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This Hurricane Season Has Been a Bad One

By Benjamin Timberlake

On August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey hit the eastern coast of Texas. This storm struck Houston, Texas and dumped trillions of gallons of water on the area. Flooding rushed in, submerging entire neighborhoods. Houston was a mess, and Harvey had left a permanent impact on the city.

But this wouldn't be the only hurricane to hit in the next month. As September arrived, another tropical storm was spotted on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. It gathered strength and was soon rated a category 5- the worst of the worst. Named "Hurricane Irma", The storm battered Cuba and Puerto-Rico, then downgraded to a category 4 and churned over Florida. With 150 mph winds, 6-foot flooding, and

15-foot storm surges, Irma devastated the state. Yet for many, the worst had yet to come. Still recovering from Hurricane Irma, Puerto-Rico was in the direct path for another hurricane- Hurricane Maria. As it neared the islands, it grew into a category 5 storm. It battered Puerto-Rico, slowly losing power. It moved out to the Atlantic, where it continued to head west.



All in all, this hurricane season has brought many devastating storms. Whether it was Harvey, Irma, or Maria, these powerful storms have flooded cities, Blown down houses, and ruined communities. We will all remember those lives lost and the people affected by these tragedies.



The Dragon's New Name

by Annabel Byrne and Sienna Jaffe

What do you think of the dragon's new name? Many people think this Harry Potter themed named is comical. Others were disappointed by the new name. The name last year for the dragon was Blaze. This name was more based around the fact that he is a dragon. If you had the chance to name the dragon, what would you pick?

Protester Throws Russian Flags at President Donald Trump

by Joshua Bornfriend

On October 24, 2017, a Protester threw a handful of small Russian flags at President Donald J. Trump as he and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell were walking to a lunch on Capitol Hill with Republican lawmakers. The man was identified as Ryan Clayton, who is thought to be a member of the group called Americans Take Action(ATA). ATA is a group of people who are working to get Trump impeached. Clayton is also believed to be the same person who tried to hand a Russian flag to Trump's son-in-law and senior advisor Jared Kushner.

Clayton was reportedly also the activist who got attendees at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) to wave Russian flags when Trump gave a speech. Ryan Clayton was standing in a group of journalists gathered outside the meeting. As Capitol Police swarmed Ryan he started yelling about Russia and also yelled "Trump is treason!" and "Why are you talking about tax cuts when you should be talking about treason!" at one point he also yelled "This president has conspired with agents of the Russian government," Clayton yelled as security officials subdued him. "We should be talking about treason in Congress, not about tax cuts!" Clayton is currently in custody of the police.

*Information from this article came from the article "Protesters who threw Russian Flags at Trump was on Capital Watch List"

Trends of 2017-18

Have you been caught up with this year's latest trends? If you have been you might recognize some of these things...

- Pink pom-pom slippers
- Crop tops
- Space jam
- Rick and Morty
- Snapchat
- Streaks
- Adidas
- Vineyard vines
- Urban outfitters
- Gabe the dog
- To be continued vidos
- Logan and Jake Paul
- Instagram
- Epic Fails



WELSH VALLEY DRAGONS

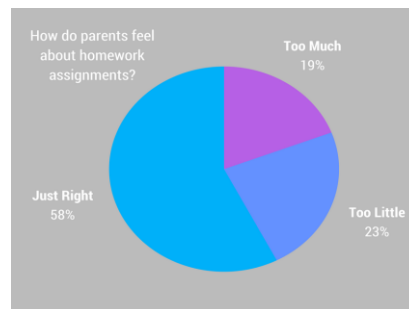


How Much Homework is too Much?

By Doris Abdolian



Most of us don't like homework. Some parents think that students have just the right amount of homework. Others think that there is too little or too much.



Is homework beneficial?

Harris Cooper, a psychology and neuroscience teacher at Duke University, wrote a book called *"The battle over homework: common grounds for Administrators, Teachers, and Parents."* After doing a combined analysis of dozens of homework studies to examine whether homework is helpful and how much should we get, Cooper and his colleagues found that homework helps students get better test grades. And that means you can probably get a better job and succeeding in life. They compared similar students, some were assigned homework others weren't assigned any. The results of the studies suggest that students who had homework in 2nd grade did better on math, 3rd and 4th

graders did better on English skills and vocabulary, 5th graders on social studies, 9th to understanding of Shakespeare. So yes, homework isn't always awesome, but as these results show it improves your scores on tests. 12th grade did better on American history.

How much should we have?

In the book *"Helping Your Child Get the Most Out of Homework."* It mentions that most educators agree that for children in grades K-2, homework is better when it takes no more than 10 to 20 minutes each day; in grades 3-6, students can handle 30 to 1 hour a day; in junior high it is an average of 90 minutes and senior high is an average of 1.5 to 2.5 hours, but it will vary by subject and assignment. Many school district policies state that high school students should expect about 30 minutes of homework for each academic course they take, a bit more for honors or advanced placement courses.

The conclusions reached by Mr. Cooper and his colleagues analysis proves that homework is useful to improve scores on class tests at all grade levels. A little amount of homework may help elementary school students learn how to study. The homework for junior high students appears to reach about 1.5 hour a night. For high school students, between 1.5 hours and 2½ hours of homework a night, and then after it no longer helps.

But it depends on your struggles in school.

Happy
Holidays
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WV Voice!

Riddle Me This

By: Crystal Tan

Hawaii Judge Blocks Trump's Travel Ban

By Lucian Krage-Zillas

A federal judge in Hawaii blocked major parts of President Trump's new travel ban, suggesting it violated immigrant law. Judge Derek Watson stops administrations travel restrictions before they were scheduled to take place. On Wednesday, September 24 the following countries ban will be lifted: Syria; Libya; Iran; Yemen; Somalia; Chad; and, North Korea. A lawsuit filed by challengers to the ban say "It will hurt Hawaii's state university system", according to The Los Angeles Times. Many believe that Hawaii tourism will increase because of the ban being repealed.

Although the judge's decision is a temporary measure, few government lawyers have even remotely come close to getting the ban passed. This March, the same judge repealed a previous version of the ban, which was supposed to take place on October 10 but got postponed due to recent events. The Supreme Court has not weighed in on the issue but there has been talk of some arguments on this topic in D.C.

The White house's response to this was "The ruling thwarts Trump's efforts to keep the American people safe." President Trump has proposed that he wants to create a new ban already. There are initial efforts supporting this led by the International Refugee Assistance Program (IRAP). In order to put the ban into full effect, the justice department will have to lose the case. Many believe if this ban gets pushed through then America's overall tourism will be poorly affected. If this is true then it could hurt America's economy especially in states such as New York, Florida, and Hawaii.

JOKES!

By Crystal Tan

1. What does a tortilla say when he wants to break up?
Let's taco 'bout it
2. What does a nosey pepper do?
Get jalapeño business.
3. What kind of shoes do ninjas wear?
Sneakers
4. How does NASA host a party?
They PLANet

Ten people have been arrested for their crimes. They have been brought into one of the best prisons in the world, and they have two choices. One, they solve a problem given to them and risk gaining ten more years in jail for their freedom, or just do nothing and stay there for their original eight years. Of course, they were eager for escape, so they chose to solve the problem. The problem given to them is the following: They each have a color hat on them, black or white. They will all be lined up in height order, and stand on a stool so they will be able to see everyone shorter than them under, but they will not be able to see their own hat. The goal is to be able to guess which hat you have, black or white. They are only allowed to have one wrong answer, and if they signal anything or there are any changes in body position, voice, and movement, that will mean immediate disqualification and a ten-year sentence. After discussing for half an hour, they finally figured it out. What was the solution?

