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OSHA Vaccine Mandate

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On November 4 President Biden used The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to essentially mandate COVID-19 vaccines for the 85 million people who work at businesses with 100 or more employees. Although the order had a way to opt out, it required masking and weekly tests which would have to be paid for by the business or the employee which would be very costly over time. Many groups such as the Alliance Defending Freedom and states such as Ohio challenged the vaccine mandate in court, and on Thursday, January 13 the Supreme Court blocked the mandate.

The OSHA mandate initially had a stay issued on it by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. They decided that OSHA's mandate was overinclusive because it issued this mandate to every worker in every industry that worked at a company with 100 or more employees, but also



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underinclusive because it failed to protect workers who worked at businesses with under 100 employees. Afterward, when the cases were consolidated into the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, the court blocked the stay arguing that mandating vaccines would create safer work environments which is what OSHA exists to do. This caused the case to be appealed to the Supreme Court which heard arguments on Friday, January 7. On Thursday the Supreme Court blocked the mandate with a 6-3 majority claiming that OSHA did not have the power to issue such a mandate.



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The groups that challenged the mandate argued that the Executive Branch does not have the power to mandate vaccinations, claiming that a mandate that would affect so many people would have to be from the Legislative Branch because of The Major Questions Doctrine. The Major Questions Doctrine claims that courts should not defer to agency statutory interpretations that concern questions of "vast economic or political significance." They also argued that OSHA does not have the authority to issue such a mandate, as a vaccination cannot be removed at the end of the workday in the same way that you

can remove a hard hat at the end of the workday. Those arguing for the mandate argued that OSHA's job is to protect the workplace, and this mandate would make the workplace safer. They're also arguing that The Department of Labor has the ability to issue this mandate because it relates to the workplace.

In The Supreme Court's majority opinion, they claim that the mandate is a broad public health measure, not a workplace safety measure. They argue that this is outside of OSHA's purview, as it is concerning public health broadly, instead



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of the workplace specifically which is what OSHA is responsible for. They also wrote that vaccinations "cannot be undone at the end of the workday" which aligns with the arguments of the opponents of the mandate. Additionally, they wrote that "OSHA, in its half century of existence, has never before adopted a broad public health regulation of this kind." They believe that unprecedented overreach from OSHA violates both OSHA's original charter and the separation of powers. Many see the striking down of the OSHA mandate as a victory for bodily autonomy, but others see it as a safety concern.

50 Years Later: Haunting Tale of Loveland Frog

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Nearly everyone with a connection to Loveland, Ohio has heard of the legend of the Loveland Frog. As the tale's origin reaches it's 50-year anniversary this March, let's take a deep dive into the validity of the frogman.

Our story starts in the early morning hours of March 3, 1972. Officer Ray Shockey of the Loveland Police Department was driving along Riverside Drive when he witnessed a mysterious creature trek across the road in front of his cruiser. He initially believed the creature to be a stray dog resting beside the road. Shockey claims to have been driving at an incredibly slow pace due to an increasing amount of snow and ice on the roads within the Loveland city limits at the time. As Shockey's headlights put the creature in plain sight, he claims that the animal, which bore characteristics of a frog, jumped over a guardrail as it scurried back down to safety in the Little Miami River.

Shockey headed back and reported his findings, believing it was the first such encounter. However, it wasn't. A separate, yet eerily similar report had been filed nearly seventeen years prior, in May of 1955 by an anonymous Loveland businessman. At the time of the 1955 report, Loveland was a small town of just over 2,000 residents. The municipality barely extended from

Hamilton County into Clermont County. Early one morning, around 3:30 am, it was reported that not one, but three frog-like amphibians, standing on their hind legs, were sighted in a pack on the side of an unpaved road in the Clermont County portion of Loveland.

The similarities between the two men's descriptions of the creatures, although



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seventeen years apart, were striking. Both reports stated that the creatures stood between three and four feet tall and looked to have weighed between approximately 50 and 75 pounds. Leathery skin, along with a frog-shaped head and wrinkles were reported by both. The 1955 report stated that the creatures had webbed feet, which was not included in Shockey's report. Striking similarities, yet a few key differences.

Shockey's incident wasn't highly publicized until two weeks later, when a second Loveland police officer also spotted a crouching creature near the same spot Shockey had witnessed "the frogman." The second officer, Mark Matthews, believed that the animal was injured. Matthews exited his vehicle, and suddenly, the creature sprouted up to face the officer. Matthews quickly fired his revolver and collected the carcass. He brought his findings to Shockey that evening. Shockey verified that this creature was the one he had spotted earlier that month. However, it was not a mythical frogman, just an oversized iguana, that had gone missing from its owner.

The myth was put to rest for nearly 45 years, until the summer of 2016. Two teenagers were playing the mobile app Pokemon Go!, when they claimed to have spotted the Frogman's return, as it crouched alongside Lake Isabella. They reported photographic evidence of the incident to multiple local news stations. The event was later discovered to be a coordinated hoax. This frogman was actually a student from Archbishop Moeller High School dressed in a frog costume.

Despite the absurdity of the falsified myth, The Loveland Frogman has vaulted our little town into national prominence since its debut, nearly 50 years ago.

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Recap of College Basketball

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The college football season has flown by in a blur, the NFL season is well into the playoffs, and the NBA season is a month away from the playoffs. But as these seasons have gone by, college basketball has fallen under the radar in the sports world. So here's a recap of everything important that's gone on this season and a preview of the future in the sport. First of all, this season has been



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The Kansas Jayhawks practice before a game.

This was at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, IA in 2016

a season of upsets. Three number 1 teams have already gone down; Gonzaga, Duke, and Purdue. Purdue nearly survived, but a half court buzzer beater by Ron Harper Jr. made sure that the Boilermakers would lose their number 1 ranking. But it isn't just number one teams going down. A number of Power 5 contenders have gone down to mid-major schools. Florida lost to 0-7 Texas Southern at home by 15 points when the Gators were supposed to be a major contender. Iona shocked No.10 Alabama on Thanksgiving as the Gaels held Alabama to a mere 19 percent from three point range. In one of the biggest upsets all year, Dayton upset No.4 Kansas at the Maui Invitational Tournament as Mustapha Amzil hit one of the most ridiculous buzzer beaters of the past decade. Kansas center David McCormack blocked Malachi Smith's layup attempt to

win it, but the rebound bounced out to Amzil, who threw up a 15 footer at the buzzer to win it for the Flyers. It isn't just the upsets that have made this season special though.

We have had the opportunity to witness some incredible performances by some incredible players this season, and what makes it even more special is the fact that most of these players came out of nowhere. Keegan Murray wasn't even starting for Iowa a year ago, but this year he is a player of the year candidate, averaging 24.5 points per game and 8.2 rebounds per game, both first on his team. Jabari Smith, a talented freshman for Auburn, has seen his NBA draft stock skyrocket after leading the Tigers to a top five ranking and first in the SEC. Both EJ Liddell and Trayce Jackson-Davis are averaging around 19 points per game and 8 rebounds, proving that they are both elite big men and continue to dominate the Big Ten. One of

the more surprising players this year to really emerge as a star is Johnny Davis. A year ago, he was a talented freshman for Wisconsin, but really couldn't harness his scoring talent. That has certainly changed as he's now averaging 22 points to go with 7 rebounds and 3 assists. The league is incredibly deep this year and there are a lot of teams that can really make a run in March. Currently, Baylor looks like the best team in college basketball with their suffocating defense and James Akinjo leading the offense. USC has been very impressive this year with Isaiah Mobley leading the way. Providence has had a very surprising year with a very deep team and really has a chance to make a run in the tourney. This is a confusing season in college basketball, but when March comes, we will be able to separate the pretenders from the contenders.



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This is a basketball game at Manhattan college in 2011. They were playing against Fordham University.

Ski Club Review

By Sam Crane

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The Ski club has started up at Loveland High School and many are very pleased with it. It has gone to Perfect North this year multiple times and the visits have been a success. Local Loveland High Schooler **Aidan Lamb (9)** says at the Ski Club it is, "Fun to hang out with friends and to be able to learn to ski or snowboard." Many in Ski Club would agree with Aidan. Perfect North is a terrific environment with amazing runs, a great mini and big terrain park, and a delicious cafeteria in the lodge.

There are a lot of students who choose to partake in Ski Club. **Gabe Albrecht (9)** says, "It is fun running into



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Liam." referring to the video posted by The official Ski Club Instagram of Gabe skiing straight into **Liam Sowder (9)** after completing a jump. How does Ski Club work? Well, every week at 4 o'clock students board buses from Loveland High School and make the 45 minute drive to Lawrenceburg, Indiana where they usually arrive around 5. They are permitted to ski and snowboard until about 9. The buses typically take off between 9:10 and 9:30 at the end of the night. When you're at Ski Club, snacks are usually provided and sometimes you may have to take a turn bringing the snacks. If you choose not to eat the snacks you can always buy yourself a nice warm meal from the cafeteria which has a selection of great food including cheeseburgers, fries, Larosa's Pizza, chicken tenders, breadsticks, candies like Snickers and Reese's

cups, soft drinks, chips, and frozen treats.

There are a lot of options to pick from. There are a lot of laces to sit and put your stuff, too. Depending on the weather, there are 23 runs if all of them are open with 5 beginners, 12 intermediates, and 6 experts. One of the biggest and debatably the hardest run at perfect north is Center Stage. Many new riders aspire to one day do it or make it down without falling. Center Stage has a vertical drop of 318 feet and is said to be the hardest run in the park. Another difficult thing to master is the mini terrain park which has rails, jumps, and boxes. The rider holds onto a tow rope to be pulled to the top of the mini terrain park and since it is very small you do not need a lift unlike the big terrain park called Audition with many large jumps and difficult rails. The parks can be difficult because rails are painful to fall on and the jumps can be hard to land. Perfect North season goes between December and usually mid March. Sometimes Perfect North opens in November and closes in late March depending on the weather. Ski Club has and will always be a joy for all the students at Loveland and I highly recommend you join it sometime.

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Dad Jokes Galore: Donnie Morrison

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Congratulations on making it through another crazy year. For our first issue of 2022, I wanted to bring out a special dad for this issue of “Dad Jokes Galore.” That dad is Donnie Morrison. You may know him from Tori Morrison (his wife) who works at RP Diamond. Both are very active in the Loveland community. He is my uncle and a very silly one at that, so I knew he would have some good insight up his sleeve.

What is your favorite dad joke?

“I don’t have a favorite dad joke. I like them all.”

That is a valid statement, all dad jokes are great.

Are your jokes all original or found online?

“I have my own versions that your Aunt Tori calls ‘Donnieisms’. I think that is funny in its own right.”

As someone who has experienced countless jokes from this dad, I can tell you that they are certainly unique and hilarious.

How do you feel about dad jokes overall?

“I think dad jokes are kind of an ice breaker when kids are feeling a little sad. A pick me up per se.”

I think this is a great take on dad jokes! He uses them to uplift others when they are feeling down. I think all jokes can be said to have this effect.

Why are they called dad jokes?

“Dads are normally silly. Moms are too serious most of the time.”

This is what most dads have told me, so far. I think moms enhance the funniness of



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a dad joke by sighing after hearing them. Give the moms some credit dads!

Do you think dad jokes are an art form?

“I don’t think dad jokes are an art form but it takes the right person to pull a good dad joke.”

I agree with the sentiment. Dad jokes need to be told by someone who can take the heat and have no shame in telling silly jokes.

Why do you tell dad jokes? Is it to annoy people?

“I mostly do dad jokes to annoy Chelsea, Lol.”

It is indeed important that dad jokes annoy your kids; that is the appeal.

Do you find your jokes funny?

This kind of blends with an early question, he doesn’t necessarily have “dad jokes” rather, “Donnieisms.” I think the fact that they have their own title is proof enough that they are so silly.

Any final words?

“I think dad jokes are needed to keep everyone on their toes and to keep everyone happy.”

Great concluding words Uncle Donnie! I hope everyone has a great Valentine’s Day. To all the wives out there: get your husband something nice for Valentine’s Day. It is hard carrying the humor of our generation on their backs.

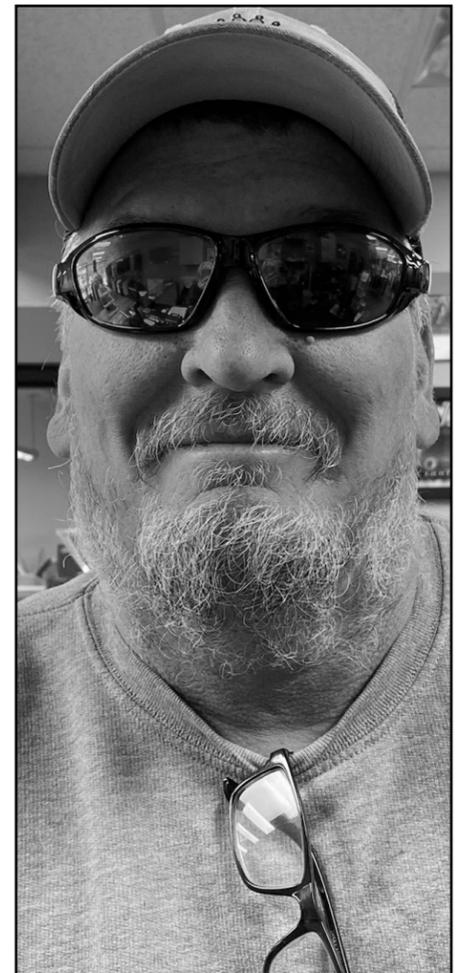


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Uniform Review: NFL Alternate Unis

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We have reached a crossroads in the sports calendar. Every year the month of February seems to be a stepping off point, a transition from the end of football to the rest of the sports year. The college basketball regular season is winding down in preparation and NBA fans are clamoring for an end to the regular season so that the playoffs might arrive as fast as possible. Hockey is in the thick of their season as baseball fans pray for summer. College football is long gone from the memory of even the most eccentric college towns.

And me: I’m stumped. For over a month I’ve pondered the question of



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what uniforms I could review in what is essentially a break in the sports world. Basketball jerseys can only do so much. The less equipment that’s required for a uniform, the less customization that can occur, and thus the less that can be reviewed. As for hockey, it’s simply not my speciality, and I worry that I won’t be able to properly draw on the beauty of the sweaters (or the whole uniform for that matter) enough to fully appreciate the contrast between hockey’s rich history and its ever-developing present.

So where does that bring me? Back to the ole reliable: the football uniform. It’s high time that I expanded my horizons and left football back in the fall where it belongs. But it would be unfair to not give a conclusion to the sport in which I have been writing uniform reviews on for months.

So without further ado, the end of an era and a farewell to the football uniform review.

To conclude this I’ll be examining a long-time argument in the NFL in terms of uniforms, the alternate uniforms. The addition of the color rush jerseys just a few years ago was the gateway that many NFL fans hoped would lead to increased customization like that of NCAA football (about the only place the NCAA has the NFL beat in terms of governing body) to the point where new uniforms could be debuted every week.

The NFL has a history of busts when it comes to new uniforms: The Tampa Bay Creamsicles, The 75th season throwbacks, The blue and gold Eagles, and the highlighter Seahawks. Such atrocities have partly contributed to the NFL outlawing customized uniforms when, in reality, this should be cause for them to allow it. If the NFL allows customization, marketing teams in the NFL would have a field day constantly trying to one-up their competition. Sure there may still be some

duds, but that’s the fun of uniforms to begin with.

With as many fun and unique color schemes as the different NFL teams have, the possibilities are endless in terms of different combinations which, of course, could lead to plenty more football uniform

reviews to come.

However, we must close out the 2021-22 football season, and with it, close out football uniform reviews. Until next time, when I finally let myself mix it up as the NFL should let their teams do with their uniforms.

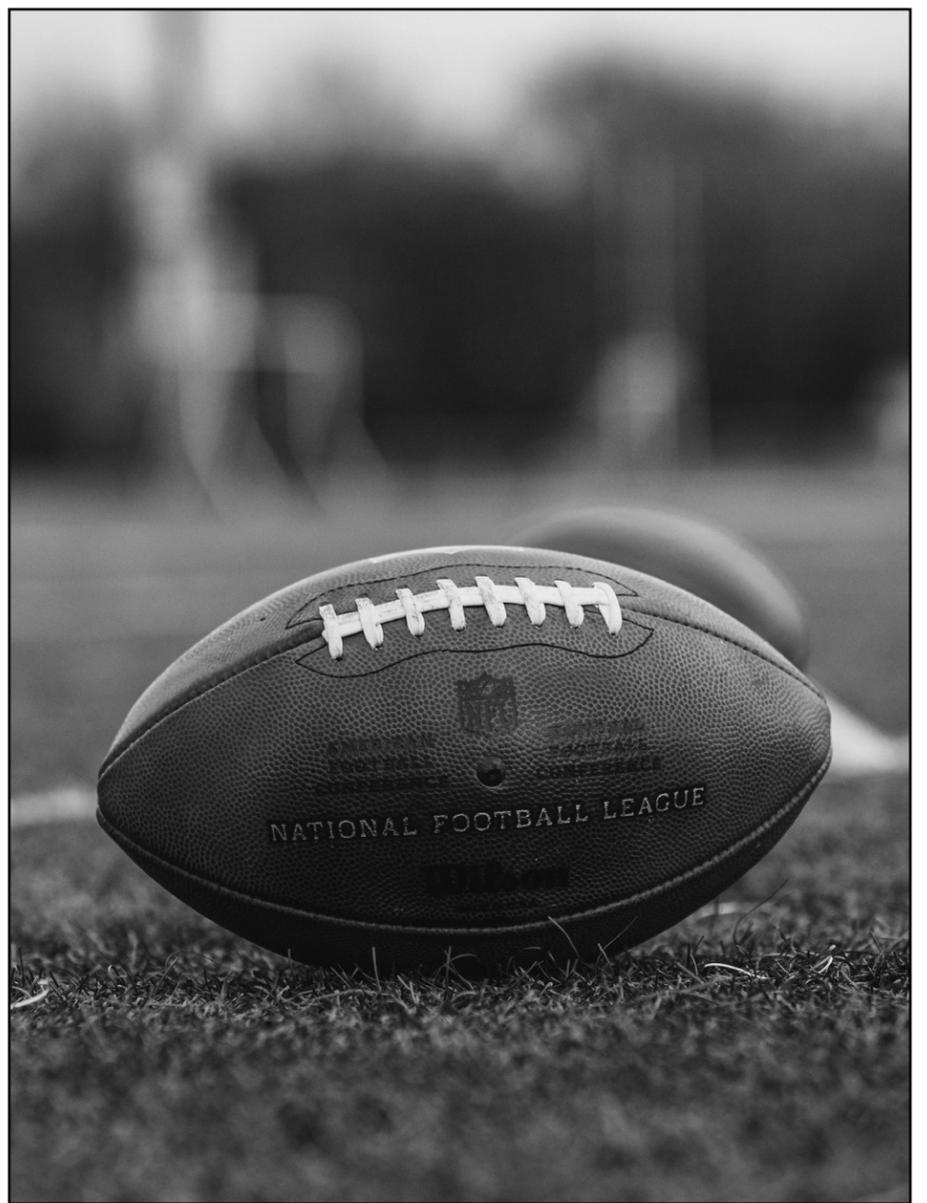
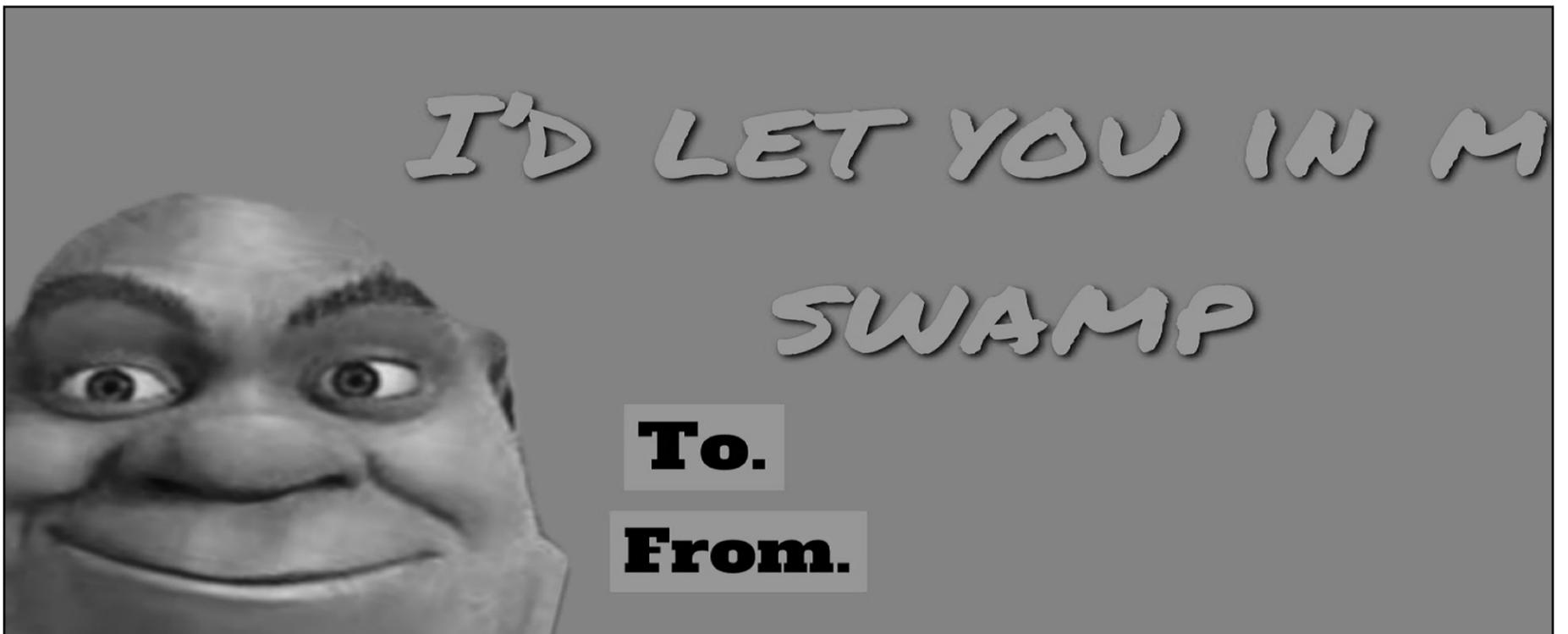
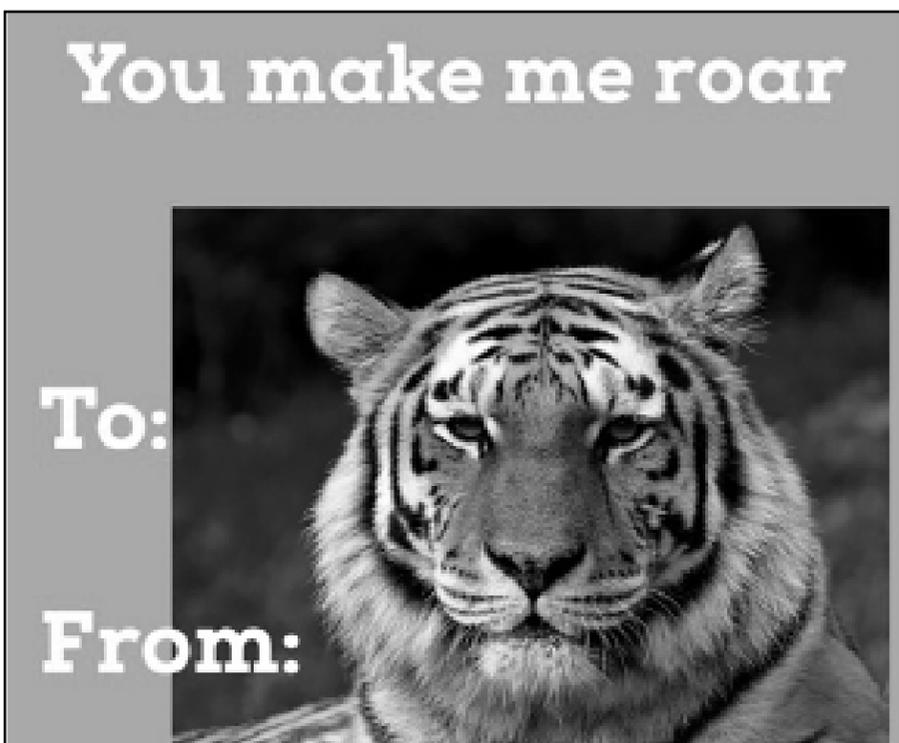
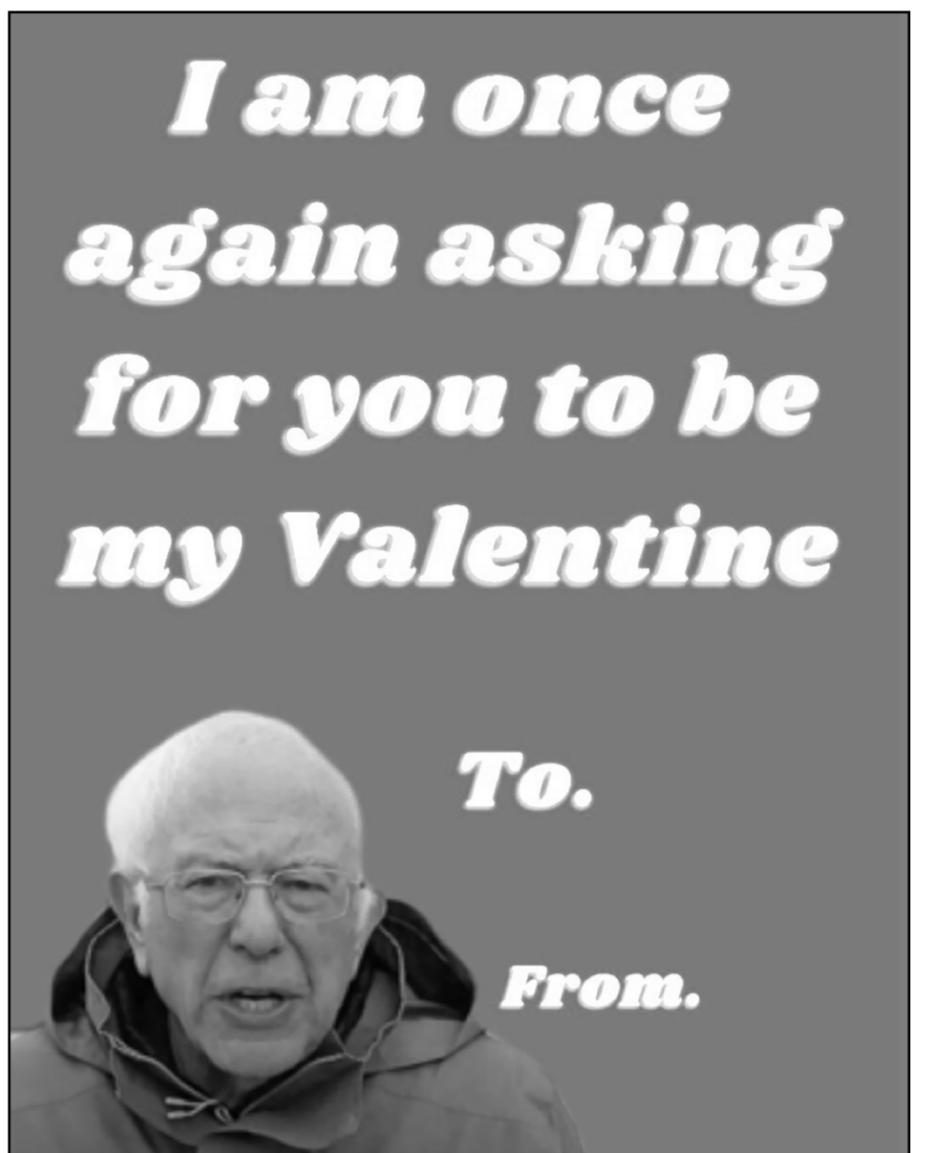
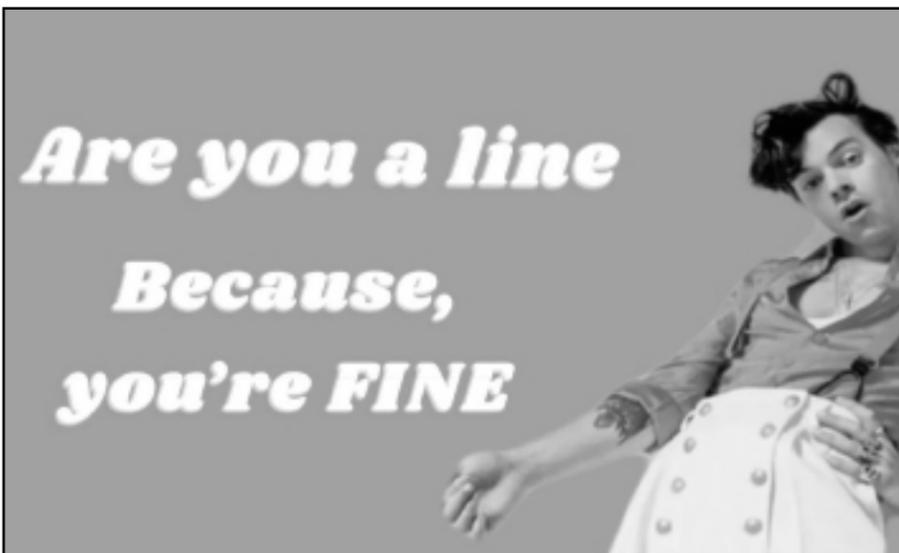
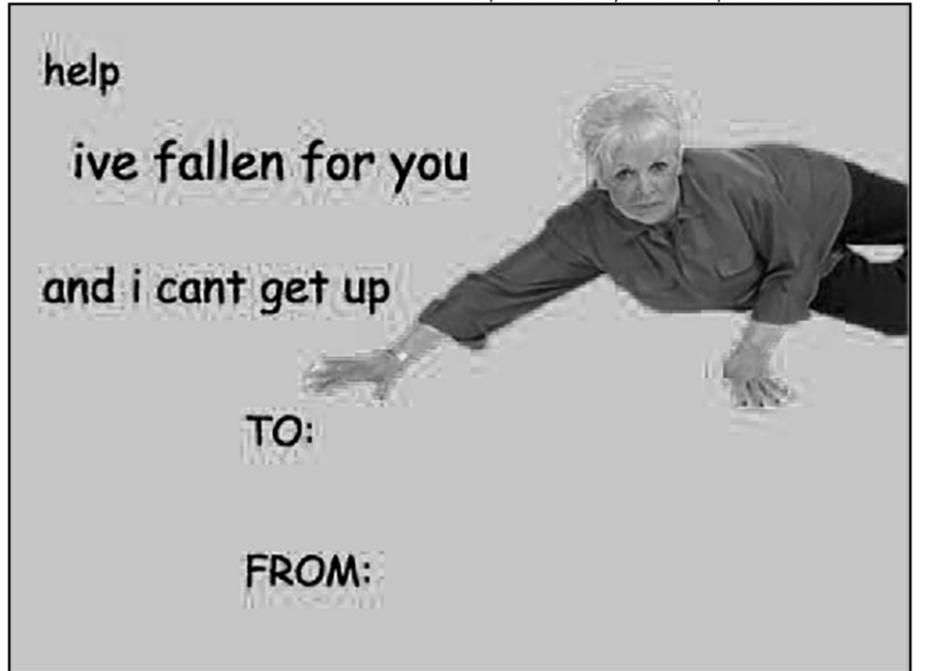
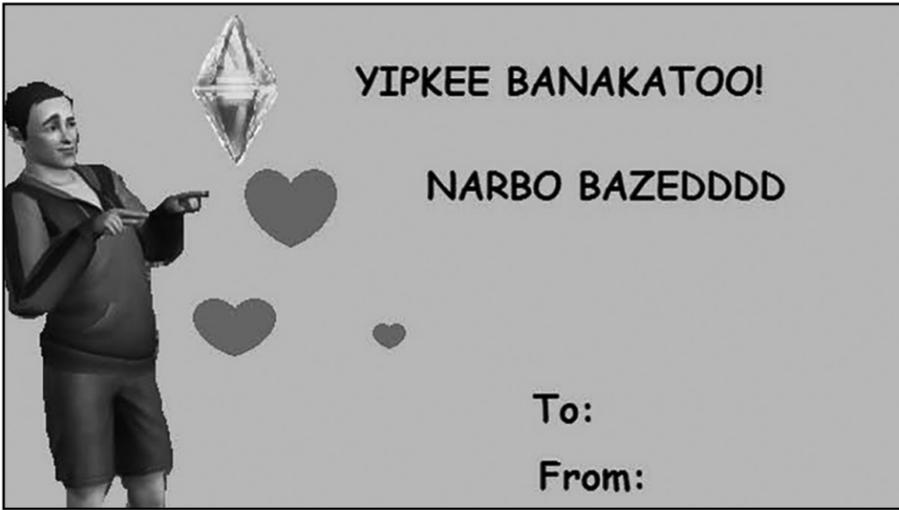


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Here are some LOVELY Valentines cards you can use to woo your lover!

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Celebrity Couples of 2022

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With the new year comes more celebrity couples. Some of them are fan favorites, others not so much. Today I'm going to discuss what new couples are taking the spotlight and whether they are a pair to hate or love.

First, we have a very unusual pair that people seem to have mixed opinions about, and that's Pete Davidson and Kim Kardashian. This couple definitely caught the world by surprise. As much as I love Pete Davidson I don't think I love him with Kim K. For starters they are polar opposites, and I know people say, "opposites attract" but in this case, I don't agree. I definitely think that this whole thing is a publicity stunt. It happened very close after Kim and Kanye divorced and I think Kim just needed something to keep her in the media. They are in completely different stages of life and I just don't see them working out.



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Next up is Machine Gun Kelly and Megan Fox. They started dating in May of 2020 and are now recently engaged. They are definitely one of my favorite celebrity couples. They are both so talented and complement each other very well. Not to mention the emerald and diamond engagement ring MGK got Megan. It is so pretty, I am absolutely living for it.

Next, we have Kourtney Kardashian and Travis Barker. They started dating in December of 2020 and are also recently engaged. They are definitely one of the internet's favorite couples right now. I have got to be honest, I like Kourtney better with Scott Disick, but I do think she and Travis are a good pair. A lot of people think that Travis and Kourtney are just a copy and paste of MGK and Megan and I have to agree. Nonetheless, I do really like this couple.

Next is definitely my favorite couple and that is Tom Holland and Zendaya. It hasn't been confirmed how long

they have been together, but they sparked dating rumors in 2017 when working on Spiderman together. They are honestly the cutest couple ever. One of my favorite moments was on the recent red carpet for the new Spiderman movie, Tom was being asked about Zendaya right as she was arriving and he stopped mid-interview to see her. It was absolutely adorable. They are both such talented actors and their personalities are very similar. I think they are the perfect pair.

Lastly, we have Prince Harry and Megan Markle. This royal couple is definitely one of my favorites. I am so happy they left the royal family because they deserve better. They are both such sweet people with good souls and they did not deserve how they were treated in the royal family. Every time I see pictures of them they always look so happy together. I can definitely see this couple lasting a lifetime.



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Cheap Date Ideas for Students

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Are you like me and you never have money in your wallet for important occasions like a date? Well, do I have a solution for you. While some of your friends may be taking their significant others on rather expensive dates, you can go on adventures just as fun for a lower price. A great date that is sometimes even free is a park. A park is a terrific place for a cheap date. Parks leave no financial deficit on your wallet. You are engulfed by beautiful scenery depending on what season it is and where you are. You may be surrounded by beautiful flowing rivers or lush green trees, all at mother nature's expense. You can take long nature walks through parks and become more acquainted with your significant other. The fresh air, animals, bodies of water, and plants are all a spectacle. In

nature, you have a sense of tranquility.

Another wonderful idea for a free date is to plan a game night. Come together with the one you love, and make some memories. All of the fun created while at a "game night" is free because you're using what you already have. You can make some food, pour some drinks, and play anything from "Shoots and Ladders" to "Monopoly". Or you can watch a movie or show together while you're in for the night. If you and your significant other are feeling hungry, go to a food truck! Food trucks offer food that you might not get at any fast food chain around you. They change their location frequently so you may get a new moving restaurant every month that you can try. They are cheap and you can make a day of it especially if the food truck is in a park. You can enjoy a good night and rate the foods at each truck. Many people already partake in food truck fun. Another amazing idea for a cute date with you

and that special someone is going to a movie. If you would like to keep the movie cheap go on a discount matinee day and eat beforehand because movie theater food is very expensive. You can go and enjoy any new movie that all your friends are watching. You and your lover could go see that new Marvel movie or check in on the Star Wars franchise's most recent film. There are so many things you can do and it's all really about the people, not the activity or place. When you like somebody it doesn't matter where you two go. All that matters is that you're together. So, if you're truly a good couple you can make fun out of anything. All of these ideas should be fun but they're only fun if you make them fun. Just like the rest, another amazing idea for a date is a jam session. Whether you both play an instrument or just love karaoke music is always a fun thing to do with your significant other even if both of you are not musical people.



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Biggest Red Flags in Guys

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One of the biggest trends taking TikTok by storm is sharing your biggest red flags in guys. Girls are coming to the internet to share things guys do that scream “red flag.” For those of you living under a rock, a Red Flag is defined as, “signs that the person probably can’t have a healthy relationship and proceeding down the road together would be emotionally dangerous.” As we approach this Valentine’s Day season, I interviewed multiple girls, some single, some in stable relationships to hear their biggest red flags in guys. Here are their responses.

First up, I interviewed **Anna Monfreda (12)**. Here was her response:

Me: Anna, are you currently in a relationship?

Anna: Yes, I am in a very happy, healthy relationship.

Me: Have you ever dated a guy who is a walking red flag?

Anna: Yes, most definitely.

Me: What do you believe is the biggest red flag in guys?

Anna: Having 2 different personalities around you. A lot of guys act differently around different people. When they can dish out jokes, but can’t take them.

Anna definitely gave us some great insight. Clearly, she

has dealt with her fair share of horrible guys.

Next up is **Audrey O’Keefe (12)**.

Me: Audrey are you currently in a relationship.

Audrey: Yes, I am in a long-distance relationship.

Me: Have you ever dated a walking red flag.

Audrey: Yes, 3 unfortunately.

Me: What do you consider to be the biggest red flag in a guy.

Audrey: Oh I have a list. First, them being too insecure to be able to call them dude. Second, when they only type with their pointer fingers and do not answer their texts for 2 weeks.

Clearly, Audrey does not have the best taste. Hopefully her current relationship works out better.

Next up I interviewed **Dani Hildebrand (10)**, and she had a little bit of a different perspective on things.

Me: Dani are you currently in a relationship?

Dani: No, not currently.

Me: Have you ever dated a walking red flag?

Dani: Yes I have.

Me: What do you consider to be the biggest red flags in guys?

Dani: J names, having absolutely no common sense,

Moeller boys, and mansplaining.

I definitely agree with all of Dani’s answers.

Lastly, I interviewed **Tricia Halili-Felse (11)**

Me: Are you currently in a relationship?

Tricia: Yes, I am.

Me: Have you ever dated a walking red flag?

Tricia: No, thank God!

Me: What do you consider to be the biggest red flag in guys?

Tricia: When they don’t have any friends, when they listen to trap music, being bad at communicating.

While roaming through Tik Tok here are the most common answers that I came across: Having a girl best friend, having a perm, being bad with kids, doesn’t try in school, being disrespectful to his parents, using 2 in 1 shampoo, and conditioner

.Now for what you have been waiting for, my opinion. I have dealt with my fair share of walking red flags. Here are the biggest ones: getting attached to quickly, being a Scorpio, expecting me to be their therapist, talking badly about me to my friends.

As we approach this Valentine’s Day season make sure to look out for these red flags when finding your Valentine.



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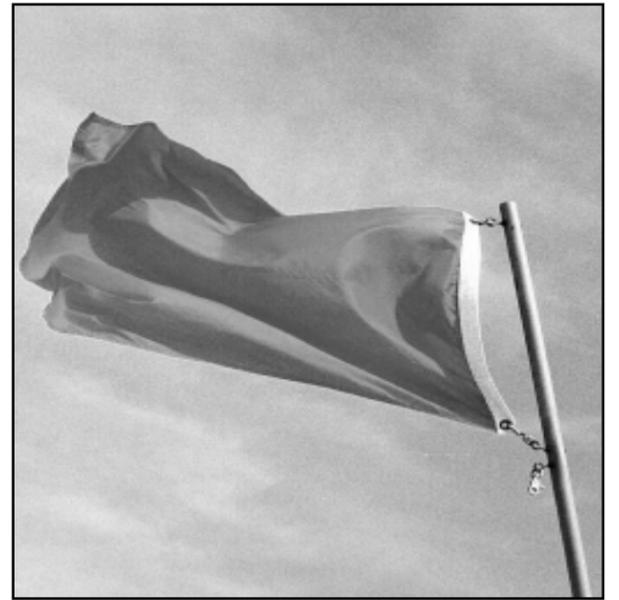


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Why High Schoolers Should Have Holiday Parties

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Do you remember in elementary school when we had parties every holiday? I remember having costume parties for Halloween, watching The Polar Express every winter, exchanging Valentines every February 14, and even having parties for the 100th day of school. Why did these parties ever end? Why are they only reserved for young students? This Valentine’s Day, I propose to bring holiday parties to the high school for the benefit of all. These are the reasons why:

Stress Reduction - High school students are constantly stressed. There’s always more homework to do, another test to study for, and after school commitments to run to. The simple fact is students need a break every once in a while. Holidays are built in break! We just have to take advantage of them. Holiday parties allow students to forget about the stresses of high school for a day and truly have fun at school.

Teaching and Focusing - I have been in school long enough to see that on Halloween or the day before winter break, for example, almost no student is focused on learning. This means that overall, classes are more disruptive than normal. This makes teaching much harder than it needs to be for teachers. Instead of trying to teach unruly students, teachers can simply turn on a movie or have a party. This makes students, and teachers happy.

A Break For Teachers - Teachers have a lot on their plates and rarely have enough time to do what they need to get done. As a result, teachers are often behind on things like grading and lesson plans. Having a holiday party would free up a day for teachers. Not only would it give them time to catch up on work, but it would be one less day to lesson plan for.

Little Work is Needed - Parties require some planning, but it is easily doable when it is divided. Students can sign up to bring food, drinks, etc using a spreadsheet. A group



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of students can get together to make decorations if desired. Another group can be responsible for entertainment and activities. This allows the entire class to be involved, which allows students to create the parties that they want to have. It also means that teachers only have to do minimal work to plan the party, thus it takes the pressure off of them.

Class Bonding Activity - Holiday parties give students the opportunity to mix and mingle with their classmates in a more relaxed, less academic setting. This allows students to truly get to know each other. When students know their classmates, they feel more comfortable in class, and this leads to a more enjoyable experience for all. Students are more comfortable asking questions, answering questions, and collaborating with their classmates.

For these above reasons, I think bringing holiday parties back to the high school would be beneficial to students and teachers alike. Although we are out of holidays for this year, I sincerely hope that this idea is considered for the future.

Political Correctness is Killing Comedy

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Recently comedy has become less funny as comedians use their platform to share their political opinions instead of using it to be funny. Many of the comedians who don't do that still try to make their comedy politically correct, but this often ends up with it being less funny, as comedy exists to point out ridiculous things about society. This is highlighted in our society by the trend of increasing political correctness which has led to a decrease in comicality.

Donald Glover, Jr., a comedian famous for playing characters in many popular shows and a writer for even more shows said that because of political correctness, "We're getting boring stuff and not even experimental mistakes because people are

afraid of getting canceled." The fear of being canceled has caused many comedians to go out of their way to be politically correct, which just leads to comedy being less funny. Glover is only pointing out what many other comedians also believe, he just happens to be one of the only ones who is willing to stand up and say it. A few other famous comedians like Chris Rock agree with this sentiment.

Saturday Night Live is a popular show that gained fame for poking fun at many major public figures, especially politicians. Saturday Night Live has been moving further and further to the left. This is highlighted by their popular segment "Weekend Update" being used as a platform to advocate for abortion. One week in this segment "Goober the Clown"

talks about her experience of having an abortion in order to pursue her career as a clown. This segment replaces punchlines with slogans such as "safe, legal, and rare" which Goober uses throughout the segment. This sketch puts to light not only that Saturday Night Live has a far-left bias, but also that they are prioritizing trying to spread their beliefs over trying to make people laugh.

Many late-night shows have gone from challenging ideas on both sides of the aisle, to pushing ideas on their viewers. Stephen Colbert recently had a segment called the "Vax Scene" which he used to talk about the COVID-19 vaccine and encourage his viewers to receive it. One time, as a part of this segment he had dancers dancing to "Tequila" dressed as syringes which

he used to push his viewers to receive the shot. This segment proves that he is opting to push his agenda instead of opting to be funny.

Some comedians deserve to be cancelled, but not because of their political beliefs. Comedians like Ellen DeGeneres and Chevy Chase deserve to be cancelled for being bad people. Ellen DeGeneres and Chevy Chase both treat the people around them very poorly and create toxic work environments both for other actors and employees. These comedians aren't being cancelled for making an edgy joke, but instead they're bad people who treat others very poorly.

If we continue on this trend of cancelling comedians, what will the future of comedy look like?



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What I love about The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild

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I've never been much for Legend of Zelda games, because the dungeon crawling experience that takes place in most games just seemed a bit slow and exhausting to me. However, there is one game in the Legend of Zelda series that I still play to this day. That game is The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild. Though the game was released almost a full 5 years ago, I figured that with the sequel coming out sometime this year it was a wonderful opportunity to talk about what I love about this game so much and what sets it apart from others in the series.

The most noticeable difference with this game is its open-world. Often in Zelda games it'll be pretty linear, from one

dungeon to the next, however, this one is different. After you complete the starting area, The Great Plateau, you're free to go in any direction you wish. Though the game points you in a direction and tells you to go there, you can just run the opposite way, or even run straight to the final boss if you feel like it. My dad has also been playing this game since it came out and has over 1000 hours of game time and has completed the game several times. The way he says it, it's not only that the game gives you freedom, or that the world is so massively expansive (which it undoubtedly is), but that you can start a new game and follow the same path you did before and experience things differently.

Another aspect of Breath of the Wild that I find incredibly interesting is its physics

and combat mechanics. While the combat can be a bit punishing, it rewards you for parrying attacks and learning how to dodge them. For example, dodging an enemy at just the right time sends you into a "flurry rush," slowing down time and allowing you to rapidly strike the enemy. Another example is, once you get good enough at timing shield parries, you can reflect lasers with them. There are three main weapon types: swords, heavy two-handed weapons, and spears. Some weapons even have special quirks unique to them, such as boomerangs, spears that are designed to mine rocks, or shields that have low durability, but are likely to stagger an enemy if you parry with it. The game gets harder as you progress too, with every dungeon you complete slowly increasing

the difficulty, making the enemies much harder to defeat. This makes it so that as you are learning about the combat system and improving further, the enemies are getting better as well, making it so you barely ever feel like an enemy is too weak or too strong.

We were given our first look at Breath of the Wild's sequel back in June of 2019. After waiting another two years, we were given more to look forward to and told it would be released in 2021. Now, after three years of waiting, it will finally be time to experience the wonder that this new game will have to offer later this year. I'm so excited to see what this whole new game has in store and can't wait to play it myself.



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Story Behind Valentine's Day

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Everyone knows about Valentine's Day. From the cards, to the chocolates, to February being the month of love itself, Valentine's Day is an iconic holiday celebrated all around the world. But how did this holiday come about and why is it named Valentine's Day? In this article, we are going to answer these questions you may have.

The first obvious question that comes to mind is where the name of the holiday came from. There are multiple suspected sources of the name, and the origins are actually a bit vague. There are at least three saints that the Catholic church recognizes that are named either Valentinus or Valentine. One legend of St. Valentine was that he was a priest living during the 3rd century in Rome. At that time, Emperor Claudius II had outlawed young Roman men from getting married, believing that unmarried men made better soldiers and to keep those young men from not joining the army because of their strong attachment to their wives and families. As a priest, St. Valentine supposedly married these couples

despite the law and was later condemned to death on February 14th. Another legend claims the holiday was based on St. Valentine of Terni, Italy. He was a bishop who, legend has it, united two quarreling lovers with a rose and/or by causing pairs of pigeons to fly around them, possibly giving us the origin of the term, "lovebirds." Some legends even claim that St. Valentine was killed for helping Christians escape harsh Roman prisons. Many legends claim that St. Valentine died on February 14th, often in heroic ways, causing that day to be known as the Feast of St. Valentine in honor of him.

But how did the Feast of St. Valentine come to be associated with love and romance? According to History.com, some believe that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February, not to honor St. Valentine's death, but in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Lupercalia was a fertility festival celebrated by the Roman people dedicated to the Roman god of agriculture, Faunus, and the two founding leaders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. The

festival was believed to bring fertility not only to the lands, but to the women of Rome, as well. On top of that, legend has it that later on in the day young women's names would be drawn out of a large urn by the city's bachelors, pairing them up with whomever they chose for a whole year. The matches made during this festival often led to marriage. While Lupercalia supposedly did survive the initial rise of Christianity, it was outlawed by Pope Gelasius I at the end of the 5th century. It is also believed that Gelasius replaced Lupercalia by declaring February 14th be celebrated as St. Valentine's Day, but the holiday would not become celebrated as a day of romance until about the 14th century.

Though its origins are vague and unclear, Valentine's Day is a special time of year. It encourages you to spread love and joy to those around you and will undoubtedly remain an important holiday for many years to come.



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Mischievous Story of Cupid

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For decades, at the mention of Cupid, one may think of a small, child-like, winged creature, equipped with a bow and a heart-shaped arrow, striking different people and making them fall in love with each other. Sounds familiar, right? Everyone knows about Cupid, but where did the stories come from? Why is he known as such an iconic character, specifically around Valentine's Day?

Before Cupid was ever introduced into Roman mythology, he was known as the Greek god of love: Eros. Eros was a primeval god. Some sources say that he was the son of Mercury, messenger of the gods, and Venus, the goddess of love. Others name Cupid as the son of Chaos, Aphrodite, Ares, and Hermes. Unfortunately, a lot of details about his family have been compromised due to the mix-up of different mythologies, but one way or another, Cupid was the son of a goddess or god of love.

According to Greek mythology, Eros was known to shoot arrows at the hearts of gods and mortals, and liked to toy with their emotions. One of the most popular stories/myths involving Cupid in Roman mythology was the story of Daphne and Apollo. According to the myth, Apollo

had previously mocked Cupid, and he sought revenge. Cupid struck both Apollo and Daphne with his arrows, presumably making them fall in love. However, while Apollo was shot with a golden arrow, Daphne was shot with a lead arrow. Therefore, Apollo fell deeply in love with Daphne, but she didn't love him back, in fact, she was repulsed by the sight of him.

According to an allegory in Classical mythology, Cupid's mother (Venus or Aphrodite) was so enamored with a mortal, Psyche's beauty, that she quickly became jealous of her. One day, she told Cupid to make Psyche fall in love with a hideous monster, but Cupid's plans were quickly thwarted when he actually met Psyche. Through their time together, they eventually fell in love and got married, but only with the slight catch that Psyche could never see Cupid's face. It's not quite clear as to why such a condition was put in place, but it's said in the allegory that Psyche couldn't help herself and looked at his face for the first time, to which Cupid fled in anger. Psyche made it her personal mission to travel all over the world to find him, and, when reunited with her long-lost lover, she was granted the gift of immortality.

In the Archaic period, Eros was presented as irresistible to anyone, mortals

and gods alike. He was perceived as more of an adult than he was in the Hellenistic period, where he was presented as more of a wicked and devilish child, sly as ever.

Today, Cupid is known as the Roman god of love, the enemy of Apollo, and the husband of Psyche. He is still pictured in most parts of the world as an infant-like creature, with ulterior motives and sly behaviors. Despite these characteristics, he is portrayed as the icon of Valentine's Day, and you'll find him on almost every Valentine's Day card.



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Delving Into High School Relationships

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This Valentine's Day, I thought I would sit down with a few couples from Loveland to ask them some pressing questions about their relationships. Join me as we peer into the relationships of LHS students **Arlee Scott (12)** and her boyfriend **Jackson Rush (12)** and **Grace Nunn (12)** her boyfriend **Zane Stephens** and gain more insight into how to start a relationship and what exactly makes a relationship work.

Tell me the story of how you met

A: We met during the last indoor drumline season.

J: We met during indoor drumline last year.

G: We met at Cinemark. We were both new hires but he had been there a bit longer than me. We didn't talk much at first, but one day we were both working concessions and had a friendly little Bingo competition going. We also had a mini debate over slushie flavors. After that we just started talking daily.

Z: We met at the Cinemark in Milford where we both worked!

How long have you guys been together?

A: 5 months and maybe 10 or so days.

J: Around 5 months I think.

G: 4 months and 12 days.

Z: We've been together since September 1st, so 134 days total as of this interview.

Where did you go on your first date?

A: We went to Nisbit one time, and we rescued a flock of ducks as well.

J: I think we got Wendys, and then went skydiving.

G: We had hangouts first, so technically Kings Island but our siblings were there so it didn't really count. Officially our first date was at Dave and Busters.

Z: Our first date was at Dave and Busters!

Who asked whom out?

A: I asked him.

J: She asked me.

G: I asked him.

Z: Technically I made it official, but she confessed feelings first!

Favorite date location?

A: Movie theater and IHop.

J: Movies and food.

G: Movie theaters!

Z: Probably her house, I enjoy being super close and watching movies.

Do you two have a favorite activity together?

A: I like petting his dog MILF.

J: We like watching movies.

G: We like projecting movies and tv shows or sometimes we like playing games together. We also just like walking around places.

Z: Our favorite activities are watching movies or tv shows together.

Any advice to other people looking at asking out that special someone?

A: Don't be scared to just go for it. I asked him out over Groupme and like I didn't really know him.

J: Literally just like go for it.

G: Just man up and do it because you never know what may happen.

Z: My advice would be to not put effort into looking, put effort into yourself and things will fall into place eventually!

A big thanks to these two couples for taking time out of their days to sit down and answer some questions about their relationships! Hopefully you gained some good insight into what makes a relationship work and how to start one of your own.



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Bizarre Dating Traditions From Around World

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Valentine's Day is upon us which means it is time to showcase your love for that special someone in your life.

Everyone displays their love a little differently, and in this article, I will be discussing some of the more bizarre dating traditions and relationship starters I could find from around the globe.

The Welsh Love Spoon- This tradition dates back to the 17th century and still exists to this day. Welsh men would spend hours whittling ornate wooden spoons out of one piece of wood to give to their prospective lovers. This tradition was started as a way for a man to demonstrate just how skilled a laborer he was in order to entice his possible lover. I don't know about you, but a beautifully carved spoon sounds like an excellent romantic gift!

Romance Competitions- Ancient Greek men and women were placed into arranged marriages by their parents, but in order for men to win the favor of the potential bride's parents, he was expected to first compete in a series of

tasks that included chariot racing, hand-to-hand combat, singing, and finally, the hardest task, an interview with the women's parents. I bet you fellas are glad this tradition died out many years ago.

Victorian Era Cards- The Victorian Era (1837-1901) was a time of strict codes for relationships and interactions. Every aspect of Victorian life was strictly regulated, and this is very evident in the tradition of dance cards. Victorian women did not have much control over their own relationships, but in this tradition, women would essentially have a card that men would write their names on, and at the end of the dance, the women would give a calling card to the man they were most interested in. This tradition made finding potential partners much easier.

Fan Language- In the 18th and 19th centuries European women developed a coded system of signals known as fan language. These coded signals allowed for women to show they were interested in a bachelor without explicitly communicating their interest- something that would have

been deemed improper at the time. Examples of signals included; quickly opening and shutting the fan to say "you are rude" and presenting a man with a shut fan to covertly say "do you love me?"

Pop Tab Necklaces- One of the more modern examples of bizarre relationship starters is the use of pop tabs to predict whether or not your crush will like you back. This is a trend that was developed on Tik Tok. The trend states that if a pop tab breaks, your crush will not love you back, but if the tab stays in one piece, your crush will like you back. Many people will then wear these pop tabs to show their relationship status to others.

As you can see, the world has some pretty odd dating traditions and relationship starters to offer. From coded fan language to something more modern such as gifting and wearing pop tabs there are many different ways you can express your love. This Valentine's Day, you may even want to try out some of these traditions to ask out that special somebody in your life!



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DC Universe is Back

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Marvel has absolutely dominated the superhero movie industry, holding 4 of the first 12 spots on the list of highest-grossing movies of all time, including SpiderMan: No Way Home, which has generated nearly 1.4 billion dollars so far in the theaters. But the DC Universe is set to return when The Batman hits theaters on March 4, 2022. DC hasn't had a Batman protagonist movie since 2012 with the Dark Knight Rises, the third movie in the Dark Knight movie trilogy, widely acclaimed as the best superhero movie ever. This phenomenal movie set, directed by Christopher Nolan, starts with Batman Begins, then is followed with one of the most acclaimed superhero movies ever, The Dark Knight. Finally, it ends with Dark Knight Rises in 2012. So it's been a decade since we've seen Batman in a lead role. Christian Bale played Batman in all three of these movies and set the bar incredibly high

in his role as the legendary superhero. First, after Batman Begins was released, Bale won a Saturn Award for Best Actor and a MTV Movie Award for Best Hero. He won numerous awards for his performances in both The Dark Knight and Dark Knight Rises and made his case for the greatest Batman ever.

But, despite everything Bale has done for the DC Universe, he will not be playing the part of this iconic hero. Robin Pattinson, an actor who is famous for his roles in the Twilight series as Edward, has been thrust into this iconic role. He is famous for playing roles in more romantic movies, so it will certainly be interesting to see what Pattinson has drummed up for this role. He was absolutely fantastic in the teaser trailer and both full-length trailers for this sequel. In fact, he was so good that both trailers racked up nearly 40 million views each, a ridiculous number for any trailer.

A new villain has also apparently leaked his way into the mix, as the Riddler is introduced, played by Paul

Dano. It seems in the trailer that director Matt Reeves is trying to make it a darker, more emotional movie to match the persona of Pattinson in the roles that he had played previous to this movie. Almost like the Dark Knight, the movie is full of incredible cinematography and views of the city to match the darker tone. There are plenty of differences between the celebrated trilogy and this new addition, however. In the first Batman blockbusters of the 2000's, there was one main antagonist that really made the movie a masterpiece. In this newer rendition, there are multiple villains including the Riddler and the Penguin (played by Colin Farrell), both making their first appearance in any of these movies. The movie will also include a supposed lover for Batman, Catwoman, played by Zoe Kravitz, who has already had fantastic performances in movies like Divergent, Allegiant, and Spiderman - Into the Spideverse. This movie looks to impress in theaters all around the globe and mark the return of DC to the superhero universe.



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Valentine's Day Movies

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Whether you're single or in a relationship, movies are enjoyable for almost anyone. There are tons of different genres and styles of movies to choose from, it's almost impossible to settle on just one for Valentine's Day. For this issue, I'm going to be giving you a few different movies to choose from for a night with your significant other, or an equally as enjoyable night by yourself.

#1: 10 Things I Hate About You. This movie is your classic romantic comedy. It has all the typical twists and turns of a love story. The main character, Kat Stratford (Julia Stiles) is smart, sarcastic, and abrasive. She's very indifferent towards the norms of society, and doesn't really care what other people think about her. Because of this "attitude," she's never had a boyfriend and doesn't attract a lot of attention. Her younger sister, Bianca (Larisa Oleynik), wants a boyfriend, but according to their dad, she can't date anybody until Kat starts dating. Fortunately, a handsome new student arrives: Patrick Verona (Heath Ledger), and they inevitably cross paths.

#2: The Notebook. Grab the tissues. This movie, while being a romantic comedy, is incredibly heart-wrenching. Fair warning: you will cry and there's no avoiding it. Set in the 1940s, a young mill worker named Noah Calhoun (Ryan Gosling) falls hopelessly in love with a rich woman, named Allie Hamilton. This movie contains the classic trope of the two lovers being in love, but the parents not agreeing with it, therefore separating the two. Noah goes to serve in WWII, while Allie heads off to college and falls in love with another man. When Noah returns, he quickly discovers that Allie has found someone else, but he isn't ready to give up on the relationship.

#3: Five Feet Apart. Two young Cystic-Fibrosis patients live in the same hospital. The young woman, Stella (Haley Lu Richardson), and the young man, Will (Cole Sprouse), quickly become friends throughout their treatments. Stella is a fan of rule-following, boundaries, and a routine. Will, on the other hand, is not. He's rebellious, reckless, and seems to not care about his life. Will is on a drug trial, supposedly to help cure his CF, while Stella is trying to make it to the end of the year. Because of their conditions, they cannot get within six feet of each other, and have to

wear masks wherever they go because of the bacteria. However, when they start to get closer, they're willing to completely break the rules and go against the restrictions, just so they can be together.

#4: Twilight. If you're a fantasy and romantic fan, you should definitely watch Twilight. This movie takes place in the small town of Forks, Washington, when a young girl named Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) moves there from Phoenix, Arizona to live with her dad, Charlie (Billy Burke), the chief of police in the small town. During her first day, her newly-found friends tell her about the Cullen's family, a group of mysterious fostered couples who keep to themselves. When first introduced to Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), she quickly becomes enamored with him, and starts to notice some strange things about him and his family. How they never come out in the sunlight, how their skin is ice cold, how their eyes change colors, and how they are strangely pale.

Whether you're single or in a relationship, all of these movies are enjoyable for everyone (specifically those who are a fan of romance). Grab your popcorn and tissues, and enjoy one or several of these this Valentine's Day.



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Valentine's Day Pickup Lines

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With Valentine's Day comes the overflow of sad singles looking for a significant other out there. It is a reminder to people that they are indeed single. Thousands of posts full of hearts, teddy bears, and chocolates, and then there's you. All alone, (unless you have someone special). Valentine's Day is the modern "hunting season" as the Victorians called it. So, after consolidating with a few love experts that I know, I have composed this list of pick-up lines that will woo your lover so that you aren't alone this Valentine's Day season.

To start, I want to get into the origins of pick-up lines so that we can build a foundation of your pick-up line knowledge. They began all the way in the dinosaur age, with dinosaurs swinging their tails or making certain noises at females in an attempt to pick them up. Fortunately for us, the cavemen began to use pick-up lines themselves, continuing the tradition all the way back to us in the 2000s. Cavemen were known to clobber their love interests in the head which was a sign that they were interested in the female. Eventually, after a few hundred or thousand years the British took up pick-up lines, and spread them across the globe using lines such as, "Are you tea? Because you are piping hot!" I know, not the best. That is okay though because Americans received the best evolution of the pick-up line and that is all that matters. At the beginning of pick-up lines in the United States, they weren't the best. They were more like harassment rather than silly ways to ask someone out. Nowadays they are sarcastic (for the most part) and can be a great way to break the ice with someone and have a good laugh.

I asked students about their opinions on pick-up lines and unfortunately, the responses were overwhelmingly negative. Don't pay any mind to that though because I am about to list some of the best pick-up lines that you can use on your crush or significant other.

All of these magnificent lines came from ponly.com.

- "Is it hot in here or is it just you?"
Very direct, but that is why it works perfectly.
- "If you were a transformer you'd be Optimus Prime."
Great for the transformer fans out there.
- "If nothing lasts forever, will you be my nothing?"
Super romantic and deep.
- "Are you French? Because Eiffel for you."
Anyone in French class? This one is for you.
- "Do you like Star Wars? Because Yoda only one for me!"
For my Star Wars fans out there.
- "I believe in following my dreams. Can I have your Instagram?"
This is probably one of the most modern pick-up lines on this list, very good for Gen-Z.
- Now that you have this list I can't help you any further. Go my little butterfly, fly, be free. Find that person and choose the best pickup line to suit their tastes. I believe you all can flourish and woo your lovers. After all, that is how I got my boyfriend, so it is fool-proof. I hope everyone has a great Valentine's Day. Also realize, this was complete satire and it is 100% okay to be single. Do what you want!



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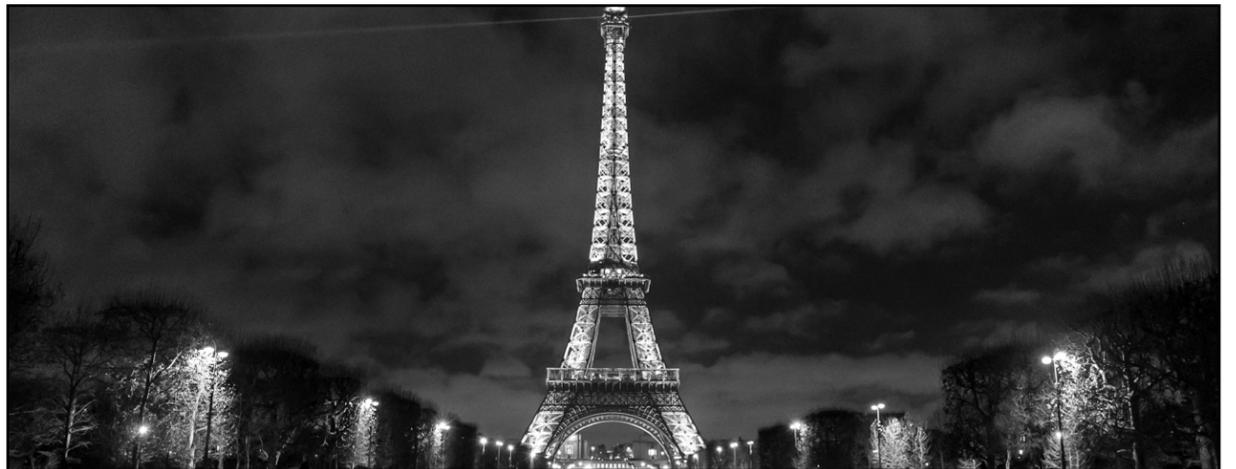


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New Things Coming To Netflix

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Over the last few months, Netflix has released a plethora of new seasons of their original tv shows, many of which have met critical acclaim. Netflix is popular for their original tv shows and these new seasons and shows remind viewers why. Below is a small collection of new seasons that are the most noteworthy.

Cobra Kai - The fourth season of this fan-favorite series follows the characters as they fight to take down Cobra Kai. The official Cobra Kai fandom site writes the synopsis as, "Season 4 finds the Miyagi-Do and Eagle Fang dojos joining forces to take down Cobra Kai at the All Valley Under 18 Karate Tournament... and whoever loses must hang up their gi. As Samantha and Miguel try to maintain the dojo alliance and Robby goes all in at Cobra Kai, the fate of the Valley has never been more precarious. What tricks does Kreese have up his sleeve? Can Daniel and Johnny bury their decades-long hatchet to defeat Kreese? Or will Cobra Kai become the face of karate in the valley?" (thekaratekid.fandom.com). The series is a direct continuation of the Karate Kid movie franchise.

Cheer - The second season of this cheerleading focused

show, "follows the ups and downs of Navarro College's competition cheer squad as they work to win a coveted national title" (Netflix.com). Specifically, this season focuses on the rivalry between the Navarro College Cheer Squad and the Trinity Valley Community College Cheer Squad. The season ends as both cheer squads travel to Daytona Beach to compete head to head for the national title. Fans of this show enjoy the drama-fueled rollercoaster that viewers are taken on.

Hype House - This show offers viewers, "an inside look at social media's most talked-about stars as they navigate love, fame, and friendship while creating content and living together" (Netflix.com). The Hype House has generally decreased in popularity since its start in December 2019, but the drama of the show is quite entertaining. The cast includes: Chase Hudson (Lil Huddy), Nikita Dragun, Alex Warren, Vinnie Hacker, Thomas Petrou, and Mia Hayward, and other social media influencers.

Emily in Paris - This Netflix Original show follows the adventures of Emily Cooper after she moved to Paris from Chicago for her dream job. The second season follows Emily's life in Paris after falling into a love triangle. The synopsis is, "Now more entrenched in her life in Paris,

Emily's getting better at navigating the city but still struggling with the idiosyncrasies of French life. After stumbling into a love triangle with her neighbor and her first real French friend, Emily is determined to focus on her work — which is getting more complicated by the day. In French class, she meets a fellow expat who both infuriates and intrigues her" (emilyinparis.fandom.com).

This is just a very small selection of new material on Netflix. I encourage you to go find something new to watch, as there is something for everyone. I also encourage you to check out new Netflix Original movies, as they are also extremely well done.



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This picture shows a cheer team competing at the 2018 Cheer Nationals. In the show *Cheer*, two rival universities competed for the same winning spot at Daytona Beach in Florida.



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CFP: Love Story, or Story of Heartbreak?

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'Tis the season for Valentine's Day, another cheap excuse to sell cards and chocolates to middle schoolers still wrestling with their seventh grade crushes, and middle aged men who forgot it was Valentine's Day until they actually read this.

I may have come on a little strong, but there just seems to be nowadays a little lack of originality in terms of such an under-the-radar Hallmark Holiday. Don't get me wrong, a whole day of celebrating that special someone is cause enough for a holiday, and I try my hardest to come up with unique ideas for how to celebrate it. However, I do not speak to you today from the perspective of a high schooler (if I did my opening line would have been much different), but instead from the perspective of a disgruntled college football fan.

You see, from the time I was born, I was raised to love the game of college football. Ask anyone who knows me personally and they'll tell you that I was never built to play



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it, but I am connected to it nonetheless. Sadly though, I feel as if my love is just a one way street. Sure, every fan feels heartbreak every season, this past year was a testament to the fact that very rarely do even the greatest teams of a generation finish a season completely unscathed. That's just the nature of being a fan of a team. After years of such psychological punishment, all football fans can attest to this pain, and I for one have finally come to terms with the fact that I lose a little piece of my soul each time a tally is added to the loss column.

That's all well and good, but what I'm talking about is a truly toxic relationship that, for some reason, I still find myself entangled in as do thousands across the country: The dreaded relationship with the College Football Playoff.

The NCAA has taken some harsh criticism in recent years



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by sportswriters far more influential than I, and they even tried to reconcile their relationship with us, first eliminating teams declaring that they are national champions willy-nilly by creating the BCS National Championship, and then pondering the question "Who's In?" by creating The College Football Playoff. Fans rejoiced, myself included, as perhaps such a scarring relationship might have been solved, but we quickly realized, wherever there is college football, there is controversy.

Immediately, the heated battle began over who deserves one of the coveted four spots in the playoff which continues to this day. Couple that with the fact that a large majority of CFP matchups are total blowouts and college football fans are left feeling shallow and empty.

Maybe this is on us? Maybe we're part of the problem? Should we demand more from the sport we love, or live in complacency and find ourselves disappointed again on Valentine's Day by the crooked CFP?

Regardless of what we choose, unless major changes occur, we are going to continue to get hurt by the sport we declare we love, and Valentine's Day is just going to be another no-name day on the calendar to college football fans.



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Second Surge of COVID Cancellations Hitting Sports Leagues

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March 11, 2020 marked the conclusion of one reality for the world, and the beginning of an entirely new and uncharted one. Surprisingly, the catalyst for this drastic change to the political and cultural landscape of the world was professional sports leagues.

Just thirty minutes before tip-off between the Utah Jazz and Oklahoma City Thunder of the National Basketball Association's Western Conference, with 20,000 fans already packing Oklahoma City's Chesapeake Energy Arena, the contest was halted due to a positive COVID-19 test within the Utah locker room.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver indefinitely



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suspended all league play later that evening. What followed was an unforeseen chain reaction in which all college and professional sports leagues were shut down. The next morning, world leaders declared the disease's outbreak a global pandemic, and what transpired was the closing of nearly all schools and non-essential businesses and organizations across the U.S.



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Now, nearly two full years later, sporting events are still being postponed and canceled in the masses due to COVID-19 and its variant, Omicron.

All major professional sporting leagues were put on pause from March 11th until July 8th, when Major League Soccer began play for the 2020 campaign with the MLS is Back Tournament. The tournament was held with no spectators at one central location in Bay Lake, Florida.

Throughout 2021, despite the ongoing risks of COVID-19 and the Delta variant, sports venues returned to full capacity for most events. The 2021 NBA Championship and World Series came and went with few disruptions throughout the seasons. Then, as 2021 neared an end, and finally, the nation sensed an end to the worst worldwide disaster of the 21st century, the delays and cancellations began reemerging, all due to the same small enemy which had been plaguing the world for two years.

Leading up to the holidays, the National Football League placed a record number of players into COVID-19 health and safety protocols, causing three vitally important Week 15 matchups to be postponed. Although not all players cleared protocols in time for the rescheduled games, such as Browns star quarterback Baker Mayfield, all teams had the minimum number of players to eventually proceed with the contests.

Nearly 75% of NBA players entered health and safety protocols between December 20th and January 10th, which placed the highly popular NBA on Christmas Day in jeopardy for the first time since the 1947-48 season. Five games in the preceding week were canceled, but all five Christmas Day games stood. Due to the incredibly high number of affected players, the NBA had to pass new rules expanding the roster size to allow for G-League replacement spots.

The National Hockey League even suspended their season for a second time, although it was only for a week to curb the spread of Omicron through multiple franchise's Tier 1 Personnel. As with the NBA, the NHL's marquee winter event, the annual outdoor NHL Winter Classic was played as scheduled on New Year's Day at Target Field in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Collegiate conferences were forced to reverse course on forfeiture policies due to the rise in cancellations during the forefront of conference matchups.

The recent outbreak of COVID-19 has made athletes, commissioners, and fans alike, recognize that this pandemic is still a war that will affect the passion for the game.



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TJ Watt prepares for a game ahead of Pittsburgh's playoff run. He was one of many NFL superstars to be placed on the Covid/Reserve List this season.