

Valentine's Day Edition



Women's Basketball Senior Night

Maddison Dager



Britney Heffern



Jasmine Schiek



Percy Jackson's Newest Adventure: Fantastic or Failure?

/by Caleb McMullen/



In 2005, Rick Riordan released the first book of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, *The Lightning Thief*. The book was a smash hit, selling 1.8 million copies in the first five years of its release. Following this success, Riordan went on to write four more books for the series, cementing his place as one of the greatest young adult authors of all time.

With any well-selling book, there's bound to be a movie adaptation, and this is, sadly, true for the Percy Jackson series. Two movies were created, one for the first book and one for the second, The Sea of Monsters. These movies were met with terrible reviews because of, among other reasons, how much was changed from the source material. These changes, including the characters being depicted many years too old and the Oracle of Delphi being completely missing, had die-hard fans in an uproar.

In stark contrast to the terrible movie adaptations, the newly minted to series was met with critical acclaim. Eight episodes were released between the 19th of December and the 30th of January, following the plot of *The Lightning Thief*. Directed by James Bobin, famously known for The Muppets, with close supervision from Rick Riordan himself, the show follows the source material much closer than the movie adaptations did. Mostly small changes were made; however, a few larger changes made for a betterment story.

Overall, this TV show is the film adaptation that I, along with many other Percy Jackson fans, have been waiting a long time for. Most of the changes made have an unnoticeable affect on the story, and the larger changes that do affect the story fit in extremely well. After watching the whole series, there is one real problem with it, and that is the pacing. The show moves through majorly important scenes extremely fast. Overall, this show is a great adaptation of a great book and is definitely worth the watch.

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Indiana Supreme Court

A little closure for our Hamilton HS students, who attended the oral arguments: In the case of the Estate of Nathan Blount vs Wings, Etc.. and El Cantarito, the Indiana Supreme Court has ruled 5-0 in favor of the plaintiff (Blount's Estate), concluding, "The

Dram Shop Act modified but did not eliminate commonlaw liability against entities that furnish alcohol... we hold that the estate's negligence claim satisfies the Dram Shop Act's requirements and alleges facts capable of supporting relief."

—Sean Wagner





Indiana Supreme Court

Supreme Court Case No. 23S-CT-184



Origins of Valentine's Day



/by Dade Beldon/

Love's Historical Prelude: Tracing the Origins of Valentine's Day

In the tapestry of romantic traditions, Valentine's Day stands as a beacon of love, but its roots delve into a fascinating history shrouded in legends and centuries-old customs.

One prevalent theory traces the origins back to ancient Rome, during the rule of Emperor Claudius II. Historians suggest that the Emperor, believing single men made better soldiers, prohibited young men from marrying. In a twist of defiance and devotion, a clergyman named Valentine continued to perform marriages in secret. His clandestine acts of love eventually led to his martyrdom, making him an unwitting symbol of romance.

Another hypothesis ties the celebration to the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. This fertility festival involved rituals that included sacrifices, matchmaking, and an early form of blind date drawing. While it may lack the modern sweetness of chocolates and roses, Lupercalia provided a lively backdrop for ancient love seekers.

As time progressed, the Christian Church sought to Christianize the pagan festival, and the feast day of St. Valentine was officially established on February 14th by Pope Gelasius in the 5th century. The church merged the commemoration of St. Valentine with elements of love and romance, cementing the association that endures to this day.



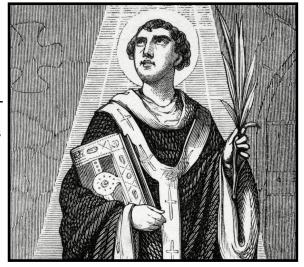
2023 Year in Review

/by Jagger Hurraw/

It's hard to believe we are already two months into 2024. However, before we go any further into the year, we should take a look back at some of the biggest moments in the sports world for 2023. 2023 marked an eventful year in the world of sports, full of triumphs, heartbreaks and records. Such an example of all three is #1 Purdue's crushing 58-63 loss to #16 Fairleigh Dickinson in the opening round of the 2023 Men's College Basketball Tournament. Aside from this embarrassing modern-day David and Goliath story, there were many perennial favorite sporting events to choose from. Options included the Kentucky Derby (Winning horse: Mage, Winning jockey: Javier Castellano), the Daytona 500 (Ricky Stenhouse Jr.) and the World Series (the Texas Rangers).

2023 was also a year marked by big headlines. Perhaps one of the biggest stories is the heavily publicized romance between Kansas City Chiefs tight end, Travis Kelce, and superstar artist Taylor Swift. However, the question everyone has been asking is does their love run true? Or is this budding love just a "brilliant" PR stunt. Honestly, who cares. It's another Hollywood-level relationship that has little to no bearing on football, but it has brought in a whole new NFL audience, "the Swifties", or die hard fans of Swift. The majority of Swifties mainly just watch football in order to catch a glimpse of their savior celebrating a touchdown, y'know, since now after every Chiefs touchdown, the cameraman shows Taylor celebrating in a press box, rather than focusing on the players who scored.

The medieval period witnessed the blossoming of Valentine's Day as a celebration of courtly love. Poets and writers began crafting romantic verses, and the exchange of love notes gained popularity. The first recorded Valentine's Day card was sent in the 15th century when the Duke of Orleans wrote a love letter to his wife while imprisoned in the Tower of London.



Over time, Valentine's Day evolved into the celebration we recognize today, marked by expressions of affection, gifts, and sentiments of love. While its origins may be steeped in historical ambiguity, the enduring allure of Valentine's Day persists as a testament to the timeless pursuit of love.





/by Kylee Hjelm/

Music's top hits and billboards have been around for years and has opened doors for new artists and albums. In the evolution of music, tunes and sound effects have changed drastically, as well as people's taste in music. This being said these are the top five songs that are trending this month, so please take some time to listen.

- 1. Yes, And? By Ariana Grande. This song falls into the pop genre, and is a very upbeat song. This song also caused drama online over the split with her now ex-husband.
- 2. Lovin On Me by Jack Harlow. This song falls into the hip -hop genre, and keeps a faster pace. This song is easily one of Harlow's most popular songs.
- 3. Cruel Summer by Taylor Swift. This song falls into the pop genre and comes from her Lover album, which has yet to be re-released with the new stamp of "Taylor's Version".
- 4. Greedy by Tate McRae. This song falls under the pop genre and blew up on TikTok. This song came first as a single and was later added to her new album THINK LATER.
- 5. Redrum by 21 Savage. This song falls under the hip-hop and rap genre. This song comes from his newest album American Dream which has another song, née-nah, within the top 10 billboard list.









Other events from around the world included:

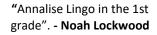
- 1. The Special Olympics World Games, taking place June 17th-25th in Berlin, Germany. 6500 participants competed against one another in 26 events.
- 2. The World Dwarf Games were held this year in Cologne, Germany July 28th August 5th. As described by their website, it is "the largest international sporting event held exclusively for athletes with dwarfism".
- 3. Last but not least, Aryna Sabalenka and Novak Djokovic won the men's and women's tennis singles at the Australian Open. Dojokovic also won the US Open, the French Open and the ATP finals. Keep your eyes on the headlines, as this year is the Summer Olympics in Paris. The Olympics are never dull

Valentines' Hall Pass

/by Fuzzy and Bojangles/

Who was your first crush?

"This girl from my old school, Maddie Earnst. - Robert Schiek









"Aiden Blade, back in elementary."

-Olivia Hurraw

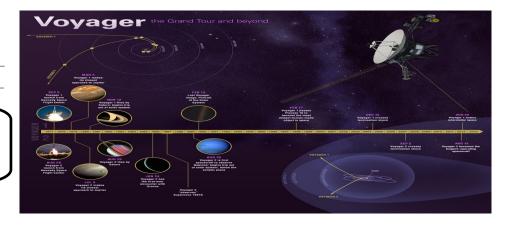


"Austin Wilson. He had blonde hair and blue eyes." - Mallory Magginnis



"Lilly Shlabaugh, from the other kindergarten class."

- Josh Sprague



Voyager I Update, Feb. 9, 2024

NASA says the Voyager I spacecraft, though still functioning on its own, no longer responds to commands from Earth. NASA scientists and engineers still hope to resolve the problem, but fear the craft's data will no longer transmit to Earth. Launched in 1977, Voyager I passed beyond the heliopause in 2012 and entered interstellar space, becoming the first human-made object to do so. Traveling at 38,000 mph and now 15 billion miles from home, Voyager I will henceforth traverse the vast distance between the stars for thousands, perhaps millions of years to

come, long after its creators have gone. It will be our legacy. Perhaps one day, millennia from now, something, somewhere will encounter Voyager and recognize it as an intentional object, the product of a fledgling intelligence casting this fragile seeker into the interstellar void. And perhaps they may even manage to track its telemetry back to this, our beautiful jewel of a planet, our pale, blue dot drifting

through space. With luck, they may even understand our intentions, which were to say, 'We were here. We existed. And we made this because we had questions, and wanted to know.'

"I don't know, some random girl from the 7th grade." - Xzavier

Slang Words That Should be Cancelled

We use slang because it can express ideas, thoughts, and feelings for which there are no suitable words or phrases. But, slang is like apples: sure, it can last a pretty good while, but it still has a shelf life, and once it starts to rot, you gotta get rid of that apple. Let's look at some rotten apples whose time in the compost pile has come.

<u>Sheesh</u>- used as a sound of shock. Sheesh needs to be removed from peoples vocabulary immediately because it has become quite annoying over time.

<u>Rizz/rizzler-</u> having "game" Rizz is somewhat newer to slang but it has already gotten old. Rizz needs to be thrown away because people are using it in unnecessary situations and it has been overused.

<u>Simp</u>- a silly person Simp is almost all the way gone but there are a few stragglers that just can't let go of this term. Said people need to stop saying this word and all problems will be solved.

<u>Bussin</u> - Used when speaking of something so exquisitely delicious There are a lot of people who still use this word and it's slowly disappearing as it should.

Ok Boomer - usually used against an old person when they try to act like they know what they're talking about. Ok boomer needs to be thrown away immediately.

Sus - Acting abnormal; not like one's self Sus started, like, 2 years ago and nobody wants to hear it anymore.

<u>Slaps</u> - Tastes good, comparable to bussin. There aren't a lot of people who say slaps anymore, but if you do, stop, because you are obsolete.

<u>Yeet</u> - Example: When throwing a water bottle at an elderly person, you yell this. Yeet is such an obnoxious word. It can't be said without yelling and that is why it needs to be trashed.



Valentine's Fun Facts

Nearly 250 million roses are grown in preparation for Valentine's Day each year. There is a science ensuring there are enough fresh roses to go around when it comes to February 14th. In an effort to provide the flowers for the holiday, countries including Ecuador, Kenya, or Columbia, ship the roses to the U.S., since they do not grow in the colder temperatures we experience in February.

https://www.delish.com/just-for-fun/a42885873/valentines-day-facts/

Meet the Author: MADdie Nester

Although a sworn enemy of the Newspaper and the LL, we have converted MADdie Nester into a fine staffer. She will join us for the remainder for the year. Little does she know, she'll be here next year too. So give a warm welcome to MADdie, and long live King Wagner.

