

Dragon Times

WEEKLY NEWS & ARTICLES

Polls

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Taylor Swift or Kanye West

By: Hannah smith

Taylor Swift for the win with 50 votes to Kanye West's 46

Taylor Swift is a 33 year old singer songwriter, she has many albums and is in the process of re-recording them and producing more. She recently came off tour, the "eras tour." Many fans of Taylor Swift nicknamed swifties went to her concerts and paid quite a bit of money to do so. Taylor Swift is re-releasing her albums because she wanted to fully own and have what are called master rights over her own music. She didn't have that before with her pre-released music. Although that music has gotten her very far, her remaking her songs is making her even more wealthy. She has sold an estimated 114 million album units into America and the UK. She has won 12 grammys and many other awards in her career that started when she was around 14. Taylor Swift is unmarried and has no kids but is rumored to have something going on with a certain football player Travis Kelce.

Kanye West is a 46 year old singer, rapper, record producer and fashion designer. Kanye has 10 studio albums and 11 other types of albums. His best known song is "stronger" from his graduation album, it was released in 2007. He's sold 140 million records, gotten nominated for 75 grammys and has won 24 of them. He's gone on tour a total of 6 times but hasn't gone on one since September 2022 and has not confirmed a 2024 or 2025 tour. He recently got married to Bianca Censori in August 2023 after being married to Kim Kardashian from 2014 to 2022. He does have kids, 4 of them he shares custody of them with Kim. He has none with his new wife though

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Football @ Toledo 9/28
- Volleyball vs. Oakridge 9/28
- XC @sweethome 9/30

Country of The Week

~ Ecuador ~
By: Kyli Cejas

Ecuador is a country located in South America, bordered by Columbia and Peru. The name comes from the Spanish meaning of equator, because the equator runs through it. Broke apart into 3 regions(in the mainland), coast, highlands and rainforests. Quito is the capital of the country. With a population of over 17 million, Ecuador's main spoken language is Spanish, though you may hear a few other languages spoken. Popular foods will vary depending on your location, but typically soups, stews, rice, corn pancakes, eggs and vegetables are commonly eaten there. Alongside of that some local favorite dishes consist of ceviche, seafood lechon, and very interestingly sometimes guinea pig.

A top favorite attraction loved by tourists and locals is The Galapagos Islands. Galapagos is a chain of islands or also called archipelago and consists of over 100 islands. It's a volcanic archipelago and known as one of the most volcanically active areas in the world. Also it was Ecuador's first national park, with 97% of its land included as the national park. There's a lot of different species of animals and plants. A lot of the species aren't found anywhere else in the world. Ecuador is one of the most diverse places because of all the different species.

Something you may not know about Ecuador is that it's closer to outer space than any other country. Mountain Chimborazo is 1.5 miles higher than Mountain Everest. Chimborazo is Ecuador's highest point. The main religion is catholicism with over 90% of its population is catholic mixed with some indigenous beliefs.

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~ Adventurelife.com
~ Britannica.com

Celeb Gossip & Celeb Analysis

Celebrity Gossip By Paige Piper

Ariana Grande is dating her brother!? World famous star Ariana, recently divorced from her former husband Dalton Gomez, is now dating Ethan Slater, Ariana's co-star from *Wicked*. Ariana and Ethan were seen together before she was separated from her husband, and before Ethan separated from his high-school sweetheart, who just gave birth to their newborn son. They deny this allegation, stating that they were only "friends", but eye witnesses say otherwise. On top of this act of adultery, the crowds are in further uproar about the resemblance between Ethan Slater and Ariana Grande's brother, Frankie Grande. Is she attracted to her brother...? Or is it only a coincidence? Decide for yourself below.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-12532433/Ariana-Grande-OFFICIALLY-files-divorce-Dalton-Gomez-two-months-new-beau-Ethan-Slater-filed-divorce-wife-Lilly-Jay.html>



Celebrity Analysis: Trisha Paytas By: Gunner Rodgers

Who is Trisha Paytas? That is a truthfully very hard question to answer. Taking a look at her past she seems to be everywhere. Making an appearance on TV in shows like *My Strange Addictions*, *Celebrity Big Brother*, and *The Ellen DeGenerouse show*. She's also very well known for her social media presence on Vine, Youtube, TikTok, and her exclusive, unfortunately unnamable, exclusive content page. Trisha is very well known for her questionable shenanigans. At this point controversy should be her middle name. Things like faking DID (dissociative identity disorder), saying she was transgender and nonbinary, and Dressing up like a "japanese pop star". However these were all kind of a long time ago. Now she has found Jesus and began her life as a mother with her husband Moses, and daughter Malibu Barbie. Just recently she lost her "best friend" Colleen Ballanger after Colleen was exposed as being a horrible person. Trisha herself has said she loves the spotlight and seeks attention everywhere she can, but honestly I think motherhood has changed her for the better. That's why Trisha will be starting this list off with a mid range ranking of a C!

EXOTIC ANIMALS & OUTFIT OF THE WEEK

Pink Dolphins

By Mikayla Smith

The Amazon river dolphin, also known as a pink river dolphin is a rare and special animal. These Dolphins live only in freshwater and are mostly found in the Amazon river but sometimes, the Orinoco river Basin, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, and in Venezuela. These dolphins may have a pink color, especially an adult male, but at birth these dolphins start out a gray color. As they age the males especially, begin to to turn into a pinker color. The range of pinkness could be brighter the more scar tissue they have from fights or games and can also depend on their diet and exposure to sun lights. Their color can show in a variation of ways, they may just stay gray, be some shade of pink, or be spotted with a combination of both. These animals are very smart and have 40% more brain capacity than a human and live about 30 years. In very rare cases a dolphin can have albinism causing them to have a bubblegum pink color. This excessive gene has to be passed down from both parents, making it very uncommon and there have only been 20 recorded sightings since the mid-20th century. There is even a well known bottlenose dolphin, Pinky, she has been seen several times in the Louisiana Calcasieu River ship channel and you can even follow her on facebook!

Source: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/150909-pinky-albino-bottlenose-dolphin-animals-science>

Outfit Of The Week

By Maliah

I'm doing outfit of the week, and this week I interviewed Reilly Jensen and Josh Denniston.

Starting off strong with Reilly, on Tuesday, Reilly wore a really cute pair of jeans from American Eagle. She wore a funny shirt that said "Chuggin' since 1787." She had on a cute gray pair of Hey Dudes that she got off of Amazon. Her hair was up in a cute tan claw clip that she got from Amazon as well. She had her usual everyday jewelry on. She had two gold necklaces, one from Amazon and the other from Tj Maxx. Also two pairs of cute gold hoops, from Tj Maxx as well.

I also interviewed Josh Denniston on the same day. He was wearing a nice pair of Wrangler jeans from Amazon and a belt from Walmart. He was wearing a plain blue shirt from Tj Maxx. He got his blue Nike shoes off of Nike.com and his Champion socks from Ross.

Sights to See & Hobbies

Sights to See in Oregon

By: Audrey Young

Oregon has plenty of beautiful travel destinations, but only one of these places is considered a National Park, Crater Lake. Crater Lake's stunning blue water and interesting history pulls tourists in from all over the world. Crater Lake has incredible views all year round, with its snowy peaks in the winter, and refreshing water to swim in during the summer.

Crater lake is such an interesting place because it is one of the few lakes that sits in an ancient, collapsed volcano. Additionally, at 1,943 feet, Crater Lake is the deepest, bluest, and clearest lake in the U.S and one of the deepest in the world. There is no water outlet in this lake, and the temperature of the water sits at a yearly average of 38 degrees. Crater Lake is located in Southern Oregon on the crest of the cascade mountain range.

On May 22, 1902, the National Park was established and Crater Lake became the sixth National Park. According to <https://www.travelcraterlake.com/> , "More than 7,000 years ago, a fierce eruption shook the 12,000-foot-tall Mount Mazama, triggering the mountain's collapse. The area's Klamath tribes witnessed the volcano's eruption, and their histories include many stories about how Crater Lake and its features were created."

Overall, Crater Lake is a must-see if you live in Oregon. The experience of visiting our State's only National Park is worth the 3 hour drive. Add Crater Lake to your travel bucket list!

What Are Hobbies

By: Judah Mondragon-Solis

Hobbies are a way to get distracted and whenever you're bored it keeps you busy and gets you some time alone, or even out with friends or family. Hobbies can make profits like making wooden objects that you can sell. Hobbies can make you think better and be more creative and can help you in the future. For example if a chair broke from a leg and you do woodwork as a hobby, you know how to fix it. You can save up like \$100 dollars just to get it fixed or have to get a new one. There you go that's what a hobby is by.

Movie Reviews

Moonstruck

By: Tashi Frystak

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If you're looking for a Romance movie with a little comedy I recommend Moonstruck. It was released in December of 1987 starring Cher and Nicolas Cage, The main character, Loretta Castorini, works as a bookkeeper for all neighborhood shops and stores. Her boyfriend Johnny Cammareri proposes to her before leaving to go to his dying mother in Sicily telling Loretta to call his brother to invite him to the wedding.

Loretta ends up going to the brother's place of work which is a bakery where he tends to the bread oven. The brother who is now known as Ronny tells Loretta why he doesn't want to go to the wedding. Now, I like how so far it's drama and not so much comedy but I wish there was a little bit of humor in the start just to know what kind of jokes we might be hearing.

Loretta and Ronny end up going to talk in his apartment which is right above the bakery.

This is where the affair starts, the next morning Loretta realizes what she did and immediately starts getting dressed muttering while Ronny tries to calm her down and says that he loves her. That's when the memorable scene happens, Loretta slaps Ronny saying "Snap out of it!" as he's trying to profess his love for her. Ronny offers that for him to leave her alone for the rest of his life that they go to the opera that very night.

I love how it went from inviting the brother to the wedding to having an affair, but I wonder what would've happened if she only called Ronny and didn't go over to the bakery. Would the affair still have happened? Would something else have happened? Loretta and Ronny go to the opera and at the end of the opera Loretta ends up finding her father with a random woman while walking out. I think we can guess what he was doing with her, and no they weren't not friends.

The next day Ronny and Loretta go to her parents house where they have breakfast, Loretta's Aunt and Uncle come as well and then Johnny comes into the house where he tells Loretta that his mother is better and that he can't marry her. Then Johnny proposes to her and she says yes.

My opinion on the movie is that I like how it's romance and drama but still has comedy so you don't get dried out because romance after romance gets boring but I do wish there was a bit more comedy added to it. I love having a late night movie with popcorn and a drink with this film for me, it's an oldie that never gets old.

Last Softball Game of the Season & Senior Quotes

Student interviews

This week I interviewed Jocelyn Lucia Flores .I asked her an abundance of questions and got her answers. My first question was, (what is your favorite class)?

(Jocelyn said my favorite class is woods ,because Mr. Malanax is an amazing teacher) but just remember all the teachers and staff here are awesome too ! The next question was, (how do you spend your free time)? (Jocy said in her free time she loves forcing her little brother Jose to make tiktok). My third question was(if you could have any superhero power, what would it be and why)? (She said she would pick invisibility so she can scare people). My next Question was (what is your favorite sports team)? (Jocelyn would pick the Sporting Kansas Soccer team because her cousin plays on that team). Then the question I asked her was(what do you wanna be when you grow up) ? (Jocelyn said she wants to be a labor and delivery nurse). After that i asked (if you could be any movie star who would you be)? (Jocy said she would beTeresa Mendoza, because she's a baddie). My seventh question (I asked was if she won the lottery what would you do with the money)? (Jocelyn said she would buy her parents a house), because they deserve it. My next question I asked was (if you could only eat one food for the rest of your life what would it be)? (She said she would eat tacos for the rest of her life , because they are her favorite). My last question was (if you were a dessert what would you be)? (Jocelyn said she would be choco flan , because it's good).

MHS Volleyball

By: Lilly Freeman

Last week the Lady Dragons had an away game at Lowell against the Red Devils. The Lowell Red Devils were ranked number 1 in the state; however, the Lady Dragons gave them a run for their money by having good rallies. The first set ended with a score of 25-16 in favor of the Lowell Red Devils, as well as the 3rd (25-16) and the 4th (25-15). The girls pulled through in the second set winning a tough battle with the final score being 25-23. Overall the Red Devils won 3 of the 4 sets but the team put up a good game.

This week the Lady Dragons traveled to Toledo to play against the Toledo Boomers. The Dragons won 3 out of the 4 sets against the Boomers only losing the first one (23-25). The second set was won 25-19, the third set was won 25-15 and the fourth set was won 25-23. While talking to some of the players I gathered some information about the game, the Toledo Boomers had beat the Bandon Tigers in 4 Sets while the Dragons lost to the Bandon Tigers in 5 sets. They went into the game thinking this team was going to be tough but they were able to push ahead and take the win. With every up there is a down Lainie Bateman injured her ankle but was able to continue playing to help her team obtain the win. The Lady Dragons do have another game coming up this week so be sure to stop by and show your support.

Top five & Cross-Country

Top Five
Artists on spotify
By; Kayley

Drake

Drake is a very popular rapper and singer. He currently has 76 million monthly streams on spotify. His most listened to song is "One Dance" which has 344 million plays. Drake has won multiple grammys including the best rap album grammy for his album "Take Care" in 2013 and two best rap song awards for "Hotline Bling" in 2017 and "Gods Plan" in 2019.

Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift has gone through multiple different genres in music, from her earlier country music to her more recent pop albums. She currently has 101 million monthly streams and has been named the most streamed artist in one day. Her most recent album, "Midnights" has got 186 million streams in 24 hours and is the most downloaded album in one day.

Bad Bunny

Bad Bunny is a Puerto Rican singer and rapper. Most people like him because of his good music and the relatability to his lyrics. He is getting 74.7 million monthly listeners. He has various genres but mainly latin trap and reggaeton.

The Weeknd

The Weeknd is a very popular singer and songwriter. His biggest hit is "Blinding Lights". He is getting 107 million monthly streams on spotify right now. He recently got his 7th #1 song which was "Die For You" featuring Ariana Grande.

Ed Sheeran

Ed Sheeran is popular because of his good talent and also his character. He is one of the world's best selling music artists. His most popular song, "Shape of You" has had 3.6 billion streams, and he is currently getting 75.6 million monthly streams.

Monroe Dragons Cross Country

By: Aiden Koroush

The Monroe Dragons Cross Country team is back for the second year and they have doubled in size! Last season the team had gotten second in districts and ninth in state. This year they are predicted to win districts by 30 points, and get third in state. That's a pretty big achievement considering it's our second year. The last time the Dragons went to state for Cross country was 1987. The runners on the team are a lot faster this year. They have been training all summer and their top five runners are under twenty minutes, their top two are both under 19 minutes as of now. Their next race is on Friday, September 22nd. Good luck and run fast. Go Dragons!