

Dragon Times

WEEKLY NEWS & ARTICLES

SONG OF THE WEEK & CROSS COUNTRY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Nothing New

By: Noel Nissen

Nothing new by Taylor swift feat. Phoebe Bridgers is a heart breaking song about the experience of growing up as a young woman in the spotlight and the hardships and expectations she's experienced. Off the bat the song taylor says "They tell you while you're young girls, go out and have your fun then they hunt and slay the ones who actually do it, criticize the way you fly when you're soaring' through the sky shoots you down and then they sigh, and say she looks like she's been through it." We see Taylor describe the hypocrisy of the things said. Although she's becoming an adult and experiencing life everything she does is being micromanaged and judged. We then see her questioning why at 18 she knew everything, but nothing at 22 she feels as if growing up has just complicated her life putting evenmore unreasonable expectations on her. We finally get the title verse when she says "And will you still want me when I'm nothing new?" It shows her worries of being forgotten while everyone moves on to the next new shiny thing. She expresses this when she says "I know someday I'm gonna meet her, it's a fever dream the kind of radiance you only have at 17 she'll know the way, and then she'll say she got the map from me I'll say I'm happy for her, then I'll cry myself to sleep." She's worrying about someone with that radiance you "Only have at 17." Coming and replacing her. Overall this song is her finally sharing her insecurities of being replaced, and is beautifully written. I would rate it 9/10.

Monroe Boys Cross Country

By: Aiden Koroush

Monroe Cross country is still on a roll. Their top four runners are now under nineteen minutes for a 5K since our last meet. Aiden Koroush 18:18, Taylor Johnson 18:36, Asher Strand 18:49, and Eli Dilworth at 18:58. We are still first in districts and third in state. We have only lengthened our lead at districts. Western Christian was predicted to win districts this year, they are currently in second place. Union is predicted to win the state race by a very big margin and Knappa is predicted to get second, we are right behind them so if we run hard enough we could possibly beat them at state. That should be pretty achievable for our team. Run fast and Go Dragons!!

Celeb Gossip & Polls

Celebrity Gossip

By Paige Piper

Maybe you're interested in Taylor Swift? Or maybe you're into football, specifically the Kansas City Chiefs? And if you're into both? Then I have great news for you! Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce, a tight end for the Chiefs, are rumored to be dating! Last week, Taylor was seen attending his game in a box seat with his mother, both cheering him on. This wouldn't be too crazy if she hadn't later wrapped her arm around his neck at a post game party. These two love birds were also spotted leaving the game together, escaping the crowds in a convertible. Many fans are in love with this couple, but some speculate that each has an ulterior motive. Is Kelce using Taylor to gain popularity? Or is Taylor planning on the downfall of the Chiefs, and using Kelce to do it? Her favorite team is the Philadelphia Eagles after all...

Polls

Honeydew or cantaloupe

By: Hannah Smith

Cantaloupe won by more than half with 50 votes to honeydews 24

Honeydew is a type of melon, it is one of two main cultivar types in the cucumis melo inodorus group. Although it has a smooth exterior it is still put in the musk melon group. Its outside is smooth ivory, with green undertones. It has a green inside as well, with seeds. The seeds of a honeydew are way more commonly thrown out than of a cantaloupes due to them not having as many vitamins as a cantaloupes. Honeydew is still very healthy for you. It has many nutritional properties.

Cantaloupe is a muskmelon, put in that category because of its rough outside and its heaviness. It has an orange inside with seeds most people choose to not eat, unless roasted and added to packets with other types of seeds and nuts. The seeds are very healthy, they are full of vitamins. Cantaloupe is also a part of the cucumis melo inodorus group. It is one of the top contenders for the healthiest fruit out there, it has lots of vitamin D and C.

National Do Something Nice Day

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Harper Young

Thursday October 5th is “national do something nice day”. I think this day is very important, we all get caught up in our daily life and in our own stress it’s easy to forget to show kindness to everyone around you. Even something as little as holding the door for someone could make their day. So, challenge yourself to be the reason someone smiles today.

Nice Things You Can Do on October 5th

1) Compliment someone

If you see someone who looks nice today tell them they look nice! It could have taken them hours to get ready this morning, so tell someone that their hair looks pretty today or their outfit looks good on them! It’s such an easy act of kindness and it could make their whole day.

2) Send Someone a Nice Text!

You never know if someone could be having a bad day so send someone a text wishing them a good day. It could give them just the amount of motivation they need to get through the day, you never know what someone’s going through. So tell a loved one that you love them!

3) Sit Next to Someone at Lunch!

If you see someone who is sitting alone or someone who looks lonely at lunch then sit with them! Ask them about their day and how their classes are going and just keep them company while they eat! I guarantee it will make their day way better and it’s an easy act of kindness you can do!

Sights to See & Student Interviews

Sights to See in Oregon

By: Audrey Young

Mt. Hood, a beautiful National Forest in Oregon. There are lots of reasons why tourists love to visit Mt. Hood, “People enjoy visiting the many lakes on Mt Hood, staying in gorgeous cabins, camping, and taking in stunning views of Oregon’s natural landscape.” reads <https://thatoregonlife.com/>. If you would like to visit Mt. Hood yourself, it is located on the border between Clackamas and Hood River Counties.

Why is Mt. Hood so famous? Apart from its stunning views, it is also Oregon’s highest mountain peak, standing at 11,249 feet tall. Mt. Hood is home to 12 glaciers and it is actually a dormant volcano! This mountain is the second most climbed mountain in the world.

According to <https://www.mthoodterritory.com/> , “Mt. Hood Meadows features some of the most spectacular skiing and snowboarding in the Pacific Northwest” so if you enjoy skiing, snowboarding, camping, or want to experience the breathtaking views, I would highly recommend visiting Mt. Hood!

Student interviews

By Karmin Hatfield

This week I interviewed Dez Cook. I asked him an abundance of questions and got his answers. My first question was, (what is your favorite class)?(Dez said Global Studies because he loves that class!) The next question was, (how do you spend your free time)? (he said sleeping because why not). My third question was(if you could have any superhero power, what would it be and why?) (his answer was teleportation because you can get anywhere as fast as you want). My next Question was (what is your favorite sports team?) (Dez said the Portland Trail Blazers because of Damian Lillard). Then the question I asked him was(what do you wanna be when you grow up) ? (He said an adult because who doesn’t wanna be an adult). After that i asked (if you could be any movie star who would you be?) (Dez’s answer was Tom Cruise because Tom is a cool guy). My seventh question (I asked was if he won the lottery what would you do with the money?) (He said he would save it all then buy his dream car). My next question I asked was (if you could eat any food for the rest of your life what would it be) (Dez said pizza because pizza is great and you can have many different kinds). My last question was (if you were a dessert what would you be?) (He said he would pick cheesecake because you can add many different toppings on top).

Top five

Kayley Nelson

Top Five Disney movies Lion King

Lion king came out in 1994 but is still the best Disney movie according to IMDB. It has gotten awards for “Best original score” and “Best original song” in the 67th academy awards. It is basically about a lion cub and his journey to becoming the king.

Coco

Coco came out more recently, in 2017, but has still gotten some awards including the “Best animated feature” in the 90th academy awards and the “Best original song”. Coco deals with death, loss, abandonment, and betrayal but still has a happy ending.

Wall-E

Wall-E was the second Pixar film to be chosen for preservation in the United States national film registry by the library of congress. People like this movie because it has a lot of emotion with little dialogue, and it showed some real issues that were happening at the time.

Toy Story

The first toy story movie came out in 1995, but there are three other Toy Story films. The first one was also chosen for preservation. Toy story is colorful, and cheerful, but also exciting and adventurous.

Up

Up also got the “Best original score” and “Best animated feature” in the 82nd academy awards.. Up is funny, but also emotional. It shows love, loss, and sadness, but also happiness, hope, and commitment.

Movie Review

Meg 2: The Trench By Tashi Frystak

The Meg 2 is another shark movie about the prehistoric shark the Megalodon. This time a research team houses a megalodon that has been trained to respond to certain clicks: to stop, come, and leave. And guess what happens next, it escapes. At this point I realized that this movie was just another ordinary spin off of every old shark movie, and I wasn't too excited to see what it had in store.

The research team travels down to the deep depths of a trench, where the megalodon swam, and had never been able to be explored now, using fancy, expensive, roundish submarines. They not only find an illegal mining operation in the trench using the technology the research team only had, but a pack of Megalodons. A landslide of rocks occurred due to the explosives that the illegal mining team was using but most managed to escape to the illegal mining facility's base.

They managed to figure out who was the traitor in their team and used a sub from the illegal mining base and got out of the deep depths of the trench. But dun dun dun, the pack of megalodons escape but also giant squid and giant, ancient water lizards the size of big dogs? Why add those 2 very different creatures to the movie if only to make it "different" from all the other shark movies.

In the end everyone lives and most of the creatures die as per usual. I wouldn't suggest this movie even though it had some decent scenes. I'd rather watch Jaws 1-3 than watch this movie again.

Video Game Review

Raft: Video Game Review.

By Hayden Slagle

Raft is a sandbox open-world survival game released on May 23rd 2018, The game grew in popularity due to popular Youtubers such as; Markiplier and DanTDM playing the game with some other entertainers.

The game takes place In an earth drowned In water, The only things keeping you alive is a hook in your hand and a small wooden Raft under your feet.

The games primary Gameplay Is collecting materials, Building up your raft, And discovering new islands and areas to explore. Some islands are only discoverable using a satellite and coordinates.

Following the coordinates leads you to the game's primary story-related islands, Which at the end of each one there Is a code for the next area.

Each island has enemies and loot to find, All being a wonder to experience on the first time around, But a bit of a drag in a second playthrough due to the surprise being lost by then.

The game's mechanics involving the exploration of islands and expansion of your raft are all decently made and make for an enjoyable experience, That is only on a first playthrough though.

The game can be quite boring a second time around, Even though it's a sandbox game the exploration of islands is still very linear, Making building your raft the only really different part about the game on repeated times.

Though the replayability of the game isn't swell, Most would agree that the game's main strong suit is its Multiplayer.

Raft has a very fleshed out Multiplayer system, That was no doubt kept In mind during the games conception.

Playing the game with friends and enjoying laughs and tears is honestly Raft's main selling point, And is why it got so popular in the first place.

In Conclusion,

Raft is an enjoyable-Multiplayer experience on its first playthrough, The games replayability is sub-par, But it does not detract from the main experience, There are many things to do in post-game like the games fishing mechanics etc, But i will leave those for you to find out, if you so choose to give the game a try.

A decent story, an excellent Multiplayer system, Fun survival gameplay, less than average replayability, And people named Johnny, Raft earns a 6/10.

EXOTIC Animal & Outfit of the Week

Javan Rhinos

By Mikayla Smith

Javan Rhinos are one of the five different rhino species, out of these they are one of the three critically endangered species. The rhinos originally lived in northeast India and southeast Asia, but now can only be found in the Ujung Kulon National Park, where they are slowly being repopulated. Before being protected by Ujung Kulon National Park and having their population begin to be restored the species was on the brink of extinction. These rhinos have been hunted and killed by trophy hunters, for their horns, and for Asian medicine. The dwindling population left only 25 individuals alive in 1965, which has gone up and down over the years but is now up to over 70 rhinos in the protected area. Something that makes this rhino special is the large loose folds of their skin, which makes them look like they wear armor. Although still a large animal they are much smaller than the average rhino you may think of, and only have one horn. Overall, these are a very interesting and unique species that is still struggling to survive but whose population will hopefully continue to grow in the years to come!



Outfit Of The Week

By Maliah

This week I interviewed Allison Egbert and Lucian Smith. I interviewed Allison because I really liked her outfit and thought it was cute. She was wearing a black hoodie from a bike shop. She got her Ariat jeans from Coastal. She had on black EXTRATUF boots from their website; She said everyone needs a pair.

I then interviewed Lucian Smith. He had on a shirt from Goodwill and a black hoodie with a dirt bike brand on the front. His pants were plaid pj pants from Walmart. For shoes he wore his usual Crocs from the Croc website.