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Seahawk NEST Academy: Empowerment Continues with New Program

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From the day that Guillermo Montedonic was born, he was diagnosed with developmental delay and later on in elementary school, he was diagnosed with autism. He did the best any 6-year-old could do to live a normal life but the literal thought of going to college was the last thing that would have crossed his mind.

"I was always fascinated by journalism and event planning and my mom thinks that I'm a good journalist so after the first program that I was in, The BC Prep Program, I was introduced

to the Seahawk Nest Academy by Ms. Garcia from the BC Prep Program, Ms. Kilroy and my best mate, Jacob Cramer, who is also a part of the program," said Montedonic.

Montedonic is part of the new Seahawk NEST (Navigating Education for Student Transition) Academy, a three-year inclusive post-secondary program designed to prepare students with intellectual disabilities for employment, according to BC's website. "the Seahawk NEST Academy is part of the Florida Post-Secondary Transition Program."

Students in Seahawk NEST are empowered to become independent in self-advocacy and

life skills. Upon completion of the program student will earn the Broward College Certificate of Professional Services.

He praised Jennette Kilroy, Seahawk NEST project coordinator and her team for being inclusive, helpful, having good mentorship and giving him the freedom that he needed not as a person with a learning ability but as a person overall.

"I left the BC Prep Program in the last 6 months and to be honest that was the best thing that I would have ever done because the Seahawk Nest Program is helping me to really achieve my goals and while there, they just dictated our lives to us and never explained a thing," Montedonic said.

Montedonic speaks on what he went through to be where he is so far in the program as he believes that he could have never done it without perseverance and the need for it.

"I never thought that I'd get in as I was scared to do the psychological evaluation because this was a lot, but I pushed myself to pull through and now I can consider myself as one of the top performing students in the program," he said.

"Everyday that I go to classes I have my mentor helping me and



Photo Courtesy of the NEST program

Jeannette motivating me by telling me that I'm doing a good job, that I can do it, so there is nothing in this world that can stop me from attaining my dreams," he said.

It was through this perseverance that he has been a huge help to his classmates and is now thriving to achieve the goal of becoming one of the few journalists and event planners with learning disabilities.

"I really want to show out," he said. "I want to show others that regardless of our abilities we are still human beings and though we might be different, we want the same thing in this life, independence."

Montedonic's story is shrouded in hardships, he knows that there are many more to come but it is through this that he sends words to encouragement to others like him. He said that, "if you are looking for a program that see's you as an adult and not your disability, that cares for you and motivates you to achieve your goals then the Seahawk Nest Academy is the best way to go."

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Photo Courtesy of the NEST program

Florida Teacher Shortage Continues to Worsen

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The State of Florida is currently struggling with a teacher shortage of over 5,000 teachers, according to new data from the Florida Education Association (FEA). Along with teacher shortages, FEA president Adam Spar also noted that there are over 4,000 open school staff positions, including bus drivers, custodians, school resource officers and other education staff.

According to the Sun Sentinel, there were 267 teacher vacancies in Broward County on Oct. 18, an increase of 100 vacancies compared to 2020.

The Sun Sentinel also found that districts are also struggling to find substitutes to cover teacher vacancies. Broward County was only able to fill 48 percent of those vacant jobs with substitutes, down from 54 percent in 2020/2021 and 75 percent in 2019/2020. Teachers are losing their planning periods to watch students, and classes are often split up

and distributed among teachers they have never met while administrative and district staff fill in as substitutes when possible, according to the newspaper.

Elizabeth Molina, Dean of the Education pathway at Broward College, explains how the college's bachelor programs are trying to train highly qualified teachers to fill these gaps.

"Broward College's education pathway offers degrees in Exceptional Student Education, Biology Education, and Mathematics education, areas that are in a critical shortage and represent the greatest need in the teaching field statewide. Schools in the state in August have roughly 5 percent of their teaching positions unfilled, which poses a problem when about 10,000 classrooms are being filled with substitute teachers and out-of-area teachers," Molina said. "So, at BC, we prepare highly-qualified teachers in these high-need areas."

However, it does not look



Photo Courtesy of teachersoftomorrow.org

like college graduates alone will be able to replace the growing vacancies. New teachers are quickly leaving the profession. A 2018 survey conducted by ACT found that out of 2,400 students, only 5 percent of high school students were interested in becoming teachers. In 2016, the Orlando Sentinel found that 40 percent of new Florida teachers left within their first 5 years.

Current teachers are also leaving in droves. The Washington Post found that as of July 2021, 2,137 teachers in Orange County have resigned

or retired. A recent survey found that 493 teachers in the county are also thinking of leaving or retiring.

The stress of online learning, opposition to mask mandates and teachers struggling to re-acquaint students to in-person learning has taken a toll on teachers.

Florida's low pay is also a contributing factor. According to the FEA, the average salary of teachers in Florida is 49th in the U.S. and is over \$10,000 less than the National Education Association's reported national average of \$65,090.

The FEA has provided a list of solutions that they believe can help the staffing crisis. The association advocates for a pay increase for veteran educators and fair wages for education staff professionals, the option to sign multi-year contracts, reducing time spent on test-prep and testing, addressing student debt, providing funding for structured mentoring support for new teachers and providing meaningful professional development for all instructional and non-instructional professionals

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GSA Provides More Than a Safe Space For All

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Editor-In-Chief

For anyone who has felt like the dots in life just aren't connecting there's a special space that Broward College has had for about a decade now.

Back in 2011 when Associate Professor Dr. Robert Gallagher joined the college, he noticed there was no space for people who found themselves outside the realm of conventionality when it came to their personal identities. It was in 2011 when he formed BC's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) and he hasn't looked back since.

"When I came to BC there was no GSA, there was nowhere for anyone in the LGBT community to meet up and discuss life. Some years there are more people who are gay or lesbian than there are heterosexual allies, other years there are more people who are transgender than are gay or straight," said Dr. Gallagher about the students from different walks of life who seek GSA out.

Over time, North, Central and South campuses have each developed a chapter for GSA to give students as much access as possible, and since the COVID 19 pandemic has started, they

have had remote meetings over Zoom.

GSA has worked with BC to make the college a more inclusive and accessible space, going as far as to helping transgender students with their transcripts, making sure they aren't being discriminated against because of their documentation.

Surely students may have noticed more family bathrooms around campus as well, and honestly no one's complaining about having more bathrooms on campus, but not having to worry about your safety when nature calls has made life easier on transgender students.

With the slow and steady progress BC has made, we know there's always more work to do. According to Dr. Gallagher, one opportunity BC has would be making classes available about the history and triumphs of the people in the LGBT community so other people in the community and allies alike, can educate themselves to further understand and lessen the divide that makes queer lives more difficult to navigate than their heterosexual counterparts.

GSA offers access to many resources such as scholarships to lighten the financial burden, the



2019 Stonewall Festival with BC Pride.

only requirement is having attended a minimum of two meetings; GSA and BC offer mental health counseling through Henderson Health, as well as the Seahawk Marketplace and the monthly food and hygiene drive throughs for anyone struggling to keep food in their home.

The club strives to be involved in the community as well working with municipal partners like SunServe, who provides life assistance and professional mental health services for those in the LGBT commu-

nity in the greater South Florida area, Latinos Salud, who provides HIV, STD and

Hepatitis C testing and provides healthcare information for students who may not otherwise have access to certain options.

"Sometimes we're more politically active, other times we're more socially active depending on the climate," explains Dr. Gallagher.

Every meeting looks a little different than the last. Sometimes students may even plan (pre-COVID) meet ups at bowl-

ing allies, or study sessions on campus to just hang out with like-minded people, with no expectations of sharing stories about life's challenges. GSA provides students with the support systems they need to be successful in their classes.

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Should College Athletes be Paid Market Rate Salaries?

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Broward College and the Village Square recently hosted an online dinner event and the topic discussed was should college athletes be paid. For the last 10 plus years the topic on should college athletes be paid has been discussed thoroughly by many people. The discussion was held on Zoom with some guest panel speakers including Corey Staniscia, External Affairs Director, Dreamfield and Mary Giardina, Senior Associate AD/Administration and Chief of Staff/SWA, Florida Atlantic University, who were asked questions by Joe Rose, radio personality of the Joe Rose Show on 560WQAM.

The National Collegiate Athletic Committee position for years has been that college athletes should be allowed to receive only scholarships and stipends for a few living costs. Sadly, they don't want athletes to be paid regularly. The Senate Bill 646: Intercollegiate Athlete Compensation and Rights started on July 1. This specific bill gives authorization to college athletes to receive compensation for their names, images and likeness being used, which is called NIL. In this bill as well, other post secondary educational institutions are completely prohibited from giving compensation to college athletes for NIL.

In this panel discussion, they talked about whether or not this was a good or bad move to pass this bill. One question that was asked was "Should all college athletes be paid the same?" Staniscia and Giardina mostly agreed that the athletes who perform the best should get paid the most, and the athletes who don't perform as well shouldn't be paid as much as the athletes who do perform well. A great question that was asked by Rose was, "Will college athletes still favor the love of the game and the alma mater vs the money that comes from their

NIL?" Staniscia and Giardina both indirectly said they think that college athletes would probably still favor the love of the game and the alma mater, even if they still were getting paid.

Another question asked was "How would paying college athletes affect the other sports that aren't as popular, and that don't bring in as much revenue as basketball and football does?" They mostly both agreed that the sports that bring in the most revenue should get paid more than the sports that don't bring in as much revenue. Rose asked another good question which was, "Will NIL profit throw off the competitive balance?" Staniscia indirectly agreed that it wouldn't interfere with the competitive balance.

Funding sports that make tons of consistent money will bring in

OUR SPEAKERS



JOE ROSE

Radio Personality
The Joe Rose Show on
560WQAM



MARY GIARDINA

Senior Associate
AD/Administration and
Chief of Staff/SWA
Florida Atlantic University



COREY STANISCIA

External Affairs Director
Dreamfield

Photo Courtesy of Broward College Village Square

even more money for their sponsors. College athletes getting paid will help the average athletes more than the great athletes because they would be given more definite options to choose from. Great college athletes have the option to leave after one year and go straight to the professional league and really don't have to worry about a steady income.

One of the best questions asked was "Will college athletes

become instant millionaires?" Giardina indirectly said most college athletes won't become instant millionaires. Average college athletes, if they leave after one year and enter the draft, wouldn't be drafted as high, and wouldn't have as steady of an income as great athletes would. If college athletes get paid, they'll be able to stay another year, get paid while playing, and enter the draft with a better draft stock.

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Thurs. Nov. 4th
Bldg 19 Patio
11:00 am

CARNIVAL

Tues. Nov. 9th
Bldg 19 Patio
11:00 am

MUSLIM FIRST RESPONDERS & VETERANS

Wed. Nov. 10th
Zoom: 97818151336
11:00 am

STUDENT TOWN HALL

Mon. Nov. 15th
Bldg 3 Room 117
11:00 am

KARAOKE & GIVEAWAY

Tues. Nov. 16th
Bldg 19 Patio
11:00 am

LEADERSHIP IN 60

Wed. Nov. 17th
Zoom: 96737350523
12:30 pm

SEAHAWK WIPEOUT

Thurs. Nov. 18th
Bldg 19 Patio
11:00 am

GIVE THANKS

Tues. Nov. 23rd
Bldg 19 Patio
11:00 am

SELF-CARE KITS

Tues. Nov. 30th
Bldg 19 Patio
11:00 am

WINTER'S CALMING & WORLD AIDS DAY

Wed. Dec. 1st
Bldg 19 Patio
11:00 am

REAL TALK WITH PRESIDENT HAILE

Thurs. Dec. 2nd
Bldg 19 Patio
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Cool Classes at Broward College

DAA2280 BALLET I: 2 CREDIT HRS



Ballet School at Speck Fitness

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This class focuses on the study of techniques, theoretical concepts of ballet, and application of these techniques for the “performance-oriented student,” according to broward.edu. This class includes warm-up exercises and barre routines using the stationary handrail for support, and the use of center work. Center work is the portion of the ballet class where the dancer leaves the barre and travels toward the center of the performing space.

CJE2640C/CJE2770C CRIMINALISTICS/FORENSIC PHOTOGRAPHY: BOTH 3 CREDIT HRS



Public Safety Careers Image

Photo Courtesy of broward.edu

Intro to Criminalistics familiarizes students with the foundations of crime scene investigations and how to process a crime scene. Students will study “basic elements of crime scene processing, crime scene searching methods, sketching, and report writing. There will be an extensive hands-on lab component to this course,” stated on broward.edu. This course is a corequisite for the forensic photography and visual documentation course that explores the proper way to “photographically preserve crime scenes and evidence, from both technical and legal standpoints,” also mentioned on broward.edu.

ENY1001 BUGS AND PEOPLE: 3 CREDIT HRS



Child Observing Caterpillar

Photo Courtesy of Chen Mizrach

This course centers around the impact that little critters, insects and arthropods, have on the environment and the scientific advancements made in the field of entomology. Topics discussed include insects’ relevance to “international cultures, mythologies, disease factors, agricultural pests, urban pests, indicators of environmental health, pollution, and forensic crime solving tools,” as mentioned on broward.edu. This course also meets the international/intercultural competency requirements.

TPA2248C MAKEUP FOR STAGE&TV: 3 CREDIT HRS



Aging Stage Makeup

Photo Courtesy of the Florida Sun-Sentinel

This class analyzes different makeup application techniques for corrective makeup, making any discolorations on the face appear fluid with the rest of the skin; straight makeup, which gives a natural “no-makeup” look, as well as prosthetic creation and application for the theater stage setting. Students will also learn how to remove makeup in a safe way, as well as methods used to prep the skin before and after applications.

Thanksgiving: A Day of Gratitude or Mourning?

Christy Joshy

Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, which for most Americans, means having a stretchy pair of pants handy. But for some, it is a painful reminder of the struggles their ancestors experienced and the erasure they still go through.

Thanksgiving commemorates the shared feast between the English pilgrims and the Wampanoag people in 1621. By celebrating harvest and counting blessings, it is recognized as a day to give thanks. However, though the day has seemingly genuine intentions, it also illustrates a sinister history for natives.

Cecilia Lourdes, an Afro-indigenous member of the Navajo Nation in Arizona, shared her thoughts on the discussion. When asked if Thanksgiving should still be celebrated as a national holiday, she replied, "... to me and other indigenous peoples, it's a day of mourning and another reminder of the ongoing genocide against our people and the theft of our

lands. It's a day we mourn our ancestors, but also honor the sacrifices they made for us." Thanksgiving has traditionally been observed as a day of appreciation, but for Lourdes and other indigenous peoples, it showcases the grim reality of what their culture and land have become. In other words, Thanksgiving discreetly celebrates the prosperity of colonial America under the guise of gratitude.

Interestingly enough, the issue begins and ends with education. From a young age, American children are taught of the "peaceful" origins of Thanksgiving, and many schools host events where children dress up as Pilgrims and natives. This mockery and purposeful ignorance are what Lourdes believes to be the root of the problem.

Lourdes herself, as a young girl, believed these lies. It wasn't until many years later, like many of us, that she uncovered the truth. For her, this was a painful and upsetting experience. However, not everyone chooses to reflect on the



The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth, oil on canvas, by Jennie Augusta Brownscombe, 1914

matter when presented with a new perspective; many turn a blind eye in the name of patriotism. "I don't care if it's uncomfortable to teach... it's supposed to be uncomfortable," she argues. History is not a series of stories—it's the past, and no matter how grim, it should be taught explicitly. By erasing the truth of the countless crimes and horrors that Indigenous peoples went through, we contribute to the continual erasure of the inhumanity of colonialism.

So what does this mean for those who acknowledge the dark reality of Thanksgiving

but would also like to enjoy a plentiful feast with friends and family? Lourdes recognizes that it's challenging to break traditions, and this isn't what she's asking. However, she urges people to "... recognize what actually happened, recognize the different perspectives of this holiday, recognize the tribe whose land you're celebrating it on," and be a part of the solution. By taking the extra step, celebrating Thanksgiving can be an opportunity to gather as well as educate oneself and loved ones consciously.

Indigenous issues aren't

going away, but so much of their community, culture and history is. Natives have faced several attacks on their livelihoods, cultures and heritage, and they're pleading for your attention. It's past time we show them our support.

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The Turkey Shortage and How to Circumvent It

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With Thanksgiving around the corner, many Americans are excited for the festivities that come along with the holiday. People young and old are anticipating the gathering of family near and far, the sharing of stories at the dinner table, and the main attraction of the holiday: the delicious food.

Savory turkey filled with stuffing that melts in your mouth, pumpkin pie topped with lightly flavored whipped cream, and perfectly baked macaroni are just a couple of mainstay dishes.

However, recently reported turkey shortages might put a damper on those Thanksgiving dish plans.

There has long been a projection of turkey shortages starting from the summer of 2021. The growing number of laboring scarcity due to COVID seems to be a main player in this situation, with the heightened costs of turkeys also being an additional cause.

Since the supply chain is being majorly disrupted, it

has led to the demand being almost impossible to fill.

As more attention has been brought upon the topic, hysteria like what happened during the infamous 2020 toilet paper shortages started to spread.

Now, families who plan to celebrate Thanksgiving with a nicely baked turkey are being urged by retailers to make their orders for turkeys now or buy one from the store and freeze it fresh for Thanksgiving Day.

Turkey shortages aren't the only thing holding back the holidays this year, as Christmas tree and toy shortages have also been a heart stopper to holiday celebrators, especially parents. All these shortages have one common root: supply chain mishaps.

While turkeys have labor being the reason they won't be on the dinner plate, Christmas trees and toys have been victims of an unrelenting shipping crisis caused by the rise of gas prices.

This has led to unaffordable shipping costs that have affected even the supply of common food



Image Courtesy of tellerreport.com

items like Kellogg's cereal and Pringles. There are a lot of people who feel these shortages will ruin the holidays this year, but there are easy ways to get around this seemingly dire situation.

The easiest way to circumvent these shortages is to plan and buy early. These shortages are not being kind to those who opt to buy last minute gifts and groceries. Just as what was recommended by turkey retailers, people should also be making their last-minute decisions on Christmas gifts and trees now, even if they're not confident in their picks.

For turkeys, it would be a

good idea to think of other dish ideas for the night, Cornish hens being a top pick amongst cooks. Glazed ham topped with pineapples, Pernil that falls off the bone or fish steaks glazed with lemon are also some picks that will make anyone forget about the absence of turkey.

The last way to not be affected by these shortages is to recycle or be creative when it comes to finding a Christmas tree. Most people have a Christmas tree lying around their house and won't need a new one for the Christmas Day, but there are some who have gone through the years not having an actual tree.

Some people make trees out of green wrapping paper rolls that are stuck to the wall, some make them with green books that are stacked on top of each other, and others even create small Christmas trees out of paper, painted Styrofoam, or boxes.

Things are becoming scarcer by the day, but most of the problems that arise from scarcity can be erased by shaking up traditions and being creative.

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The SCP Foundation: Accepting New Researchers

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The SCP Foundation is a Wiki for collaborative fiction writing that presents itself in character as a fictional covert organization of the same name. The foundation deals with securing, containing and protecting things of a paranormal nature through the use of special containment procedures. The Wiki is made up of multiple SCPs: individual pieces of writing that are tagged by number, starting with SCP-01, and continuing sequentially.

Each SCP has its own article, referred to as a file, and each one of these is meant to stand on its own as a piece of fiction, though they can refer to other SCPs. SCPs vary a great deal in their nature; they can be anomalous objects, creatures, places and some phenomena. Several respective classic SCPs include SCP-294: 'The Coffee Machine,' SCP-1171: 'Humans Go Home,' SCP-087: 'The Stairwell,' and SCP-2001: 'A Space Oddity.'

SCPs generally lean toward horror and science fiction in their tone and genre, but many are simply strange or thought-

provoking, and some are even outright funny. An example of a comedic SCP is SCP-504: the 'Critical Tomatoes' that launch themselves (sometimes lethally) at anyone in their hearing range who tells a bad joke. Though some popular SCPs break this rule, SCPs are not meant to be merely scary monsters or apocalyptic threats; there is usually a hook, a twist, or a mystery to provoke thought in the reader.

In terms of style, SCPs are written clinically and concisely, detailing the object, its discovery, containment, and testing from the point of view of a scientist who is studying it. Details will also commonly be obfuscated by redaction, to hide details and thus preserve the mystique and horror of the unknown. However, SCPs often include transcripts of things such as tests, interviews and field work that are written with a naturalistic style of dialogue, such as the Incident Log of SCP-3456: 'The Orcadian Horsemen.' The site also has many 'Foundation Tales:' stories taking place within the SCP universe that are not SCPs themselves.

The canon of the SCP collection is entirely flexible.



The SCP Foundation

Though many SCPs have been threaded together and there is a general agreement on the procedures and culture of the SCP Foundation that one should follow, there is no consensus on which SCPs are canon and which are not. With over 6,000 SCPs published by the site, many of which are direct threats to humanity, it would be impossible for all of them to be contained and dealt with in the same universe.

Thus, it is not only acceptable, but downright necessary, that not all SCPs exist in every reader or writer's image of the foundation.

SCP Foundation
Secure. Contain. Protect.

Image courtesy of SCP Secret Laboratory Official Wiki community. But for anyone interested in horror or science fiction who wants to test and improve their creative writing abilities, trying to make and publish an SCP could be a worthwhile and rewarding task.

Visit SCP's own guide to learn more at <https://scp-wiki.wikidot.com/how-to-write-an-scp>

The SCP Wiki is free for anyone over 18 to join. To create an SCP of one's own however, the Wiki has a high bar of quality for entry, and a lot of collaboration and consensus is needed within the

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New Movies to Watch in November

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Spencer, the film by Chilean director Pablo Larrain was released on Nov. 5, 2021. The director said that the movie is an anti-fairy tale and a unique story about a princess who didn't want to become queen.

The film is based on real events and takes place during Christmas, which the royal family of the United Kingdom traditionally celebrates at the Norfolk estate, England. The plot is about a few days, during which Princess Diana decided to divorce Prince Charles.

In the film, Princess Diana and Prince Charles have been married for several years and have two sons. The main role of Princess Diana was played by Kristen Stewart. Timothy Spall, who audiences may know for his role as the traitor Peter Pettigrew in Harry Potter's story, played Prince Philip. Sean Harris played the role of Prince Charles. The film promises to be quite thoughtful and melancholic.

Eternals was also released on Nov. 5, 2021. It is a superhero film directed by Chloe Zhao, based on the eponymous Marvel comic strip. The film tells story about the races of powerful creatures - Eternals and Deviants,

which were created during experiments by alien god-like beings, Celestials.

The Eternals were conceived by them as the protectors of our blue planet and people. Deviants are terrible creatures who love war and destruction. Eternals look like people, then the Deviants are similar to demons. For tens of thousands of years, the two races have clashed with each other, influencing the history of mankind.

The appearance of the Eternals in the Marvel Cinematic Universe was only a matter of time, as viewers are already familiar with one of the Eternals - the titan Thanos, the main antagonist of the Avengers. The plot of the film is centered on new immortal superheroes who unite to fight and save planet Earth from an impending threat. The main characters are mighty Ikaris (Richard Madden), a believer in the people Sersi (Gemma Chan), Kingo with extraordinary strength (Kumail Nanjiani), lightning Makkari (Lauren Ridloff), wise inventor Phastos (Brian Tyree Henry), spiritual leader Ajak (Salma Hayek), the ever-young Sprite (Lea McHugh), the irresistible Gilgamesh (Ma Dong-seok), the wanderer Druig (Barry Keogan) and

the warlike Thena (Angelina Jolie).

According to recent news, Harry Styles famous British singer, who has starred in films, will appear in the post-credit's scene as Thanos' brother, Eros. *The Eternals* is the 25th film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and the second in Phase 4.

Ghostbusters: Afterlife will be released on Nov 19, 2021. It is a fantasy comedy directed by Jason Reitman and written by Gil Kenan. The plot of the film takes place 30 years after the release of the *Ghostbusters 2* (1989) film. A single mother with two teenage children settles on an old farm in Oklahoma. She inherited this farm from a father she did not know. Children try to find out more about their grandfather and find the Ecto-1, the car that belonged to famous ghost hunters. The main roles were performed by Finn Wolfhard, Mckenna Grace, Paul Rudd, Carrie Coon and Bill Murray.

The animated film *Encanto* will be released on Nov. 24, 2021. It tells the story of the Madrigal Colombian family living in a magical house, and each family member has a special gift, for example, tremendous strength or incomparable beauty. Only Mirabel Madrigal has no



Ghostbusters Afterlife

Image courtesy of Imdb

magical gift, but she is the one who decides to save her family when magic begins to leave their

house. The animated film was directed by Byron Howard and Jared Bush, who worked together on *Zootopia* (2016). The music for the film

was written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, known for *Moana* (2016) and *Hamilton* (2020)

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Social Media's Effect on Black Lives Matter

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On many social media platforms, there are discussions occurring on social issues. Thus, it appears that for Generation Z, our social movements have become digitized. It is beneficial because many will have access to information on a movement and be aware of what injustices exist. It is difficult to be ignorant to an issue, as many platforms have sponsored posts that will talk on a prominent movement, and pages dedicated to these causes. However, social media has its downsides, especially when it is used as a tool for information sharing. As I will further explain, social movements are not exempt from its effects.

A perfect example is the growing awareness of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement. As stated on Blacklivesmatter.com, the movement was created in 2013 by Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi. It was created in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer, George Zimmerman.

According to Britannica.com, the shooting of Trayvon Martin occurred in Sanford, Florida on February 26, 2012. Martin had been walking home from a convenience store at night when Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer, spotted Martin and believed him to be suspicious. Zimmerman called the nonemergency line at the Sanford

Police Department and reported Martin as being suspicious and that he was worried because burglaries had been occurring in the neighborhood. Zimmerman was told not to approach Martin, but he did. An altercation occurred as Zimmerman confronted Martin, and Zimmerman shot and killed him.

Zimmerman was acquitted from this crime because with Martin dead, there was not enough concrete evidence to find Zimmerman guilty in the court of law. Zimmerman would justify his actions by saying that he shot Martin in self-defense, which was supported by Florida's Stand Your Ground law. Though, Martin was a teenager and unarmed, so the validity of Zimmerman's statement was heavily questioned but could not be disapproved.

Thus, conversations around racial profiling, racism and the value of black lives emerged to which the BLM movement was created. The Black Lives Matter movement has been around since 2013, but has truly become a household name in 2020, after the death of George Floyd. I believe that social media had a tremendous role in this. With sponsored posts, acts of online rebellion, sharing acts of violence against black individuals and corporations using their social media platforms to bring awareness to BLM, the movement has become increasingly popular and widely understood.

Though, as someone who has been following the movement

from the beginning, I have witnessed the many changes that have occurred within the movement. Change is not inherently bad, but the change that social media has contributed to the movement leaves me worrisome. This being because social media has condensed the movement down to the abuse of power by the police and black men being killed. The issue with this is that the movement does focus on the issue of police brutality and the killing of black bodies, but as it relates to black liberation, freedom and the history of race relations within America. Thus, the associations are elements to the movement and not the whole movement itself. This is harmful because it leads to misinformation of goals and ambitions. So, while individuals are not ignorant to the existence of movements, they can be ignorant to its core values, goals and ambitions which is equally as harmful.

Furthermore, when associations are created for a movement it can hinder inclusivity. For example, when many think of the Black Lives Matter movement they think of Black men, not Black men and women. Thinking back to the Summer of 2020, George Floyd's case was given ample news coverage compared to

Breonna Taylor's case. Despite both cases gaining attention on social media around the same time, many did not know Breonna Taylor's name and/or case for a while.

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director at Colorlines, states that, "the modern narrative on police brutality tends to focus on murdered black men and boys, black women and girls are also the victims of over-policing in black communities."

In this text, she mentions that many Black women are assaulted by police officers, and it is not talked on much. Further, she discusses an instance of excessive force from a police officer to a 14-year-old black girl in Coral Springs. The girl was thrown to the ground and punched, with the officer stating that she was resisting arrest and being mouthy.

There are countless other stories of Black women that experience police brutality or racially motivated violence and it is not represented as greatly within the BLM movement. The #SayHerName movement has been created to provide such representation, though it is

upsetting that another movement had to be created to do so.

Social media has been a great tool for bringing awareness to social issues and injustices occurring around the world. The Black Lives Matter movement has garnered much attention and has become a household name because of it. Due to the fact that I have been following the movement since its creation, witnessing the changes that social media has caused is bittersweet. Should we trade accuracy and enthusiasm for clicks and attention? Should we trade involvement and understanding the foundations of a movement for performative allyship and activism? I think not.

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Kevin Durant's Triple-Double vs the 76ers

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The Nets had to dig deep defensively in the fourth quarter to come from behind and win this game. All game, they kept it close to at least have a chance to win it in the fourth. While I was watching the game, I knew they had a chance to win because of the defense they were playing in the fourth quarter. The Nets went on a 16-1 run to end the game and needed a triple double from Kevin Durant (KD) to eventually win the game.

Coach Steve Nash said, "He loved how his team competed in this tough win against a good team on the road." Nash had been preaching patience while he experiments with different lineups. James Harden and KD must learn all the new players and how to play without Kyrie Irving. Harden said, "We're the best at what we do, and we'll figure it out."

He also said, "Me personally, I've been through a lot where I had different teammates, different lineups



Kevin Durant.

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and playing small ball, so I'm used to trying to figure it out and just go with the flow and making it work. "Kevin is the same way and one of the best to ever touch a basketball, so we just got to go out there and do what we do, and things will work out." The Nets were blown out by the Bucks in their first game of the season (127-104).

In this game they started

slow again, and they fell down by 20-6 in the first quarter. KD was able to notch a triple-double with 29 points, 15 rebounds and 12 assists. The Nets were down 108-98 with 5:33 left, and LaMarcus Aldridge started to get hot at the right time and scored 9 of his 23 in that time span. He went 10-12 for 23 points in his second game back from heart concerns last season.

Patty Mills had 11 points of the bench and hit 10 straight 3-pointers on the start of the season. KD knows each game will present them a new challenge to overcome as a team. All he has to do is lead his team by how he practices, how he plays and how he communicates with them. When things get tough, they have to stay together as a team to try to win games, like they did in

this game. I knew the Nets had a great chance to come back and win because they have the best player right now in my opinion, which is KD.

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Packers Improbable Win vs the Cardinals on Primetime

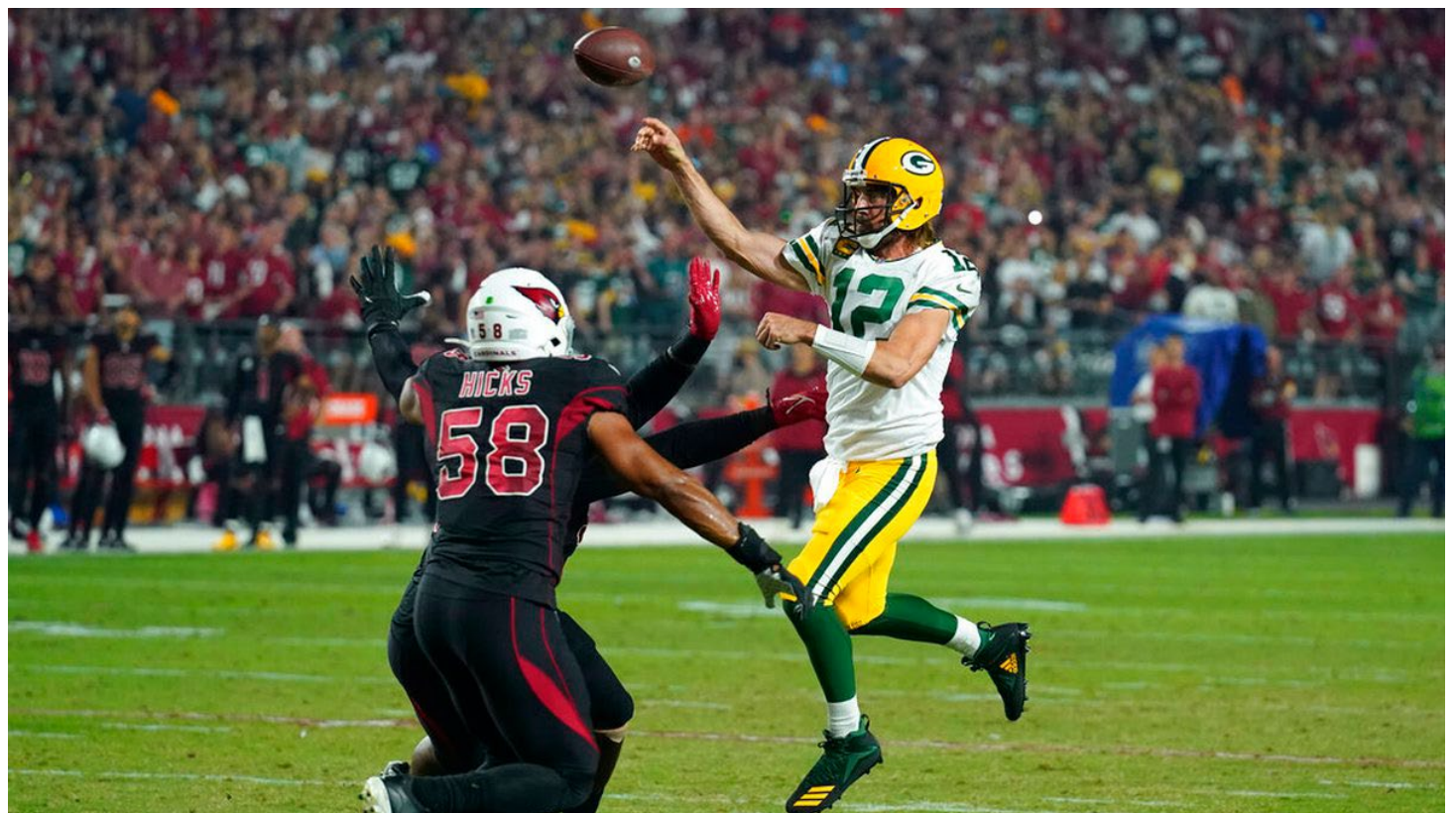
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In this tough football game, all the coaches and players had to step up their games to get a win on the road. These types of tough and gritty games on the road make and break up teams. If you want to ultimately win a Super Bowl championship as a team, you'll have to win at least one game on the road in the playoffs.

In the outside world, the main focus on this game was if the players were out. The Packers didn't have Davante Adams and Allen Lazard because of COVID protocols and Marquez Valdez-Scantling was recovering from a hamstring injury. These were their top three wide receivers that Aaron Rogers didn't have at his disposal. Also, they are missing their all-pro Left Tackle David Bakhtari. They're also missing two all-pro defensive players in Za'Darius Smith and Jaire Alexander.

Even though they were missing many players, their mindset was on how to win with the players they had at their disposal. This mindset helped them defeat the Cardinals 24-21, who were undefeated before this game. Their defense



Aaron Rogers

Image Courtesy of WBAY-TV

and timely touchdowns helped them gut out this improbable win on the road. The play that sealed the game for the Packers was made by Cornerback Rasul Douglas, who wasn't even on the team a month ago.

Douglas intercepted Kyler Murray in the end zone to seal the improbable win. Rogers said, "This is why I love this squad. The guy who made the pick was with them for four weeks." "He's a great dude,

and he's really meshed well with our team, and to come up with a play like that with 15 seconds left is incredible." The Packers played differently because of their personnel.

They passed the ball less and ran the ball more. Rogers said, "We ran the ball well because we knew we could; it was tough in the passing game, but Randall Cobb came up with a couple big touchdown catches. Cobb had his second

multi-touchdown game of the season. AJ Dillon rushed for 78 yards. Aaron Jones caught 7 catches for 51 yards. Robert Tonyan caught a 33-yard pass, which set up Cobb's second touchdown of the game.

The Packers ran 34 times for 151 yards. They changed how they usually played to get a win without their three wide receivers and their all-pro players. No one picked them to win but themselves

and their fans. Rogers said, "I love this football team, and I'm having so much fun with these guys." When I was watching this game, I knew they had a chance to win because they had Aaron Rogers.

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