



2018—GOOD? BAD?

Written by Canyon Duncan

2018 has been a very eventful year. Despite all of the tragedies of this year, there have been some good events that have happened. Kicking off the year, the 2018 Winter Olympic Games were held in Pyeongchang, South Korea in February. Also in February, Elon Musk launched the world's most powerful rocket through SpaceX.

In March, North and South Korea leaders met and had a dinner hosted by Kim Jong-un. This was the beginning of a peace treaty between North Korea and South Korea. In the month after, the war between the two Koreas officially ended.

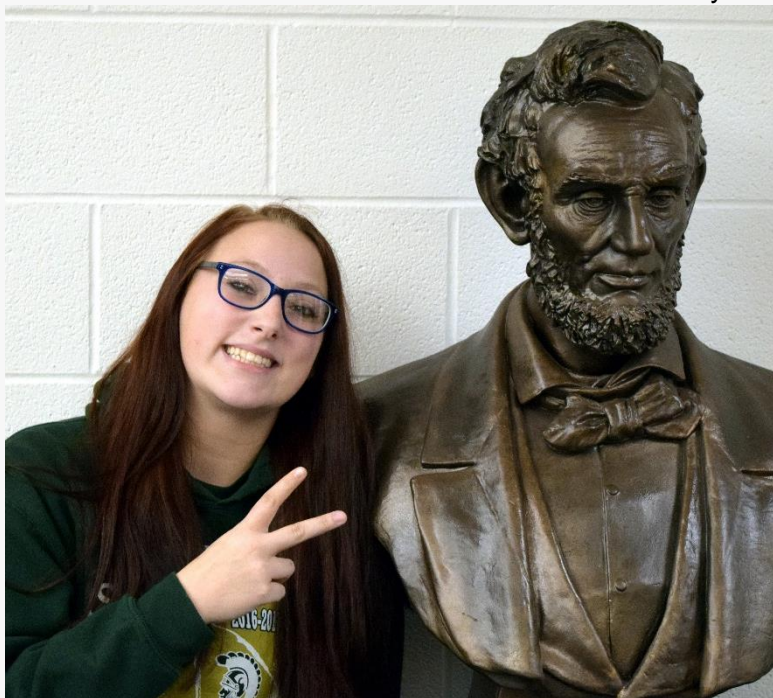
A Royal Wedding took place in May, when Prince Harry and Meghan Markle exchanged vows and joined hands in marriage. Starbucks announced their attempt of eliminating the use of plastic straws at their coffee houses early in July. This will eliminate the use of approximately one billion straws a year! Also, the unemployment rate hit an all time low since 1969 at 3.7%.

However, the world lost several great influential people this year such as John McCain, Stan Lee, Aretha Franklin, Billy Graham, George H. W. Bush, Mac Miller, and Stephen Hawking.



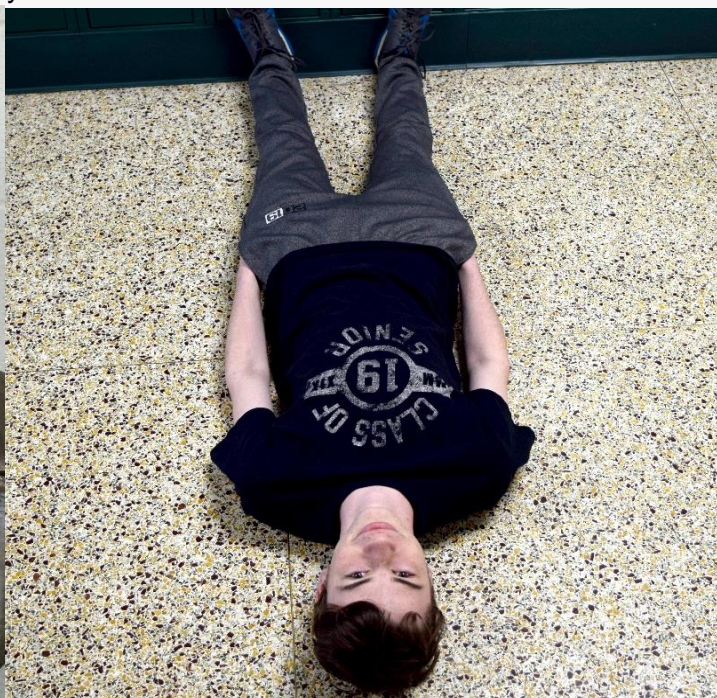
SENIORS

Written by Braydon Bell



Adison Stone

Favorite Food? Fried rice & shrimp
Favorite band/musician? Panic! at the Disco
Favorite Drink? Mountain Dew
Favorite Movie? *Coraline*
Do you have any nicknames? "Pepaw" she says with regret
Favorite gift you ever received? A scooter when she was six
What is a Christmas song that makes you cringe? "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"
What kind of Christmas Shopper are you, Last Minute, Black Friday, or Yearlong? Last minute
If you received a yacht what would you name it? Gatsby
If you could master any instrument what would it be? Piano
Favorite Christmas movie? *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*
What sport or hobby confuses you the most? Larping
What is on the top of your bucket list? Go to NYC
What will you name your first born child? Beckett



Chance Conder

Favorite Food? Tacos
Favorite band/musician? Anyone
Favorite Drink? Pepsi
Favorite Movie? *Shark Tale*
Do you have any nicknames? Chonk
Favorite gift you ever received? A drone
What is a Christmas song that makes you cringe? "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"
What kind of Christmas Shopper are you, Last Minute, Black Friday, or Yearlong? Last minute
If you received a yacht what would you name it? Kobe
If you could master any instrument what would it be? Piano
Favorite Christmas movie? *The Nightmare Before Christmas*
What sport or hobby confuses you the most? Cricket
What is on the top of your bucket list? Not to die
What will you name your first born child? Fghij



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JUNIORS

Written by Staff

Khloye Strickland

Favorite Food? Shells & Cheese
Favorite band/musician? Bon Jovi
Favorite Drink? Chocolate Milk
Favorite Movie? *Beauty and the Beast*
Do you have any nicknames? Khlo, K-Dog, Klowkey
Favorite gift you ever received? \$20 bill in my back pocket
What is a Christmas song that makes you cringe? "Frosty the Snowman"
What kind of Christmas Shopper are you, Last Minute, Black Friday, or Yearlong? None, I don't shop
If you received a yacht what would you name it? Drunken Sailor
If you could master any instrument what would it be? Piccolo
Favorite Christmas movie? *Santa Buddies*
What sport or hobby confuses you the most? Knitting
What is on the top of your bucket list? Leave
What will you name your first born child? Elliott

Dakota French

Favorite Food? Pizza
Favorite band/musician? Juice Wrld
Favorite Drink? Water
Favorite Movie? *Night School*
Do you have any nicknames? French Fry and Sweet Baby Ray
Favorite gift you ever received? Xbox One
What is a Christmas song that makes you cringe? "Jingle Bell Rock"
What kind of Christmas Shopper are you, Last Minute, Black Friday, or Yearlong? Last minute
If you received a yacht what would you name it? Big Frenchie
If you could master any instrument what would it be? Guitar
Favorite Christmas movie? *Good Luck Charlie: It's Christmas*
What sport or hobby confuses you the most? Hockey
What is on the top of your bucket list? Go to a different country
What will you name your first born child? Dak



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SOPHOMORES

Written by Canyon Duncan

Izabella Willis

Favorite Food? Macaroni & Cheese
Favorite band/musician? 5 Seconds of Summer
Favorite Drink? Mountain Dew
Favorite Movie? *The Greatest Showman*
Do you have any nicknames? Belle
Favorite gift you've ever received? My ring
What is a Christmas song that makes you cringe? "Silver Bells"
What kind of Christmas shopper are you? Black Friday
If you received a yacht, what would you name it? I have no clue
If you could master any instrument, what would it be? Drums
Favorite Christmas movie? *The Night Before Christmas*
What sport or hobby confuses you the most? Hockey
What is on the top your bucket list? Visiting NASA
What will you name your first born child? Brittney

Jesse Smithhart

Favorite Food? Pineapple Pizza
Favorite band/musician? Jon Bellion
Favorite Drink? Sprite Cranberry
Favorite Movie? *Hachi: A Dog's Tale*
Do you have any nicknames? Muhammad
Favorite gift you've ever received? Love
What is a Christmas song that makes you cringe? "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth"
What kind of Christmas shopper are you? I don't shop
If you received a yacht, what would you name it? Lil Boat
If you could master any instrument, what would it be? Piano
Favorite Christmas movie? *The Year Without a Santa Claus*
What sport or hobby confuses you the most? Stamp Collecting
What is on the top your bucket list? Being interviewed by the school newspaper
What will you name your first born child? Pape-Phillipe Diamontopolous Smithhart



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FRESHMAN

Written by Nathaniel Stephens

Emma Coleman



Kelson Cox



Favorite Food? Pizza
Favorite band/musician? I don't know
Favorite Drink? Mountain Dew
Favorite Movie? I don't know
Do you have any nicknames? Em
Favorite gift you ever received? My phone
What is a Christmas song that makes you cringe? "Jingle Bells"
What kind of Christmas Shopper are you, Last Minute, Black Friday, or Yearlong? Nope, none.
If you received a yacht what would you name it? The S.S. "I Don't Know"
If you could master any instrument what would it be? No instruments.
Favorite Christmas movie? I don't have one.
What sport or hobby confuses you the most? Football
What is on the top of your bucket list? Go to NYC
What will you name your first born child? Crystal

Favorite Food? Buffalo wings
Favorite band/musician? Brad Paisley
Favorite Drink? Sweet tea
Favorite Movie? *Hacksaw Ridge*
Do you have any nicknames? Teletubby
Favorite gift you ever received? An Xbox One
What is a Christmas song that makes you cringe? All of them
What kind of Christmas Shopper are you, Last Minute, Black Friday, or Yearlong? Last minute
If you received a yacht what would you name it? Stone Fox
If you could master any instrument what would it be? Guitar
Favorite Christmas movie? *The Grinch (Jim Carrey)*
What sport or hobby confuses you the most? Cricket
What is on the top of your bucket list? Drive in Nascar
What will you name your first born child? Kelson Jr.

CHRISTMAS CULTURE

Written by Nathaniel Stephens

Christmas is a pretty popular holiday. Most people get the tree, some gifts, some music, and maybe start thinking about Jesus, if you're into that. What most people don't know are the traditions of other places! So what I have for you here is a handy-dandy list of Christmas traditions around the world!

- ❑ In the Philippines, there's a Giant Lantern Festival! They've got giant lanterns, which is good!



- ❑ In Sweden, they build a giant, flammable goat that people attempt to set on fire!



- ❑ In Austria, Santa has an evil friend called Krampus, a demon who kidnaps naughty children. It is tradition for the young men to dress up as him on Christmas and scare the children!



- ❑ In Japan, Christmas is not as big of a deal as it is in America, but they do have a tradition! They have a feast of KFC!



- ❑ In Iceland, there are a group of trolls that cause mischief during the 13 days before Christmas! They give nice children gifts, and naughty children get rotten potatoes.



- ❑ In Germany, St. Nicholas gives small gifts to children by placing them in the child's shoes. He has a mean friend named farmhand Rupert, who whips naughty children! With a whip!



- ❑ In Norway, they hide their brooms. Yep. Obviously, this is to protect their brooms from being ridden by witches!



- ❑ In Venezuela, they go to Church on roller-skates on Christmas Eve!



CHRISTMAS STATISTICS

Written by Canyon Duncan

With December being one of the craziest times of the year, there are bound to be some surprising statistics. With Christmas at the tail end of the month, people everywhere buy gifts for their loved ones. Last year, estimated retail sales in the United States amounted to 687.87 billion dollars. A survey reveals that this year each person will spend an average of 794 dollars on Christmas gifts this holiday season. That number went down 68 dollars from last year. In the United States, 48.5 million Christmas trees were sold in 2017. Surprisingly, there are more real trees purchased rather than artificial. There is a whopping 6.3 million difference.



A STORY SET DURING CHRISTMAS

Written by Nathaniel Stephens

Once upon a time, in the cold, beautiful snow, in a small warm cabin, on a late winter night, an old man was sleeping. The old man awoke to the sound of a voice. "Wake up, Craig," said the voice, "you forgot to do something that you always must do during this season!" It was the voice of a certain jolly gift giver!

"You're right!" said Craig, to the voice in his head. So he got out of his warm little bed, and his comfortable pajamas. He needed to go to a place where he could acquire the things he needed for the season! So he put on his warm leather gloves, his warm leather coat, and a nice warm ski mask. He went out the door and got in his little old car, with trunk space for all the things he wanted to get! He drove to the bank to make a withdrawal. It was still dark outside, and quite very cold. Craig began to wonder how he would get in, but the voice in his head started to speak again.

"Try the door, Craig. There's snow on the cameras! No one will mind."

"Okay Santa," said Craig to the voice. He knew Santa was right, and he had no other choice. Craig walked to the door with his handy crowbar, and popped it right open, just like Santa said! Craig rushed in to break the alarm, it could wake up the children, and they'd all be sad! He smashed the alarm with his handy crowbar, and went to the vault to collect his gifts.

Suddenly, the mean men with badges and blue hats started yelling at Craig. They must want to take his presents! Craig tried to put the bad men back to sleep with his crowbar, but they shot terrible electric wires into him, and he couldn't move! The men took Craig away to a big, cold place, on a late winter night, in the harsh, slick snow.

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