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El Chapo Recaptured after Two Successful Prison Breaks

Cops and Courts

Joaquin Guzman (El Chapo) has escaped maximum security prisons twice, and after a six month run from the law, he has finally been recaptured. El Chapo was public enemy number one for Mexico and the United States. The recapture of El Chapo has struck a blow at the heart of international drug trafficking.

Born to a family of peasants and a life of strife, Guzman became involved with the cartel for the first time when he was just twenty-years old. He skyrocketed to the top, making his way through the underbelly of Mexican crime to become the, "Godfather of the drug world," a name crowned to him to by Forbes magazine.

Throughout his criminal career, he has exported more than 500 tons of cocaine through the United States alone, providing him with a net worth estimated at \$1 billion dollars. Such illegal wealth does not come without a hefty price, with bounties leading to his capture adding up to millions of dollars, ranging from 60 million Pesos (3.8 million US dollars) offered from the Mexican government, in addition to the \$5 million dollar reward offered by the United States government.

He was captured for his first time in 1993 in Guatemala, extradited to Mexico, where he was sentenced to 20 years in prison, of which he only served 8 before escaping by bribing the guards and virtually walking out the front gate in 2001. After another thirteen years of reigning over the drug trade freely, he was captured for the second time on 22 February 2014.

Following his sentencing, he was placed under heavy guard at the Federal Social Readaptation No. 1. He was to serve approximately 300-400 years in the maximum security prison. He served barely over a year. He escaped on 11 July 2015. His escape occurred through a mile long tunnel that was thirty feet underground, complete with a rail system fitted with a custom-fitted, rail-riding motorcy-

cle engineered for a quick escape. The tunnel led from a construction site to a hole directly underneath Guzman's shower in his cell. This was his second escape from a maximum security prison.

Returning to hiding to elude capture, he reached out to filmmakers in order to make his own movie, a biopic, telling the story of his life. Through his contact with actors and journalists, he came in contact with actor Sean Penn.

Penn interviewed the fugitive, wanting Guzman to elaborate on his history and the vast nature of his criminal empire. With this long, seven-hour interview with El Chapo, he learned and shared much of the notorious drug lord's past.

Following Guzman's third capture on 8 January 2016, this interview was released in the Rolling Stone magazine accompanied by much controversy. Many people accused Penn of committing an act that was morally wrong by interviewing the fugitive. Legal experts have cleared Penn of committing any criminal

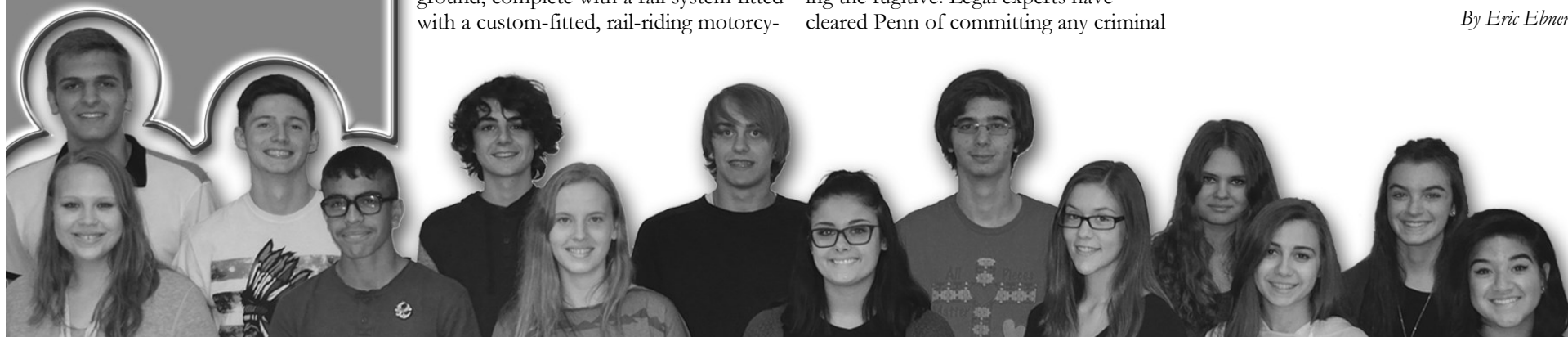
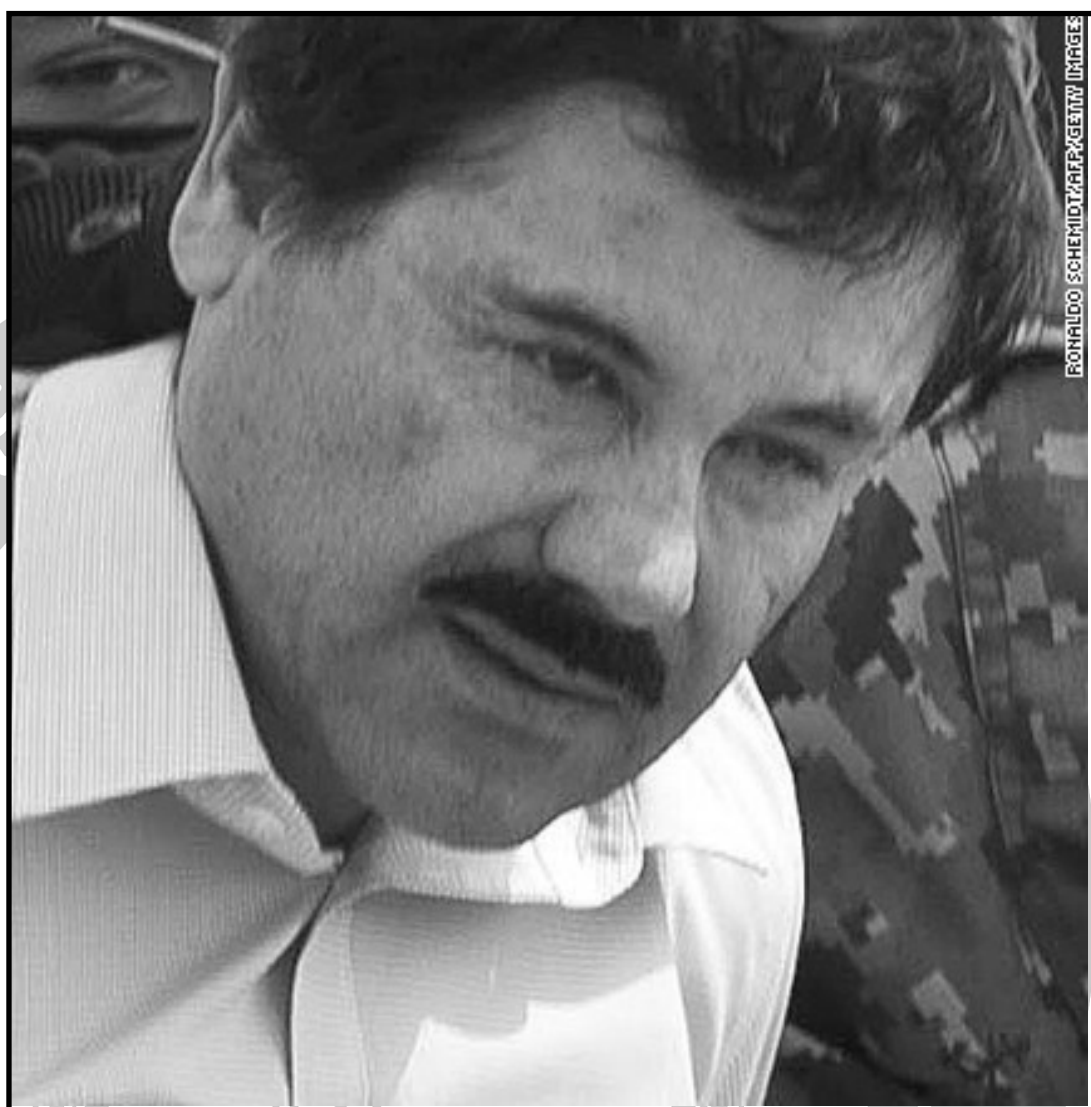
acts by interviewing the fugitive.

Legal expert and professor at the Georgetown University Law School, Paul Rothstein commented on the topic:

"There is no criminal liability for seeing something illegal and not reporting it. If Sean did nothing but visit and report, he is protected by the First Amendment, and is in the clear."

His capture on 8 January 2016 will be punctuated by the US's request to extradite Guzman to an American prison to prevent him from ruling his drug empire from prison and eventually escaping again. Unfortunately, the extradition process may take upwards of a year, as it is bogged down by paperwork filed by Guzman's lawyers. In the meantime, Guzman will enjoy his mighty fine view of his prison cell in the same maximum security prison in which he previously escaped from, very likely for the rest of his life.

By Eric Ebner



December Students Of The Month Are Tissera and Kurtz

Profile

Shannon Tissera is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tissera. She moved to Fleetwood during the summer before sixth grade. Prior to this, she went to St. Rita's Primary School, Elms Elementary School, and The British School in Colombo (Sri Lanka).

Here at Fleetwood, she is the Class of 2016's Historian and is involved with Student

Council. She is also a member of National Honor Society and the tennis team.

Outside of school, Tissera volunteers at local hospitals. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends, watching movies, blogging, writing, baking, and cooking.

Her favorite subject in school is English because she loves expressing herself through the medium of words in writing. She says she is not good at art, but she enjoys appreciating art, playing tennis, baking, traveling, reading, and writing. She believes that she was chosen for Student of the Month because of the positive energy she has toward herself and everyone around her.

In ten years, Tissera sees herself being happy with wherever she is in life. After High School, she plans to attend college and pursue a degree in psychology. She will miss her friends and teachers, the lack of excessive responsibility, and all of the "Bill Nye" and "Eyewitness" videos.

Tissera's inspiration is one of her close friends, who instilled in her the importance of self-expression, love, and worth, and who inspired her to be the best possible version of herself.

Tanner Kurtz is the son of Edward Kurtz and Renee Kline. Tanner went to Perry Elementary School in Hamburg School District,

then moved to Fleetwood in second grade. Tanner - December

At Fleetwood, he is involved in National Honor Society, Chess Club, and Outdoor Club. Outside of school, Kurtz volunteers for national parks and is involved with the National Rifle Association. He enjoys hunting, fishing, working on cars, riding four-wheelers, doing outdoor work, and spending time with family and friends.

Kurtz believes that it is the teachers who are what make a class great. This year, he does not have just one favorite subject because all of his classes are great once he gets back from Berks Career and Technology Center (BCTC).

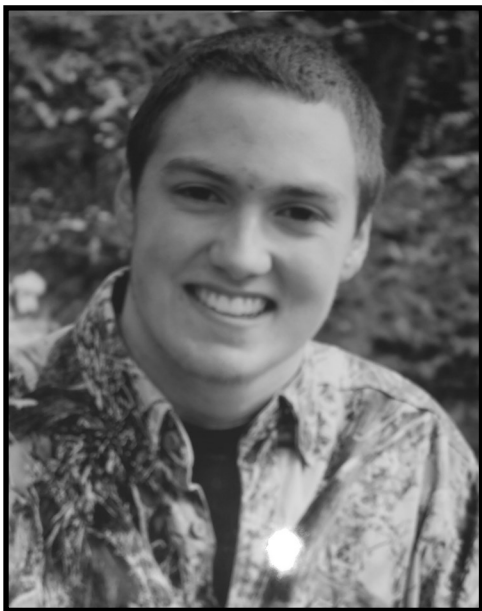
Kurtz is constantly himself around everyone. He is considerate, honest, courteous, humble, and, most importantly to him, respectful, and that's why he believes he was chosen for Student of the Month.

In ten years, he sees himself as a well-off electrical engineer working for a great company. He also hopes to have a wife and his own place to call home. After High School, Kurtz plans to work as an electrician over the summer, then go to Penn State for Electrical Engineering in Fall of 2016. Once graduating from Penn State, he plans to acquire a job in engineering. He will miss the great people he has

met, as well as the challenges and triumphs he has been through during his education.

His inspiration for the things he does is his family. They have heavily supported him and have pushed him to do well in life.

By Olivia Fenstermacher



A Timeline Of Global ISIS Attacks

Military

10 June 2014: The day that the second of largest city in Iraq, Mosul, fell to Isis. Isis then declared itself the Islamic state. It has been stated that Isis has replaced Al Qaeda for accomplishing the takeover of Mosul and the rise of terror. The root of Isis comes from Jama'at al-Tawhid wal-Jihad in 2004, when they were first established. Isis is competing with Al Qaeda for the most dominating terrorist group. The group has been recruiting members starting at age five. To be in Al Qaeda, you have to be 13 at the youngest. Isis originally started as a splinter group of Al Qaeda.

3 February, 2014: Al Qaeda renounced any and all ties to Isis.

May 2014: Isis kidnapped school boys and forced them to learn the ways of Isis, including their radical religious views.

28 June 2014: Borders closed for refugees.

30 June: 1.2 million Iraqis were displaced from their homes.

19 August 2014: Isis releases a video of them beheading James Foley, a U.S journalist who was missing in Syria since 2012 and threatens the life of U.S journalist Steven Sotloff. Steven Sotloff was later executed by Isis. Isis has committed many murders and has recently attacked Paris and claimed more lives.

By Lauren Boyer

Fleetwood Community Theater Turns Thirty

Recreation

The Fleetwood Community Theater (FCT) is a nonprofit organization that has been bringing the Fleetwood community together for 30 years. FCT is, in all actuality, a little bit older than 30.

The group was originally a show group located at St. Paul's UCC called the "Messengers" until they became their own group in 1986. Members from the Messengers wanted to create a group separate from the church itself. This was the birth of The Fleetwood Community Theater.

Ever since, the group has not had a permanent home. They rely on local churches and the High school for some of the larger productions.

There is a spring and winter show, each of which has the potential of being a comedy and/or a mystery of some sorts. For the summer productions, they are able to use the high school's auditorium. This allows the cast to have a full range of the stage, complete with choreography and vocals accompanied by a pit orchestra with sound effects needed from the sound booth.

The summer productions are by far the most popular. Lots of hard work go into them, the same as all the other productions too. A full cast is present and accompanied by an ensemble.

By Erin Maynard

AHJ Masters the Stage and All of Life's Moments

Review

In the dimly lit basement of a church, many devoted followers gathered to see Albert Hammond, Jr., a large name in the music scene. Although he is still trying to prove himself through his side project, many would recognize him as the rhythm guitarist of the widely popular Indie band, The Strokes.

Albert just recently came out with his third studio album, Momentary Masters. The name harkens back to Carl Sagan's book, Pale Blue Dot.

His performance was held in the basement of the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia, located in center city. The venue was on the smaller side, but it provided a close environment that created an intimate experience with the performer. I myself was only six feet away from the stage and Albert himself.

The only downside to the venue was its poor sound quality and acoustics. Vocals were muddled and sounded far off, and the guitars had a rough edge to them, but it was loud, and that is all that matters during a live performance. In a way, the odd sound quality complimented the style of Albert's music, creating an otherworldly twist to it all.

The set list included a wide variety of songs from all of his albums. He played nine songs from Momentary Masters, five songs from his EP AHJ, two songs from his second album ¿Cómo te Llama?, and five songs from his first album Yours To Keep. It was a good mix of old favorites and new fresh tracks.

The atmosphere was dominated by surging bass, pulsing drums, and guitar hooks that ensnared the soul. All of these elements contributed to a powerful and energized environment. The crowd itself was dancing, and there were even two instances of crowd surfing.

Albert delivered his vocals in a very sincere and honest way that was

painful yet liberating. Albert sung of life's simple, unalterable truths in a way that conveyed a sense of defeated acceptance. The catchy pop melodies masked the sense of defeat in a warm blanket of optimism. The driving bass lines and bombastic beats inspired the listener to carry on living relentlessly despite feeling defeated.

Ultimately, the concert was an expression of Albert's own life. The emotion Albert puts into his music could clearly be felt. He chronicled the life of one who has both succeeded and failed. It's a journey that we can all relate to. Albert made me laugh with joy for all of the rare moments where one experiences pure happiness and cry for all the mistakes one can make in life.

Albert's performance was undoubtedly one of the most impassioned concert experiences I've had.

By Adrian Alicea



Joe Biden Not Running in 2016

Politics

Democrat Joe Biden could have been one of the presidential candidates that could have had the highest chance to represent the Democrats in the election next year, despite him never announcing that he was going to run as a candidate.

At a press conference on 21 October, he announced that he wouldn't run a presidential campaign for the third time, much because of his son's death last May.

"I wish he would have because I don't feel like the others are as good," junior Daffeny Wolf said.

"Even if I don't live in America, it would be scary if some candidates became president because their foreign politics seem hostile, and it could affect my home country," junior Misaki Ito said.

By Skorpan Eriksson

Fish adapts to Freshwater in Only Fifty Years of Evolution

Environment

Some may think that evolution takes place over millions of years. According to scientists, a published study reveals that, in 1964, an Alaskan earthquake, which measured 9.2 in magnitude, forced tiny saltwater fish into fresh water in only fifty years.

"That is so sad that the earthquake forced them out of their usual habitat to an unknown place that was harming them," junior Pierre Richard said.

After the earthquake happened, populations of fish were stranded by an uplift in freshwater ponds. The Threespine Sickleback fish experienced gene changes as well as changes in their visible appearance, such as eyes, shape, color, bone size, and body armor due to the change to freshwater. The fish evolved into a total of three different species.

"It is truly amazing how the Sickleback fish can adapt so quickly to stay alive," senior Hannah Brunette said.

Thirteen thousand years ago, when glaciers receded, there were similar changes to the same species who were forced to exist in freshwater. The fish now have regions of

their genomes alternatively honed for either freshwater or saltwater. This may have something to do with the fact that they are able to adapt so quickly in order to stay alive.

"It's pretty rad that the fishies could adapt so quickly," senior Shannon Tissera said.



"We've now moved the timescale of the evolution of sickleback fish to decades, and it may even be sooner than that. In some of the populations that we have studied, we found evidence of changes

in fewer than even ten years. For the field, it indicates that evolutionary change can happen quickly, and this likely has been happening with other organisms as well," a biology professor at the University of Oregon, William Cresko, said.

"It is neat that evolution allows fish to adapt so quickly," junior Maya Stern said., "They are quite lucky they were able to change so quickly in genes and physical appearance. Survival of the fittest!" junior Megan Majewski said.

By Laura Seidel

Global Warming Hurts Some, Benefits Others, Study Finds

Environment

Everyone knows that global warming has been a hot topic for quite some time. Some species are in more danger than others. In this case, the Bowhead whales are adapting quite well to the warming of Arctic waters.

For some animals such as the polar bears, it is easy to see what they need. The bears need the sea ice to live on. The ice is declining, so it is possible that, in years to come, the species will die off and become extinct. Marine mammals like walrus, ringed seals, and bearded seals could be directly affected by the ice decline as well.

"That is a horrible thing to happen, and it is sad to see that the animals are in harm due to the Arctic climate changes," junior Pierre Richard said.

For some species, such as the bowhead whales, this gives them more feeding opportunities because all of the animals are

forced into the water more often. Due to the enhancements of the bowhead whales feeding conditions, the whales' overall health seems to be improving. Scientists say that the whales need to take in 100 metric tons of food in their diet each year.

"Although it is harmful for the rest of the sea mammals, it is good to hear that this creature is getting something good out of the warming of waters," junior Nate Wolfe said.

Although this Arctic change is harmful for the majority of the sea life living in the Arctic, the bowhead whale has a better quality of life thanks to the warming of waters. Their estimated life span is usually around seventy years. However, more recent studies explain that the sea beasts are able to live until age one hundred.

By Laura Seidel

Winter Fashion 2016 Offers Something Different Than Previous Recent Years

Fashion

Fleetwood Area High School has a lot of students who pay attention to fashion. The style changes every year and every season. This year's 2016 winter collection is different than any other year. Sweaters are on trend this year with all different styles.

"I love to wear sweaters with boots in the winter," senior Katie Eckert said.

Calvin Klein has a very unique collection this year. Long jackets are very popular, especially in the color black. Along with the color black, tan is very popular this year. Long sleeve and halter dresses are also loved by Calvin Klein, and a lot of people buy them. You could put high boots with the dresses to accompany it to give it a "little something."

"In the winter, I love to wear flannels and Vans," senior Danica Flinchbaugh said.

Urban Outfitter brings more of a 50s look back. They also are selling long jackets, but their pullover sweatshirts are really in. Wool is very popular in Urban

Outfitter, and most of the clothing is made out of it. They also try and keep their colors natural, but they have a lot of pastel colors to bring some color into their collection.

Big and bold is how H&M is doing their 2016 winter collection. Sometimes bigger is better. They complement a black dress with white tights and silver shoes, which could be worn as an evening outfit. At H&M, they have a very unique outfit that is based off of Michael Jackson's famous white pant outfit.

Express has many styles. They go with business to dress up comfortably. They love the sweaters with big buttons, which come in various different colors. You could accompany that with long boots and leggings.

PacSun has a lot of new styles for this year's winter formal. The coats they are selling are very unique. They added an Aztec design to the coat. They also added fur to the coats.

By Emily Moyer

Our 2016 Season

Spring Show

Greater Tuna

Directed By Jeff Jones

March 3, 4, 5, & 6

Spring Junior Production

Big Bad Musical

Director position open
June

Summer Musical

THE PRODUCERS

Directed By Tara Sands
July 21, 22, & 23

Talent Contest

August

Spaghetti & Song

Directed By

Jeannette DeAngelo
September 30 & Oct 1

Fall Show

Love, Sex, & The I.R.S.

Directed by Brian Miller
October 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30

Junior Holiday Show

I Hate Christmas

Director: TBA
December



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The Force Awakens Both Light And Dark Within Critic

Review

With the release of Star Wars: The Force Awakens, a massive amount of attention was given to the new addition to the beloved series of movies. Within the Fleetwood Area High School itself, there were a select few who had the opportunity to go out and see the movie on its opening day.

The film itself was greatly enjoyable. The Force Awakens is unique in that it appeals to both the general public and the fanatics. The movie is easy for the casual movie watcher to understand and follow as long as they know the general plots of Episodes IV, V, and VI. There are plenty of gripping action scenes to keep the viewer interested, as well as the occasional jest.

The few comedic scenes are both a strong point and a weak point. The jokes where characters are shown being somewhat socially awkward weakened the flow of the movie and proved to be somewhat unnecessary. These generic jokes were added to appeal to a wider and more general audience, but it still could have appealed to a large audience without the inclusion of these weak jokes. The strong jokes were those that incorporated the viewer's knowledge of the previous movies, making references mainly to A New Hope. They were witty, and while they did appeal more to the fanatics, they referenced popular and memorable moments from A New Hope.



Many fans worried that the movie would be a disappointment compared to the previously released prequel movies; however, they need not worry. The Force Awakens does a good job of following the aesthetics of the original movies while presenting them in a modern way that felt refreshing to the viewer.

There is a fine line, however, between paying homage and blatant copying. There were some scenes that seemed to cross this line by reusing certain aesthetics in a weak and ineffective manner that is slightly frustrating to the viewer, but despite the mild annoyance one feels while watching these tired scenes, they are few in number and easily overlooked.

All in all, The Force Awakens rivals the best of the older Star Wars Films. It certainly maintains the Star Wars aesthetic of wonder and adventure without sacrificing a modern approach.

By Adrian Alicea

Hoverboards: Are They the Future, or Just a Failure?

Science and Technology



Slightly over thirty years ago, the world was astonished at the digital effects used on the movie "Back to The Future Part II". People gasped at the sight when young Marty Mcfly (Michael J. Fox) floated around on his futuristic hoverboard. Now, in 2016, hoverboards are fairly common; however, they don't actually hover.

Today's "Hoverboards" are simply an electric powered gyroscopically balanced scooter, made from technology similar to a Segway. They were some of the hottest, most requested items of the Christmas season for 2015, with more than 5,000 of them being sold online on Black Friday. Though they are high in popularity ratings, they might not be the safest item on which to spend your hard-earned money.

The Internet has been flooded with videos of Hoverboard fails, kids and adults falling and hurting themselves due to the difficulty of riding the hoverboard. What's worse is that a multitude of videos

have surfaced of hoverboards malfunctioning and catching on fire, or even exploding.

These explosions have led to multiple companies no longer selling the product. Some of these companies include Amazon, which stopped selling many of the cheaper brands to improve quality control, and Target, which has done the same thing by limiting which products it sells.

These explosions have caused catastrophe to those looking to enjoy themselves with their new hoverboard.

Hoverboard fires have resulted in entire houses being burnt down. Scientists began to search for a reason "why" and have discovered it: faulty large watt Lithium batteries. The cheaper hoverboard companies lack quality control as they try and keep up with the new trends, resulting in faulty, low-quality batteries.

These popular gadgets are still available, though it is advised to wait until all fake and dangerous products have been eliminated to buy one. They range in prices from around \$299 to upwards of \$1000, depending on the quality, and the many different features that some may contain.

If you have one or are planning on getting one, use caution, but enjoy the ride.

By Eric Ebner

RANDOM CHEESE!

What do you think about Tiger TV coming back?

"I think it's important to the furthering of our school's social environment," junior Nick Carlin said.



"I'm very excited that it's coming back," junior Pierre Richard said.



"It's about time that the students have a new outlet to express their first amendment right," junior Dan Shomper said.



"Well my brother used to be a part of TV Media, so it's good to hear that it's back," junior Jenna Spohn said.



"I can't wait! I've missed it so much," senior Zachary Wanner said.



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