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Florida School Shooting Sparks Movement for Change

By Ryan Harrison

On Wednesday, February 14, a mass shooting occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglass High school in Parkland, Florida. The shooter, Nikolas Cruz, was a former student at the school who was previously expelled. Seventeen people were killed including students, teachers, and staff. At least fourteen others were wounded, five with life-threatening injuries. After all the reports and findings that have come out so far, students across the country have started to speak out and plan marches and walkouts to protest current gun laws and to aid those with mental health issues.

Students should not be afraid to speak out. If there was ever a time for students to take a stand, it is now. More and more students are speaking out and taking action. Emma Gonzalez, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglass, has become a leading figure in the movement for change. A week ago, she was a typical high school student, and now she has a viral video of her giving a passionate speech advocating for demanding immediate change to our country's gun laws that has swept the nation, with social

the shooting. The April 20 walkout will be to remember and fight for change on the anniversary of the Columbine shooting, in which thirteen people were killed. There is a march on Washington called "A March for Our Lives" which is student led and will protest for stricter gun laws. This march will take place on March 24 in Washington D.C. There is no specified time yet. There is also a town hall meeting for Franklin High School on March 14, from 6-8 P.M. in the library. This town hall meeting will allow students, teachers, parents and staff to ask questions, state problems and concerns, and discuss possible solutions surrounding our school safety. The more people that attend, the more productive the meeting will be, having as many people as possible to express their beliefs and ideas for school safety.



Students shown protesting a need for change on gun laws after school shooting in Florida that left 17 dead. Photo by nytimes.com

entitled to their own opinions and beliefs, it cannot be argued that this movement is unifying our nation towards immediate change. The movement is to make this the last school shooting. The last time students, teachers, and staff will have to fear for their lives while in a school. This can only happen if enough people join the movement and fight until something is changed. This movement is not going anywhere anytime soon, and no matter our political beliefs, we should all stand with Marjory Stoneman Douglass High school in this fight for desperately needed change.

Maryland Suicide and Crisis Hotline
1-800-422-0009

National Crisis Text line
Text **CONNECT** to **741741**

Town Hall Meeting for Franklin High
School students, parents, and staff
March 14, 6-8 pm in the library



Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School student Emma Gonzalez went viral for giving an impassioned speech to classmates and supporters who are all fighting for change. Photo by thewrap.com

media being such an influential source of spreading news and awareness, within a week there have been three planned marches/school walkouts that have gained nationwide attention. There are walkouts planned on March 14 and April 20. The walkout on March 14 is to protest for stricter gun laws and spread awareness for what will be one month after the Florida shooting. Students and staff are expected to walk out of school at 10 A.M. for seventeen minutes: a minute for each of the lives lost in

If you cannot make it to the march in Washington, there are several others planned in major cities around the country. Locations and more information on this march can be found on time.com/marchforourlives. There are several GoFund me pages and organizations accepting donations to help support those affected by these tragedies. One is sandyhookpromise.org, which gives students outlets to learn, speak out, and donate to these issues.

Senior Osaro Grayson stated: "As students all across the country are coming together as a collective body to fight for such an important issue, there's never been a better time to become involved and show your support." While every student is

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Franklin Mock Trial Looks to States

By Andrew Gersh

Of all the dominant teams that Franklin produces, Mock Trial seems to be one of the most consistent. Lead by government teacher, Mr. Lambert, and his spouse, Mrs. Lambert, the team has started the season with a perfect 7-0 record.

Mock Trial is when a team of interested high school students try out to be on a team that competes in court on mock-cases. Many schools in Baltimore County, and nationwide, have teams so it creates a real competitive nature that resembles a sports league.

Franklin, being one of the better teams in the state, has already gotten off to a perfect seven wins and looks to continue this streak until the state championship. The most notable win was against Towson High School because of their powerhouse nature and the fact that it came down to a single point to win. Towson has a designated law program at their school where students have to apply and receive admissions. That makes the win all the more meaningful because Franklin is a school where any zoned

student can attend. While it does require a tryout to receive a spot on the team, the win shows the students dedication and great coaches to prepare them to compete against a designated law program.

Coaches, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert have the utmost respect for each member of the team, which contributes to their success and dedication. They refer to each member of their team by "Mr." or "Ms." followed by their last name. Junior, Jenifer Fridman says, "Mr. Lambert is a great coach alongside Mrs. Lambert; they are both extremely helpful and have helped me develop skill in public speaking and thinking on my feet."

Recently, Franklin has continued their



amazing performances including their defeat of Patapsco in a low scoring, close game. According to Ms. Fridman, "The witnesses and attorneys on our team competed very passionately." She attributes the win to the passion of the team and their will to always come out on top.

Looking forward, the team hopes to continue their streak all the way to the state championships and claim victory.

Notable Speakers at 2018 AIPAC Conference Inspire Activists

By Andrew Gersh

The AIPAC Policy Conference is the largest pro-Israel-United States relations conference in the world. It features speakers from the President of Guatemala to the Vice President of the United States. It does not matter what background or religion people come from, everyone there is for a strong relationship between Israel and the United States. This year the conference, held at the Washington Convention Center from March 4th-6th, was the host of 18,000 activists and many notable speakers.

In the beginning of the first two days, there is a general session where everyone sits and listens to various speakers. These speeches are primarily meant to educate the crowd and set the tone for the day. Some speakers included, Ambassador Ron Dermer, Russian civil rights leader Natan Sharansky, and many congressmen. Then throughout the day there are many "breakout sessions" where people go into smaller groups to learn specific topics of their choosing. Then finally at night, there is an evening general session. At these evening sessions there are more speakers but they are typically more notable. Some examples include, the President of Guatemala, Ambassador Nikki Haley, Nancy Pelosi, and Vice President Mike Pence. Finally on the last day, there is one general session in the morning followed by a trip to the Hill in order to lobby the focal points of AIPAC's agenda. The morning included speeches of the U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, Marco Rubio, Steve Scalise, Mitch McConnell, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.



Vice President Mike Pence speaking

Following those long awaited, notable speakers, the crowd gathered to various congressmen's offices to lobby the points mentioned. This year, AIPAC is putting a focus on three major points: the funding of Israeli security, opposing Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile threats, and opposing the boycotts on Israel to ensure their economic prosperity.

The conference attempts to make the youth a priority because all of the big activists realize that the student leaders (that are already taking initiative) will be the future of the cause. This point led to the students being involved in the lobbying

process alongside some of the veterans so that they can be trained.

The lobbying overall was considered to be a success due to the number of congressmen that will support the agenda. Now AIPAC will begin to develop a new agenda for next year to ensure the strong relationship between Israel and the United States.



Prime Minister "Bi-Bi" Netanyahu getting the crowd excited

Source: The Jewish Voice



Time's Up Movement: The Fight for Change

By Ryan Harrison

A new movement called Time'sUp has gained national attention, after a wave of sexual assault/harassment allegations came out towards the end of 2017. The movement is aimed at spreading awareness and providing legal protection for those who have experienced sexual harassment, assault, or abuse in the workplace. Several stars have taken the movement onto their own influential platforms, such as Reese Witherspoon and Dwayne Johnson.

The movement most recently gained national attention during the Golden Globes, where supporters wore all black to show their support. In a twitter post on January 7th, Hillary Duff stated "Tonight I am wearing black... for every woman or man who has dealt with or is dealing with harassment of any kind! #timesup #whywewearblack." As the movement gains momentum, we can expect to see more stars join in and use their platforms to spread awareness about this crucial issue that does not deserve to be put off any longer.

Even though the issue has been the center of attention for awhile, this movement started in November 2017, when the Alianza Nacional de Campesinas wrote a letter of solidarity to the Hollywood women involved in exposing the sexual abuse allegations against Harvey Weinstein. The letter, published in *Time*, described experiences

of assault and harassment among female farmworkers. The letter stated that it was written on behalf of the approximately 700,000 female farmworkers in the United States. In response, Time's Up was announced in *The New York Times* on January 1, 2018. The announcement cited the letter of support from the Alianza Nacional de Campesinas and the desire to support women, men, people of color, and the LGBT community who have less access to media platforms and funds to speak up about harassment.

This movement is similar to the movement known as #MeToo. MeToo spread virally as a two-word hashtag used on social media in October 2017 to denounce sexual assault and harassment, in the wake of sexual misconduct allegations against Harvey Weinstein. Supporters of both of these movements have spoken out and continue to spread awareness. Oprah Winfrey went viral after giving her acceptance speech during the Golden Globes for the Cecil B. DeMille Award, in which she talked about the movement and those affected by it. She closed her speech by stating: "And I've interviewed and portrayed people who've withstood some of the ugliest things life can throw at you, but the one quality all of them seem to share is an ability to maintain hope for a brighter morning, even during our darkest nights. So I want all the girls watching here and now to know that a new day is on the horizon! And when that new day finally dawns, it will be because of a lot of magnificent women, many of whom are right here in this room tonight, and some pretty phenomenal men, fighting hard to make sure that they become the leaders who

take us to the time when nobody ever has to say 'me too' again. Thank you."

Moments like these are helping the cause to spread this movement and create a base that people will be able to reach out to in order to join the fight against sexual harassment, abuse, and inequality against women in all facets of life. There are several ways to contribute, including donating to the Time'sUp legal defense fund, on www.gofundme.com/TIME'S_UP/Join_Us.

Stars shown wearing all black during the Golden Globes to spread awareness for Time'sUP. Photo by www.vicnews.com



There are Facebook groups as well as other major social media outlets that provide information and access to those who wish to join the movement. The main website is www.Timesupnow.com, where supporters can add their name to the "Letter of Solidarity" by donating to the Time's Up Legal Defense Fund, find out different ways to help the fight, or even buy products to help spread awareness.

TIME'S UP on silence.
TIME'S UP on waiting.
TIME'S UP on tolerating discrimination, harassment and abuse.

#TIMESUP

A campaign poster posted on several social media outlets for the movement. Photo from <http://aldianews.com>

THON Fundraiser at Penn State Reaches \$10 Million

By Matt Stine

Cancer is a problem that everyone has been affected by in their lives, whether its family or friends. Many universities and companies have conducted fundraisers and charities to help raise money for cancer research to help find a cure to this horrible condition. Penn State University has run the largest student-run philanthropy in the world since 1973 and just proved why they are so successful.

Since the beginning of the school year, Penn State students have been collecting money for the fundraiser by selling merchandise and just accepting generous donations. Fraternities and sororities get assigned a THON family who has a kid who is a pediatric cancer patient. Penn State junior and member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity Chris Stine said, "THON is one of the most prideful experiences in my life. Knowing that I'm a part of the largest student-run philanthropy in the world that raises \$10 million for an amazing cause is incredible." Chris and his fraternity alone raised over \$80,000 with every other fraternity and sorority on campus, who on average raise \$100,000 each.

Some conflict occurred before the event with the Penn State Football team who attends THON every year. A rule by the NCAA came around which prohibited the team from participating in the event. This rule

means the team and its players are restricted to a certain amount of hours for an on-campus event that is not football. This news shocked the campus because it is tradition that all of the sports teams on campus come to the 48-hour dance marathon at Bryce Jordan Center (Penn State basketball stadium). The team rebelled against the ridiculousness of the rule and decided to go to the event anyway.

The main reason that THON is the biggest student run fundraiser is the insane amount of money they have been able to raise each year. This year they were able to raise over \$10 million, all of which will go to pediatric cancer research. The crazy thing about it is this is not even the largest amount of money they have been able to obtain. In 2014, they raised just over \$13 million, the most by any university cancer fundraiser ever, and since 1973, they have raised a total of about \$150 million.



Students announcing the amount of money made in front of school.

2017-2018 Flu Seasons

By Melissa Otis

This year's flu season is the worst of the past decade due to stronger symptoms and more hospitalizations than the 2009 flu epidemic. The flu symptoms consist of headache, fatigue, fever, body pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, swollen lymph nodes and chills, according to the Washington Post. The strains for this year's flu season are H3N2 and the Aussie flu.

Due to this year's flu season, many very young and old are hospitalized, and some visits end up being fatal. The reason the flu ends up being fatal is the flu lowers the immune system, and people are more susceptible to other infections or bacteria like asthma and bacterial pneumonia.

The flu is spread through the air, by just simply breathing, coughing, and sneezing. It can also be spread by physical contact or exchanging fluids.

The flu shot's effectiveness is only between 25-50% and taking the shot does help a person's immune system identify the virus as a threat early on, and gives a person a better chance to fight against getting it. Though it is now late in the flu season, it does not mean people still can't get the flu or even flu like symptoms, so it is still recommended to get the flu shot now. If you are experiencing symptoms of the flu or flu like symptoms, please stay home and contact your doctor to correctly diagnose you and follow their advice.



Disney Donates \$1 Million to Youth STEM Programs out of "Black Panther" Success

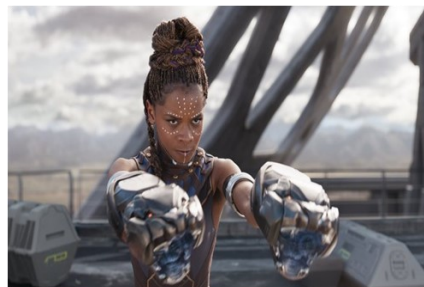
By Myles Jay Wortman

Following its record-breaking box office success, Marvel's "Black Panther" is giving back some of its great fortune to youth STEM programs around the country. Disney CEO Bob Iger shared that it was "thrilling to see how inspired young audiences were by the spectacular technology in the film, so it's fitting that we show our appreciation by helping advance STEM programs for youth, especially in underserved areas of the country, to give them the knowledge and tools to build the future they want."



Long Beach, Ca. members of the Boys and Girls Club at an advanced screening on Feb. 15, 2018

Disney announced on Monday Feb. 26 that it had donated \$1 million to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to put towards the expansion of its youth science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs. The Boys & Girls Clubs of America stated that the money will be used to help create new STEM innovation centers in 12 cities with underprivileged youth. A few cities included are Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, Memphis, Washington, Baltimore, and Oakland, Calif., where the film's director, Ryan Coogler, was born and where some of the film takes place.



Shuri, portrayed by Letitia Wright, is an intelligent inventor and creator of most of Wakanda's modern technology.

While the \$1 million pledged by Disney will make a huge impact on the kids benefitting from the programs, that amount is merely a fraction of the money that the film brought in. "Black Panther" earned more than \$700 million worldwide in less than two weeks of its release, making it one of the fastest grossing films ever! Along with representation, the message of possibilities was a key factor in the film's success and hopefully with the \$1 million pledged, the youth of the impacted STEM programs will be on their first step to building a Wakanda of their own.



A Wakandan space shuttle. One of the many advanced technical inventions in the film

Review: "Black Panther" Breaks Box Office Records

By Jake Hermann

The long anticipated Marvel's "Black Panther" opened box offices for its premiere on Thursday, February 15th. The action-packed super hero movie's ticket sales leaped to \$25.2 million in its first day. "Black Panther" has a star studded cast, and fans have been waiting nearly two years since its announcement in 2016. For the first black super hero to get their own film, Marvel addressed a Hollywood misconception about the racial divide on display to the rest of the world.



Some cast members from Black Panther (screenrant.com)

The soundtrack for the film was released one week before the premier featuring artists like Kendrick Lamar, The Weeknd, Vince Staples, and SZA. Marvel certainly set the bar for outstanding soundtracks in 2018. However, favorites like "All the Stars," "King's Dead," and "Black Panther" were not included in the movie. If you're someone who stays for the typical Marvel post credit scenes, you will hear All the Stars.

Aside from the star studded soundtrack, Marvel packed "Black Panther" with an outstanding cast including Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, Forest Whitaker, Martin Freeman, and many more. The subject of controversy will be if it is nominated for any Academy Awards, as the awards themselves have been predominately homogeneously white for the majority of their existence. "Black Panther's" cast is predominantly African American including Director Ryan Coogler. Besides best score, special effects, and possibly original song, it is hard to picture "Black Panther" winning other awards when it's up against other films in 2018 like "Deadpool 2", "The Incredibles 2", "Solo: A Star Wars Story", "Ready Player One", and many other anticipated films.



The King of Wakanda (Chadwick Boseman) (Digital Spy)

As a frequent movie goer, I was without a doubt seeing Black Panther on its premier: February 15th. Aesthetically, the film did not disappoint. With a

breathhtaking set based in Wakanda, a fictional country in Africa, the film was appealing to the eyes as Director Ryan Coogler and his editing team did an excellent job with the overall cinematography.

Other than that, the film was an utter disappointment. Conceptually, the film took a very political turn as it pulled values from the Black Panther Political Party, like arming black youth in America. The film was predictable, and the connections to the other Marvel films were slim to none with the exception of Agent Ross (Martin Freeman). As the film is one week displaced from its release date, this will not be a spoiler.

Is it worth seeing? The short answer is yes. I would not go out of my way to see the movie again, but Black Panther is a groundbreaking film for pop culture, black culture, and hip hop. Hip Hop has been in the main stream for almost twenty years but never before has it been so intertwined with the large scale movie industry like it is in "Black Panther". Artists like Travis Scott even rented out whole movie theaters to take children to see the film.

"Black Panther", overall, receives a B+ grade, from a frequent movie viewer as myself. The execution was there, it was aesthetically pleasing, and one might even say it was fun to watch. But taking a critical lens, the Marvel film packed way too much in to a two hour period including extremist political views, a battle for the "Wakandan" throne, and the trade of "vibranium."



Red Gerard Wins Gold for Team USA at Only 17 Years Old



Red Gerard representing the United States holding the flag after he won gold. Photo by den-verpost.com

By Ryan Harrison

Most seventeen year olds are busy preparing to finish high school and prepare for college. Unless you are Redmond "Red" Gerard, the seventeen year old Olympic Gold Medalist in this year's Pyeongchang Winter Olympics. Red is like any teenager, yet his unbelievable snowboarding skills sets him apart and won him gold in the Olympic Men's Slopestyle on Saturday, February 10.

Red had a shocking win. He was in 11th place after the first two rounds in the finals. He fell on his first two attempts due to high winds at Phoenix Park. It was all up to his final run, in which he wowed the judges with his unique and daring style. He beat Canadian riders Max Parrot and Mark McMorris, who earned silver and bronze respectively.

Red Gerard became the youngest American man to win an Olympic winter gold medal since 1928. Gerard, after winning a gold medal, stated: "I was surprised to make it even to the finals of the Olympics and to get

first is above me. I don't even know what's going on to be honest. I cannot believe what has just happened - it is insane." At a loss for words, Gerard was accompanied by family members who were ecstatically celebrating his comeback victory.

Red's family helped him achieve this goal ever since he was little. His family moved from Rocky River, Ohio, just outside Cleveland, to Colorado when Red was eight and allowed him the opportunity to immerse himself in powder.

Red also has a unique character which may have been the key to him not being crushed by the pressure of his Olympic dreams being left to one final run. When asked about if he will compete in the next Olympics, he casually stated it as a maybe. In fact, he said he really wants to shoot more snowboarding videos. "I'm a day-by-day kind of guy. I want to go film some more (snowboard videos) pretty badly. I'll take two years to do that and then regather myself and see what I'm into." This shows that while the Olympics are important to him, they aren't everything, which is important for someone who is only seventeen years old. He is not letting this win change him.

Over the past couple of years, several hyped-up athletes have fallen under the pressure of the Olympics. But Red, an underdog, didn't let that stop him. He's said often over the last week that he hadn't really understood how big the Olympics were until he arrived. In his mind, the Games that mattered have always been the X Games. It wasn't even clear if Gerard realized he was being congratulated by Thomas Bach, president of the International Olympic Committee. Gerard's father, Conrad stated: "He's in that

generation that really hasn't watched TV. It was always smartphone stuff. So he didn't really watch the Olympics."

If that isn't enough evidence of him being a typical teenager, on the day of Red's competition, his roommate, Olympian snowboarder Kyle Mack, had to wake him up after he slept past the time he'd intended to rise on a day he's been preparing for his whole life. It is reported that he'd fallen asleep to Netflix the night before. Once awake, he discovered that he couldn't find his jacket and had to borrow his roommate's. He also swore on national television for the world to see.

This all sums up the unique character that represents the teenage side of Red. This may have in turn allowed him to be calm enough to have to put together a gold medal run on his last attempt, simply because he didn't let the pressure get to him or because there never was

any pressure for him to know of in the first place. No matter how you debate how Red was able to pull off such an amazing comeback and shocking win, the fact is that he is a seventeen year old



Olympic gold medalist.



Red with Canadians Max Parrot and Mark McMorris, who earned second and third place respectively. Photo by fis-ski.com

Go For Broke Olympics



Team USA's Opening Ceremonies uniform Photo source: gq.com

By Tiffany Mints

An analysis by Forbes magazine found that the average annual cost of raising an Olympic level gymnast totaled \$15,000. If you multiply that by the years it takes to train a world-class athlete the total can reach over \$120,000.

Parents of Olympic-level skaters spend at least \$200 on coaching fees six days a week plus a \$20 to \$40 daily fee for access to the rink. Figure skating, the most high profile sport at the winter games, is also one of the most expensive hobbies a kid can get into. It takes hundreds of hours of training to get to the

Olympics, which comes with associated fees, and then parents still have to factor in equipment costs, travel expenses, and a whole roster of professionals on retainer to help their kid become a champion. This intense training schedule makes attending public school impossible, so parents are also on the hook for a private tutor that would cost over \$80 per hour for a certified teacher.

So where is all this money coming from? While many countries pay their athletes' way for the Olympics, the United States doesn't. The governing bodies for certain

sports do provide some assistance, but only for the best of the best, and it's still only a fraction of what they'll end up paying themselves. Parents are usually forced to take on additional jobs, second mortgages, or start GoFundMe campaigns to send their kids to the big show. It certainly varies depending on the sport for a top-level athlete to make money to sustain their careers without side jobs, community support, and some serious financial backing from their families.

Other aspiring athletes are actually unemployed and need to be supported by their families- and some families have even gone bankrupt trying to support

their son's or daughter's Olympic dreams. Parents of Olympians routinely spend tens of thousands of dollars on their kids every year, and of course, that's on top of the money parents are already spending to raise a child through the age of 18. Many countries reward medalists with bonus money. U.S. Olympians, for example, will earn \$37,500 for each gold medal they win this year, \$22,500 for each silver, and \$15,000 for each bronze. In team sports, each team member splits the pot evenly.

These winnings will not be taxed if their gross income is \$1 million or less. US Olympic athletes get a check from the US Olympic Committee (USOC) if they take home a medal in either the winter or summer games. The payment program is called "Operation Gold," and this year, its checks got a little heftier. Bonus payments are 50 percent more than what American medalists earned at the 2016 Olympics. In reality, chasing the Olympic dream can be exhausting financially and physically. It is not a straight path. Some athletes drop the dream because of finances, but it can be a great experience for some and very rewarding for others.



NFL Teams Making Money Moves This Offseason

By Matt Stine

The past NFL season has been nothing short of amazing, and this off-season will make or break teams' chances of hoisting the Lombardi Trophy. Many superstars reaching the end of their contracts are looking for a new home. People have been speculating the return or departure of veteran quarterbacks in the league which will cause tension in the free agency market.

Multiple teams are relying on this free agency to provide them with the player that will take them over the top. The Jacksonville Jaguars are a prime example of that after a team that's in "win now" mode. Their main target this off season will be a quarterback, specifically Kirk Cousins. The Jags are coming off their first winning season since 2007 and before that 1995. They were led to the AFC Championship Game by quarterback Blake Bortles, who had a lackluster regular season but an all pro playoffs.

Bortles' performance in the playoffs is the main factor that makes the Jags offseason critical for them. Bortles is guaranteed up to \$35 million, which only gives the Jaguars \$17.5 million in free agency, so they need to make the decision to either keep Bortles or drop him to be able to sign Cousins. Cousins' was also presented with other offers for much more money with less of a chance at a Super Bowl.



Kirk Cousins is one of the biggest free agents this offseason. Nj.com

This upcoming NFL Draft can be the decider for many teams' free agency spending. This year's prospects hold quarterbacks who are projected to be stars. The Jets having the 6th pick and the Broncos having the 5th pick gives them the chance to draft their future stud and stray away from signing Kirk Cousins. A backup choice for a new quarterback is New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning, who is undecided whether he will leave New York to win another ring if he doesn't think he can with the Giants. The Giants also have the 2nd pick in the draft which is projected to get UCLA quarterback Josh Rosen who is a potential future franchise quarterback.

Quarterback's aren't the only ones getting big money. Wide Receiver Allen Robinson might be opting out of Jacksonville after tearing his ACL during his last season on contract for the Jaguars. Robinson might be seen as an idiot for leaving what the Jaguars have building after this season's playoff run, but Jacksonville might not be able to pay him the money he deserves if he decide to chase a new quarterback..



Allen Robinson hopes to return to his previous form post ACL injury. Chatsports.com
Lockedonjaguars.com

By Justin Magaziner

Chloe Kim

35 years ago a Korean man immigrated to the United States. Now his 17 year old daughter has won gold in the women's half pipe in his home country of South Korea. She is only the second athlete born in the 2000s after Red Gerard won gold in men's slope-style on Sunday. Chloe Kim is on the top of her game. She was the only women to land back to back 1080s in competition and she became the first to do it in the Olympics. In her second run Kim scored a 93.25 which could not be beaten by everyone else in their final run. This gave Kim the ability to do whatever she wanted. She decided to not let up. In her final run Kim posted a score of 98.75, blowing away the competition. Not only was the youngest competitor good enough, she was unmatched by every other athlete, young or old.

Mikaela Shiffrin

After winning gold in Sochi Mikaela Shiffrin said she would be going for five gold medals in Pyeongchang. After many weather delays Shiffrin finally debuted in the Giant Slalom on Wednesday night. After trailing by 0.20 seconds after her first run, she was able to take the lead and the gold after her second. Slalom is her main event. It was taking place on Thursday night. Everyone had no doubt she would win gold. Shockingly, she finished fourth after two sub-par runs. It is very hard to not wonder what

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the impact was of her competing on back to back days. This thought did not go overlooked by Shiffrin. She decided to pull out of the super-G event on Saturday, and after multiple training runs, she also pulled out of the women's downhill leaving her with only the Super Combined to compete in. The event consists of a downhill run and a slalom run. The times are added up and whoever completed both in the least amount of time gets the gold. After the downhill run Shiffrin was in fifth. It was not ideal, but she was still within grasp of a medal. The only event left was the slalom, after a disappointing performance the first time; she was determined to be better. She did just that, Shiffrin proved herself by gaining enough ground to take the silver. After boasting that she would win five medals in Pyeongchang, Shiffrin walked away with only two, a respectable but disappointing result on the world stage.

Lindsey Vonn

Shiffrin's counterpart, Lindsey Vonn, announced in the week before the games began that these would most

likely be her last. She qualified for the Super-G, Downhill, and Super Combined. Her 2018 debut came in the Super-G. After an almost flawless run she almost lost control on the last turn causing her to skid off of the course. She was able to recover and make it through the gate before being disqualified but the mistake still cost her a ton of time and led to her finishing off of the podium. Downhill is her best event, she won gold in it in the 2010 Vancouver games. She did not compete in the 2014 Sochi games because of a tragic knee injury. Coming into the race, Sofia Goggia was her biggest competition, ranking first in the event internationally. Vonn finished 0.47

seconds slower than Goggia which was good enough to earn her a bronze medal. Even though she was favored win gold she said "I'm not beaten. I'm standing on the podium, and to me I feel like I won a gold medal" which are pretty humble words coming from one of the most decorated American Olympians ever.

The medal made her the oldest women alpine skier to win a medal at the Olympics.



Lindsey Vonn Celebrating her third place finish. The Denver Post.



Big3 Jumps, Iverson Slumps

By Jake Hermann

The BIG3 Basketball league is back for its second season, which is a success on its own. Founders Ice Cube and Jeff Kwatinetz had a vision in mind nearly two years ago when they started to plan for the league. They wanted to form a professional three-on-three basketball league for former NBA players. From NBA busts to retired Hall of Fame members, the BIG3 Basketball league will take any player they can get.

The league grew in popularity when Allen Iverson was set to play and coach the "3's Company." Fans swarmed the BIG3 events to have the opportunity to see the Hall of Famer back on the hardwood. The first season did not go quite as planned for Iverson. After missing multiple games for injury, he skipped his season debut in Dallas, and the BIG3 had its first controversy. According to league policy, players who miss a game will be suspended the following game. Iverson was suspended, and BIG3 fans (Iverson fans) were certainly displeased with the league office's decision.

After a season of ups and downs, prerecorded highlights, and NBA veterans battling with injury, the BIG3 is coming back for its second season, this time, televised on the Fox Sports Network. Season two will be littered with former NBA talent in this professional half-court jamboree including: Corey Maggette, Chauncey Billups, Gary Payton, Brian Scalabrine, Stephen Jackson, DerMarr Johnson, Ricky Davis, Josh Childress, and Jerome "Junk Yard Dog" Williams. The Co-Captains for next season will be just as exciting including: Glen Davis, Nate Robinson, Ron Artest, Baron Davis, and Amar'e Stoudemire. Stoudemire, the six-time NBA All-Star, will team up with former Knicks teammate Nate Robinson, and former three time All-NBA player Jermaine O'Neal.

It is a miracle that the BIG3 is even making it to its second season, but even more amazing that they are still receiving a flow of quality players. Still, the most outstanding part of owner Ice Cube's endeavor is signing a contract with Fox Sports that will televise the playoffs and the regular season. Hopefully, this season there won't be any suspensions; and there will be an adequate supply of prune juice for these seasoned NBA retirees.

The New Look Cavaliers Take Over Trade Deadline

By Douglas Ditto

The NBA Trade Deadline has come and gone, and some of the league's top teams are revamped and ready to re-establish their chemistry for the NBA Playoffs. The Cleveland Cavaliers have won the Eastern Conference three post seasons and represented them in the NBA Finals. This offseason they traded superstar point guard Kyrie Irving, who had become disgruntled and wanted to be the alpha dog on a different team. The Cavs have had a very rocky first half, and with a LeBron James free agency looming, the Cavs needed to prove they were trying to give him a team he could win with as well as get younger as an insurance policy for his potential departure. The Cavaliers did exactly this as they got young, athletic players.

The Cavaliers set the internet on fire by trading almost half of their active roster and bringing in young guys who are unfamiliar with the playoffs. The Cavaliers moved: Dwyane Wade, Isaiah Thomas, Channing Frye, Jae Crowder, Derrick Rose, and Iman Shumpert. In exchange for Larry Nance Jr., Rodney Hood, George Hill, and Jordan Clarkson. These players brought the median age of the team down 4 years which is practically unheard of let alone in one day. These additions are a win-win situation for the Cavs who got younger meaning if LeBron leaves although it would be painful.

One of the teams the Cavaliers traded with was the Los Angeles Lakers who traded Larry Nance Jr. and Jordan Clarkson in exchange for Isaiah Thomas and Channing Frye as well as the Cavaliers first round pick for this season. This trade might not make sense for the Lakers at first glance as they got older players on expiring contracts however this is exactly what team president Magic Johnson was trying to do as with their contracts off the payroll, it frees enough room for two max contracts. Lakers legend Magic Johnson is hoping to bring the Lakers back to being a contender as they have struggled since Kobe Bryant's prime ended. With Magic in charge, L.A. could once again become a free agent destination especially with such a strong free agent class approaching including LeBron James, Demarcus Cousins, Paul George, and many more.

A big trade that occurred before the deadline was when the Los Angeles Clippers traded one of the franchises best and most famous players of all-time, Blake Griffin. Griffin had just signed a 5 year \$171 million contract in the offseason to stay with the team that he had become a household name with. Just a few months later the Clippers traded him to the Detroit Pistons in exchange for Tobias Harris, Avery Bradley, Boban Marjanovic. This trade is a big risk for the Pistons because although Griffin is a very good player, he is often injured which for a contract of his size, could be very detrimental to the team.

Barring a trade in the future, the Pistons will be paying a superstar over 25 million dollars when he is 32 years old. The Pistons took this risk because adding Griffin brings another All-Star and a potential dynamic duo between Andre Drummond, the Pistons young all-star caliber center, and Griffin. For the Clippers, this trade seems baffling because most thought the trade of Blake Griffin would signal the trade of center DeAndre Jordan and combo guard Lou Williams as well signaling an organizational rebuild however this did not happen leaving many fans confused. Instead it looks like the Clippers are trying to contend hoping that two solid rotational players would be more valuable than one oft-injured star.

Another big way for teams to acquire bench talent and depth after the trade deadline is buyout season. This is the term applied to when players have their contracts bought out by the team he is on in order to sign a small contract for the remainder of the season with another team. The team that has used this most to their advantage this season is the Houston Rockets who acquired Joe Johnson, a 6'7 forward, and 7 time all-star. The Rockets are trying to dethrone the reigning NBA champion Golden State Warriors behind MVP favorite James Harden. All in all, this trade deadline was far more exciting than most anticipated and will certainly be looked back on as one that had a huge impact on the league and this year's title contenders. Only time will tell if the teams made the necessary changes to beat what is considered one of the greatest teams of all time, the Golden State Warriors.



Blake Griffin celebrating a made shot in his new Pistons jersey.

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Franklin Lacrosse tries to put 2017 behind them

By Andrew Gersh



Senior, Alex Rojas, warming up before the Owings Mills massacre

The 2017 lacrosse season did not go exactly how the program had planned. They only managed to get two wins against Sparrows Point and Owings Mills, which are by no means powerhouses. This season, head coach Joe Madigan, has decided to slightly change the motto of the program. He has decided to place an emphasis on getting better but having fun in the process. This is due to the

recent decline in success that the team has faced and to improve the team culture.

The program has gone from winning the County Championships in 2015, to being mildly successful with one All-American (Chase Goldstein), to winning only two games the entire season. This shows an obvious decline in success and must be turned around so that the image of the program is preserved in the years to come. Now, coaches will turn their attention to a new motto of enjoying the season in hopes that a reduction of stress will result in better play.

As of this point, the team has not done any organized workouts, but the players have been directed to do workouts on their own and/or in small groups. In addition, the players have taken it upon themselves to run practices without the coaches on some



Senior, Hunter Alvarez, trying to prevent the Towson clear

Thursdays and Fridays. Strict county rules restrict when coaches are allowed to start practice.

The season officially starts March 1st, but as mentioned above, the players are eager to turn the program around immediately.

Franklin Baseball Preview

By Jacob McCarthy



Senior Clark Vandergrift up to the plate.

Winter sports are coming to an end and spring sports are right around the corner. With all of the sports at the school, baseball has definitely been one of the most disappointing in recent memory.

The junior varsity baseball team's record last season was (1-5), and varsity finished with a record of (3-15). This year, the players are motivated and determined to grind out the season and hope to become

more victorious in their games this year.

The players have been getting extra work during the offseason by going out to Baseball Warehouse and working with a Franklin legend Matt Morris. In addition to this, the players have been doing workouts every Tuesday and Thursday after school from 2:30 to 3:30. Tryouts are starting Thursday March 1, 2018 right after school. Some of the new freshmen are looking forward towards their first season at Franklin playing baseball. Although they are getting ready for the season, some of the kids are curious about the team. Brandon Carr was kind enough to share his thoughts on how he and the rest of the freshman feel about the upcoming tryouts, he stated "I'm not really nervous because I have been practicing and training".

Knowing that the team has been struggling the past few years, the baseball team has decided to move down a division this season hoping that the team's record will improve significantly. Although the team did move down a division, it will be harder for them to win games this season because they have lost several seniors from last season, but the team will find a way.



Mound visit during a sunny home game at Franklin High school

The Final Buzzer has Sounded



The Varsity Team during warm ups

By Zach Simons

The Franklin Indians basketball season has come to an end, both JV and Varsity. JV was coached by Ron Swantson and Garreth Carrey, and consisted of sophomores Jalen Banks, Nick Hall, Max Holzman, Karon Moore, Chuck Moyd, Michael Prozeller, Jaelen Swantson and Eric Herbert; and freshmen Reid Bark, Kameron Howard, Bryant Jordan, Micah Lowry, Seth

McCready, and Anthony Morante. Varsity was coached by Mr. Iampieri and Mr. Agent, and consisted of sophomore Shamar McCall, juniors Avery Sims, Quinten Conwill, Isaiah Mack, Justis Sloan and Chidozie Uzoma; seniors KJ Lewis, Larry Smith, Tyler Spears, Sam Westerman and Tamir Williams, and Derron McCall. Girls Varsity consisted of freshman Kelly Ceroll; sophomore Genevieve Montanye; juniors Ayana Booze, Brittany Hatcher, Dominique Doss, and Anya Litofsky; and seniors Hannah Graetz, Rachel Silhavy, Jessica Adedeji, and Celina Poison. Girls JV consisted of freshman Kiersten Hartman, Linnie Ulick, Isabel Tsimberg, Asia Dodson, and Killey Ruffhead; and sophomores Esti Lichtenberg, Morgan Boston, Jaida Ganes, and Jiniya Holloway.

Both JV teams had good seasons, however, unfortunately didn't move on to the playoffs. Boys Varsity finished with a record of nine wins and 14 losses. They advanced to the playoffs, but unfortunately suffered a devastating loss in the first round. Derron McCall led the team in scoring with 18.2

points a game. Tyler Spears led the team on the glass with nine rebounds a game. Larry Smith distributed the ball well, leading the team with four and a half assists a game. Their defensive leaders were Larry Smith in steals and Quinten Conwill in blocks. The team suffered some injuries late in the season, as Sam Westerman broke his wrist, and Derron McCall missed 11 of the regular season with an illness, but was able to return for the playoffs. Shamar McCall said "I really wish we did better this year."

Girls Varsity finished with a record of 12 wins and eight losses. Dominique Doss led the team in scoring. Jessica Adedeji led the team rebounds. Ayana Booze distributed the ball well, leading the team in assists. Their defensive leader was Ayana Booze, leading in steals. Dominique Doss had quite the accomplishment this season, hitting 1,000 career points as a junior. Esti Lichtenberg said "It's crazy how she has all of next season to build on that number."