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HUNTINGTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM

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Unless you've been living under a rock for the past few years, you've probably heard of something called vape, or you've heard of it by its most popular brand name, JUUL. Since their release, these devices have proliferated across the country, and more specifically, in our school. Originally, they were designed and marketed to be a tool to wean cigarette smokers off of nicotine and help quit them smoking. However, they have done the complete opposite. Vapes or E- cigarettes such as JUUL have found their way into teen and underage hands and taken over high schools, and even middle schools across the nation. With

29 out of the 40 students (73%) said yes, they have used, or regularly use, e-cigarettes and vapes.

sleek, discreet packaging and high nicotine concentration, they have mainly attracted naive teens, turning into a trend and spreading like wildfire. They were also marketed as a healthier alternative to smoking, when in reality, there are few differences. JUUL's own website stat-

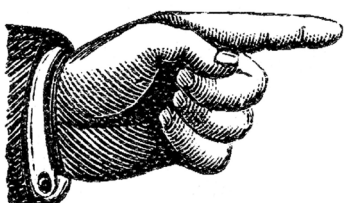


ing that one JUUL pod or cartridge is the nicotine equivalent of one full pack of cigarettes. The majority of teen e-cig users go through a pod per week, equating to a pack of cigarettes per week. The industry's initial mission to help end cigarette smoking entirely backfired and made millions of dollars off of teens either illegally purchasing e-cigarettes or obtaining one through the help of a friend or even a parent, and there is no end in site. In fact, on most occasions, after becoming addicted to an e-cigarette or vape, the young user will then crave a higher nicotine concentration and move on to cigarettes, having a complete opposite effect of what they initially marketed these devices to do. Being highly vulnerable to the marketing tactics of this industry, many, if not the ma-

jority, of teens have become nicotine addicts as a result of the trendiness and aesthetic appeal of these products.

While the issue is present for teens in high schools across the United States, our beloved Huntington High School has especially fallen victim to this epidemic. To see just how bad the problem is, 40 Huntington High School students were surveyed with the following questions: Do you or have you ever used JUUL or any other e-cigarette?, How often?, Do you bring it to school with you to get through the day?, and lastly, Have you ever smoked a cigarette to acquire a higher amount of nicotine? 29 out of the 40 students (73%) said yes, they have used, or regularly

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OP-ED

THE LEGACY OF HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL LIVES ON IN STONEMAN DOUGLAS

SABRINA THOMAS

Like much of America I have watched the young survivors of the massacre at Stoneman Douglas High School with awe. I am simultaneously saddened and inspired by the strength of these young Americans, still raw from their horrific trauma, to stand up to American politicians and the all powerful gun lobby. I watch and hope that this is the moment for change. I believe that it can

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be. However, I have also observed the reactions to their pain, emotions, and their chants for action. The gentle nods from our political leaders – those whom we believe can make change - as they acknowledge the pain, the hurt, and the deaths of these kids with the “appropriate” responses: kind words, prayers, and bowed heads. Hidden beneath their scripted replies are assumptions that in time, these children and their emotions and demands for change will fade away. Just like the victims of Columbine, Virginia Tech, and Sandy Hook. They are after all, just children. Naïve to the ways of the world, not yet aware of the power they hold, still too young to vote, and incapable of organizing the forces necessary to make change. One week after the massacre, former Georgia Congressman Jack Kingston appeared on CNN saying what every other political leader thought: “But I also know they [the students] probably do not have the logistical ability to plan a nationwide rally without it being hijacked by groups that already had the preexisting anti-gun agenda.” Kingston’s casual dismissal of the Stoneman Doug-

las teens and the subsequent debate among political pundits over whether children have the power to incite real policy change, reminded me of Huntington High School where in 1986 students did just that. After seeing a photograph of fifteen-year-old Amerasian Le Van Minh in *Newsday*, crawling on all fours in the streets of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, the HHS student government-David Zach, Marlo Sandler, Sue Forte, and Tara Scalia—set out to bring Minh to the United States for medical treatment. Driven by the faith in American democracy, the belief that, in America, anything is possible, and the idealism of youth, the students mobilized an impressive grassroots campaign that eventually resulted in Minh’s emigration and the passage of the 1987 Amerasian Homecoming Act. Although the issues are different, HHS established a precedent for Stoneman Douglas. Like HHS, Stoneman Douglas students must commit to doing the work: creating and implementing a unified strategy, garnering support from local community members and leaders, utilizing the media to bring attention to the cause. Like the survivors of today, the HHS students also had to convince their political leaders that they had value, that their idealism was not naïve, and that they were not going to just go away. Once Congressman Robert Mrazek understood the seriousness of their cause, the HHS students elevated their efforts to the national and international levels, ultimately enticing two Cold War enemies to the negotiating table and creating policy. The young people from Stoneman Douglas can be equally successful in their efforts. They too, must surround themselves with a support system that protects them, and connect with a political ally who can help them navigate the world of Washington bureaucracy. But

these things are peripheral to the moment. As I write this I watch so many students from Stoneman Douglas on live television confront their political leaders, law enforcement agents, and the NRA over gun control. They are articulate, educated, passionate and determined. I believe they can make change and every fiber of my being hopes that they have the fortitude necessary. Their passion to solve an injustice and their commitment to the cause, are reminiscent of the activism of those teenagers forty years ago at Huntington High School. In each case, we are reminded that in America, change does not come from above, true change erupts from below and our children are leading the charge.

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WHY DO COMPANIES STILL USE ANIMAL TESTING?

KERRIE JOYCE

For many years, companies all over the world have turned to animal testing to guarantee the safety of their products to consumers. However, many people see this as an issue because of the treatment and suffering that animals face in the process. The animal rights group, PETA, includes scientific data to support alternatives to animal testing in the article, “Alternatives To Animal Testing” on their website, stating that animal testing is inhumane, expensive, and often inaccurate because of the difference in genetics of animals and humans. The article shows data that proves the success

of testing by in vitro (using human skin cells and tissue) methods, computer-modeling technology (in silico models), and performing studies on human volunteers or employees. Many of these methods have higher accuracy than animal testing because they are all based on the behavior of human genetics, which clearly differ from animal genetics. Non-animal testing methods are also more cost-effective, and simpler to perform, aside from the enormous benefit of the end to animal torture in labs. Additionally, it would seem obvious that the use of animals in studying diseases in humans and certain products on humans would be inaccurate, but scientists long believed in the practice and are only recently

accepting it’s inaccuracy, former U.S. National Institutes of Health Director, Dr. Elias Zerhouni, admitting, “We have moved away from studying human disease in humans... We all drank the Kool-Aid on that one, me included... The problem is that [animal testing] hasn’t worked, and it’s time we stopped dancing around the problem. ... We need to refocus and adapt new methodologies for use in humans to understand disease biology in humans.” Overall, there are many new advances in researching alternatives to animal testing, which will be extremely beneficial in reassuring the safety of products and the study of diseases in the future.

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MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

JULIA GILES

If you are a highschooler in the United States, you've probably heard of the movement this article is based on. Heck, a majority of you either actively support and advocate for it, or you think everyone involved is a "liberal snowflake crybaby who needs to wake up an experience the real world." Then again you could have no opinion on the movement, in which case you can just ignore this article and jump to the comic section. Or, as another option, you can keep reading and see what I have to say. Full disclosure, I (the very interesting and not-at-all narcissistic woman writing this article), completely and totally support the March for Our Lives movement and all the goals they support. However, you people at home don't want to know my opinion, so instead I'll just give the full history of the March For Our Lives movement, as well as dispel a few myths surrounding it. Mostly, opinion is definitely going to show up near the end. Buckle your seatbelts, kids, cause this is about to get messy.

The fight for stronger gun control has been going on for far longer than this year. With mass shootings like Columbine, Sandy Hook, Pulse Nightclub, Las Vegas, and Parkland Florida, the

demand for stricter gun control laws and the banning of semi-automatic weapons has always been a concern for activists. Despite years of protest and even President Obama advocating politicians to act on these issues, congress has continued to do literally nothing about the issue. No gun control amendments, no bans, nothing. When politicians blamed mental illness on these tragedies rather than a lack of gun regulation, they didn't even pass any laws to improve mental health care and treatment in the U.S..

With Parkland shooting, however, things have started to change a bit. For years, the lack of action by Congress has been attributed to the

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fact that they can't "politicize the tragedy" or that "they need to give time to the families to mourn." With this system, people would stay silent to give the families peace, only for Congress to forget about the issue until another mass shooting inevitably happened, thus restarting the "thoughts and prayers" cycle all over again. This system eventually came

to a halt with the Parkland Shooting, in which a former student killed 14 students and staff members and injured dozens of others. This time, instead of gun control debates be-



ing ignored in favor of giving the families "thoughts and prayers," the kids who survived the shooting, most notably Emma Gonzales and David Hogg decided that enough was enough and it was time to fight for their rights to go to school without fearing death. Multiple survivors have pointed out the hypocrisy in the American gun control debate by showing that many other unsafe products, such as drugs and alcohol, are strictly regulated and require a specific age to obtain them, yet the shooter, a 19-year-old, was able to get a military-grade arsenal weapon with little to no questioning. On top of that, they have pointed out that multiple government officials receive funding from the National Rifle Association, an organization who have fre-

quently antagonized people who want stricter gun control whose goal is to advertise and sell rifles (that wasn't an angry liberal opinion, either, they literally do that).

Gonzales has been especially critical of this, calling "B.S." on government officials who kept saying that nothing could have been done to prevent the deaths of her classmates by commenting on how the president himself received 30 million dollars in NRA donations. Gonzales also pointed out the hypocrisy of officials using mental health as a scapegoat for the shootings:

...unsafe products, such as drugs and alcohol, are strictly regulated... the shooter, a 19-year-old, was able to get a military-grade arsenal weapon with little to no questioning.

"We know that they are claiming mental health issues, and I am not a psychologist, but we need to pay attention to the fact that this was not

just a mental health issue. He would not have harmed that many students with a knife."

Shortly after the Parkland Shooting, Gonzales, Hogg, and a few of their

other classmates organized two events: first was a national 14-minute school walk out on the one-month anniversary of the shooting, and the second was the March for Our Lives event. The latter was held across the nation on March 24, 2018, with the main rally being held in Washington, D.C. and over 800 sister protests occurring across the nation (including right here on Long Island). The main goal of protesters consisted of the following: universal background checks on all gun sales, raising the federal age of gun ownership and possession to 21, closing of the gun show loophole (which can allow any individual to become a private-party and sell firearms to anyone in their own state

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with little to no questioning), a restoration of the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, and a ban on the sale of high capacity magazines and bump stocks in the U.S.. The event was attended by 1.2 to 2

...the kids who survived the shooting... Emma Gonzales and David Hogg decided that enough was enough...

million people, making it one of the largest mass-protests in U.S. history. Speakers at the event in D.C. included Gonzales and Hogg, as well as Edna Chavez (whose older brother Ricardo was killed by gun violence), Naomi Walder (an eleven-year-old who raised awareness of gun violence against minorities), and Yolanda King (Martin Luther King, Jr.'s granddaughter). One speaker, Cameron Kasky, had this to say for politicians who ignored their voices: "Either represent the people or get out...Stand for us or beware: The voters are coming." Celebrities and organizations who donated and offered support to the March included Amal and George Clooney, Oprah Winfrey, Jeffrey Katzenberg, Steven Spielberg and his wife Kate Capshaw Spielberg, Justin Bieber, Gabby Giffords, Lauren Jauregui, Alyssa Milano, Gucci, Moms Demand Action, St. Vincent, Harry Styles, Hayley Williams, Paul McCartney, Kanye West, Kim Kardashian, John Legend, Chrissy Teigen, Jimmy Fallon, Samantha Bee,

Jim Jefferies, Taylor Swift, John Cena, and Millie Bobby Brown.

Despite receiving support from democratic politicians such as former president Barack Obama and New York Governor Mayor Cuomo, March for Our Lives has received criticism from Republican politicians and party members. Florida Republican senator Marco Rubio stated that most Americans are "not in favor of a gun ban" and viewed the protests as an infringement on the Second Amendment (Quick fact check: the protesters didn't want to ban guns, they wanted stronger background checks. That neither infringes on responsible gun

government officials to "solve their problem" (Another quick fact check: the kids are "pestering" the government because legal action is required to make sure that no more kids die because of a lack of regulation, and not only has Congress refused to solve this lethal problem, but they've frequently made it worse by voting against bills that are made to make sure that these tragedies never happen again). For a more inexcusable action, multiple conspiracy theorists on the internet have spread misinformation that claims that the Parkland shooting was a complete hoax and that the survivors are just actors trying to

are plenty of responsible rifle owners in America who deserve a right to their property, and the Second Amendment, while clearly flawed, is one that many Americans strongly agree with. On top of all that, many people say that gun control wouldn't work because of the black market and high crime rates, a bunch of political stuff that keeps ig-

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noring the main issue. What's the issue, you may ask? Well, it's this: innocent people are dying be-

save so many lives if we just make it a little harder for people with murderous intent to get weapons that can kill dozens in seconds! "But Julia, how do you know for sure if this system will work?" Well, disembodied voice, I know it can work because most places outside America use this system. It only took one major mass shooting in countries like Australia and the UK to enforce stricter gun laws, and they've barely had a mass shooting since. Heck, Japan has some of the strictest gun control out there, and they haven't had a single mass shooting. Not one. And yet time after time after time, innocent people keep getting



owners nor the Second Amendment). Former Republican senator and presidential candidate Rick Santorum also criticized the movement, and said that kids should learn ways to respond to a shooter rather than pestering

push an agenda.

Now everyone, we're almost at the end. Was your opinion swayed? I don't really know, but I will say this: the gun control debate is a long and complicated one, and there really is no easy answer. There

cause of a lack of regulation, and the government has done nothing. Even if you think stronger gun control might have a few kinks in it, the solution isn't to just not use it at all! We have to start somewhere, and we can

murdered and nothing happens. Then again, the stuff that does happen is usually extremely messy and unbelievably stupid (Clear backpacks and arming teachers are your best strat-

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-egy, America? REALLY?)
So, yeah, you guys can probably tell that I'm really passionate about this movement, and why shouldn't I be? It's probably one of the few sparks of hope I've received from the gun control debate, and even then politicians in power are still ignoring the voices of an entire generation. Well, that's just their mistake. I know that we can solve this problem, we all can! Most of us are going to be able to vote in the midterm elections, and we'll be able to vote out the people who keep letting kids like us die. Cause hey, if they don't care about our futures, why should we care about their careers? But we can still do more than that before November:

We can call our congressmen about the issues we want addressed, we can keep protesting in the streets, we can hold rallies, parties, bake sales, anything to get Washington's attention! Everyone keeps saying that our

and make sure that no other kid has to live in fear of going to school and never coming back home. We all should March for Our Lives, so that one day we no longer have to.

...legal action is required to make sure that no more kids die because of a lack of regulation... innocent people are dying because of a lack of regulation...

generation is lazy and won't make any changes, but we can prove them wrong. We can stand up and fight, change our futures while we still can,

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use, e-cigarettes and vapes. Yes, you read that correctly. The population of students who have never used a vape or e-cigarette is the MINORITY of students, overwhelmingly outnumbered by the majority who have used vape. Out of the 29 students who said yes, that they have used e-cigarettes, 20 of them (69%) said that they are daily users. Only 9 of them were one

time, or "only a couple of times" users, proving how powerfully addictive the drug truly is. Meanwhile it is already common sense that nicotine is one of the most carcinogenic substances in the world, directly causing lung cancer, oral cancer, throat cancer and many other terminal illnesses. There have been many attempts by the school to try to help these students. There have been presenters in all PE classes who educated students about

nicotine usage, as well as punishments that include a writing assignment about the dangers of these substances after being caught. But for some reason, knowing all this information, it isn't enough for young people to quit their addictions. The signs of addiction are clear from watching them for only a few minutes, the restlessness, the sweating, the tobacco-breath, their faces acne ridden from all of the nicotine and other chemical in-

halation. It is clear that this addiction is an epidemic, and these students need help and resources, although they may not want it. Merely punishing them when they get caught is not enough. Getting it taken away is not enough. They'll just buy another one no matter how costly the devices are themselves are or the pods that need to be repeatedly replaced. Our students need to be provided with information, help, and resources, because

they have to want to quit. Our generation was deemed by the Truth Organization, to be the generation to end smoking. Our generation must be better. Huntington, we must get better.

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MY YEAR IN AP RESEARCH

LUKE FARRELL

AP Research has proven to be one of the most beneficial courses to take in Huntington High School. Not only is it a benefit for college readiness, but also for communication and writing skills for life. AP Research is part of the AP Capstone program that was introduced to Huntington during the 2016-2017 school year. The program begins with AP Seminar that has you develop a research topic on a variety of stimulus documents that you must analyze and interpret to find a problem associated with the documents. This will then relay into your research question, which you must analyze through a paper and research presentation. AP Seminar is just the sampling of what the culmination of the AP Capstone Program is with AP Research.

Throughout the program, students must work on a research paper of 4,000-5,000 words on a topic of their choice. This could be in History, Science, Pop Culture or anything as long as the topic has a problem that

you could provide solutions for and conclusions about. It then concludes with a 15-20 minute presentation on your findings. The work may be taxing, but it pays off in the end once you know it is all completed.

This course brings with it a multitude of benefits for students. In college, it will be imperative that you present your work throughout your years. This course allows you to research at a college level and to prepare you for the road ahead. I know that I had a fantastic time in the inaugural year, and I hope all of you will consider the opportunity that AP Capstone has to offer.

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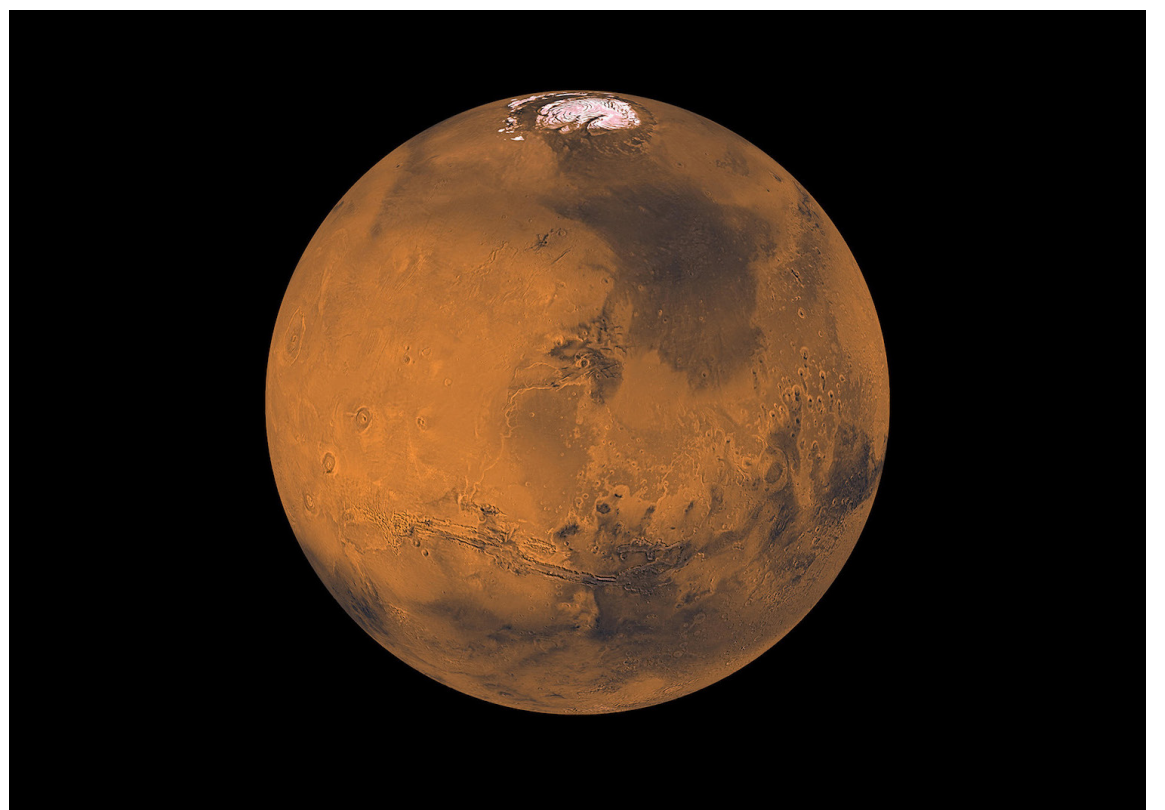
HANNAH BAILIN

Astonishment is one of the many things I felt when I watched SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket speed off into Earth's atmosphere and land itself upright, for the most part, back at the launch site at Cape Canaveral on February 6th. Even the fact that Elon Musk, the CEO of SpaceX, sent his own car into orbit blew my mind. The "Don't Panic!" message on the dashboard will be one of the most memorable features of the car for many, myself included. The launch as a whole was a major success in itself, and is a precursor for what can be accomplished in terms of space travel. SpaceX has some very big plans for the future, some that we will see carried out

within the next few years at least. SpaceX is currently working on a new rocket called BFR, or the Big Falcon Rocket. BFR is based off of the Falcon 9 rocket (the main rocket of the Falcon Heavy rocket), which is designed after commercial airplanes. SpaceX has been reusing their rockets, altogether reducing the cost of going to space. The recent frequency in launches over the past several months is a result of this, all for good as the "recycling" of rockets will eventually pay

The first human mission to Mars is happening within our lifetime...

off. Having a larger payload capacity than the Saturn V rocket (NASA's expendable



rocket used during the Apollo program), BFR is expected to carry more cargo into space...even all the way to Mars. That's right. Mars. The first human mission to Mars is happening within our lifetime. We get to live to see it through, and that's amazing. Just as spectacular as the Moon landing in 1969, we get to witness the Mars landing within the next 6-7 years

(fingers crossed). The first cargo mission is intended to launch in 2022 to set up life support infrastructure and to confirm water resources. This is planned to be followed by a second mission containing more cargo and a crew two years later. It's not that hard to imagine how far humans could go into our solar system. NASA successfully sent the Juno, Cas-

sini, and New Horizons spacecrafts out to orbit Jupiter, Saturn, and Pluto. With rapidly progressing rocket designs, no one knows how soon a powerful enough rocket will be built to take human missions deeper into space. To keep up with SpaceX check out their Instagram, @spacex, or their website, www.spacex.com!

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GAMES

STATE CAPITALS

- Across
1. Montgomery

3. Charleston

6. Juneau

7. Bismark

12. Indianapolis

13. Jefferson City

14. Topeka

16. Honolulu

18. Salem

22. Boston

25. Denver

27. Helena

28. Salt Lake City

30. Raleigh

32. Santa Fe

35. Trenton

37. Carson City

40. Providence

42. Atlanta

43. Montpelier

44. Annapolis

45. Baton Rouge

46. Des Moines

47. Harrisburg

- Down
1. Little Rock

2. Jackson

4. Austin

5. Lincoln

6. Phoenix

8. Nashville

9. Cheyenne

10. Oklahoma City

11. Lansing

15. Columbia

17. Madison

19. Concord

20. Columbus

21. Frankfort

23. Pierre

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26. Olympia

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31. Albany

33. St. Paul

34. Boise

36. Sacramento

38. Springfield

39. Richmond

41. Dover

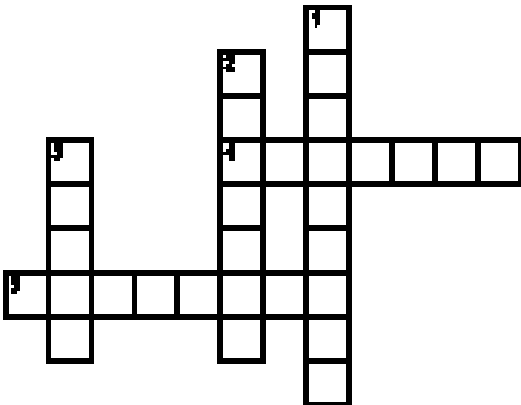
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Iconic Vine Crossword



- Across
- 4 How do you know what's good for me ?!... THAT's MY

_____ !!!!!

5 Hurricane Katrina! More like Hurricane _____

- Down
- 1 Aaah! Stop! I coulda dropped my _____!

2 Zach! Zach Stop! Zach you're gonna get in _____!

3 I'm gonna say it! I don't care that you broke your _____!

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Me after picking up one sock:



Me enjoying the sleep I don't deserve after a long day of doing the bare minimum



YOUR 2018 NEW YORK METS

CRAIG HAAS

The New York Mets are already more than a month into their season and we've already seen their best and their worst. In April, the Mets broke a franchise record and got off to the best start in franchise history by going 11-1, maintaining the top seed in the National League. Everything was going perfect amongst the new players, the new managerial staff that includes new manager, Mickey Callaway, and the pitching staff that couldn't stay healthy in 2017. However, the fans saw a quick turn around as the franchise currently hovers around a .500 record. The blue and orange started off May by going 0-6 in a short homestand. This homestand saw the departure of Matt Harvey and some health scares, but nothing too major to be concerned about. So what's up with the New York Mets? Will the Amazin's play up to the hype and make a playoff run?

Mickey Callaway is a new sight for Mets fans. He's the first new manager since Terry Collins took the role in 2011. Before taking the position as manager for the Mets, Mickey Callaway was the pitching coach for the Cleveland Indians,

nurturing stars such as Andrew Miller and Corey Kluber through the 2016 World Series against the Chicago Cubs. At the press-conference in which he was introduced,

offseason, Mr. Wilpon and Sandy Alderson, the Mets' owner and general manager respectively, listened to the complaints of fans and spent more money than origi-

Jeury's Familia to long term injuries and watched two potential World Series teams fade away. While the Mets have lost catchers Travis D'Arnaud and Kevin Plawecki for no-

his mechanics and maybe find his old-self, but the "Dark Knight" denied the opportunity and gave the Mets no option but to release him. The once all-star pitcher again let his ego get the best of him. While you may think Mets fans would be upset and nostalgic about the move, most believed it was finally time. Maybe we are still upset about Matt Harvey blowing away the World Series in game 5 of 2015, but with years of Harvey's injuries, media feuds, drinking problem, and his ego that made him believe that he was the best pitcher there ever was, the Mets needed to relieve themselves of the controversies caused by #33. The Mets can now focus on playing baseball.

The recent struggles to win, or even score a run are a problem that needs to be fixed. With a lineup that includes Michael Conforto, Yoenis Cespedes, Jay Bruce, Todd Frazier, and 2011 first-round pick Brandon Nimmo, hitting shouldn't shouldn't be a wor-



Callaway pledged to be the "player's coach" and seemed to be the perfect-fit for the Mets. In his first months

...fans saw a quick turn around as the franchise currently hovers around a .500 record.

as manager, Callaway has shown the confidence to make risky decisions but has also shown to put the players first through his precautionary actions. When players have shown signs of irritation, Callaway has instinctively chosen to take players out of close games to prevent losing key-players to long-term injuries. Maybe Johan Santana would still be around if he played under Callaway...

During the

nally planned to bring veteran players to the team. The Mets re-signed outfielder, Jay Bruce who played for Callaway and the Indians after he was traded away by the Mets during the trade-deadline, and signed veteran infielders, Todd Frazier and Adrian Gonzalez. None of the 3 players have yet to have shown their best baseball, but have all shown up at times when they were needed.

Arguably the best part of the offseason, the Mets updated their TRAINING STAFF! The Mets watched two consecutive years where they lost key players, including Noah Syndergaard, Michael Conforto, Matt Harvey, Neil Walker (no-longer on the Mets), Yoenis Cespedes, and

table time, the Mets seem to be pretty much intact for now. Even potential Cy-Young pitcher, Jacob deGrom and Gold-Glove winner, Yoenis Cespedes have both escaped health scares. Let's just keep our fingers crossed for now.

With a fresh look to the Mets, there have been problems. Notably so, The Mets recently DFA'd Matt Harvey, once looked at as the face of the franchise before undergoing Tommy John surgery. After allowing only one hit to the Phillies in his first start to the season, Matt Harvey finished his season on the Mets with a 7.00 ERA after 4 relief appearances. The Mets eventually gave Harvey the option to play a few games in the minors to help him fix

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ry. Every team will undergo hitting struggles throughout the long, 162 game, season and all it takes is one big hit to spark the bats

and take these key players out of their slumps. When these bats start hitting to their potential, fans should expect to go to the ballpark and see the Big-Apple raised at least once or twice per game. These core hitters and the “Baby Bombers” will be

a must-see firework show during the Subway Series in July.

With a long, rigorous schedule and over a hundred more games to be played by the Mets, it's way too early to give up on the blue and orange. Once everything starts

clicking again like it did in the beginning of the season, the New York Mets may be considered the greatest threat in baseball with a starting rotation, lineup, and bullpen filled with all-star potential players. YA GOTTA BELIEVE!



THE BABY BOOMERS ARE BACK

**CHRISTIAN
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The 2018 New York Yankees baseball season has very high expectations, and so far the team from the Bronx are proving themselves. In 2017 they were expected to have a rebuilding year because of being a young inexperienced team; however, that was not the case. They ended up making it to the ALCS and one game away from being in the world series. After losing to the Houston Astros in the ALCS, the team reflected on their long and hard fought season. Looking back at players like Aaron Judge who hit 52 home runs as a rookie, and Didi Gregorius who kept a batting average of over .300, people wondered if the “Baby Bombers” could do it again.

In the offseason the Yankees acquired Giancarlo Stanton from the Miami Marlins. Stanton hit 59 home runs in the 2017 season, meaning he led the league and was the only person in front of Aaron Judge. After the Yankees closed on the legendary deal to get

Stanton, people did not think it would be possible for the team to lose with Stanton, Judge, and Gary Sanchez -- all home run sluggers. Also, the team let go long time manager Joe Girardi and hired a new manager who was a former Yankee in the early 2000s, Aaron

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Boone. It's no longer a miracle if the Yankees make it to the playoffs with these powerful players; it's

expected.

So far the Yankees have started off the 2018 season with more wins than losses and also with a bang. In his first at bat as a New York Yankee, Giancarlo Stanton hit a home run to right-center field. Later that game, in his last at bat, he would hit another home run to right field to seal the 4-2 victory. As the season progressed so far Stanton has slumped, but after being moved to the clean up spot in the lineup he is back to hitting successfully. Aaron Judge also made history early this season by be-

coming the youngest player to reach 60 MLB career home

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runs. With a 15-9 record so far the team is only heating up. Shortstop Didi Gregorius is leading the lineup in home runs with 9, batting average of .354, and 29 RBIs. He also has

hit a home run four games straight. A player like Gregorius is very exciting to see especially when he is filling the shoes of Yankee legend Derek Jeter. Gary Sanchez finished off sweeping the Minnesota Twins in a four game series by hitting a walk-off home run. Down 3 points, his 3-run homer gave the Yankees the win. With 39 home runs in the first three weeks of baseball the “Baby Bombers” Yankees are back for another season of spectacular baseball due to the key home run sluggers in the lineup.



ISLE OF DOGS



KEVIN O'DONNELL

Currently there are so many blockbuster movies going around in theaters. From the Dramatic Thriller *A Quiet Place*, to the action packed *Black Panther*, and with everyone going out to see the new *Avengers: Infinity War*, I'm here to tell you why you should watch a movie that no one seems to have interest in, and that movie is called *Isle of Dogs*. This movie seems to have flown under the radar for many people due to its lack of marketing. And when people see the art style they get scared off by not only the animation style but the grey and brown color palette. Now we have a situation where the consumer doesn't want to see the movie because it tries to be different. The production company has sunk a lot of money into it to put more time and effort into making it look different.

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It's hard to fault the movie for its stylistic choices in animation and color as it uses them both in a unique way to reinforce the setting, tone, and plot. On the topic of setting and plot, this story takes place in semi-dystopian future Japan, in the City of Megasaki where by order of the current authoritarian mayor, Kobayashi, all dogs are

to be sent to trash island due to the diseases every dog in the city had caught. The nephew of Kobayashi, Atari, had a guard dog named Spot that was given to him after he became the ward to Kobayashi. Six months later Atari then flies to Trash Island to find Spot, accompanied by Five dogs named Boss, Duke, Rex, King and Chief that meet him on the island. Without spoiling too much, people are uncovering the plans of Kobayashi on the mainland and how the dogs are a larger political part of the story than they are shown to be at the start. The movie is animated in such a smooth manner, and it has such attention to detail that you really start to love every image shown to you even if the tone and setting are melancholy and bleak. You start to notice things like little

cat insignias on all of the anti-dog equipment or how Kobayashi and everyone on his board always has a cat with them. This movie is most

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likely out of theaters at the point that you are reading it, but I do highly, highly suggest this movie to you. It has a cast of characters that you truly will end up caring for throughout the movie voiced by actors like Bryan Cranston, Bill Murray, and Scarlett Johansson, and a style and aesthetic that you can not pass up.



UPCOMING CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS

AFRODITI MOUNTANOS



14TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN JAM

Dates: June 15, 2018 - June 17,
2018

Location: Hunter Mountain

The 2018 line-up includes: Jack Johnson, Sturgill Simpson, Alt-J, The War on Drugs, Portugal The Man, Father John Misty, The Decemberists, Jenny Lewis, Kurt Vile & The Violators, George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, Rag'n'Bone Man, Turkuaz, Chicano Batman, The Record Company, Anderson Feast, The Felice Brothers, Mondo Cozmo, Son Little, Everything Everything, Lewis Capaldi, Sarah Borges & The Broken Singles, Woods, Andy Frasco & The U.N., Thomas Wynn & The Believers, Jade Bird, The Stone Foxes, Liz Vice, John Criagie, Jack Broadbent, Eric Tessmer Band, Mapache, Larkin Poe, Oliver Hazard, Jocelyn & Chris Arndt, Honeysuckle, Sydney Worthy and Sweet Marie.

CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL

Dates: May 25, 2018 - July 1, 2018
Recurring weekly on Tuesday-Sunday

Location: New York State
Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY



The New York State Chinese Lantern Festival will be held May 25 through July 1, 2018 at the New York State Fairgrounds. Visitors will stroll along a path surrounded by all new lighted lantern sculptures – dazzling works of art that light up the night – and enjoy live performances, food and drink as well as watch artisans perfecting their crafts available for purchase. The Lantern Festival will be open every day but Mondays and includes two 30-minute entertainment shows focusing on Chinese culture, featuring Chinese dancers, acrobats, face changers and musicians. These performers have decades of experience and offer a glimpse of Chinese stage culture. Some traditional Chinese performances include: jar balancing, kicking bowls on a rolling board, face-changing, martial arts, and diabolo.



KCON

Date: Sat, Jun 23, Sun, Jun 24,
2018

Prices from: \$455

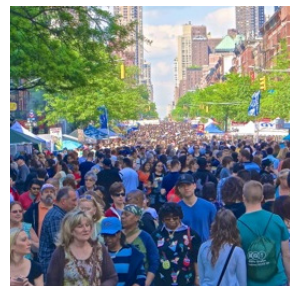
Where: Prudential Center, NJ
Time: 7:29 PM

The Korean Wave or Hallyu (meaning flow of Korea) defines the rapid rise in popularity of South Korean culture since the 90s, thanks to global fascination with K-Pop and K-dramas. Don't miss the annual New York KCon, the one and only stateside convention dedicated to the celebration of all things Hallyu, from food, to fashion, music and beauty.

AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS SPRING FAIR

Dates: June 17, 2018

Location: (ON 6TH AVENUE
from 42ND - 56TH ST.), New
York



NY locals and tourists take to the streets of our great city to meet, greet and enjoy what summer in N.Y. is all about. One of the few, FREE things, left to do in NYC. Street Fairs are a Welcome break for all to enjoy the streets without cars, bikes and construction sites that plague our usual day to day. Experience the 50+ Authentic food booths, Browse the 500+ merchandise booths that sell a huge variety of goods that range from handmade metal statues to African baskets to the year's hottest trends in jewelry & fashion accessories and much more.



JOURNEY AND DEF LEPPARD

Date: Fri, Jun 15

Prices from: \$76

Where: Prudential Center, NYC
Time: 7:00 PM

Journey and Def Leppard, two of the biggest names in Rock music for over 40 years are joining forces to bring their fans a night of epic Rock across North America.

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TASTE OF COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Dates: June 8, 2018 - June 10,
2018

Location: Hunter Mountain

Held at Hunter Mountain, the Taste of Country Music Festival is a 3-day country music festival that can't be missed. 2018 Headliners will be Eric Church, Florida Georgia Line and Sam Hunt. Additional artists include Justin Cole Moore, Dustin Lynch and Leanne Rimes, Montgomery Gentry, Rodney Atkins, Kane Brown, Devin Dawson, Ashley McBryde, Jimmie Allen and Sasha McVeigh and more artists to come. There are many camping options available whether you want to pitch a tent or bring your RV.



SAM SMITH

Date: Wed, Jun 27

Prices from: \$69

Where: Barclays Center,
Brooklyn

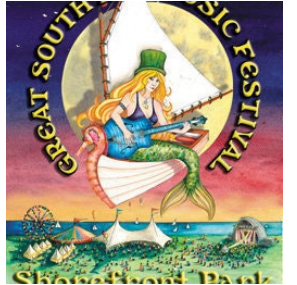
Time: 8:00 PM

Catch this new king of UK soul (who's been likened to Adele - much to his delight) as he tours across North America and Canada on his second US tour

GREAT SOUTH BAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Dates: July 12, 2018 - July 15,
2018

Location: Shorefront Park



The Great South Bay Music Festival is the longest running, and largest four day, "American Themed" music, art & cultural family event on Long Island. Situated on the magnificent Great South Bay, it features approximately 60 performers on four stages, presenting legends, contemporary favorites, as well as local emerging artists in contemporary & classic rock, jazz, jam-band, country, folk, zydeco, funk and all types of American music. Please view website for complete line-up of performers and prices.

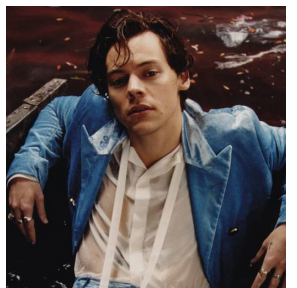
HARRY STYLES

Date: Thu, Jun 21, Fri, Jun 22

Prices from: \$23, \$24

Where: Madison Square Garden,
NYC

Time: 8:00 PM



This year sees Harry Styles' debut solo record released, and he is revving up for his first-ever solo tour sans ex-bandmates One Direction.



CELTIC FAIRE

Dates: June 16, 2018

Location: Genesee Country
Village & Museum

Address: 1410 Flint Hill Rd,
Mumford, NY 14511

The Celts in Western New York played a major role in shaping the history of the Genesee Country. Join us Saturday, June 16 to celebrate the culture, history and traditions of the Scots and Irish through musical performances, dance demonstrations and an array of authentic food and drinks.

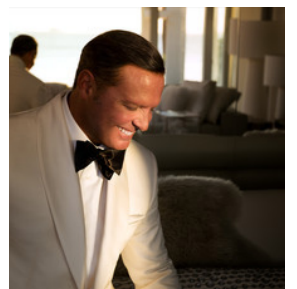
LUIS MIGUEL

Date: Sat, Jun 9

Prices from: \$63

Where: Madison Square Garden,
NYC

Time: 8:30 PM



One of the most successful artists in Latin Music history is hitting the road with his highly anticipated tour !Mexico Por Siempre! (Mexico Always) and is in support of his latest album of the same name, which also earned him his second No. 1 on Billboard's Regional Mexican album charts in December 2017.