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Swish and Rebound: Basketball Season Comes to an End

By Ethan Shostak

Basketball has wrapped up for the season. Both the boys and girls teams fought hard in postseason play and in their final games of the regular season.

To start off February, the boys faced off against Manhattan Christian for the first time this season. Unfortunately, the boys struggled to ward off the Eagles at home, and the game's final score was 47-90.

The boys bounced back the following week with wins against the White Sulphur Springs Hornets (58-18) and the Shields Valley Rebels (65-63). This ended regular season play for the boys.

For the first round of Districts, the boys again competed against Shields Valley. The boys played a great game and won 51-41.

The following day they squared off against the West Yellowstone Wolverines, who defeated the Mustangs 35-58.

To avoid elimination and earn a spot at Divisionals, the boys had to defeat the Lone Peak Bighorns later that same day. In regular season play, the boys had defeated the Bighorns in a close game. Unfortunately, that was not the case this time, and the boys lost 39-52, ending their basketball season. Lone Peak would go on to

upset the Harrison Wildcats in a challenge game at Divisionals, earning a spot alongside the Manhattan Christian Eagles at State.

Girls Basketball on p. 2.....



Basketball Cont.

The Lady Mustangs also began February with a matchup against Manhattan Christian. They had defeated the Eagles in a close game in January, but would lose in this second meeting at home with a final score of 47-67.

Against both White Sulphur Springs and Shields Valley, the girls won decisively. They defeated the Hornets 52-28, and Shields Valley 57-25.

At Districts, the girls first squared off against Gardiner. It was an absolute landslide for the Lady Mustangs with a final score of 61-16. They easily advanced and had to defeat Manhattan Christian to earn a spot in the championship game. Unfortunately, the girls fell to the Eagles again, this time with a final score of 33-48.

In order to secure a spot at Divisionals, the girls needed to defeat West Yellowstone. They came up with the victory (61-51) and were able to keep moving forward.

In the consolation game, the girls played against Lone Peak and defeated them in a close one (43-40), earning them a 3rd place district finish. West Yellowstone, Lone Peak, Seeley Swan, Twin Bridges, and Superior; all of which we won.

The following week, the girls traveled back to Butte to compete at Divisionals. Their first game was against the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks. The girls played well and defeated the Blackhawks 63-50. Next, they faced

Twin Bridges, and they lost 36-42. The girls would need a couple more wins at the tournament in order to have a chance for a challenge game to advance to State.

First, they played the Superior Bobcats and easily won 61-29. In the consolation game, they faced off against Lone Peak yet again. Unfortunately, the girls would end up falling the Rams this time, with a close final score of 37-41, earning the girls a 4th place finish at Divisionals and ending their season.

Clearly, the Mustangs' district is a strong one, with teams from our district earning the top two spots at Divisionals and heading to State for both the boys and girls. Our teams put up a great fight and we look forward to watching them next season.

WHEN TO PLANT WHAT

By Aalyia Howard

Spring is fast approaching, and many people enjoy gardening as a fun pastime, but how do you know when to plant what? Well, here's a list of some of the most common indoor and outdoor plants that you can add to your roster.

If you like your fruits and vegetables, then here are a couple options to plant inside! Sprouts are amazingly quick and easy. Not only do they require no grow lights or any special equipment, but they grow relatively fast and they are cute to look at, as well as yummy to eat. Add them to stir-frys, rice dishes, and omelets for a touch of flavor. Another great option is citrus trees! Lime, lemon, and miniature orange trees are all cute options to add both decor and a sweet treat to your home. These are a tad bit more advanced, so if you're just starting out, this may not be the choice for you.

If you're looking for something to spice you up, you can always plant some indoor peppers! These are something you can plant in a pot by your windowsill and just watch it grow. They are an amazing way to add some fresh and spicy additives to your food. Lastly, for our indoor plants, we have

strawberries. These can be grown both inside and outside, but they are a good option if you have a special someone in your life and you would like to bake them a pie.

Now onto the outdoors. There are so many different things that can be grown in a cute little outdoor garden, but here are some of my favorite ideas. Flowers! Flowers are relatively simple, and they look beautiful. They can also attract pretty bugs to your yard. Another great option is snap peas. Snap peas do need to have a place where they can climb, but planting them has proven to be amazing for your soil, and they taste amazing. Carrots are a very tasty option if you're looking to add some healthy but yummy foods to your palate.

If you would like to look into growing any of the wonderful options I have listed for you today, here are some websites you can check out. Have an amazing spring!



Spring Poems

By Aalyia Howard

"More Than Enough"

-Marge Piercy

The first lily of June opens its red mouth.

All over the sand road where we walk
multiflora rose climbs trees cascading
white or pink blossoms, simple, intense
the scene drifting like colored mist.

The arrowhead is spreading its creamy
clumps of flower and the blackberries
are blooming in the thickets. Season of
joy for the bee. The green will never
again be so green, so purely and lushly
new, grass lifting its wheaty seedheads
into the wind. Rich fresh wine
of June, we stagger into you smeared
with pollen, overcome as the turtle
laying her eggs in roadside sand.



"Lines Written in Early Spring"

-William Wordsworth

Through primrose tufts, in that green
bower,

The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and
played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure...

"Spring"

-William Blake

Sound the flute!

Now it's mute!

Bird's delight,

Day and night,

Nightingale,

In the dale,

Lark in sky,—

Merrily,

Merrily merrily, to welcome in the
year...

Green Poisoning

By Aalyia Howard

I'm sure we're all familiar with that one holiday that decks you out in all green and gives your friends a reason to pinch you for no reason whatsoever. Well, when you go digging through your closet, looking for that one green shirt to wear this St. Patti's day, maybe take a moment to stop and think about the history behind that green dye.

A lot of the clothes that we wear today are unfortunately unethically sourced; however, back in the 1800's wearing certain clothing colors could lead to actual death. Wilhelm Dye and White Lead Company was a company that was based in Schweinfurt, Germany. In the year 1814, they came out with a total game changer for the fashion industry. A new dye quickly emerged from the depths of this company and what came with it was not so pleasant. You see, gas lighting was starting to become preferred rather than candle light. This shift in light led to ballrooms becoming brighter, giving women a reason to want brighter, bolder colors for their clothes. This company soon introduced just what the people wanted. A beautiful new shade of green was invented and it began to be seen everywhere. Women requested dresses and hats to be made; wallpapers and

carpets began taking on this gorgeous color, but it had some not-so-gorgeous side effects!

This new dye had something different about it. It was produced using arsenic. This chemical is what gave the emerald green its bright boldness. But unfortunately, whoever fell victim to this fashion trend, also fell victim to something else. Besides death being a major side effect, arsenic was also shown to make people's hair fall out, develop scabs or sores wherever the material touched, and also make people go into kidney failure. In one horrific case, a woman who manufactured the dye ended up literally turning green before simply dying at the age of 19.

Luckily for us, clothing dye is much more human-friendly now. Many green dyes are naturally sourced by combining a blue agent (indigo) and a yellow agent (turmeric) to create the beautiful green clothes we have today. So when you go out for St. Patti's day this year, you won't have to worry about the whites of your eyes turning green.



March Madness

by Hayden Rosdahl

March Madness is a big deal for college basketball fans, and it is almost upon us. Fans from all over the country, and even people who never watch college basketball, group together and make brackets, betting on which team will win.

The NCAA national basketball tournament has been in existence since 1939; this will be its 84th year. Every year, 68 women's and men's college basketball teams participate in a series of games that eventually whittle down to the Sweet Sixteen, the Elite Eight, the Final Four, and finally the championship game. Goliath teams that experience high levels of success most years compete against underdogs who have the hope of becoming that rare "Cinderella" team.

March Madness has a major effect on many things including the workplace. Employers report more sick days and longer



lunch breaks during the month of March. To compete in the March Madness tournament, teams must be chosen by a selection committee. If a team wins their conference championship, they are automatically selected to compete. This year, the MSU Bobcats won the Big Sky Conference championship and have a guaranteed spot in the tournament!



Famous Birthdays in March

March is home to many famous birthdays. Here are a few:

Albert Einstein, March 14th

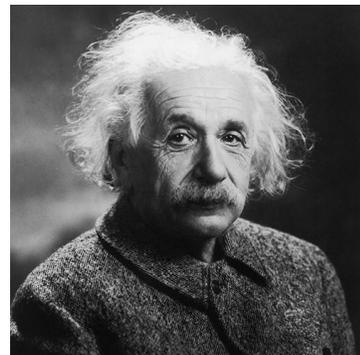
Harriet Tubman, March 6th

Michaelangelo, March 6th

Shaquille O'Neal, March 6th

Mariah Carey, March 27th

Elton John, March 25th



SPRING CLEANING SUPPLIES

by Hayden Rosdahl

Spring cleaning has been a tradition for many years. With the start of warmer weather, many families take advantage of this to do some much needed cleaning. To help you out with your spring cleaning, here are some popular supplies and their prices on Amazon:

1. BOSHENG
Mop and Bucket
with Wringer Set:
39.99



2. Glad 13 gallon
pink scented
trash bags: pack
90 for 21.99

3. The Pink Stuff
The Miracle All
Purpose Cleaning
Paste: 5.97



4. Holikme 7 Pack
Kitchen Cleaning
Brush Set: 9.95

5. Magic Window
Track Cleaner: 11.99

6. Febreze® AIR Freshener Spray: 3.29

7. Eyliden 17in1 Kitchen Cleaning Storage
Set: 19.99

Astrological Events

by Hayden Rosdahl

Many interesting events will be happening in March, such as the close approach of Venus and Jupiter on March 2. This means you'll be able to see both of them at the same time using a telescope.

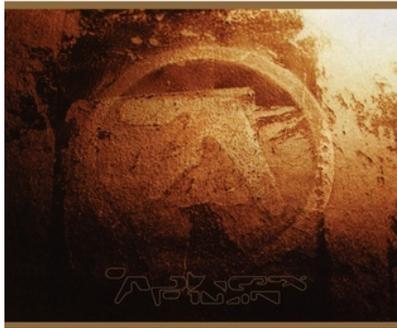
The March equinox will be happening March 20, which means spring has officially started. Then on March 28, the moon and Mars will be close together, which means Mars will be easily visible in the night sky. Lastly, to end off the month, on March 28 the dwarf planet "Makemake" will be visible with a telescope.



Makemake dwarf planet

The Alternative Umbrella

Album Reviews by Hayden Rosdahl



SELECTED AMBIENT WORKS VOLUME 11

Aphex Twin: *Selected Ambient Works*
Volume 11

Rating: 8.5/10

Favorite song: "#3"

This album, released in 1994, is my favorite album by this artist. It's different from other albums released by Aphex Twin; it has a more melodic, dreamlike feel than his other work. It is a whopping 2 hours and 26 minutes long; however, it is very much worth it since the songs blend together, creating a dreamlike experience for the listener. "#3" is, in my opinion, the best song on the album. The orchestra instruments and slow pace of the song make it sound very peaceful and serene. Overall, I'd recommend this if you want something calm and dream like to listen too.



Current Joys- 2013

Rating: 9.5/10

Favorite song: "Under the Influence"

This is Current Joys's third album and, in my opinion, sums up their sound very well. The album as a whole has a soft indie vibe to it. The melodic guitars and slow pacing adds a very warm and nostalgic feel to this album. "Under the Influence" stands out as a particularly good song. It does what this album does best, which is creating a nostalgic small town fall sort of feeling. Overall, I'd recommend this album to any indie fan.

Book Reviews

By Mackenzie Boyko

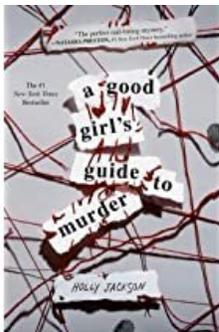


All the Bright Places:

All the Bright Places is a young adult fiction novel by Jennifer Niven, and it is based on her personal story.

It was released on

January 6, 2015, and follows Theodore Finch and Violet Markey, two teenagers that badly want to escape from their small Indiana town of Bartlett. Violet is a popular girl that is secretly dealing with survivor's remorse. Finch is a boy obsessed with death, and is also labeled as a "freak" by others.



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder:

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder is a young adult fiction mystery thriller by Holly Jackson. The

book was published on May 6th, 2019. It is about a girl named Pippa who learns about another young female named Andie Bell, who lived in Pippa's village and was murdered by her boyfriend, Sal Singh, five years ago. Pippa suspects that it wasn't an open and shut case, and chooses to make solving the crime her end-of-year

project for school.



Good Girl Bad Blood:

Good Girl Bad Blood is the followup to *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*. It was published on April 30, 2020. In this book,

Pippa is no longer a detective, but with the

help of Ravi Singh (her boyfriend), she releases a true crime podcast about the Andie Bell case. last year that they solved together. The podcast has gone viral, and Pippa still claims that her investigating days are over, but that soon changes when someone she knows goes missing....



All About Saint Patricks!

By Mackenzie Boyko

SHOES!

Saint Patrick's Day was first celebrated March 17th, 1631, when the church held a feast day honoring Saint Patrick. He had been Patron Saint (The person or guiding saint of a person or place) of Ireland. He died around the fifth century, 12 centuries before the modern version of the holiday was first observed.

Here are six interesting facts about Saint Patrick's Day:

1. The real Saint Patrick was born in Britain
2. One legend surrounding St. Patrick was that he banished snakes from Ireland; however, research suggests snakes never inhabited the country in the first place. .
3. Leprechauns are likely based off of Celtic fairies
4. The shamrock is considered a sacred plant
5. The first Saint Patrick's Day parade was held in America
6. Corned beef and cabbage was an American innovation



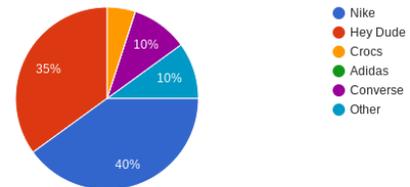
I sent out an email to everyone asking what brand of shoe they think is most popular in our school. The options were:

- Nike
- Hey Dude
- Crocs
- Adidas
- Converse
- Other

Nike came in first with a vote of 40%, but Hey Dudes came in at a close second with a vote of 35%. Here are the full results:

What brand of shoe do you think is most popular in our school?

40 responses



Concessions

An Op-ed by Mackenzie Boyko

Concessions isn't a hard job. Really, if you think about it, you get to hangout with your friends and listen to music. You don't even have to be there for that long if you have set shifts, and other people in your grade can come in and help out. You'll be raising money for your class for homecoming, prom setup, and graduation.

I interviewed Ms. Diehl about what she thinks about all of this, and this is what she said: "There have been a lot of struggles this year. This year has been the worst for kids not showing up. It's hard to get people to sign up because they don't want to do it."

I then asked if the staff was thinking about doing anything about this issue, and while nothing has been decided, there may be some changes made next year to make it more convenient and make everyone equally responsible. Kids who don't put in the work and help their class may not be afforded the same privileges as those who do. So, sign up, show up, and help your class. It is unfair to expect the rest of them to do it for you. We're all busy, many of us have jobs, but we can all plan ahead and contribute!



Stanley Cup Hype

By Mackenzie Boyko

Stanley Cups (the tumblers, NOT the hockey trophy) were created in 1913 and have recently gone viral over all social media platforms. The Stanley Cup is a 40 ounce tumbler that has become so popular now that after the company that makes the cups restocked on a Monday, it sold out in under five hours.

The company representatives wouldn't specify how many have been sold, but did share that 33,000 people have signed up for Stanley's waiting list. On Ebay, the Stanley cup, which normally sells for \$40, is now being resold for up to \$180.

One of the reasons that the Stanley Cup is so popular now is because it has double wall insulation that keeps beverages hot for several hours, and iced/cold for two full days. Ice cubes stay intact for up to 48 hours. The cup features a lid with a removable lid, straw, a handle, and an insulated body that is tapered, allowing it to fit in a cup holder.



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Upcoming Events

March 4: High School Prom

March 6-10: Read Across America Week

March 6-10: Missoula Children's Theater

March 9: Play auditions

March 11: Montana State Spelling Bee

March 12: Daylight Savings

March 13: First Day of Practice for Spring Sports

March 13-17: Spring Break

March 24: Midterm

March 24: Junior High Dance

March 28: ACT (Juniors)

