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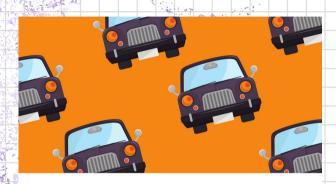




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In The News

The Golden Globe Awards were a couple of days ago and were a big deal this time. Barbie won in the category, Cinematic and Box Office Achievement. Barbie was nominated against The Super Mario Bros. Movie, Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour, Spider–Man: Across the Spider–Verse, and a few other movies that did well in theaters. The song, What Was I Made For? By Billie Eilish won in the category, Original Song, against Peaches by Jack Black, I'm Just Ken by Mark Ronson, and Dance The Night by Dua Lipa. The movie, The Boy and the Heron won in the category, Animated Feature Film, nominated against The Super Mario Bros. Movie, Spider–Man: Across the Spider–Verse, Elemental, and Wish. The Golden Globe Award Ceremony was attended by some celebrities such as Selena Gomez, Jennifer Lopez, Taylor Swift, Timothée Chalamet, Florence Pugh, and many more. The ceremony was hosted by Jo Koy, an American comedian and actor. This year was the 81st Golden Globe Awards and it took place at The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California on January 7th at 8:00 pm. The Golden Globe Awards was a big deal last year, being that it was the 80th year of the ceremony but this year, even though there wasn't anything special about it they still managed to make it seem like a whole new thing.

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Author Of The Week

By: Amaya A.

The author of the week is Cassandra Clare. She wrote many books like The Mortal Instruments series which also has one movie and a TV show based on it, Sword Catcher, The Infernal Devices series, The Dark Artifices series, The Eldest Curses series, The Last Hours series, and The Magisterium series.

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By: Alexis M

Percy Jackson and the Olympians

Percy Jackson is a fairly common book series that was written by Rick Riordan in 2005. The second book came out a year later, and the rest followed that same pattern. In 2010 the first book, The Lightning Thief was adapted into a movie starring Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson, and Alexandra Daddario. Most fans of the series did not like this adaptation and felt like it was insulting to Riordan. Riordan has stated that he feels that it feels like his life's work going through the meat grinder. He has also called the movies a pain and disappointment and said that has never watched them and has no plan to watch them. In December 2019, Riordan shared his idea for a Percy Jackson TV series to Disney, and in May 2020, it was officially announced to be in development. And by April 2022, fans of the series met the new Percy Jackson, when Riordan announced on his website that Walker Scobell would be playing him in the upcoming show, and a month later announced that Leah Sava Jefferies and Aryan Simhadri would be playing Annabeth Chase and Grover Underwood. The official trailer for the show was released on November 16th, 2023 and then finally, on December 20th, 2023 the first two episodes of the show were released to the public. Episodes for the show are released once a week on Tuesdays at 9 pm to keep people talking about it and rewatching since they want more. The first season, and currently only season, follows the first book in the series naming episodes by chapters, and keeps a very close adaptation to the books.



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By: Lexi G.

Restaurant Review

This week's restaurant review is Chipotle Mexican Grill. The food there is made with natural ingredients and is healthier than other fast food restaurants. When you order, you can get a bowl or burrito, and they are prepared right in front of you on the other side of a glass divider, so you know what you're getting. At Chipotle, you can get a burrito bowl, lifestyle bowl, salad, burrito, quesadilla, taco, or kid's meal. They also sell chips and beverages. Chipotle also lets you sit down to eat, order to go, or order online, whatever works best for you. They even offer catering and group ordering for parties and such. Chipotle has a mobile app you can order from and earn free Chipotle the more you order. The food at Chipotle is delicious, and Chipotle is one of the places I frequently go to. When I go to Chipotle, I order a burrito with white rice, black beans, chicken, cheese, corn, lettuce, and guacamole. Overall, Chipotle is an excellent restaurant that you should go to if you haven't already.



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Pink Tax

By: Courtney Z.

"Pink Tax" is a type of discriminatory tax placed on products marketed towards women or for women like menstrual products, toys, and even androgynous hygiene products that are just the color pink. It's called the "Pink Tax" because one, that's the color that people associate with women, and two because it's placed on products marketed towards women or feminine products. It is not a tax that stores add when pricing their items it's more of an extra charge that's added to the original price of the item.

Some examples of pink tax are women's shampoo, women's razors, and deodorants which they purposely make smaller with higher cost so you have to buy more, more often, and that means more money in their pockets. Besides hygiene products, laundromats will even charge you extra if a woman were to bring clothes in especially if that load of clothes has pink in it. And with the toys, it's literally if it's pink they'll charge you more.

Another type of tax that falls under the pink tax is the "period tax" or "tampon tax". This is when companies price feminine hygiene products like tampons and pads as if they're luxury goods as if they are not something the majority of the Earth's population need.

Now, as you already know women get paid a lot less than men do even if they are working the same job. Women make 88 cents of a dollar that a man makes, and a study in New York shows that female hygiene products are 13% more expensive than male hygiene products. Now add that with the salary gap and inflation and you have a formula for pure gender discrimination.

Ways to avoid pink tax are comparing prices of unisex hygiene products like deodorant, lotions, and soaps. Also, do not purposely buy pink toys, or compare prices like I said before.

To conclude this pink tax is a terrible form of gender discrimination that shouldn't exist, but there are laws in states that make the pink tax illegal. Though there is no federal ban, The Pink Tax Repeal Act has been introduced to Congress it hasn't gained enough votes to pass through the Senate and House of Representatives.

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Congo River Golf

Congo River Golf is an exciting mini golf and more experience. There are 19 mini golf holes and they are all so different in their own ways. Some include caves, a boat, and over a running river. There are multiple levels and a big bridge you get to walk on on the third floor. Every hole is a new surprise and you can never guess what's coming. They provide you with different colors of golf balls and different sizes of clubs so you have one that fits you. If you want a decorated ball you have to pay extra but the designs are worth it. They also provide a pen and a score sheet so you can keep track of everyone's score. When you reach the end of the course you total up your score and whoever wins gets a first place medal. There are also so many other things to do. One bonus that they have is a mini arcade that has a ski ball and more. I was also very happy to know they have gem mining for sapphire, rubies, amethyst and a lot more. I found some big crystals using the provided sifters and the medium-sized bag that we bought for dirt. It was a fun thing to do because you never know what you're going to get. If you're interested in reptiles you will be glad to know that you can see and feed live alligators and turtles as soon as you walk in. They have at least 20 alligators that you can see. They have a vending machine at the beginning and middle of the course as well as a dippin dots machine at the front. Congo River is a great thing to do with friends or family if you are bored and want something fun. There are 2 different locations in Orlando one is at 5901 International Dr, Orlando Florida, and 12193 E Colonial Dr, Orlando Florida. I would definitely recommend Congo River Golf because it is a fun experience you will remember.

By: Genevieve A Why We Should Stop Wasting Food

Do you ever look at a bruised fruit and think, "ew I'm not buying that". Well, did you know that most of those fruits are edible, people just don't want to eat them because they look ugly. Food wastage is still one of the world's biggest problems today, and you can use these three simple at-home methods to help! The first thing that you can do is composting, composting is when you take food scraps (egg shells, banana peals, leaves of strawberries, etc.) and put them into your garden and they can help your plants grow healthier and faster. The second method you can use is creating meal plans. Meal plans help you sort out what you are going to eat for that week, this helps you save food AND money by showing what you're going to eat, and when you are going to eat it. It is also good for you so you make sure not to overeat. The third and final way that you can save food at home is by, buying ugly foods. Ugly foods are typically foods with bruises or weird shapes, however, these foods are still edible but people don't buy them because of the standards that produce has to meet. They have to look 'pretty' or people won't buy them, this is one of the reasons why so much money is being wasted. When people don't buy these 'ugly' foods the store just throws them away, now people think that it doesn't do any harm but it actually does. We waste about 200 billion dollars per year because of this, just think of how much more money you could get paid if you do these simple things.

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.How Dueling Functioned By: Jacob A.

Duels were created ever since the fifth century and commonly used by British nobles. Duels were at the height of their popularity around the 1800s and were so important to culture because people thought that god judged the two gentlemen dueling and allowed the one who was right to win, and declining a duel was considered cowardly. Many governments tried to make dueling illegal, but it wasn't very effective. In the 1800s, there were rules for duels that were called Code Duello and had 26 rules; one rule was that the one who committed the first offense must apologize to the victim. There was also someone who peacefully negotiated with the two duelers called a second. It was the second's job to restore relations between the people involved. Until the duel truly began, the party that had committed the offense could apologize and the duel would be dropped. Duels usually were used with guns, but swords were also used if the one who declared to duel requested it. With pistols, the duelers must fire their guns within three seconds after they have been loaded because it was considered disrespectful. The duel could end after a party has been satisfied with the results. However, around the Civil War, Duels began to become less popular as people were beginning to use duels as a tool to legally murder someone, especially in the South. Duels were an extremely fascinating example of the lengths people would go to prevent their honor from being hurt, and how it took so long for a society to change their opinion on a certain topic.

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Cadence L

Can Colors Effect Your Mood?



Have you ever wondered if colors can affect mood? Well, they can, and here are the colors that correspond with moods

Red- Helps stimulate sleep and relaxation, and often helps people to destress and relax.

Orange- can uplift and provide an exciting, optimistic feeling.

Yellow- Has positive effects on your mood and stimulates happiness and creativity.

Green- Can cause feelings of relaxation and balance

Blue- Has very calming connotations and creates feelings like serenity and joy.

Purple- Is often associated with sleep due to it having calming effects and can stimulate the imagination

Grey- Has cozy feeling effects and gives a feeling of maturity

Black- A more stern color that is associated with seriousness and negativity

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Organic Foods

By: Mckenzie L.

Are organic foods worth the nail-biting expense? "Organic" refers to how agricultural products are grown and processed. There is one main downside to purchasing organic foods, the price. Organic foods are very similar to your average foods, average foods are grown using (conventional) methods. However, organic foods are extremely safe because they are grown without pesticides. This can lead to a small or moderate gain of nutrients, because of the antioxidant properties. Additionally, organic grains don't contain toxic metals one of them being cadmium. This chemical is found in many types of soils and is absorbed by plants. The lower the cadmium level, the better. Lastly, meats using (conventional) methods are more known to have higher levels of dangerous bacteria. These bacteria may also not be able to be treated with antibiotics. Organic foods are a good choice if you can spend the amount of money they cost. However, conventional foods still give you nutrition, and there are multiple ways you can avoid these problems. Some ways to avoid the negative effects are, buying fruits and vegetables in season, reading food labels carefully, washing your fruits and vegetables carefully, and finally choosing a variety of foods from different sources. So whether you prefer organic foods or conventional foods, there are both pros and cons to consuming both of these.

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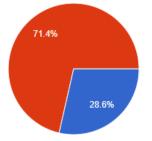
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Would you rather/ Question of the week $^{By:}\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{a}d\mathbf{e}n\mathbf{c}\mathbf{e}\,L}$

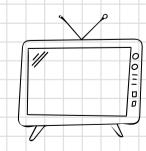
I asked the students and teachers at OGA, Would you rather listen to the same song every time you listen to music for two years or watch the same show every time you want to watch TV for two years? After a lot of going back and forth, they have decided!

Would you rather listen to the same song every time you listen to music for two years or watch the same show every time you want to watch tv for two years?

28 responses



- Listen to the same song every time you listen to music for two years
- Watch the same show every time you want to watch tv for two years



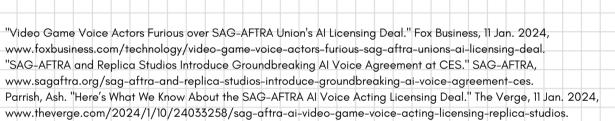
AI Voices In Video Games

By: Courtney Z.

Just two months after the 118-day strike, SAG-AFTRA announced a collaboration with Replica Studio which allows voice actors to work with Replica and make Al replicas of their voice. These Al replicas are then able to be licensed and used in video games.

SAG-AFTRA characterizes this deal as a way for actors to "explore new employment opportunities for their digital voice replicas with industry-leading protections tailored to AI technology.", even though a large percentage of voice actors under the company are against this.

In the simplest way possible, this isn't a good idea. At all. One, this is just doing what everyone fears, which is let robots (AI) take away our jobs, and two, people don't like this. Even though SAG-AFTRA says they're going to pay the actors fair compensation for working with the AI, why don't they just pay the actors to do their job?



By: Carter J.

Why Did a Man Leap at the Judge During his Trial

On Jan. 3, Deobra Delone Redden was appearing in court for attempted battery. During the trial, Redden's lawyer pointed out that he was getting his life back on track and should be put on probation. The judge, Mary Kay Holthus, had appreciated the request but insisted on keeping the 4-year sentence she planned.

Upon hearing the news, Redden shouted profanities and vaulted over the desk, leaping at the judge. After he leaped, many people came to the judge's aid. People had to pull him off of her and after inspection, the judge was largely unharmed. The judge then saw him on the 8th of January to finish his sentence.

Despite what had happened, the judge herself held no grudge and gave him the same sentence she was going to give before. Some people have spoken out against the judge because of this. While people commended her for not holding a grudge, people think that she should still punish him for the extra charges brought against him during her assault.

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Japan Airlines Plane Catches on Fire

By: Mckenzie L.

A Japan Airlines plane, called Airbus A350 caught on fire, on January 3rd, 2024. There were 367 passengers and 12 crew members on board, which were all evacuated immediately. Because of the fire, the crew that was on the plane used megaphones and their voices to direct the people safely off the plane. Unfortunately, when the plane was landing it collided with a Japanese Coast Guard aircraft, which killed 5 out of the 12 crew members. Videos show the larger plane moving down the runway, as it burst into flames. Fortunately, all 367 of the passengers are alive. 14 of them were injured, however, this wasn't life-threatening. Currently, the case is under investigation. When the flight departed from the New Chitose Airport, there were no issues with the plane. Handea, one out of the two main airports that were serving the Japanese capital, Tokyo, was closed for several hours following the accident. However, three resumed operations since then. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said authorities were working to ensure the accident did not affect deliveries of earthquake relief supplies and expressed sorrow over the deaths of the Coast Guard crew. "This is a great regret as the crew members performed their duties with a strong sense of mission and responsibility for the victims of the disaster area," he said.

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Magnet fishing By: Amaya A.

Magnet Fishing is becoming a prevalent trend across the globe, especially due to social media channels on YouTube and TikTok. Magnet Fishing is defined in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as, The sport or hobby of using a strong magnet attached to the end of a rope to find metal objects in bodies of water.

There are dangers attached to magnet fishing as they can pull weapons and even unexploded bombs from the water. That is why it is illegal in some places or you must have a special fishing permit. Some of these places include but aren't limited to Wisconsin, Germany, France, England, Wales, Poland, and Scotland.

Some say that boaters who dropped their keys in the water started Magnet Fishing. The most effective magnet is a Neodymium magnet because it can pick up almost anything in the water. Most people who take up the hobby prefer the river or a lake to fish in.

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By: Lexi G.

The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

While the current world has many wonders, let's focus on the ones that were a part of the old world, The Seven Wonders of The Ancient World. Sadly, we cannot visit most of these structures as two were lost in fires, and four were destroyed in earthquakes, but luckily one is still standing.

- 1. The Colossus of Rhodes was in the harbor of Rhodes, Greece. The giant structure stood 107 feet tall for 56 years before its demise. Made of bronze and iron, it toppled in an earthquake.
- 2. The Great Pyramid of Giza located in El Giza, Eygpt stands high at 455 feet tall and is the only one of the original wonders that exists today. It used to stand over 481 feet tall and now stands at 450 feet tall. It is an amazing structure that has stood for 4,577 years.
- 3. Hanging Gardens of Babylon in Al Hillah, Iraq stood for 374 years before being demolished by an earthquake. No one knows if the gardens existed or what the structure looked like.
- 4. The Statue of Zeus at Olympia in Olympia, Greece stood for 855 years before being lost to a fire. The ivory statue was 39 feet tall and filled an entire aisle within the Temple of Zeus.
- 5. The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus was in Ephesus, Turkey for 194 years before being wrecked by fire. It was made of marble and contained a statue made of gold of the goddess Artemis.
- 6. Mausoleum at Halicarnassus located in Bodrum, Turkey was around for 1,755 years and was 135 feet tall. The massive structure was a tomb for a governor of the Persian Empire, Mausolus. The Lighthouse of Alexandria in Alexandria, Egypt stood 384 feet tall and for 1,602 years before its ruin. It is one of the most popular lighthouses to exist and was destroyed by earthquakes.

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Why You Should Drink Water By: Reagan C.

As you know water is a key function to your health because about 70 percent of your body is made out of water. Depending on your size, weight, height, etc. you should be drinking different amounts of water. For example, men should drink about 13 cups of water a day, women should drink about 9 cups of water a day, and kids should drink about 7-8 cups of water a day. You might think that sports drinks and caffeine help you to be more energetic and awake but really it is a temporary effect and later could cause headaches and trouble sleeping. Water if you drink it consistently and enough you will have a long-term cause of energy and feeling awake. Water also can help when you're having a rough morning because if you drink enough water you will wake up very easily. Water may seem like it is just another refreshing drink but it is very important. Some more things it can help with are helping your spinal cords and tissues to be protected, regulating body temperatures, and carrying nutrients and oxygen to cells. So if you get the option between water and coffee then pick water because even though it might not taste like it water is the better choice.

Starbucks Mobile App

By: Genevieve A.

With over 10 million people coming in a year, Starbucks is one of the most popular food chains around the world. They have over 35,000 stores located in eighty different countries. Now, surprisingly, a lot of people would rather go in the drive-thru or go in the store to order; when you could easily just use their mobile app! However, only about 26% of people actually use this app, and that's just over 2 million. What I'm saying is, not a lot! And there are so many people who don't know the benefits of actually using this app. One of the major reasons people use this app is because of the star points. Star points are used when you buy a drink on the mobile app, and you can get points to get a free drink! As an example, let's say you have 100 points. If you go to Starbucks and want just plain coffee, you can use that 100 points to buy it. You can get one star per dollar, so that means if you buy a drink that is \$5.00, then that means you get five points.

Another reason people use the mobile app is that it is easier for the drive-thru, or in-store pick-up because you can just grab it, and go! This is helpful for not only you, but the workers too because if the lines are long, the workers have already prepared your drink and it goes by much faster.

So next time you go to Starbucks, make sure you use the mobile app so you can gain points and earn free things!

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Why Traveling on Buses is not Safe By: Carter J.

Buses are commonly used for transportation across the world. Whether you're going to work or coming home, buses are there to do the job for you and many others simultaneously. Despite this, they aren't very safe for the people and aren't very secure.

Many buses lack important safety features leading to many accidents. Some of these safety features are staples like seatbelts and fire exits. Plenty of buses are also made with cheap glass due to the size and number of windows.

The issue is that all of these problems can be easily solved but aren't. The seatbelts and fire exits are easy to implement and cheap as well. While the windows are more on the pricey side the best option would at the very least be to make them double-pained/glazed which increases the integrity of them overall.

All in all, buses in their current state are not very safe. Improvements have been made but these improvements need to be implemented on a wider scale to truly improve safety. Until then, stay safe and always know what you're riding.

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