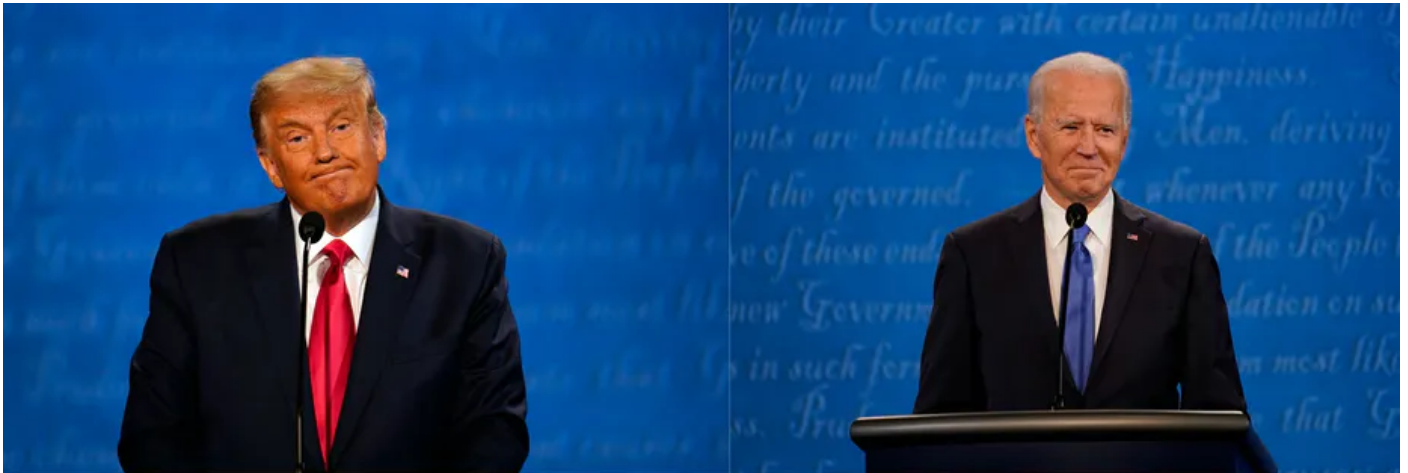


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The First Presidential Debate

by Gabriela Lavarro

The first presidential debate was held on September 29th. The Debate was between the incumbent (current president) Donald Trump and the democratic challenger Joe Biden. It was held in Cleveland, Ohio for Trump and Biden to debate and discuss different topics and things they plan to fulfill if they are elected president. It was supposed to be the first of three debates, but a debate scheduled for October 15 in Miami, Florida was canceled after Trump and many other white house employees tested positive for the Coronavirus and refused to participate in a virtual debate. During the debate the two candidates debated topics such as:

- COVID-19
- The Supreme Court
- The economy
- Race and racial violence in our country
- The integrity of the election
- Trump and Biden's records (taxes, etc.)

The First Presidential Debate, Continued

It was a night full of interruptions and insults. The two both had their share of interrupting the other, but certainly Trump was the one doing most of it and not abiding by the debate rules, which each of their campaigns agreed to prior to the debate. There were several interesting and eye-opening moments during the debate.

Some 'highlights' of the debate (or entertainment for some) were when Joe Biden said, "I'm not here to call out his lies, everybody knows he's a liar." Another

interesting moment was when asked about rejecting white supremacy, Trump avoided condemning white supremacists in his response and instead complained about the left.



When Chris Wallace, the moderator, asked about handling the pandemic, Trump said he closed the borders and provided masks and gowns, saving thousands of lives from a virus that could have killed millions under Biden's watch. He also said that the virus was, "China's fault." Biden claims that Trump downplayed the virus because he wanted to keep the people calm. Biden claims really Trump had no plan and there was and still is no leadership in the Trump administration in response to the pandemic.

The two also discussed the Supreme Court and the idea of court packing. Trump claims he has won the election and it's fine to put his nominee, Amy Coney Barrett, in the court. He also made the argument that she is well fit to serve in the court and it is fair to appoint her to the court now. However, Biden claims that he can't put her into the supreme court and that they should wait until the election is fully concluded because it wouldn't be fair and it would violate the American people's rights. Biden also claims that Amy Coney Barrett's nomination is not fair because she is put there solely to strike down the Affordable Care Act, which provides affordable health care for millions of Americans.

One thing is for sure - people need to exercise their right to vote whoever they may choose. The votes of our parents and family members will represent the kind of America we will live in... And the debate makes for a great skit on SNL!

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The COVID-19 Pandemic

by *Elían Bacus*

These days, everyone is wearing masks. The air is toxic, the seats are being cleaned daily, and businesses are closing down. Schools stay clean, empty, and quiet. Some schools are staying open, with kids wearing masks and staying clean for the whole day. Some schools stay open online using Zoom to make virtual contact. It's safer when everyone is at home because when you go to school in person, it increases the chance of spreading Coronavirus/Covid-19. People are getting sick each day, and people are suffering. Some people believe/think that we can reopen in about 2 to 3 years or more, but we would still have to wear mask everywhere after 2 to 3 years or more.

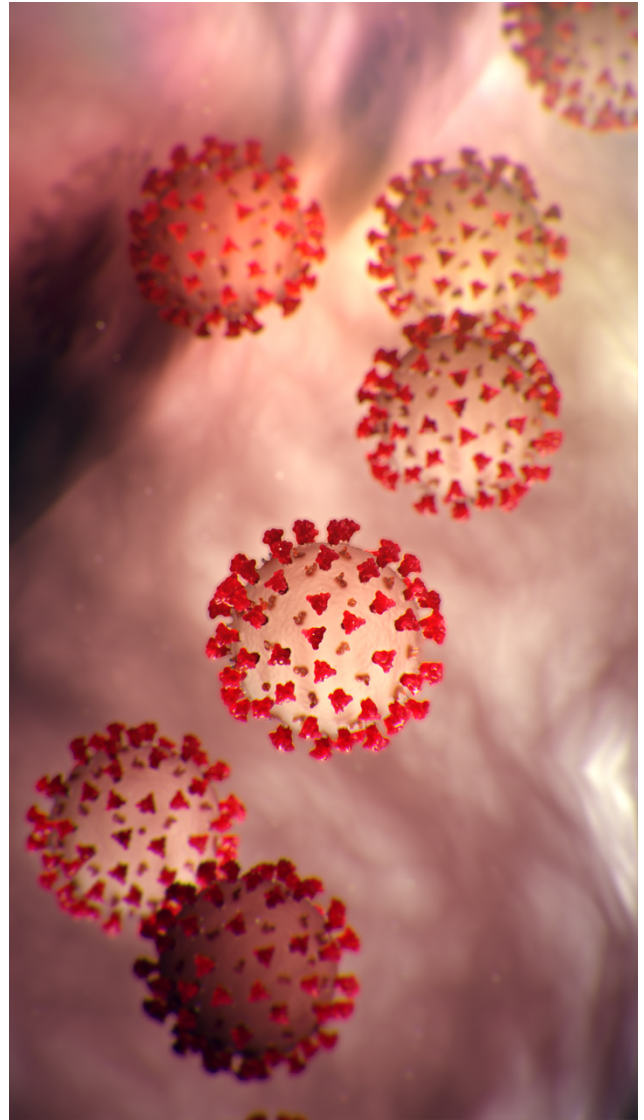
Schools, malls, and everything else will reopen after the Coronavirus is gone. According to the experts, Coronavirus originated in bats and began spreading first in Wuhan, China. Early documented cases of the Coronavirus come from a wet market in Wuhan, leading many to believe this is where the virus

originated. Others believe the virus may have come from a lab in China, but evidence to prove this theory has not been released. The Coronavirus' nickname is Covid-19, because co stands for corona and vid is a virus. 19 is for 2019, because 2019 is when it all started.

Book Delivery by Drone

by *Hans Holgado*

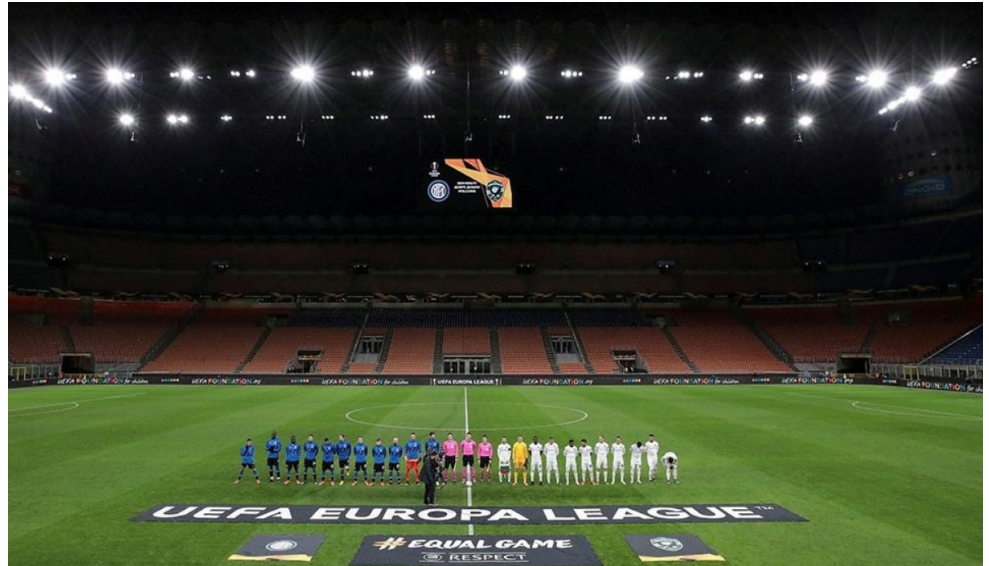
Did you know that a library in Virginia started delivering books to kids by drone? This is awesome because it means kids can stay in their houses and read books from the library without going there. This is especially important as families continue to quarantine during the pandemic. A big thank you to Ms. Kelly Passek, the mastermind of this project. I hope we will have one here in Jersey City soon so we can safely have books delivered too.



How Coronavirus Has Affected Sports

by Brandon Robinson and Tanay Tabhane

In South Korea, the football league season restarted on May 8 after several weeks of postponement, with reigning champions Jeonbuk Motors hosting Suwon Bluewings in an empty World Cup Stadium in Jeonju. The Euro 2020 tournament has been postponed until 2021, European football's governing body UEFA said in a statement on March 17. UEFA



UEFA said that the 24-team tournament, which was due to be staged in 12 nations across the continent from June 12 to July 12 this year, would now take place from June 11 to July 11, 2021.

On April 23, UEFA also postponed the Euro 2021 Women's championship, and it will now be played in England from July 6 to July 31, in the same venues that were originally proposed to host the event. The women's football league in England has been cancelled.

UEFA on April 1 suspended all Champions League and Europa League matches "until further notice." All national team games scheduled for June have also been postponed. FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation have agreed to postpone the Asian World Cup qualifying matches in March and June. New seasons in the Chinese and Japanese professional leagues have been postponed.

Asian Champions League matches involving Chinese clubs Guangzhou Evergrande, Shanghai Shenhua and Shanghai SIPG have been postponed. The start of the knockout rounds has been moved back to September. In Germany, the top-flight Bundesliga resumed its season on May 16 behind closed doors after a two-month hiatus. The English Premier League, Italy's Serie A, Spanish La Liga and Turkey's Super Lig are set to resume in June after a near three-month suspension.

The Major League Soccer (MLS) top-tier football league in the US has extended its postponement of matches in the country until at least June 8 due to the coronavirus pandemic. On April 12, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) announced the postponement of the two-legged semi-finals of the African Champions League that were supposed to take place in May.

How We Are Seeing the Black Lives Matter Movement in Sports

by August Passafiume and Landon Leigh

LeBron James has been a huge help in the Black Lives Matter movement. He has started his own volunteer group called “More Than A Vote,” which puts systemic racism into focus by showing how voting centers in major cities got shut down. In an open letter, James says that for some people in power, it is easier to not let someone who doesn’t agree with them vote, than to go out of their comfort zones and try to convince someone that they are correct. “More Than A Vote” is getting people to vote, and turning major basketball courts and baseball stadiums into voting centers, and helping get volunteers to help run the voting centers. His main message to people is that you need to vote, and now black votes matter more than ever. (Read the open letter that he wrote [here](#).)



Trump Gets Coronavirus

by Madeleine Schwarzer

On September 21st, president Donald Trump announced on Twitter that he and his wife Melania Trump had tested positive for the coronavirus. On October 3rd, he was sent to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He had a fever, a cough and nasal congestion along with other symptoms. Vice president Mike Pence and his wife Karen along with Trump’s opponent/old vice president Joe Biden tested negative for the virus. Trump was likely to be okay being under the best medical care available.



Mr. Trump had minimized the seriousness of the virus for months before he tested positive and was then to quarantine for an unknown amount of time.

Since Trump did not know when he would be better, he canceled his flight to Florida for a campaign rally that Friday. He had canceled everything on his public schedule for that day except for one phone call in the middle of the day. Trump wanted to find a way to reassure the public that he was going to be alright. Trump is now better and ready for the election on November 3rd after the second debate with him and Mr. Biden on October 23rd. Make sure to remind your parents to vote if they haven’t already.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

by Frania Czerniak

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was born March 15, 1933. She was Jewish, meaning in her time she was not welcomed in many places - she said she remembered at one point seeing a sign saying "no dogs or Jews." Ruth had a mind like no other in her time, she always worked hard. One day Ruth got accepted into Harvard law school. Ruth gave birth to a baby girl named Jane Carol Ginsburg in 1955. Ruth went to Harvard Law School and her husband Martin (or Marty) Ginsburg was so happy - but Ruth had many struggles to overcome 1. She had a baby 2. There were only 9 women in her class of 500 men and 3. Sadly, in 1956 when Marty was entering his third year and Ruth her second, Marty was diagnosed with Testicular cancer, but he still fought. He got two operations and radiation therapy. This did not stop the Ginsburgs. So while Marty was in bed, Ruth started to attend both of their classes and happily got to the top of her class. Ruth decided to leave Harvard and go to Columbia and graduated again at the top of her class.

Sadly, when she was starting her career, she got rejected 13-14 times just because she was a woman. Finally, she found a job at Columbia University as a teacher/ lawyer that taught the new generation about our old, unjust laws. She soon came through another struggle; she had just given birth to a boy named James Steven Ginsburg in 1965. She did not want to lose her job and career so she kept the birth a secret. Then came one of the biggest fights of her life - The Basis Of Sex movement. She went to court and gave an amazing speech that won.

On June 27, 2010 Ginsburg's husband sadly passed away. Ginsburg said that "he was the only man I dated who actually cared that I have a mind." So she carried on and started fighting for equal rights for men and women and became a role model for her children and grandchildren and many generations to come. She was nominated to the Supreme Court by Bill Clinton the votes were 96-3.

As you must have heard, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died September 18, 2020. This was her life's work and story, so I hope you enjoyed it. You can watch the movie called "The Basis Of Sex" for more information on this topic. Now many years later women are still getting unequal pay and are treated like they don't have a mind and are just for cooking and cleaning and making children. She is a huge role model for many young people, especially little girls. I think she made women have a voice and a mind, because women are intelligent beings. I remember my mom once told me that, "You are not born with smarts. You need to earn it and work hard and no one can tell you what they think you need to be." Ruth showed us that in many ways



Climate Change: Let's Save Mother Earth!

by Hans Holgado and Madeleine Schwarzer

Do you know who Greta Thunberg is? She is a climate activist and was named Time magazine's Person of the Year in 2019. She also has been nominated for the Nobel Prize! She made the first global strike for climate change. Many people were inspired by Greta Thunberg to take care of the earth.

Climate change is the process of our planet heating up. It is like our earth is having a fever that is NOT good and needs to be treated. You can save Mother Earth in your own way: You can reduce, reuse, and recycle; you can support your local farmer's market; you can save electricity by turning off your lights when you are not using them. Here are activities to do can help stop global warming:

Plant a native garden: If you have space to do some gardening then plant a native garden! Ask a parent or guardian to take you to your local gardening store and research some native plants to your state.

Pull a plant: No! Of course don't pull a random plant! You can search the web for a few plants that are invasive then once you are sure you found an invasive plant pull it.

Read a book: Instead of going on electronics.

Hydrate: Just like you plants need to hydrate. Especially in the summertime when it's really hot. If you have plants make sure to water them. Before you get a plant learn how often to water them and how much sun they need.

Compost: Whenever you have leftovers you should compost it!



Halloween is on its way, and we can make crafts out of recycled items!

Soda can/plastic bottle monsters! You will need: empty soda can/bottom half of a plastic water bottle, acrylic paint, paper (optional), googly eyes (optional), pipe cleaners (optional), string (optional). Take a soda can/bottom half of a plastic bottle and paint it the color you want your monster to be. Tip: For better results put 2 layers of paint. Take paper and draw eyes and a mouth cut them out and glue them on. You can also paint them or use googly eyes and string or pipe cleaners for the mouth. If you want to add hair, you can cut it out from paper or glue on pipe cleaners or string. There you have it! Your simple recycled can/bottle monsters out of objects easily found in your house!

Creepy Cardboard Crates! You will need: Empty cardboard box, acrylic paint, extra cardboard, scissors/exacto knife, glue, tape, markers (optional), colored paper (optional). Tape the top flaps of your cardboard box together. Take your black paint and paint about 2 inch thick stripes around the sides of the box. Cut out a rectangle of your extra cardboard and paint or write DO NOT OPEN. Cut out another rectangle of extra cardboard and paint or write CAUTION. Glue or tape on the signs to the box. If you want you can use colored paper to add monster hands poking out of the black stripes. (You can also paint them.) Once you're done you can put it out together with your other decorations.

Climate Change, Continued

Plastic bag ghosts! You will need: Empty white plastic bag, stuffing, white or tan string, rubber band (optional), black marker/paint (optional). Take your bag and stuff it about half way. Tip: If your bag has a little bit of writing on it then turn it inside out. Tie it with string or your rubber band. If you want you can take a sharpie or black acrylic paint and draw or paint eyes. This will be a waterproof decoration that you can hang outside with string.

Amazing Fall Recipes You Can Do In Quarantine

by Estelle Rozenberg

Quarantine can be hard and boring, but not to worry - there are tons of things to do other than screen time. These are fall recipes that you can do in quarantine. I have some starter recipes: Pumpkin bread, and apple pie. They are super fun and easy, and they are delicious.

Playful pumpkin bread recipe

You will need:

- 1 cup vegetable oil or canola oil
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups solid pack pumpkin
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice



Instructions:

- In a medium-size bowl, mix together the oil, sugar, eggs, vanilla and pumpkin in a bowl. Set aside.
- In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, salt, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and pumpkin pie spice.
- Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix just until combined. Do not overmix.
- Grease and flour two 9x5 loaf pans. Divide the batter between the two pans.
- Bake at 325 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean. Allow the bread to cool in the pan for 10 minutes before turning onto a wire rack to cool completely.
- Sprinkle the top with powdered sugar, if desired.

Amazing Fall Recipes, Continued

Amazing apple pie

You will need:

- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon cream
- 1 recipe double crust sour cream pie dough OR all butter crust, OR your favorite pie crust recipe
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour for thickening
- 1/2 cup to 2/3 cup sugar, depending on how sweet you like your pie
- 3 pounds good cooking apples such as Granny Smith, Jonagold, Golden Delicious, Fuji, or Braeburn (about 6 to 8 apples, depending on the size of your apples and the size of your pie dish)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice or apple cider vinegar (to toss with the sliced apples so they don't brown as you slice them)



Instructions:

- Peel, core and cut the apples, and sprinkle them with a little lemon juice or apple cider vinegar to keep from browning. Toss them with a little flour, sugar, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, and vanilla, and let the filling sit while you roll out the pie crusts.
- Remove the dough disks from the refrigerator and let them sit for 10 to 15 minutes before rolling one of the disks out to 12-inch circles, about 1/8"-inch thick.
- Line the bottom of a 9-inch pie plate and line with the rolled out dough. Trim the edges to a half-inch from the sides of the pie pan. Scoop the apples into the pie plate and create a mound in the center. Don't worry if the apples are high in the pan, they'll shrink as they cook.
- Roll out the second pie dough disk. place the second round of rolled out pie dough over the apples, and tuck the edges of the top pie crust over and under the bottom pie crust edges. Crimp with your fingers to seal.
- Score the top in several places to create vents for steam to escape
- Place the pie on a baking sheet (to catch the drippings) in a 375°F oven and bake for 20 minutes, or until the top starts to lightly brown, then lower the temp to 350°F and bake anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour or more longer. You will know it is finished when it is a nice golden brown and the juices are bubbling.
- Let the pie cool for an hour before cutting into it, and serve it plain or with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream!

Things That People Do in Quarantine

by Rhys Gagnon

1. Play video games
2. Read and hear articles
3. Do puzzles
4. Watch movies
5. Play in the back yard
6. Cook
7. Read books
8. Write
9. Play sports
10. Eat
11. Relax



[Click here for more fun ideas to try while you're at home!](#)

Memes of the Month

by August Passafiume

When you're in class for an eternity and look at the clock, but only 5 minutes have passed.



One for the kids...

Teachers: Just log into Zablezoot, scroll down to the Zork! app and have the kids work through the assignments sent through Kracklezam or check the links posted in Drumblekick.

Parents:



And one for the parents!

Thank you so much for reading! Look out next month for Volume 2. Stay safe.

- The LCCS Newspaper Staff