

THE MESSENGER OWL



Issue: 9/30/21



Great Horned Owl

"Bird of The Week: Great Horned Owl." Kern Audubon Society, www.kernaudubonsociety.org/bird-of-the-week-great-horned-owl/.

Quote of the Week

Saying "hello", "good morning", or a kind word, will not cause brain damage.

- Ty Howard

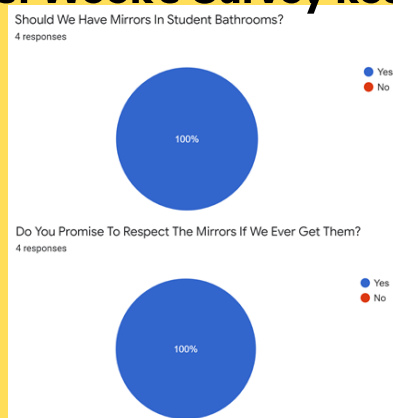
HELLO!

The reason that this quote was chosen was because the week of 9/20 was Start With Hello week. The next time you meet someone, say "hi."

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Last Week's Survey Results



Weekly Survey
The Mental Health survey



Principal's Message

Principal's Message:

We are halfway through Hispanic Heritage Month. Let's celebrate with some trivia.

1. When was the first time Hispanic Heritage Week (now Hispanic Heritage Month) was celebrated in the U.S.?
2. How large was the self-described U.S. Hispanic population as of 2019?
3. 2000 marked the first time Hispanic surnames made the list of the 15 most common surnames in that year's census. Which one was the most common?
4. Who was the first Hispanic Housing Secretary of the U.S.?
5. This scrumptious version of Mexican corn on the cob now found in ballparks and street fairs around the country is called ____.
6. This kid from Yuma, Arizona joined the Navy, served two years in the Pacific during WWII, and was posthumously decorated with the Medal of Freedom.



Explore the issue to find the answers!



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Orlando Gifted Academy
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This year's Walk to School Day event will take place on: October 6th, 2021
Event time: 8:00AM
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Upcoming Events & What's for Lunch?

By: Terrance M

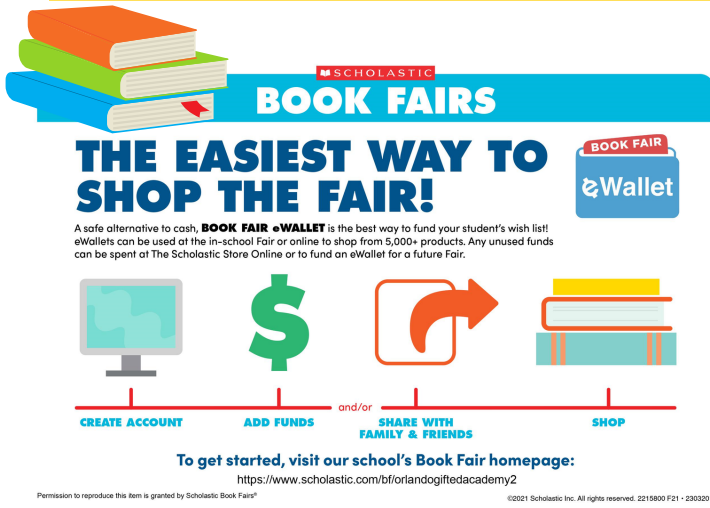
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week of 10/4/21	Entrees PizzaBoli No Nut Butter Box Vegetables Italian Blend Vegetables Roasted Glazed Carrots Fruits Orange Juice Fruit Juice Apple Juice Fresh Red Apple	Entrees Beef Nachos with Cheese- Sauce Turkey & Cheese- Sandwich Wedges Yogurt & Cheese Cool- Pack Vegetables Lettuce & Tomato Cup Salsa Dipping Cup Fruits Orange Juice Fruit Juice Apple Juice Strawberry Cup	Entrees Rotini Pasta with Meat Sauce Italian Deli Wrap PBJ Sandwich- Bow Breads/Grains Garlic Bread Stick Vegetables Tomato & Cucumber Salad Fresh Steamed- Broccoli Fruits Applesauce Cup Fresh Red Grapes	Entrees Grilled Cheese Sandwich Yogurt & Cheese Cool Pack Vegetables Emoji Fries Vegetarian Baked Beans Fruits Fresh Cantaloupe Chunks Fresh Honeydew Chunks	<i>NO SCHOOL!</i>
Week of 10/11/21	Entrees Breaded Mozzarella Sticks PBJ Sandwich Box Vegetables Marinara Dipping Sauce Cup Green Beans Fruits Orange Juice Fruit Juice Apple Juice Nectarine	Entrees Fiesta Nachos Chix Fajita Salad Yogurt & Cheese Cool Pack Breads/Grains Corn Tortilla Chips Vegetables Lettuce & Tomato Cup Salsa Dipping Cup Fruits Peach Cup Fresh Red Grapes	Entrees Turkey American Crois Hot Soy butter Sandwich Box Breads/Grains White Rice Vegetables Seasoned Black Beans Coleslaw Fruits Applesauce Cup Mix Fruit Cup Extra Sales BBQ Chicken Drumstick	Entrees Chicken Nuggets Turkey & American Flat Summer Breads/Grains Goldfish Pretzels Vegetables Seasoned Crispy Fries Peas and Carrots Fruits Orange Juice Fruit Juice Apple Juice Fresh Red Apple	Entrees PBJ Sandwich Box Breads/Grains Goldfish Pretzels Vegetables Garlic Spinach Cucumber Salad Fruits Diced Peach Cup Banana

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesdays - College Colors Days
- Fridays - OGA Pride Days
- Wed/Fri 8:15-8:35 am - Smencil Sales
- Wed/Fri After School- Bomb Pop Sales
- 10/22 Pink Out
- 10/28 - From the Pages Dance

• Got an interesting story idea? email Mrs. Olowu at falisha.olowu@ocps.net

Hispanic Heritage Trivia Answers 1. 1968, 2. 60.6 million, 3. García, 4. Henry Cisneros, 5. Elote, 6. Cesar Chavez



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Fun Spot

By: Sarah T.



Q- What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?
 A- A stick

Q- How do billboards talk to each other?
 A- Sign Language

Q- What kind of music do you play on an avocado-shaped guitar?
 A- Guac and Roll

Q- What did one ocean say to the other?
 A- Nothing, they just waved.

Q- What do you call a belt made of watches?
 A- A waist of time

Q- What is blue and smells like red paint?
 A- Blue paint

Q- Why can't bicycles stand up on their own?
 A- Because they are two tired

Q- What kind of photos do you find on a turtle's phone?
 A- Shell-fies



MIDDLE SCHOOL INTRAMURALS

Starts Tuesday, September 21st

Exercise Regularly Stay Fit and Healthy

Back of Room 17 from 8:15-8:40am Every Tuesday and Thursday

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Wednesdays - Car Loop
Fridays - Car Line

Orlando Gifted Academy Messenger Owl Advice Column

Need advice from a student?

Drop a problem in the box on the napkin table in the Cafe' to be possibly answered in an upcoming edition.

Please do not put your name or anything hurtful about another student or OGA Staff. Keep it anonymous.

For serious matters, please see Ms. Brown.

THE ATHENIAN SOCIETY

An after-school mentoring club for middle school girls

Wednesdays from 2:00pm-3:00pm

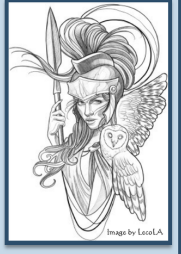
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WHAT GIRLS AND PARENTS ARE SAYING:

Athenian Society with Ms. Tame has been a great experience this past year. I'm allowed the freedom to be me without judgement. I would recommend the program to anyone at OGA in need of a space to talk, and enjoy yourself. ~Natalie, age 12

The Athenian Society was a safe place to talk to Ms. Tame and other girls about how I felt and to have great conversations! It was very fun to meet up with everyone and share about how our week was! ~Katherine, age 12

My daughter loved the club and connecting with her peers especially during the COVID months. Creating a safe place for young girls to share ideas and experiences is extremely important and Athenian Society was instrumental in my daughter's development this year. She is excited to be a part of it again. ~Rose, parent

Hosted by
MS. KRISTEN TAME
Certified Life Coach
Florida Certified Educator
Former OGA Teacher



Would you like more information or are you ready to sign up? Contact me!



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Staff Member & Teacher of the Week

By: Raleigh H.

Teacher of the Week

Mrs. Faubell

This week, for teacher of the week, we have Mrs. Faubell! She is the nicest teacher ever, and she is always looking fabulous. She is kind to everyone, and loves helping out! No matter what, when you walk into her class you can count on it being a good time!



What made you want to be a teacher?

"I did some volunteer work in college, as a teaching assistant, and loved it!"

What do you do in your spare time?

"I spend time with family and friends"

If you had to change your job, and be a different teacher, what would you be?

"Oh, I simply wouldn't. I can't imagine myself as anything else, because I love art and photography so much!"

Do you have any other interesting facts about yourself?

"I'm left-handed, I am 1 of 5 siblings, and I love to travel"

Do you prefer middle school or Elementary?

"I love both for different reasons"

If you could change one thing about your position, what would it be?

"I'd love some more planning time."

Aw, those heartwarming replies were amazing! Be sure to congratulate the winners, on their new victory!! They sure deserve it! All the hard work they put in to make sure we get the best education and school experience. We are so lucky to have such amazing staff and teachers.

Who inspired you to be who you are today?

"I would have to say my 11th and 12th-grade English grade teacher. She gave me lots of advice and support, I always think about her when I'm down."

If you could change one thing about your career what would it be?

"I wouldn't change anything because I know I'm on the path I'm supposed to be on, and eventually I will get where I'm supposed to be."

Is there any student that you have had, in the past that has stuck with you?

"I could never pick just one, I love each and every one of them, and they always light up my day when they are nice to me, or when they say I'm nice."

How long have you worked at OGA? And what grades have you taught?

"I've been here since July of 2018 and had an opportunity to sub for all grade levels."

What were you before you were a teacher?

"I was the education assistant at the Orlando Museum of Art."

Do you have any hobbies?

"I like to do yoga, Basketball, And of course I love to shop."

Do you prefer middle school or elementary

"Oh my...I don't think I could pick..I love everyone here..If I had to pick, I'd say 8th grade because I know a lot of them."

How did you discover OGA?

"While I worked with the Orlando Museum Of Art. They work with schools and I heard about OGA at one of their meetings, looked up the school, saw they had an opening and went for it!"

Anything else you would like to add before I depart?

"I love being at OGA and I'm going to be really sad when 8th grade goes to high school because I love you guys so much."

Staff of the Week

Ms. Larose

This week, for a staff member of the week, we have Ms. Larose! She is so fun, and bouncy, and has the most amazing energy! There is never a dull moment with her, nor is there a day we don't see her smile. Did I mention that she has the most fabulous outfits as well?



Dear Messenger Owl

By: Julian A

Dear Messenger Owl,

"There's this certain someone in my class who follows me everywhere. It's annoying. What should I do? Help!"

- from Anonymous

Well, Anonymous, you seem quite troubled, but I will give you the best advice I could think of. One of the best things to do in this situation is to try to explain to him/her to stop it, but politely because then, if they say no, after class if you can talk to the teacher and try to explain to him/her that so-and-so's actions are bothering you. The teacher will inevitably ask you if you talked to him/her about it and you can say you did. To make sure something gets done about it, you can try to ignore him/her. **If none of this is working you can talk to a teacher, Ms. Brown, or Ms. Hale.**

Well, Anonymous, I hope I helped you with your problem. It was quite easy to answer because A) I was a lot like the person you are describing and B) I used to have a situation like yours. I feel very confident about what I'm talking about.



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Student Spotlight - Gabby Powell

By: Anna R

This week's student spotlight is focusing on 8th grader, Gabby Powell! They have been going to OGA for 3 years now and their electives are Photography and Speech and Debate. Their favorite animals are dogs, and they actually have a pet ball python named Templeton. Their favorite song is Aaron Burr, Sir from Hamilton and their favorite color is green. They enjoy the different classes that OGA offers, and all the people. A special thanks to Gabby for their cooperation too!

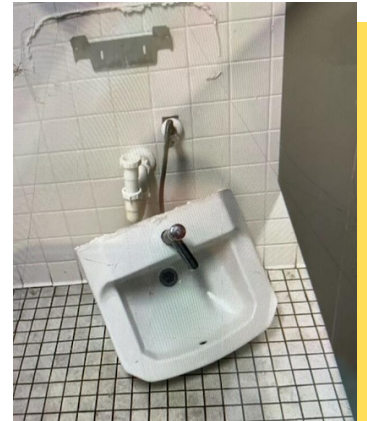




How a TikTok trend caused property to be stolen from schools across the globe

By: John M.

With the effect quarantine has had on the world, many have used the internet as a means of communication instead, with effects noticeable even in the real world. With this new age of communication, apps like TikTok have blown up with trends and challenges, one notable example being the devious lick trend. In this trend, one is to steal something from school property, and then show it off on the app. Usually these thefts happen in bathrooms as there is not much surveillance or any administrators in there. In the event that one is caught, a common tactic is to leave the object and run away, resulting in things such as sinks and toilets spread around restrooms, or even around schools. Common objects these students will take are: Toilets, soap dispensers, sinks, hand sanitizer cases, and towel rolls. Usually these videos are made in an attempt to one-up someone else's devious lick. However, these licks have left multiple school restrooms in disarray. Multiple school bathrooms have been closed and shut down, taking weeks at a time to fix.



Usually these videos are made for attention and clout. As this trend has such a big following, more and more videos are made to get the poster noticed by large masses of people. Even though this strategy has worked for now, the app has taken precautions to keep these videos from spreading, such as removing hashtags associated with the trend, deleting videos, and advising teens not to participate in it. For ways to stop this trend, I recommend to stop giving said videos attention to. Attention is essentially the cornerstone for these videos, and the trend will eventually die out.

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Art Corner



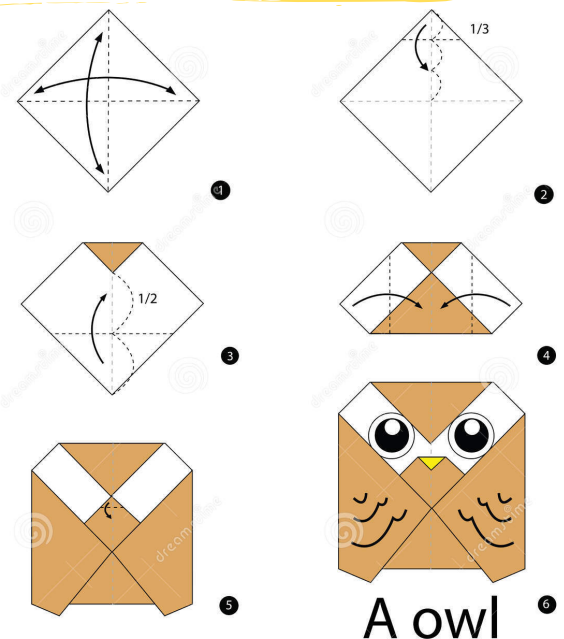
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Teach-In at OGA

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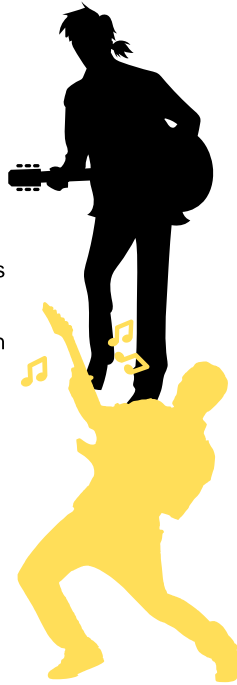
By: Sarah T



When it comes to instruments, there is one out there for everyone. There are plenty to choose from and most of them are easily learned with proper practice. Guitar in particular is a pretty cool instrument that plenty of people now play and well known individuals in the past have played. Guitar can be difficult to learn, but all in all it is great to know if you would like to. There are two types of guitar to play, acoustic and electric. The two are pretty different and require different equipment and knowledge, but the real question is, which is better?

Acoustic Guitar: Advantages and Disadvantages

- Contrary to the last disadvantage, if you learn something on acoustic guitar, you can easily play it on electric as well
- The people around you will most likely prefer to hear the soothing sound of an acoustic rather than the distorted, amplified electric
- No additional equipment such as amplifiers or cables are needed, so less money needs to be spent
- The strings are much tougher on your fingers and can cause fingertip pain for a couple weeks
- Playing chords, especially barre chords are far more difficult
- There can be more string buzzing due to their toughness
- They have a wider fretboard which is not particularly enjoyable for beginners
- They tend to be more brittle than electric guitars



Electric Guitar: Advantages and Disadvantages

- Holding down chords is easier due to the neck of the guitar being narrower
- The strings are softer, making it a little easier on your fingers
- Learning barre chords is easier due to the lightness of the strings
- You can plug headphones into your guitar making practice silent to everyone else
- An amplifier is needed too, which costs extra money
- Finding the right tone is not easy for beginners and a bad sound could put them off
- Being able to play something on electric guitar does not mean you can also play it on acoustic guitar

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You Deserve a Brain Break

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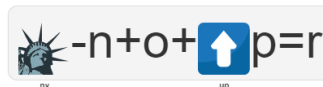
One Number is correct but wrong placed

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Picture Math

3 frogs × 9 = 27

2 owls × 12 = 24

1 frog × 12 + 1 sheep × 12 = 96

1 sheep + 1 frog × 12 + 1 owl = ?



Tobacco: The Lung and Brain Corrupter



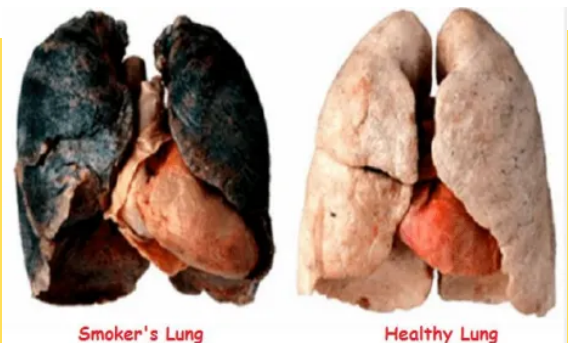
By: Terrence M.

Tobacco is a drug that has been here for more than 400 years! That's right! Ever since the 17th century, tobacco has been destroying people's lungs and messing up their minds. Tobacco can also be prescribed by your doctor. But why use this drug? What benefits does it have? Why not just make this organ corrupter illegal?

Tobacco is a plant that, when smoked, leaves an addictive chemical called nicotine. The plant is typically smoked through pipes, cigars, and cigarettes. Not only is it highly addictive, but it is also a depressant as well. This means that you can get easily addicted to getting depressed throughout the day. A similar, yet completely different, plant is marijuana. Marijuana is an illegal drug that is typically smoked with tobacco. Marijuana is illegal to possess due to there being a chance of it being abused. And tobacco isn't? Everything people have done with marijuana, people have done with tobacco. So, why isn't tobacco illegal?

Citizens think the government shouldn't have the authority of what wicked behavior we, citizens, contradict. The government wouldn't do anything anyway. The revenue from tobacco, back in 2020, was estimated to be about \$12.35 billion US dollars! The average amount of money a pack of cigarettes costs is estimated to be around \$6.21. Once calculated, \$12,350,000,000 dollars can buy about 1,988,727,858 packs of cigarettes. That is an absurd amount! Because of this bank, the government doesn't care how many deaths and how many people are diagnosed with cancer. "Tobacco smoking has no health benefit", acknowledges CJRT-JCTR. This just proves that, even after being informed of the deadly drug, people buy it just to kill themselves.

We can't really do anything about the drug. It has no benefit, though we can't outlaw it due to how long it has been infused. Tobacco has been here since The Columbian Exchange in the 1600s, so we as a society have found other ways to ingest nicotine. We have implemented nicotine inside the gum, e-cigarettes, and even patches. No matter what, we entice nicotine into our bodies, which could cause permanent lung damage. This will make it very difficult for your lungs to be able to capture and release oxygen.



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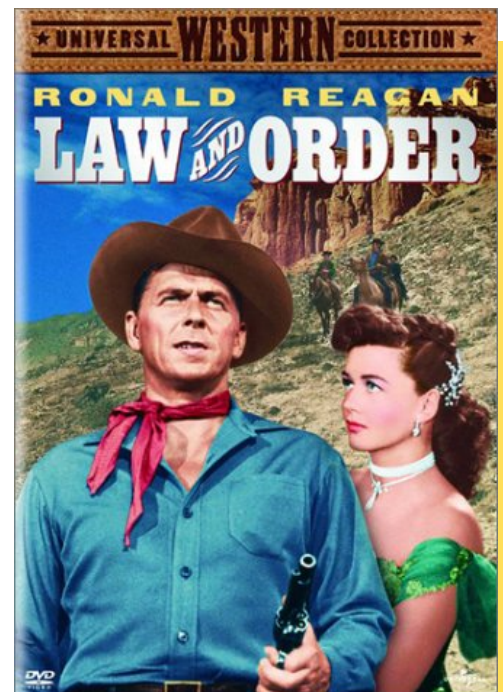
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Ronald Reagan, the U.S President of the Cold War

By: Max C

Ronald Reagan was born on February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois. Ronald as a child moved through many towns until he and his family settled in Dixon, Illinois in 1920. Ronald graduated from Dixon High School in 1928. After graduating Ronald enrolled in Eureka College where he graduated with a degree in economics and sociology. In 1937 Ronald signed a contract with Warner Bros. for 7 years and starred in over 50 films during his acting career and married actress Jane Wyman in 1940 but then divorced in 1948, sometime in Ronald's acting career he was deployed on duty during World War 2 but was then disqualified due to poor eyesight, though he did make training films during his time on duty.

After Ronald's acting career started to end, he started his political career in 1964 when he gave a speech for the Republican Presidential Candidate Barry Goldwater earning him a status in politics. 16 years later in 1980, Ronald won the Electoral College against President Jimmy Carter thus winning the Presidential Campaign. Ronald during his first term focused on the rebuilding of the economy and the Cold War against the Soviet Union. The economy was more stable by 1983, which earned Ronald respect and led to him being reelected in 1984 against democratic candidate Walter Mondale. Ronald formed a diplomatic relationship with the chairman of the Soviet Union then went to East Germany and spoke to the public and directly to the chairman of the Soviet Union and told them that they should take the wall that separated the two countries down. 2 years later the chairman said that the citizens could dismantle the wall of Berlin which they did and Ronald came back to Germany and swung at the wall with a sledgehammer which was a historic event because of the fact that Ronald himself told the chairman to take the wall down. Years later after he moved to Los Angeles, California, Ronald was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1994, then died 10 years later in 2004. Ronald Reagan will always be remembered as the U.S. President who restabled the economy in the '80s and put an end to the Cold War, which led to him telling the Soviet chairman Mikhail Gorbachev to take the Berlin wall down which finally was taken down by the people, Ronald Reagan was the actor who starred in more than 50 movies and the U.S President who ended the Cold War, he was a hero.



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The Met Gala

By Anna R

The Met Gala is a fundraising event for the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute. Also known as the Oscars of the fashion world, this event is held annually, and usually on the first Monday of May. This year though, due to Covid-19, it was postponed and pushed back to September 13th. Moving on, the goal of the Met Gala is for fashion designers across the globe to gain exposure for their works. Designers partner with celebrities to model their pieces based on a theme, and show them off to the world. This year's theme was all about American Independence.

The tickets for this event are \$35,000 per person, and to top it all off, the price of a table at the event is \$200,000! This limits the amount of people able to attend this event, which usually only has about 500-600 people anyway. Continuing on, every year a few people are selected to be co-chairs by Vogue's Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour. The role of being a co-chair is basically just being an event organizer, and this year it happened to be Timothée Chalamet, Billie Eilish, Amanda Gorman, and Naomi Osaka. Billie Eilish is also the youngest co-chair that the event has ever chosen.

Unlike previous events, this one seemed to not get the greatest feedback from the media and watchers. Many people complained that some of the guests that were invited are not fit for such a prestigious event. These guests include TikTok stars Addison Rae, Charli D'Amelio, and Dixie D'Amelio. Not only was this a major complaint from many, but the date change was also a topic of discussion. Many thought it was unusual, but necessary due to Covid-19.

With all that information out of the way, it's now time to discuss some of the outfits that were worn to the event. For starters, Billie Eilish shocked many people with her beautiful ball gown designed by Dena Giannini. It is very different from what people would call her usual style, so it was very interesting. Another largely spoken about look was from none other than Kim Kardashian. For her outfit, she wore a black bodysuit that covered her entire body, and a long veil. This intriguing look was designed by Demna Gvasalia, and received lots of questionable feedback. The third and fourth looks are from Rihanna and ASAP Rocky. The couple wore two very eye-catching outfits to the event. Rihanna looked stunning in a black poofy dress also designed by Demna Gvasalia, and ASAP Rocky looked cozy in his colorful garment designed by Eli Russell Linnetz.

To wrap things up, these were only four of the exciting looks seen on September 13th at the event. Designers and celebrities from all across travel for this event and work hard to make it as fashionable as possible. Hopefully next year's event will receive better feedback than this one, and have even more looks! What are some of your thoughts on the 2021 Met Gala?



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The Loch Ness Monster

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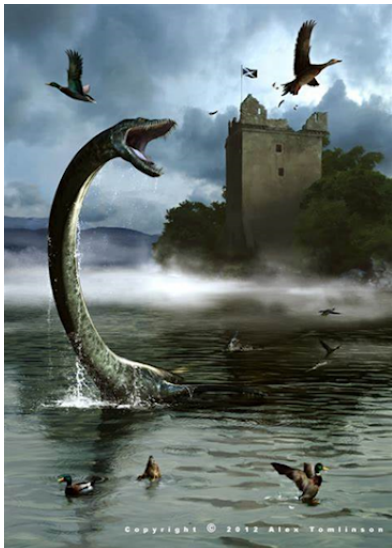
Nessie otherwise known as The Loch Ness Monster has been sporadically “spotted” by many different people over a course of close to four centuries. Today I will be explaining the mystery of Nessie, The Loch Ness Monster.

Nessie, The Loch Ness Monster has been believed to be a creature similar to a plesiosaurus according to mythology.net and according to many is or was not one of a kind. Many other creatures have similar identities as water-dwelling monsters such as The Bear Lake Monster, The Bheithir, The Bunyip, and Chessie the sea monster. Many photos of this “Lake Monster” have been proven as hoaxes but however many have been investigated and not proven false.

Many “sightings” of this “Monster” have been made over the course of several hundred years. One very infamous photo taken on April 19, 1934, by Robert Kenneth Wilson has been questioned as a hoax or as cold hard evidence of a true living “monster” living in Loch Ness in Scotland. Another “sighting” was on November, 15th, 2020 by local resident Louise Power which shows a dark shadowy figure that appears to be a snake-like creature that happens to look similar to other photos of the “Loch Ness Monster”.

Many theories have been made about Nessie; one very recent theory is that Nessie is really an undiscovered species of giant freshwater eel native to that lake. Another theory suggests that Nessie is a species of prehistoric fish-eating creatures called plesiosaurus that somehow survived the mass extinction events throughout time. This theory can be supported by the idea that the plesiosaurs in that lake were somehow able to survive the mass extinction events that killed all of the other prehistoric creatures. Another way that this theory is supported is that the lake is almost the perfect place for an “extinct” species to survive extinction events. And the final theory is that Nessie just simply doesn’t exist at all.

In conclusion, the mystery of The Loch Ness Monster has been pondered and thought through but we still don’t know. Maybe we will, maybe we won’t but that’s for you to figure out. We as humans always ponder things but don’t always find the answer, this may just be one of those unanswered mysteries.



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An animated Mario Movie is coming out, and it could be a game over.

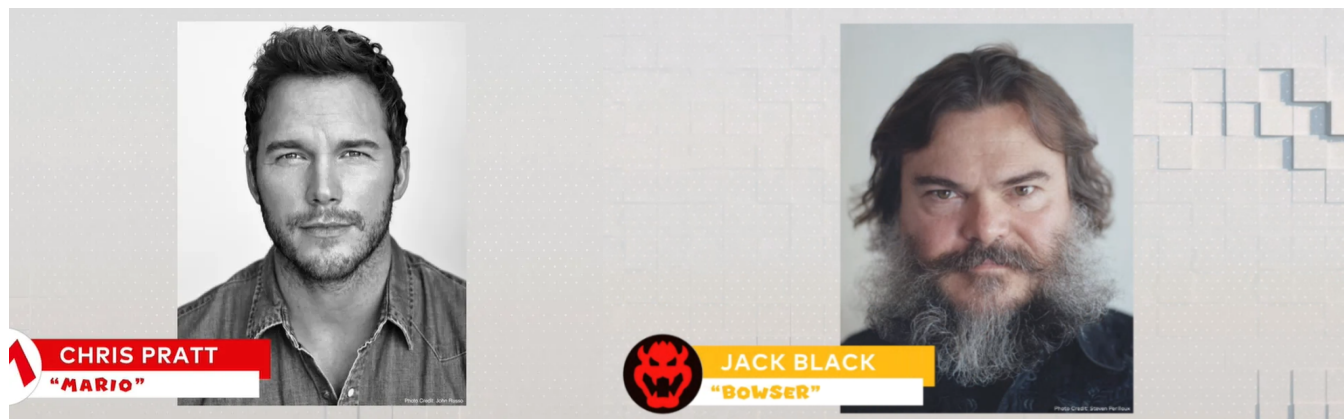
By John R

Ah, Mario. The mascot for video games around the world for 40 years, and the face of the 2nd best selling video game series of all time. Mostly everyone can remember some memory with this plumber. So when the most recent Nintendo Direct announced that a hinted at Mario Bros. movie would release in 2022, people were ecstatic. That was until the voice cast was announced.

The voice actors will be as follows: Chris Pratt, best known for starring as Peter Quill from Guardians of The Galaxy, will be playing Mario. Anya Taylor-Joy will be playing Princess Peach, Jack Black will be Bowser, Charlie Day will be Luigi, and Seth Rogan will play Donkey Kong. This voice casting is, to say the least, weird. One question most fans were asking was: Why not just cast the original voice actors? The answer is simple, celebrity voice acting.

The celebrity voice acting trend is a very noticeable trend, and can be found in many modern animated movies. The trend is when a voice cast is composed mostly, if not entirely composed of celebrities instead of professionally trained voice actors. This is not to say that a celebrity can not be a well-trained voice actor, or a professional voice actor can't be a celebrity, though this is commonly not the case. This can keep voice actors from being in large films and getting the attention they deserve, which is not good at all.

While this weird voice cast does not mean that the movie will be a disaster, it could fall prey to the same flaws that many other kids-oriented animated movies do. Taking from the fact that the movie is made by Illumination, a studio well known for these practices. At least the movie might be visually stunning, as many Illumination films are.



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