



Users Don't "Like" Facebook Sharing Data

By Douglas Ditto

Cambridge Analytica is a data company headquartered in London, England. They were in the news a few years ago when President Donald Trump hired them for his 2016 presidential campaign. The company acquired its fame through republican politicians support including Steve Bannon. The company



Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg during his talk with Congress theatlantic.com

is back in the news in a big way now as they are in a scandal involving Facebook data that they collected from Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and CEO of Facebook. This story has blown up as many Americans and Facebook users feel as if their privacy has been violated and are calling for Zuckerberg to face punishment for his actions.

Facebook states that its users agreed to the sharing of their data when applying so they are legally allowed to share the data. Aleksandr Kogan is the man who collected the data from Facebook and even created an app that collected Facebook data from your phone once you downloaded it. This app is called *This is Your Digital Life*. The data collected contains information about what companies a user has "liked," details about each user's identity, and info on friends. This info was collected about millions of users and has created a lot of controversy as to if Facebook violated the privacy agreement users agreed to. All in all, Cambridge Analytica received over 85 million profiles of infor-

mation, however only 250,000 of these people gave permission to Facebook to give this data to companies for "academic purposes."

Zuckerburg has had to take part in a public grilling by Congress as he gave a testimony. Lawmakers asked him 600 questions over just a two day stretch. Zuckerberg did not make any major errors in his testimony, although he did often lean on his crutch saying, "my team will get back to you." Zuckerberg took full ownership of having made mistakes with Facebook.



Facebook has become the world's largest social network since its conception in 2004 wikipedia.com

YouTube Is Tracking Children's Personal Information

By Kennedy Allen

A coalition of about twenty consumer advocacy groups is expected to file a complaint with federal officials claiming that YouTube has been violating a children's privacy law. The complaint says that YouTube has been collecting and profiting from the personal information of the children who visit the site. The coalition of consumer groups said YouTube failed to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, a federal law that requires companies to acquire permission from parents before collecting data on children younger than 13. The groups are asking for an investigation from the Federal Trade Commission.

YouTube describes its main site and app as being meant for viewers 13 and older. It leads younger children to the stand-alone YouTube Kids app, which contains a filtered set of videos from the main site. YouTube's separation between its main product and YouTube Kids is significant because of the rules on parental approval.

"Google has been continually growing its child-directed service in the United States and all over the world without any kind of acknowledgment of this law and its responsibilities," said Jeffrey Chester, executive director of the Center for Digital Democracy, one of the groups leading the coalition.

Those rules were first explained in depth in the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, known as COPPA. The Federal Trade Commission expanded the act in 2012, saying that it "needed to be updated for the age of mobile devices." The revised rules made it clear that companies must receive parental consent before collecting details that could be used to identify, contact or locate a child. These include the photos, video, audio and the location of a child's mobile device.



Child on a mobile device

aaa.com

YouTube's terms of service hold that visitors to its main site are affirming that they are at least 13 and agree to Google's privacy policy, which outlines how the company collects information on individuals and then customizes ads and services to them. By watching a YouTube video, the policy

says, viewers give Google permission to collect data tied to their device, location, browsing habits, phone number, etc.

The groups say this kind of tracking requires parental notification and consent first. While companies can collect some of that information from children to provide appropriate ads, they are supposed to obtain parental consent to use it for more tailored purposes, like behavioral advertising or profiles of individuals. The YouTube Kids app, for example, specifies in its privacy policy that it "does not allow interest-based advertising or re-marketing."

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Franklin High School JROTC Competes at Nationals

By Ryan Harrison

Franklin High School's JROTC Color Guard competed at nationals in Gray, Tennessee over the course of the weekend from April 20-22. Prior to this, regionals were held in Redding Pennsylvania, where they placed third.

The competition was held at Daniel Boone High School. The events consisted of unarmed and armed platoon, color guard, inspection, and unarmed and armed exhibition. The team as a whole placed third in inspection. Senior Kelsey Davis personally won Franklin a second place knockout trophy. Davis stated, "The most significant part is that this was our first time going to nationals, and a lot of hard work and constant practice went in to preparing for this."

A lot of hard work may be an understatement, as the team practices five times a week at 6 A.M. Meanwhile I can't even bring myself to wake up at 6:30 in the morning. The team looks to continue their success as they are consistently strong every year. We can expect future trips to nationals if they continue their hard work and dedication to such a demanding yet rewarding team.



Members of JROTC Color Guard march in homecoming parade.



Franklin High School JROTC right before leaving for nationals in Tennessee.

CONGRATULATIONS

to The Gazette's graduating seniors!

Ryan Harrison

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May your creativity and talent for writing bring you every success in your future plans!

Franklin's New Play-Book: Mr. Book Taking over as Athletic Director

By Jake Hermann

The search for a new Athletic Director is over. Interim Athletic Director Mr. Book will take over this fall as the full time Athletic Director. Former Athletic Director Dave Scriviner retired in January and left to live in Florida. Mr. Book took over and has done a pristine job as the interim Athletic Director balancing teaching science classes and tending to the duties of Athletic Director.

Next year, Mr. Book plans to continue to teach a science class as he continues to help acceler-

ate Franklin Athletics to the next level. His goal is to increase participation in all sports and to increase the attendance and student support at the competitive events. Book hopes to "continue the trend of excellence in Franklin Athletics."

This past year Franklin saw a dip in the participation specifically in girl's Lacrosse. They did not have enough players to field a Junior Varsity team. In boy's Lacrosse, the Varsity team only has thirteen subs which may seem like a lot but not nearly enough to run successful practice drills. Many of the sports, excluding boy's and girl's lacrosse,

dropped down a division in the county allowing them to play easier competition because of lack of success in the past years. This fall, soccer will play its first season down a division and hopes to have a more successful season than the previous year with only two wins.

Mr. Book has already had a favorable start by listening to the players' requests of new pregame music. Franklin Athletics has a bright future ahead of them as they look to new leadership in Mr. Book to bring more state titles to Reisterstown.

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30th Annual Senior Citizen Prom

By Jasmin Algararheh

On Saturday April 21, 2018 the 30th annual Senior Citizen Prom took place here in the Franklin High School gym. The turnout was great; out of the 20 tables that were placed, about 17 of them had a full table of participants to the prom.



The Senior Citizen Prom Queen and King

The SGA club is who organized the dance with Ms. Scannell being in charge of the night. There

also were student volunteers from the SGA club and others. All the students had jobs such as: waiters/waitresses, busboys, supervisors, lunch ladies, etc. They also helped set up the dance by setting up tables, chairs, decorations, drinks, and food. The servers took orders and got their own tables to serve. The busboys cleaned up tables and helped servers getting their orders to their tables. The supervisors were there for help and to make announcements. The lunch ladies served the food to servers and busboys. There also was a photographer taking pictures throughout the night, a DJ playing 80's-90's music, and a photography stand with a backdrop. The dance was from 4pm to about 7:30-8pm.



A couple of citizens reminding us that age is only a number when it comes to showing off their moves!

The night was full of fun for everyone. There also was a raffle for gift cards to Dunkin Donuts and Olive Garden. For prom king and queen, a couple was chosen and crowned, and then they proceeded to the dance floor and did a slow dance. Around 6, after everyone was fed, they poured to the dance floor and danced for hours. All feedback from the participants was positive. It was a goal to make it a night to remember for everyone, and that was accomplished.



Seniors and helpers lighting up the dance floor together.

LGBTQ+ Prom's Fourth Year in Baltimore

By Tiffany Mints

In 2015, Baltimore kicked off its first prom for LGBTQ youth, and this year it came back again for its fourth year. All youth ages 14-19 in Baltimore and all surrounding areas were welcome.

This year the LGBTQ Youth Prom was held on May 4th, 2018. The prom was free and included dinner, entertainment, dancing, and a community resource fair. The event was made possible by community donations and support. It provided a space for attendees to enjoy their special night with safety and respect. All attendees were required to register for entry into the prom and with picture ID. Youth who

were not registered, or didn't have a picture ID, could not enter. All attendees were subject to a metal detecting process, and all weapons of any kind were strictly prohibited. The dance started at 7:00 pm and ended at 10:00 pm.

All attendees were having the time of their lives. In the middle of the dance, the sponsors spoke about the attendees and how they had the greatest outcome they had in years: over 500 guests. Towards the end of the night, there was a drag queen performance, and gift bags were handed out. The night ended with everyone saying their goodbyes, and the sponsors of the dance thanking all for coming.



*A look inside of this year's LGBTQ+ prom
therivardreport.com/*

By Melissa Otis

In Franklin High School, the dress code violations have died down in frequency and severity over the years. Although, there are still violations happening.

Franklin's dress code rules are: no clothing should contain any type of drug, explicit reference, or inappropriate writing; no hoods, no tank tops, no spaghetti straps (unless an inch wide); and no clothing too revealing

Over the years, clothing stores have been selling more inappropriate clothing to students, and it is very difficult to find clothing that is acceptable and affordable. For an example, an online investigation was taken and different stores were researched like

Franklin Student Dress Code

Wal-Mart, Target, Ross, and JC Penny. The majority of shorts for women are short shorts, and as for shirts, due to the upcoming warm final months of the school year, there are a lot of spaghetti straps, off the shoulder, and low cut necklines. As for the boys, it is much less severe than the girls, but still clothing contains lewd images and tank tops. Although there is quite a bit of acceptable clothing in the stores, students look towards the fashion and want to look good for school.

A few random students were asked what they think of the dress code policy and if there are any violations that they have seen or if they disagree with what the students are wearing. One female senior student who asked to stay anonymous said, "Franklin High School's students' clothing can be acceptable in certain situations, depending on the

circumstances. Like an example of short shorts for girls, if they completely cover the area down there, things should be fine. It's not exactly a distraction to the school's daily basis, but when it comes to shorts that are too short and too revealing, along with very short skirts, things have to change in that area." A male student who also asked to stay anonymous commented, "I haven't really noticed it before that it was much of a problem, until you had asked, but I think overall everything is fine. Just a few bits of clothing should be changed with the students."

Assistant principal Mr. Valentine said, "Dress code violations, have died down since the past few years, but there are still violations. Just keep in note that you are coming to school to be successful, so dress for success."



Franklin High School — Class of 2018 —

Congratulations to the Franklin High School graduates as they enter the workforce, military, or one of the following technical schools, colleges, and universities:

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Allegheny College of Maryland
Anne Arundel Community College
Antelope Valley Community College
Auburn University
Baltimore City Community College
Barry University
Berklee College of Music
Bethany College
Bowie State University
Bridgewater College
Bucknell University
Campbell University
Capital College
Capitol Technology University
Carroll Community College
Community College
of Baltimore County
Coppin State University
Delaware State University
DePaul University
Drexel University
Elon University
Empire Beauty School
Ferrum College

Franklin Pierce University
Frostburg State University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
High Point University
Howard Community College
Howard University
Johns Hopkins University
Kent State University
Lackawanna College
Lincoln University
Maryland Institute College of Art
McPherson College
Miami Dade College
Miami University
Monmouth University
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Niagara County Community College
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North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Notre Dame of Maryland University

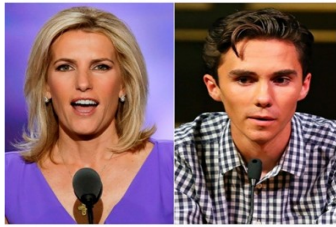
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Ohio University
Old Dominion University
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Pennsylvania State University
Prince George's County
Community College
Salisbury University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
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Southwest Michigan College
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Stevenson University
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Pennsylvania
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Controversial Week Ends in Laura Ingraham's Return to Fox News



Laura Ingraham (pictured left) and David Hogg (pictured right). Photo by NYDailyNews.

By Ryan Harrison

Fox News host Laura Ingraham returned to her show Monday night following a week vacation, after making controversial remarks about a Parkland shooting survivor. Ingraham mocked the Marjory Stoneman Douglass student and now leading gun control advocate for not getting into some of the country's top schools, despite a high GPA. She tweeted, "David Hogg Rejected by Four Colleges to Which He Applied and whines about it."

In her first show back, Ingraham focused on freedom of speech and attacked the left's alleged stifling of conservative voices. There has been controversy surrounding her future with Fox News as well as her continued force on the subject.

After Ingraham made her comments, Hogg responded on Twitter by urging his followers to petition advertisers that he listed out. More than a dozen sponsors pulled from her show by the end of the week, after which she then went on vacation. When

Ingraham, returned, she did not mention Hogg by name in Monday's show. She would then later apologize to Hogg on March 29, tweeting, "Any student should be proud of a 4.2 GPA — incl. @DavidHogg111. On reflection, in the spirit of Holy Week, I apologize for any upset or hurt my tweet caused him or any of the brave victims of Parkland." Hogg said he did not accept her apology.

Instead of staying clear of the issue, Ingraham did the exact opposite, just without directly stating anyone's name in particular. Ingraham focused on the left as a whole in her first show back and announced a new segment called "Defending the First." This feature, she says, will "expose the ene-



Lauren Hogg, sister of David Hogg, responds to Laura Ingraham's apology tweet. Photo by TheWrap.com

mies of the First Amendment, of free expression, and every thought, while showcasing those brave voices making a difference."

Ingraham tried to state in a recent show that there was going to be continuous content because there was a lot of material to cover but did not mention the loss of 26 sponsors so far. On Thursday, Red Lobster became the 26th advertiser to dump the show, according to The Wrap. Forbes reports that My Pillow has increased advertising on the show by 625 percent since the week prior to Ingraham's controversial March 28 comments.

Fox News Co-president Jack Abernethy told the Los Angeles Times, "We cannot and will not allow voices to be censored by agenda-driven intimidation efforts." As the controversy between supporters on both sides of the arguments continues, the initial debate of gun control is still the key agenda for Hogg. While it is clear Ingraham speaks for her audience, this time may have proven to be too far over the edge. If more sponsors drop her show, her future with Fox News could be in jeopardy.



David Hogg giving a passionate speech at the March for Our Lives in Washington. Photo by NBCNews.com

Syria Chemical Attacks

it!" Trump then promised to send "nice and new and 'smart'" missiles. At this point, no action has been taken by the United States; however, Israel bombed what was believed to be a Syrian chemical weapons factory. Overall, tensions are rising around the world. The bombing by Israel will potentially bring them into the war even though they already have a worsening issue on their border with the Gaza Strip. There has already been tension between the United States and Russia recently, but Trump's warning makes it even worse. If the US does launch an attack on Syria and Russian troops are affected, tensions between the two could be higher than they have been since the end of the Cold War.



A US missile en route for its target

The Times of Israel

The attack came several days after Trump boasted about a strike in the works. Russia claimed before the attack that they would shoot down any incoming missiles. Whether or not they accomplished this is still in question. The US claims that all 103 of their missiles hit their target, but Russia claims 71 of those missiles were shot down. The actual impact of the strikes may never be known, but the action will have a huge impact on the future of international politics.



A collage featuring Vladimir Putin (President of Russia), Bashar al-Assad (President of Syria), and Donald Trump (President of US)

Yourneswire.com



A young boy being treated following a Gas Attack on Douma

The Week UK

By Justin Magaziner

On April 4, 2017 the Syrian government used chemical weapons in the bombing of a town called Khan Shaykhun. More than 80 people were killed in the attack. The Syrian government, led by Bashar al-Assad was held responsible as the United States bombed one of their military airports.

Just over a year later, on April 8, 2018, there was another chemical weapons attack. This time it was on the city of Douma. No one has claimed responsibility, it is either the Syrian government or Syrian backed forces, but the truth is unclear. President Trump gave a warning to Russia, who has previously backed Assad, to be careful supporting the "Gas Killing Animal who kills his people and enjoys

On April 13th the United States, United Kingdom, and France launched ballistic missiles targeting three chemical weapons facilities in Syria.



Tragedy in Humboldt after Devastating Hockey Team Accident



Flowers lie at center ice as people gather for a vigil at the Elgar Petersen Arena, home of the Humboldt Broncos, to honor the victims.

By Zach Simons

A Canadian junior hockey team, the Humboldt Broncos, was on their way to play the Nipawin Hawks. They were playing in a best of seven semifinal playoff series. Suddenly, their focus was not on the upcoming game. Just around 5 p.m. on April 6, the bus collided with a tractor trailer. The unfortunate event took the lives of 16 innocent people. Humboldt is a very small town, located in Saskatchewan, Canada, consisting of just around 6,000 people. The impact of this incident has been felt not only in the town, but also in many other places.

President Trump called Justin Trudeau,

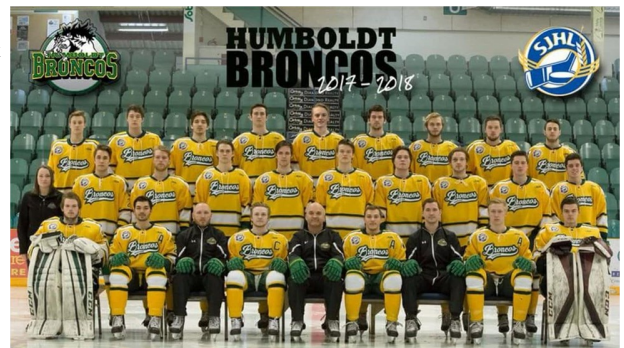
Canada's Prime Minister, to give his condolences. The National Hockey League said via twitter, "We send condolence, comfort and strength to all affected by the devastating crash involving the Humboldt Broncos' team bus." Mike Babcock, the head coach of the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs said, "I can't even imagine being the parent, or the wife, or the kids at home, going through something like this. You can't make up for loss. It's gotta rip the heart out of your chest. We pray for those families, and we're thinking about them."

In addition to all the kind words, people are acting as well. The Winnipeg Jets and Chicago Blackhawks played

each other on April 7. Instead of having the players' last names on the back of their jerseys, both teams had Broncos' names to honor the junior hockey team. They also had a moment of silence prior to the game for the lives lost. This wasn't the only place a moment of silence was held. Prior to the men's curling world championship in Las Vegas, there was a moment of silence. Additionally, the MLB's Texas Rangers and Toronto Blue Jays joined in, having a moment of silence prior to the start of their game. Adam Hadwin, a Canadian golfer, shared his

thoughts as he was walking off the course during the Masters. He said, "It shows you how short life is. You need to appreciate every moment. You need to appreciate the people around you."

On the NBA's biggest stage, the Humboldt Broncos were honored. On April 14th, the NBA playoffs started. The eight seed vs one seed matchup in the eastern conference featured the Toronto Raptors and Washington Wizards. Drake, a very popular rapper, who is also the Raptors' Global ambassador, wore a Humboldt Broncos jersey to the game. He was shown on the big screen, and the fans responded with a standing ovation. Kevin Garinger, the team's president, said he wanted the playoffs to continue because playing hockey is part of the healing process.



Broncos' team photo

Algerian Plane Crash Kills Hundreds

By Jacob Mccarthy

On April 11, an Algerian military plane crashed in Algeria, killing a staggering 257 people. This plane crash is the worst recorded aviation disaster in North African history. The plane crashed down in a field just outside a military base in Boufarik, 20 miles south of Algiers, and was devoured by flames, killing 247 passengers and 10 crew members. The flight was

scheduled to go to Tindouf and then Bechar, the site of another military base. There was no mention of survivors, but a witness reported they saw people jumping out of the plane during the crash.

People at the scene say that they saw flames coming out of one of the plane's four engines right before it took off. Video footage shows a blackened hulk broken into pieces, with huge wheels scattered about along with the plane's other parts. The plane crashed on its wing and then burst into flames. Firefighters doused the flames while body bags were thrown into the field in rows. The victim's bodies were transported to the Algerian army's central hospital. President Abdelaziz Bouteflika demanded three days of mourning starting immediately and prayers for those who passed away on Friday at Mosques across the country.



Close-up of the plane crash

The flight was scheduled to go to Tindouf and then Bechar, the location of another military base. This crash is the first for an Algerian military plane since February 2014, when a U.S built C-130 Hercules turboprop slammed into a mountain in Algeria, killing at least 76 people.



Remains of the plane from the crash



The Nominees for the 2018 Billboard Music Awards

By Myles Jay Wortman

The Billboard Music Awards is a televised ceremony created to honor music artists of many different genres for their accomplishments on the Billboard charts. Whether the stars shine on the Hot 100, Top 40, or Billboard 200, ranks are the only key to victory at this show! The 25th annual BBMAs will broadcast live from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on Sunday, May 20, at 8 p.m. ET/ 5 p.m. PT on NBC and will be hosted by American Idol's very first winner, Kelly Clarkson. This year's ceremony is filled with many superstars in the music game who really showed out on the Billboard charts this past year. Just to give a preview of who's actually in the running to win big at the 2018 BBMAs, here are some of the nominees:

Top Artist: Drake, Kendrick Lamar, Bruno Mars, Ed Sheeran, and Taylor Swift

Top New Artist: 21 Savage, Camila Cabello, Cardi B, Khalid, and Kodak Black

Top Male Artist: Drake, Kendrick Lamar, Bruno Mars, Post Malone, and Ed Sheeran

Top Female Artist: Camila Cabello, Cardi B, Halsey, Demi Lovato, and Taylor Swift

Top R&B Artist: Chris Brown, Khalid, Bruno Mars, SZA, and The Weeknd

Top Touring Artist: Coldplay, Guns N' Roses, Bruno Mars, Ed Sheeran, and U2

Top Rap Female Artist: Bhad Bhabie, Cardi B, and Nicki Minaj

Top Rap Tour: J.Cole, JAY-Z, and Kendrick Lamar

Top Country Artist: Kane Brown, Luke Combs, Sam Hunt, Thomas Rhett, and Chris Stapleton

Top Rock Artist: Imagine Dragons, Linkin Park, Portugal. The Man, Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers, and twenty one pilots

Top Latin Artist: J Balvin, Daddy Yankee, Luis Fonsi, Ozuna, and Romeo Santos

Top Dance/Electronic Artist: The Chainsmokers, Calvin Harris, Kygo, Marshmello, and ODESZA

Top Gospel Artist: Anthony Brown & group therAPy, Travis Greene, J.J. Hairston & Youthful Praise, Tasha Cobbs Leonard, and Tamela Mann

Top Billboard 200 Album: Drake, More Life, Kendrick Lamar, DAMN, Post Malone, Stoney, Ed Sheeran, (Divide), and Taylor Swift, reputation

There are way more nominees in the countless categories at this year's Billboard Music Awards! To see the rest of the many contenders, you can visit Billboard.com to see them all! Make sure to tune in to NBC at 8pm on Sunday, May 20 to find out which superstars win big at the 2018 BBMAs!



Logo for the upcoming "Billboard Music Awards" Axs.com

Apple Introduces an Affordable New Student and Teacher-friendly iPad

By Myles Jay Wortman

At a conference in Chicago on March 27, Apple CEO Tim Cook introduced the new 9.7 inch iPad that's appointed for teachers and students. Cook unveiled the device at Lane Tech College Prep High School in Chicago, Illinois, in front of about 300 teachers from all around the world. The target audience was informed on the gadget's compatibility with Apple's very own iWork productivity apps and pencil stylus. Along with its powerful A10 fusion chip and breathtaking AR display, the low cost of \$329 is what really sets its place on the educational technology market! Students will receive 200 gigabytes of iCloud storage instead of the typical 5 gigs on the other iPad models. The A10 fusion chip on the one-pound device is claimed by Apple as faster than "virtually every Chromebook."

In an interview with ABC, Jennifer Smith, a Chicago-based middle school teacher claimed that "For my classrooms, it just means we'll have access to more creative tools than we've had before. We have more access to innovative products and

ideas." The big game changer about the new 9.7 inch iPad is within its educational features. The gadget includes an app that allows students to virtually dissect a frog with the use of the Apple pencil stylus. Students and teachers may also create digital books on the "Pages" app and read textbooks. Teachers possess the ability to mark up a student's homework on the new "smart annotation" feature.

The newest of Apple's mini technical powerhouses is now available and is shipping everywhere at Apple.com.



Apple CEO Tim Cook presenting the new device at an educational convention at Lane Technical College Prep High School in Chicago, Illinois.



Young students learning using their I-Pads to learn! Fynydd.com



Baltimore Brigade Preview

By Jake Hermann



Shane Carden dropping back in the pocket against defending champ Philadelphia Soul. (Arena Football League)

The AFL season is underway. The AFL (Arena Football League) is played in smaller arenas used for hockey and concerts with a field-goal-style net on either end of a fifty-yard field. The talent and gameplay is not so far off from its outdoor counterpart, the NFL. There are

four teams representing four cities in the AFL: the Washington Valor, the Philadelphia Soul, the Albany Empire, and the Baltimore Brigade; compared to the thirty-two teams in the NFL.

The Baltimore Brigade are hopeful for a successful year after going 4-10 and finishing dead last in the league in their inaugural season. This year, the Brigade made big moves in the offseason signing players like 2017 AFL Most Valuable Player, quarterback Randy Hippeard and former University of Maryland football defensive tackle, Andre Monroe. Monroe is the all-time sack leader at Maryland with twenty-five sacks. This lights-out defensive lineman hopes to turn around the fragile defense of the Baltimore Brigade. Quarterback, Shane Carden, is coming off a strong season winning AL Rookie of the Year and became the first player since 2011 to throw for over 3,000 yards. The sophomore



Former Raven, Laquan Williams joins the Baltimore Brigade for the 2018 season.

QB, Carden, and veteran QB, Hippeard, will battle for

the starting job to hopefully lead the Brigade to a winning season.

After the Ravens missed the playoffs last season, and before the Orioles missed the playoffs, the Baltimore Brigade followed the trend and missed the AFL title game. The city of Baltimore has another team in town, and this one is certainly not a bird. The Brigade have a chance to start a positive trend and make the playoffs this year. Hopefully sparking a fire in the city of Baltimore for the other teams to follow.



The Ownership team at the 2017 Baltimore Brigade uniform reveal.

NFL Draft Analysis: Baker To The Browns A Problem

By Matt Stine

1. Cleveland Browns: Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma

Grade: C+

Baker Mayfield is hands down the most controversial pick and player in this draft. There were inarguably better options at QB in the draft, and it is a big-time risk drafting a six foot quarterback with a widespread criminal record. Despite all of the obvious negatives, Baker has a lot of dog in him, which could restore the Browns' franchise if he can control his mental antics.



2. New York Giants: Saquon Barkley, HB, Penn State

Grade: A+

Saquon is the clear-cut best athlete and personality for a franchise in this draft. With a 4.4 40 yard dash, a 41 inch vertical, and all that being 230 pounds of pure muscle; he is going to make an immediate impact on the G-Men. He will make football exciting in Eli Manning's eyes and create a dynamic duo with him and OBJ that will take over the league.



3. New York Jets: Sam Darnold, QB, USC

Grade: B-

Darnold was a safe pick for the Jets, but there are concerns about Darnold's drive and accuracy in the game. He was an animal at USC after being a backup promoted starter in 2016 and winning the Rose Bowl in the same season. He has all of the potential to be great, but Josh Rosen and Josh Allen seemed like better fits in New York.

4. Cleveland Browns: Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State

Grade: B

Denzel Ward was also a pick that was safe but wasn't their best option due to Bradley Chubb being on the board. Ward is a great cover corner who lead Ohio State to a Big Ten Championship last season and made the All-Big Ten 1st Team. He will take over that secondary in Cleveland with Myles Garrett dominating the line.

5. Denver Broncos: Bradley Chubb, DE, NC State

Grade: A

Chubb surprisingly dropped this far in the draft but luckily for him as he will pair up with All Pro and Super Bowl Champion Von Miller on the Broncos Defensive Line. Chubb was a First Team All American and All ACC during his time with the Wolfpack, which was well deserved after he racked 73 tackles, 26 for loss, and 10 sacks last season.



6. Indianapolis Colts: Quenton Nelson, OG, Notre Dame

Grade: A

Nelson was ranked as the top offensive linemen by most draft experts. Watching him at Notre Dame, it's easy to see why. He is a mountain of a man who destroys defensive linemen in their tracks. He is the best player to protect Andrew Luck next season after all of his concurring injuries.

7. Buffalo Bills: Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming

Grade: B-

Josh Allen is the typical quarterback with a huge arm who can't control it. Allen is amazing at the deep ball and will definitely be coachable to take



to the next level, but his drive and competitiveness is questionable. He attended Wyoming University in a weak conference where he didn't even make the Mountain West 1st team. If he is going to be a franchise quarterback, he needs to dial in where he's throwing the ball.

8. Chicago Bears: Roquan Smith, OLB, Georgia

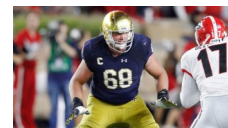
Grade: A

Smith is easily the most frightening defensive player in this draft after leading Georgia to the National Championship Game. He is easily comparable to Brian Urlacher who revolutionized the position and Roquan might be the rebirth of him.

9. San Francisco 49ers: Mike McGlinchey, OT, Notre Dame

Grade: B+

After acquiring Jimmy Garoppolo, the 49ers need to protect him for the future, and picking Quenton Nelson's line-mate McGlinchey seems like the next best option. Just like Nelson, Mike McGlinchey is a monster on the O-line and will bully defensive linemen left and right as a 49er.



10. Arizona Cardinals: Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA

Grade: A

A great move by the Cardinals moving up for Rosen as he is the most pro ready passer in the draft. He has the same issue as Josh Allen who played for a worse team, and their record showed, which makes people question his leadership. If anybody is going to make the largest immediate impact on a ready Cardinals team, it is him.