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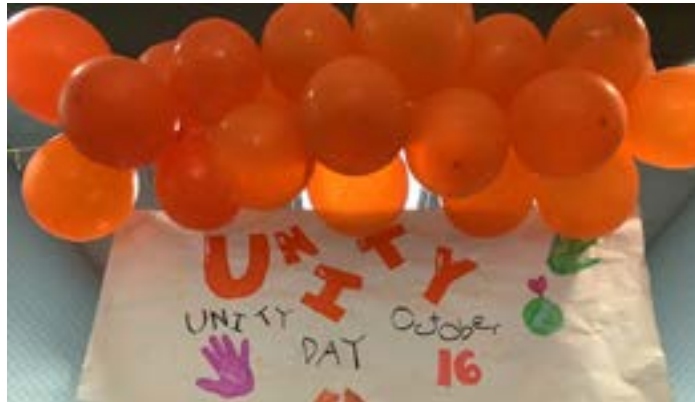
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Gan Paul Gonzel connected with the students of the middle school during his talk, "Heroes and Cool Kids: All In."



Nick "Sunshine" Tokman from the *Deadliest Catch* speaks to students about how the path of life is never a straight one.

Unity Day



Why Unity Day is Important

By: Menaal Noor

Unity Day is an annual event occurring during National Bullying Prevention Month (October) that promotes joining together to create healthier communities through kindness, acceptance of difference, and inclusion. We celebrate Unity Day because it ensures that every citizen, regardless of their background, feels an equal sense of belonging and opportunity in this vast and diverse nation. Unity day also involves addressing issues of inequality, discrimination and social justice. Did you know we wear orange on Unity Day because it is a color associated with safety and visibility. Unity Day people make sure that no one gets bullied or sad. Unity Day is a really special day for everyone. Are you excited for Unity Day?



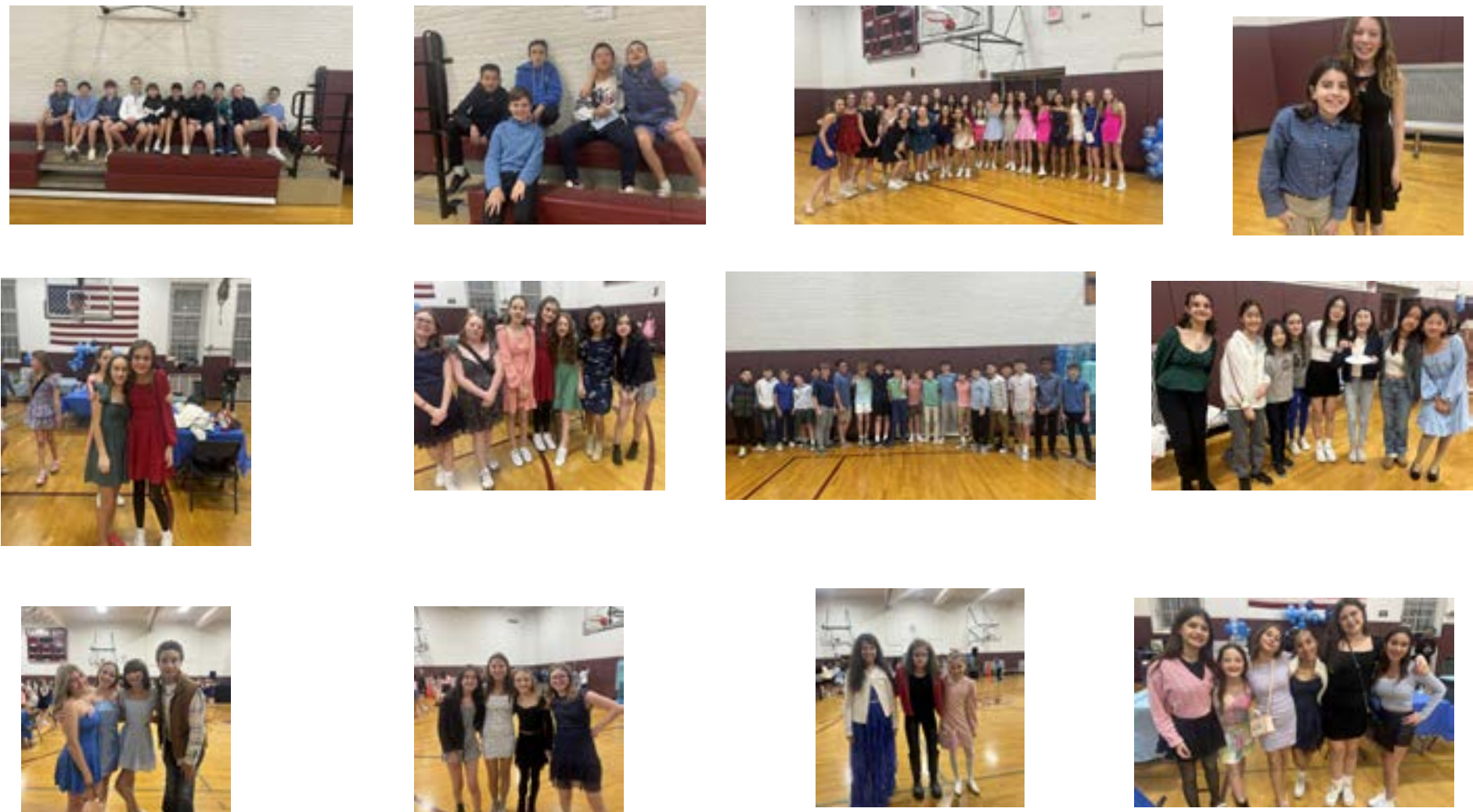
Student Council

Student Council Report

By: Lia Stoller

The Student Council has been working hard for numerous occasions. Specifically, the 7th grade Student Council has been working hard to plan their ‘Welcome Back’ party. It took place at the Middle School at 7:00-8:30 PM on Friday, November 15. An amazing D.J. provided lively music, fun games, and thanks to our PTA- lots of snacks and yummy pizza! At the door, a \$10 entrance fee was collected. Carpooling is always strongly encouraged due to keeping the rotunda unclogged. Hope you had a great time at the GCMS 7th grade dance!

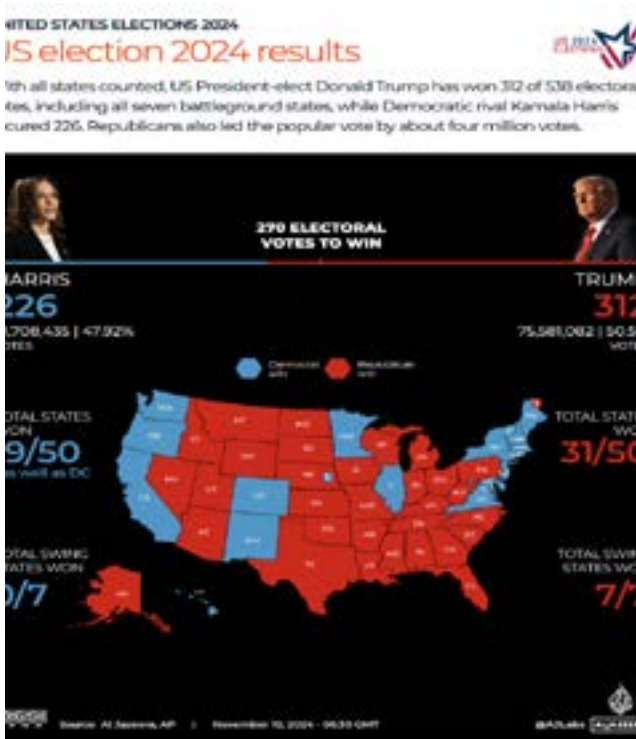
7th Grade Dance

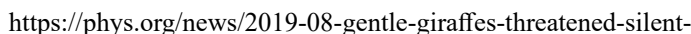


6th Grade Field Day



News





By: Maddy Carroll

A photograph showing two men in dark suits and ties shaking hands. They are seated on a light-colored sofa in front of a fireplace with a large, ornate mantel. The man on the left is older with white hair, and the man on the right is younger with dark hair. The background is a classic interior setting.

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By: Owen Winter

Inflation in the US.

By : Hailey Pappas



Nima Kingi Sherpa: Teen Who Climbed All 14 Highest Peaks

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By: Bianca Borrelli

<https://cmbroker.fly.dev/public>

By: Kate Sullivan

A large, ornate glass display case housing a large painting, likely the Mona Lisa, in a museum setting. The case is made of dark wood or metal with glass panels. The painting is mounted on a wall within the case. The museum floor is polished and reflects the light. The ceiling is high and features decorative elements.

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By: Ian Straus

Onlookers are allowed to watch the incredible intricacy of the workers, as they carefully use cotton swabs and microfibre cloths to uncover the former beauty of the painting. BBC states that "The Night Watch" was attacked numerous times with knives and acid, which greatly contributed to the lowering in quality of the masterpiece. Taco Dibbits, the museum's general director, says, "The start of the restoration is thrilling", hopefully meaning that the process is going very well. It began in July of this year, and has recently shown drastic improvements.

By: Sophia Diaz

Wildfires are becoming a growing concern in New Jersey, particularly in areas like the Pine Barrens this past fall. This region's dry, sandy soil and dense vegetation make it highly flammable, especially during droughts. Human activities such as campfires, discarded cigarettes, and fireworks often spark these fires, which can spread rapidly and threaten homes and wildlife.

Efforts to combat wildfires include controlled burns to reduce combustible material and public education on fire safety. As climate change continues to alter weather patterns, New Jersey must stay vigilant in preventing and responding to these potentially devastating events.

Reviews

The Game Everyone’s Talking About

By: Jayden Armstrong-Patrick

Fortnite is one of the most popular video games in the world! It’s an online game you can play with your friends or other players from around the globe. In Fortnite, you drop onto an island with 99 other players, and the goal is to be the last one standing. You have to find weapons, build forts, and fight to survive.

Cool Things

One of the coolest things about Fortnite is its Battle Royale mode, where the playing area gets smaller and smaller as the game goes on. This makes it more exciting because players are forced to come closer together and battle it out. You can also play in different modes, like solo (by yourself), duo (with a friend), or squad (with a team of up to four players).

Does It Cost Money?

No. The game is free to play, but you can buy cool costumes (called skins) and dances (called emotes) to make your character look awesome. Fortnite is always adding new stuff, like new maps, events, and even famous characters from movies, comics, singers and rappers.

The Ending

Many kids love Fortnite because it’s fun, helpful, and lets them hang out with friends. Just remember, it’s important to take breaks and not play for too long!



<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/sanrio-announces-a-celebration-of-50-years-of-hello-kitty-301973728.html>

Hello Kitty 50 Anniversary

By: Menaal Noor

You probably know about Hello Kitty, the character. The brand is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Hello Kitty was created in 1974 and its first appearance was in 1975. The reason Hello Kitty was so popular was because several celebrities, such as Mariah Carey, adopted Hello Kitty as a fashion statement. New products featuring the character were made available in a large variety of American department stores, the show Hello Kitty also got really popular. Hello Kitty is the second most franchised character. Hello Kitty is trending again because it's her 50th anniversary! Do you love Hello Kitty?



<https://www.thestrاد.com/news/cello-playing-robot-forms-part-of-exhibition-at-the-kunsthau-zurich/10405.article>

Cello Playing Robot?!?

By: Anika Pandey

A cello playing robot performed alongside the Malmo Symphony Orchestra in Sweden on October 17, 2024. A cello is a four stringed instrument with a deep and full sound. A cello plays a lower octave than the violin and viola, which is essential in an orchestra. The robot has an intricate 3F printed design allowing it to easily glide a bow across the cellos strings. Building the robot was a complex process because its hands had to be small enough to play the delicate instrument. It is impossible to replace human cello players, because the robot performed an expressionless and dull performance, unlike professional and experienced human cello players. Overall, it was an amazing technological achievement to make the robot play the cello.



<https://newseu.cgtn.com/news/2022-10-26/Belgium-s-annual-boat-race-in-giant-hollowed-out-pumpkins-1equshQfENq/index.html>

Belgium's Annual Pumpkin Boat Race!

By : Maya Setiadi

As Halloween approaches, over 300 people participate in Kasterlee, Belgium's annual pumpkin race. There were also over 5,000 observers cheering them on. This funny tradition started in 2008 as a creative way to get use out of farmers' overgrown pumpkins beyond kitchen use. Controlling the pumpkins is not that easy as you need both arm strength and commitment. The pumpkins are hollowed out to use for the race, But the pumpkin seeds are saved for next year's planting.

Tips for Social Media

By: Jayden Armstrong-Patrick

Social media is where people can talk, share, and connect online. Apps like TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, and Snapchat are popular examples. It’s like a big digital playground where you can post pictures, videos, and messages.

Why Do People Use Social Media?

1. Stay Connected: You can chat with friends or family, even if they live far away.
2. Learn New Things: Watch videos or read posts to learn skills like drawing, cooking, or dancing.
3. Have Fun: Share funny memes, play games, or watch entertaining videos.
4. Be Creative: Post your art, music, or ideas to share with the world.

The Good Side of Social Media

- Makes Friends: You can meet people who like the same things as you.
- Share Your Talents: Show the world what you’re good at!
- Learn and Grow: Follow pages that teach cool facts or new hobbies.

The Not-So-Good Side of Social Media

- Cyberbullying: Sometimes, people say mean things online.
- Screen Time: Spending too much time online can make you feel tired.
- Fake Stuff: Not everything on social media is true or safe to follo

How to Use Social Media Safely

1. Ask an Adult First: Make sure it’s okay with a parent or guardian.
2. Keep Info Private: Don’t share your address, school, or personal details.
3. Be Kind: Treat others nicely online, just like in real life.
4. Take Breaks: It’s okay to step away and play outside!

Final Thoughts

Social media is fun and exciting, but it’s important to use it wisely. Always think before you post, and remember, you don’t have to be online all the time to have fun!

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News

CPR 101 On Adults

By Grace Pollio

The most important skill you need in order to perform CPR are chest compressions. Chest compressions are used to temporarily restart the flow of blood to vital organs and the brain. Rescue breaths are used to restore breathing and give the patient oxygen. Performing CPR well takes 7 steps. These steps are 1. Dial 911 or ask a passerby to 2. Check the scene for safety (Is this a safe place for CPR?) 3. Check if the person is breathing 4. Check the patient's pulse (notice if there is one) 5. Start chest compressions 6. Give the patient rescue breaths 7. Continue CPR until the ambulance arrives. These 7 steps are most important to your success in CPR.



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Icelandic Volcano

By: Thomas Perry

This past fall, the Iceland volcano erupted again for the sixth time of 2024. This time the volcano pumped up to 80 meters of molten lava into the air. A live video near the volcano currently shows glowing orange magma spewing from the volcano. This video is being recorded live at night. The eruption of the volcano happened shortly after 9 pm. Along with a series of intense earthquakes, and within the hour a 2 ½ mile fissure cut through the Sundhnukuner crater. Iceland authorities say the effects of the eruption stays localized with the road closures but the effects do not affect the population.

Korea Involved in Ongoing Ukraine and Russian War

By: Ethan Rorer

The president of South Korea, Yoon Seok Yeol, made a promise on Thursday, October 24, 2024, to address Korea's involvement in the Ukraine-Russian conflict. North Korea sent an estimated 3000 soldiers to Russia for training this past Wednesday, according to reports. North Korea is expected to continue sending troops to Russia for training. This could be the turning point of the Ukraine and Russian war if North Korea were to join the Russian side.



<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/apr/11/positively-alpine-disbelief-air-pollution-falls-lockdown->

Air Pollution

By Jasnoor Singh

Since late 2019, air pollution has gotten worse in India's capital city of New Delhi. The World Health Organization concluded below 100 AQI is safe, but New Delhi has an AQI of 939. With New Delhi's index being 839 over the W.H.O expectations this has caused many public schools to close and switch to online classes. Although in these conditions going outside is dangerous, many still choose to since without work, bills cannot be paid, and this air quality issue is not just in the capital. Cities all over Northern India's air quality is in steep decline due to North India having more factories and industrial areas. Although the government has taken measures to keep air quality safe, many criticize them for not tackling the main issues of factories and cars and instead focusing on minor issues like home coal usage. So while air quality declines in Northern India, scientists and the government should look for a solution for one of the largest issues in the nation's modern history.



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Rockefeller Tree Lighting

By: Claire Wiechmann

The lighting of the Rockefeller Center Tree is always a well loved lighting event which thousands of people gather from all over the US to see. At 4pm people started lining up to enter 48th Street or 51st Street along 6th Avenue. Kelly Clakson returned to host the 2024, lighting ceremony which started at 8PM with live music and performances including the Backstreet Boys. The lights of the tree flipped just before 10PM. This tree had more than 50,000 lights and 5 miles of wire!! It was topped with the iconic star weighing more than 900 pounds and is covered with 3 million crystals. This is an amazing tradition that has been going on since 1933!

Polar Bears are Invading Russia!

By: Olivia Bankowitz

Why are poloar bears invading Russia? Does this have to do with energy, or the ice caps? Does it have to do with the heat, or the food? One theory is that the heat of global warming is chasing away the fish and melting the ice caps. Since the pre-industrial period, human activities are estimated to have increased Earth's global average temperature by about 1 degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit). This number is currently increasing by more than 0.2 degrees Celsius (0.36 degrees Fahrenheit) per decade. I know that this may not seem like a lot, but compared to the past, it is. Another theory is that, because of the heat, the fish are scattering, and because of this, they also aren't breeding as much as they used to. Now, the polar bears don't have enough food. To get to the food they need, they go to the closest landform available . Dozens of polar bears have invaded a remote Russian town, creating an 'emergency situation. Russia might be famous for its bears, but this is ridiculous. An invasion of about 50 polar bears has now also caused an "emergency situation" in the small Russian settlement of Belushya, Guba, according to the TASS news agency. A different theory is that, since Russia is so big, all the lights and sounds attract the polar bears, and they follow them. into the towns All public activities in Ryrkaypiy, in Chukotka region, had to be canceled, and schools are being guarded to protect residents from the polar bears.



<https://www.nbcnews.com/sports/soccer/alex-morgan-goodbye-final-match->

Alex Morgan's Retirement

By: Nina Kelly

Alex Morgan, the face of women's soccer, is sadly retiring after 15 years of being on the women's national soccer team for America , she has stated “I’m retiring. I have so much clarity about this decision, and I am so happy to finally tell you, it has been a long time coming. This decision wasn’t easy. But at the beginning of 2024, I felt in my heart and soul, that this was the last season that I would play soccer.” Alex Morgan has been and will continue to be an inspiration to women's soccer. She had started since she was a little girl and fell in love with the sport.

Sports

Is the NFL Scripted ?

By: Donovan Carroll

There have been rumors going around in the NFL that it could be possibly rigged. Rumors have it that Patrick Mahomes is being glazed and the refs are rigging it for him. The first 9 games the Chiefs have won all the games and there have been some questionable calls that favor the Chiefs. Last year was the peak of the scripted rumors after the Chiefs beat the Jets in week 4, 23-20 after a Jets player purposely didn't go after the tackle when Patrick Mahomes was scrambling and when Sauce Gardner intercepted Mahomes' pass. The ref called the pic back and they went down the field and won.

Last year, during the playoffs, the Chief's biggest challenger was the Detroit Lions. When the Lions were down by 1 to the 49ers, they did a fake kick and passed the ball to the offensive lineman who went up to the ref and said that he was eligible but then the ref made the Lions redo the play and they lost. This triggers the question is the NFL rigged or is it legit?



<https://www.nba.com/news/no-timetable-for-ja-morants-return-during-healing-process>

Ja Morant Crashout

By Ish Alizai

The Memphis Grizzlies' NBA season has been highlighted by the outstanding performance of their star, Ja Morant. However, an incident during a game against the Sacramento Kings has sparked significant controversy. Morant was ejected from the game after receiving two technical fouls leading to a heated debate about his conduct on the court and its potential impact on the team. Morant's ejection followed a series of events, culminating in a controversial call by the referees. After receiving a foul, deemed unfair, Ja Morant reacted angrily, resulting in his ejection. The referees defended their decision, citing excessive use of inappropriate language by the player. However, after the game, head referee Pat Fraher admitted that one of the fouls called on Morant was a mistake. Fraher acknowledged that Morant had been in a legal defensive position during the play and should not have been penalized.



<https://heavy.com/sports/mlb/things-to-watch-2024-world-series/>

Everything You Need to Know About the World Series

By Matthew Lehmann

The World Series is the MLB version of a championship played every year. It is the most important and clinical series where careers are made and names are remembered. This World Series will take place at Dodger Stadium and Yankee Stadium. Playoff baseball along with the World Series, are played all of October and early November depending on the series every year. This takes place to find the true champions and the best overall team in the MLB. This series has an incredible amount of sponsors and is held to a high prestige by all the players that make to the World Series state that they feel so much more energized and excited for October baseball. Who will you root for?

World Series

By: Claire Wiechmann

The teams in the World Series 2024 are the Dodgers and the Yankees. The Dodgers, so far, are up 3-1. The Yankees are struggling to score runs against the Dodgers. These teams are the MLB's top seeds. They are ranked 1st and clinched the series. Star player of the Yankees Aaron Judge is having a tough time in the postseason. Shohei Ohtani suffered a dislocated shoulder but he was prepared to play in the next game. Freddie Freeman has made history in the 2024 World Series. He has hit a homerun every game in the World Series. It is also kind of cool that the teams are from different sides of the country. .

Lamine Lamal Playing At Highest Level

By: Omar Kaissi

Lamine Lamal made his debut at 15. Presently, at the age of 17, this player has been doing really well. He's broken many records such as being the youngest soccer player to play for his club, Barcelona. This club is one of the best and has produced many successful players such as Lionel Messi, arguably the best in the world. He's won more trophies than most players and has scored the most goals in his age group in his league. He's got many followers and has gained popularity after winning his first international trophy; he is one of the youngest pro players.

MikeTyson vs Jake Paul

By: Landon Stoller

Jake Paul, yes twenty-seven year old Jake Paul, the social media star turned boxer, challenged fifty-eight year old Mike Tyson on November 15, 2024. It was a fight between one of the best boxers ever and a former Disney channel actor. As expected, the much younger Jake Paul came out on top, but not before Mike Tyson won the first two rounds. Then, Paul settled in and won the next six rounds for a unanimous decision victory. Jake Paul landed 78 punches to a mere 18 from Tyson. To protect both boxers, they wore extra padded gloves. The gloves they wore were fourteen ounces instead of ten ounces. This fight was supposed to happen on July 20th, but got postponed due to Mike Tyson's ulcer flare ups. After the fight, a reporter asked if Mike Tyson would ever box again. Mike's response was "I don't know maybe". All in all, the purpose of this fight was most likely a money grab for the boxers and a publicity stunt, However, this was a great pop culture moment.

Duke Basketball Preview

By: Landon Stoller

Duke has a lot to look forward to for this season. Coming into this season they have the best recruiting class in the country. The top players in this class are: Cooper Flagg, Kon Knueppel, Khaman Maluach, Isaiah Evans, and Pat Ngongba II. Duke has had two preseason games that they've won in blowout fashion. In their first preseason game they won 107-56 against Lincoln (pa). The top performers for Duke were: Cooper Flagg was the top scorer with twenty two points and was the leader for assists with six, Khaman Maluach was the top rebounder with eleven rebounds. For their second exhibition game, Duke won 103-47 against Arizona State. The top performers for Duke in this game were: Kon Knueppel, who led the scoring with nineteen points; Khaman Maluach, was the top rebounder with twelve. The leaders for assists were Kon Knueppel and Mason Gillis with four. They showed a lot of great shooting especially from three. Shooting 40.5 percent from three in their first exhibition game, and shooting 50 percent from three in their second exhibition game. They also showed great defense only letting up 103 combined points in their two games. All in all, it looks like Duke should have a good season if they keep it up.

Jones BENCHED Devito Starting

By: Trip Paisley

The Giants benched their starting quarterback, Daniel Jones to start Tommy Devito. The reason the Giants have benched him is because he was not performing as well as they wanted. He was moved to third string. This weekend Tommy Devito will play against the Buccaneers who are 4 and 6. The coach is hoping that Jones gives them more momentum in the future and for the remainder of the season.

Women's Marathon Record

By: Bianca Borrelli

On Sunday, October 13, 2024, Ruth Chepngetich from Kenya set a new world record for the fastest marathon run by a woman. She ran the marathon in 2 hours, 9 minutes and 56 seconds. She is the first woman ever to run a marathon under 2 hours and 10 minutes. This marathon is called the Chicago Marathon, which is one of the six major marathons in the world. The marathon was in the city of Chicago, Illinois. Ruth said this has been a dream and goal for her. She also earned \$100,000 for winning as well as \$50,000 for setting a new record for the Chicago Marathon.