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Behind the Scenes at Panther Magazine by Jason Anthony Parra

Panther Magazine had been getting more and more attention as the days go by. But have you ever wondered what goes on in there? Well wonder no more! This article will tell you all about what goes on inside our magazine-making facility.

Here at Panther Magazine, we start by brainstorming topics and writing them down in our notebooks. Then we think of ideas that relate to the brainstorming topic. After that, we go on laptops and start researching our topics. When writing a comic, it takes skill. Unlike writing articles, people who make comics always start on blank paper.

The best thing about being in Panther Magazine is that you can write about anything you want. You can do anything from advice columns, articles, choreography, and comics to interviews, journalism, reports, and even more! You also may realize that Panther Magazine Volume 2 was bigger than Panther Magazine Volume 1. Sometimes its because some people don't get their articles done in time.

Panther Magazine is not just for articles. For example, back on Halloween in October, Mrs. DiMenna had started this event called The Scary Story Competition. The winner Braedon Kelley, received a \$10 Visa Card. At the end of the semester, which is in February, we celebrate with the biggest Panther Magazine of all! A couple days after that, we switch to your second and last elective. Who knows? Maybe YOU will be in Panther Magazine! Until then, enjoy the rest of Panther Magazine Volume 3 and stay tuned for more action!



Zac Efron: The Beginning by Delilah Malave

Zac Efron is an American actor and singer. He began acting professionally in the early 2000's, and soon after gained his leading role in the "High School Musical" franchise (2006-2008). He also starred in "Hairspray" (2007), and the comedy film "17 Again" (2009).

Some may or may not know that Zac Efron is not his full name it is actually Zachary David Alexander Efron. He is now 30 years old, was born October 18, 1987 in San Luis Obispo, CA. From parents Staria Baskett & David Efron, he has only one sibling named Dylan Efron, 25 yrs old.

Mr. Efron has been in many movies, such as, "Baywatch" May 2017, "17 Again", April 2009 and even "Neighbors" & "Neighbors 2", and "Mike and Dave need Wedding Dates", June, 2016. Zac can sing but has never made his own songs.

"I wore goofy hats to school and did musical theater. Most people thought I was a DORK. But if you have a sense of humor about it, no one can bring you down."-Zac Efron

Some cool facts about Zachary are...

1. "Efron" means "Lark" - a type of bird--in Hebrew.
2. His favorite sports are golf, skiing, rock climbing, snowboarding, and surfing.

3. Mr. Efron's favorite movie is "The Goonies"
4. Zac plays the piano and was accepted into USC, which is the University of Southern California, but declined.
5. He loves the city London.
6. His favorite food is Sushi.
7. Zachary's favorite holiday is Christmas.



All About the Civil Rights Movement by Tania Cleveland

Do you want to know about the civil rights movement? Well I am going to teach you. I am going to tell you all about what started the civil rights movement, about boycotting the bus laws, and how the civil rights movement ended.

On December, 1 1955 Rosa Parks was riding the bus when a white man asked Rosa Parks to get up from her seat. This was after she had had a long day at work. The current bus law was that if there was no other seat for a white person to sit, a black person would have to give up their seat. But on that day, Rosa Parks didn't follow the law. The white man told the bus driver and the bus driver gave Rosa Parks his opinion: get up or he was going to tell the police. Rosa Parks still said no. The bus driver told the police, and they arrested Rosa. After that, they changed the bus laws.

On August 28, 1963 Martin Luther King Jr said the speech "I had a Dream." It was a really famous speech and it

was crazy because his dream came true. Maybe it is true that dreams do come true. But even though we have equal rights, there is still racism. Martin Luther King Jr made a difference in our lives. We have equal rights and that is why we have Martin Luther King Jr day. The civil rights movement started in 1954 and ended in 1968.



Holiday Shopping by Marquise Monterro

HO! HO! HO! It's the holiday season. Shopping can be tough. But LUCKY FOR YOU, I am here to tell you about some tips on how to save on gifts for children from tweens to teens.

The holiday season is the most expensive time of the year. US holiday shoppers spend an average of \$805 a year on gifts for family and friends. Nowadays shopping occurs online in addition to stores.

To kick off the holiday season, the Monday after thanksgiving is Cyber Monday. Cyber Monday is not a typical Monday, as thousands of people participated in thousands of online discounts-similar to free shipping day, and green Monday. Ditch Cyber Monday because it's not worth it. You can never get what you want. Not because of the pricing, but because of the items. They frequently are sold out before you can log into your online account. If you are in need of a budget, download the app PocketGuard. PocketGuard connects to all of your financial accounts, automatically creates a simple budget and finds actionable ways to save money and improve your financial health. Which is just what all of us need.

In NYC, shopping should be a breeze. The Time Warner Center keeps mall-

goers happy, SoHo has boutiques for unique and vintage pieces you can "find nowhere else". Fifth Avenue is complete with flagships of high-end brands and designers, and Bryant Park and Union Square have pop-up holiday shops. You can also find plenty of eats, like hot chocolate and pretzels, at these stands, and Bryant Park "boasts an ice-skating rink". As of Rockefeller Center which has a big Christmas tree for the season.

Like many years, people shop and order the day after thanksgiving, which is okay. But, last minute shopping is the best. When you shop last minute, you catch the best deals that people who ordered early can't get to. You also give a chance for retailers to restock so you can have more options. Hope you have a great and pleasant shopping season!

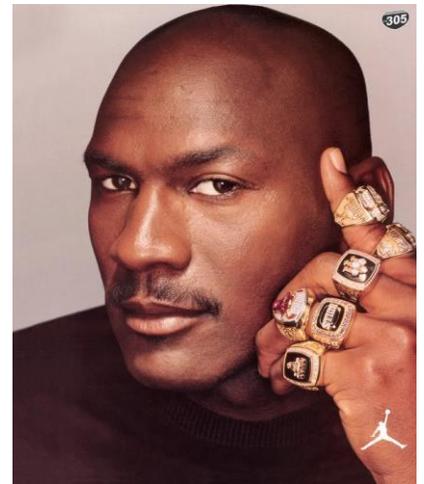
The Early History of Video Games by Aiden Pena

Video games came around in the early time of the 1970's. The first commercial video game was Computer Space by Nutting Associates. It was introduced in 1971. That same year Magnavox came out with the first home video games called the Odyssey. The Odyssey was a simple system, it had very simple graphics. You also had to have a screen covering your television to actually play. In 1975 Atari came out with a home version of the popular game called pong. Originally pong was only sold by company called sears they even had the sears logo on the system. Pong was a great success and even opened the gate to the future of gaming.



Me, Myself and I by Aubrey Bonilla

Have you ever just wanted to be a kid again? Well so does Alex Riley. It's the 90s and young Bulls fan, Alex Riley played by Jack Grazer, a 14 year old inventor who recently moved to L.A with his mother into his soon to be step father and step brother's house. He may have some trouble with starting a new life. In present day (2017) Alex's life isn't quite what he thought it would be considering the fact that he lives in his best friend's garage with his daughter but little does he know he has a bright future ahead of him... TIME SKIP this the year 2042, at 66 Alex Riley owns a big invention company and is one of the most richest people! *Me Myself & I* is a comedy that shows relationships between family, friends and most of all yourself. Sadly there is a chance that the show maybe cancelled off of CBS but with your vote you can change that by going on CBS.com and voting that *Me,Myself & I* stays on the air!



Michael Jordan by Jahlik Edmonds

Michael Jordan went to Emsley A. high school. Michael was making a good amount like 25 points every game. Also Michael Jordan has two sons that played in college and three daughters on the Disney Channel. Michael Jordan had six rings being on the Bulls with Scottie Pippen. Then, Michael Jordan played on the Magic which was the last team before he retired from the NBA. He played against Shaquille O'Neal. Later in life, Michael Jordan helped his

sons in college basketball to try to go to the NBA.

Why We Should Not Have Homework by Linette Xie

Do you think we shouldn't have homework? Well I think so too. I think we shouldn't have homework because it takes a lot of time to do homework and we can't spend all that time with our families. We do so much in school already why do we have to do homework at home, it's like having a teacher in your house. You can also have fun with that time you do homework.

If you give kids homework they will feel pressured they already have a lot of stress in schoolwork now they give us a truck load of pressure at home. Giving kids homework can take them hours and give them less time to sleep and makes them flunk their class work since they are so tired. If you give a student homework and they couldn't finish it on time they will get scared and worried. To back up my pressure reason this article states, "less than 1% of the high school students say that homework isn't a stressor. The researchers asked if they found signs of physical stress such as headaches, exhaustion, sleep deprivation, weight loss, and stomach problems and 99.5% said they did."



The Death Of Selena Quintanilla by Aubrey Bonilla

The amazing singer, songwriter and model, Selena Quintanilla-Perez was killed the day of March 31, 1995 in Corpus Christi Texas.

The supposed reason for her death was her "best friend" and fan club president Yolanda Saldivar shooting Selena in her shoulder because she was jealous of the young star and assumed she

was upset with her because about a week before the American singer was shot and killed she and her father Abraham Quintanilla found out by Selena's fan club members that they were paying Yolanda money for Selena's albums and not getting it. When Selena and her father found this out they confronted Yolanda about it and Selena felt she could no longer be trusted and she should be more distant from Selena and her family. The two didn't speak for a while until Yolanda asked Selena if it would be ok if the two had a "meeting" at the days inn motel in Corpus Christi Texas room 150, where the tragic death of the American singer was held. Luckily Selena was left in loving memory but not only family and friends but fans too and that's why we're grateful to have her music which left a big impact on people and still does. R.I.P Selena!!

NEW SGL Advice Column

Dear Goddess,

"How Do I get straight A's constantly?" - Sent by Brainiac

You want to get straight A's? Stop playing those video games you rush back home to play! Stop procrastinating and doing homework last second! Stop sleeping in class! Stop being such a lazy BUM! *Cough Cough* Sorry for the screaming, I'm just a little salty right now. I'll start you off with some suggestions. Participating will help you ask questions and get a better understanding in the topic you are learning in class. Teachers count participating points and it might be that little push that send your grade into the A zone. Start a planner! Starting a planner will help you keep track of when you need to do your homework, and help you stop procrastinating. You should cut down on breaks because once you start a break you might lose track of time and start procrastinating again.

Try to keep organized so you won't lose any projects or important homework. And you should already know this one, study more! Try using flashcards or search YouTube for study strategies that best suit you! Hope this helped :) If it didn't help, there are many YouTube videos on this!

Dear Goddess,

"I've been behaving badly in class but inside i'm a innocent cinnamon roll *insert innocent wink*. My bad reputation is getting me lots of unwanted attention from my teacher, and i'm getting in trouble for stuff I didn't do! How to I build a better relationship with my teacher?" - Sent by: InnocentBeast

If you're really a innocent cinnamon roll then you should be able to follow these steps easily. Make a good impression! Every morning, say good morning and smile, this way you give off a positive vibe. Arrive to class on time, this shows the teacher you're very dedicated and you want to learn. (Even if you don't) Most importantly follow instructions. Following instructions shows that you understand the rules, and you will strengthen your relationship with your teacher. (This means don't talk in class!) Lastly, maintain your academics. If you follow the instructions, arrive to class on time, and give the teacher a positive vibe about you then you must also show off your brains! This gives the teacher the "Ok!" and that you're not faking kindness, and you're not lying about your dedication. This is because teachers don't want a forever friend from you, they want a outstanding student. Blow them away! *insert thumbs up*



Should These New NFL Gloves be Banned? By Karriem Taylor

There was a test where some high school football players were told to try and catch the ball with one hand, and they all failed the test. So the guy that was experimenting gave them some gloves that NFL players used for their games. With the new gloves, of the students caught the ball with one hand. This is why people question why these gloves should be allowed in the NFL because it makes catches much easier. "You know something's up when guys like Tom Brady and Kurt Warner and Peyton Manning are wearing gloves to throw a football," former MVP Rich Gannon told Farmer. "Guys for years dreaded bad weather, cold weather, and they didn't want to have anything that would take their hands off the football. Now guys are like, "These gloves are better than the human skin." Though the NFL banned players from using stickum in 1981, several companies that make gloves players use including Nike, Under Armor, and Adidas have qualities on them that are similar to this substance. These unique surfaces allow players to get a great grip on the ball one that may even be better than the human hand.

All About Cars by Jacob Davis

So I see you want to know about cars huh? I'll tell you everything. Alright first we'll start with SUVs, my favorite and the rest--we'll get to that later. So Range Rover makes luxury cars and ONLY SUVs. Some Range Rovers are for off-roading but mostly they are used to cruise around the city. So if you're super rich or just have some money lying

around you can buy one. Did you know the Range Rover has different color seats? The Range Rover Autobiography, Range Rover Startech and Range Rover Sport mostly have red seats but if you're trying to get those for your car it'll probably be very expensive. The colors of seats are Maroon, Orange, White and black AND IT ONLY comes with leather seats. Next up: SUPERCARS.



Supercars and Hypercars are not the same. Supercars are the 1st Generation while the second is Hypercars. Hypercars are much faster and have more acceleration while supercars are trying to work their way up. Have you ever seen a Honda civic or whatever car with EXOTIC Upgrades. Yeah they're called ricers, On Youtube you can see on a game or in real life a truck wins a race and That supercar is working it's way up to the truck. Yeah that guy could've spent all his money on A Lamborghini Huracan Or Ford Mustang. That's real dumb because that money can get you a supercar or hypercar and it'll attract so many people but on the other hand it could be bad, because all that attention could attract break-ins.



Next up pickup trucks. Chevy, Ford, Ram, and Nissan make the best ones. And they are the best at off-roading.

If you see a house upstate you will probably see trucks in people's driveways. One of the reasons is they're moving, going off roading with their family or friends, they have a job requires a pickup truck or just because they like them.

Next Compacts. If you don't know what compacts are there really small smart cars. I bet you've seen them on the road at least once right? These small smart cars are for parking in small spaces. They only have two seats.

That's all you need to know. And please think twice before getting a car because sometimes you'll really regret it and if you're trying to sell it, you might not get the money you wanted.



Thanks for reading! See you at the end of the month—the writers of *Panther Magazine*