

Dragon Times

WEEKLY NEWS & ARTICLES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/29- Winter Sports Sign-ups
- 11/3- NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
- 11/4- XC State meet Lane Community College
- 11/6- Dragon pride Meeting 6:00 pm

Celebrity Analysis

Celebrity Gossip

By Paige Piper

“Oops I did it again”! Britney Spears is yet again rising to fame with the release of her memoir “The Woman in Me”. Her memoir follows her relationships with people from her past.

To name a few, Justin Timberlake, Madonna, Micheal Jackson, Paris Hilton, and Christina Agulara. Regarding the purpose of her book, Britney explains that there will be “No more conspiracy, no more lies — just me owning my past, present and future”. The world is shocked by her story, for example, revealing the ugly side of her relationship with Justin Timberlake. They started dating back when they were 17 and 18, but Britney immediately fell “head over heels in love with him”, regardless of the short time that they had been together. Apparently, Justin didn’t feel the same way, and cheated on her constantly. She had just “let it all go”, because she was so desperate to have him in her life. Britney soon became pregnant, but Justin had said he was “way too young”, and wanted her to get an abortion. She did, but states “If it had been left up to me alone, I never would have done it.”. Her memoir has been a major success, with Britney happy to announce that it’s the “Highest Selling Celebrity Memoir in History”!

<https://people.com/britney-spears-everything-she-says-celebrities-mentioned-memoir-the-woman-in-me-8379618>

National Day & Cross Country

National Candy Corn Day

Harper Young

George Renninger created candy corn in the late 1800's, however it wasn't until about 1889 till the candy became popular. Candy corn is a tasty candy that comes out in the fall and today is the day to appreciate it and how far it's come! And not only are they good but it's such an easy way to celebrate fall and Halloween coming up! So make sure you have some candy corn on October 30th!

What You Can Do on October 30th

1) Buy Candy Corn!

Not only is it national candy corn day but its the day before

Halloween! So set out a bowl of candy corn on your kitchen counter in honor of national candy corn day and halloween!

2) Gift Candy Corn!

Buy some candy corn for your best friend or loved one!

It's an easy act of kindness and who wouldn't want a bag of candy corn!

Monroe Cross country

By: Aiden Koroush

Monroe Cross Country is starting to come to an end, as the team has their district race on Thursday the 26th. Monroe is predicted to win districts by a huge margin. They would also win the 3A districts if they ran in their race, Harrisburg getting second. Monroe had a race on October 19th where Aiden Koroush had a P.R, increasing his time to a 18:02 with a 4th place finish, Aldo Rodriguez increased his P.R to a 18:55 with a 19th place finish and Asher Strand also increased his P.R to a 18:45 with a 15th place finish. Sean Fanger ran in the 3k J.V race with a time of 11:03 and a 1st place finish. Carter Daggot had a pretty big P.R as he ran a 19:12 with a 26th place finish.

For the J.V team, Josh Bledsoe ran a 11:56 only five seconds away from a P.R. Logan Bledsoe ran as well, with a time of 13:18; a very big P.R for him. We also have one girl on our team, Hannah Smith. She did not P.R, however she was injured. We are hoping she's better by our district meet. Run Fast and Go Dragons!!

Country of the Week

By: Kyli Cejas

Singapore is located in Southeast Asia, with a population of over six million, one of the most crowded islands in the world. It's a 30 mile long island with 62 smaller islands making it an island country. The country's capital is Singapore (city) also known as "Lion city" and "Garden city". There are a few different languages spoken, the national language is Malay, the official languages are English, Malay, Mandarin Chinese, and Tamal. But English is the most spoken language. A majority of the commonly eaten foods come from Chinese, Malay and Indian cuisines. Some of the dishes are Hainanese Chicken Rice, Laksa(noodle soup dish), Chili Crab, Roast Meat and Hainanese Curry Rice.

Marina Bay Sands is one of the top places tourists visit. The resort consists of 3 hotel buildings and laying across the tops of the three buildings is a deck that has a view of the city including 'Gardens by the Bay' which is another popular attraction.

What makes

this deck so unique? The "observation deck" looks like a ship, so when you're on that level you feel like you're sitting on the deck of an actual ship. It is not only a hotel, throughout the buildings there's also a mall and an art-science museum. This would be a great trip for people with different interests. You could do some shopping, see art, and take an overview of the whole city. If you ask me I think Singapore would be a great place to go on a vacation. Especially if you only know English, you'd have an easier time communicating since English is mainly spoken.

Sights to See & Student Interviews

Sights to See in Oregon

By: Audrey Young

As Halloween is approaching next Tuesday, let's take a look at the "Halloweentown" of Oregon, St. Helens. This is a town where both "Halloweentown" and parts of "Twilight" were filmed. During the Halloween season, there are many tourists that visit this town, for its movie sets and fun family activities.

Every September-October, the whole town of St. Helens transforms into a spooky festival, complete with costumes, haunted town tours, scarecrows, pumpkins and much more.

The town has many traditions including the lighting of the Big Pumpkin, "We light the pumpkin on the first Saturday of October following the Big Halloween Parade and it stays lit for the month." according to, <https://spiritofhalloweentown.com/>.

The town is located around 30 miles from Portland, 2 hours and 19 minutes from Monroe. If you want to get in the Halloween spirit this weekend, St. Helens sounds like a great day-trip!

Student interviews

By Karmin Hatfield

What a guy Eli Dilworth is. Eli Dilworth is a sophomore at Monroe high school and he loves to do after school activities, for instance he does cross country. When Eli won 11yoB AAU Junior Olympics games with his 1500m race walk in 2020 and his most recent race at Harrisburg High School Eli ran the 5000 in 8th place at a time of 18.22.6. He is definitely a hard working kid. Eli loves all his classes, mostly woods because he likes the hands-on concept. In Eli's free time he plays sports as I said early he does cross country, he also does basketball and track. He has been playing basketball since 1st grade so for 9 years now he has been committed to basketball. Eli has always loved basketball. He also loves the Portland Trail Blazers. That's his all time favorite sports team.

As he's a sports player you would think he wants to pursue it into college but surprisingly he wants to be a chief when he grows up. Eli is a very big family guy, they love to watch movies together. His favorite movie is The Emperor's New Groove, and his favorite character is Kronk. Eli is that type of guy, if he won the lottery he would donate because he is a very generous person. He has lived in Oregon his whole life, he would like to explore when he's older, maybe move to Canada. Eli is the youngest brother of 4, he would do anything for his family especially his mom. She is his favorite person because she's always there for him and supports him through anything. Eli loves hanging out with his friends like Aiden Koroush, Asher Strand and many more. They all like going out and getting food or drinks together, Eli usually will get a peach mango iced tea, those are his favorite.

Top Five

Kayley Nelson

Top Five

Most popular candy

Everyone has their favorite type of candy, whether it's chocolate, sour, or sweet, but these are the top five candies according to candystore.com

1. **Reese's Peanut Butter Cups**

Reese's makes many products, including Reese's pieces, Snack mix, mini cups, crunchers, crispy crunchy bars, many holiday themed cups, and more. There are multiple types of chocolate, or cups with pieces inside. The normal peanut butter cups are just chocolate cups filled with peanut butter.

The peanut butter helps to balance out the sweetness.

1. **M&M's**

M&M's are basically just little chocolate balls with a hard colorful shell. There are many variations including peanut m&m's, peanut butter m&m's, mini m&ms, dark chocolate, white chocolate, caramel, cookie m&ms, and many more.

1. **Hot Tamales**

Hot tamales are bright red, spicy, cinnamon candies. These small candies have a spicy scent and flavor and a chewy texture. Most people either love them or hate them. There is a fierce cinnamon flavor, a 3 Alarm kind, (which has three levels of heat), fire and ice, tropical heat, and more.

1. **Skittles**

Skittles are the same shape, size and have some of the same colors as M&M's, but have completely different flavors. While M&Ms are hard chocolate, skittles are chewy fruit flavored candies. Skittles' crunchy shells also have more bright rainbow colors than m&ms. There are a few different types of skittles, but they're all the same idea.

1. **Sour Patch kids**

Sour patch kids are different colored sweet gummies covered in sour powder. There are different kinds with different levels of sourness. There are also Sour Patch watermelon candies. Sour patch kids were inspired by the Cabbage Patch Kids and came out in the 1980s, but are still very popular.

Video Game Review

Omori: Video game review

By Hayden Slagle

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On December 25th, 2020. A passionate game called Omori was published. Omori is a turn-based adventure game, where you playing as Omori, go on an adventure with your friends in Headspace, but the place almost seems to be like a dream.

The game's story is full of perfect representation of guilt and the loss of loved ones. It also shows how people cope with such things. Some choose to smile, some choose to cry, and some even choose to dream.

The storytelling and overall writing in Omori is superb, leaving you unable to think of many flaws on the top of your head.

Whilst the writing is on par, the games Gameplay is decent too. It has one main system, the emotion system. Depending on the emotion of your character, you gain different buffs.

Examples being sadness increasing defense but lowering offense, or anger increasing offense but lowering defense. Both your characters and your enemies can feel each type of emotion, so it's important to use it to your advantage.

The main objective of "Omori" is to find your missing friend, Basil. On your way many different hijinx occur in Headspace, and strangely your friends seem to slowly forget Basil on your adventure.

The world of Headspace itself is an adventurous space to explore, and full of life and color. Personality oozes out of each space, everything being so abstract, it's still as though it's like a dream.

Without spoiling too much, "Omori" is a well rounded game with a beautiful story and design. A playthrough is highly recommended. Its music is superb, and its pencil-like art style adds so much to the experience. The game also has mountains of side quests and collectibles, leaving you always wanting to return to the world of Headspace.

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Celeb Gossip & Celeb Analysis

Howl's Moving Castle

By Tashi Frystak

Howl's Moving Castle is an animated movie released in theaters June 10, 2005 and was directed by Hayao Miyazaki who has also made and directed other animated movies like My Neighbor Totoro, Spirited Away, Princess Mononoke and many others. It's 1h 59m and it's based on a book written by Diana Wynne Jones in 1986.

It starts off with Sophie(voiced by Emily Mortimer) who's the eldest of her sisters and works in her late father's hat shop. As she goes to where her sister Lettie works, she meets the infamous wizard Howl(voiced by Christian Bale) who saves her from two no good soldiers who were bored while on duty. When Sophie gets back to the hat shop the Wicked Witch of the Waste(voiced by Lauren Bacall) casts a curse on Sophie where she finds herself turned into a 90 year old lady who's now voiced by Jean Simmons.

At this point I like the plot and think it's a great start to an even better movie. But now the next day Sophie leaves the town into the land of the waste in search of Howl to see if she can break the curse. She finds a magic Scarecrow who seems to want to help her and it finds Howl's castle where she stays for the night. Over the next month or so she's known as the cleaning lady for the castle as it's filthy, cluttered, grimey and you wonder why has no one made the effort to clean the place. As she's doing that a war commences between the two neighboring kingdoms due to a crown prince of one of the kingdoms going missing.

Soon Howl sees through her curse and realizes that the old lady is Sophie, however this has a beauty and the beast kind of twist. Howl fights in the war transforming into a bird like beast to try to stop the war but as he keeps transforming more and more he slowly can't change back into a human. Sophie's curse slowly comes off as she and Howl start to fall in love.

In the end she kisses Howl to save him and kisses the cheek of the magic scarecrow who turns out to be the missing prince and he goes back to his kingdom to stop the war. It's a very lovely movie, fantasy and slow turns into romance. My opinion I love the movie and as it's not in theaters anymore try finding it on whatever streaming platform/s you use and watch it though, it's definitely worth it.

Kanye West

By Gunner Rodgers

Who is Kanye Omari West? Kanye is an American rapper and singer songwriter, you may have heard his number one song, "Flashing Lights" ft. Dwele. We're not going to talk about his music though, this is about him as a person. I think it's important to mention early on that I am not a fan of Kanye, or many of the things he's done. His most recent controversy stems from a single tweet. The tweet was perceived as an attack on Jewish people, this went viral almost immediately. So much so that actress Jamie Lee Curtis made a very emotional statement regarding how horrible it was to hear as a Jewish woman in the twenty-first century. This was not the first time Kanye has gotten backlash for his stupid actions. It's been a recurring issue since around 2006, when he went on the stage of a European award show and stated that he doesn't think he should have lost an award. One of his most famous controversies, though, also involves a stage. This would be when he very rudely interrupted a 19 year old Taylor Swift as she was accepting an award she rightfully won. He said "I'mma let you finish. But Beyonce had one of the best videos of all-time!" Beyonce was also in the running for the award, but obviously lost to Taylor. All of these events in mind, Kanye's music may not be the worst but he certainly is.

Song Analysis & MHS Volleyball

Champagne Problems

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By: Noel Nissen

The term “Champagne Problems” is used to describe a “first world” problem when compared to something important happening it almost seems irrelevant to everything else going on in the world. “Champagne Problems”, by Taylor Swift uses this as a metaphor throughout her song. She tells a story about a woman who rejects her boyfriend’s proposal. The song begins with the narrator telling us her boyfriend “booked the night train for a reason.” Hinting at the fact that he booked it in advance and may had been expecting the rejection. The narrator tells us about the proposal and how he had his mothers ring in his pocket, but when he got down to propose she broke his heart leaving him crestfallen on his knee. She had no reason for her rejection, she just knew it felt wrong. Throughout the song we are constantly shown how in love this guy is with her. He keeps her picture in his wallet, and is so excited to propose that he couldn’t keep it from his family. He had his speech prepared but nothing went as planned. She left everyone shocked and she couldn’t give a reason. The song then moves into the chorus where the narrator reminisces on their time in college together, how he used to give her his flannels when she was cold and how they shared a group of friends which she refers to as “evergreen.” She mentions she doesn’t think she will get to say that name again because things will no longer be the same between them all. She again struggles with trying to find a reason for her rejection when she says “I never was ready so i watch you go, sometimes you just don’t know the answer til someones on their knees and asks you.” She closes the song thinking about how he will eventually find someone who will fix everything she has broken, and be everything he needs and will eventually make him forget about her and her “Champagne Problems.”

MHS Volleyball

By: Lilly Freeman

As the volleyball season is coming to a close the girls are still fighting their way to the top for a chance at state. Last weekend, Saturday the 21st, the Lady Dragons traveled to Umpqua Community College to play against the Oakridge Warriors and the Bandon Tigers. The first game was against Okaridge whom they had lost to before, the girls put up a tough game but in the end they ended up losing the game 3-0. The girls then went on to play the Bandon Tigers, who they have also lost to before, however, the Lady Dragons worked hard and ended up securing the win against them in exactly 3 sets. The girls are showing their determination this year and are all very excited to see what comes of this year’s volleyball team. They have a game against the Western Christian Pioneers at their gym this Saturday at 6:00. The girls are awaiting this game as it determines if they are going to state this year. Make sure to wish the volleyball girls the best of luck!!

Polls & Exotic Animals

Carhartt or Ariat

Hannah Smith

Carhartt wins with 60 votes to Ariat's 28

Carhartt is a very well known brand. Carhartt was founded by Hamilton Carhartt in Detroit Michigan. Carhartt is still owned by descendants of Hamilton Carhartt. It is known for heavy duty working clothes. Clothes like jackets, overalls, vests, shirts, jeans and so on. They have reliable fire resistant clothes. Carhartt produces clothes in a big range of sizes and colors. The brand has sold a lot of hunting clothes along with their work clothes selection. Carhartt has expanded to casual street wear but it is commonly worn by blue collar workers such as farmers, construction workers, plumbers and more. Carhartt is largely sold through big farm stores like tractor supply or coastal.

Ariat is an American footwear, apparel and accessories brand for equestrian sports, work industries and other outdoor activities. Ariat is most known for its boots but its hoodies, work shirts and jeans are also very popular. Every new design of ariat boots are environment tested, put through different conditions to make sure they hold up when worn thoroughly. Ariat was founded by two college students attending Stanford business school in 1993. It has gained a lot of popularity since then. Ariat sells products in many places, mostly Europe and the united states.

Armed Spider

By Mikayla Smith

Since Halloween is coming up this Tuesday the armed spider is a very creepy creature to learn about. The armed spider is also known as the Phoneutria, which is the greek word for murderous. It can also be called the Brazilian Wandering Spiders or banana spider depending on where you are. This spider is often found in northern South America and sometimes in central America. Although this spider size ranges from just 17-48mm its leg span can get up to 180mm, which is a little over 7 inches. These spiders are characterized as large, aggressive, dangerous, and venomous. Their venom is highly neurotoxic and when it enters the body will attack both the central and peripheral nervous system. Fortunately in the past 3 decades there have been no recorded deaths due to this spider's bite, but the bites can often be misdiagnosed since it is hard to tell which spider did it solely from the bite marks.

Source; https://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/URBAN/SPIDERS/armed_spider.html