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The fall season is quickly shaping up to be packed with the releases of a multitude of video game revivals. The games, which will feature weapons-based platforming gameplay, consist of "Super Mario Odyssey" and "Sonic Forces," among others.

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The 2017 NFL season is finally here and it is shaping up to be an exciting one, especially considering the surprise that surrounded the 2016 draft. *The Ticker's* sports editor makes his predictions for the upcoming regular season, postseason and Super Bowl.

Latinx Heritage Month opener electrifies NVC



BIANCA MONTEIRO | THE TICKER

Latinx Heritage Month opened to a large crowd of students gathering to celebrate, with members of ALPFA, ASEDOM, the Ecuadorian Club and LASO participating.

BY VICTORIA MERLINO
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Latinx Heritage Month kicked off at Baruch College with food, fun and games on Sept. 7 in the Newman Vertical Campus second floor lobby. A large crowd of students gathered in the area to dance to Latinx music, and take photos in a photo booth, among other activities. Members from the

Association of Latino Professionals for America, the Dominican Students Association, the Ecuadorian Club and Latin American Student Organization were present to answer questions, recruit members and dish out food.

Tatiana Betancur, the co-chair of LHM, calls the month "a really big community effort," for Latinx students at Baruch.

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Wyzykowski named tennis head coach

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It is the end of an era for the Bearcats, as longtime men's and women's tennis coach Florin Giuglescu has announced his retirement, ending his long and illustrious career on a high note.

Giuglescu's list of impressive accomplishments include being named the Men's Tennis Coach of the Year three times—in 2004, 2008 and 2012—by CUNYAC, as well as being named the Women's Tennis Coach of the Year in 2015.

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Library computer lab receives major upgrade



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The Kaplan Computing and Technology Center was opened at the beginning of the Fall 2017 semester, adding a plethora of new features to the library. Turn to page 3 to read about some of the new additions and see what features are in the works.

OPINIONS

CUNY applications increase by 9 percent, prompting concerns over overcrowding

When noon comes, Baruch College becomes a battleground. Every Baruch student has once been part of the hellish mob that forms around the escalators as students slowly muddle out of class and trudge off to their next session consisting of an hour and 15 minutes. Students bump into each other in hallways when professors are late and everyone else is stuck outside. Then there are the packed classrooms of more than 40 students with less than 40 seats for them to duel over.

Obviously, Baruch is struggling with overcrowding, but it is not alone. This has become accepted as normal at every CUNY campus.

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LHM kickoff draws massive crowd

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She noted that most of the event's committee members have leadership roles in Latinx clubs on campus.

Later in the day, students were able to compete in a "Family Feud" event where different organizations on campus formed teams and answered trivia.

"What I want [students] to get is to understand the richness of the culture, to see that there's a lot of intricacies, there's a lot of different things to learn. It's not just about dancing to a specific type of music, it's not about speaking a certain language, but we have a huge range of people in the culture and things that we do and we just want to showcase that to the community," said Crystal Tejada, Assistant Director of Student Activities, about the month. "Also, what I really loved about today was that people from other cultures that were non-Latinx participated in our opening ceremony—they were dancing, they were playing our games."

LHM was referred to as "Latino Heritage Month" in previous years. Changing "Latino" to "Latinx" was a decision that Betancur said is "keeping up with the times," as the LHM committee wanted "to make everyone feel included and not an outcast."

Other highlights of the month will include "Mocktails & Paint" on Sept. 12, during which Baruch professor Miguel Trellis will educate students about Latinx history over "mocktails." Sept. 14 will see "Deconstructing Racism in Latino Culture with Shirley de Pena and Ramon Garcia," while Oct. 3 will have the "Nuestra Belleza Baruch" pageant showcase performers representing different Latinx countries.



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The opening ceremony including dancing to Latinx music, and a photobooth.

Bentacur spoke to the importance of LHM, and why it matters, especially to Baruch students.

"Being active in school is important because it opens you to the different opportunities that you didn't know were there. So we want to get those students who feel comfortable in the Latinx community and they know they have

a voice [at Baruch] and that they can find out about the different opportunities that we have here," she said.

"So I think it's just important to make our voice heard so that other students feel that they have a place here in Baruch. It's not just a commuter school; people care about each other here."

The USG Beat: Sept. 5

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Baruch College's Undergraduate Student Government held its second senate meeting of the semester on Sept. 5. The meeting started with a presentation headed by Ehtasham Bhatti, executive treasurer of USG, detailing the organization's current budget.

Bhatti presented a spreadsheet whose columns separate into the clubs and organization budget, the operations budget and the programming budget. The spreadsheet also breaks down the student activity fee and how it is redistributed. The current budget, as well as previous ones, are available on the USG website at "www.usg-bearcat.com."

Representative Senator Tarak Chowdhury reported on the book drive he headed during the week of Aug. 28, which was an overwhelming success. Individuals who donated books were submitted into a raffle for a free unlimited MetroCard, while clubs that donated the most won a \$100 co-sponsorship.

The total number of books donated for both individuals and clubs reached well over 1,175. The winner of the MetroCard raffle was Laura Guzman, and the winner of the club co-sponsorship was the Japanese Anime Asylum of Baruch College, which donated 316 books. USG then tabled on the second floor lobby of the New-

man Vertical Campus, giving away the books. Over 500 of them were picked up.

"This event definitely exceeded my expectations. [I am] thankful for all the individuals and clubs for participating. I was expecting 200 to 300 books, but we got five times that. [We] will most likely hold another club hours for Baruch students before the donation," Chowdhury said.

Danny Morote, vice president of legislative affairs, also gave a report that encouraged students to reach out to their local representatives and get politically active. He also updated the table on the Deferred Action of Childhood Arrival, or DACA, rollbacks, announcing an event on Sept. 28 in the Multipurpose Room. This event will focus on DREAMers and inform them on what they can do about their DACA status.

Jasper Diaz, the University Student Senate representative, presented a report regarding his progress. Diaz, after corresponding with the CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities, proposed to create a standing committee reaching out to Baruch's Student Disability Services. He also suggested a legislative body training for CUNY USS delegates that focuses on advocacy, organizing and lobbying.

The table is now in the process of electing a substitute executive vice president. While Morote is slated as a potential candidate, the vote has been tabled until the next meeting.

A vote to possibly create an ad hoc Public Relations committee, acting as a funnel to redirect students with concerns to the right people, has also been tabled during the meeting. The next USG senate meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

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The Newman Library debuts new technology center with more additions set to come



A new help desk area allows for greater counter space, so students can interact with the help desk and access it from both inside and outside the center.

BY VICTORIA MERLINO AND BIANCA MONTEIRO

The new Kaplan Computing and Technology Center opened just in time for the Fall 2017 semester. Renovations to the main student computing lab on the sixth floor of the Newman Library Building were announced in the Fall 2016 semester, and construction was completed during the following spring and summer. The new lab was named after Baruch College alumnus Martin E. Kaplan and his wife, Laurie. They were “extraordinarily generous donors” to Baruch, wrote Dr. Arthur Downing, vice president of information services and dean of the library, in an email.



The lab features new computers, new printers in a printing alcove and new lounge furniture. There have also been upgrades to the wireless service in the library and around campus.



Downing described new services and features of the lab that will be implemented in the future, including six new collaboration rooms with 65-inch screens with videoconferencing capabilities. Students, wrote Downing, would be able to conference other students from off campus, as well as use the equipment for job interviews.

“We are very interested in hearing from students about what services and resources we can provide in the Center. We involved student representatives actively in the planning process for the renovation. We will continue to invest in keeping this a flagship technology facility for them.”
—Dr. Arthur Downing



New features coming soon to Kaplan

A bring-your-own-device area is also being developed, where there will be a tech loan kiosk that will lend out 12 Dell laptops, 12 MacBook laptops and 12 rechargers. A new printing service will allow students to send print jobs from their personal devices to any printer in the lab. Additionally, a 24-seat classroom is being developed to use for student training sessions.



Opinions

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

The Ticker discloses future plans and welcomes new year

The Fall 2017 semester begins the 85th year of production for *The Ticker* and the editorial board is excited to announce that there is much to look forward to during the year.

In Issue 1, News Editor Victoria Merlino covered the student government election nullification at the City College of New York, analyzing its potential impact on the future of student-run organizations both at CCNY and throughout the CUNY system.

Marketing Director Jonathan Sperling contacted a freelance journalist, hired by Gothamist, who was allegedly attacked by Public Safety officers at Bronx Community College.

In the realm of Baruch College, News Assistant Bianca Monteiro interviewed 23 members of the Undergraduate Student Government on their roles in USG, as well as their concrete plans within their respective roles.

This year, *The Ticker* aiming to set up more tabling events than in recent years. Already, we have had an exceptionally popular table during this year's Convocation Day. Through these events, we have been able to recruit more copy editors, photographers and writers than ever before.

We at *The Ticker* are also happy to have recently renovated our website, making our articles accessible to Baruch students no matter where they might be. In the near future, we are looking to expand our website to be even more fun and interactive for students, by way of weekly podcasts, full-color PDFs of *Ticker* issues, polls, multimedia content and more.

As our newsletter's subscribers steadily grow, we are beginning to reach out to other student-run newspapers in CUNY in order to feature a wider variety of CUNY news.

As for *The Ticker's* social media arm, we are quickly expanding our Facebook and Instagram accounts in order to bring our readers all sorts of creative content. Keep an eye on our Facebook in the coming weeks, as we aim to debut regular giveaways of *Ticker* merchandise to our readers.

This November, *The Ticker* will celebrate its 85th year of production with a celebration featuring both current and former *Ticker* staff members.

We are continuously recruiting and publishing stories of caliber and quality. *The Ticker* is proud to have served CUNY's students and faculty for this long, and look forward to continuing to inform the Baruch and CUNY communities for countless years to come.

Lawsuit draws attention to assaults

Carlos Montoya, the former manager of an Manhattan Italian restaurant Valbella, was wrongfully terminated from his position for allegedly speaking out against sexual harassment in the establishment.

Montoya was approached by two employees. They claimed that the harassing workers taunted a gay employee on multiple occasions and made inappropriate remarks about a female employee's appearance. The first time Montoya approached owner David Ghatanfard about the harassment, he was ignored. The second time he approached Ghatanfard and suggested punishment for the workers, he was supposedly fired.

Ghatanfard claimed he did not require the services of Montoya, who filed a lawsuit seeking compensatory and general damages. It is necessary for managers and other employees to stand up for their fellow coworkers, as it leads to a positive working environment. Considering that sexual assault is often unreported, it is necessary for victims and their coworkers to stand up for themselves and each other. A safer environment can only be achieved if everyone is looking out for their peers. Attitudes must change and respect must be taken seriously.



GABE ROMAN | THE TICKER

Hurricane Harvey aftermath shows need for infrastructure overhaul

During this past month, Hurricane Harvey has wreaked havoc on the southern United States. As many as 50 people lost their lives to the storm and the damage in Texas and Louisiana is between \$70 and \$200 billion. People around the United States rushed to the aid of those affected, setting politics aside. Countless homes have been submerged due to heavy rainfall and flooding. There have been mass evacuations put in place and a state of emergency declared by both governors Greg Abbott of Texas and John Bel Edwards of Louisiana.

This tragic event should serve as a reminder that nature is unexpected and harsh. In 2012, New York faced Hurricane Sandy, which devastated the Eastern Seaboard. Many New Yorkers know all too well what it is like not to have electricity and be stuck inside of one's house with limited supplies. However, the United States must learn from past experiences. How can one minimize the damage hurricanes inflict on communities?

A modern New Deal is necessary to make sure that we are not as vulnerable in the future. Just fixing what is damaged is not enough. We must go further. We cannot change the course of a hurricane, but we can change how well our communities are able to withstand the enormous rainfall and the high winds. The United States has a chance

to create plenty of jobs that strengthen drainage systems and infrastructure, which could potentially save millions of homes and buildings. Efforts must be made to convert buildings to serve as adequate shelters during times of disaster. State governments could put more money into funding research and development with the sole purpose of combatting the effects of natural disasters. Even though rainfall was relatively high this year, it is likely to increase in the future due to climate change.

There are small steps being taken around the world toward an environmental revolution and there is a chance for the U.S. federal government to reconsider its approach. More people are realizing that there is more to be done and that the systems in place at the moment are not adequate. It is an outrage that the federal government can allocate the amount that it does toward the military, but not on safeguarding those back home.

Politicians love to cry that they do not have enough money when it comes to health care or building infrastructure. Yet, when it comes to Afghanistan or Iraq, the funding seems to be bottomless. The unsettling dismissiveness that President Donald Trump shows in response to phenomena like climate change only adds to the recklessness and disregard of those in Washington. Politicians

are not doing all they can to ensure the safety of their constituents.

The visions of politicians are incredibly shortsighted, considering that most of them will not be in office when the effects of their policies will be felt.

Sometimes, U.S. citizens tend to have the outlook that only what happens in the United States is important.

The country should realize that, by taking responsibility and caring for its people, it could be setting an example for those around the world to follow. The United States has an opportunity to show world leaders that everyone should unite to aid those in need and reconstruct current systems. It is necessary to ensure that future events do not have the catastrophic effects that they have had in the recent past.

Hurricanes are one of nature's many deadly weapons. However, the problem is not nature. The problem is humankind's need to learn how to withstand these catastrophes and minimize their impacts on communities. The United States has the willpower and the capabilities to lead the world in infrastructure.

Current residents must think of future Americans, so that they will not have to suffer like those who stand in Hurricane Harvey's path.

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It is hard to imagine that it could possibly get even more crowded, yet that might be in the cards for the university system. In July, CUNY reported that freshmen applications for Fall 2017 went up by 9 percent, reaching a record high of 76,345. After growing disillusioned by the bureaucracy, current students might wonder what the fuss is about when it comes to applying to any of the 24 institutions that make up CUNY.

The first reason could definitely be Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Excelsior Scholarship. Mayor Bill de Blasio's initiative to waive CUNY application fees for low-income students could be another reason.

The New York Times is always quick to assert that CUNY traditionally serves "a predominantly poor and minority student body, more than half of whom report family incomes of less than \$30,000." The reasons stated above still hold to

the traditional dogma of providing all New Yorkers with a college education, despite their financial or cultural background.

Journalist David Chen noted that CUNY is a "premier engine of upward mobility," an apt description as the university gives those low-income students the skills and education to lift not just themselves, but also their families, up. Despite the often shoddy equipment, the volume of repairs that the campuses need and the rampant budget cuts, CUNY is still succeeding at serving the students that deserve it.

CUNY is giving elite colleges a run for their money. Columnist David Leonhardt reported that CUNY propels almost six times as many students from low-income backgrounds into the middle class, as do all Ivy League schools and several other elite universities combined. But with a higher application volume, CUNY should not grow elitist and selective.

CUNY has always prided itself on its inclusivity. Making it more difficult for those who have no other affordable educational opportunities to get their foot in the door does not fit the model on which CUNY was founded. CUNY can handle overcrowding. This has been a problem at CUNY since its inception and that problem can be fixed the way it always has: hiring more professors, scheduling more sections for popular courses and holding fundraisers for building repairs.

There is another source of income, one that takes a little more time to achieve, but is perhaps the most satisfying: money from students to whom CUNY opened its doors and helped reach the top echelons of society. This was done by providing an affordable education that rivals that of the highest-ranked U.S. colleges.

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THE POLITICKER: Pentagon renews Afghanistan offensive

Recently, the Trump administration announced its intention to return U.S. troops to Afghanistan, claiming there is a need for a U.S. presence in the rebuilding nation. The potential re-entry into Afghanistan would prove to be a major step backward in U.S. policy toward the country and the region in general, descending from a misguided belief in some monstrous hybrid of interventionism and state-building.

While the administration has stated the deployment of a further 4,000 troops into Afghanistan is not nation-building, the increased presence in the country only raises questions of the extent to which the United States expects Afghanistan to exert its own force on undesirable elements in the country—that is, to say, organizations such as al-Qaeda and the Islamic State group.

As recently revealed by the Pentagon, the United States has close to 11,000 troops in Afghanistan. Their goal is to destabilize the presence of terrorist organizations in the region 16 years after the United States’ initial entry into the country. The direct purpose of the additional 4,000 troops has so far remained unclear, which already provides little hope toward a substantive change in policy toward Afghanistan.

While the term “nation-building” has been written off as inaccurate in terms of the United States’ treatment of the country, the increased military presence is bound to aggravate tensions in a nation where little progress has been made to eradicate the total presence of terrorist organizations. The sheer bulk of authority being given to U.S. soldiers is, in a way, a form of nation-building by withdrawing power from local authority.

The Trump administration has also, worryingly, stated that the decided course of action regarding Afghanistan may also be applied to Iraq and Syria. This seems to be a baseless statement, aside from the fact that it may lead to more U.S. troops in conflict-ridden nations.

It is almost as if decades of U.S. interference in the Middle East has taught the government nothing regarding the volatility created by a foreign presence intervening in sovereign states for personal inter-

est. Those personal interests, stemming from a Cold War paranoia to counter Soviet influence, became a conflagration of extremism in the wake of more foreign meddling.

The general milieu of the administration’s course of action appears to be an expectation of support and progress simply by being in the country.

The subsequent talks of negotiations with neighboring Pakistan to shut down Taliban sanctuaries that are rumored to be in the country only seem to further display the gap in communication between the United States and the countries from which it wants to rid terrorism. These negotiations have been going on for years with little success, so it is a legitimate worry that the hawkish nature of the Trump administration may cause them to consider a similar military presence in Pakistan if demands are not met.

The main issue remains: there are no concrete details as to how a renewed U.S. presence in Afghanistan will further the work that has been stalled for 16 years. While it would be understandable if there were classified operations that may, in fact, affect future policy toward the country, people do not have the courtesy of knowing these details.

More likely, the lack of information is due to there not being any information to give. U.S. operations in Afghanistan have been a stagnant affair since troops first entered the country after 9/11. The enemy keeps changing because of U.S. interference, and any attempts at creating some system of law and order are mired in corruption and incompetence that the United States, as a nation, is unsure of how to handle. The stalemate described by NATO is a more than accurate summation of the situation, one no number of troops can fix.

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fears lie in a different definition of success than the one that President Donald Trump presented at Fort Myer late last month. The administration’s revised strategy is one of significant merit and adherence to the advice of our military officials. This is a vital pivot from the historical top-down approach of past interventions.

As opposed to previous administrations, the White House will increase operational flexibility by granting generals more say in the matter of strategy and tactics, something they previously lacked due to the strict nature of past U.S. top-down approaches. The Trump administration has made it clear that the resources for these efforts will be allocated on an as-needed basis, untangling the U.S. military of previous restrictions, like the ones faced by many generals under the Bush administration.

It is well understood that the overly restrictive rules of engagement during previous operations not only increased casualties, but also delayed operational advances. Although fostering civilian respect in-country remains vital to any approach, restrictive rules of engagement significantly benefit U.S. adversaries by granting them increased freedom of movement and authority within the battlespace.

The new U.S. strategy shifts focus away from the “hearts and minds” approach held during the greater part of the War on Terror. Secretary of Defense James Mattis’ approved request for a loosening on the rules of engagement will now enable the conduction of warfare on a level not seen before. Terrorist elements will be destroyed without delay, allowing the United States to flex its military superiority without reasonable

constraint. Moreover, by scraping arbitrary timetables and prosecuting the war through a condition-based approach, not only will U.S. strategy be more malleable, but it will also be cloaked away from the eyes of enemies. No longer will the United States expose operational particulars, such as operational start dates and troop surges. The only certainty that adversaries will have is that the United States will attack. Overall, this demonstrates a new focus on cohesiveness between civilian and military elements of operations. This significantly reinvigorates hopes of operational success.

Most importantly, the Trump administration has directed focus toward Pakistan and its involvement in harboring, as well as exporting, terrorist cells into Afghanistan. It cannot be understated what role Pakistan has played in the Taliban-infiltration of the Afghan government. Up until the events of 9/11, Pakistan fought and trained with Taliban forces, sending upward of 90,000 troops to the region. Without the initial heavy support provided by Pakistan, it is unlikely that the Taliban would have been able to overthrow the status quo regime with such unparalleled speed. The government hides behind the guise of an ally of the United States, but continues to supply terrorist elements indirectly through the protection of Taliban weapon production in the Khyber Pass and directly through undisclosed aid. Finally, the United States has chosen to stand up against Pakistani subversion, with the administration suggesting economic and diplomatic options to cut the blood flow to the Taliban.

A refreshed narrative on Afghanistan should constrain the legitimacy of the isolationist opinion. Regardless of the other qualms with the Trump administration, this foreign policy announcement is a breath of fresh air into the debate on global terror. Fortunately, instead of divisive political talking points, the administration has chosen to attack a major world issue head on.

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Defamation lawsuits endanger freedom of press

The media has come under attack by President Donald Trump and his spokesmen as fake news. Trump’s stance is clear: he views media he takes offense to as propaganda or as false, whether it be spread by broadcast, traditional print or social media. As such, the danger for charges of defamation may spike.

Common law defines spoken defamation as slander. Being charged with either defamation or slander could impose serious legal fees and call into question the character and inclinations of the media.

Slander or defamation is actionable for accusing someone of a crime, claiming someone has a foul or loathsome disease, poorly portraying a person’s fitness to conduct business or suggesting someone has committed serious sexual misconduct.

Two recent cases—one a trial by judge and the other a trial by jury—involving corporate media may prove instructive.

Sarah Palin accused *The New York Times* of impugning her character. The paper, she claimed, called into question her responsibility in the 2011 mass shooting in Tucson, Arizona, during which congresswoman Gaby Giffords was seriously injured.

The New York Times filed a motion to dismiss her lawsuit. Senior Federal Judge Jed Rakoff of the South District Court of New York threw out Palin’s suit on the grounds that the former Alaskan governor failed to show that the newspaper acted with malicious intent.

On the other hand, Disney and its affiliate ABC News settled a defamation suit to end a three-

week trial. ABC News alleged in an 11-part segment investigation in 2012 that pink slime, a filler in processed beef, was not really meat and that it was harmful to eat. Beef Products Inc. filed a defamation suit against Disney and ABC News. BPI claimed that ABC News’ coverage had adversely affected its bottom line, resulting in serious financial loss.

A landmark settlement of \$177 million was declared before the trial went to jury. In settling, Disney erred on the side of caution. The company was fearful of a large settlement that would take years to contest in courts.

Even though the BPI case was viewed as frivolous and of little merit, Disney settled for \$177 million, making it the largest amount a media company has ever paid in a defamation lawsuit. For Disney, the amount is equivalent to a year’s advertising revenue. A multibillion dollar corporation can absorb the impact without financial pain, albeit bruising its corporate ego and creating unease among its stockholders.

Nevertheless, Disney has set a precedent that opens up media companies to lawsuits for defamation. The United States, however, has a long and robust tradition of freedom of the press, guaranteed by the First Amendment; this freedom should never be impaired.

Nobody can say for sure that defamation or libel suits will proliferate. But, in the current political climate, the media is open to an attack on all fronts. This turns the clock of progress back to the darker days of the United States.

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Autonomous arms threaten civilization

Tesla CEO Elon Musk, in co-operation with over 100 robotics and intelligence specialists, has called on the United Nations to outlaw autonomous weapons.

Musk and his associates further stated that artificial intelligence in weapons is more dangerous to the world than North Korea is.

Musk and 116 other experts expressed their concerns in a letter that included signatures from representatives in organizations across 26 countries. These experts asked for “morally wrong,” hazardous, autonomous weapons to be placed on the registry of weapons prohibited under the United Nations’ convention created in 1983. Musk called artificial intelligence humanity’s biggest existential threat.

Mustafa Suleyman, Alphabet’s official intelligence expert, wrote, “Lethal autonomous weapons threaten to become the third revolution in warfare. Once developed, they will permit armed conflict to be fought at a scale greater than ever, and at timescales faster than humans can comprehend.”

The letter was revealed at the opening night of the International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Melbourne on Monday and highlighted the demand to question autonomous weapons.

Two years ago, Musk and Stephen Hawking pursued the same mission as the IJCAI.

It is alarming that autonomous weapons are on the rise in many superpowers, such as China, Russia, South Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States. South Korea is using Samsung’s SGR-A1 fixed-place sentry gun to catch, pursue and fire at trespassers along its 160-mile border. It is equipped with voice recognition, a

mounted machine gun and a grenade launcher. While it is not fully autonomous, it has the potential to become so.

Russia is working on creating an autonomous model of the Uran-9 unmanned combat ground vehicle.

The United Kingdom’s Taranis drone, created by BAE Systems, is expected to have full autonomy. The computerized combat aerial carrier completed its first test flight in 2013 and is anticipated to be in use after 2030 as a component of the Royal Air Force’s Future Offensive Air System.

The Taranis drone will succeed the human-controlled Tornado GR4 warplanes. The United Kingdom’s government already stated in 2015 that it disagreed with a prohibition of dangerous autonomous weapons, with the Foreign Office explaining that “international humanitarian law already provides sufficient regulation for this area.” Musk is right to bring attention to the perils of self-governing weapons.

Last month, Musk urged governors to supervise artificial intelligence. In addition, the United Nations recently proposed to start official debates on weapons, such as drones, machine guns and tanks.

The United Nations should be mindful of Musk’s warning as the United States continues to focus on autonomous weapons.

The United States’ unmonitored warship, the Sea Hunter, was constructed by Vigor Industrial and introduced in 2016. It is designed to have the ability to perform anti-submarine artillery. Boeing’s unmonitored submarine constructed on the Echo Voyager will also be evaluated for naval military operation.

The United States is in the

wrong for exchanging aerial supervision for robotic aircrafts. These aircrafts can utilize bombs and missiles without humans. However, they can be flawed and end up attacking civilians instead of the targeted enemy.

The United States should be conscious of a robot going into war as there is the possibility of a malfunction, in which case the robot attacks the incorrect target and perhaps even innocent people.

Autonomous weapons should not be trusted because they clash with humanitarian values. Unlike humans, self-governing machines do not have integrity or a sense of morals.

An absence of virtue means that these weapons should not be involved in life or death situations. Autonomous weapons should not have such serious authority over humans.

The United Nations, alongside countries that are creating autonomous weapons, should listen to Musk’s warning.

The weapons should be strictly investigated. Weapons that can recognize and destroy targets with nobody present to control the armaments have the potential to go out of control.

A robot devastating a target without humans in control is an uneasy thought. These countries should not place responsibility on robots instead of humans in demanding situations, such as war.

There is no need to forgo human intervention and develop automatic aircrafts. Trust should be placed in humans, not machines with no ethics, in a difficult situation, such as intervention in war where lives may be lost.

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Business

Apple set to reveal newest iPhone line at Sept. 12 conference

BY JOHN CASELLA
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Ten years ago, the late Steve Jobs entered stage left at the San Francisco Moscone Center in his signature black turtleneck, faded blue jeans and white New Balance sneakers. He revealed to attendees at the Macworld Keynote a product that would revolutionize the world—the Apple iPhone. It was slated to have the capabilities of “an iPod, a phone, and an internet communicator.”

His confident demeanor was reciprocated with thunderous applause, as the audience’s anticipation for this groundbreaking product was confirmed. Jobs directed healthy criticism toward competing smartphones such as BlackBerry, Motorola, Nokia and Palm, claiming they were difficult to use and possessed limited capacity for comprehensive updates. Moreover, the iPhone would not be hampered by a plastic keyboard, but would showcase a touch screen instead, the hallmark of its sleek design.

Following this announcement, the iPhone craze was born. The long lines, the expensive prices, the perpetual design leaks and the international acclaim all show how much this product has impacted the digital age.

On Sept. 12, the next generation of the iPhone is set to be revealed to consumers. This year, Apple is not only focusing on minor software changes or slight adjustments to how the product looks. If the rumors are correct, major advancements are on the way, and fan



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Apple’s newest iPhone is rumored to remove its iconic home button in favor of an all-screen design, and include changes such as inductive charging and an OLED screen.

anticipation is at an all-time high. For starters, the signature home button looks to be headed to retirement. Because the company wants to maximize its front touch screen space, this is a sacrifice that must be made. It could be relocated to the backside of the phone, or potentially be replaced with facial recognition software.

Knotty cords might also become obsolete, as there is speculation that wireless charging might be used. Obviously, this would be a beneficial revision, but what this will mean for headphones is unclear. The previous iPhone generation allowed it only to be plugged into the charging port, which was

met with some backlash. These are just some of the many improvements and changes that Apple is expected to deliver.

Apple has consistently been an immensely profitable company. However, it hit a rough patch in 2016 as its annual sales and profits fell for the first time in 15 years. In the months leading up to the iPhone 7 launch last September, Apple saw three consecutive quarters of decreased sales, which were linked primarily to shrinking iPhone sales. That being said, year-end sales still finished well over \$200 billion, and the release of the iPhone 7 brought the company out of its temporary downswing. Over-

all sales have continued to go up through 2017, but it is in their best interest to be prepared for a similar situation.

Another prospective obstacle the company might have to hurdle over is the price. The next iPhone is entertaining the possibility of a quadruple digit selling point at \$1,000, which would make it the most expensive iPhone ever at initial release. There has been some debate over the pricing strategy, but new iPhones have always sold successfully. If history repeats itself, a few hundred dollars will not stand in the way of Apple shattering their own expectations.

For all the iPhone fanatics who

are ready to get their folding chairs, thermoses of coffee and sleeping bags ready to wait on one of the aforementioned lines, the party might be slightly delayed this time around.

The most anticipated launch of the year might have to wait until 2018, so time is on your side if you are sitting on the fence about this investment. Apple is refusing to stay on cruise control for this installment of its smartphone empire.

An overhaul of its conventional and recognizable design is a risky strategy, but one that will most likely take the company straight to the bank.

Uber selects Khosrowshahi as new CEO to repair company’s image

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Following a scandalous period that lasted for months, Uber has finally chosen the company’s new CEO, Dara Khosrowshahi. There were three finalists being considered for the CEO position, but Uber’s board of directors selected Khosrowshahi as the most able to improve public perception of the company’s image.

Khosrowshahi, 48, migrated from Iran when he was 9 years old, in an attempt to escape from the Iranian revolution. He was raised in New York, attended Brown University and later served as the chief financial officer of InterActiveCorp, as well as holding various strategic roles that helped the company.

In 2005, Khosrowshahi joined Expedia as its new CEO, where he both helped the company expand internationally and increased its market value significantly.

Among those considered for the job of Uber’s new CEO, he was the only one who possessed experience in a travel company. Khosrowshahi’s role in helping Expedia achieve success proves he has the experience, skills and talents that Uber desperately needs right now. A former travel executive CEO is a good fit for a transportation company.

While Uber and its board members hope that the company can repair its negative image, the challenges that Khosrowshahi has to face in doing this are difficult.

The leadership of Travis Kalanick, Uber’s former CEO, as well as numerous scandals that were revealed about the company’s practices, led to the marring of Uber’s reputation. This had financial repercussions as well, as Uber lost hundreds of millions of dol-

lars each quarter while its rivals, like Lyft, sustained less losses and gained more revenue. Some of the problems the company faces include accusations of sexual harassment from employees, a sexist workplace and a customer who was allegedly raped by her Uber driver.

These events have all been disastrous for Uber’s publicity. The company was also accused of developing an application that helped them ignore government regulatory rules, an event which reportedly led to them being subjected to a federal investigation. Other technology companies have also criticized Uber’s self-driving car division for nefarious practices. In particular, Google filed a lawsuit accusing Uber of stealing trade secrets.

This negative public image has not only affected Uber’s public image, but its image amongst its investors and shareholders. Benchmark, one such investor, filed a lawsuit against Kalanick with the intention of expelling the former CEO from the company.

A judge ruled in Kalanick’s favor. As a result, he will remain on Uber’s board of directors.

Kalanick is also one of the company’s largest shareholders, with his shares giving him approximately 16 percent of Uber’s voting power.

Khosrowshahi, working from within the company, will have to try to bring peace and stability among investors, board members and all of the company’s employees.

For a period of time, Uber was operating without a CEO, CFO, chief marketing officer, chief operating officer or president, and many of those positions remain vacant. As the new CEO, Khosrowshahi is the one who is responsible for filling out the C-suite of his



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Khosrowshahi, former CEO of Expedia, must handle the negative publicity that ousted Kalanick from his position as Uber’s CEO.

company, placing competent, respectable people within these positions. He will also have to attend to the problems affecting every level of Uber’s hierarchy. After announcing Khosrowshahi as the new CEO, many of Uber’s board, including Benchmark, Arianna Huffington and Kalanick gave him a warm and public welcome to the company.

Huffington tweeted, “The board and the executive leadership team are confident that Dara is the best person to ... transform, and add value to the lives of drivers and riders around the world while continuously improving our culture and making Uber the best place

to work.”

With a new CEO installed, optimism pervades the company. In a private meeting, the board met to hear Khosrowshahi’s plans and strategies.

A leaked video depicted him stating, “We’re in a battle here. I think everybody knows it. I’m here, I made the decision, I am all in, and I’m going to fight for you with every bone in my body.”

Khosrowshahi has said that he wants to take Uber public sometime in the next three years, an inevitably arduous process because of investors’ doubt in the company. For now, he will primarily

focus on “paying the bills” and regaining market share from Uber’s main competitor, Lyft, which benefited from the negative perception caused by the many scandals Uber suffered from. He also wants to create a circle of people that will share his vision and support him in bringing his goals to fruition. As part of his agenda, Khosrowshahi plans to meet and spend quality time with the company’s drivers over the upcoming weeks.

While Uber’s new CEO has much to worry about in the future, his expertise and leadership skills have given both Uber’s employees and investors renewed hope.

Rising student debt deters millennials’ post-graduation aims

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Compared to a decade ago, college loan balances in the United States have increased from \$833 billion to \$1.4 trillion, an unprecedented amount.

Millennials are at the center of this increasing figure. Every year a new set of graduates joins the workforce, but after getting their diplomas a mountain of debt soon follows. As student debt increases, millennials are being negatively affected after graduating.

According to Jessica Dickler, a CNBC journalist, approximately 13 percent of people living in the United States have at least one student loan.

After graduating, people typically begin to look for a house or a car, pursue further education or start a family, which might require them to take out more loans. As a result, the average number of loans in the United States is 3.7 per person. Lenders are usually not inclined to give loans to those who have preexisting loans.

This behavior has taken its toll on young entrepreneurs saddled with student loans. John F. Wasik, a journalist for *The New York Times*, recounted the story of 29-year-old Catherine Berendsohn who wanted to create a web design business after graduating from Florida State University in 2010. However, her student loans caused difficulties in acquiring capital. Berendsohn planned on renting a storefront to start a roving studio in Monterey, California, but her request for a personal credit card was denied.

Unable to pay for personal expenses, business expenses and her student loans, she had to shut down her business within three months and move back home.

There is a direct connection be-



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Increasing student debt is prohibiting millennials from purchasing houses and cars, or embarking on entrepreneurial ventures.

tween the lack of entrepreneurship among millennials and student debt.

According to Arnobio Morelix, a senior research analyst with the Kauffman Foundation, the increase in student debt correlates with the decline in new businesses.

According to CNBC, “From buying a car or a home to getting married and even having children, many millennials are putting off life’s major milestones because of their record debt.”

Credit is also a means for lenders to exclude millennials with student debt and other loans from taking out additional loans, which limits their ability to make important purchases. Without auto loans and mortgages, buying a car or a

house is not as financially feasible. Millennials with good credit face another problem—recent graduates have more difficulties paying for multiple loans, particularly in an economy with rising costs and stagnant wages.

Millennials are responsible for at least part of the problem with rising student debt. Some common mistakes they make when managing their loans include failing to research more information about student loans, taking out additional loans to pay prior loans and mismanaging credit.

Knowing what repayment options are available can considerably help. For example, if a graduate is not earning enough to pay the monthly balance for a typical

10-year plan, they may want to consider switching to an income-driven repayment plan for federal student loans. This plan, which consists of four different types, will reduce monthly pay and stretch the payment period to over 20 to 25 years, depending on the plan.

In desperation, some millennials have resorted to bad financial practices to alleviate the pressure of their debt. It has become popular for them to incorrectly treat a 401(k) as an emergency fund. Millennials are taking cash out from their 401(k) to help pay their credit card bills or help with home repairs.

Although drawing money from 401(k)s may look attractive because of the low interest rates, they

pay, millennials might lose tax benefits or the chance to make more money if they do so.

Meghan Murphy, director for Fidelity Investments, told *USA Today*, “some people don’t realize that the money must be paid back if they lose their jobs or take a job at another company. The rules vary by 401(k) plans, but the payback time might be 30 days to 90 days.”

Nowadays, eight out of 10 millennials own a credit card, according to *USA Today*. Young adults are using credit cards far more frequently than cash. If millennials replaced their credit card usage with cash, it might limit how often they used their cards, and lessen the amount of debt they have to pay monthly.

Additionally, millennials often do not take advantage of the six-month grace period after graduation to save up money. If they used this grace period wisely, they would be able to pay off their loans somewhat faster or at least establish an emergency fund.

If one wants to pay back student loans quickly, it could be useful to get a job in a company that helps its employees with their student debt.

According to Susan Tompor from *USA Today*, “Fidelity Investments rolled out its Step Ahead student loan assistance program in early 2016 for employees with more than 6 months on the job. The employees can receive \$2,000 a year toward their student loans up to \$10,000.”

Another option for paying off student debt would be to find a government job. The Public Service Loan Forgiveness program forgives any remaining debt an employee may have after 10 years of making steady payment while working full time in a government or nonprofit job. Under current law, this program is tax-free.

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Arts & Style

Fifth Harmony returns with new album and confident sound

BY MINA SONG
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Despite former member Camila Cabello's departure in December 2016, Fifth Harmony, an "X-Factor" established group, has made its comeback. Instead of breaking apart, the group repositioned its roles to remain persistent in the upper echelon of girl groups.

Critics claim that the group shows its capability to bounce back with its newest album, *Fifth Harmony*.

Although the group struggled to hide its disappointment with Cabello's solo debut four years into the group's formation, the group came back with a steady and strong release.

Fifth Harmony kept its style intact after the success the group had with its first billboard hit, "Worth It," and last year's single "Work From Home." Fifth Harmony's singles continue to carry upbeat, ego-boosting anthems—a recurring subject in all three of its albums.

Taking on the album as a quartet, *Fifth Harmony* sounds indistinguishable from the group's previous albums.

Now down to a group of four members, Ally Brooke, Dinah Jane, Lauren Jauregui and Normani Kordei, the group wrote more than half of the songs in its third album. Despite some struggles with readjustment, Fifth Harmony was excited to announce its new album, with help from different artists to establish a strong comeback.

The album only features one collaboration with rapper Gucci Mane



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Following Cabello's departure, the girl group bounces back with a steady album full of uplifting and ego-boosting tracks.

in the lead single "Down." The song introduces the basic premises of a relationship, and the beat stays consistent with the group's usual style of pop, featuring a famous rapper in hopes that the single will receive recognition like last year's biggest hit, "Work From Home."

"Angel" is co-produced by Skrillex and Poo Bear and amplifies hard bass and slow trap as the song progresses. Perhaps one of the most fulfilling and confident songs from the album, "Angel" induces the most excitement from fans for its attempt to keep Fifth Harmony's style but incorporate slow trap throughout the whole song.

Just like their previous hits, "Sauced Up" and "Make You Mad"

instigate a clamorous party scene. The beats are still contemporary with their emphatic sassy pop melodies, providing a suitable scene for a carefree night out.

Without Cabello's contribution to the album, a strong vocal is eliminated and the vocal power within the group is now equally distributed among the four singers.

Her disappearance from the album is rather inaudible, as the remaining four manifest their compatibility. The girls have more potential to receive equal spotlights as the powerful vocal diva exits the group.

In her collaborations with radio-friendly artists, such as Shawn Mendes and Machine Gun Kelly,

Cabello has been making gradual steps toward her solo stardom long before her withdrawal from Fifth Harmony.

After the announcement of her departure from the group, 2017 was the beginning of Cabello's re-defined career, as she was featured in J Balvin's and Pitbull's "Hey Ma," and Cashmere Cat's "Love Incredible."

After announcing her solo career, Cabello released her single "Crying in the Club" in May during the Billboard Music Awards. Her single will appear on her first solo debut LP *The Hurting. The Healing. The Loving*.

In "Crying in the Club," Cabello describes herself dancing on the

club stage with the grief of a break-up but later turns the heartbreak into a triumphant stage.

The song plays out as a gentle ballad with a melancholic cello, and then changes into an upbeat pop song where Cabello, in the music video, transforms into a powerful figure as the scene changes into a club.

Cabello describes her newest single as "the story of my journey from darkness into light, from a time when I was lost to a time when I found myself again."

Fifth Harmony's disappointment impacted Cabello's career but she found redemption as she began to make solo appearances about half a year after her departure.

The six months of latency period gave Cabello time to regain enthusiasm for her music and mature toward a successful career.

Fifth Harmony is currently No. 2 in Top Album Sales, while consumption tally scores No. 4 on Billboard. Sales were up to 32,000 pure United States copies during the first week of release. While the sales cannot yet compare to Fifth Harmony's biggest hit, "Worth It," this album can certainly be a declaration for a new beginning.

The group's self-titled album sets the expectations high and is undoubtedly the girl group's most synchronized, cohesive album.

It is a new era for both Cabello and Fifth Harmony; the group and the solo artist have now redefined themselves through new debuts and albums, making a clear statement about the next stages of their careers.

HBO's 'Game of Thrones' leaves audience with satisfying anticipation

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"When the snows fall and the white winds blow, the lone wolf dies but the pack survives," states the infamous phrase from HBO's immensely popular series "Game of Thrones."

Winter has finally arrived in Westeros, and as season seven of the show has shown, it is time for the population of the Seven Kingdoms to put aside its differences and face the long night together.

The coming threat is bigger than squabbles for the Iron Throne, and the main characters of the show are finally beginning to recognize this. Alliances have been formed, knees have been bent and promises have been made for most of the people of Westeros to band together against the coming threat, the White Walkers. However, while the characters on the show prepare for war against the dead, fans of the show will have to prepare for a yearlong wait until the next and final season of the show is released.

Seasons seven and eight, the final two seasons of the series, are a combined 13 episodes, with seven episodes airing in season seven and six in season eight. Fans knew that the scale of the show would be much larger with the reduced airtime, as every prior season has featured 10 episodes each, with events spread out evenly throughout the seasons.

Due to the increase in scale and production, however, season seven's release was delayed by three months. The premiere was well worth the wait, as the fast pace and constant action were great successes when compared with seasons prior. In the first six seasons, key events were spread out by multiple episodes, leading to occasional filler episodes holding back some

of the characters' main storylines.

This season ran at an extremely fast pace, as the showrunners did not have time for filler. This led to constant action, with major battles in four of the seven episodes, and major character arcs being developed at a rapid pace. Even setup episodes featured a tremendous amount of plot development, and none of the episodes were wasted. This led to season seven setting up what is to be arguably the biggest season of any show in television history.

Fans, however, will have to wait even longer for the premiere of the final season, as it is rumored to air in late 2018 or early 2019. One can argue that this is good, as the showrunners will make sure the show is at its best when it finishes, instead of sacrificing quality for an earlier premiere. That strategy worked well in this past season and fans can most likely expect the same next season.

Season seven picks up right where season six left off. Arya Stark, disguised as Walder Frey, avenges the red wedding by killing every member of House Frey, and then begins her journey home. Daenerys Targaryen arrives at her ancestral home of Dragonstone with her advisers—including Lady Olenna Tyrell, Lord Varys, the Sand Snakes, Theon and Yara Greyjoy and Tyrion Lannister—her army and the three dragons. Jon Snow and Sansa Stark begin their rule of Winterfell, despite opposition from Queen Cersei Lannister. Cersei Lannister is promised a "gift" from Euron Greyjoy, while her brother Jaime Lannister expresses concern about her ascension to the throne.

It looked like the Targaryen-led forces would quickly and easily conquer Westeros, but with the help of Euron Greyjoy and Jaime Lannister, Cersei Lannister was

able to gain the upper hand against Targaryen. Euron Greyjoy ambushed the Targaryen fleet, capturing his niece, Yara Greyjoy, as well as Ellaria Sand and her daughter Tyene Sand, bringing them back to King's Landing as gifts for Cersei Lannister. Jaime Lannister captured Highgarden and allowed Tyrell, who admitted to killing King Joffrey Lannister, to take poison to

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avoid a painful death. This gave the Lannisters the upper hand, as well as most of the gold in the realm.

While this was all happening, Jon Snow was invited to Dragonstone by Targaryen to swear fealty to her. Snow, aware of the coming threat against humanity, went to Dragonstone to make a deal with Targaryen to mine dragonglass, a mineral that can be forged into

weapons to kill White Walkers. This set up an awkward meeting between the two, but would also form the basis of a budding relationship.

Targaryen finally claims a victory against the Lannister forces when she ambushes their return to King's Landing. Jaime Lannister is nearly killed by Drogon, Targaryen's largest dragon, but was saved at the last second by his mercenary friend, Bronn.

After the battle, Jaime Lannister returns to the capital and discovers that Cersei Lannister is pregnant with his child. He meets with Tyrion Lannister to discuss and form an armistice between the Lannisters and Targaryens. Meanwhile, Arya and Bran Stark return to Winterfell. However, Arya Stark's relationship with Sansa Stark is strained, as Peter Baelish, better known as "Littlefinger," unearths a letter written by Sansa Stark while she was stuck with the Lannisters in order to draw the sisters apart.

Snow, along with Beric Dondarrion, Gendry, Jorah Mormont, Sandor "The Hound" Clegane, Thoros of Myr and Tormund Giantsbane, travel north of the Wall to recover a wight to show Cersei Lannister. They hope that this will persuade her to form an armistice and prove that there is a bigger threat to the realm than they are to one another. Though they were successful on their mission, the White Walkers killed Thoros and the Night King shot down and later resurrected Targaryen's dragon, Viserion, as a wight dragon.

Targaryen and Snow, along with Targaryen's armies, arrive in King's Landing for a parlay with Cersei Lannister and her forces, as well as Brienne of Tarth, representing Sansa Stark who was at Winterfell. Cersei Lannister initially declined to help, however, after a conversation with her brother Tyrion Lannister,

she pledges her troops to Snow and Targaryen. This is all a ploy, however, as she later tells Jaime Lannister that she is going to recruit the mercenary Golden Company for help, letting her enemies die fighting the White Walkers so she could live. This outrages Jaime Lannister, who then leaves Cersei Lannister to ride north and join Snow and Targaryen in the fight for spring.

In Winterfell, with Bran Stark's help, Sansa and Arya Stark discover Littlefinger's plan to turn them against each other and have Littlefinger executed for his crimes against their family. Theon Greyjoy begins his journey to redemption, recruiting a team to rescue his sister Yara Greyjoy, while Snow and Targaryen bring their relationship to the next level en route to Winterfell, all while Bran Stark and Samwell Tarly discover the truth about Jon Snow. Not only is Snow not Ned Stark's bastard son, but his real name is Aegon Targaryen, nephew of Daenerys Targaryen and the rightful heir to the Iron Throne. Finally, the Night King has his new dragon Viserion destroy a portion of the wall, allowing his army to pass through to the realm of man, setting up the Great War that had been alluded to for years.

The seventh season of "Game of Thrones" has set up what is to be an incredible final season. Winter has finally arrived in Westeros, and everyone is in grave danger. The season's ending is a cliffhanger, setting up many questions that will be answered in season eight. Will the revelation about Jon Snow's true parentage put a strain on his and Targaryen's relationship? Who will survive the war against the undead? In the end, who will sit on the Iron Throne, if there even is one? These questions, along with many more, will be answered in what will be an incredible eighth season.

Meyers-Shyer’s debut *Home Again* fails to display originality

REEL REVIEWS



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The 1960s saw a women’s liberation revolution that is often credited to Betty Friedan’s book, *The Feminine Mystique*, which reexamined the role of women and the issues they faced at the time.

The depression and lack of identity found in Betty Friedan’s influential book are issues present in the background of the romantic comedy *Home Again*, but this overly generic film drops the ball, becoming something forgettable instead.

Reese Witherspoon stars as a just-turned-40 mom named Alice, divorced from her husband and taking care of her two kids in Los Angeles.

She does not seem to have a want for money, based on the size of her sprawling villa or the minimal amount of work she does as an interior decorator, but there is a sadness to her life that is let out in little bursts.

After a night of partying on her birthday, she agrees to let three burgeoning filmmakers live in her guest house, and they gradually become part of the family.

The genuine moments during which Witherspoon’s character, Alice, breaks into tears behind closed doors hint at something more.

These moments are then followed by cheesy music straight out of generic yogurt commercials and forcibly read, uncomfortable

dialogue. The acting of the children in the movie is especially cringe-worthy, in lines followed by groups of people laughing on cue, or in the simultaneous dialogue of siblings.

Home Again is the first film by writer and director Hallie Meyers-Shyer, and it feels like a first film as well. There are familiar story beats of heartbreak and disappointment between characters, yet the movements lack believable motivations. The story moves along because of the plot itself, not because the characters propel it.

At one point, a character jokes about the house being very pink, yet it is blue. A tired, visual gag of a character being bad at driving stick is almost immediately ignored, as he proceeds to drive the same car with no problem.

These are moments which show the idea of something without being fully thought out.

Characterizations fall into this same trap as well. The screenwriters mock a producer for being more like the parody of a producer, and yet their own identities feel just as weakly constructed.

One of them yells “Attica,” a reference to the film classic, *Dog Day Afternoon*, for no clear reason. Another has a devotion to their prospective film coming out in black and white, with no motivation other than the fact that this is what young screenwriters tend to want.

Of all the performances in the film, Witherspoon’s is the only one that stands out. She plays the role of a mom well, with high-waisted jeans and faux-smiles that honestly portray middle age. She has some delightfully funny moments while doing the laundry of a young man who sleeps in her bed, and in her other similar domestic instances.

Interestingly, Alice’s age creates a discourse of age-based condescension within the film. Alice,



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Sheen and Academy Award-winning actress Witherspoon portray divorced parents who struggle to find direction in their lives.

being 40 years old, claims to automatically know better than the 27-year-olds. Her reasoning for assuming this is, “I know this because I know this.”

She designates how people must act based on their age and decides that her age means she should be above those younger than her. This is another piece of the film that could be delved into for careful insight, but *Home Again* chooses largely to avoid the opportunity to understand its themes.

Instead, they make time for moments that have been seen countless times before. The protagonist is stood up on a date and then separates from the careless love interest. Cutesy children catch their parent with the hint of lewd activities.

The movie is generally flat, full of such obvious moments, and could just as easily be pieced out of other

pre-existing, better productions.

At one point in the story, Alice’s husband Austen, portrayed by Michael Sheen, comes to Los Angeles, which is the film’s way of shaking up the story. He brings a significant amount of age condescension, as he tries to diss the younger men living in his wife’s house.

The attempts at machismo on both sides are funny because of their ridiculousness, but an underlying current of gender politics and male possessiveness is also ignored, for the most part.

This is the overall shape of *Home Again*, a by-the-numbers, ho-hum romantic comedy, full of a multitude of opportunities for important discourse, only to be ignored in favor of more generic story beats.

Alice searches for an identity while navigating a mid-life crisis, but the emotional impact of it all

is neutered. Austen says that Alice “doesn’t know what she wants,” but when a punch is thrown, the incredibly misogynistic implications of this statement are ignored in favor of the expected story drama.

Meyers-Shyer missed out on multiple, better movies buried within something that would not even be a good time-spender on an airplane.

Romantic situations dealing with ennui can be better found in *Before Midnight*. The problematic nature of possessiveness is better dealt with in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. Condescension regarding age is tackled more carefully in *Matilda*.

The film is bland on its own, but failing to capitalize on the possibility of something deeper is where it truly fails.

British rock band Royal Blood captivates fans with follow-up album

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One of the fastest growing rock groups in recent years is the British rock band, Royal Blood. While rock duos are hardly a new concept—the most recent being Jack and Meg White’s aptly named White Stripes—what sets Royal Blood apart are its aggressive bass and drum formula and a sound that fuses together elements of bands, like Led Zeppelin, Queens of the Stone Age and the aforementioned White Stripes.

Within two years of forming, the band has quickly garnered acclaim from fans and even legendary musicians like Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl and Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page.

After a lengthy tour to promote their eponymous 2014 debut album, the duo headed back to the studio to deliver their long-awaited follow-up album *How Did We Get So Dark?*

For any band, especially one that scored a wildly popular debut on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, the second album is always the most challenging. On one hand, the band can play it safe and make an album that follows more or less the same formula as its debut.

In contrast, the band can make a record that takes a more experimental route to take its sound in new directions. In the case of Royal Blood, while its sophomore effort picks up where its first album left off, there is enough new stuff included to make this a fresh experience.

The album opens up with the pulsating title track. Musically speaking, it sounds like an outtake from the first album, but considering that this is Royal Blood’s second studio outing, starting off like this is a good way to make listeners feel

that the band is still sticking with their sound without making too drastic of a change.

The lyrical themes of love gone wrong, infidelity and obsession are still present in the title track, as well as the rest of the songs on the album. Things start to change during the subsequent tracks.

The lead single, “Lights Out,” really does a good job of showing how far the band has come since 2013. It is a much more subtle and subdued song than anything from Royal Blood’s first album, only really bursting during the chorus, bass solo and breakdown.

Bassist and lead singer Mike

Kerr demonstrates remarkable restraint in his performance and it shows on various other songs from the album. Also present, as well as a new feature in general, is the addition of keyboards.

That however, is not as drastic of a change as one might think. In this case, soft synthesizer and piano are played by both members of the band respectively to augment, rather than distract from the song’s atmosphere.

The next track and follow up single “I Only Lie When I Love You,” is a perfect contrast. This time around, the band delivers quite possibly their most straightforward

rock song to date.

There is a lot of influence from classic hard rock bands present throughout the song, right down to drummer Ben Thatcher’s Led Zeppelin style drumming and riding cowbell percussion.

Kerr’s trademark sound of plugging his bass guitar into a wide variety of effects and distortion pedals to get a tone similar to a regular guitar has also evolved to a sound similar to classic bands.

Judging by its short running time, this single really displays one of Royal Blood’s greatest strengths—their ability to make songs that are both hard and heavy

for rock fans and easily accessible for radio airplay.

The band also dabbles in other types of music during the album. The penultimate track, “Hole in Your Heart,” is definitely the most keyboard heavy song, with Kerr playing a vintage Wurlitzer electric piano all throughout.

With the exception of the chorus, this makes the song bear more resemblance to bands like Supertramp rather than Led Zeppelin. “Don’t Tell” mixes the Royal Blood sound with a more traditional blues song, adding a breather to an already intense experience.

The last track, “Sleep,” is a haunting song that sees the band mix rock with elements of hip hop, bringing together two genres with an acrimonious relationship.

Compared to “Better Strangers,” the loud closer of their debut album, this song ends things with a more directed and refined approach that goes well with the rest of the songs.

If this album has any real flaw, it is the 35-minute run time. The first album was not that long, clocking at 31 minutes. In that case however, it was passable since that was Royal Blood’s debut. It would have been nice if they added two or three more songs to add to the run time.

While people who preordered a limited edition package received two bonus songs, these extra tracks should have been included from the get go, no matter the version of the album.

All things considered, *How Did We Get So Dark?* is still an album that was worth the wait and hopefully a sign of things to come with Royal Blood’s future.

They are currently on tour supporting Queens of the Stone Age and are slated to play at Madison Square Garden on Oct. 24 as part of that band’s Villains World Tour.



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In the sophomore album, Royal Blood finds fresh new sound while still preserving the signature style of the band’s debut work.

Estefan musical *On Your Feet!* bids farewell

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In the past 20 years, there has been a massive rise in the popularity of jukebox musicals, shows where the score is made of hit songs from popular artists, as opposed to original writings.

On Your Feet!, based on the life and music of 26-time Grammy award-winning duo Gloria and Emilio Estefan, was one of the most exciting and authentic jukebox musicals of this decade.

On Your Feet! began performances on Broadway on Oct. 5, 2015, with an official opening a month later.

The production celebrated 500 performances on Jan. 19, 2017 and bid farewell to Broadway on Aug. 20 after 34 previews and 746 regular performances.

The Estefans' music could not be more perfect for a Broadway show. It is contagiously energetic and fun, while carrying a certain cultural eminence that popularized Cuban traditions in the United States.

The husband-and-wife team is one of the best-selling musical acts in history and a representation of an entire era of music in the United States. For many people, watching *On Your Feet!* feels less like seeing a theatrical performance and more like coming home and rediscovering an old friend.

Everything about the show is done with laudable love for music and dance.

The score, which is full of knockouts such as "Turn The Beat Around," "Conga" and the eponymous "Get On Your Feet," is complemented with the touching original song "If I Never Got to

Tell You," written by Gloria and her daughter Emily Estefan.

The biggest star of the show was Ana Villafane, who played Gloria Estefan in her debut credit on a Broadway stage. Villafane was praised for her dominant stage presence and incredible congeniality to Gloria herself.

Other cast members included Broadway veterans Andrea Burns, Alma Cuervo and Josh Segarra.

Upon opening in Broadway, *On Your Feet!* received great reviews and stable sold out shows for months. In a season dominated by the record-smashing *Hamilton*, many predicted that the Estefans' life story would be the second most successful show.

The production enjoyed its biggest sales and relevance during the beginning of the 2016 presidential election campaign, when the negative criticism of Latin American immigration became a prominent topic.

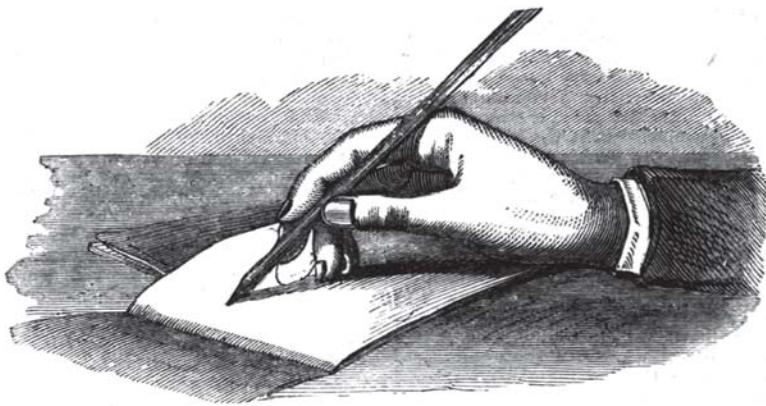
However, the show failed to receive award season recognition, receiving only one Tony nomination for Best Choreography, which it lost to *Hamilton*. This hurt the show's box office.

Nevertheless, thanks to smart ticket pricing and lottery policies, the show went to play for another year to the utmost joy of its audiences, fans and producers.

But the journey of *On Your Feet!* is far from over. The Estefans have already announced a U.S. National Tour and multiple international productions in France, Germany and Japan, indicating a growing interest outside the streets of New York City.

Although the show has closed its doors on Broadway, its story is still opening a new chapter.

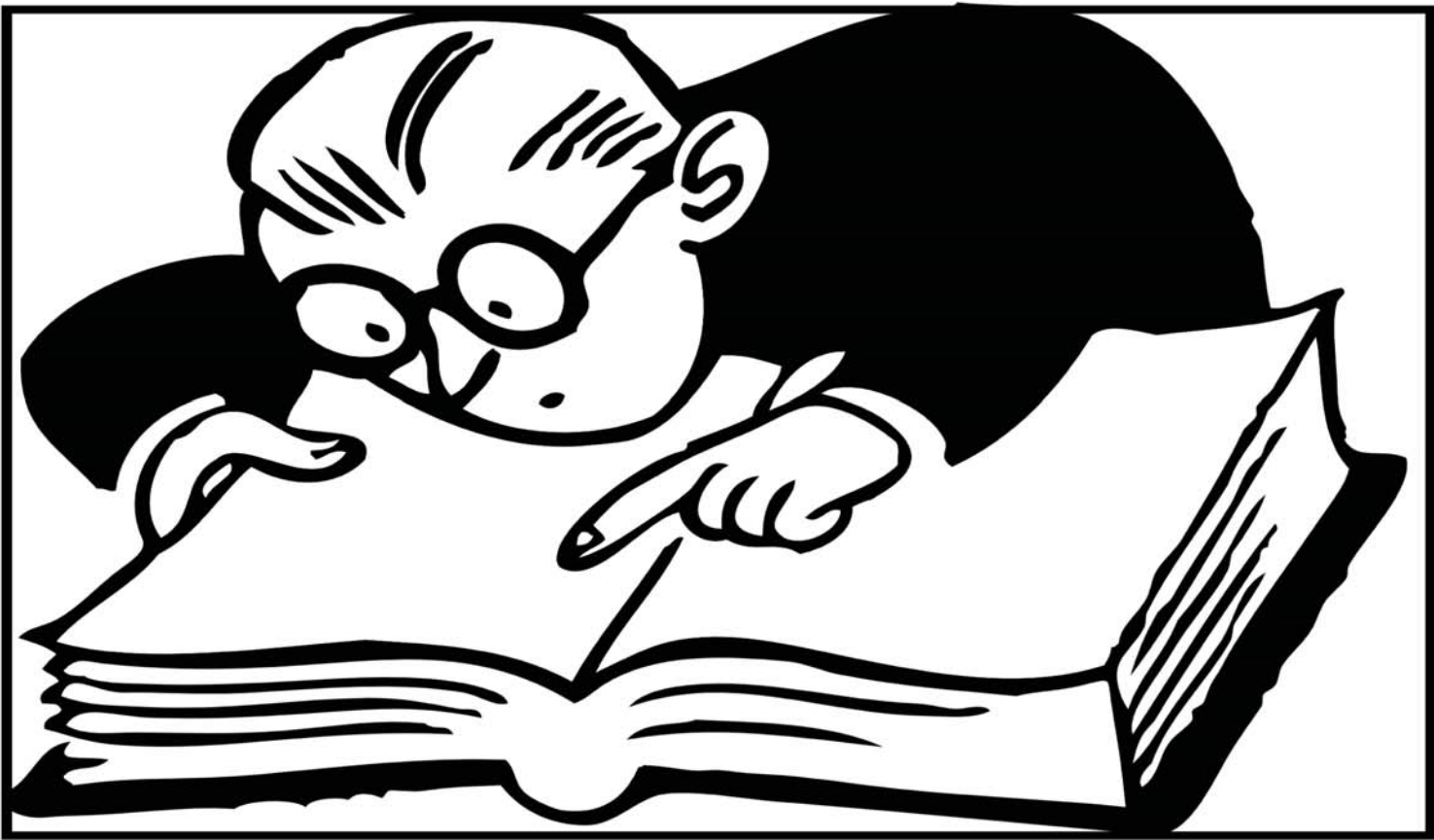
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Science & Technology

‘Super Mario Odyssey,’ ‘Sonic Forces’ planned for fall release

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As summer turns into fall and the first signs of the holiday shopping season begin to appear, now is the time that major developers start to release the big titles that will compete laboriously for gamers’ money and support.

In this technological age rife with downloadable games, many classic genres now have commercially viable means of resurrection for the modern audience. With “Cuphead,” a Microsoft-exclusive title, the development team StudioMDHR Entertainment aimed to create a run and gun shooting game similar to classics like “Contra” and “Gunstar Heroes.” The game’s elaborate art direction, inspired by classic cartoons from animators like Walt Disney and the Fleischer Brothers, lets players take control of the titular character, Cuphead, whose objective is to go through strange worlds and fight strange enemies. This is Cuphead’s way of keeping his word to the devil after he lost a bet to him.

The boss battles are a prominent element of the game. With 30 characters to fight, “Cuphead” sets the world record for most boss battles in a video game.

In 2014, “The Stick of Truth,” a highly anticipated role-playing game based on Trey Parker and Matt Stone’s long-running animated series on Comedy Central, was finally released.

Despite the delays that plagued the game, it still achieved commercial and critical success, prompt-



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These anticipated video games will feature weapons-based platforming gameplay and character design customizations.

ing Parker and Stone to develop a sequel.

Taking place immediately after the previous game, the storyline takes its cues from the show’s “Coon and Friends” story arc. In this case, the kids of “South Park” are split into two sanctions: the Eric Cartman-led Coon and Friends and the Freedom Pals, led by the aptly named Mysterion. This division ultimately leads to civil war within the small Colorado town.

While the gameplay is more or less the same as before, this time players can choose the gender of the protagonist. Previously, the player took control of a silent protagonist simply named the New Kid.

Seven months after the launch of the Nintendo Switch, the new-

est 3-D entry in the perennial “Super Mario” series has arrived much sooner than usual. Compared to the “Super Mario Galaxy” and “Super Mario 3D” duologies, which focused more on linear level designs akin to the classic 2-D Mario series, this game returns to the open world design made most famous with “Super Mario 64” and “Super Mario Sunshine.” The locales range from fantasy worlds to photorealistic cities.

The main gameplay gimmick for “Super Mario Odyssey” is an established feature of the character, his red cap. Possessed by a friendly spirit named Cappy, the cap now features a wide variety of functions that temporarily take control of anyone or anything wearing it.

After letting the fans pay tribute

to the franchise with the 2-D throw-back game “Sonic Mania,” Sega and the main Sonic Team studio are delivering the latest 3-D Sonic game, the first main entry since 2013’s Wii U exclusive “Sonic Lost World.”

After experimenting with different gameplay styles in the last game, Sonic Team decided to go back to the dual gameplay styles featured in 2011’s “Sonic Generations.”

Rather than paying homage to Sonic’s past, however, this game is a completely original adventure. By means of a cosmic being named Infinite, Dr. Eggman, or Dr. Robotnik, has seemingly succeeded in achieving his plans for world domination. Sonic, as always, decides to put a stop to his nefarious schemes.

Thanks to a time warp, he is

also joined by a younger version of himself, Classic Sonic. Together, they set off on another adventure to save the world. Its gameplay is great because modern Sonic continues the boost formula gameplay that was first introduced in “Sonic Unleashed” and Classic Sonic pays tribute to the classic Sega Genesis games.

Using a wide variety of design options, players can also create their own unique characters.

As far as gameplay goes, these characters do not use the traditional high speed gameplay associated with Sonic, but rather use more of a weapon-based platforming gameplay, a first in the series.

While it may have attracted criticism from fans of the original series, EA DICE’s reboot of the “Star Wars Battlefront” series was still a success and showed a bright future for EA DICE’s Star Wars games.

For the sequel, the developers decided to finally return to the original style of also having a single player campaign mode. The game’s storyline takes place just prior to the events of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* and will have players take control of a character named Iden Versio. In addition, there are moments during which players also take control of both Luke Skywalker and sequel trilogy villain Kylo Ren.

The downloadable content, this time around, will be free for anyone with an EA DICE account in the multiplayer version.

There will also be a wide range of characters available from the prequel, original and sequel trilogies for use in multiplayer.

Elite athletes use doping for advantages

A study proves that athletes continue to use doping despite ruined careers and improved technology.

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A study conducted in 2011 by the World Anti-Doping Agency revealed that doping is more common in professional sports than expected. The study found that 30 to 45 percent of athletes, who were surveyed at two top events, admitted to using prohibited doping techniques.

Lance Armstrong, Alex Rodriguez and Maria Sharapova are three great athletes who downgraded their amazing achievements by their use of performance-enhancing substances in international competitions. They earned millions of dollars and won many championships, but their substance abuse forever marks them as cheaters.

These world-class athletes have the most expensive resources at their disposal for training purposes and to help them get every single advantage over their competitors.

However, doping has haunted the sports world for decades as an illegal advantage and has led to the downfall of the careers of many elite athletes. It is a word associated with cheating, dishonesty, sickness and disgrace.

These professional athletes put their careers and reputations at risk, especially since some of them earn millions of dollars from advertisements, competitions and sponsorships.

As technology and science are improving every day, many sports fans believe that the days of doping, or the use of performance-enhancing drugs in professional competitions may be over.

This belief was challenged by a WADA study conducted by Harrison G. Pope of the Biological

Psychiatry Laboratory at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts and Professor Rolf Ulrich from the University of Tübingen in Germany.

The study found that “doping is far more common in professional sport than the rates suggested by [the] blood and urine tests of the athletes.”

One may ask what is wrong with doping, as athletes are already pushing their bodies to extreme heights.

Scientists state, however, that “doping in sports compromises fair play and endangers health.”

In the official article, “Doping in Two Elite Athletics Competitions Assessed by Randomized-Response Surveys,” 2,167 athletes were surveyed at two major sporting events: the 13th International Association of Athletics Federations World Championships in Athletics in August 2011 and the 12th Quadrennial Pan-Arab Games in December 2011.

The article states that “to estimate the prevalence of doping, we utilized a ‘randomized response technique,’ which guarantees anonymity for individuals when answering a sensitive question. We also administered a control question at PAG assessing past-year use of supplements.”

The use of PEDs, from stimulants to steroids, gives athletes an unfair advantage over others.

The International Olympic Committee defines doping as “the use of any method or substance that might harm the athlete, in a quest to gain an unfair advantage over his or her fellow competitors.”

As seen from the prevalence of doping in the sports world, official tests fail to pick up a majority of doping cases.

In a face-to-face interview with participants of the randomized response survey, individuals were strongly motivated to provide socially desirable responses, even if these responses were not true. False responses made getting a truthful and accurate survey difficult.

“Anonymity gives protection, allowing the respondents to answer honestly,” explained Ulrich.

“Overall, this study suggests that biological tests of blood and urine greatly underestimate the true prevalence of doping,” emphasizes Pope, who is also a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. “As we note in the paper, this is probably due to the fact that athletes have found various ways to beat the tests.”

Based on the results at the two competitions, “the estimated prevalence of past-year doping was 43.6 percent (95 percent confidence interval 39.4–47.9) at WCA and 57.1 percent (52.4–61.8) at PAG. The estimated prevalence of past-year supplement use at PAG was 70.1 percent (65.6–74.7 percent).”

These numbers reveal more information about doping. Doping appears to be in use among elite athletes and is still a common occurrence throughout the world because of unregulated biological testing.

With the recent banning of the Russian track and field team by the International Association of Athletics Federations, however, the future is looking clean. The British Parliament’s Committee on Culture, Media and Sport additionally led a discussion on this issue.

The authors anticipate that this study will prompt further investigation into elite athletes using PEDs.

Slow walkers vulnerable to heart-related deaths

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Whether it be first steps, down the aisle or just down the street, walking remains an essential mode of transportation. The speed at which one travels could produce fatal results.

Between the years 2006 and 2010, the U.K. Biobank analyzed research focused on the association of walking pace and handgrip strength to cardiorespiratory health. Data was collected from 420,727 middle-aged adults across the United Kingdom.

Participant ages ranged from 37 to 73 years old, with the average participant being 56 years old. Walking pace was self-reported by participants as either slow, average or brisk, while handgrip strength was calculated by a dynamometer, or a device that measures force. Moreover, the entire sample size had no cancer or heart disease diagnoses at the time the study was conducted.

Six years later, 8,598 members of the study had passed away, 1,654 of whom had died from cardiovascular disease and 4,850 of whom had died from cancer. A habitual walking pace provoked this.

Men and women with a low body mass index who reported themselves as slow walkers were over twice as likely to suffer from heart-related deaths than self-reported brisk walkers.

The bombshell in this discovery was not elucidated by normal risk factors, like smoking or diet. Rather, an everyday walking pace seems to be an independent predictor of cardiovascular complications. In comparison, handgrip strength showed no strong links to cardiovascular disease or any other

diseases among participants.

These results go from groundbreaking to lackluster, and beg the question of whether this study deserved the attention it was receiving—especially since 1.2 percent of all participants died from heart disease. If the analysis only offers answers into general fitness levels, then hoisting walking pace as a revolutionary index seems like borderline clickbait.

The verdict of this study would have been more striking if walking slow could explain less predictable diseases, like cancer. Researchers considered that as a possibility, considering 4,850 of the 8,598 aforementioned deaths stemmed from cancer. This is almost three times as many who suffered from heart disease. Due to a weak connection, cancer was omitted as a possibility with its association to slow walking pace.

Despite any criticism already offered, this study was not for nothing. It concluded that self-reported walking pace could indicate an individual’s level of physical fitness. This was particularly valid for individuals with low BMI. Researchers recommend aerobic exercise training to combat mortality risk, as adults 65 years and older increased their functional capability after exercise.

The study also adds to the scientific evidence proving that physical fitness is a critical component to quality of life. Slow walkers, provided they are physically able to, can become brisk walkers with enough practice. Obtaining peak physical fitness offers a myriad of benefits other than being able to walk faster: lower cholesterol, lower risk of Type 2 diabetes, lower risk of cardiovascular diseases and stronger bones, muscles and joints.

Dancing reverses anti-aging effects in elderly

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Balance disturbances and cognitive impairment are linked with age-related brain structure deterioration and diseases. In a recent study published by the Frontiers in Human Neuroscience journal, researchers explored the effects of dancing on reversing the signs of aging.

Aerobic fitness has been shown to increase volume in the hippocampus, although no specific type of exercise was better than the rest. It was hypothesized that by dancing, seniors could potentially improve their balance, as well as their brain structure.

The hippocampus is affected by aging and diseases related to memory loss, such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease. However, the hippocampus and other parts of the brain can create new neurons, which help counter the effect of aging on the brain.

Researchers have found that fitness increases hippocampal activity, which, in turn, contributes to better memory functions. These findings show that the hippocampus is not only important for long-term memory, learning and spatial navigation, but also for balance.

The study compared the effects of dancing intervention and typical fitness training on the hippocampus volumes and balance abilities of participants. In the study, two groups participated in training over the course of 18 months.

One group was in a specialized dance course where it learned choreography constantly, and the second group was in an endurance

training course where it did repetitive actions. The dancing group participated in constantly changing choreography and dance routines of all different genres, while the classic fitness group participated in exercises such as Nordic walking and cycling. At the end, the hippocampal volume and balancing abilities were measured.

Although both groups showed improvements in the volume of their left hippocampi, many who danced had volume increases in their left dentate gyrus, or the region that forms memories of autobiographical events.

This was also the case with their subiculum, a part of the temporal lobe that plays a role in Alzheimer's disease. There was also an increase in gray matter in the dancers, in addition to the amount already attributed to physical activity. They also showed volume increases in four out of five sub-fields of their left hippocampus and one in their right.

The observed improvements cannot fully be attributed to the hippocampus, however, because there was no correlation between the hippocampus volume and balancing. Additionally, while participants in the classical fitness group did not improve their visual systems, they did improve their use of their somatosensory and vestibular systems.

In sum, both dancing and classic fitness induce hippocampal plasticity of the brain. Dancing, however, also causes increased balance composite scores and improvements in all three involved sensory systems, showing that it can help fight the age-related degeneration of physical and mental abilities.

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Jones' PED test positive

Jones' legacy will forever be in question after drug test failure

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Last month's UFC 214 saw the end of one of the most intense rivalries in combat sports. Jon "Bones" Jones took on longtime rival, Daniel Cormier, in a bout to determine who would earn the right to be called the UFC light heavyweight champion. Jones won the bout by TKO, achieving this title. While his victory was extremely impressive, it is not what recently thrust him into the spotlight.

Jones was pulled from the UFC 200 card in July 2016 for testing positive for two banned substances: hydroxycarbonylphenone—an anti-estrogenic agent—and letrozole metabolite—an aromatase inhibitor.

Because these drug violations were not his first, he was suspended for one year. Jones' comeback was highly anticipated and the UFC capitalized on the buildup to his super fight with Cormier, which had been put on hold for over a year so that Jones could serve his sentence.

Less than two weeks after the Jones-Cormier fight, it was revealed that Jones had failed the United States Anti-Doping Agency drug test that took place before the fight.

Jones tested positive for turinabol, an anabolic steroid. He has been since stripped of the title. However, he has yet to receive a sentence. The results of his B-sample have not come back yet, but if they come back positive, he could serve a sentence of up to four years.

The news could not have come at a worse time for the UFC, as they were building him up to be their biggest star, and hinting that they were planning for him to face UFC heavyweight champion Stipe Miocic at UFC 218.

Jones' failure has drawn strong criticism from the sporting world, with his opponent Cormier stating that he was "left feeling sick" and "disappointed." Others were

more vocal in their disdain, including commentator Joe Rogan, who believes Jones has ruined his career.

"Jon Jones, with this, becomes the number one f—k up of all time, for sure, if he wasn't already," Rogan said on a recent episode of his podcast. "This is the biggest one ever ... We can only hope and pray that somehow or another there's some mistake."

Even UFC President Dana White expressed his doubts about whether Jones would be cleared. "It's bad," said White. "He's got to go through the process now, and we'll see how this thing plays out. But, yeah, it's bad."

In the end, it can safely be stated that although Jones has not yet been convicted of anything and is still entitled to due process, his future looks bleak. His ability to be a box office draw has definitely taken a hit, whether his result comes back clean or not. The UFC has also been impacted, as it is lacking the star power that had helped it reach new heights only a few years ago.

Jones has been considered one of the most gifted fighters in UFC history, sporting an impressive record of 23-1. He can ultimately blame no one but himself for his current predicament, however.

He has vehemently denied any wrongdoing on his part, and has since claimed that the drug might have been slipped into his supplements without his consent.

Jones is conducting himself less like a true champion would and more like a man hanging on the ropes, pointing the blame at all parties but himself.

Although the final verdict by the USADA and the California State Athletic Commission is yet to be made, it seems that his career may never be the same again. He has lost the trust of not only the UFC and its professionals, but of his own fans and supporters as well.

Wyzykowski named tennis head coach

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Since joining Baruch in 1996, he has led the Bearcats to a total of 13 CUNYAC Championships—11 in men's tennis and two in women's. His retirement has left a void in the Baruch Athletics Department and his presence will surely be missed.

After the seemingly impossible task of finding a replacement that could follow in Giuglescu's footsteps and maintain the Bearcats' winning ways, it was announced that Gregory Wyzykowski has been named the new head coach of the men's and women's tennis teams. Wyzykowski has been involved in coaching since 1997, and was named the CCAC Coach of the Year in the 2005 to 2006 season and spearheaded the women's tennis program at Division II Georgian Court University.

The NCAA tennis tournament is one of the most prestigious athletic

competitions in the country, and to qualify for the tournament is a major milestone. Under Giuglescu's tenure from 2004-2015, Baruch College qualified seven times: six in the men's and one in the women's. However, the teams have never been able to get past the second round of the NCAA Championship. Last season, the Bearcats won the CUNYAC championship for the first time since 2014 and have qualified for the NCAA Championship this upcoming season.

Much of their success must be credited to Giuglescu's leadership, which, as previously mentioned, led to multiple CUNYAC Championship wins and NCAA Tournament appearances. Now, after Giuglescu's retirement, Wyzykowski will look to lead a team with the lack of a senior, veteran presence, deep into an NCAA Tournament run—a job he can certainly perform.

Wyzykowski certainly has the

qualifications and experience to lead a young team. In 2008, he served as the coach for the U-14 boys' and girls' teams at the USTA Eastern Zonal Competition, leading them to gold medals victories. He also coached the USTA Eastern Boys & Girls 12 Zonal Team in Pennsylvania last summer. Before joining Baruch, he was a USTA Eastern BG16's zonal coach at a tournament held at Wake Forest University on July 27 through Aug. 1, proving he has experience in leading teams to success.

Wyzykowski's extensive NCAA collegiate experience demands recognition and proves he has the pedigree and qualifications needed for a coach that is expected to lead this young Baruch squad. Baruch is fortunate to have him at the helm, and it is certain that he is more than able to carry on the legacy of Giuglescu and help lead the Bearcats to victory.



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Tight MVP races forecast great MLB year

As the 2017 regular season comes to an end, there are multiple storylines exciting both fans and players

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The 2017 Major League Baseball season has brought baseball fans many storylines and surprises. The Los Angeles Dodgers are on the verge of history, the Houston Astros have gone from zeroes to heroes and one of the faces of baseball is in the midst of setting a monumental yet controversial record. The storylines developed during each MLB season are what keep the fans interested, and this season has been no less exciting.

Right now, the Dodgers are the kings of the National League and, arguably, all of Major League Baseball. Not only do the Dodgers own the best record in baseball, but also are on pace to surpass the 110-win mark for the first time since the Seattle Mariners in 2001, who won an MLB record of 116 regular season games. With a starting rotation led by three-time Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw, and an offense led by rookie phenomenon Cody Bellinger, the Los Dodgers are in great shape to win their first World Series title since 1988.

The Astros boast the best record in the American League and are led by one of the best young offenses in history. Entering the All-Star break, the Astros scored the most runs in baseball, hit the most home runs

and held the largest lead of any of the six divisional leaders.

As of late, however, the Astros have dealt with many obstacles. Injuries to their starting rotation have resulted in inconsistent outings from the remaining starters and inactivity during the trade deadline left Houston unable to improve the team via personnel transactions.

Conversely, the team recently acquired future Cooperstown enshrine Justin Verlander, who they hope will patch up the holes in the injured rotation. Many baseball fans and pundits also believe that the unfortunate disaster of Hurricane Harvey in the Houston area has given the Astros more to play for, motivating the team to play for its city and giving the people of Houston something to cheer for.

The MLB has not been short of strong individual performances this season. No player took the sport by storm like Aaron Judge of the New York Yankees.

The right fielder is currently tied for the American League lead in home runs, and is among the leaders in most other offensive categories. Along the way he has led the Yankees to a surprisingly successful season, in which the team has a shot at the American League East division crown for the first time since 2012.

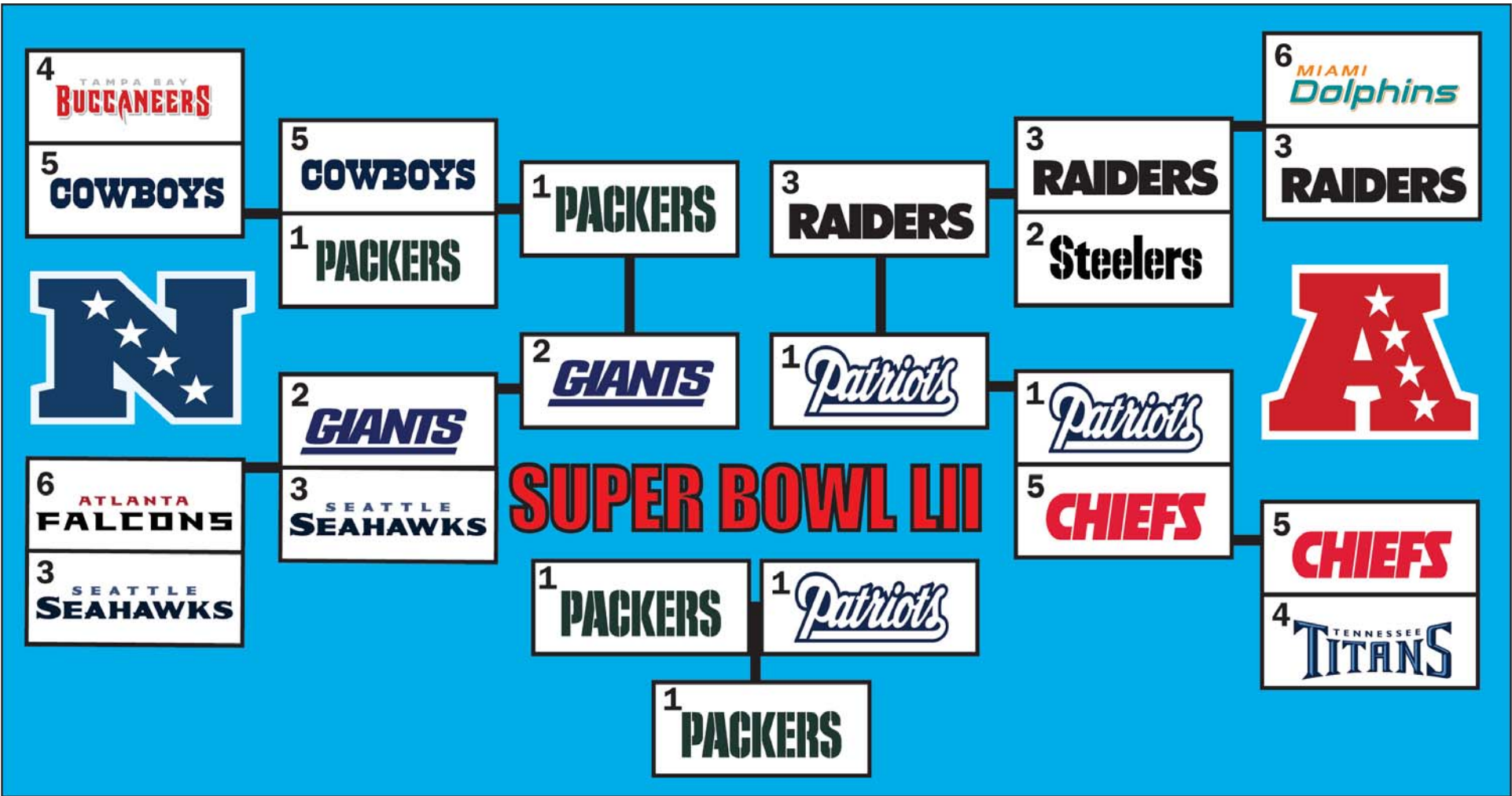
In the MLB, history and statistics

go together very well when it comes to determining a player's legacy. This season, Giancarlo Stanton of the Miami Marlins is demonstrating just that. The right fielder put up record numbers in the month of August with 18 home runs that tied Rudy York's mark from 1937.

Stanton has had such a prolific second half of the season that he now has a chance of reaching Roger Maris's 61 home run record set in 1961. The August surge has currently placed Stanton at 52 home runs with just 27 games to play. Stanton has not only launched himself into a possible record-breaking scenario, but also into the National League MVP race.

The MVP races in the American and National Leagues are currently loaded with players who are both the faces of their respective teams and huge reasons why their teams are in playoff contention. Major League Baseball has made an effort to make baseball fun and energetic, and baseball fans could not be happier with what this year's MVP race is currently representing.

With less than a month left until the start of the 2017 postseason, baseball fans have a great deal to be excited about. From tight MVP races to the playoff hunts of many teams, it looks as though the end of the 2017 season will be one to remember.



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Packers-Patriots Super Bowl round out 2017 football predictions

The 2017 NFL season is expected to be one of the most exciting. These predictions are based on each team's current roster, upcoming schedule, strength of opponents and individual players' performances from past seasons.

BY ANDREW MARZULLO
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2017 NFL season is primed to be a great one. Following blockbuster free agent signings and an incredible 2016 draft, this NFL season looks as if it will be one of the most exciting ones in a long time, as newly rebuilt and retooled teams look to make Super Bowl runs. This season will feature the expected success of the league's mainstay powerhouses, such as current Super Bowl Champions the New England Patriots, as well as the rise of sleeper and surprise teams around the league, such as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Tennessee Titans. That being said, there are many storylines that will shape the season, and will determine who will hoist the Lombardi Trophy in Minneapolis this February.

The Patriots will win the AFC East, as they have for the past eight straight years. Although he just turned 40, Tom Brady does not look like he has lost a step at all. The team is loaded with a plethora of talent, much of which is returning from last year's Super Bowl winning team. Though the team lost Julian Edelman, it is the best team in the league at finding diamonds in the rough to fill the void left by injured players. Plus, the acquisition of wide receiver Brandin Cooks should help offset the loss of Edelman. A 13-3 record is not out of reach, and though improbable, talks of the team going undefeated have not fallen on deaf ears.

The Miami Dolphins will finish behind them, at 10-6, on the heels of last season's first playoff appearance since 2008. Though they lost quarterback Ryan Tannehill for the season, the Dolphins were able to lure Jay Cutler out of retirement to replace him. This reunited Cutler with the Dolphins' coach Adam Gase, under whom Cutler had his best season as a professional football player. The Dolphins are loaded with talent, and have no reason not to make a wild card run.

The Buffalo Bills, under first-year Head Coach Sean McDermott, will finish third at 7-9. Though they have a very strong defense, an All-Pro running back in LeSean McCoy and a talented young quarterback in Tyrod Taylor, the Bills have a difficult schedule that may be too much to overcome.

The New York Jets will finish the season at 1-15, as a difficult sched-

ule and lack of talent will have them playing to win a high draft pick, not the Super Bowl. Their lack of a legitimate starting quarterback, their decimated receiving corps and their lack of veteran leadership will be the team's undoing.

The Pittsburgh Steelers will finish the season with the second seed in the AFC, winning the AFC North with a record of 13-3. The Steelers have a swarming young defense, and are led by the "Killer B's" of Le'Veon Bell, Antonio Brown and Ben Roethlisberger, three of the best players at their respective positions. Expect the Steelers' offense to put up all-time great numbers.

The Cincinnati Bengals will finish second at 9-7. The Bengals had a disappointing 2016 campaign, finishing with a 6-9-1 record following a 12-4 record in 2015. The team was hit by the injury bug, so one can expect them to bounce back this season. Marvin Lewis' job security most likely depends on this season, so look for his team to rally for him.

The Baltimore Ravens will finish the 2017 season third in the AFC North. However, they will have a respectable 9-7 record as well. It will not be enough to catapult them to a playoff appearance, as much of their season rests in injured quarterback Joe Flacco's hands. However, after a strong offseason, they will compete for a wild card spot until the end of the season.

The Cleveland Browns round out the AFC North, and will finish with a 6-10 record. The team drafted very well, acquiring three first round picks. However, the team's inexperience, along with the inexperience of rookie QB Deshaun Watson, will cause the Browns to have to wait at least one more year before they begin to challenge other teams in their division.

The Tennessee Titans will win the AFC South, and finish with a record of 10-6. The Titans had a surprisingly successful 9-7 season, and missed the playoffs by one game after QB Marcus Mariota injured himself in the season finale. They bolstered their roster and look primed to make a playoff run.

The Houston Texans will finish with a 9-7 record, good for second place. The abilities of QB Tom Savage will be put against those of rookie QB Deshaun Watson all season. The lack of a clear starting quarterback will prove to be a detriment to the Texans once again.

The Indianapolis Colts will finish at 8-8. While their offense will be extremely potent, their porous defense will prove to be a detriment, as usual, and will hold the team back another year into Andrew Luck's prime. Finally, the Jacksonville Jaguars will finish with a 7-9 record. Their quarterback situation is also dicey, and though they are also a young and talented team, they will not have what it takes to make a run at the playoffs. Blake Bortles' future rests on this season, and should he play with that in mind, the Jaguars may turn some heads.

The Oakland Raiders will win the AFC West with a 12-4 record. The Raiders held a lead in the division for most of last season until an injury to Derek Carr in week 16 proved to be too much to overcome. Carr was a legitimate MVP candidate, and it does not look like that will change. They also signed Marshawn Lynch out of retirement,

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possess one of the best offensive lines and wide receiving corps in football and have a good defense led by reigning defensive player of the year Khalil Mack.

The Kansas City Chiefs will be runners-up in the division and finish with an 12-4 record. A questionable wide receiving corps will be the only thing standing between the Chiefs and the Raiders.

The Los Angeles Chargers look to turn some heads after their move from San Diego this offseason and will do just that. Even though they will most likely not make the playoffs, the Chargers will challenge for a spot behind Philip Rivers. The injury bug is the only thing standing in their way this season.

The Denver Broncos will finish last in their division, but will repeat their 8-8 record from last season. The questions about quarterback and offensive line will have to be answered if the Broncos are to succeed with a difficult schedule.

The Green Bay Packers will win

the NFC North, tying the New York Giants for the best record in the conference at 12-4. Aaron Rodgers led the NFL in touchdowns last season, and his offense only improved this offseason with the acquisition of tight end Martellus Bennett. The defense also improved drastically. Look for the Green Bay Packers to make a Super Bowl run.

The Detroit Lions will finish behind the Packers at 10-6. Behind a strong defense and potent offense led by Matthew Stafford, the Lions will challenge for an NFC wild card spot.

The Minnesota Vikings will finish close behind at 9-7, but questions on offense, namely the offensive line, will hold them out of a playoff spot.

The Chicago Bears will finish last in the division at 5-11. The defense is largely unproven, and despite having Jordan Howard in the backfield, the offense will have to improve leaps and bounds if the team is to be competitive.

The Giants will win a tight NFC East race and finish with a record of 12-4. The offense is expected to be fantastic, as is the defense. The Giants' biggest opponents are their division rivals.

The Dallas Cowboys will finish close behind at 11-5. The Ezekiel Elliot suspension will play a small role into the two-win drop from last, however the defense will be the Achilles' heel. The defense does not have much veteran talent, especially in the secondary. Look for this to hurt the team.

The Philadelphia Eagles, who had a fantastic offseason, will finish the season at 9-7. The defense and the play of Carson Wentz are the team's two biggest question marks. While the team improved this offseason, it is hard to believe they will be better than the Giants or Cowboys.

Finally, the Washington Redskins will finish the season at 8-8. Kirk Cousins will play well, but the defense, and lack of wide receivers will hurt the team.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will, albeit barely, win the NFC South, finishing with an 11-5 record. The young team is loaded with talent behind Mike Evans, DeSean Jackson, Doug Martin, Gerald McCoy and Jameis Winston, and they are poised to make a playoff run.

The Atlanta Falcons will finish second in the division with an 11-5 record as well. However, the

Tampa Bay Buccaneers will hold a tiebreaker. Super Bowl and MVP hangovers are real, especially for the losing teams. However, the Falcons will still have a great season behind their potent offense and swarming, young defense.

The Carolina Panthers will finish third at 9-7 behind another great Cam Newton odd-year performance, and Christian McCaffrey will emerge as a future star in this league. However, given the division they play in, more than nine wins will be hard to come by.

The New Orleans Saints will finish fourth at 8-8. The Saints traded away wide receiver Brandin Cooks to the Patriots, but they will look to replace him with Michael Thomas. Any Drew Brees-led team will have a chance, especially when that team has Adrian Peterson and Mark Ingram in the backfield. However, the division competition will be too much to overcome.

The Seattle Seahawks will finish first in the NFC West with an 11-5 record. Their already legendary defense improved this season with their signing of Sheldon Richardson. Their biggest question remains the offensive line, which was a major detriment to the team last season.

The Arizona Cardinals will finish second at 9-7. Behind star running back David Johnson, a strong defense, and a resurgent season from Carson Palmer, the team will compete for a wild card spot, but will ultimately fall short, due to the incredible competition around the league.

The Los Angeles Rams will finish third at 7-9 under new head coach, 31-year-old Sean McVay. The defense will outperform all expectations. However, it will not be enough to carry their offense, which will struggle in a division with Seattle's and Arizona's defenses.

The San Francisco 49ers will finish the first season in the Kyle Shanahan era at 4-12. Shanahan is a quarterback whisperer, but he does not have a quarterback to whisper to in San Francisco. Expect a strong season from running back Carlos Hyde, but do not expect much more.

The 2017 NFL season will be a great one. The storylines and the emergence of surprise teams will keep the fans interested and involved in what should be a great season.

Mets prepare for future following disappointing 2017 season

BY KEVIN MENDEZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It was supposed to be another season of dreams for the New York Mets. After a National League Pennant in 2015 and an appearance in the wild card game last season, 2017 was supposed to be another slugfest between the Mets and Washington Nationals for the National League Eastern Division crown. Led by a rotation of aces and the thunderous bat of Yoenis Cespedes, the Queens team seemed poised to take over New York City like the Dwight Gooden and Darryl Strawberry-led Mets had done nearly 30 years ago.

Mets fans had little to complain about in the offseason as the team successfully inked Cespedes to a four-year \$110 million deal, ensuring that the slugger would remain in Queens throughout age 35. Second baseman Neil Walker was also brought back into the fold after he accepted the Mets’ qualifying offer. The Bullpen was also addressed with the re-signings of left-hander Jerry Blevins and right-hander Fernando Salas.

Cracks emerged during spring training when the Mets learned they would be without their closer, Jeurys Familia, for the first 15 games of the season following his suspension for violating the Major League Baseball’s domestic violence policy.

They suffered another blow when Seth Lugo, who was extremely effective down the stretch last season, partially tore his ulnar collateral ligament while pitching for Puerto Rico in the World Baseball Classic. Additionally, captain David Wright would again start the season on the shelf as he was diagnosed with a shoulder impingement.

The season started well for the



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Granderson was one of the multiple casualties of the Mets' fire sale, as he and much of the team's other veteran leadership was traded away for very little in return.

team with a series victories over the Atlanta Braves and Philadelphia Phillies. However, between April 14 and 27, the Mets lost nine of 10 games—all to division rivals. May was even worse for the team, when ace Noah Syndergaard landed on the disabled list with a torn lateral muscle, an injury he aggravated after refusing an MRI to investigate tightness in his arm.

Pitcher Matt Harvey also incited controversy when he was suspended by the team for three games after violating team rules by failing to report to Citi Field for a game on May 6. To make matters worse, Harvey was extremely ineffective upon his return, raising his earned run aver-

age to a 5.25. From that point on, the Mets watched their squad fall apart as key contributors like Cespedes, Walker, Familia and Michael Conforto all landed on the disabled list.

On July 27, while sitting on a record of 47-53, the Mets began their rebuilding process by shipping first baseman Lucas Duda to the Tampa Bay Rays in exchange for minor leaguer Drew Smith. On July 31, reliever Addison Reed was traded to the Boston Red Sox for three minor league players. The same day, the Mets called up Amed Rosario, who was considered one of the top prospects in all of baseball. In the following weeks, the Mets negoti-

ated with the Cleveland Indians and Los Angeles Dodgers to ship off outfielders Jay Bruce and Curtis Granderson, respectively.

The Mets were criticized by sports pundits for the minimal returns on their assets. Bruce and Granderson, considered the two most potent bats on the trade market, were traded for salary relief and cash considerations. The criticism increased when the New York Yankees revealed to reporters that they met the Mets’ demands while attempting to make deals for Bruce and Duda, but the Mets seemingly did not want to trade with them. The Mets were accused of returning to the penny-pinching ways

that led to the lean years of 2009 to 2014 when payroll was slashed, as the Wilpon family dealt with the consequences of their involvement in the Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme.

Despite how poorly 2017 has gone for the Mets, there are reasons to be optimistic going forward.

Rosario and first baseman Dominic Smith have the month of September to solidify their presence in the lineup going forward, and the Mets’ five-person rotation will presumably be healthy next season. For now, however, the Mets are looking to end their disappointing 2017 campaign strong, and begin preparing for the 2018 campaign.

Irving and Thomas shake up Eastern Conference in legendary trade

BY GEORGES HUBERT
STAFF WRITER

On Aug. 22, the NBA was rocked with the announcement of a blockbuster trade between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Boston Celtics for star point guard Kyrie Irving. The Cavaliers sent Irving to the Celtics for star guard Isaiah Thomas. In addition, the Cavs received the Brooklyn Nets’ first round pick in the NBA Draft, forward Jae Crowder, center Ante Zizic and a 2020 second round draft pick. While the trade is extremely mutually beneficial, the teams did a great deal of negotiating before finally finalizing the deal on Aug. 30.

There have been rumors of a supposed falling out between the Cavs and Irving. Reports claimed that Irving “quit on the team,” not speaking to his teammates during their Finals run. He was supposedly fed up with playing with LeBron James, who he believed held him out of a starting role.

Irving requested a trade to seek a bigger role, allegedly considering the Chicago Bulls and Minnesota Timberwolves as future suitors. However, last season’s No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference, the Boston Celtics, fresh off their acquisition of Gordon Hayward, came calling for Irving’s services. Eventually, the teams reached an agreement that may change the landscape of the basketball world.

While it seems like Cleveland received the better end of the deal, there is no way to really determine who “won” the trade, as the Cavs’ future is up in the air. The first round pick they received is based on the Brooklyn Nets’ performance, and judging by the current Nets roster and recent struggles, the pick is expected to be a high-lottery pick. The draft pick, also, while high, will not be a guaranteed



The deal between the Cavaliers and Celtics involving Kyrie Irving and Isaiah Thomas rocked the NBA, as it changes the entire landscape of the Eastern Conference.

success, and the Cavs know that first hand. The team could end up with another Irving-caliber player, as it did in 2011 with Irving himself, or could end up with a bust, as they did with Anthony Bennett in 2012. The 2020 second round draft pick they received will most likely be a high second rounder. However, players who are selected that late rarely become stars.

The biggest acquisition for the Cavaliers is point guard Isaiah Thomas, a two-time All-Star who averaged almost 29 points per game for the Celtics last year. While Thomas is a star player, he has suffered through a nagging hip injury as of late, and is nearly 30 years old. Thomas failed a physical exam on

Aug. 25 due to a damaged hip, leading to the Cavaliers’ acquisition of an extra draft pick from the Celtics. This is worrisome for the Cavs, because Thomas suffered this injury late last season, and attempted to play through it in the playoffs. However, due to the severity of the injury, he ultimately had to miss every Eastern Conference Finals game after the first two.

Thomas and the Celtics opted to avoid surgery for the hip, instead choosing a lengthy rehab program which now may stretch into the 2017 NBA season. Crowder should be a very valuable asset for the Cavs off the bench, whereas Zizic is unproven in how he will fare. In the end, only time will tell who truly

“won” the trade.

The Celtics only received one player in this trade: four-time All-Star Kyrie Irving. Irving averaged fewer points per game than Thomas, with Irving averaging 25 points per game to Thomas’ 29, however, Irving played alongside James, arguably the best player in the league. Irving is also only 25 years old, in the prime of his career, and coming off three straight memorable Finals appearances, one culminating in Cleveland’s first championship which he helped secure.

The Celtics are excited to add him to their starting lineup and make a run at the championship. Some may argue that the business side of the league reared its ugly

head, as many believe Thomas was unfairly dealt away after giving his all to the Celtics.

This is a valid argument, as Thomas went above and beyond for the team, playing a game the day after his sister’s death, and playing through injuries. However, the NBA is a business, albeit an unfair one at times. Trades like this are what keep competition strong in the league.

The NBA landscape was turned on its heels, with both the Cavs and Celtics preparing for war in the Eastern Conference. The Eastern Conference race will be a fun race to watch develop over the next few years, as the trade has turned the NBA on its head.

NCAA football returns with a bang

Week one of NCAA football action lived up to all expectations, setting up what is to be a great season.

BY MATTHEW TIRADO
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As temperatures begin to drop and trees start to change their colors, university stadiums across the nation are beginning to pack in for Saturday game day—college football is finally back once again. Clemson University is coming off of its second national title and is making a strong case to make back-to-back championship wins. However, without its veteran leadership from last season and increased competition across the Football Bowl Division, this will not be so easy.

Clemson will be facing off against several strong competitors during its title defense. However, most fans are looking forward to the rematch against the University of Alabama. Alabama defeated Clemson in the 2016 National Championship Game. Clemson was able to exact revenge last season after defeating the Crimson Tide to claim its first National Championship since 1981. Alabama is currently ranked the number one overall team in the country, and much of its veteran leadership, including quarterback Jalen Hurts, is returning. Alabama's rematch could be a sign of things to come in the College Football Playoff.

Week one for NCAA football teams is often a "feeling out" period, as there is no preseason to teach many new, young players new concepts. However, this was not the case this season, as many teams got off to quick starts. Stanford defeated Rice 62-7, Michigan defeated Florida 33-17 and Penn State defeated Akron 52-0. Ohio State defeated Illinois 42-21 after trailing at the half, Wisconsin de-



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From UCLA's comeback, to Stanford's dominance, week one did not disappoint

feated Utah State 59-10 and Alabama defeated Florida State 24-7. Florida State, ranked third in the AP Standings, lost quarterback Deondre Francois, gravely damaging their playoff chances.

While many of these games were great games, the game of the week was arguably UCLA vs. Texas A&M. UCLA trailed 38-10 at the half, but mounted the second biggest comeback in NCAA football history and won the game 45-44. The runner-up for game of the week was between Tennessee and Georgia Tech, which Tennessee won 42-41 in overtime after denying Georgia Tech a two-point conversion. Finally, the largest point spread upset in CFB history occurred between Howard University, a Division I team, and UNLV. Howard was the underdog by a longshot before coming into the day, but somehow shocked the world by walking away victorious, winning the game 43-40.

After week one, there are already some early Heisman candidates, the biggest being Louisville

quarterback Lamar Jackson. The 2016 Heisman winner put up impressive opening day numbers, rushing for 107 yards and completing 30-46 passes for 378 yards and two TDs.

Another candidate is Penn State's Saquon Barkley, a running back. In just 14 carries, he racked up 172 rushing yards with two TDs, along with 54 receiving yards on just three catches. Last, but not least, Oklahoma State quarterback Mason Rudolph had himself quite the opener. Rudolph went 20 of 24 for 303 yards, with three passing TDs and a rushing TD.

If the rest of the season is as exciting as Week 1, we are in store for a great season, a season that could lead into an even greater playoff race. Only four teams can make the CFB playoffs, which does not leave a lot of room for error during the regular season. The beauty of college football is that any team can make or miss the playoff, proving that every game truly matters. The next few months will be a fun ride, hopefully just as fun as Week 1 was.

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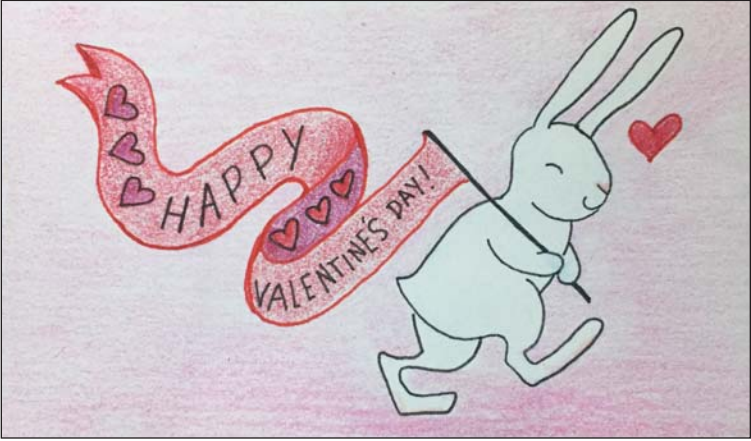
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The intern is needed to assist whenever events occur. Duties for the position include working directly with the Events Manager and Events Assistant to ensure successful event coordination, providing on-site assistance during events, including facilitating check-ins at organization events, being responsible for greeting clients and guests. Other responsibilities include general client service throughout each event, and coordinating on-site with the Food Services Department and Information Technology Department as needed.

Events Intern will be paid at the rate of \$15/hour and will be notified at least two weeks prior to each event. The Events Team will take schedule into consideration when staffing each event.

For more information or to apply, visit Starr Search with ID: 107181