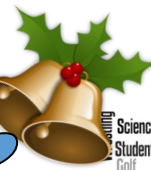




Today is the last day before holiday break. The break runs from Saturday, December 21 through Sunday, January 5. We all come back January 6.

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America/Croatia New Years

by Oliviyah Thornton
staff writer

New Years in America

New year new me. On Wednesday, January 1 we will be saying goodbye to a decade and the beginning of a new.

The start of New Year's Day happens at midnight and people celebrate with lighting up the sky with fireworks and holding parties with family and friends. A night full of partying and reflecting on the past year and all the memories. People celebrate with champagne and variety of foods/snacks.

In some cities and towns special football games are played and parades are held to celebrate the new coming year. New York, for example, does the famous countdown where people gather in Times Square to watch the countdown to the new year. They play loud music and light up the sky as people scream for the new year.

Along with celebrations comes New Year's resolutions. People see that with a new year it shows a new beginning and a time for a fresh start and a clean slate. They make promises to themselves to try and improve their own lives or themselves. Commons New Years resolutions are to lose weight, exercise



by Nika Sapunar
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New Years in Croatia

New Year's is just a part of the week long 'Zagreb Advent' program celebrating the holiday season.

more, to live healthier lifestyles, or to stop smoking or drinking alcohol. No matter the resolution most only last 21 days but it takes 66 before a new habit becomes automatic.

Fun facts about New Years Day history. New Years is one of the oldest holidays celebrated but how people celebrate it and the exact date have changed over time. The Holiday originates from thousands of years ago in ancient Babylon. They celebrated it as an eleven day festival on the first day of spring. During this time people used the sun and moon cycle to determine the first day of the year.

This all changed when Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar and January 1st became the first day of the new year.

No matter how someone celebrates New Year's Day, it's just a fun holiday to celebrate the coming year. Say goodbye to your decade and get ready for a

Throughout the festival, open-air events are held regularly in the city centre, including art exhibits, ice-skating rinks and a Christmas fair. Aside from official events, numerous clubs, hotels and restaurants in Zagreb host celebrations with either live music or DJs.

In Croatia, New Year's Eve is celebrated with parties in houses, hotels, discos and public squares. Fireworks at midnight are common in the larger cities. Lucky foods eaten include sarma, spit-roasted pig (pecenka), and fish and seafood for those living along the Dalmatian coast. Cevapcici, ajvar, burek, coldcut trays, strudels, nut rolls, and so much more are also eaten on New Year's Day, it depends on family's preferences.

In the capital, Zagreb, New Year celebrations have become the liveliest part of the Advent

activities that dominate the city centre through December into early January. The skating rink remains in place, Christmas stalls too, but for December 31 focus falls on the recently opened Winter Music Festival. Many popular DJ come every year at Arena Zagreb over the river in Novi Zagreb, and are there until sun rises. Many prefer to gather in the main square, Jelačić plac, under an open sky with fireworks and music stages. This year's celebration center on Croatian musicians, with pop singer Nina Badric and rock band Vatra (Croatian for fire) appearing alongside rising new Croatian pop and rock bands. Music is everywhere. The pop group De-tour will perform on European Square, while on Tomiceva Street. The whole city is partying. But even though its cold people on the coast people go and swim at midnite. Usually sea is around 35 F, but outside is not any better with maximum of 40 F.



This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Scotland has more than 400 different words for snow.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Sprinkle a little salt in your pan before frying to prevent oil splatter.

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Snow = snijeg (snee-yeg)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why does Santa go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Can you decipher these popular holiday songs?

- 1) I am experiencing nocturnal visions of a colorless holiday
- 2) O holiday conifer
- 3) A non-summer fairytale area

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 20

- Holiday festivities (1:30)

Saturday, December 21

- Wrestling @ MVPCS Tourney in Plankinton (9:30)

- GBB @ Entringer Classic in Colman v. Estelline/Hendricks (3:30)

Monday, December 23-27

- No School—Winter Break

Saturday, December 28

- BBB @ Entringer Classic in Brookings v. Elkton-Lake Benton (1:30)

Monday, December 30

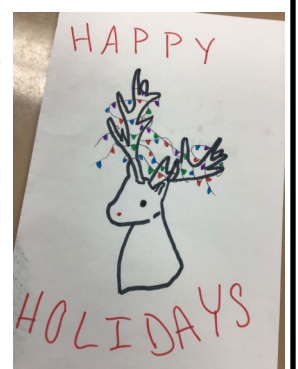
- Wrestling @ Floyd Farrand Tourny in SF Lincoln (9:00)

- No School—Winter Break

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 1 Day Winter break starts December 21

Christmas Cards are due to Mr. Hughes today Friday, December 20. Cards are distributed to senior citizens and shelters around the Sioux Falls metro area.



Gingersnaps—Matthew G, 9th grade



Oreo balls—Cooper L, 9th grade



Peanut butter balls—Alex S, 11th grade



Homemade Chex mix.—Mr. Schrank, technology



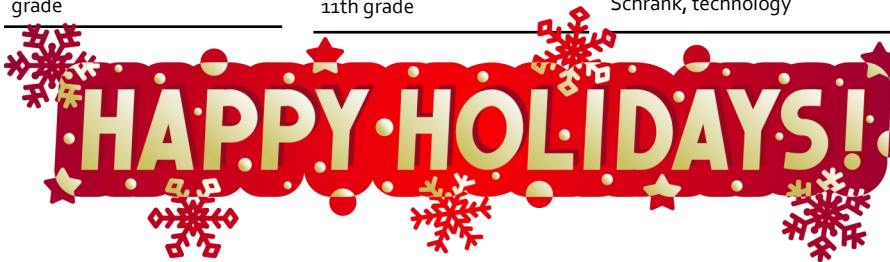
Scotcharoos—Morgan P, 10th grade



Almond bark covered pretzels—Jaelyn B, 10th grade



Oreo balls—Lauren H, 11th grade



JOKE: Because it "soots" him **BRAINTEASER:** 1) "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas" -

2) "O, Christmas Tree" - 3) Winter Wonder-

Twenty-tens officially come to a close

by **Blue Ink staff**
staff writers

Dear Twenty-tens,
While you are ready to roll over and take a long needed slumber, we aren't quite done with you yet. You've made us laugh, cry, wonder, and question. Thank you for all the memories you created over these past ten years.

2010—by Preston Bohl

Global

- World's Tallest building Burj Khalifa, 2,716 ft. high with 160 floors, opens in Dubai.
- Haiti Earthquake devastates country. The magnitude 7 earthquake tolled a death count of around 23,000.
- Jessica Walton becomes youngest person at age 16 to sail around the world unassisted.

National

- Simon Cowell leaves the show "American Idol" after eight long years of judging.
- The post-apocalyptic zombie TV series "The Walking Dead" premieres.
- The last piece of Yankee Stadium falls in the Bronx.
- "Toy Story 3" is released and becomes the 1st animated film to earn \$1 billion.

Sports

- "The Decision", NBA player LeBron James announces his move to Miami in an hour long live interview with ESPN.
- Butler makes a historic run to the NCAA men's basketball tournament final.
- UConn's women's basketball team snaps their 90 game winning streak.

- "Miracle at the New Meadowlands", The Philadelphia Eagles trail the New York Giants by 21 with eight minutes to play, before scoring four touchdowns in the final 7 minutes, including a dramatic walk-off punt returned for a touchdown by DeSean Jackson.

Pop Culture

- The band One Direction is formed on the singing show the "X Factor".
- Bieber Fever is taking everyone by storm.
- Silly Bandz are the most popular accessory, and even get banned from the Garretson school.
- Hit comedy reality TV show "Jersey Shore" is watched by everyone.

2011—by Kylie Uhl

Global

- Powerful earthquake hits, tsunami slams Japan's eastern coast; most powerful earthquake in Japan's history with an 8.9 magnitude creating a devastating tsunami. Killing 300 another 547 missing and 798 people were injured, according to police.

- Osama bin Laden was killed during a United States conducted operation. He was responsible for killing thousands of innocent men, women, and children on the 9/11 terrorist attack.

National

- January 8 Tucson shooting were a gunman open fired at a constituent meeting led by US Rep. Gabrielle Giffords injuring 14 and killing 6 people including US federal judge John roll.

- Space shuttle *Discovery* lands in Florida on its final mission STS-133. The vehicle clocked 365 days in orbit during its 27-year career, beginning with STS-41-D in the fall of 1984.

- Memories of hurricane Katrina, a Gulf of Texas storm lands on New Orleans. Then continues through Southeastern states, there are a total of 21 fatalities.

Sports

- Super Bowl 45 was played at the Cowboys stadium between the Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers, with Green Bay winning 31-25.

- The Dallas Mavericks defeated the Miami Heat in six games to win their first NBA championship.

- The Stanley Cup was claimed by the Boston Bruins for their overall sixth Stanley cup.

They defeated Vancouver in a 7-game stand-off.

- The Rangers were defeated by the Cardinals in 7 games claiming the World Series title.

Pop culture

- Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton tied the knot, naming William the Earl of Strathearn and Baron Carrickfergus, making Middleton the Countess of Strathearn and Baroness Carrickfergus.

- Some of the most popular songs were "Born This Way" by Lady Gaga, "Look at Me Now" by Chris Brown, and "Best Thing I Never Had" by Beyoncé.

- With *Harry Potter; Deathly Hallows Part 2*, *X-men Firstclass*, and *Midnight in Paris* topping the box office.

2012—by Noel Johnson

Global

- Well world, we are still here. Eschatological beliefs gave scare to the entire world with the prediction the world was going to end on December 12, 2012. The scare was brought on by old Mayan prophecy (prediction) that a planet would collide with earth or at the very little reverse rotation, but yet here the Earth is, still standing and not ended.

National

- January 13, 2012 the Costa Concordia cruise ship steered off course and ran into the Tuscan island of Giglio. The ship capsized and became the second-largest shipwreck in history with 32 people dead. It was 900 feet long, twice the size of the Titanic. This was not a good way to start off the year.

Sports

- Super-bowl XLVI (46) the New England Patriots faced off against the New York Giants at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Just like a repeat from 2008, the Giants took home the win 21-17.

- Besides football, the 2012 Olympic Games were held in London. Usain Bolt represented Jamaica when he took home the gold medal in the 100 and 200-meter dash.

Pop Culture

- In 2012, Psy's song "Gangnam Style" took over the world along with Carley Rae Jepsen's song "Call Me Maybe". Psy's song recently set the record for the most viewed video on YouTube.

- Along with some hits in the music industry a impactful singer by the name of Whitney Houston passed away on February 11. Houston died of coronary artery disease, but her music like "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" and "I Will Always Love You" will live on making her the one of few artists to have seven continuous #1 Billboard Hot 100 Hits.

2013—by Grace Panning

Global

- Prince George Alexander Louis was born to Catherine Duchess of Cambridge and Prince William.

- North Korea continues missile and nuclear tests despite international pressure, increasing tension between the secretive nation and the rest of the world. North Korea has carried out a nuclear test despite warnings from the United Nations.

- A garment factory in Bangladesh collapsed, killing 1,127 people and injuring another 2,500 people, workers had been ordered to report there despite warnings of building safety from the previous day.

- Members of the French parliament voted 249-97 to approve one of the most important parts of a law that would redefine marriage as an agreement between two people and not just a man and a woman. French citizens gathered in protest against the law several times before its passage.

National

- Actor Paul Walker from the hit movie series the fast and the furious was killed in a car crash on Nov. 30, devastating friends, family and his millions of fans.

- Kim Kardashian and Kanye West's baby girl, whom they named North West, arrived

Yes, the year 2019 will end in just a week and a half, but so will this decade

on June 1.

- A massive EF-5 tornado hit Moore, Oklahoma on May 20th, destroying the town including an elementary school and killing 23 people and injuring hundreds of others.

- Boston Marathon bombing

Sports

- The Pittsburgh Pirates win their first post-season game since 1992.

- Andy Murray defeats Novak Djokovic in the Wimbledon final. - Louisville stuns Baylor in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament.

- Tom Brady leads the Patriots to a comeback victory over Peyton Manning and the Broncos.

Pop Culture

- New words "twerk" and "selfie" were added to the dictionary this year.

- Cruise - Florida Georgia Line

- Television shows like New Girl, The Walking Dead, Revenge, The Americans, Girls, Brooklyn-Nine-Nine, and The Blacklist are widely watched and discussed.

- Popular movies released in 2013 include Iron Man 3, Star Trek Into Darkness, The Great Gatsby, Man of Steel, World War Z, Anchorman 2, American Hustle and the Wolf of Wall Street.

Local

- The year the ice storm wreaked havoc upon Garretson

2014—by Oliviyah Thornton

Global

- Ebola outbreak: the virus started off quietly in West Africa but soon spread across the borders of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. The deadly disease quickly made global headlines as patients had to be transferred to other countries for treatment. The disease didn't affect the US until a man named Thomas Eric went to a Dallas Hospital with the deadly virus and that's when the panic started. The worry and panic stopped when eight of the ten US patients left hospitals healthy.

National

- Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson, Missouri Brown was heading home with his friend Dorian Johnson when a white police officer approached them telling them to get out of the middle of the street. After this, the two stories change. Johnson reported the police officer almost hit them with his car and then grabbed the back of Brown's neck. When Brown tried to pull away, the officer threatened to shoot and almost instantly shot his weapon hitting Brown. The two quickly took off running and Johnson hid behind a nearby vehicle. The officer proceeded to get out of his vehicle and chase the boy with his gun drawn. He fired his second shot and hit Brown. He turned around with his hands up and began telling the officer he was unarmed and to stop shooting. But at that time the officer fired several more shots, killing him. Witnesses also supported this account. The officer reported that Brown assaulted him and that he was acting in self-defense. The black community and the largely white police force already had a history of distrust and tension. The African-American community was outraged by this injustice of an innocent black boy. This event caused them to riot in the streets and looting, fires, vandalism, and attacks on police. Others took a more peaceful route with the marches of chanting "No justice, no peace." It was reported at the time that the officer could return to work. Michael's mom has this to say about the officer. "You're not God. You don't decide when you're going to take somebody from here," she told KSDK.

Get to know your journalists

Christmas Edition

Preston "Kevin" Bohl

by Kylie Uhl

Q: Favorite Christmas show and why?

A: Rudolph the Rednosed reindeer because it's the only show I've watched

Q: What's your favorite Christmas song and why?

A: "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" because it's catchy

Q: Favorite Christmas food?

A: Definitely peanut butter balls

Q: What's your favorite part about journalism?

A: Chillin' with Hofe-dog, Ollie, and Parker

Q: What's your favorite topic to write about?

A: Sports



Senior Spotlight

Cody Steinhoff

SENIOR PROJECT:

Restoring my 1984 Mustang

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Mechanics

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

College



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Creator of viral challenge dies

by **Mason Hofer**
staff writer

Pete Frates, the man who popularized the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, passed away at 34 years old

Frates sparked a viral challenge in 2014 that raised over 115 million dollars for the search in finding a cure for ALS. The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge was a challenge where people would pour cold water over themselves or jump into cold water to spread awareness for the search of the cure.

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. ALS is known for being nearly 100% fatal, about a quarter of people who get it die within five years, and their is hardly any treatment.

Pete Frates was diagnosed with ALS in 2012, when he was a captain for a Boston College Baseball team. In 2014, Frates and two of his baseball teammates did the challenge, submitted a donation, and encouraged others to do the same. Countless celebrities took part in



Pete Frates took an Ice Bucket Challenge dousing himself in 2014, choosing center field at Fenway Park for the action. In 2017, he donated the bucket and his sunglasses to the National Baseball Hall of Fame's museum collection.

Picture and caption as published by Boston College <https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/bcnews/campus-community/alumni/in-memori-am-frates.html>

the challenge that helped boost the challenges popularity.

Even though Frates has passed away, his legacy and goal can still live on. If you wish to help his cause,

you can donate to the Peter Frates Family Foundation. This helps ALS victims search for a cure and make their lives easier while they are still here.

World's oldest couple

by **Grace Panning**
staff writer

It all started in a zoology class in 1934. Students were seated alphabetically in the college lecture hall, so John Henderson, 21, sat directly behind Charlotte Curtis. When he looked down, he knew that he liked the shy 20-year-old he saw in front of him. And Charlotte? She thought he was just a fine fella, and that she didn't mind him looking over her shoulder. On Dec. 22, the couple, her being 105, and him being 106 will celebrate their 80th wedding anniversary.

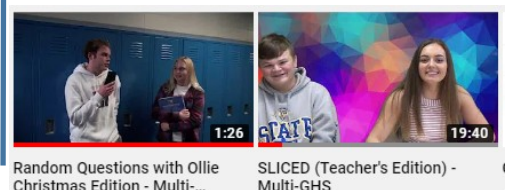
John was born in 1912 in Fort Worth. Charlotte was born in Iowa in 1914 but later moved to Texas to be with more family. Charlotte soon enrolled at UT, where she met John. They met the same year construction began on the famous UT Tower. It wasn't completed until after they had graduated. There was also a height restriction barring buildings from being higher than the Texas Capitol. Today, the Capitol dome is no longer visible on the skyline, depending on the angle. Although short engagements were not unusual at the time, "It took her five years to make up her mind that she wanted to get married," John said in an interview with the *Washington Post*. It was the middle of the Great Depression, and they wanted to earn some money before they set up a home, so Charlotte took a teaching job in the Houston area, and John coached football and basketball in Port Arthur, Tex.

John and Charlotte married in a tiny ceremony — only two guests were present — on Dec. 22, 1939. They honeymooned in San Antonio, staying at a hotel that cost \$7 a night. Although they have been together for 85 years, they have been married only for 80, meaning they do not hold the record for the longest marriage. That title, according to Guinness World Records, belongs to Zelmyra and Herbert Fisher, who wed at the ages of 19 and 17, respectively, and were married for 86 years and 290 days before Herbert's death in 2011. The Guinness World Records have recognized the longevity of their love by naming the Hendersons the oldest living married couple.

Multimedia at it again

The multimedia class has stayed busy with their YouTube channel.

They just released two new videos before the break. One features another great "Random Questions with Ollie" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oppxy0sgw54>. The other is Garretson's own version of *Chopped*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qplMm8t13B0>.



Holiday insights from Blue Dragons

What is your favorite Christmas song?



"Come All Ye Faithful" by Penontnix because it just gets me in the Christmas spirt—Addi H, 7th grade



"All I Want for Christmas is You" because it's good - Cooper L, 9th grade



"Mistletoe" by Justin Bieber because it gets you in the mood.—Alli E, 9th grade



Santa tell me because it makes you happy and you can really go hard in the car.—Jaelyn B, 10th grade



Probably "Last Christmas" by Ariana Grande because it tells about Christmas spirt but not super overwhelming to where I get annoyed with it quickly.—Madden L, 11th grade



"Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer" because it reminds me if my first year here and now I went from nothing to somewhat everyone liking me.—Cody E, 11th grade



"I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" because I've always sang it for Christmas concerts and it reminds me of Christmas. - Kaycie K, 11th grade



"The First Noel" because I get the pleasure of singing it when Noel Johnson is up to bat at softball.—Katie H, 10th grade



"Jingles Bells" because it's the only one I know.—Collin S, 7th grade



Jingle bells, I think it just has a nice tune.—Eli R, 10th grade



Twenty-tens officially come to a close

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2014 continued

Sports

- LeBron returns to Cleveland on July 11, LeBron announced he would be returning to Cleveland. This idea seemed like an impossible thought considering a few weeks earlier, the Heat was heading toward a three-peat in the NBA Finals. For LeBron to leave Miami for any destination, no one would have guessed the city that burned his jersey, and the owner who spat insults at him because he left Cleveland four years earlier. James only had a few things to say about it; his old home was where his heart and his talents would be, he had unfinished business in Cleveland and with that, he returned to his original team.

Pop Culture

- Robert Williams committed suicide on August 11 in his Paradise Cay, California home at age 63. He was reported he was struggling with Lewy Body disease but months leading him to his suicide he was struggling with career and how it was slowly falling. But Williams brought a lot to television with some of his most recognizable works being *Jumanji* as Alan Parrish, *Hook* where he played Peter Pan, and *Aladdin* as the voice actor for the Genie. He also appeared in movies such as *Night at the Museum*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, and *Flubber*. Other works he was a voice actor in *Happy Feet*, *Robots*, and *FernGully: The Last Rainforest*. Williams was a comedian, voice actor, and an actor. He entertained the viewing community through his funny gestures and voices.

2015—by Parker Schlenker

2016—by Hayden Olofson

National

- 2016 election seemed to set the tone for the almost the whole year. Donald Trump's win came at the end of a long campaign where both sides flung accusations of racism, lies, coverups, illegal activity, and even sexual assault. For the first time the country saw a time a political candidate who could change the entire conversations with a single tweet. With 2020 coming up around the corner we will have to see if Trump gets re-elected or if the Senate will hold on the House's impeachment.

- In 2016 we lost some of the major cultural icons: musical game changers like David Bowie and Prince, to loved actors like Alan Rickman and Gene Wilder. And lost one of

the greatest, Muhammad Ali.

Sports

- In 2016 the NBA Finals was one of the biggest comebacks in NBA history. This year the Golden State Warriors set the NBA regular season wins record of 73-9 and the Cleveland Cavaliers finished the season with a 57-25. The Warriors jumped to a quick 2-0 lead in the series. Cleveland returned home and responded with a 120-90 win in Game 3, but the Warriors had won game 4 to make the series 3-1. Everyone thought it was over for LeBron and Kyrie, but then the Cavaliers answered with winning the next 2 games to force a game seven in Oakland. Game 7 was close, with 20 lead changes and 11 ties. At halftime, the Warriors were ahead 49-42. Second half Warriors failed to score any points during the last 4:39 of the game. In the last couple minutes of the 4th LeBron James delivered what became known as "The Block" on Andre Iguodala. 53 seconds left in this game Kyrie Irving made a huge 3-point shot right of Curry to give the Cavs the lead of 92-89. The Cavs went on to winning the finals and became the first team in NBA history to come back down 3-1 in the NBA Finals

Pop Culture

- Drake's long awaited album named Views dropped on April 29. The first album to reach one billion streams on Apple Music, Views remained in the top five of the billboard 200 chart for the first 6 months after being released and five Grammy nominations.

- Some more big projects by artist in 2016 are Beyoncé's Lemonade, The Life of Pablo by Kanye West, Coloring Book by Chance the Rapper and Anti by Rihanna. There are many more great albums of this year. Personally I think in this decade 2016 was the best for music.

2017—by Mason Hofer

Global

- In 2017 we saw our generation's first ever solar eclipse. Another one just like it will not be visible to the United States for about 357 years.

National

- The year kicked off with the United States getting a new president, Donald Trump. He gave his inaugural speech on January 20th.

- On the downside, 2017 was also the year of hurricanes with Harvey and Irma both striking the United States.

- Shortly after we saw the Las Vegas shooting.

Sports

- Shortly after, in February, the New England Patriots came back from being down 28-3 in the Super Bowl in the biggest comeback win in the history of the series. This gave Tom Brady his 5th Super Bowl ring as our generation has continued to see him dominate the sport.

Pop Culture

- From an entertainment standpoint, 2017 is elite compared to other years in this decade, especially in music. J. Cole dropped "4 Your Eyez Only" Lil Uzi Vert released "Luv is Rage 2" even Kendrick Lamar came out with an album. Some other notable albums are 4:44 by Jay-Z, Flower Boy by Tyler the Creator, More Life by Drake, Reputation by Taylor Swift, Culture by Migos, and many many more.

- In the movie world, fan favorites like Get Out, WonderWomen, Star Wars the Last Jedi, John Wick 2, and many more were released

2018—by Nika Sapunar

Global

- A Couple of young soccer players and their coaches wandered into the cave in Thailand in June. But in the mean time pouring rain flooded the cave and trapped them. After near 10 tortuous days expert diver found them hungry and cold, but it relatively good conditions. Over couple of days, one by one divers pulled the boys out.

- President Donald Trump become the first USA president to meet a North Korean leader ever, Kim Jong Un.

NATIONAL

- Alaska's massive quake turns disaster into learning experiences. A quake which was magnitudes 7.0 stuck near Anchorage on November 30.

- But the Golden State of California had totally different problems. 6,228 Wildfires and more than 100 deaths hit California.

- Florida has a mass school shouting with 17 death on a Valentine's Day, after which they went and marched for their lives.

- Hawaii had a false missile alerts but that's nothing as opposite to Kentucky's grocery store shooting.

Sports

- PyongChang winter Olympic Games happened and USA ended up in 4 place-after Canada, with 9 golden, 8 silver and 6 bronze medals.

- World Cup happened, and some good teams like England didn't make it to final, and lost in overtime against way smaller country Croatia. Croatia didn't have that good of a soccer team since 1998. But first time in the history they won 2nd place, and lost to France, who was undefeated and got

1st place.

Pop Culture

- The most watched movie went out: Avenger Infinity war.

- The famous Drake's "In My Feelings" challenge got virtual, and people were just crazy about it.

- This year was marked the first year in which a number of humans decided to publicly eat laundry detergent for fun.

- Many popular couples got married like British Prince Harry Weds Meghan Markle on May 19, 2018 AT St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. Even though they had a big wedding they weren't the only ones. Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas got recently married.

- Even though 2018 has its ups, it has its downs too. We lost many good people, like Stephen Hawking, the scientist that worked with black holes and Tim Berling, know as Avicii, who committed suicide on April 20th in Muscat, Omaha.

2019—by Nobel Nothstine

Global

- When the burning of the Amazon was at its peak in August, there were thousands of individual fires, almost three times as many, compared with the same period last year. This year most are thought to have been started by farmers and loggers clearing land for crops or grazing. This matters because the Amazon is the largest rainforest in the world and a vital carbon store that slows down the pace of global warming.

National

- The House of Representatives voted on Wednesday to impeach President Donald Trump on both articles of impeachment: abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. The vote followed weeks of testimony related to his dealings with Ukraine and hours of fiery debate over the process.

Sports

- Sports fan or not, none of us can forget when the U.S. Women's soccer team made history at this year's World Cup in France with a well-earned victory over the Netherlands. Though it was their fourth national win overall, the moment was still a huge deal for women in sports - especially with the team's ongoing lawsuit against the U.S. Soccer Federation for gender discrimination.

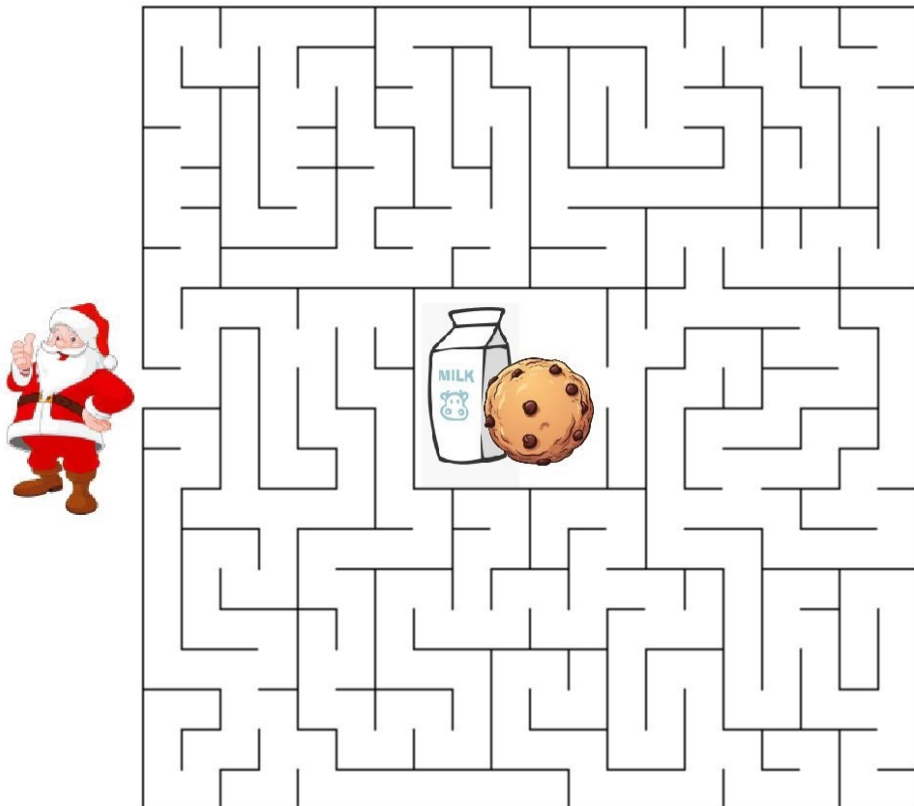
Pop Culture

- With the unstoppable viral smash that is "Old Town Road," Lil Nas X made history with this country-rap hybrid song that became the longest-running No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, with a total of 19 consecutive weeks at the top spot - and plenty of remixes and memes that helped it reach its now-iconic status.

Holiday maze

Created by Nobel Nothstine

Help Santa get to the milk and cookies



I spy

Created by Oliviyah Thornton

Difficulty Level: MEDIUM

Can you find the following items?

- Mr. & Mrs. Elf
- Stocking

- Golden Star
- Christmas Tree
- Mini Snowman
- Bells
- Santa Hat
- Gingerbread Man
- Teddy Bear

