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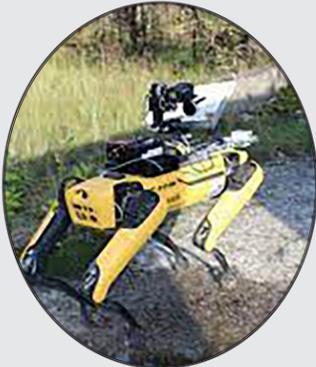


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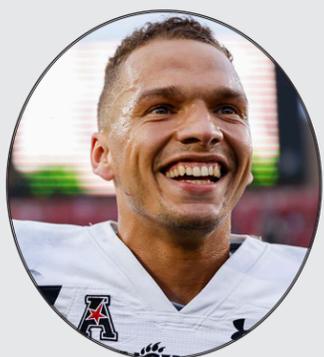


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First Sound Recordings from Mars

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Have you ever wanted to know what a different planet sounds like? Well, thanks to Perseverance, NASA, microphones, and other modern technology, for the first time in history, you can!

Earlier this year, NASA's newest rover landed on Mars after being launched in July 2020. The rover, named Perseverance, touched down on the red planet after a seven month journey through space. One of the many fascinating features of Perseverance is its ability to pick up sounds and transmit recordings back to Earth. This is possible because Perseverance has an external microphone that is embedded in its camera, has an internal microphone that was used for in-flight recordings, and has a high frequency antenna that allows recordings to be sent back to Earth (nasa.gov). Recently, NASA published a collection of recordings from Mars.

There are eight recordings in the collection. These include two recordings of Perseverance driving across the Jezero Crater on sol 16 of its mission (a sol is

a day on Mars), several recordings of Perseverance in flight, the first recorded sounds on Mars, and a short clip of Perseverance's laser hitting rocks to break them up in order to be collected.

As to be expected, some of the recordings are not crystal clear, as there are many factors that impact them. According to NASA, temperature, density, and the composition of the atmosphere all impact how the recordings sound. Mars is much colder than Earth, so soundwaves move slower and take longer to reach the microphone, the atmosphere of Mars is less dense, so sounds can be quieter, and because Mars' atmosphere is mostly carbon dioxide, it can be harder to hear high-frequency sounds (nasa.gov).

Although there have been several other rovers to traverse the red planet before Perseverance, NASA has not been able to record sound from Mars until now. This is not the first time NASA has recorded sounds in space, but it is the first time sounds from other planets have been recorded.

The recordings Perseverance sent back

to Earth are just one part of its overall mission. While on Mars, Perseverance's mission features four science objectives. The first, and arguably the most important, is looking for habitability. Perseverance will be looking for past environments that would have been capable of supporting microbial life. The second is seeking biosignatures. Perseverance will be looking for evidence of past microbial life in rocks that have been known to preserve evidence of life. The third is caching samples. Perseverance will be collecting rock and soil samples. The fourth one is preparing for humans. Perseverance will test oxygen production in the Martian atmosphere. So far, Perseverance has mostly traveled along the Jezero Crater. This is because evidence that frozen water was once on Mars has been found in that area.

NASA's recordings from Mars mark a monumental scientific advancement in space science and is just incredibly interesting to space fanatics. Maybe someday soon NASA will send rovers to the other six planets and we will learn what every planet sounds like.

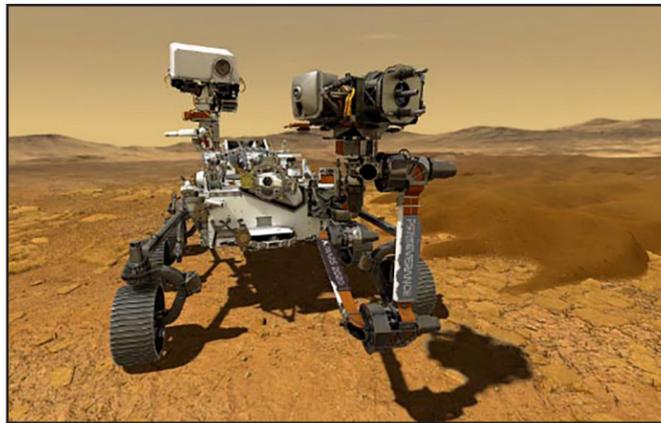


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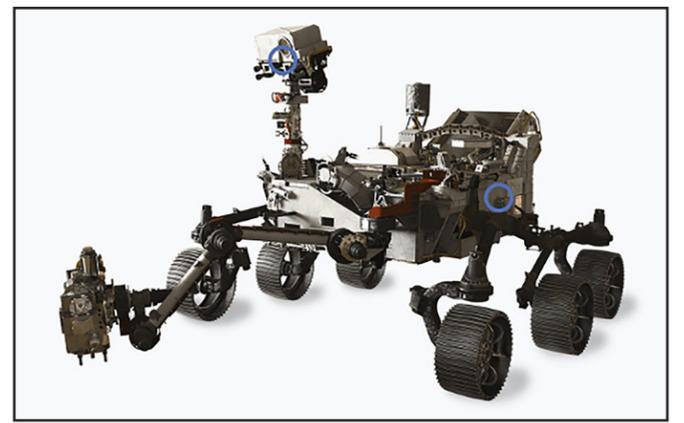


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History of Thanksgiving Presidential Turkey Pardon

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Although President Harry Truman is credited with creating the country's most comedic holiday tradition in 1947, Abraham Lincoln was actually the first president to pardon a turkey.

Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a National Holiday in November of 1863. Later that month the Lincoln White House was gifted a live turkey that the family was supposed to feast upon for Christmas dinner. Lincoln's 11-year-old son Tad owned two domestic goats that lived at the White House with them. He quickly adopted the turkey, naming him Jack, while taking the bird on adventures around the nation's most historic monument. On Christmas Eve, President Lincoln alerted his son that Jack would need to be slain for dinner the next evening. Tad began his advocacy of turkey rights by protesting his presidential father into issuing a note of pardon for Jack that evening. Thus, the tradition began. Tad and Jack formed a bond that lasted up until President Lincoln's death two years later, after which Tad moved to Chicago, Illinois with his mother. However, the impact of two friends are demonstrated long past their eighteen months together.

Following Lincoln's presidency that tradition faded away until 1947 when Harry Truman began promoting the campaign of "Meatless Tuesdays" for foreign aid gain. Americans grew angry with the campaign, and in response, Truman revived the tradition of pardoning a turkey. Truman's initial pardoning is still heavily disputed as the Truman Library claims it never occurred.

Despite disagreement over Truman's role in the tradition, the pardoning nonetheless ascended succeeding his presidency.

Truman's successor, Dwight D. Eisenhower was photographed on multiple occasions feasting on the turkey he had just pardoned.

However, the modern tradition began with John F. Kennedy in 1963, 100 years after Tad and Jack, and just three days before his assassination. With the note "Good Eating, Mr. President," Kennedy, just as Lincoln had 100 years prior, was anonymously gifted a turkey. Kennedy made a speech claiming that the magnificent bird he had received should be returned to the farm, and although he didn't publicly refer to his decision as a pardon, the modern tradition

was born.

The next four Presidents all followed the lead of Kennedy, but it wasn't until 1989 that the tradition became an official annual pardon. In George H.W. Bush's first year in office, the phrase "Presidential Pardon" was established, and he used one of his first on a feathered friend. Bush, just as Reagan had done for the eight years prior, returned the bird to a farm, but not until after a lengthy public affair where the bird was pardoned in front of members of the media.

The controversy surrounding the origins of the Presidential turkey pardoning can be traced to a claim made by President Bill Clinton while in office, in which he stated that the tradition was fathered by Lincoln and Truman, despite both being one-time pardoners at best.

The tradition stands today as much more a comedic stunt, thanks to the vast political satire displayed by both George W. Bush and Barack Obama in the early 2000s. Both men publicly pardoned a turkey each year of their Presidency, while making the event a must-watch scene for all Americans, something no President had done before.



World Cup Qualifiers Heating Up

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As we look upon the next year and a half, the exciting sports event that comes to mind is the 2022 Men's World Cup. The FIFA Men's World Cup will take place in November and December of 2022 in the country of Qatar. The big question, of course, is who will be competing in the world cup? Well, not every country that wants to compete can. The best countries in the world are chosen after something called the World Cup qualifiers, which is currently going on. The World Cup qualifiers decide what 31 of the 32 countries will be competing. One country is already decided: Qatar, the host. However, there are also other countries expected to compete this year. For the European division, there are two teams already qualified and that's Germany and Denmark ; Germany won group J and Denmark won group F. Serbia, Italy, Sweden, France, Belgium, Netherlands, England, and Russia are all currently winning their groups. Italy is almost guaranteed to qualify as they won the European Cup back in July.

In the North American and Caribbean Sections of the qualifiers, Mexico is currently in the lead with 14 points. The U.S. is sitting at 2nd with 11 points. However, the U.S.



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just played Mexico on Friday, November 12, where they won 2-0. This put them one point above Mexico. Also on November 12th Canada played Costa Rica. Canada beat Costa Rica 1-0. They also beat Mexico 2-1 on November 16 so they are now sitting at 1st place, 1 point above the U.S.

Leading in the South American Division is Brazil. They are currently sitting at 31 points, 6 points ahead of 2nd place, Argentina. Argentina and Brazil played each other on November 16th, however they tied 1-1. Therefore Brazil stays 6 points ahead of Argentina.

The next division in the World Cup Qualifiers is the African division. They currently don't have any countries qualified, however, there are a few leading their group.



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Algeria, Tunisia, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Mali, Egypt, South Africa, Senegal, Morocco, and Tanzania are the 9 countries currently winning their groups. Tanzania and DR Congo played each other on November 11th DR Congo beat Tanzania 3-0. DR Congo now sits at first place. Senegal and Togo also played on the same day, and they tied 1-1. They are both now tied for first place.

The next division of these qualifiers is the Oceania division. There are only 2 groups in this division. In group A, New Zealand takes first place 5 points ahead of New Caledonia. In group B, Solomon Island takes first place 3 points ahead of Tahiti.

The Final Division of the World Cup Qualifier is the Asian Division. The Asian division also only consists of 2 groups with Iran in first place for Group A, and Saudi Arabia in first place for Group B. Australia and Saudi Arabia played each other on November 11th and they tied 0-0. They are now tied, both with 6 points.

These World Cup Qualifiers are something to definitely watch and look out for. It will be exciting to see who gets the opportunity to compete in 2022.

What Cincy Sports Fans Have to Be Thankful for this Thanksgiving

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Ah, Thanksgiving. A time for friends and family to gather together in a time of peace and tranquility. A chance for respite amidst the hectic holiday season. A time to rejoice in what we have, and share a meal with the ones we care about the most.

Well, at least that's what it's supposed to be. But these past few years, tensions have gotten heated in the Cincinnati sports family, and Thanksgivings in Queen City sports have turned into those satirical dinners where the only discussions between family members involve screaming about politics and gas prices. Perhaps this year, though, the clubs from around the city could come to give thanks, just as our forefathers did when the Reds won the World Series in 1990.

Allow ourselves a moment to look two days into the future: your neighbor finally decided to mow his lawn, nobody has an excuse to tell you to turn off your Christmas music, and Joey Votto sits at the head of a great quartz table (because the Bengals didn't want to pay for marble)

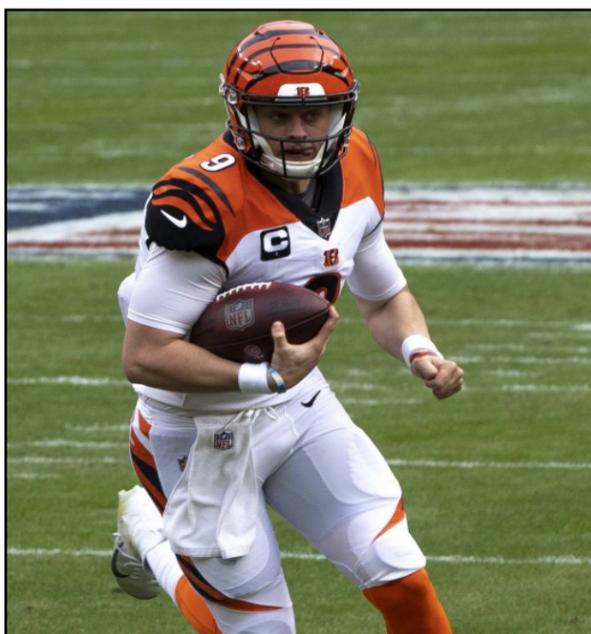


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in the middle of Yeatman's Cove Park just blocks away from Great American Ballpark and Paul Brown Stadium.

Sitting around him at the table are the "new school" of Cincinnati athletes. Joe Burrow, cigar in hand, still brandishes his National Championship ring from LSU. Jamar Chase carries a framed picture of Ed Oregerson, placing it at a Dia de los Muertos style altar before he takes his seat at the table. Jonathan India is escorted in by security guards hired to protect his hair from being snipped by hordes of desperate groupies.

They are icons of their respective sports in Cincinnati, representing teams on the rise in a city that has been craving glory for so long. That's just how it is in Cincinnati professional sports. In my lifetime, the Bengals have gone from mediocre to worse and the Reds fluctuate from anywhere between halfway decent and abysmal. But, after the playoff appearance last year, and the addition of more young talent, the Reds are poised to join the ranks of some of baseball's best teams. As for the Bengals, it's clear that

the talent is there, it's whether or not they can come up with some kind of postseason magic.

The newest addition to Thanksgiving dinner is Luciano Acosta. Even though the Bailey has touched the hearts of many sports fans in Cincinnati (regardless of their loyalty to the sport of soccer), FC Cincinnati's star goalscorer and his club are yet to win anything important in MLS and have been banished to the kiddie table.

Sitting across from him, shoved into a highchair with a bib over his shirt is Desmond Ridder. The electrifying UC quarterback has taken Bearcats football to heights it has never reached before, but for some reason he is still babied; not in the city of Cincinnati where he is dubbed a hero, but he was in fact relegated there by the College Football Playoff committee who figures that a Group of 5 team doesn't deserve a place among the adults.

The scene is mesmerizing and has fans clamoring for a bright future in all Cincinnati sports. And when looking around at the talent, sports fans in our city finally have something to be thankful for.



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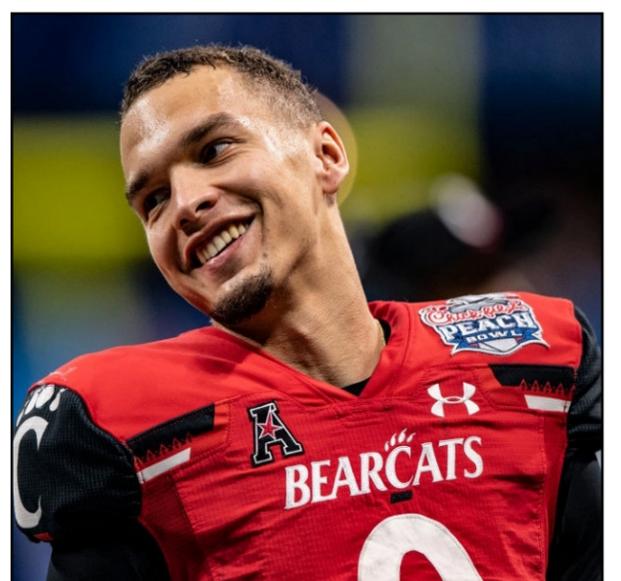


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Dad Jokes Galore: Chad the Dad

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This fine month of November we celebrate yet another dad, Chad Powers, father to Olivia Powers (12). November is the month of thanks and I think we can all agree that we are thankful for dad jokes (at least I am). This issue is very special due to the fact that Mr. Powers is known as “Chad the Dad” by most, so his dad joke knowledge must be superb; let’s hear what he has to say.

What are your favorite dad jokes?

“I don’t really have an arsenal of dad jokes at the ready, they just come to me like an epiphany.”

I couldn’t have said it better myself. These are the words of a true dad, not even that, but a master of dad jokes.

Are they all original or found online?

“The best dad jokes are spur of the moment and all original.”

I’ll have to agree with Mr. Powers here, most people know the un-original dad jokes found on the web, so when you pull something out of your pocket, the reactions are 10x better.

How do you feel about dad jokes overall?

“What’s not to like? They are jokes... told by a dad. I think they are as close to perfection as you can get in the spoken word.”

I wouldn’t say close, rather that they ARE perfection.

Why are they called dad jokes? Where are the mom jokes?

“Women are too hung up on embarrassing themselves. Dads just go with the flow and live in the moment. You get the best jokes when you are really out there on the edge. If you are a dad, you know what I’m talking about.”

Dads are really living on the edge, tell a bad joke and you get ridiculed; it’s a tough world out there. Keep speaking the truth to all the dads out there Mr. Powers!

Do you think dad jokes are an art form?

“As I mentioned previously, they are the highest form of art. Many non-dads will try to inject humor into conversation. But a dad knows exactly when to make the perfect comment that is instantly recognized and should be admired for what it is... a dad joke.”

Spoken by a true artist.

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

“I use them for enlightenment and as a social filter. Anyone annoyed by a dad joke should seek help or counseling of some sort.”

Enlightenment is easily achievable through telling dad jokes.

Do you genuinely find your jokes to be funny?

“Of course, just ask my family.”

I’d say this is true considering his daughter recommended him to me.

Could you give me a dad joke?

“I have a joke about chemistry, but I don’t think it will get a reaction.”

Beautiful. Spectacular. Showstopping. See you all on Christmas and remember if your dad is “dad-enough,” contact me on The Roar’s Instagram: @loveland_roar



Uniform Reviews: NBA City Edition Jerseys Continue to Dazzle

By Sam Neiger

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Over the first two issues of The Roar this year I’ve certainly been predisposed to reviewing football uniforms in concurrence with the football season. However, as the weather begins to cool down, the NBA season begins to heat up. Now I have to admit, the NBA peaked for me in 2016 when LeBron James led the Cleveland Cavaliers back (down three games to one) in the NBA finals against the Golden State Warriors to become world champions. Since then, the NBA just hasn’t been the same for me. The luster of those Finals, have yet to be replicated. The season is too long, nobody plays any defense, and the so-called “stars” we idolize don’t seem to play half the time. So by the time the playoffs roll around, I feel lost in a season that wasn’t dazzling enough to get me to watch. Even then, I only watch the once-great Finals out of loyalty to an era I’m afraid we’ll never get back.

That being said, anything to get me to watch the NBA at this point in the year is a spectacular feat. One thing that always excites me (as I’m sure all of you have figured out) is a good uniform. Basketball uniforms sometimes fall short for me. Basketball jerseys just don’t have the level of customization that football uniforms do, but one thing the NBA has done well recently is the creation of the City Edition jerseys that reflect something from each of the NBA cities.

The first City Edition jerseys debuted in the 2017-18 season, receiving wide praise from around the league. The jerseys have since expanded to include all 30 teams and

were highly anticipated heading into the 2021-22 season. November first marked the release date and since then, various teams have showcased them throughout the month of November.

With so many teams and so many unique designs it’s hard to look at every one, but here’s a review of a few that stood out:

One of the first to jump out at me of this year’s jerseys was that of the Miami Heat. What appears to be a mishmash of colors and letters proves to be a thoughtful celebration of all things Miami basketball. The letters of “Miami” are all pulled from different jerseys of Heat past, going all the way back to the Miami Floridians of the early ’70s. While the black base does help provide contrast for the letters, the uniform itself isn’t the most attractive in my opinion and is certainly a step down from last year’s Vice Versa design.

One uniform that did impress me was that of the Atlanta Hawks. The yellow base itself highlights the uniform, giving a fresh look to Trae Young and company while showcasing the iconic ’90s wingspan logo across the chest and blending it with designs from throughout the team’s past. The mix of old and new school using nontraditional colors reflects a vibrant city focusing on its future while respecting its past; a thoughtful tribute to what the city edition jerseys represent.

There are so many impressive uniforms and so little space on the page, but Nike did an exceptional job with the city edition jerseys for the NBA’s 75th anniversary, and I can’t wait to see these in action on the court.



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The Chicago Bulls rarely divert far from their classic red and black colors. However, a script font was chosen for past alternates.



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Nike controls all NBA merchandise sales. The company purchased the rights prior to the 2017-18 season.



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Although purple is no longer a primary color of the Bucks, it is still incorporated in uniforms. The team switched to gold and green in 2015.

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China's Relations with America

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In late August, China launched 2 hypersonic missiles into space. This struck fear into the hearts of Americans. Over the past few decades China has become more and more threatening to the world and the United States. We have seen them continually crack down on human rights, while, simultaneously gaining a stronger grip on the world market both militarily and economically. The United States being the main opponent of China has been urged by some to come up with a plan to stop the Chinese advancements, and to end their blatant Human Rights violations that many are accusing China of such as the Uighur genocide. According to the BBC, over 1 million Uighurs are in captivity against their wills. Many insiders claim that some are arrested for little reason at all. In December of 2019 dozens of Human Rights defenders (HDRs) were detained for their crime of wanting people



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to enjoy more freedoms. Now that China has shown it's true colors, we can see the power that this government is gaining.

They have developed a new kind of weapon, a Hypersonic Missile. This weapon travels around 3,800 mph 19 miles into the atmosphere and can avoid any current standing missile defense system. We now know that



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China has been working quickly on one which has been successful, so far. The U.S. has set their hypersonic missile test date to somewhere in 2022. Many are calling this moment the new "Space Race." The United States still has the most powerful military in the world with an index of .0718 with 2.2 million people in the military, 1.4 million being on active duty currently. But many Americans have shown concern that Russia and China are catching up with the United States militarily. Many believe that it is generally easier to develop your



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military and weapons when you do not necessarily follow any rules or ordinances. Countries like China have been known to show a disregard for human life. In the United States, if a worker dies on the job, the company responsible for the injury or death typically receives a lot of negative publicity. America takes more steps to ensure everyone can safely work on and build things in the United States without being injured, but it is not the same situation in China. Multiple humanitarian groups who have called them out over the Uighur situation, think that the Chinese should be held more accountable, but since China is the factory of the world, companies, business men, and even diplomats and politicians typically don't call their bluff. The majority of Americans know about these controversies coming from China, but not much has been done to change anything yet.

Homelessness Problem in America

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The homelessness problem in the US is slowly getting worse. According to The National Alliance to End Homelessness, there are 553,742 homeless people in the US. Lots of cities have large homeless populations like Los Angeles with 66,436 homeless people. Many argue that we need to do a better job of combating it. Instead of solving the homelessness problem, lots of cities are trying to work around it. The best example of this is Hawaii's use of Boston Dynamics' Spot robot to patrol streets and detect COVID-19 in homeless people. Many argue that this money could have been used to help rehabilitate homeless people, not just to detect COVID-19 in them. The city of New York had a similar contract for \$94,000, and many argue that that is an excessive amount of money that could be redirected elsewhere to help the homeless.

Many policymakers want to get rid of the homeless problem completely. According to The New York Post, policymakers in New York have "sent local homeless families to 373 cities across the country." Instead of dealing with the problem of homelessness themselves, they secretly sent homeless people to other states as far as Hawaii



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This is Boston Dynamics' robot "Spot." He was being used by Hawaii's police to check on homeless people and check for signs of COVID-19.

in order to get them out of their cities. This shows how many politicians don't care to solve homelessness, but instead just want to get the issue out of their cities. Many argue that instead of moving homeless people around, we instead need to put them in homes and get jobs for them. A lot of cities try to combat homelessness by building "tent cities" to house the homeless, but this is a very costly approach. According to The Daily Wire, San Francisco is paying \$60,000 per tent and homeless encampments often contain hundreds of tents. These tent encampments aren't putting homeless people into permanent homes or



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giving them jobs, but instead just giving them a place to stay when many need much more. Many of the people in the homeless encampments use the government money towards drugs instead of using it towards its intended purpose to buy food or become clean. Places like The Dream Center, fix these problems and not only house homeless people but also enable them to get jobs and successfully live their lives. It only costs The Dream Center \$6,000 a year to house and rehabilitate its residents, which is a tenth of the cost of San Francisco's \$60,000 per tent. They also provide them with work and education opportunities, instead of just giving them places to put

their tents. Many argue that we should invest in solutions like this, instead of investing billions of dollars into homeless encampments.

Many believe that the homelessness problem in the US is only getting worse; they believe that we need to find working solutions that aren't as expensive. Others argue that, although some solutions are expensive, they are necessary to eliminate homelessness. Policymakers have to reach a compromise about how to handle homelessness in cities across the US.



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Should We Change School Bell

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In recent months, the staff at Loveland High School has decided to implement a bell that rings fifteen minutes before school starts, and at the end of each class. The original bell, coming from “Eye of The Tiger” by Survivor, remains in place and rings every school day at 7:45 in the morning. Students, including myself, have gotten used to this bell, and although we can never listen to “Eye of The Tiger” without thinking of school again, it’s been going on for so long now that we’re just used to it. However, the new bell that the school decided to implement this



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year doesn’t really fit this mold. It’s a series of three bells ringing one after another, and frankly, it’s irritating, not just to me, but to other students, as well.

In a typical high school movie, the students are dismissed by a very classically-sounding bell, one that rings at the end of each class. Some students may like the school bell because it gives them the same feeling as the one they get when watching these movies. For example, **Maria Monfreda (11)** says “I like the bell because it makes me feel like I’m in a high school coming-of-age movie.” A lot of students share this opinion, saying that the bell is helpful because it lets them know when class is over, and they don’t have to constantly check the time. Don’t get me

wrong, I also find the bell helpful because I have really poor time management, but hearing it over and over again can get tiring.

Other students, however, do not share this opinion. For

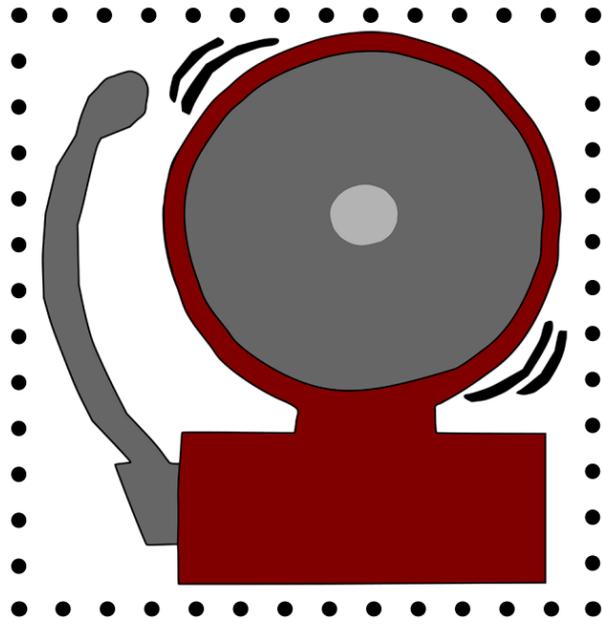


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example, **Sam Crane (10)** says, “the school bell is very repetitive, it’s annoying hearing the same thing every forty-five minutes,” and **Jack Gerber (10)** who says, “I think the school bell should definitely be changed. The idea behind the bell is fine, but the actual sound is really annoying. The school could use stock music from YouTube, and it would be better than our current bell.”

Through the students I’ve interviewed, I’ve learned that a lot of them like the idea of the school bell and actually find it helpful, but they just wish that the sound wasn’t so repetitive and annoying.

In my opinion, we should change the school bell from the same noise every forty-five minutes to a different song every class. This way, whenever you hear any song on the intercom, you know that it’s time to leave class. The music can come from a wide variety of artists with different backgrounds, and the school can even send out a google form where students can pick and choose different songs they’d rather listen to for the day, week, or month.

Implementing a bell into the school-day seems like a good idea in theory, unless you pick an incredibly irritating series of dinging (sound familiar?). In my personal opinion, the school bell shouldn’t be the same every day, and we should try to create a variety of bells, making the school day a little bit more fun.



Why I Love Thanksgiving

By Sean Behling

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There are lots of amazing holidays. A lot of them are near and dear to my heart. If I had to name my favorite holiday out of them, it would have to be... Christmas. However, Thanksgiving is definitely a close second after it. Sandwiched between Halloween and Christmas, two massively popular holidays that take place in the months immediately before and after Thanksgiving, it can be a bit overshadowed. So, I wanted to take the time and explain why I love Thanksgiving so much, and why it means so much to me.

The first reason I like it is in the name itself, Thanks-giving. It’s a day to give thanks to those around you and to give thanks for what you’ve been given. Sure, it’s kind of a simple and cheesy reason, but it’s true. I am very happy with what I have been given and I’m very lucky to have what I do. Having a specific day of the year dedicated to show my thanks for what I have means a lot to me. If I’m being honest, sometimes I can be quite critical of myself, so it’s nice to know I’m not alone, and that other people are beyond thankful for what they have, as well.

Another reason why I love Thanksgiving is because of how it brings people together. Sure, other holidays do that as well, and with Christmas sometimes having a feast of its own, some people might question why Thanksgiving’s still a major holiday, with its own break off from school and

everything. To that I disagree. Thanksgiving is a day when you can come together with friends and family to celebrate all of the good things in your life. This is vastly different from a holiday like Christmas, which is about coming together with family and friends to celebrate and spread joy to others. This combo of Thanksgiving giving you a day to celebrate what you yourself have and Christmas giving you a day to spread joy and celebration to others is an amazing combination that I feel is vital to properly ending the last two months of the year and looking back on all that happened that year.

Finally, I love Thanksgiving because it just completes the fall aesthetic. Fall has to be my favorite season out of the four. Not too hot, not too cold, the trees turn pretty shades of orange, and everything just feels nice and calm. Other people prefer the spooky, Halloween side of fall, but I’ll always prefer the calm, cool side of fall, and it just wouldn’t be the same without Thanksgiving, gathering around the dinner table to celebrate the year’s bountiful harvest and enjoying the nice relaxing meal surrounded by your friends and family. The warm, inviting atmosphere it creates just as the cold of winter is beginning to set in is just perfection to me.

Even though some people seem to overlook Thanksgiving, some of them putting up Christmas decorations as soon as Halloween is over, it will always hold a special place in my heart as one of my favorite holidays.

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Top Ten Thanksgiving Foods

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Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated throughout America. A holiday meant to give thanks, and celebrated with tons of food. But, when it comes to these foods, the debate between them is extremely controversial. Turkey or mashed potatoes? Pumpkin or apple Pie? Well, today all of these questions will be answered as I rank my personal favorite Thanksgiving foods.

8. Mac and Cheese

Usually Mac and Cheese would be towards the top of the list, but I don't really feel like it's a Thanksgiving food as much as it is a normal American food. It's great, but on Thanksgiving, there is so much more you can load your plate with.

7. Sweet Potato Casserole

This is a criminally underrated Thanksgiving food. The sweetness of the sweet potato paired with that delicious crumble on top is a match made in heaven. Sweet potatoes also fit the fall vibe well and pair great with the rest of the food on this list.

6. Rolls



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Rolls aren't served at every Thanksgiving dinner, but they are certainly a great addition to the dinner table. The light, soft, fluffy rolls, served with Thanksgiving staples, just really make the dinner. Rolls with gravy is just a chef's kiss, and when you have leftovers, the rolls make a phenomenal bread for a turkey sandwich.

5. Cranberry Salad

Now cranberry sauce could be argued here, but cranberry salad is really everything you could ever want in a sweeter Thanksgiving side dish. The apples and grapes add that tart element, the marshmallows provide a phenomenal texture, and the cool whip binds it all together.

4. Mashed Potatoes

These aren't just a staple of Thanksgiving, they are served a lot more often than Thanksgiving, but these buttery, whipped mashed heavenly clouds create a warm welcoming atmosphere, especially during the holiday season. Mashed potatoes are served around Christmas, sometimes on Easter, but on Thanksgiving, there is almost nothing that can beat them.

3. Stuffing

When you hear the word "stuffing," you just know it's

Thanksgiving season. Stuffing complements everything well on the dinner table, turkey, mashed potatoes, or my personal favorite, stuffing with a little bit of gravy over top. Stuffing is a classic and Thanksgiving wouldn't be the holiday it is without it.

2. Turkey (with gravy)

Turkey on its own would break the list, but the gravy bumps it up to the top 2. There is just something about it that warms every nook and crevice in your body. The gravy is critical, but as soon as you have this phenomenal pair, your Thanksgiving is already basically complete.

1. Pumpkin Pie

If there is something you think of when you think of fall, this has to be one of the first things that comes to mind. There is not a more "Thanksgiving Day" food than this absolute delicacy. It is such a phenomenal end to the night, as you have already eaten a huge dinner, you have digested it for a while, and then it's time for some cool, refreshing pumpkin pie. It's not how you start, it's how you finish, and this motto couldn't be more true on Thanksgiving. Pumpkin pie is clearly on a tier of its own at the top.

Loveland's Opinions about Thanksgiving Food

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With Halloween ending it is finally time for the next best holiday: Christmas. Did you just agree with me right there? If you did, I am extremely disappointed. It is Thanksgiving's turn and I don't want to see any of you skipping straight to the Christmas season until Thanksgiving is over. How dare you be that disrespectful to the turkeys who feed you every year.

With that being said, I asked a very important question to the incredible students of Loveland High School. That very special question was what their favorite Thanksgiving food was and why. I received many great responses, but I cannot write all of them, so here's a select lucky few who got to be featured.

A lot of people told me that they enjoyed mashed potatoes the most. **Bella Keith (10)** was very excited, responding, "Mashed potatoes!" That was all. **Sammie Mason (9)** was also very excited saying, "Potatoes because potatoes are potatoes and as a potato, I like

fellow potatoes." I am a bit concerned with the fact that, as a potato, you enjoy eating other potatoes, but, I'll leave that discussion for another day. **Caroline Top (12)** told me that she liked mashed potatoes because they are the only food from Thanksgiving that she can tolerate, while **Kaitlyn Naylor (12)** mentioned that they are a classic and a "comfort food."

The next popular choice was a combination of casseroles, with a lot of people mentioning sweet potato specifically. **Justine Cooper (9)** said that sweet potato casseroles are great because they "are sweet" but still "really good for you," so you get a healthy treat! Many students agreed with this sentiment. **Olivia Hughes (12)** said that green bean casseroles are her favorite.

Unfortunately for the typical stars of the show, turkeys had no mention of being the favorite part of the Thanksgiving meal. In fact, in a poll I conducted, only 52% of people said they actually enjoyed turkey at all while 48% said that they didn't!

However, unlike with the turkey, quite a few students

mentioned noodles! **Jessie Gibbins (12)** and **Alex Nunn (11)** said that they preferred the homemade noodles that came with the Thanksgiving meal. **Ansley Terris (9)** with lots of enthusiasm, told me that she enjoys the mac and cheese as she, "love[s] pasta!"

Annelise Dartnall (12) told me that stuffing was her favorite, while **Meakah Little (12)** and **Maria Schultz (11)** mentioned pumpkin-flavored desserts as being their favorite, Schultz specifically mentioning pumpkin pie.

My personal favorite, which I am surprised there wasn't a single mention of, is the rolls.

I think there was a good range of answers overall, though I am a bit surprised at the lack of mentions of turkey and pumpkin pie as those seem to typically be the food "associated" with Thanksgiving. I hope that everyone gets to enjoy their favorite food with their families this holiday season. I forbid you from listening to Christmas music until after Thanksgiving. If I hear a single note from Mariah Carey before November 25th, I will find you. Happy Thanksgiving!



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Ranking Kanye West Albums

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Kanye West is arguably the greatest hip-hop artist of all time. From his hard-hitting, socially transformative progressive rap, to his upbeat and casual comedic hip-hop, West has transformed the industry. He began his career in the late 1990s as a producer for Jay-Z, Alicia Keys, and Janet Jackson before releasing his debut album in early 2004. The College Dropout became a massive commercial success and West transcended to the top of music. Nearly twenty years after infamously fracturing his jaw, West has released ten chart-topping solo studio albums and become a cultural phenomenon. This is the definitive ranking of all ten Kanye West albums.

10. Jesus is King (2019) - I understand what Kanye was attempting to accomplish conceptually with Jesus is King, but the sound of the record never resonated. West proved why he is a rapper, not a gospel artist.

9. Ye (2018) - At just seven songs and 24 minutes, Ye is too limited of an album to qualify as immaculate Kanye. Nonetheless, all seven tracks peaked in the top 50 of the Billboard Hot 100 Chart, with three reaching the top twenty.

8. Donda (2021) - Donda is only three months old, but it will be forever remembered for the magnificent launch orchestrated by West. Conceptually however, the album contains too much content, a rare occurrence for West.

7. The Life of Pablo (2016) - Named for Pablo Picasso, The Life of Pablo entails a very sporadic nature. The sound represents idealist, abstract art, but some tracks don't truly represent West as an artist. For many other rappers, The Life of Pablo would be their masterpiece.

6. Graduation (2007) - Graduation, and its successor, 808s & Heartbreak see West experiment with electro-synth beats and autotune, a staple of modern rap. Graduation was a more consistent album, filled with both mainstream and eccentric hits.

5. Yeezus (2013) - Yeezus is Kanye's return to solo publication following two collaborative albums. An experimental record full of mainstream hits, such as "Black Skinhead" and "Bound 2," Yeezus has chart-topping highs to compliment its rock bottom lows. The minimalist album just doesn't encompass enough substance.

4. Late Registration (2005) - Late Registration is very similar to its predecessor, and arguably contains more

hits, namely "Gold Digger" and "Hey Mama." The debut album was just more iconic.

3. The College Dropout (2004) - West proves he can be a cultural icon through a multitude of hits from his debut album. The College Dropout sets the stage for future Kanye and the effects have never been replicated.

2. 808s & Heartbreak (2008) - 808s shaped an entire generation of hip-hop. The rise of techno beats paired with emotional lyrics was ignited by the album. The album witnesses a genuine, emotional Kanye, following an intense break-up and the death of his mother, while including some of his most transcendent, influential hits.

1. My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy (2010) - MBDTF is Kanye's magnum opus. Declared a masterpiece by all, the album is Kanye's return from a self-imposed exile to Hawaii, where he recorded music non-stop for six months. The album was a concoction of all the sounds Kanye was known for. For 70 minutes, West delivers hit after hit through his profound lyrics and progressive beats.

Kanye West has shaped modern American culture through both his vivid, authentic music, and his idiosyncratic actions off the stage.



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Biden's First 10 Months in Office

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It has been around 10 months since President Biden was sworn into office and we have seen a lot. Let's start in spring with Biden's first major problem, the economy, and this can all be shown in Biden's April job report. Biden faced a terrible job report in April. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in April the DOW projected that 1,000,000 jobs would be added, but only 266,000 jobs were created. We fell far below what was expected in jobs in the month of April. Is Biden to blame for this economic failure? In August of 2020 when Trump had to bring back jobs after the end of the pandemic in the same way that Biden did during the month of April, The United States economy gained 1.37 million new jobs, which was well above what was expected. In August of 2020 the unemployment rate went down 2.4%. The job growth in 2020 pointed to strong job growth in 2021.

The next issue Biden faced was an out of control border

crisis. Biden ran for president off of dismantling Trump's immigration policies. In February 2021, Biden signed an executive order abolishing most of Trump's border policies which, in turn, made it easier for illegal immigrants to come into the U.S. In May of 2021, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) caught 180,000 migrants attempting to illegally enter the U.S. The most since 2000. According to ICE, In July 200,000 migrants were apprehended. This was a record high and caused poor living conditions at the border mainly due to the fact that ICE was overwhelmed with the influx of immigrants. Compare that to Donald Trump's numbers in April 2020, illegal immigration dropped to just 16,000 apprehensions. Of course, some of that was due to fear of spreading Covid, but we still see a significant number of unvaccinated immigrants coming which shows that many of them don't have much of a concern for Covid, and even if they are unvaccinated, Biden's controversial vaccine mandate won't be imposed on them, according to him.

Biden's withdrawal from Afghanistan was also seen by

many as a disaster. In early 2021 Biden pledged to pull ALL U.S. troops out of Afghanistan by September 11, 2021. The United States started pulling military personnel out of the country in August. As the U.S pulled out more and more soldiers, we left cities like Kabul without defense against enemies. Eventually, there was such a small amount of defense in Kabul, that the Taliban simply walked into the city and took it with no resistance. We had to conduct a rushed evacuation from Kabul. The Taliban required us to be out by our self-imposed deadline of August 31. What followed was a total disaster and failure of leadership. On August 27, 13 American servicemen were killed by suicide bombings conducted by Isis. These deaths only happened because of the rushed evacuation. Most presidents would honor these fallen soldiers, but instead Biden was seen obviously disinterested and he checked his watch when the soldiers were brought to their final rest. Biden's first year in office is coming to a close and with a fair amount of failure and negativity. Many have experienced and seen it, first hand.



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Good Places to Volunteer Locally

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As the holiday season approaches, many people are looking to volunteer their time to help the less fortunate. There are many nearby places where you can help make a difference. There are many ways that you can make a difference, you can donate food, money, or time towards helping those in need.

Food Pantries

Life Food Pantry in Loveland has lots of impactful ways to help the community. At Life Food Pantry you can help distribute food during operating hours; you can also pick up food from local businesses and drop it off at the food pantry. Additionally, you can help to assemble holiday food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas and help with their holiday gift program. These programs are very important to the Loveland community, and they help many Loveland families to acquire food to prepare meals for holidays. You can donate

food to Life Food Pantry by dropping it off at their location at 541 Loveland Madeira Rd. Life Food Pantry also accepts monetary donations to be able to buy needed food and other items.

Soup Kitchens

There are lots of great opportunities to volunteer at soup kitchens in the area. Many soup kitchens such as La Soupe and Our Daily Bread need volunteers as the holiday season approaches. You can help to bring food to the soup kitchens from food donors like grocery stores, you can help around the kitchen, and you can help prepare meals at many food pantries. These food pantries also take donations of food and money.

Food Drives

During the holiday season there are lots of food drives that you can donate to. You can find these at schools, religious organizations, and in many more places. You can also run a food drive for a local food bank or soup kitchen with your school, workplace, or anywhere else that could

have people who are willing to donate.

Homeless Shelters

You can volunteer your time at a homeless shelter. Shelterhouse is a local homeless shelter that needs volunteers to help out. You can do many things to help Shelter House like sorting donations, organizing food drives, and donating food or money to the shelter. It's important to help alleviate homelessness by donating time, resources, and money to homeless shelters.

Matthew 25

Matthew 25 brings supplies to those in need around the globe. They help people to escape poverty in poor countries, and also help with disaster relief. You can help Matthew 25 by donating clothing and non-perishable foods to their center in Blue Ash at 11060 Kenwood Rd. You can volunteer to help sort items at their center in Blue Ash, this helps them to sort out items that can be shipped to those in need. Matthew 25 is doing important work to help those in need around the world.



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Locals at a food drive. This photo was taken in August of 2016.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child sends Christmas presents and necessary supplies to children around the world. All you would need to do is fill a shoebox with toys and gifts for children, and then after you drop it off it's sent to somewhere where it's needed.

Everyone needs to step up and help out the community during the holidays.



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Two ladies working hard in a soup kitchen. This photo was taken on Nelson Mandela International day on July 18, 2012.



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A food drive organized to donate to local organizations and programs. This photo was taken on August 20, 2012.

Fall Fashion Trends in 2021 for Women

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As we enter the fall season, fall fashion is on everyone's minds. What trends will make a return? What new ones will become popular? Well, I have the inside scoop on what we can expect for this fall season.

The first trend is leather, leather pants, leather blazers, leather bags. Leather is such a timeless fabric that is used in many articles of clothing. Leather pants are the main piece of leather clothing that seems to be most popular this fall. Many stores are selling them this year, including the popular clothing store Aritzia. Aritzia is a women's fashion store that is very popular among Millennials and Gen Z. Their leather pants called the "Melina Pant" have blown up on TikTok this past month and everyone is trying to get their hands on them. As a current owner of leather, I will be adding

leather pants to my wardrobe this fall.

The next fall fashion trend we can expect to see are the colors brown, and green. Yes, I know those aren't specific articles of clothing, but they are two colors that have made it to the top of the trending list over the past two years. Specifically, brown has always been seen as an ugly color, but everyone seemed to start to have an appreciation for it last fall, and that appreciation is not going away. It is the perfect rustic fall color that everyone is wearing. Green is by far the most popular color this year and probably will be for many years going forward. Specifically sage green has become insanely popular over the last year. However, for fall everyone seems to appreciate a darker green like forest and emerald green. Green has personally become my favorite color and the main thing in my wardrobe for the fall time.

Sweater vests are another huge trend we have seen becoming popular over the last year. They aren't only a fall trend though, I saw a lot of them over the summer. They were very popular in bright colors to wear with tennis skirts. However, this fall we can expect to see them styled a different way. I have already seen a lot of green and navy sweater vests at my favorite stores, most people are styling them with long sleeve shirts or turtle necks underneath to keep warm. As they are very cute, they are the most practical for keeping warm on cold fall days.

Turtle necks are something we can expect to be styled a lot this fall. Turtle necks have been popular for decades. Over the past couple of years, I have seen them more and more. They are mostly styled with other articles of clothing, like under an oversized t-shirt, sweater vest, mainly to make summer/ spring clothes more

suitable for the fall weather. However, they definitely still look good worn on their own, too. I own a couple and love styling them with fun pants, or under fun t-shirts I would normally wear in the summer.

Fall fashion trends are definitely something to look forward to this season.



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A woman putting on laced boots. This photo was taken in 2014.



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A pile of assorted clothes. This photo was taken on October 29, 2020.



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A pile of fall clothes including a cream sweater, blue jeans, brown shoes, and a brown clutched purse. This photo was taken on October 29, 2020.

Origins of Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving is one of the most well-known holidays. People know Thanksgiving as a day when they can come together and appreciate what they have been given while partaking in a wonderful meal. Many people know of Thanksgiving, but not as many people know about how Thanksgiving started, so it might be interesting to look back at the history behind this fall staple of a holiday.

Setting aside time to give thanks for the past year and holding a feast to celebrate a bountiful harvest is nothing new, and the first instance of these practices in current United States territory was conducted by the Spaniards back during the 16th century. In fact, this concept of a harvest celebration is a common practice that spans from many different cultures including ancient Egyptians, Romans, Greeks, and Jews just to name a few. History.com also notes that Native Americans “had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shores.”

Perhaps the most well-known event which contributes to how Americans celebrate Thanksgiving today is the 1621 celebration which occurred at the Plymouth Plantation. In September of 1620, a small ship boarded by 102 settlers (commonly known as the Pilgrims) named the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, and made landfall a few months later near the tip of Cape Cod, then taking another month to cross the Massachusetts Bay, they reached what is now known as the town of Plymouth, Massachusetts. Unfortunately, winter was right around the corner. The Pilgrims were forced to brave the harsh winter by mostly staying on the ship, and by the time that spring came around, half of the Pilgrims had died.

During spring, the Pilgrims met a Sagamore (or subordinate chief) of the Abenaki Tribe of Native Americans, Samoset, who had walked into their camp. Though at first a bit alarmed, he soon put their fears at ease by asking for beer and staying the night. Samoset soon returned with other Native Americans to trade, as well as a member of the Patuxet (also known as Pawtuxet) Tribe called Tisquantum (though he is more commonly referred to with the shorter variant of his name: Squanto). Not only

did Squanto teach the Pilgrims survival skills and acquaint them with the surrounding area and its environment, but he also served as an interpreter and helped the Pilgrims to forge an alliance with the nearby Wampanoag Tribe.

In November of 1621, after their first corn harvest proved successful, the Pilgrims organized a celebratory feast, inviting a group of the colony’s Native American allies, including the Wampanoag Chief Massasoit, to join them. The celebration lasted for three days and is widely considered America’s “first Thanksgiving.”

Now it’s known specifically as America’s first Thanksgiving, because Thanksgiving as Americans know it is not a universal holiday. In fact, as previously mentioned, there are many different variations of harvest festivals and similar holidays held throughout many different cultures.

Over time, American Thanksgiving has grown to be a staple of the fall season and a common time for families across the country to gather together, not just to celebrate the fall harvest, but to celebrate, and be thankful for, everything that they have. From a harvest celebration to a celebration of fortune, Thanksgiving sure has grown.



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Macy's Iconic Thanksgiving Day Parade

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For decades, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has been a staple holiday event in the United States. The first parade was held in 1924, with the hope of attracting more visitors to New York City's Macy's store, as the company went public two years prior. The owners of Macy's wanted to advertise Macy's one million square feet of retail space right before the busy holiday shopping season. The parade had a nursery-rhyme theme and floats included classic characters like the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, Little Miss Muffet and Little Red Riding Hood. Macy's employees dressed as clowns, cowboys and sword-wielding knights. Bears, elephants, camels and monkeys from the Central Park Zoo were also present on floats. The parade traveled six miles from Herald Square to Harlem in Manhattan and more than 250,000 people attended.

One of the most defining features of the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade that are greatly enjoyed every year are the large character balloons. These balloons change every year and feature well-known, famous characters. This tradition started in 1927 to replace the zoo animals that frighten children with their roars and growls. The first large helium filled balloon was of Felix the Cat, which was a popular children's cartoon character at the time.

After every parade, the balloons are deflated and stored in a warehouse located in New Jersey. Some past balloons include Pikachu, The Boss Baby, Charlie Brown, and



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Ronald McDonald.

Over the years, the size of the parade has continued to grow. Now, there are dozens of balloons, floats, and thousands of performers. However, the parade has decreased in length. The route is now two and a half miles. It traditionally goes down Central Park West to 59th Street,

east to 6th Avenue, south along 6th Avenue to 34th Street, and ends at Herald Square (where Macy's is located). Every year, there is an average of three million people in attendance and an additional twenty million watch on t.v.

This year, the parade is featuring: Twenty-eight balloons ranging from characters from Netflix and Disney shows, to Macy's Christmas characters, six balloonicles (a balloon powered by a float) ranging from baby dinosaurs to bowling pins and a bowling ball, twenty-nine floats ranging from a vegetable float to various Christmas themed floats, ten marching bands from all over the country, thirty-one clown groups ranging from artists to astronauts, and five performance groups including dancers and cheerleaders. Past performers include Miley Cyrus (2008), Ariana Grande (2014), members of the original Broadway cast of Hamilton (2020), and Dolly Parton (2020). The “Tom Turkey” float is the oldest and considered to be the most iconic float in the parade.

What many viewers like about the parade is the fact that it offers a nice festive beginning to a day that can be stressful with all of the cooking and other preparations. It offers a chance to relax and unwind or provides entertainment while cooking. The parade is from 9am-12pm on Thanksgiving Day and is aired on NBC. Don't forget to tune in!



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What's New on Netflix

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Have you recently found yourself struggling to find something interesting to watch on Netflix? Or maybe you have been wanting to catch up on a show you may have missed or even entirely forgotten about. Have no fear, because I'm about to tell you about some pretty cool things that have been added/are going to be added to America's favorite streaming platform!

First, I'll start with some things that were added in the recent past:

Locke and Key season 2 - Season 2 of the show was added to Netflix on October 22, 2021. The series resumes several months after the events of the end of season 1.

The season starts by demonstrating the



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Locke siblings utilizing their keys for fun. They are seen relaxing and generally just having a good summer. This summer sweetness unfortunately does not last for very long, as secrets are revealed about those the siblings call their friends and as past demons creep their way back into the light.

You season 3 - The third season of the hit 2018 TV show came to Netflix on October 15, 2021. The third series follows Joe and Love and their new baby and new life in a typical suburban neighborhood. But as you will come to learn, there is nothing "typical" about this family. Joe's continuous obsessions with their neighbor begins to threaten their relationship and their normal life. The two must "deal" with this new problem.

Titanic - This 1997 classic following Rose and Jack on the historical Titanic was added to Netflix October 1, 2021. The movie follows the romance between Jack, a poor man and Rose, a member of the social elite and the tragic historical disaster that became their tragic undoing.

Zodiac - This 2007 thriller and drama based on the real life Zodiac killings was added to Netflix on October 1, 2021. This movie follows a political cartoonist turned detective as he becomes increasingly obsessed with trying to uncover the truth behind the horrific Zodiac killings in Northern California.

Next up, are some movies and TV shows that are coming to Netflix in the very near

future.

Addams Family Values - This 1993 cult classic is being added to Netflix on November 1, 2021. The movie features the Addams family and their summer adventures ranging from summer camp to interesting interactions with a serial killer babysitter.

Tick, Tick... Boom! - This 2021 Musical directed by Lin Manuel-Miranda is coming to Netflix on November 19, 2021. This musical stars Andrew Garfield and is about a man on the brink of turning

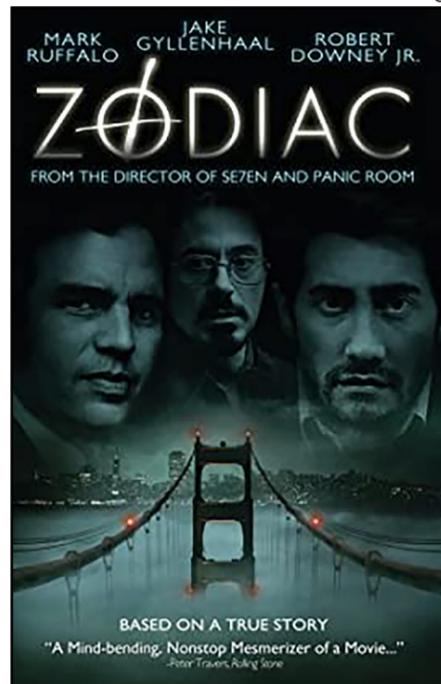


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30 and coming to terms with his current position in life.

And finally, here are some other notable shows to be looking forward to.

Tiger King season 2, Cowboy Bebop season 1, Supergirl season 6, Gentefed season 2, Big Mouth season 5 and Catching Killers season 1.

As you can see, there are plenty of new and even old TV shows and movies on Netflix that every type of person can watch. No matter your favorite genre, there's something for everyone.

Movie Review: *The Guilty*

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For this issue, I'm going to be giving a review on a movie that I thoroughly enjoyed called *The Guilty*. This movie is a thriller based on a true story, released September 24, 2021, about Joe Baylor (Jake Gyllenhaal), a demoted police officer and now a 911 operator, who gets a call about a woman who's been abducted. Throughout the movie, you slowly start to see his mental state collapse as he calls back and forth between the woman who's been abducted, her children, highway patrol, a journalist, and his own wife.

The movie starts off fairly simple: Joe getting a lot of different 911 calls, some of which aren't incredibly significant or important. It's made clear that he doesn't



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like his job, nor how he got there. When he gets the call from the woman who's been abducted, he doesn't take it seriously, since she doesn't make it painfully obvious that she meant to call 911. Since she's in the car with the person who kidnapped her, she can't divulge any information about where she is, who she's with, or how she got into that situation. Joe slowly starts to understand this, and then starts asking the woman, Emily Lighton, yes-or-no questions about her current predicament. It's revealed that Emily is in a car with her abductor, and she has two children at home that she was stolen away from. Joe then hangs up the phone after consoling her and getting enough information, then continues to call her children, highway patrol to look for the car, Emily's husband, and anyone who might have had any contact with her for the rest of the movie. Joe tries to have

several different coworkers send units to Emily's house as well as her husbands, and at this point in the movie, it can be safely assumed that Joe cares so much about the situation that he would be willing to do anything to save this woman. It's also made clear that he cares so much about Emily because he has a wife and daughter of his own, and he doesn't want to lose them. He eventually gets ahold of Emily's husband, Henry, who, revealed early in the movie, had abducted her and already spent time in prison. Joe then goes out of line and tries to track down Henry, telling him that no matter what, he was going to prison, yet again, for what he'd done.

The end of the movie reveals a shocking

plot twist, one that I didn't see coming, even with Joe Baylor's rapidly deteriorating mental state.

Overall, I would rate this movie at about a 7/10. I think the idea of the movie was incredible, especially because it was based off of a true story, but I also feel like the movie would've been a lot better if it wasn't placed in just one setting or one office. It made the movie feel a bit irritating and claustrophobic, but besides that, I thoroughly enjoyed it. The movie is also filled with incredible actors, which made the film that much more believable. I would definitely recommend this movie to anyone who is a sucker for thrillers, like I am.

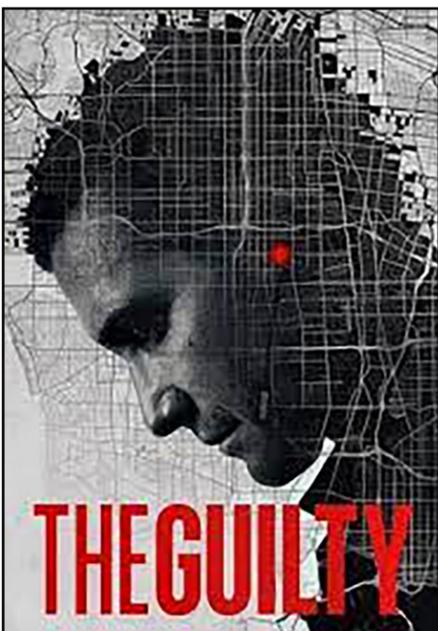


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Earning Their Stripes Loveland Basketball Preview 2021-2022

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Loveland is usually a key force when it comes to basketball in the Eastern Cincinnati Conference, finishing top 4 in the conference 3 out of the last 4 years. But the Tigers lost 7 seniors from last year, including leading scorer and rebounder Aaron Krabacher. So how will the Tigers rebound? Well, first of all, this Tigers team is incredibly young, but a lot of these players think they can use that to their advantage. Senior guard **Alex Winfield (12)** puts it this way, "I feel that with our young team, our opponents are going to overlook us which we can use to our advantage." He also adds, "Only the guys within the program and the coaches know how truly talented we are." This Tigers team brings a ton of young talent, like Alex mentions, such as sophomore guard **Jack Sauer (10)** and junior forward **Brayden Freitch (11)**, as well as an experienced leader in guard **Alex Muir (12)**.

This team certainly has the moving parts to attain success as everyone on the team has phenomenal key strengths. Sophomore guard **Ben Hicks (10)** seems to agree, "This year, more than other years, we have guys that are more specialized and have something specific they bring to the team. We have different guys that can



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do well in different facets of the game. I think in terms of the specialized parts of player development, we've done really well this offseason." Ben is certainly correct, as the balance in this program this year is a tremendous part of what can win Loveland games this year. We have plenty of shooters, guys with great court vision, stretch players, and big men who can grab boards inside. This team is very underestimated heading into this year because of their lack of experience. Sauer would beg to differ, "The lack of experience on our team this year will not affect us too much. There is definitely no lack of leadership in this program. Seniors Winfield and Muir have led us through the off-season and will be leaders in the locker room this season."

As I have mentioned before, this team is incredibly young, but the talent is already developing. Sauer averaged nearly 13 points a game on the freshman team last season, and Freitch was a common threat in the post on Junior Varsity. On the Tiger's schedule, Hicks knows it's not going to be the easiest journey for the Tigers. "Aside from Mason, we didn't schedule any big powerhouse teams around the city, however, we did schedule some solid mid level opponents, and the conference schedule, well, the ECC improves every year." I completely agree with Ben, and this year the conference is going to be more competitive than ever. Walnut Hills, led by sophomore forward Tyler McKinley and Turpin, led by junior Brady Hardewig, will most likely be battling for the top two spots, but spots 3-6 will be incredibly competitive between Milford, Winton Woods, Anderson, and Loveland. The Tigers are fired up and ready to go this season and I couldn't be more excited to watch these players develop!



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Jack Sauer averaged nearly 12 points last year on the freshman, and will now look to help the team at the varsity level. The Tigers had a lot of young talent like Sauer who they will hope to utilize this year.

Marching Band Concludes Incredible Season

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The Loveland High School Marching Band concluded their 2021 fall competitive season entitled "An '80s Adventure" on Saturday, November 6 at Kings High School's Mid-States Championships. The band had one of their best run throughs to date and placed 5th overall making for an incredible conclusion to the band's first competitive season since they debuted "Rhapsody In New York" in 2019.

The band kicked off their competitive season back in August with it's 2 week long band camp where they learned the basic fundamentals of marching and brushed up on anything that may have been forgotten from previous seasons. In addition to learning fundamentals, they also began to lay drill and piece their show together. Now, many months later, the show is complete, spanning a little over 10 minutes in length.



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The Tigers perform their "An 80's Adventure" in front of the rocking Tiger fans. The band performed at every Tiger football game this year and will look to keep the same energy during the basketball season!

The show began with the iconic drum break from the beginning of Phil Collins "In the Air Tonight," led by center snare **Alex Boni (11)** accompanied by the rest of the percussion section. The band performed an exciting routine of choreography accompanied by 14 color guard members spinning silks depicting some very retro looking VHS tapes. Although the first movement was short in length, it really packed a punch and attracted the audience to listen on.

The second movement began with an intense tempo change as the band transitions from "In The Air Tonight" to the theme song of the largely popular Netflix original Stranger Things. Although this is not a TV show from the '80s, the show takes place in the '80s making it the perfect bridge between the older and newer generations that will be enjoying the show at football games and competitions. The second movement heavily featured the woodwind section allowing the small but mighty group to have their moment in the spotlight. Accompanied by the 7 person rifle line, the second movement provided many small intricacies for the audience to spot, including a 6 person bike line with mini ET's in tow that traveled from back field to front field.

The band continued to work hard throughout August and September eventually adding on the 3rd, 4th, and, 5th movements featuring music from the hit '80s classic Back To The Future as well as reprises of previous movements music.

Movements 4 and 5 appeared to be particular favorites, featuring a Delorian fly-over flag and even a full band breakdance featuring synth player **Gabbie Piper (12)**.

The show finally ends with one big hit as all the band members throw their fists in the air striking one final pose.

The LHSMB had an incredible return season after not having a competitive season in nearly 2 years.

Even if you may have missed the band during their fall competitive season, you can still catch up with the percussion and guard sections during their competitive indoor seasons. Their first competition is Sunday, February 6 at Northmont High School. Or you can catch band members at basketball games playing lots of fun pep tunes to cheer for their Tiger basketball team. The groups would love to see you there.



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Here band members pose with Geoffrey Miller after performing their "An 80's Adventure" at one of the Tigers football games. The Tigers performed at every football game this season.