit more prep time or a little bit more lunch time, a little bit more of the staff would be on board for that". She believes that if they were to have recess it would let the teachers have a bit more prep time and lunch time. Back to what Drinkworth was saying; the students being more focused and more attentive could give the teachers an easier time. "According to Susan Meyer, principal of Meads Mill Middle School, older students also need time for relaxation and 'play.' Middle school kids need to have unwinding and reflecting time just as adults do," Meyer tells Education World." Kuzara said she agreed with this because she thinks that they need time to reflect just as adults do.

In the beginning of the school year, before the free seating was set up, the 8th grade was able to go outside for recess. The vice principal at the Wang, Matthew Santy, states that "When we were doing recess outside at the beginning of the year...everyone just kinda stood and

talked...freely walk around the cafeteria and talk to their friends is similar to what they were doing outside anyways". Santy says that he rather have the 8th do free seating in the cafeteria instead of recess because they weren't doing anything outside anyways. "Unstructured recess time can lead to bullying issues, which includes exclusion, safety concerns and young adolescents standing around instead of playing." This sort of relates to what Santy had to say about them just standing around. This article states that having recess could lead to bullying and other things that could harm the students.



Image of children playing at playground.

At this moment, the 8th graders at the Dr. An Wang Middle School have free seating in their cafeteria and it is unknown what will happen in the future. Having recess in the gym, being able to talk to your friends, play whatever you want, and relax for a bit before your next class will just remain a daydream for the 8th graders; for now.



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class they might not enjoy. In January 2019, Kayla Dean, and Luisa Devia really state their opinions on this debate.

The middle school community is the pathway to adulthood. Many people have explained how important it is to do things you enjoy and aren't forced into. Kayla Dean former gymnast and science teacher at the Dr. An Wang Middle School in Lowell Massachusetts thinks that middle school students should have the freedom to take optional classes they enjoy. Dean states "I think it would be a good way for boys and girls to be part of the school." Dean knows that many students don't enjoy participating in gym because they don't enjoy those types of games and exercising. However there are different ways you can exercise and have fun at the same time. "Of course, balanced, targeted gym workouts can provide excellent fitness benefits as well, but for some people, the "fun factor" is missing at the gym."

Luisa Devia, dancer at walkers dance and student at Dr. An Wang Middle School had a very similar response for how little freedom students get to choose their allied arts classes. Devia states "In gymnastics say you were falling off something it would help you with keeping you balance." Devia explains how often boys and girls may feel ashamed to do these sports. However Devia thinks that students shouldn't be ashamed, because these sports can benefit you much more than some others, depending on your interest.

To this day middle school students still don't get the option to take dance, cheerleading, and gymnastics instead of gym. Many people including Dean and Devia hope that in the future students will indeed get the option for what allied arts class they can take. Maybe in the future, with these common opinions and thoughts, the school education board will make the right decision and think about giving not only high school students, but middle school students the option to take more of the movement arts.



Police Brutality Is Still On The Rise, And Doesn't Look Like It's Going To Stop Anytime Soon.

People are still scared about what's gonna happen next when they're pulled over.

By: Curtis Chanthaboun

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In America, it seems like police brutality is a common act happening weekly. "In 2017, 1,147 people were killed in America, and 25% of those killed were African-American, despite being only 13% of the population, and were in the hands of a police officer who used excessive force. In 2018, 1,166 people were killed in police custody.

When interviewed, Jennie Welch, a Community Service Officer for the Tewksbury Police Department since 2003, said that, "The danger in police work varies from call to call...every call has to be handled with professionalism, and tactically sounds to protect the officer."

Those three words, "protect the officer" can be very biased and controversial. There are many other non-lethal ways that an officer can protect themselves. Pepper spray contains capsaicin, the ingredient in chili peppers that makes your eyes water and your nose run like a faucet.

Most officers agree, that when some cases of police brutality are reported, the sides of the story can be different.

Sonia Chanthaboun who was a Reserve Officer for the Tewksbury Police Department, agrees with the other officers. She says that, "Everything is recorded, and posted online for people to see, and the truth is not always what people may see."

Chanthaboun also said that officers should have body cameras and they shouldn't be afraid to wear them, if they're not doing anything wrong.

In fact, since 2005, there have only been 13 officers convicted of murder or manslaughter in fatal on-duty shootings, according to data provided to The Huffington Post by Philip Stinson, an associate professor of criminology at Ohio's Bowling Green State University. Stinson's data doesn't include cases in which civilians

died in police custody or were killed by other means, or those in which officers only faced lesser charges.

Alice Mwangi a student of the Dr. An Wang Middle School agrees with what Chanthaboun has to say, by saying, "Police Brutality can be looked at in two ways. It depends on the case."

Rahimah Rahim, who is the mother of Usaamah Rahim, who was killed by an FBI agent and a Boston police detective in Roslindale on June 2nd, 2015, demands that her son's case be reopened. Usaamah Rahim was a suspected ISIS-affiliated extremist. Rahim was confronted by the FBI agent, and the detective, a month after he bought three knives off of amazon. He was posed as an "Imminent Threat" and was ultimately gunned down.

Police brutality can happen anywhere and at anytime. It can also happen to anyone. No matter what your race it, it may happen.

Police brutality is so common these days, that it's easy for journalists/reporters to find different cases of it. When interviewed, Kim Riccardi of the Tewksbury Police Department who has been an officer since 2002, said that "When there are a few people that do the wrong thing..it paints everyone with the wrong brush and we all get judged based on what a few individuals do."

When there are reports of police brutality,

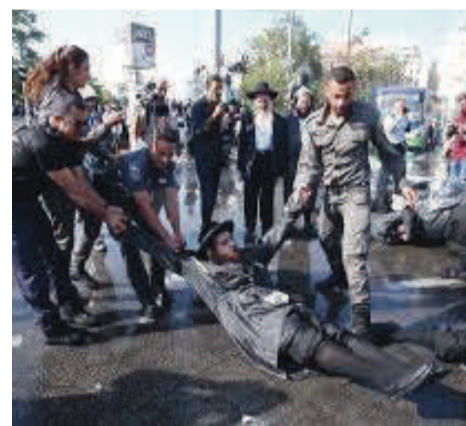


Image of police brutality in action.

ty, all of the news stations are quick to jump onto the story, and try to get as much detail and information about what the full story is. Some news stations can be biased about stories. They will focus on one side of the story, even though there is clear evidence supporting the other side.

When walking you're walking down the street, and you see a cop, don't be scared. Just have your phone in your hand in case anything happens.

Protests and Riots to Peace and Quiet.

The Black Lives Matter Movement has seemed to be silenced by the media, but does it still stand?

By: Alice Mwangi

February 1, 2019

The phrase "Black Lives Matter" over the years has been followed by riots, marches, and violence. Over the past few years, 2013 to 2019 in the United States of America, black people and their supports have been standing up against cops and other white people taking their lives for little things. On Friday November 23, 2012 in Jacksonville, Florida Jordan Davis was shot and killed by Michael David Dunn, for playing music too loud. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shooting_of_Jordan_Davis) This is an example of the types of unfair things black people are being killed for.

In 2015 black people were killed at twice the rate of white people by police. (<https://amp.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/dec/31/the-counted-police-killings-2015-young-black-men>) Ocyrus Williams, student at the Dr. An Wang Middle School stated, "it's not really happening anymore... black lives being taken" after he was asked if the black lives matter movement is still as prominent as it was when it was first enforced. Williams, the student at the Dr. an wang middle school had proved a point that the black lives matter movement isn't really as prominent as it used to be, and not as many black lives are being taken anymore. In 2018 and 2019 59.2 % of people killed by white police officers were white; 28.2 % of people killed by white officers were African American. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/08/29/we-gathered-data-on-every-confirmed-line-of-duty-police-killing-of-a-civilian-in-2014-and-2015-heres-what-we-found/noredirect=on&utm_term=.d012ab0c2857)

Matthew Santy, assistant principal at the Dr. An Wang Middle School pointed out that, "unfortunately I think the media does whatever they are gonna do to get the most hits... and to get get the most, uh, attention." Santy, proved a point the media does like to focus on what will grab the reader's attention, in order to gain more popularity. If the black lives matter movement doesn't seem to be attention grabbing you wouldn't expect to catch it in the media so often.

In the next years, the black lives matter movement will be enforced in more ways other than the internet. In the article "USA Today" it states, "It had to move beyond the hashtag," he said. "It had to move beyond this symbolic coming together - and many of these organizations, national or local, had to begin do work that would have impact in terms of policy." This quote supports the black lives matter movement being showcased less on just social media, but on other platforms. The black lives matter phrase has been opened up in the year of 2019. In the year of 2018, 7 year old Jazmine Barnes was shot in a drive by, by a black male named Eric Black Jr. (<https://spectator.us/jazmine-barnes-black-lives-matter/>) The black lives matter protests were brought back for a couple of days after her death. Originally the phrase "Black Lives Matter" was directed to black lives being taken by cops and white people. Now it also refers to any black life being taken. The black lives matter movement is evolving along with the people heavily connected to it.



image of women holding sign that reads, "#blacklivesmatter"

Social Media And It's Dangers Towards Young Teens.

Social media has been causing self harm in teens for way too long. Especially in young

By Sheyla Rodoli

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Snapchat, facebook, instagram, twitter, and lots of other social media apps have been put to bad use for the past couple years. The concern experts have about these sites is that they can lead to others engaging in similar behavior. There has been so many young teens all over the world harming themselves because they get cyber bullied on social media. Just recently january 22, 2019 a young girl, age 16, by the name of Ashley aka "misslovelace" committed suicide because she had been getting cyber bullied. Since 2018-2019 young teens hurting themselves because of cyberbullying on social media has become an even bigger issue than before. More and more teens have their families mourning because of their losses due to suicide.

While teens who self-harm tend to be skilled at hiding their pain from parents, teachers and friends, instead going online anonymously to learn from others and to find a community that shares what they are going through. I think that technology and social media is a Pandora's box," Monroe says. "There are so many great things about it but also there is the dark side of it." This is true, but Social media is a great place to socialize with family and friends, share great photos and more, but there are also so many downsides to social media. Young kids get cyber bullied, get called names, pictures get exposed, and more.

The amount of time young people spend on social media is also problematic. This is especially true because of all of the other things in their lives that could stand to be neglected because of excessive usage of social media. Young teens spend so much time on social media that they get so caught up in all the nonsense and bad things going on, rather than seeking for joyful pictures, Funny videos, and so much more enlightening content.

The growth of social media has left many young teens vulnerable to online bullying, which can include sending threatening, humiliating or intimidating messages or posting hurtful comments or images. Researchers at the Universities of

Oxford, Swansea and Birmingham reviewed previous studies on cyberbullying which involved more than 150,000 under-25s across 30 countries over a 21-year period.

They found that cyberbullying raised the risk of self-harm or suicidal behaviour 2.3 times. "I don't think social media itself is causing kids to harm themselves, I think it's the people behind the screen sending the message..." says Mr. Stahl, principle of the Dr. An Wang middle school.

Social media shouldn't be used to hurt others or throw hate at each other. Social media should be used to share joyful pictures and funny video with friends and family, to socialize with others, and make new friends. Social media shouldn't be a place where you go to get bullied. What will social media even be in the next few years? Will it get worse?



Image of relevant social media apps.

Bullying has caused serious problems!

There isn't enough awareness for bullying! We need more awareness since it has caused many teens to suicide or hurt themselves. We as a community have to work together. Can we stop bullying?

By:Hir Patel

January 30th, 2019

There was a interview held in Dr. An Wang Middle School about bullying in 2018-2019. Students and teachers were interviewed. Some of the people that were interviewed are Sophia Polak, Alyssa Stubbs, Eviana Rivera, Alice Mwangi, Kayla Dean and Aaliyana Navedo. They all came to a conclusion that we need more bullying awareness. Kids were being affected and adults and they change their personality to fit in. There are actions being taken but they aren't effective because of the suicide rates were high. Many self harm because of bullying and satisfaction.

This research was taken by a suicide prevention center. Ages 10-64 has a huge rate of suicide. Many of the suicide is from depression which is sometimes caused by bullying. There are higher rates because many adults don't realize the types of bullying. They can't recognize. There was a research and only 24% of students that were bullied tell adult and 14% tell a adult. The interview from Wang Middle School, on January 23,2019, Aaliyana Navedo was asked "Did someone close to you get bullied?" she replied "Ya" then she was asked if her friend told a trusted adult she said "Not at first". Most students don't feel comfortable telling a adult. Yet 5/6 interviewers told a adult if they were getting bullied.

Bullying had evolved, there are different kinds now. Like cyberbullying, physical, verbal and social bullying. The technology is advancing along with the different ways of bullying. As much as we try to stop it the sad truth is we can't. Many fail to recognize that their peers are getting bullied."Social bullying, sometimes referred to as covert bullying, is often harder to recognise and can be carried out behind the bullied person's back". Social bullying is hard to recognize as it states in the article. It's predominantly the same thing is not having enough awareness. It's hard to help someone when you don't realize that they need help.

There has been many incidents, one incident is. A girl was in depression. She had

a lot going on in her life. Her family problems were keeping her down. She just wanted someone to ask her, 'Why are you doing that? What's going on?' . Not everyone is able to help out and realize. She wanted someone to check up one her and make sure she is ok. She wants to be treated normally. She wants people to talk to her freely and not be afraid of the word "suicide". These stories have taught us to be aware and hopefully people don't forget that.

10 Leading Causes of Death, United States 2016, All Races, Both Sexes

Rank	ICD-10 Code	Rate (per 100,000)	Rate (per 100,000)	Rate (per 100,000)	Rate (per 100,000)
		2016	2015	2014	2013
1	Heart disease	232.1	232.1	232.1	232.1
2	Cancer	193.8	193.8	193.8	193.8
3	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	128.1	128.1	128.1	128.1
4	Stroke	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1
5	Diabetes	81.1	81.1	81.1	81.1
6	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	71.1	71.1	71.1	71.1
7	Alzheimer's disease	61.1	61.1	61.1	61.1
8	Kidney disease	51.1	51.1	51.1	51.1
9	Intentional self-harm	41.1	41.1	41.1	41.1
10	Other	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.1

Should Home Economics Class Be An Option In Middle Schools?

Cooking, cleaning and sewing, home economics has it all, but some people say that it's not a necessity while others say it'll help them in the real world.

By: Jose Ortega

A few years ago, in Lowell, the people of Lowell would say that home economics was a required class for students to take. But that was years ago, and now it's only taught in high schools under the name of family and consumers with the exception of middle schools.

Some people would like to imply that home economics makes kids independent and don't have to rely as much on their parents for themselves. "It shows patience. It teaches us the value of practice and planning. It shows respect for tools. It develops confidence and pride. It fosters deserved self-esteem. It practices teamwork (HuffPost Live, paragraph 6.)

Americans like to say that they learned how to cook along the lines of somewhere else, but there is a type of invest to teach the next generation. "And our research shows strong support for some form of modern home economics." (<https://news.umich.>, paragraph 10).

Not everyone wants to become a chef or a childhood teacher or a caregiver, a well-rounded, world-literate human being, which, makes a workforce and a great community. "The idea of home economics was not to make students grow up to become designers or chef's, but students were taught how to fix and do things in and around their lives to better themselves." (<https://www.npr.org>, paragraph 3).

Home economics has been debated left and right from the community for a few years to be an option in middle schools. From time to time the majority of the



people that agree always wins, at least in the end home economics is still taught at high schools under the name of family



and consumers science.
NBA BANS SUPREME?!

By Marcus Rosa

January 31, 2019

Kelly Oubre was asked to take his supreme leg sleeve off during halftime, now J.R. Smith will be fined every game he plays in if he does not cover up his Supreme leg tattoo

It was December 13, 2017 when Kelly Oubre, a former small forward/shooting guard for the Washington Wizards was spotted one game wearing a supreme brand (a New York streetwear brand) leg sleeve while playing against the Brooklyn Nets. Kelly was asked to take off the leg sleeve at halftime which left him concerned with a lot of questions. After the game, Kelly was interviewed on the situation. "It had the NBA logo on it, has a Nike sign on it. The NBA is sponsored by Nike, it's just Supreme, so I don't really know what's the quarrel." he said. Kelly was asked to take off the sleeve because it Violated a dress code rule.

Later, J.R. Smith was spotted with a Supreme tattoo on his leg and he was informed that if he didn't cover up the tattoo during games, he would be fined for every game he played. Nba players are prohibited from having any commercial logos on any part of their body. J.R. was unhappy about this and took this to instagram writing " So I was informed today that I would be fined every game if I don't cover up my Supreme tattoo on my

legs during games!! These people in the league office are something else! I swear i'm the only person they do s**t like this to. Because it's a me problem all of a sudden. S**t wack! J.R. feels like he is being targeted by the league because there are other players that have commercial logos on them, such as Marcin Gortat, a center for the Los Angeles Clippers.

"I think it's unfair because it's their style of choice and they should be able to wear what they want to wear" said Dylan Bussey, a classmate of mine when asked if he thought this situation was fair. "I don't agree with the fact that J.R. smith would be fined every game he played if he didn't cover up his Supreme tattoo as well..." he added. Another classmate of mine, Kole Guthrie, had said "I think he should've kept the sleeve on to prove a point that they could wear whatever they want" when asked if Kelly should've left the sleeve on.

That'll teach them to stop being such hypebeasts.

Teenager In Florida Are Able To Buy A Military Style Gun Before Beer.

This could be related to shootings.

By Edwin carrion

January 31 2019

On February 14, 2018 Nikolas Cruz was accused of opening fire on a high school in Florida named Stoneman Douglas High School killing 17 people, age of 19 using an AR 15 military style gun. Officials claim he was a "troubled child".

In Florida, legally you must be 18 to buy a rifle or shotgun from a licensed dealer, but have to be 21 with a licence to buy a handgun from a licensed dealer. An 18 year old can walk into a auction selling guns making it easier for teens to buy a gun and come out with a shotgun or rifle, the reason the law is made like this is because the time the state officials were enforcing gun laws a AR 15 or military style weapons were not as famous as they are now.

Nikolas Cruz wasn't the only person to have his hands on a military weapon so easily, last year in october a 64 year old man killed 57 people at a Las Vegas music festival with just an assault rifle. The AR 15 is most commonly seen in shootings because of how easy they are to get hands on, Caleb Walsh a student of Dr. An Wang Middle School says "a lot of teens may think it's a joke at first but if there's a teen that thinks he really wants to do this they could actually shoot up the school and probably actually kill people".

In Texas, Walmart has a store policy that allows you to carry a visible handgun into the store, and the employees are responsible for finding out the customer is legal age and has a license for that gun.

On the other hand, guns are used in self defense and hunting, this is originally why gun were allowed to be bought at a early age, but an AR 15 is a military style weapon and it depends on how you press the trigger, how many shots come out. Making it a easy weapon to kill, attack, or injure others with. "18 to 21 is to young" says Walsh "There has been a lot of school shootings..".

AR 15 rifles are more commonly used in mass shootings "all AR-15s are never misused," claims a post on the NRA website. AR 15's are easy to use therefore



Are Students Lives At Risk?

making it easy for anyone with the weapon to injure even kill anyone they shoot at

There is unknown male or female in the building" Your principal says over the intercom. Your life is in the hands of your teacher will your teacher make a risky chose or a smart chose.

By: Dylan Bussey

School is a safe place for kids right? In the past decade or so the safety in school has gone down because of school shootings one main topic that comes up is if teachers should have the right to bear arms. It is hard to tell who this will affect more the students or the teachers.

Some my say that it is safe to have a school staff or teacher to carry a gun Liam Duprez a student at the Dr. An Wang middle school thinks that teachers should carry. He stated that "Teachers should carry to protect the students." Some principals think they should carry in the article Should Teacher Carry by The New York Times stated "Wayne Lapierre, the executive vice-president... said that children had been put in danger by "laws for gun-free school zones" and by having "unarmed principals."

However some say that guns are not needed in school zones Kyle Bussey another Wang middle school student say no we do not need guns on school grounds he stated "Students could find the weapon." On the website Wallethub.com it states "That compromise would perhaps be necessary if arming teachers and principal actually made secure... they might do more harm than good."

Another person who thinks that guns need to stay off school ground is Katie mahoney. Mahoney is a 7 and 8th grade ELA teacher at the Dr. an Wang middle school stated "There has not been a better survival rate if there are more guns." Mahoney also said " More guns then there is a higher rate of someone getting hurt."

On the site debate base it states " we would allow individual states to decide

where their not grant schools the authority to carry arms." This means that they would be able to to choses if they want there to be guns.

Charlie Rodriguez a 8th grader at the Dr. an Wang middle school thinks teachers should carry. He said "If there is an intruder coming in they could arm themselves". Most people I asked off the record said no they do not want guns in school. A retired principal who was shot by a student of his in 1986 thinks that if he had a gun in the situation he would have not been able to do anything.

There are many things to be, done about this topic but they are still talking about it. After you read this what do you want best for you and your child?



What are some ways to stop school shootings?

By: Justin Miller

On a dark afternoon in Parkland Florida on February 14, 2018 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, 17 people were killed and 17 others were injured by nineteen-year-old Nikolas Cruz. Nikolas' father Roger Cruz died at the age of 67 in 2004 and his mother Lynda Cruz died at the age of 68 in 2017. Some parents should be there for their kids unlike Cruz, but could Cruz have made a better choice than killing and injuring kids?. Cruze sentence has not been carried out yet. some people think there are ways to stop school shootings and some people don't , but what do you think. Some ways to stop school shooting is better



protection of the school , like more police around the school and safe and easy ways to exit the school. Let's all hope that school shooting will stop.

Schools Under Attack!

By Ilhan Hussain

School shootings are happening more and more to schools in the U.S. by dangerous people who want money or are just not in the right state of mind and want to shoot students. The students in the school can get injured or die this affects their family and friends. The staff of the school can also get hurt.

School shootings are getting worse and worse some students at the wang middle school shared their opinion on the matter. Charlie states " Yes school shootings are getting really bad and we need to do something about it." Often gun violence and mass shootings are the problem causing confusion and panic in young students. We need to create a more safe environment for students and staff alike because if we don't both students and staff can get scared and not perform in the right way. Students grades can go down and just make them not feel safe at their school environment. Sometimes even getting to school can be dangerous because of kidnappings or sometimes even worse. Many students have died because of the school shootings and their families have to live with what happened to their child. Also when children are in the passenger seat in their car if an accident happens that is also one more way kids can get injured by just getting to school. Teen drivers can be a little reckless while driving to school they can get into a accident and get badly injured or even die. In the end schools should get better safety so this does not happen as much and driving your kids can school can also be dangerous and teen drivers can be a little reckless while driving to and back from school which can cause accidents and other things to happen. Make sure your school doesn't turn into a shooting range.

NBA BANS SUPREME?!?!

By: Marcus Rosa

January 31, 2019

Kelly Oubre was asked to take his supreme leg sleeve off during halftime, now J.R. Smith will be fined every game he plays in if he does not cover up his Supreme leg tattoo

It was December 13, 2017 when Kelly Oubre, a former small forward/shooting guard for the Washington Wizards was spotted one game wearing a supreme brand (a New York streetwear brand) leg sleeve while playing against the Brooklyn Nets. Kelly was asked to take off the leg sleeve at halftime which left him concerned with a lot of questions. After the game, Kelly was interviewed on the situation. "It had the NBA logo on it, has a Nike sign on it. The NBA is sponsored by Nike, it's just Supreme, so I don't really know what's the quarrel." he said. Kelly was asked to take off the sleeve because it violated a dress code rule.

Later, J.R. Smith was spotted with a Supreme tattoo on his leg and he was informed that if he didn't cover up the tattoo during games, he would be fined for every game he played. Nba players are prohibited from having any commercial logos on any part of their body. J.R. was unhappy about this and took this to instagram writing " So I was informed today that I would be fined every game if I don't cover up my Supreme tattoo on my legs during games!! These people in the league office are something else! I swear i'm the only person they do s**t like this to. Because it's a me problem all of a sudden. S**t wack! J.R. feels like he is being targeted by the league because there are other players that have commercial logos on them, such as Marcin Gortat, a center for the Los Angeles Clippers.

"I think it's unfair because it's their style of choice and they should be able to wear what they want to wear" said Dylan Bussey, a classmate of mine when asked if he thought this situation was fair. "I don't agree with the fact that J.R. smith would be fined every game he played if he didn't cover up his Supreme tattoo as well..." he added. Another classmate of mine, Kole Guthrie, had said "I think he should've kept the sleeve on to prove a point that they could wear whatever they want" when asked if Kelly should've left the sleeve on.

That'll teach them to stop being such hypebeasts.



Should the NFL allow The Players to Wear Custom Clothes and Cleats?

In the 2017 NFL season the star rookie wide receiver for the New York Giants Odell Beckham Jr. was fined \$18,000 for wearing a pair of custom cleats.

By Kole Guthrie

January 30, 2019

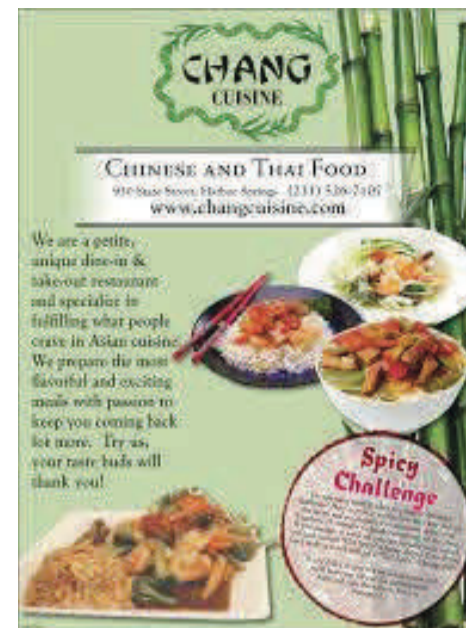
Now the rule was passed and players are allowed to wear custom cleats how would you feel if that happened to you? This has been a problem throughout the NFL for many of years. As I was doing research I found a website named <https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/nfl-fining-players-for-wearing-911-memorial-cleats> and it states " The NFL fined players for violating league uniform rules by wearing 9/11 memorial cleats during football games played on September 11 2016 " These are the cleats the players got fined for wearing

The NFL fined these players because it was " violating " league uniform. Also rumors spread that the NFL have banned and threatened to fine players for wearing 9/11 memorial cleats or any memorial gear during football. Also on http://www.espn.com/nfl/story/_/id/18330269/odell-beckham-jr-new-york-giants-fined-18000-craig-sager-cleats-receiver-says the website states " Odell Beckham Jr. \$18k for Craig Sager cleats" but because Odell is in the NFL it wasn't a lot of money for him.

Also as Aaliyana Navedo, a student at the Wang Middle School says " That players NFL should be able to wear what they want, because it could mean something to them" This shows that the NFL should allow the players to wear whatever they

want no matter what it is.

As that wraps up the news story the NFL should allow the players to wear custom clothes and cleats no matter what it is. But do you think the NFL should allow the players to wear what they want ? this has been a problem for many of years and players in and out of the NFL.





Dismiss Of The Fluffy Entry

Should service dogs really be allowed into every public store?

By Savannah Rios

February 1, 2019

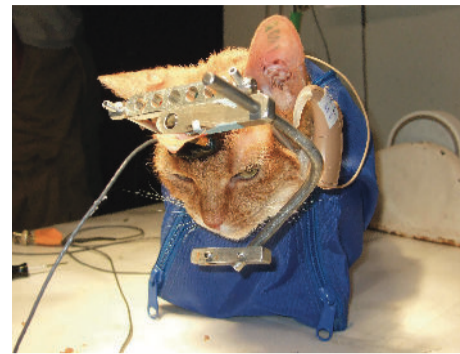
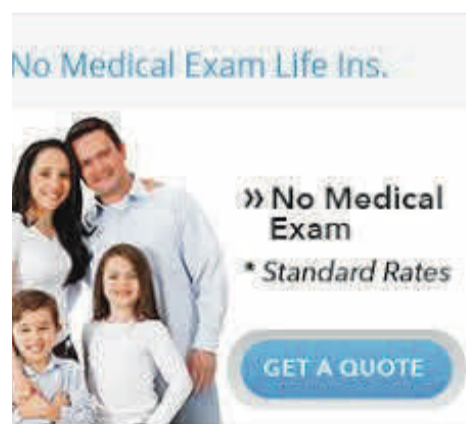
Service dogs have been rejected store entry in many public places over the years. In 2018 many have gotten declined from entry, but why? Some say people need these service dogs for certain health and mental reasons, and someone need these dogs to survive. The debate for their entry is a battle. Sophia Polak an 8th grade student from the Dr. An Wang Middle School was interviewed, and she thinks that one reason why these service dogs shouldn't be allowed into stores is, "because some places they might be tight spaces and some people might be afraid of dogs and they might be allergic". Polak has a good point when she says that because if some is actually allergic to dogs and something were to happen to that person it would be really unfortunate. Also, if there are very tight spaces in a place and there's someone that's terrified of dogs and they have at walk past the dog they could flip out and maybe the dog hasn't been trained that long the dog could make a bad decision, resulting in the owner getting in trouble.

Kai Van, a Lowell Police Officer said that he thinks service dogs should be allowed into every public place."they help people" Officer Van said. " it's crazy how these dogs are so smart" he stated."She helps me with many conditions," said Wright. "It's just an important relationship." Like Officer Van had stated, they help people with the conditions they have, so the person can still get around places just as easily as they would be able to themselves, but unfortunately they have trouble traveling by themselves and they need help from these service dogs. Legally, service dogs are allowed to go almost everywhere with you. Officer Van said legally these dogs should be allowed into most public places because they are there to help their owner out, and most citizens prove this true.

"I do", "People have service dogs for a reason or various reasons" said Erin Williams a health teacher at the Dr. An Wang Middle School. There are many

reasons someone has a service dog, it's for their health, depression, maybe they're blind, mental health, or something else. The sign reads, "For food safety reasons, only service animals that are specifically trained to aid a person with disabilities are permitted within the store. Service animals are not permitted to sit or ride in shopping carts. Thank you for your help!". That's right because they are trained to aid a person and they are allowed into the stores, but are they allowed in every store? They help the people out so hopefully they are."

They are still getting denied entry, but hopefully that stops. There really hasn't been anything done about it. Would you really want to see someone you love get denied entry because they have a service dog?



Animal Abuse In Testing Labs

Animals are being abused in testing labs with medical things like shots, pills, drugs and many more things.

By: Charlie Rodriguez

Shortly after World War 2 the first couple of animals started getting tested on liquid chemicals. When they started getting tested on they got the chemicals directly in their eyes. After the first animals started getting tested on there were more people that started testing on animals.

After those animals were getting tested on the years after they still use animals for testing. Even to this day they use animals for other things for example they use them for pills and antibiotics.

Some animals that are tested get tested on things like drugs. They get tested on surgical practices so doctors don't get scared to test rookies on surgery. A lot of animals get killed by things like carbon dioxide. They get tested on after burns and wounds to see how they can treat them like they treat humans.

About 94% of animals don't get tested on things like drugs. But the other about 6% of animals get tested on things like drugs and painful experiments. About 85 million American students suffer from chronic pains and with no research they test on animals that could have the same things or symptoms.

At this time there are a lot of animals like mice, rats, cats, and dogs and many many more are locked in cages waiting to be tested on in testing labs. Instead of sleeping and having the time of their lives in a nice house with owners they sit in terror waiting to get tested on in the labs.

Here are three facts about animal testing:

- Over 100 million animals have been burned, crippled and poisoned due to testings
- They use mice, rats, birds, etc. on testings
- Most of their testings have been taken by taking them straight out

of their habitats

A student at the Dr. An Wang Middle School by the name of Jose Ortega has been interviewed and said "It's just terrible for the fact that people test on animals that's just disgusting and terrible". About the animal testings

Another student at the Dr. An Wang Middle School by the name of Sophia Polak said "I feel that some scientists need to test these things on certain animals, but I still feel bad that these animals have to go through this." About the animal testings.





Should School Days Be Longer?

There isn't enough time in the school days to help students with home-works and more, to get their grades up.

By Kaleb Gianini

February 4, 2019

Most schools in Lowell have a short day of school and students don't have enough time to get help with their homework and get their grades up. I interviewed Curtis and asked him, 'Should school days be longer?' his response was "No, because a lot of schools start early in the morning...also they might go into a depression doing all the class work..." This interview happened at Wang Middle School on January 17, 2019. Over the last century people have gained an amount of knowledge and understanding. So having longer days will help students in the future.

<https://www.waldenu.edu/online-doctoral-programs/doctor-of-education/resource/the-pros-and-cons-to-longer-school-days>

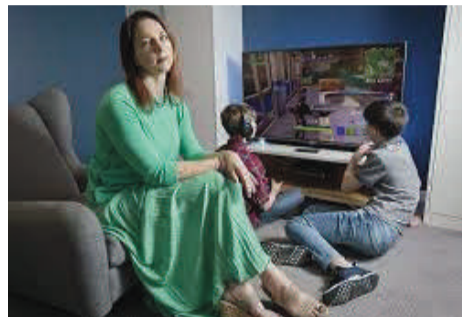
Another person I interviewed was Sheyla the question I asked her was if school days should be longer her answer to that was "Yes" "because sometimes kids need extra help but they cant get any because the school days aren't long enough and they have to go." This interview was at the Wang Middle School on January 17, 2019. Some schools, often extend the learning education for the student and extend the school year. This allows the students to get more instructions and one on one time. Longer day brought a gain of about 20 percent growth in their math, science and language arts.

<https://education.seattlepi.com/longer-school-day-debates-1563.html>

The last person I interviewed was Liam the question I asked him was the same as the other people. The question was should school days be longer? Liam answered "No" I asked "why not?" he responded "because school days are already long enough and we get so much pressure put on us on finishing are work."It limits student activities outside

of school. If children are spending more time in a classroom, then that means they are spending less time outside. Student need a good education yes but they also need to be healthy and active. They should be in sport programs or other programs so that they can discover what they are passionate about and find their talents.

<https://vittana.org/10-longer-school-days-pros-and-cons>



Kids Hooked On Video Game, Known As Fortnite.

Kids daily lives are getting affected by Fortnite.

By: Anthony Rivera

The past 2 ½ years kids been hooked on a video game called fortnite. It is a online game on any device. Usually you find little kids online. Kids play it cause it's addictive. Once they get hooked it hard to break it off!

An interview with Curtis he stated " 100% Fortnite affects kids lives because... kids aren't active as much and they can get in potential danger of coming across strangers that are hackers, pedifiles, Ect..." " Another student from the Wang Middle School said " Fortnite does affect kids... Look at me it affected my sleeping schedule and my learning in class." Marcus said.

In a website known as "<https://www.psychologytoday.com>" the say " Kids need to learn face-to-face social skills. They need to be physically active, preferably outdoors. They need to get a good night's sleep." believe it or not kids at the wang have trouble staying up in class due to no sleep over Fortnite.

Also, in a website called "<https://www.theguardian.com>" they state " kids tend to not follow directions at home anymore they feel like they can do what they want.." they also state " kids give back talk to their parents" they did a survey on how many kids talk back and it was 17:3, 17 being they do talk back.

Elderly Drivers Should They Still Drive?

By: Caleb Walsh

Public Street Crisis

Everyday you may see a older person driving on the road, maybe on a street or on the highway, they could be driving to the store or could be even be going to church on sundays. But there has been a dilemma going on if the elderly should drive or not. So many people wish that the elderly should get their license taken away so they won't be on the road anymore, but yet there are others who think that the elderly should still drive. The argument has been going on for awhile both the elderly and the younger people have been debating who should drive, should the elderly get their license taken away or should the younger kids get their license. "Teens can start driver's education as soon as they are 14 years old, but they cannot apply for their Phase One license until they are at least 15 years old." This is the youngest age ever in the united states where you can get your permit. The oldest person ever who is still driving to this day is "Giovanni Rozzo has been driving for more than eight decades and said he has no intention of hanging up his car keys." This is the oldest person in the whole world that is still driving despite his age.

" Yes they should be able to drive" said Curtis Chanthaboun " Well I believe that some people have the right mind set, and they should get tested, like when they get their license test renewed". This was a student at the Wang middle school who believes that the elderly should drive, but the ones who are capable of still driving. Another student at the Wang middle named, Aaliyana Navedo school said that "If they are able to yes". "I think they shouldn't drive if they have health issues". This is what she said after the question was asked if the elderly know that they can't drive with all of their health issues. Here are some of the issues that you can spot out for yourself if there is any problems that your grandparents may have Failure to keep up with daily routines - such as bathing and tooth-brushing - could indicate dementia, depression or physical impairments.

" No because they drive super slow and it makes traffic more slow" said Mr. Rivera from the Wang middle school " yes but they want to continue to drive because they have no other way of transportation" This is what Mr.Rivera

had to say when the question was asked if people 60 and up should still drive. "Yes" said a wang student " because I think that that's a good age because they are maturing" said Kole Guthrie at the Wang middle school. Here are some ways that your parents or grandparents can stay safe on the road, have their vision checked yearly, watch out for medications that cause drowsiness, and Taking a motor vehicle safety for seniors course

" To a degree, yes" said Crystal walsh from the Walsh's residence " it's freedom because they still feel like they can do what they want" this is what Ms.Walsh had to say about how does driving give the elderly their freedom. " No" this is what Louise walsh had to say about if her parents are safe driving on the road " because their physically and mentally and health wise unable to". This is what Ms. Walsh had to say when she was asked if her own parents were safe driving on the road, Be very careful if your parents or grandparents are driving especially if they had an accident with a car or at work.

In the end be careful with your parents or grandparents with their driving especially if they were in an accident that could have long term damage to their mind or body, or if you notice something different or odd about them and what they are doing. The argument if the elderly should drive or not has been going on for a long time, hopefully soon both sides can agree on something so that way both the elderly and the new drivers can share the same road and be at peace with each other.



Guilty Kids Behind Bars?

Kids being tried as adults in a maximum security prison.

By: Liam Duprez

February 1, 2019

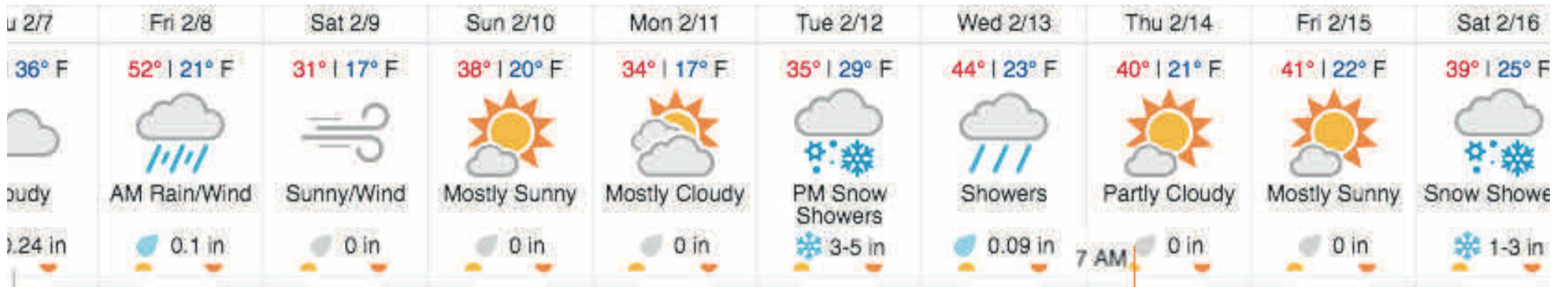
Burglary, murder, assault, gang violence, these are just some crimes that

Haunt some of today's youth system and sadly these crimes could either lead time in the penitentiary or possibly dead. Especially the youth nowadays since all they want to do Gang bang and offences like that could lead to death.

Kids nowadays are more worried about being tough than being safe and educated. That's why kids grow up to be in prison or dead and kids end up missing out on their childhood. Should kids be tried as adults? "Crimes that are more to the extreme should be tried as adults" Kyle Van said the student resource officer at the Dr. An Wang Middle School. Van even went on to state that "No one under the age of eighteen should be tried as an adult no matter what they do". "It's still too young" Van also said.

On January 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. on a cold Wednesday night Stacey Hernandez of the Hernandez residence at 407 beacon st Stacey Hernandez stated "I don't care what kids do, all kids should be tried as adults. If we're gonna keep the streets safe it starts with those teenagers." Hernandez is a strong contributor to the community and she says " It's hard to see all these kids swearing

Daily Puzzles and Weather



Question Of The Week

School time

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3 The past and ancient times are learned about

6 I write on this

7 Reading and writing is used math

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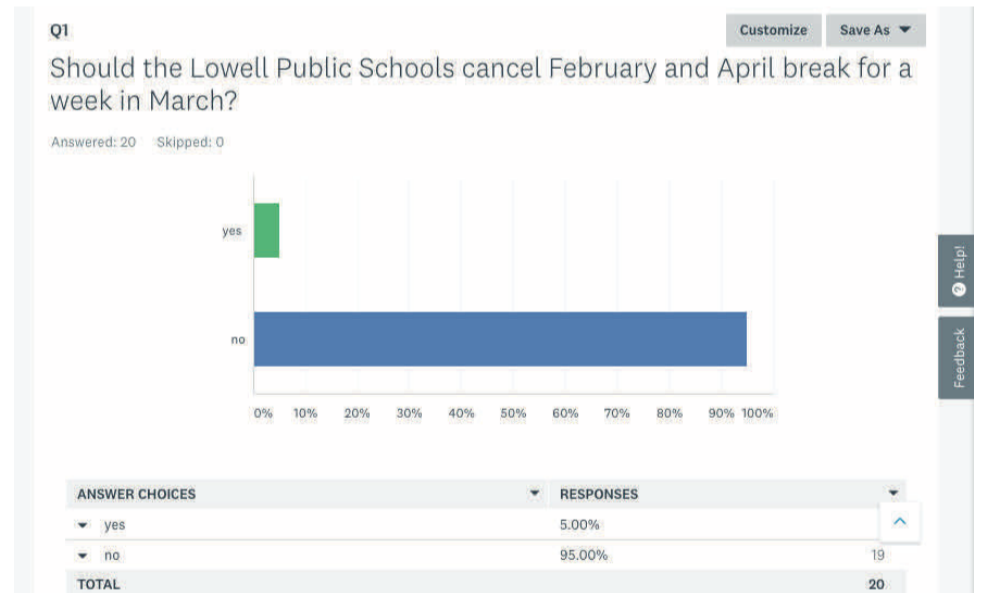
1 Numbers and Equations are used

2 Electronic students often use in school instead of phones

4 Life can be learned as well as nature and chemicals

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Sports

Boston's Latest Sports News

Anthony Rivera

New England Patriots

Sunday, February the 3rd 2019 The New England Patriots defeated the Los Angeles Rams in the Super Bowl LIII, The final score 13-3, Patriots win!

The leaders of the game {Patriots}

Passing: Tom Brady 262

Rushing: Sony Michel 94

Receiving: Julian Edelman 141

The leaders of the game {Rams}

Passing: Jared Goff 229

Rushing: Todd Gurley III 35

Passing: Brandin Cooks 120



Julian Edelman was MVP of the super bowl, his first ever!

Boston Celtics

Tuesday, the Boston Celtics went against the Cavaliers without their star player Kyrie Irving. Jayson Tatum was the star of this game, with 25 points and 7 rebounds and a 103-96 win in the Quicken Loans arena. Gordon Hayward also help the team in this win. 18 points 5 assists 6 rebounds, this was one of his biggest games since his injury.



Boston Bruins

Tuesday, February 5th 2019 the Boston Bruins defeated New York Islanders 3-1



Tuukka Rask stopped 28 shots for the Bruins, Also Bergeron scored 2 of the 3 goals for the bruins tuesday night. Also Peter Cehlarik scored a goal for the team bring them to a 3-1 lead.

Super Bowl LIII

By: Charlie Rodriguez

New England Patriots vs. Los Angeles Rams

On Sunday, February 3rd 2019 the New England Patriots faced the Los Angeles Rams for the chance to win the Vince Lombardi Trophy or as it's referred as the Super Bowl trophy.

Jared Goff the quarterback on the Rams said "It was the toughest loss I have ever had," . He completed 19 out of 38 passes for 229 yards. Jared also took four sacks. The running back Todd Gurley II said "Without Goff, none of this would have been possible,".

Julian Edelman the wide receiver for the New England Patriots won the MVP award for the NFL for performing 10 catches and 114 yards. Tom Brady the 3 time MVP award and 6 time Super bowl winner. The Patriots all together in the 2018 season had 953 yards from Tom Brady 336 rushing yards from Sony Mitchel and 388 receiving yards from Julian Edelman.

In all both teams played fantastic defense but the patriots took the win with the score of 13-3 Stephen Gostkowski the kicker for the Patriots went 2 for 3 on field goals and Greg Zuerlein the kicker for the Rams went 1 for 2 on field goals Tom Brady the quarterback for the Patriots threw 262 passing yards and Jared Goff threw 229 passing yards.

Wang vs. Daley

Middle school basketball rivals fight for the championship trophy!

By:Kole Guthrie

These two schools have been rivals for many years and now meet each other in the finals again to see who is the best team of the 2018-2019 season. Earlier in the season the Wang school went up against the Daley school and won by twelve points. But the Daley school most likely wanted to get revenge back on them at the championship.

As the game was starting after warm ups in Lowell High School they call out the starters and other players of both teams and they both seemed ready to play ball. As the teams were ready for tip off people in the crown stayed silent and on the edge of their seats to see who won the tip off.

The Referee throws up the ball and the starting center for the Wang team Ocyrus Williams jump's and wins the tip off. The wang has the ball then Kole Guthrie starting power forward goes for the first two points and gets fouled. He misses the first free throw than makes the second, now it's 1-0 wang is up.

But after that the Daley boys blew out the Wang in the first half 8-20. When second half started both teams were ready to battle. By the end of the game with 3 minutes left the wang boys went crazy catching up 19-22 down by 3. But when the game was over the Daley school wins 27-38 they won by 11 winning the finals. Both teams showed amazing performances throughout the game but the Daley won the championship.



Do The School Dress Codes Discriminate girls?

A lot of middle schools and high schools have unfair dress codes for girls.

By: Sheyla Rodoli

School dress codes have been a big issue for a while now for a lot of middle school and high school girls. From many schools all around the world dress codes for girls have been extremely unfair. In the past year, schools all over the country made national news for the ways they enforce their dress code-asking a student to put duct tape over the holes in her jeans, suspending a student for a skirt that was too short, or sending a student to the office for not wearing a bra-all of which take the focus off learning and place it on girls' bodies.

<https://united4sc.org/2014/06/05/rebellion-shoulders-knees-dress-codes-finally-getting-criticized/>

The problem with school dress codes is that some girls may feel as the dress code is sexist, but girls also know that inappropriate clothing isn't allowed in school. A lot of girls in both middle school and high school don't agree with their schools dress code policies. Though some dress codes are unnecessary there are also some fair ones too.

Girls think that dress codes are unnecessary, but they are expected to dress appropriately for school. Some girls get angry when they get dress coded, but they know they're not appropriately dressed for school.

A lot of middle schools and high schools have unfair dress codes for girls.

School Fashion

The Review On Nike Vapormax 97-95s

The eye catching nike Vapormax 97 are the latest trend because of the color way and new design.

By: Justin Miller

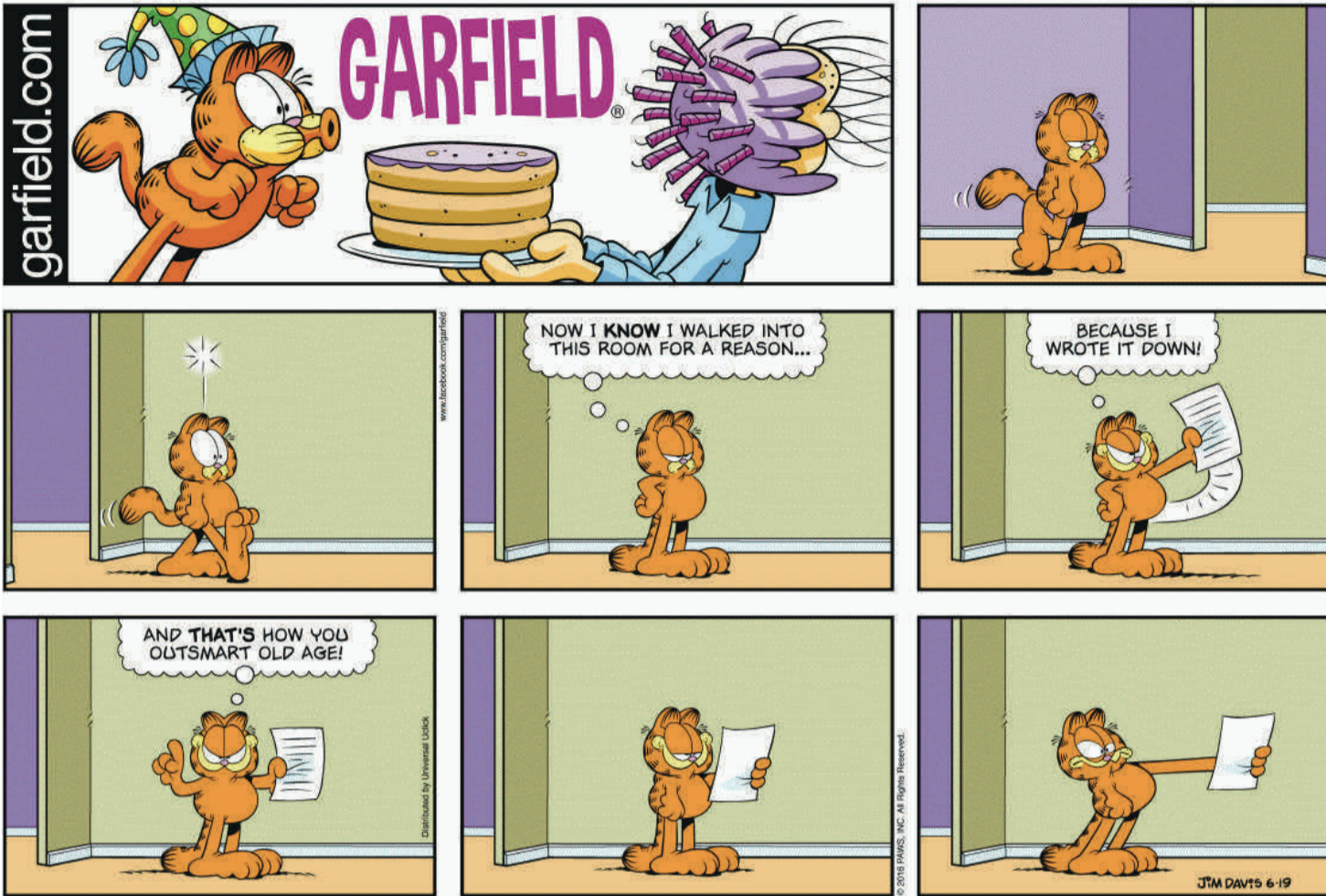
The nike Vapormax 97s-95s was released on March 9, 2018-July 25, 2018. The nike air max 97 and 95 was first released in 1997. The 97s was created by Christian Tresser. The price range is between 130\$ and 200\$ for both. Some setbacks for this shoes is there price and how rare they are. The good thing about these shoes is that there worth the price and they can work with any sports activity.

These shoes were originally made for running because of how light they are. The lightness of the shoes is in the name , Air max and Vapormax.The Nike company has made other Air Max like the 97s and 95s. The Air Max 95 have the same Vapormax bottom as the original Vapormax.

The Vapormax 95s were design by the same person. The 2018-2019 Air Max Vapormax 97s and 95s have a Nike logo, Just Do It which is associated with it, and it's even more rare. The original for both of these shoes are Air Max 97s and 95s without the Vapormax. Vapormax 95s-97s came from the original Vapor-max. The finest of them all.



Daily Comics



Gaming and Book Center

Top 5 video Games of 2018

By: Liam Duprez , homeroom: 113

5. Monster Hunter World:

Monster Hunter World is an action role-playing game developed and published by Capcom. The same people who made "Street Fighter" and "Resident Evil". It was released worldwide for PlayStation 4 and Xbox One in January 2018, with a Microsoft Windows version in August 2018. "Monster Hunter World" is one of the best selling games with 11 million copies sold worldwide. The game when it was first released sold more than 5 million copies within the first couple days.

4. Marvel's Spider Man:

"Marvel's Spider Man" is an action game and developed by Insomniac games in September 7, 2018 for PS4 owners only as a PS4 exclusive. The game's long campaign and constantly adding new dlc's to the game so it never gets boring. In the game you sling webs across the city fighting villains. The game is based on everyone's favorite superhero Spider-Man which was created by the most brilliant mind ever Stan Lee. The game at release sold 9 million copies, the best selling game ever on PS4.

3. God of War:

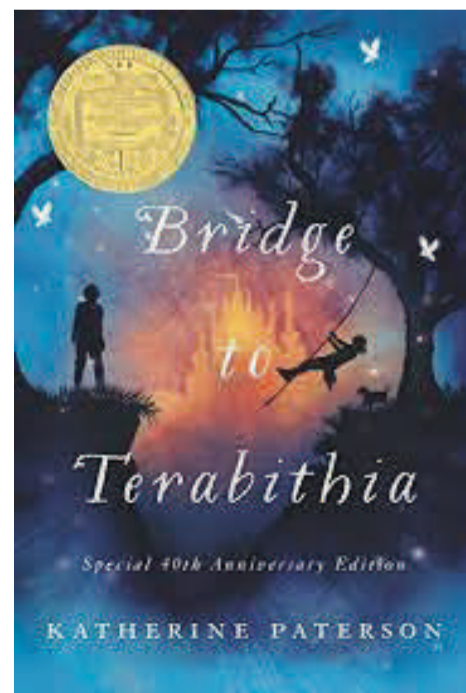
"God Of War" is a mythology based action adventure game developed by Ready at Dawn, Javaground, Daybreak Game Company, SIE Santa Monica Studio. On April 20, 2018 "God Of War" was released for Once Again PS4 user's only as a PS4 exclusive only once again. In the game you fight mythological creatures and try to kill them. At the release of the game, "God Of War" sold over 3.1 million copies in the first three days of release. "God Of War" won Game of the year, best studio/ game direction and the award for the best action/adventure game.

2. Red Dead Redemption 2: Red Dead "Redemption 2" is a western action adventure game based on cowboys in the year 1899. The game was released October 26, 2018. The game was developed by

Rockstar games the same people who made the GTA franchise. "Red dead 2" is the prequel to the first "Red Dead Redemption". This game has a very long campaign and there's pretty much no end. After you finish all the missions there's still little side stranger missions you can do on the side. "Red Dead 2" has sold 23 million copies worldwide. They also brought in an astonishing 725 million dollars the first weekend of its release. It also won best selling game of 2018.

1. Fortnite

"Fortnite" is a game developed by Epic Games and released in 2017 as a free 100 PvP battle royale game. The game involves combat skills and strategy because you have to know where your opponent is and you need to know when it's the right time to strike at your enemy. The game is constantly adding new cosmetics into the game so the game never gets boring and you can buy skins that are rare and buy those skins everyone might not have. The game makes 1 million dollars every day from in game purchases. Epic game all around since launching "Fortnite" has made over 3 billion dollars. They won the teen choice award for a video game, the award for the best ongoing game and they also won the award for the best multiplayer game in 2018.



Fortnite Review

By: Marcus Rosa

You might've heard kids asking their parents for V-Bucks, Fortnite Battle Royale currency. They might even ask often to tell you the truth, but here's why... Fortnite is the most popular video game in the entire world, which was dropped in July 25 2017, and escalated in popularity very rapidly. You may have heard of Ninja, Tfue, or TSM Myth, which are big names in the Fortnite community and stream it on the streaming app Twitch nearly everyday.

Fortnite is a completely free and child friendly game where you can play solo's, duo's, or squad's and fight against 99 other players in your server to get the #1 Victory Royale, which is a win. Fortnite has broken multiple records and has been on top for almost 2 years now. The kids go crazy over V-Bucks, in game currency you can use to buy items in the item shop, like a Fortnite store. You can buy outfits, pickaxes for harvesting all of your materials to build, gliders to drop down from the battle bus, and camo's for your guns. It's almost like a virtual swag.



Bridge to Terabithia Review

By: Jose Ortega

You've probably never heard about this book until now, Bridge to Terabithia, by Katherine Paterson. Reasons to why are because of its apparent over usage of witchcraft, religion and swearing which caused it to get banned in schools around the 1990's to 2000's. People like Mari Ness agree that the book does have these flaws but it's what helps it in it's story.

This book has been praised for it's aston-

ishing theme of friendship, love and loss, and its use of imagination, and it's memorable characters that can be remembered after the book is over, but of course be careful if you give this to kids under 8-9 or younger since it's topic can be a bit overwhelming for them at that age length. A recommended age level to read this book is around 10 or older.

Some people's perspective to it at first glance is positive, right until things get baffling and start going into hysterics about half way into the book, or at some parts were it flaws show off in which they get offended. Sometimes it's because they get so invested in the book so much that when something bad happens, they kinda shut down and stop reading it for some time, or it's because something that they read is offensive to them that they just stop reading the book entirely. Now about it being controversial for its witchcraft and religion is true, on the religion side of it, around chapter 8, page 109, were Jess's younger sister, May Belle, confirms firmly to Leslie that people who don't read the bible will be sent to hell when they die, I guess that's why Leslie kicked the bucket. The swearing in the book is tame and it doesn't really show you any swear words in the book, it's kinda blurred out in the narration.

The topic of it having witchcraft can be dismissed since Jess and Leslie do talk about magic as they build their imaginary country of Terabithia, but that's in the context of pretending, the only real use of magic in the book, this can be arguable, when Jess describes Terabithia to May Belle to the point where she can almost see it, in her imagination.

Overall it's a good book, it can be painful to read through, it's a book that where kids don't really get to go to their fantasyland. And so, it was banned. Even as some of us hope that in some reality, Leslie did get to go to Terabithia.

Influential Opinion Editorials

School Lunches Need to Improve

By, Nya Cavagnaro

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Is Homework Necessary?

By Edwin Carrion

In most elementary and middle schools the students at the school receive homework everyday from their teachers sometimes more than a page. They must stay about 7 hours in school learning about different topics getting homework from each class, getting little time to relax or run around besides lunch. Besides that, when students go home after hours of learning they must open their bag and use half their day doing their work, and on the weekends instead of sitting down on the couch and watching tv or playing games, students must use their time doing double the work because "it's the weekend" says Ms. Mackenzie. Why can't students have a break from picking up a pencil and doing work?

I believe homework brings kids down in school, not just by grades but their pride to go to school. Students have other important things to attend to at home especially if they have big families and sometimes leaves no time to do homework bringing down their grade. On the weekend is the time students get their break from school the two days of the week were they can wake up to no alarm and do what they want, but with homework on the weekends they wake up stressed out about what time they want to do their work, and sometimes doing it last second. Many students have a mental breakdown from homework after endless hours and stress from it. Plus it is the same thing students did for about an hour in their class, so why should they go home and do another couple papers for another hour, or more?

All in all homework brings down students, stresses them out, and makes them feel worse about school. Shouldn't they just cut homework out of the picture and give students a break?

Should phones be allowed in class?

By: Hir Patel

Everyday students have to put their phones in their bucket before starting their school day. They should be able to have their phones because there might be emergencies. Many students run back from their busses because they forgot their phone. Sometimes their busses leave, sometimes they barely make it. Many get in trouble because they have their phones out in the yard. The other day, Dr. An Wang Middle School had a fire drill. The phones were left inside in buckets that are in their home room teachers classroom. The kids have earned these and they only get to use it at their houses after school. Students should have their phones silent so it doesn't disturb the class. It may seem as if that the students will misuse their freedom but high school students are able to handle it just fine. Why not start in middle school? Many other middle schools are allowed to have their phones in classes and they get their work done. Kids get in trouble for having it in their lockers. The least is we should be able to use it at lunch time. Students have free time at end of classes and they should be able to use their phones at the end. Phones can help them take their stress away. They can listen to music and calm down. Before quizzes there are apps on phones that help students study and quizzes them like the app "Quizlet" and many more.

Over all, students should be able to have phones in their classroom. Hopefully in future students are allowed to bring their phones.