

JANUARY EDITION

THE THUNDER GAZETTE



Winter VS. Summer ~ Christian P.

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Many people argue whether winter or summer is better. There are countless reasons to like both and each season has negatives to it as well. This debate has been going on for a long time and there are going to be many positives and negatives to be presented.

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**“IF OPPORTUNITIES
DON'T HAPPEN,
CREATE THEM!”**

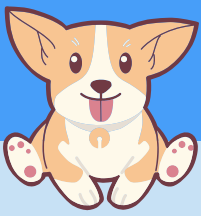
MISS-KNOW-IT-ALL

Q: “HOW DO I MAKE MONEY”

A: THIS IS A WONDERFUL QUESTION! MAKING MONEY AS A 13-15 YEAR OLD CAN BE HARD CONSIDERING THAT YOU CAN RARELY APPLY TO ACTUAL JOBS, HOWEVER THERE ARE SOME QUICK ALTERNATIVES. FOR STARTERS, MANY SMALL FOOD BUSINESSES ARE PERFECT FOR A FAST WAY TO GET A COUPLE BUCKS. OBVIOUSLY LEMONADE, BUT CARAMEL APPLES ARE BEGINNER LEVEL AND AFFORDABLE. NEXT, BABYSITTING AND PET SITTING TAKE SOME TIME BUT ARE WORTH IT WHEN IT COMES TO THE MONEY PORTION. A REGULAR PART-TIME FAST FOOD JOB AT A BEGINNER LEVEL WOULD PAY 9-12\$ PER HOUR. LASTLY, START A SMALL BUSINESS! THIS MAY TAKE MORE TIME AND EFFORT THAN THE OTHERS, BUT THE REWARDS WILL COME. SOME POPULAR CATEGORIES WOULD BE JEWELRY, BODY BUTTERS, AND LIPGLOSS!

PRO VS. CON

Cats Vs. Dogs ~ By: Emily T.



**DOGS!
PROS:**

DOGS ARE SWEET, LIFELONG COMPANIONS THAT YOU COULDN'T HELP BUT ADORE. THEY ARE KNOWN FOR BEING A MAN'S BEST FRIEND. WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF DOG BREEDS, THERE ARE SO MANY OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM WHEN SEARCHING FOR A FLUFFY COMPANION. WHEN TRAINED, THEY ARE OBEDIENT CREATURES. DOG SHOWS EVEN PROVIDE A WAY TO EARN MONEY IN PET-OWNING. WALKING A DOG IS A GREAT WAY TO GET EXERCISE, SO THEY HELP WITH HEALTH TOO. DOGS ARE NATURAL FRIENDS AND WILL GIVE YOU UNCONDITIONAL LOYALTY!

CONS:

WHILE DOGS ARE ADORABLE, FLUFFY FRIENDS, THEY ARE VERY HARD TO TAKE CARE OF. DEPENDING ON THE BREED, DOGS HAVE TO EAT FROM 2 TO 4 CUPS OF FOOD A DAY. THEY ALSO NEED HEAVY EXERCISE, EITHER PROVIDED THROUGH GAMES OR SIMPLE WALKS. DOG WASTE ALSO NEEDS TO BE HANDLED. ALONG WITH THAT, A LOT OF PUPPIES ARE VERY HYPER! THEY'LL WANT CONSTANT ATTENTION AND IT'S HARD TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THEIR MANY NEEDS (THOUGH THIS IS A PROBLEM WITH MOST PETS).



**CATS!
PROS:**

CATS ARE NATURAL CUDDLERS! THEY'RE COVERED IN FLUFFY FUR AND ARE GREAT COZY FRIENDS. THEIR PURRING CAN BE VERY CALMING AFTER A STRESSFUL WEEKEND. CATS WORK VERY WELL ALONE, SO VACATIONING WON'T BE A BIG PROBLEM FOR THEM. THEY DON'T REQUIRE WALKS, AND WITH TRAINING THEY'LL ELIMINATE WASTE IN A LITTER BOX. CATS ARE PROVEN TO EASE ANXIETY AND CAN HELP WITH ALL SORTS OF MENTAL STRAIN. CATS ARE THE PERFECT PET TO CURL UP WITH FOR AN EASY NIGHT AT HOME.

CONS:

IT'S PROVEN THAT PEOPLE TEND TO BE MORE ALLERGIC TO CATS THAN DOGS, SO FOR SOMEONE WITH ALLERGIES, CATS ARE A BIG NO-NO. CATS ALSO TEND TO BE GRUMPIER THAN DOGS, AND PREFER TO LEAD OUT THEIR LIVES MORE INDEPENDENTLY. CLEANING A LITTER BOX CAN BE A LOT OF WORK TO GRAPPLE WITH. NOT TO MENTION THEIR TENDENCIES TO SCRATCH UP FURNITURE AND CAUSE DAMAGE. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, CATS LOVE TO BRING IN LITTLE DEAD THINGS THAT THEY'VE CAUGHT.

PRO VS. CON

Winter VS. Summer ~ Christian P.

MANY PEOPLE ARGUE WHETHER WINTER OR SUMMER IS BETTER. THERE ARE COUNTLESS REASONS TO LIKE BOTH AND EACH SEASON HAS NEGATIVES TO IT AS WELL. THIS DEBATE HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A LONG TIME AND THERE ARE GOING TO BE MANY POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES TO BE PRESENTED.

WINTER IS A VERY FUN SEASON THAT INCLUDES CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS. THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT BRING FAMILIES TOGETHER DURING THIS TIME AND LOTS OF PEOPLE LOVE TO DO DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES. THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE SKIING, SNOWBOARDING, BOBSLEDDING, OR EVEN RELAXING AT A CABIN FOR A VACATION. WINTER SPORTS ARE VERY POPULAR AND MANY LOVE TO WATCH THEM OR TRY TO DO IT THEMSELVES AT LOCAL SKI RESORTS. A VERY LARGE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE PREFER WINTER OR SUMMER SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE CHRISTMAS IS IN THE RANGE, ESPECIALLY STUDENTS SINCE THEY GET A WINTER BREAK FROM SCHOOL. WINTER IS A VERY POPULAR TIME FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO COME TOGETHER AND EAT GREAT FOOD AND TALK ABOUT THE YEAR. SOME NEGATIVES OF WINTER TO PEOPLE COULD BE THAT IT GETS EXTREMELY COLD IN CERTAIN PLACES, OR EVEN TRAFFIC. MANY PEOPLE ARE SHOPPING DURING THE ENTIRE MONTH OF DECEMBER AND THE ROADS START TO PILE UP WITH CARS. THERE ARE A LOT OF CAR ACCIDENTS THAT HAPPEN DURING THIS TIME BECAUSE THERE IS USUALLY ICE BUILDUP ON THESE ROADS MAKING IT VERY DANGEROUS, WITH SO MANY PEOPLE DRIVING.

SUMMER IS FUN FOR MANY PEOPLE, THIS IS THE TIME WHERE YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND RELAX AT A LAKE OR A BEACH. MANY KIDS LOVE TO HOST PARTIES AT THIS TIME AND THERE ARE A LOT OF REASONS TO LOVE THIS SEASON. THERE ARE A LOT OF ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO INVOLVING ALL SPORTS AND MAKING IT PERFECT WEATHER TO GO AROUND WITH YOUR FRIENDS. STUDENTS GET THE LONGEST BREAK OF THE YEAR AND THEY GET TO RELAX FROM SCHOOL AND CHILL OUT. THIS IS WHEN SOME SPORTS COME IN AND KIDS DON'T GET BORED SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO DO THE SPORTS THEY LOVE WITH THEIR TEAM. THE BAD PART ABOUT SUMMER IS THAT IT CAN GET TERRIBLY HOT. IT CAN REACH VERY HIGH TEMPERATURES AND MANY PEOPLE CAN'T STAND IT. CARS ARE ALWAYS HOT AND YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO HAVE AIR CONDITIONING RUNNING IN THE HOUSE, WHICH CAN BE EXPENSIVE.

WINTER AND SUMMER ARE BOTH VERY GREAT SEASONS AND THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO DURING THAT TIME. THERE ARE A LOT OF WAYS TO HAVE FUN AND ALTHOUGH THEY BOTH HAVE MANY POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES THERE IS A LOT TO LIKE ABOUT THEM. THE SEASONS HAVE GOOD THINGS ABOUT THEM AND THEY ARE ALL VERY EXCITING, EVEN IF THERE ARE DOWNSIDES.

PRO VS. CON

AI ~ Pro VS. Con ~ By: Aiden D.

Everyone relies on AI a lot nowadays but it's not always a good thing. Some people use AI in their daily life and others don't use it as much as the others. There are plenty of Cons to AI Recently engineers and programmers have been focusing on making AI Controlled Drones.

As AI advances we as people are slowly using it more and more in our regular daily lives. Some people use it to control their light system in their house and others use it as a security system or ect. New AI that was created can control Weapon Drones that are currently being used in the Russian-Ukrainian war. If AI's could control weapon Drones what stops them from destroying us. Facebook AI 6 years ago was shut down because developers discovered it was making a new language that humans can't understand. If AI is capable of making a brand new language then they are capable of doing more than just that.

The Pro's to AI. AI helps people with tasks that can be done by AI, Such as turning lights off or manufacturing companies when they are producing products to sell. AI weapon Drones have made it so humans don't have to put their lives on the line and instead the AI fights for us instead. ChatGPT is an AI app that helps struggling students with their school work or is just a fun app to use at times. AI gives faster answers and faster decisions than humans can and it doesn't make regular human error.

PRO VS. CON

Middle VS. High By: Sybilla A.



Cons Of Middle School

Kids feel social anxiety to fit in and often times don't feel like they belong

Some kids will have a hard time adjusting to the new environment, and having to navigate from class to class can be a stressful experience.

The Step-up academically from grade school, not just that the work is more challenging there is more work to do and the expectations are heightened.



Pros of Middle school

Kids are able to meet other students who are experiencing the same things as them

Kids are able to find their own personality/ identities through interactions with their peers

It provides kids with a safe place to grow

Helps them develop life and social skills. Such as Making friends, resolving conflict, regulating emotions, and critical thinking.

It works as a stepping stone to help kids get ready for high school, and college.

Cons Of High School

People getting to large of a work load which is then causing stress

Large amounts of sleep deprivation from either staying up late to finish last minute homework or assignments.

Feeling stress to "fit in" with a certain click at school, or not feeling like they belong

More emphasis and stress put on student to get good grades

Introduces opportunities for bullying, peer-pressure, thinking about one's self badly



Pros of high school

Helps teach student to collaborate with their peers, develop life skills, learn how to self-advocate,

Opportunity to develop ones personality

Give people the opportunity to develop leadership skills

Prepares student for life, work, and college (grad school)

Gives them social experiences they need to grow experiences

Helps people find their passion and allows them to explore career pathways.

PRO VS. CON

Shorten summer break OR stay the same with school?

BY: Kara B.

Students all around the country look forward to the almost three-month break from school every year, summer. What would happen if that break suddenly got taken away? The traditional school calendar most students are familiar with was established due to agricultural reasons. This dates way back to the 18th century, when children were needed to help on their farms, but needed to get an education as well. Typically with this schedule, school would start in early September and end either in late May or early June. Then, the older children would be able to help harvest their family's crop during the summer break. Traditional school calendars were the only kind until the 20th century. In the 20th century, the amount of students in each school had increased rapidly, and something had to be done to make sure each student got a good education. Thus, the idea of year-round schooling was introduced. Each student's vacation time would be staggered, therefore allowing more students to attend every school. Of course, year-round school calendars have many positive and negative aspects to them.

Although most schools do not have a year-round calendar, that does not necessarily mean it's a worse option. First of all, year-round schooling provides students with more breaks than they would normally have. U.S. News & World Report says in an article that "...more frequent breaks...can help reduce burnout among teachers and students" (Warner). Many people- whether a teacher or student- get tired of going to school every week and either teaching or learning for about six hours a day. With more breaks, everyone would have more time to relax and do whatever they'd like. This could possibly decrease the amount of stress in students as well. Along with this, a year-long schedule would take off much time from the summer break. Despite it sounding like a bad idea, a shorter summer break would prevent students from forgetting a great amount of what they've learned. Overall, that would mean students could be getting a better education if they can remember what they're being taught.

PRO VS. CON

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If school districts choose to trade traditional calendars for year-round, it may come with a few problems. To start with, the majority of parents' jobs would not have matching schedules with their students, and that could be an issue. As Scholastic stated in an article, "The year-round schedule can make finding appropriate child care a problem...." While students with a year-round schedule would have breaks every six weeks or so, with around a two-week break, the children's parents would not. That means parents who work would need someone to take care of their kids during those times, which would not necessarily be easy to find. Additionally, if school were to be full-year, summer break would be shortened by quite a bit. Children and teens alike always look forward to this break from school. It's a chance to relax and have fun while being away from school for a bit, so it may not be beneficial if some of that time was taken away. There would also be less time for families to take vacations in summer, as again, the parents' schedules would not line up with the students. It would be difficult to find enough time to take a vacation without missing any work or school.

Clearly, there are multiple reasons as to why schools should- or should not- change to year-round school schedules. Students would get more breaks from school with a full-year schedule. Burnout and stress could be reduced by this. There would also be a shorter summer break, which would help students to remember everything they were taught. On the other hand, with this calendar children would have breaks when their parents would be working, something that causes the need for parents to find childcare of some sort. Also, a shortened summer vacation could negatively impact students, too. Something that they look forward to for months would be partially taken away from them, not to mention that a shortened summer break means less time for a family vacation. Now that some of the factors have been weighed, it's important to do some thinking and make a decision on which side seems most beneficial: school for the whole year, or the traditional calendar everyone knows?

TEACHER SHOUTOUTS

Tristan Anderson: “Mrs Taylor is awesome and chill and helps me whenever I need.”

Daya Shepard: “Barnum is my favorite teacher because he's funny, chill and helpful.”

Gage Whitlatch: “Mrs Hoyt deserves a shout out because she's not Mr. Swanson and she's funny/cool.”

Skylar Allred: “Mr. Morris deserves a shout out because he makes everyone laugh and makes learning fun.”



Book Blog

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By: Kara B

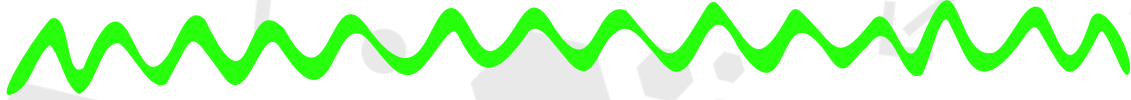


Hey everyone, welcome back from Winter Break! DHMS's library has started up the book club again, and this month's book is an excellent read. It's *Refugee* by author Alan Gratz. This is a historical fiction book, one among the many Gratz has written. *Refugee* is a story that tells about the lives of three people and their families, living in three different, difficult times in history. One of the people is Josef, a Jewish boy living in Germany in the 1930's, when it was Nazi occupied. Due to the threat of being taken away to concentration camps, Josef and his family embark on a journey by ship to get to safety all the way across the world. Isabel is another person, a Cuban girl in 1994. Her country is full of unrest and riots, with people wanting to overthrow the government. As a result, Isabel, her family, and her friends set out on a handmade raft to attempt escaping to the United States. Mahmoud, the last of the three, is a Syrian boy living in the year 2015. His home had been torn to shreds by a war in Syria, and Mahmoud and his family finally set off for Europe, seeking refuge.

Gratz wrote a captivating storyline for each of the three characters, with surprising plot twists that truly amplified the reading experience.

Although the book is a little over 300 pages, it certainly seems to be a fairly quick read. The story was exhilarating enough that I found myself turning the pages eagerly, anxious to read what would happen next. I loved the different perspective *Refugee* provided for the readers. This is the first historical fiction book I have read that describes the journey immigrants go through to escape their suffering. Alan Gratz does an amazing job of painting a picture of the journey in the reader's minds, and each of the stories are based on real people, making it all the more interesting to read. While I found the whole book delightful, there are a couple aspects to it that some readers may not enjoy. Of course, the book is quite sad because the people in it went through horrible experiences in their life, and I'm sure there are some readers that would rather pick up something happier. Along with that, because the perspective in the book gets swapped between three different people, that may make it a bit confusing for some readers. Other than those things, it's a great option if you would love a little flash back into history.

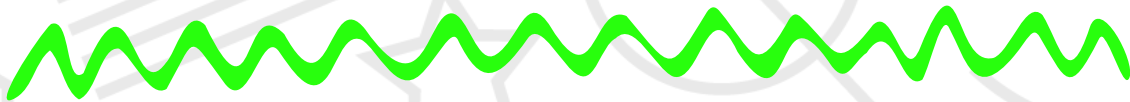
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Swim ~ By: Christian P.

The high school swim team is currently active and there are meets going on and you will be able to go see some! There are a lot of different people that are involved with the high school swim team and there are people across Utah that come down here to join the swim meet. Many swim meets happen throughout the year and there are a lot of student athletes that swim amazingly at the meets. There are many upcoming meets that you can see some of your friends swim at. These include the Cedar City Invitational meet on January 12-13, Regions at the Sand Hollow Aquatics Center on February 2 and 3, and more. There are many opportunities to see some of your friends compete at the meets, you can cheer for them and watch all the people come together in one area. There are many members in the high school swim team here at Desert Hills and maybe you can join.

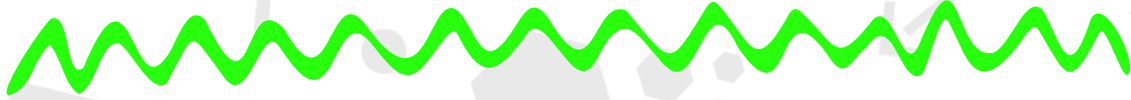
Each school year, towards the beginning of the year there are tryouts for the team and grades 9-12 can join. There are team lunches that happen every few weeks and you miss lunch and homeroom to go to the high school and eat with your team. There's practice during the week and the high school swim season ends when school ends.



Volleyball ~ By: Gia F.

Under seven percent of people go on to play college sports, and even fewer win national titles. In volleyball the semi finals will take place on December 14 at seven p.m. in Tampa, Florida. The match-ups for these games were insanely competitive, with Nebraska vs. Pittsburgh and Wisconsin vs. Texas. The winners of these games were Texas and Nebraska, who will be playing each other in the Amalie Arena at three p.m. on Sunday, December 18. Both of these teams have shown that they are here to win and only the best will.

SPORTS



Volleyball Cont...

Texas University has had a great season with 27 wins and only four losses. Last year Texas won the NCAA national title against Louisville in only three sets, but this is not the only time they have won. They also experienced victory in 2012 and 1988. Texas has been in the national game a total of nine times including their current win over Wisconsin.

This team has some of the best hitters and defense players in the nation. This includes Maddie Skinner, who is an outside hitter averaging 21 kills per game. There is also Emma Halter who is the libero, and averages 14 digs per game. Jermaine O'Neal's daughter (Asjia O'Neal) is one of the middle blockers for her school, her father is a six time NBA all star player. Maddie and Asjia are the first team all- americans for Texas which makes perfect sense because their career kills combined total a whopping 1,766. Last year Texas won the national title with an ace served by Keonilei Akana. Texas University has proved time and time again that they deserve this title and they will fight to get it.

The Nebraska Huskies, on the other hand, are the number one seed and for a good reason, boasting a total of 33 wins. This school has broken many titles including the NCAA and the women's world record with 92,003 people attending one of their games. They are now going to the finals because of their brutal win over Pittsburgh. The Huskies have crazy impressive statistics with a total of 1,617 kills and 1,597 digs in one season. Harper Murray, who plays outside hitter, is a big contributor to the team's success. She is only a freshman and has a total of 384 kills (which is about 12 kills per game). The team also consists of defensive player of the year Lexi Rodriguez, whose volleyball career holds over 1,418 digs. Nebraska has a loaded team and they are ready to use it to win the national championship and become the best team in the country.

SPORTS

Volleyball Cont...

Wisconsin is the number one blocking team in the nation but that did not prove enough while playing Texas. Even though Wisconsin was the number one ranked seed and Texas was the number two ranked seed

Texas achieved a triumphant win. But that does not mean that Wisconsin is a bad team; they are still very talented with a 6'9 middle blocker and almost all of their hitters stand over 6'3 ft tall. Their season record is 30-4 and they have accumulated a total of 366 blocks this season. Wisconsin has only won the national title once and been in the running four times. This team is tough and knows what they are doing. Wisconsin will not let this loss get to them and will come back stronger next year.

Pittsburgh is a great team but they did not have sufficient power to beat Nebraska in the final four. They put up a good fight against Nebraska, just barely leading every set; the final scores were 20-25, 23-25, and 17-25. Pittsburgh has some really talented players such as Valeria Vazquez Gomez, who is a senior and has a total kill count of 860. Being one of the teams in the final four is hard work and although a grueling process, many aspiring volleyball athletes dream of being in their position. Even with the losses, the Pittsburgh volleyball team has what it takes and will be back to break the record books for their school.

Texas University is the back-to-back national champion, they swept Nebraska in only a three set game. The points for each match were 25-22, 25-14, and 25-11. Texas attributes most of their wins to Asjia O'Neal who slammed four aces in a row and won the game point with another ace. This team also broke a national record with 12 aces in a championship match. Nebraska fought very hard, but it was not good enough to beat Texas and all of their secret weapons. Madison Skinner and Asjia O'Neal both received their third national title, which is remarkable and very rare to earn. The girls on both teams have amazing talent and have earned everything they have received.

How to Sleep like a log zzzZ

School is back! Many of us are having a hard time adjusting to waking up early again. Here are a few tips to catch some more Z's and prevent sleep deprivation.

1. Commit to yourself!

To optimize your sleep, go to bed and wake up around the same time every day. Once you're used to going to bed at the same time, you'll fall asleep faster.

2. Don't eat firecrackers

Don't consume anything that will keep you awake! Stuffing yourself with food right before bed will keep you up. Don't drink caffeine any later than 4 to 6 hours before bed, otherwise you'll be staring at the ceiling for hours before you fall asleep.

3. Don't sleep somewhere obnoxious

Make sure your room is cool, quiet, and dark. This is key to relaxing enough to fall asleep. The darkness stimulates the brain to make melatonin, a hormone that will help you doze off easier. Try not to be on your phone 30 minutes before bed, so your brain can make melatonin without interference.

4. Earn your sleep!

When possible, set aside some time in your schedule to do some form of exercise. Studies show that you sleep better if you wear yourself out. However, don't workout too close to bedtime, otherwise your brain will still be awake.

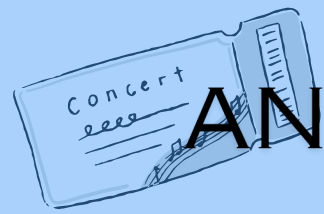
Hopefully these tricks will help you on your journey to getting more rest! Sweet dreams and happy snoozing!

SINGERS THAT MADE A COMEBACK

BY: AIDEN D.

In the recent ever-evolving realm of the music industry, the phenomenon of singers making comebacks is both entertaining and interesting. These few singers, often faced with challenges of changing tastes, evolving trends, or personal struggles, manage to reclaim the spotlight and captivate audiences once again. Adele, the British sensation known for her powerhouse vocals and emotionally charged ballads. Adele has a powerhouse of a voice and she has shown it multiple times with her songs, "Set Fire to the Rain," "Skyfall" and, "Rolling in The Deep." Her voice is like no other but recently her songs have been popping up again all over social media, including the song Skyfall that people have been using recently for recent trends on tiktok.

Beyonce, The queen of pop herself. She has the beautiful voice of an angel and doesn't look a day over 20. Her new album, "Renaissance" is a big hit. The song "American has a problem featuring Kendrick Lamar," from the album Renaissance is all over social media once again. Olivia Rodrigo, the girl who made heartbreak song after heartbreak song of her ex. She has a strong voice but people had got tired of listening to her heartbreak song and wanted something new, and Olivia delivered by making a song for the recent Hunger Games movie called, "Can't Catch Me Now."



2024 AN EXCITING YEAR FOR CONCERTS

Many people spend a lot of their time listening to music. Whether it be the top pop or the newest rock, there are so many genres to pick from. Luckily for St. George residents, we live a mere 2 hours away from a huge city which hosts some pretty cool concerts. This city is Las Vegas. Home to the Sphere, a concert/show venue. Not only does the city have The Sphere but they also have many, many more venues for some amazing artists to play at. St. George residents can also travel north in the state and go to Salt Lake City, a more child friendly place. They also have some great concerts.

I have compiled a list of these musicals for you. The list includes dates, location and city, and the artist themselves. These specific shows caught my eye as the artists are popular. I would recommend looking up the places the Las Vegas concerts are held, just in case.

ARTIST	LOCATION	DATE(S)
Olivia Rodrigo	Delta Center, Salt Lake UT	7/31/24
Bruno Mars	Dolby Live, Las Vegas NV	Feb. 1,2,7,8,2024
Noah Kahan	USANA Amp., Salt Lake UT	7/9/24
Morgan Wallen, Jelly Roll, Nate Smith, Ella Langley	Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas NV	8/8/24
AJR	Delta Center, Salt Lake UT	7/16/24
Maroon 5	Dolby Live, Las Vegas NV	May 25/26, 2024
Niall Horan	USANA Amp., Salt Lake UT	7/20/24
Melanie Martinez	MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas NV	5/17/24
Luke Combs	Rice- Eccles, Salt Lake UT	June 7/8, 2024
Rolling Stones	Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas NV	May 11/12, 2024
Melanie Martinez	Delta Center, Salt Lake UT	5/18/24

ALL STATE CHOIR 2024

This year, four DHMS choir students have been nominated to participate in the Utah AllState Junior High Honor Choir. These students are Soprano Eliza Fullmer, Alto Lydia Larson, Tenor Lincoln Heppler, and Bass Damon Hadlock. They received music for their parts months prior to the event so they could practice. While it's not a competition, it is a great opportunity for them to be able to attend and represent our school! During this trip, the students will be able to practice with all of the nominated students from other schools and they will be performing after 2 days of practice at Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake. This trip takes place from Thursday, Jan 25, 2024, to Sunday, Jan 28, 2024. This is an awesome experience for the students who are going and they will learn a lot!

Fashion trends making their way back around

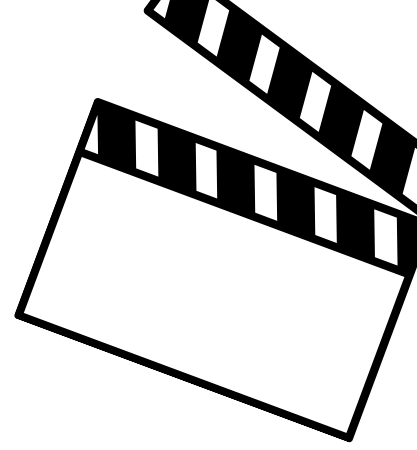
BY: ANDREA A.

Fashion trends have been described as waves of popular clothes and accessories to show off your style or what is pleasing and comfortable for you to wear. But they are more of a wheel that rotates with time, seeing some things time and time again and up-cycles more or less of the same things. A boomerang if you will. So styles that have always been there have been tweaked a little each time to become what's in style today.

Nowadays, a staple for girls is high-rise jeans. It started in the 80s, and whether ripped or bell-bottoms (popular in the 70s, think flare, big hair, and ABBA) jeans are relatively comfy and chic, and let's admit, go with any outfit. The 80s saw the rise of chunky sneakers, and that is all the rage now, too. From colored Converse or Vans Off the Wall sneakers to chunky and tall Nikes or Air Jordans.

Grunge fashion that originates from the 90s and 2000s has kicked back into fashion. A typical put-together could look like a band-tee, ripped or baggy jeans, or cargo pants, paired with sneakers or boots and a studded (or not, it's not for everyone) punk belt, accessorized with some sunglasses, lots of rings and necklaces (for girls) and a leather jacket. Byrdie, a beauty tips and fashion magazine titles an article "The 90s Grunge Aesthetic is Back," and it says that Gen Z has a passion for thrifting and upcycling clothes, which is where grunge originates; an anti-consumerist, laid-back, and disheveled look and feel. (not part of the article, idk how to do it but could designers please put images on the next page on the same page as this one? thanks <3)

GARBAGE OR
MASTERPIECE
GOOD BURGER
BY: ELLA G.



Good Burger, directed by Brian Robbins, was released in 1997. It has an audience rating of 4.7 stars, but only 33% on Rotten Tomatoes. The story follows the main characters, Ed and Dex, who have to team up to save Good Burger, the fast-food restaurant they both work at, from competition that opens across the street: Mondo Burger. Good Burger originally came from a skit in the show All That. The show started in 1994 and continued until 2005, with a total of 10 seasons. In the skits, Ed gets orders wrong and always manages to mess things up.

In November 2023 Good Burger 2 was released, 26 years after the first movie came out. It has 3.2 stars for the audience rating, and 59% on Rotten Tomatoes. In this sequel, Ed and Dex meet again, and take the restaurant back after Ed accidentally signs a deal, giving someone else the ownership of Good Burger. The two have to save Good Burger before it is turned into a Chain Restaurant that uses robots, taking away the jobs of the employees. Many think that Good Burger 2 wasn't nearly as good as the original, but the critics liked it even more than the first movie.

Good Burger has some pretty mixed reviews; people either love it or hate it. Peter Canavese, a critic, said, "Cheap and pandering kiddie comedy featuring strictly lowest common denominator storytelling and humor, although sometimes so stupid it's funny." Terrianna Canady, a reviewer of Good Burger, said, "This movie truly can not be put into words that will give it enough justice. It is thrilling, funny, insightful and in my opinion no movie could really ever go up to its level of quality. The 2 main characters gel off of each other PERFECTLY their dynamic really has never been done to the extent that it is shown in good burger."

How to set achievable goals for the new year!

By: Chloe C.

Do you always stick to your new year's resolutions? If not, why don't we make your new year goals achievable for you to accomplish? Sometimes people set goals and forget, or think they can't do it, or they may not make time for their life goals. Several ways to help you keep to your new year resolutions are to be realistic, baby steps, plan ahead, outline your plan, put it where you will see the plan everyday, make a pros and cons list, talk about your goals, reward yourself, track your progress, don't beat yourself up, stick to it, keep trying. To elaborate on the previous sentence, Being realistic can just mean don't try and be too hard on yourself, and make sure it's something you can achieve within the time being. Baby steps meaning just make small steps to what the big goal is. Planning ahead can help the resolutions to be smooth and the end result works well. Outlining the plan and putting the goals where you can see them everyday just helps to remind you everyday and make sure you don't forget! Talking about your goals to others can help because someone may be on the same page as you and you can find someone to push you through it. Rewarding yourself is very important, you need to be confident in yourself and your goals and even if it is small it still helps to reward the small achievements. Also with not beating yourself up you need to look on the bright side and see your improvements and grow and not be so hard on yourself. Track your progress helps you know that you are improving and you shouldn't give up and that you got this. Stick to it and keep trying, goes along with what was just said as well. So all in all this is motivation and tips to set goals in life.

NEW WATER PARK

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There is news about a new water park being built near here and it is said to be state of the art. The plan is to finish building it by the end of this summer 2024 and it will include a 500-foot lazy river, beach access to a lake, and a massive water tower. "It's going to be the first of its kind in Southern Utah."

Additionally, the park will feature a variety of slides and a lake.

Unfortunately, its completion may be delayed due to problems with warrants and funding, so it might not be ready by fall 2024. However, this amazing water park will still be worth the wait.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

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The earth has completed another successful rotation around the sun! With a lot of people celebrating, some have created goals to improve themselves for the rest of the new year. These goals are called "New Year Resolutions".

Some of the questions that DHMS students were asked was, "What is your new year's resolution?", and "Do you think you will complete your resolution by the end of the year?".

Matthew Pickett:

"Eat more",
"Yes"

Bennet Baughman:

"Increase my vertical jump by 3 inches"
"I hope"

Nathan Boyer:

"get better at piano"
"yes"

Carter McMillian:

"Get better grades in my classes"
"Of course"

Morgan Wang:

"Bench and Squat more weight than Matthew Pickett"
"Im 1000% confident"

Jed Shepherd:

"To be a better human and get stronger"
"Yea"

In conclusion, everyone was confident that their New Year's resolution would be completed.

TOP SEARCHED VIDEOS

BY:
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Over the years, social media has tripled in use since 2010, so what were the most searched videos of 2023 on YouTube? In fifth place, there is music. This topic has nearly thirty million searches over the year. Fourth place is lo-fi. Lo-fi is a newer category and has been known as the perfect music for studying.

In third place, we have "Sidemen." Sidemen is a YouTube channel with multiple people doing challenges often involving money for charity.

Some of their most popular videos include a giant wheel, the video game, "Fall Guys" in real life, and a charity soccer event.

Second place is MrBeast.

MrBeast has been trending for many years and unsurprisingly is in the top five. Finally, in first place we have ASMR.

Autonomous sensory meridian response is a term used to describe the tingling feelings that are triggered through audio stimuli. This has been the most popular because it helps many to fall asleep faster. In 2023, the most popular videos to scour the internet were ASMR and challenge videos.

CARDBOARD BOAT RACING

BY:
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The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta originated at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1974. This engaging activity involves skill, patience, and fun. Participants are expected to maintain the dignity of a yachtsman. This means act like you belong. You are to be safe. Think about the people around you and be cautious of things that could potentially be dangerous. Be creative with each boat design. These boats are expected to be different while considering the size, weight, strength, mobility, and how much it will weigh once it hits water. For boat racing, steps like planning, thinking, and mapping out before the project are important. Once everything is ready, they will be loaded into the water and prepare for racing. The original purpose for these races was to get students interested in STEM fields by approaching an engineering challenge with "hands-on" learning. It got them used to trial and error with physical projects. Although they started in Illinois, they've reached as far as Massachusetts and Ohio. If you are lucky enough to win a boat race, a typical prize would be a repaid for dinner at a nice restaurant.





TUACAHN 2024

Tucahn's new 2024 season is starting fresh with 5 musicals that have never been performed on Tuacahn's stages! Tuacahn has been performing amazing musical and concert productions since 1995 and has been the reason many famous guest artists pass through Southwest Utah. This is a quick guide to what musicals and other shows to expect and get excited for this new year.

The musical season kicks off in May with Frozen! The heat of the summer may have you wondering how they will recreate the winter wonderland, and Tuacahn's technical production team promises not to disappoint, saying "Come out and see; we're going to amaze you!" (something more than Disneyland's "snow" soap bubbles?!). Also available May through October are the musicals Anastasia, a firstly Disney-adapted story of the Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna, and Jersey Boys, a musical about R&B icon Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, including some of their original songs. It has Tuacahn thrilled to offer something different from their usual more youth-oriented productions, but presenting something still sensational and (Tuacahn's specialty) music culture spotlighted.

Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash will start in June and will feature actor-musicians playing live music, like in Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story or even School of Rock if you will! Family classic, Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol will wrap up the year.

Both of these will be held on Tuacahn's indoor stage.

A few shows and musical icon tributes that will be gracing Tuacahn are The Guess Who (imitators of The Who), Invincible: A Glorious Tribute To Michael Jackson, Rumours: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute, The Redeemer by Jenny Oaks Baker, and a stand-up comedy show by comedian Brian Regan.

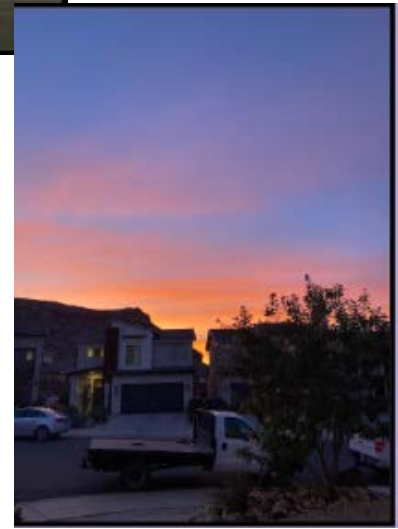
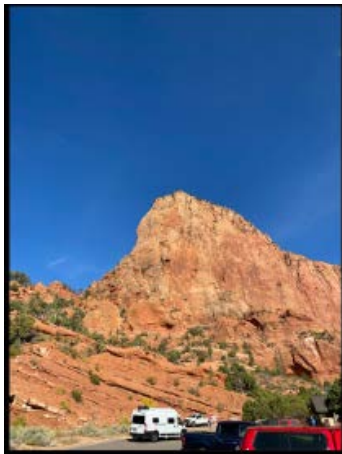
Make sure to check these shows out and buy tickets, each Tuacahn experience is bound to be memorable.

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