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Editorial

I WANT TO START THIS EDITION ON A HAPPY NOTE SO HERE'S WHAT I'LL SAY, I'VE HEARD FROM MY PEERS THAT THEY WANT THE WORLD TO CHANGE. I'VE HEARD ABOUT IMMIGRATION, CLIMATE CHANGE INACTION, RACISM, SEXISM, HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, EVEN DRESS CODE AND OTHER PRESSING ISSUES IN TODAY'S WORLD. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT WE ARE TEENAGERS AND TWEENS, HOW DO WE ENACT CHANGE? SOME OF YOU MAY SAY THAT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT I, YOUR HELPFUL OPTIMISTIC EDITOR, AM HERE TO TELL YOU DIFFERENTLY. BELOW IS A LIST OF TEENS AND TWEENS WHO HAVE INFLUENCED AND CHANGED THE WORLD. ONE DAY, THAT COULD BE YOU! YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, YOU CAN INSPIRE CHANGE, YOU CAN WRITE, SPEAK, EMAIL, INSTA, SNAPCHAT, TWEET, WHATEVER AND GET YOUR CHANGE IN MOTION. THESE LAST FEW MONTHS OF 2019, THINK ABOUT THE CHANGE YOU HAVE MADE AND THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO MAKE. INSPIRE THE CHANGE, MAKE THE CHANGE, BE THE CHANGE.

THE MOST INFLUENTIAL TEENS OF 2019

Marley Dias- Marley created #1000BlackGirlBooks. A program aiming to bring books about black women into communities that lack those kinds of books.

Rishab Jain- Rishab created a software program that allows the pancreas, a very mobile and difficult to locate organ, to be found when doctors are treating pancreatic cancer.

Thandiwe Abdullah- Thandiwe co-founded Black Lives Matter LA Youth Vanguard. She is regarded as one of her generation's most powerful voices on social justice.

Greta Thunberg- Greta Thunberg started off advocating against climate change inaction in front of the Riksdag (Swedish legislature). She became a powerful voice as she argued against the world's most powerful leaders and their inaction on climate change. She has spoken to the European (EU) Parliament, the Austrian President, and the UN Secretary-General, the United Nations, former President Obama, the US Congress, and the President of the European Commission. Not only does she have Asperger's syndrome, but she also spoke at the UN Global Climate Summit in September as well as she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Melati and Isabel Wijsen- These sisters organized "Bali's Biggest Clean-up", an event where 65 tons of trash were collected from the country of Bali. They have spoken with leaders from South Korea as well as at a UN-sponsored conference in San Diego.

Ahed Tamimi- A Palestinian nationalist, Ahed slapped an Israeli soldier in 2017, which earned her jail time and an international audience. She is being hailed as a new leader in the Palestinian nationalist movement.

Parkland Students- These student activists rose from the aftermath of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High school shooting. Their fierce calls for gun reform and their creation of the March for our Lives movement has drawn national views to strengthen gun control laws.

These teenagers have cast waves in the world and all started when they saw an issue and wanted to fix it. If you see an issue and want to fix it, tell us [here](#).

Mystery Short Story Contest

Write a short story about a spooky mystery. Be sure to make it thrilling and exciting for the reader.

Submit your story at the link below:

Rules:

- Minimum 1 page Maximum 2 ½
- No sexual content
- Be sure to paste your story directly into the google form!
- Don't go into detail about any gore or death

Submit By: October 31

Click [here](#) to submit!

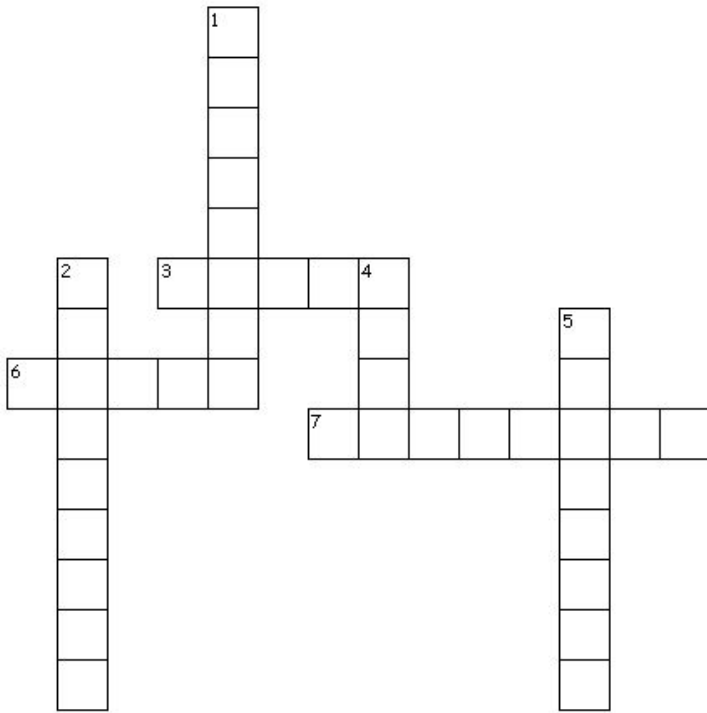
What is your Favorite Halloween Candy?

Tell us [here](#)

YUMMY CANDY BAR RECIPES:

- [CHOCOLATE PIE](#)
- [DOUBLE CHOCOLATE BAR](#)
- [CRISPY BAR](#)
- [GLUTEN-FREE, DAIRY-FREE,
VEGAN CRUNCHY BAR](#)
- [GLUTEN-FREE, DAIRY-FREE
CHOCOLATE CARAMEL SLICE BAR](#)

October Newspaper Candy Crossword



Across

- 3 the candy with jokes on every wrapper
- 6 named after our galaxy
- 7 the candy with the slogan, "taste the rainbow"

Down

- 1 the richest candy
- 2 fruity ooey gooey yummy
- 4 fresh minty chocolate
- 5 The chocolate candy that drives you nuts

Bullying and Psychology

By: Hunter Davis

Bullying is a worldwide problem, and while it may not be war or a political problem, it is just as big for those who are hurt. From name-calling to punching people, you have probably heard about what bullying is and how bad it is in our current society; however, it is less likely that you have heard the reasons behind this worldwide issue.

Typically, people bully to mask something that is wrong. For instance, what do you do when you are stressed? People often use positive things to cope, from talking to friends or taking your negative thoughts and turning them into positive ones. Though, some people may bully to cope with their stress. If you are being bullied, it doesn't mean there is something bad or wrong about you, most likely it's the opposite and the bully is jealous of you. You are being bullied because there is something going wrong in the bullies' life, not yours.

You might think that something is wrong with you but that would be incorrect, the reasons bullies say cruel things is just another facade to cover up their inner feelings of weakness and guilt. So next time you encounter a bully, forget about how bad you think you are and try to imagine how you can improve their life.

Works Cited

HALLOWEEN JOKES!

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT A WITCH LEARNS IN SCHOOL?

SPELLING!

WHY DID SEVERUS SNAPE STAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD?

WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT SIDE HE'S ON!

WHY DIDN'T THE SKELETON CROSS THE ROAD?

HE DIDN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO DO IT!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A FAT PUMPKIN?

A PLUMPKIN!

VADER MEANS FATHER IN GERMAN, WHAT WOULD A GERMAN PERSON SAY WHEN WATCHING STAR WARS?

"WHAT, DARTH FATHER?"

IF YOU DON'T WANT ROBOTS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD THEN...

DON'T PUSH THEIR BUTTONS!



spends an entire week studying
My brain during the test:

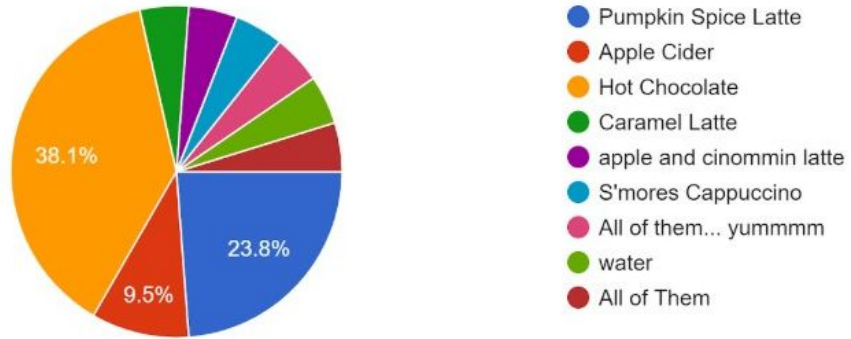


BEHOLD. The Pokemon fan base.



Polls & Games!

Would you rather drink a.....



Like fall games to play with friends or just by yourself?

Here are two spooky games to lift your spirits on Halloween day!

Mummy wrap: A game so simple, even your own mummy can play!

This game can be played either individually or in teams of two (better in teams of two haha). If playing individually, give everyone a stack of toilet paper rolls and when the timer starts, they must try to wrap themselves up with the toilet paper from head to toe.

First one done wins!

Separation anxiety: stressed out? Wanna play a relaxing game? Well this ain't your game. Players must separate 25 multicolored candies (M&Ms, Skittles, etc.) into specific cups for each color, moving one candy at a time. First player to sort all 25 candies wins

Want more spook-tastic games? There's more to play [here!](#) 🖱️

Gender Fluidity

A lot of people don't understand what gender fluidity is. Many more don't know of its existence. The simplest and best way to explain it would be how people have many emotions. They can be distinct or mixed and they come at different times. These genders consist of but are not limited to male, female, non-binary, agender, gender neutral, and a lot more. Some gender fluid people have set pronouns and others have ever changing but it's up to the individual. Some example pronouns are xe, ze, ye, she, he, and they. There are ways to know what their pronouns are, some have bracelets or pins while others will just tell you what to call them.

Common misconceptions

Many people are uneducated about gender fluidity. Some of the most common misconceptions are that.

- Gender fluid people don't exist- brain chemistry for trans and gender queer people are different
- That since their gender pronouns change you can call them any pronoun- although their pronouns are different at times it's rude to misgender them
- That you are each gender for an equal amount of time- like emotions there is no required time amount for each gender
- You don't have to use their pronouns if you replace it with their name- when you do this it shows them you're not trying to learn or understand them
- Being a certain gender at one time makes you less of the gender you are next- masculinity and femininity are relative

What not to say to or about a gender fluid person:

- Can I just call you (their name)?- again it shows you're not putting effort to understand
- I think you're faking it. They're making it up. There's only 2 genders.- Brain chemistry and gender deformities like chromosomes xxy say otherwise
- Are you going to have GRS?- Respect our privacy, these decisions don't affect you

Halloween: origins, Around the World.

By: Georgia Davidson and Bella Gee

HALLOWEEN - IT'S THE SCARIEST TIME OF THE YEAR, BUT WHERE DID THIS BELOVED HOLIDAY COME FROM, AND WHY DO WE CELEBRATE IT?

HALLOWEEN ORIGINATED FROM THE CELTIC FESTIVAL OF SAMHAIN, MARKING THE DAY OF NO SUMMER AND ALL HARVEST, WHERE PEOPLE WOULD LIGHT FIRES AND PUT ON COSTUMES TO SCARE OFF GHOSTS. THE CELTS THOUGHT THAT GHOSTS WOULD DAMAGE CROPS AND WREAK HAVOC. THEY SET FIRES TO SACRIFICE TO THE CELTIC GODS, AND WEAR ANIMAL SKINS, WHILE PREDICTING EACH OTHERS FUTURE.

IN THE 700'S, A POPE NAMED GREGORY III MADE NOVEMBER 1ST A DAY TO WORSHIP AND HONOR THE SAINTS, AND SOME OF THE TRADITIONS CAME FROM SAMHAIN. THE HOLIDAY WAS CALLED "ALL HALLOWS EVE", WHICH WAS ALSO CALLED "ALL SAINTS DAY", FOR THE REASON OF THE HOLIDAY. THIS SOON TURNED INTO HALLOWEEN.

IN COLONIAL NEW ENGLAND(MODERN-DAY MASSACHUSETTS), HALLOWEEN WAS NOT CELEBRATED BECAUSE OF THE PILGRIMS, WHO WERE PROTESTANTS, BELIEFS. FROM MARYLAND AND MOST MOST AREAS SOUTH OF IT, HALLOWEEN HAS BEEN CELEBRATED. IT STARTED WITH PARTIES CALLED "PLAY PARTIES", IN WHICH PEOPLE WOULD CELEBRATE THE HARVEST, AND WOULD DRESS UP IN COSTUMES AND TELL EACH OTHERS FORTUNES. COLONIAL HALLOWEEN INCLUDED GHOST STORIES AND MISCHIEF. IN THE 20TH CENTURY, WHEN IMMIGRANTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES CAME TO AMERICA. THE IRISH BROUGHT THE HOLIDAY, HALLOWEEN. AMERICANS THEN BEGAN TO GO AROUND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, IN COSTUMES ASKING FOR CANDY, BRING THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRADITION THAT WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE. PEOPLE STARTED GIVING OUT TREATS BECAUSE THEY HOPED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE THE VICTIMS OF AND MISCHIEF. THEN CAME THE KNOWN AND LOVED HOLIDAY OF HALLOWEEN.

ALL FACTS FROM [HTTPS://WWW.HISTORY.COM/TOPICS/HALLOWEEN/HISTORY-OF-HALLOWEEN](https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween) (SECOND SECTION)

A Humorous Short Story

Caroline N. and Haley H.

One stormy winter eve, this dude named Freddy Bon CheeseEnBurg was walking down a lonely road in his home town Ill-Fated Aggieville, he had a bird on his shoulder, this very birds name was Dumpling. Freddy was fuming that Dumpling had just pooped on his shoulder, "You are the worst bird Dumpling!" cried Freddy.

As Dumpling cacawed and flew away, Freddy felt the loneliness creeping in once again. For the past year, Freddy had lost his humorous cat who had an upside-down nose. He had lost his dog who ran and stepped on his toes. When the dog ran off the man had become desperate, that was when found Dumpling.

When he lost Dumpling, he couldn't figure out what he had done wrong, the old cranky man had no sense of realization that it was he who had caused his pets to flee. He thought he had just enough of this terrible sense of loneliness. So, the following day he traveled to an all knowing fortune teller, Agatha he had seen on the bus going to Smotokia (a large town in their state). She had rings on her fingers, nose, and ears, and bracelets just about up her arms.

" I know what the problem is darrrrrling. "

" what is it?! I NEED to know!!!!"

"You have smelly shoes.(changing the tone to boring) Now the \$50 dollars..." she said opening her hand towards Freddy for her payment.

The next day Freddy went back to his adobe in Ill-Fated Aggieville and decided to change his shoes. He untied the old and muddy shoe laces, and slowly pried off the 30 year old pair of sneakers. Oh! The stench was un-bearable, like egg salad left in the hot summer sun for a month then mixed with sewer water. Freddy jumped to his feet and chucked the awful stinky shoes out the open door. The house was silent. Next he pulled off his socks which were equally smelly and disposed of them in his fireplace. As the raging inferno burnt away the remnants of his pet repeating stench, a large shudder ran through the old Victorian style house.

Suddenly a bark pierced the air, then another, then another! It was the old dog who ran on his toes, and right behind followed the cat with the upside down nose and finally Dumpling the bird! At last, old man Freddy was lonely no more.

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