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THE POLAR VORTEX-BY: LUCUS BURNETT

This winter, Central Illinois and the United States saw wild winter storms and record breaking low temperatures.

The “super” snowstorm, named *Ion*, started on Sunday, January 5, 2014. The Sunday started as an average day, but as the day progressed, conditions got worse. Winds picked up by blowing snow over roads, making very dangerous driving conditions.

As the storm progressed, wind chills and low temperatures reached all time lows with low temperatures hitting around -12 to -18 and wind chills plummeting to the -50s and -60s. As a result of these arctic-like temperatures, many schools across the country closed their doors. Many of the schools reached their limit of emergency days built in to their calendar.

On Tuesday, January 7, 2014; all US states saw freezing temperatures. Even at the top of Hawaii’s Mount Kea, a dormant volcano, saw a temperatures of 18 degrees.

Satellite images of North America show the polar vortex over the continent. Photos show the vortex expanding all the way into Canada and reaching as far south as Florida.

For Tuscola schools, we had to cancel 8 days of schools mainly because of the cold. Some days, however, had to be cancelled because of snow.

On Monday, February 17, 2014 our neighbors to the north in Champaign county saw 1,200 power outages. Macon county saw nearly 10,000 power outages (8,094 approximately).

On Monday, February 3, 2014, Delta Airlines had to cancel about 600 of its flights due to the vortex over the country.

Strangely enough, on Saturday, February 8, 2014, it was reported by ThinkProgress.com that temperatures in Georgia were colder than the temperatures in Alaska. Another strange note, the temperatures in the Caucasus Mountains (Sochi area) were warmer than in the United States!

As you can see, in Central Illinois and the United States has most certainly not had a boring winter season. The country saw low temperatures, crazy storms, and closings everywhere.

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THE OLYMPICS—AN INSIDE LOOK

NEW SPORTS—BY: ASHTON SMITH

This year at the Sochi Olympics, lots of X-Games equivalent events have been introduced to freshen up the Olympic Games.

Ski Half Pipe

Everyone has seen Shaun White and other snowboarders do flips and stunts on the half pipe, so haven't you ever wondered if skiers couldn't do it to? Now they can! Men and women can participate in the skiing half pipe! Competitors are scored on take-off, height they reach above half-pipe, landing and difficulty of trick. Skiers take their first two separate runs to qualify for the final two runs!

Ski Slopestyle

In slopestyle, men and women compete together! Slopestyle consists of a qualification round and a final round. There is a series of "obstacles" or features in which skiers have to perform tricks and stunts on. The judges evaluate them on an overall impression of the run, which includes the sequences of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine, and how the skier uses the course. The judges also take off for falls, mistakes, and stops. 12 men and women then compete for the title of ski slopestyle medalist.

Snowboard Slopestyle

Snowboard slopestyle is competed the same way as ski slopestyle. It is also performed on the same course too! The tricks however, are a little bit different, considering that both feet are strapped to the same board. Other than that, athletes from skiing and snowboarding can both participate in slopestyle.

Snowboard Parallel Slalom

In snowboard parallel slalom, two snowboarders race side-by-side down identical courses. There are no judges scoring. The first one down wins!

Women's Ski Jumping

The women of ski jumping tried the hardest to get their sport in to the 2014 games. These women do their jumps on the same course the men do their jumps on. They are judged on distance. The jumper with the highest combined score from their four jumps is the winner!

Biathlon Mixed Relay

This sport makes both men and women work together! The women start and end this event, while the two men relay in the middle. The team with the quickest time wins!

Figure Skating Team Event

In this sport, teams of six skaters perform under four categories: men, women, pairs, and dance. The team with the highest score altogether wins. This event is spread out over the course of three days.

Luge Team Relay

This new kind of luge consists of three sleds: a doubles sled, a woman's single sled and a men's single sled. When the sleds get to the bottom of the course, they get to a gate which tells the next sled to go. The team with the fastest time altogether wins!



OLYMPIC MESS UPS!-BY: TURNER HASTINGS

The Olympics. The only time when the world meets to compete in different sports for a gold medal. But did you know what the hotels, food, whether, suits, and even the restrooms had in store. I'm here to tell you about the weird, disgusting, and sad things that happen to the Olympics this year.

This year the Olympics are in Sochi, Russia. Now the athletes that play in the Olympics live in hotels for the two weeks the Olympics take place. Now these hotels were a wonderful living place. With yellow tap water, Light bulbs that don't work, doors that don't open, and toilets right next to each other and honey with a bee. If you like these thing then I was right. If you don't well then it's a nightmare. Olympic athletes twitter about their experience and say things like "I'm scared of the water" or "Anybody want doorknobs for light bulbs?"

Now during the Olympics the games were a big mess. The open ceremony was amazing, but the rings were not complete. The red ring didn't open like the others. So say that it's a sign to America since red ring represents the North America continent. Also the weather is very nice during these Olympics. A nice 59 degrees. That would be nice, here but the snow started to melt. Therefore skiers, due to the snow slush, slid out and got disqualified and there training got ruined by snow. They also had to use fake snow for the hills and that also messed the great skiers up But the other great sad thing were the new 2014 suits for the ice skaters and the racers for the Olympics fell out of the amazing expectations. They soon after went back to their 2013 suits and met the expectations.

All in the end the Sochi Olympics were a great year for records and new faces. This wasn't the first Olympics not done. Salt Lake City here in America didn't have hotels open for the public and were only for athletes. Sochi also noticed there mistakes and in the closing ceremony and forgot the ring on purpose then turned it back to the five rings.

THE SCOOP ON THE MEDALS—BY: CAMERON OCHS

The value of a medal from the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics depends a lot on what country you represent. While all the medals have the same value when it comes to the precious metals (Gold: \$566, Silver: \$325, Bronze: \$3). The cash rewards that different countries give their athletes who win varies by thousands of dollars.

The country offering the biggest bonus for an Olympic medal in Sochi is Azerbaijan which will pay any athlete who wins a gold medal more than half a million dollars (\$510,000). A silver medal is worth just over a quarter million dollars (\$255,000) while a bronze medal would receive a \$130,000 bonus. The US bonuses seem so little compared to some of these countries. A gold medal for a US athlete means \$25,000 bonus, a silver means a \$15,000 bonus, and a bronze will bring a \$10,000. Unlike many other countries, the US taxes these bonuses which can mean that as much as 39.6% will end up going back to the IRS.

Olympic Medals:

#	Country/Region				Total
1	 Russian Federation	13	11	9	33
2	 Norway	11	5	10	26
3	 Canada	10	10	5	25
4	 United States of America	9	7	12	28
5	 Netherlands	8	7	9	24
6	 Germany	8	6	5	19
7	 Switzerland	6	3	2	11
8	 Belarus	5	0	1	6
9	 Austria	4	8	5	17
10	 France	4	4	7	15

1980 OLYMPIC HOCKEY TEAM-BY: WILL LITTLE

This year we have the 2014 winter Olympic Games. One of the Hockey games this year was between the United States and Soviet Teams. That game brings me back to the 1980 Winter Olympic Games when a Miracle happened. The 1980 games took place in Lake Placid, New York.

The Soviet team was supposed to be unbeatable. The Soviets (also known as the USSR) had previously won the last four ice hockey gold medals. They were clearly a favorite heading into the games. Since 1960, the Soviet team had gone 27-1-1 (wins, ties, losses) having that loss in 1960 to the USA team in Squaw, Valley. The USSR played in a world class league with world class training facilities. Their team was made up of legendary players such as team captain Boris Mikhailov, Vladislav Tretiak the best goalie in the world at the time, and great defenders like Valeri Kharlamov, Viacheslav Fetisov, Vladimir Krutov, and Sergei Makarov.

The US team was coached by Herb Brookes. Coach Brookes had tryouts for the team in the summer of 1979 in Colorado Springs. Only 20 players could be on

the final roster for the Olympics. There was a lot of tension between the players because they played each other on different college teams. The biggest rivalry was between the Minnesota and Boston teams. The Minnesota team consisted of Rob McClanahan, Mike Ramsey, and Phil Verchota. While Boston consisted of Dave Silk, Jack O'Callahan, goalie Jim Craig, and team captain Mike Eruzione. The average age of the US team was 21 years old making them the youngest team to compete in the Olympic Games.

The United States beat the Soviet team in the semi-finals 3-2. They went on to beat Sweden in the Finals 9-2. The name Miracle came from the famous saying at the final second of the game when the announcer said, "Do you believe in miracles?! Yes!" That is the story of the famous game in the 1980 winter Olympics.



THE OLYMPICS—AN INSIDE LOOK (CONTINUED)

TORAH BRIGHT 'S STORY—BY: HALIE PFEIFFER

Since this is the year that the winter Olympics are played in. I decided to do a background story on one of the competitors, Torah Bright. In 2012 she won gold in the half-pipe and after the 2012 Olympics she was nursing a head injury so that was something I took into consideration when deciding which competitor to do a background story on. Torah Bright has a sad and happy story. Here is her story:

Torah Bright was married in her hometown of Salt Lake City, Utah. She still had her head injury when she was married to her husband, Jake Welch. After she was rehabilitated she was ready to return to the slopes, but her coach and brother were not ready to let her return. Bright's coach said that he just couldn't do it anymore. It was hard for both her and her coach because they had been working together for so long. Bright began training with her friends coach, Sarah Burke. In January 2012, Sarah Burke was killed after falling and hitting her head on the half-pipe when training.

At the end of the hard year Bright was facing the ending of her marriage. Bright and Welch separated in August 2012 and divorced 8 months later. Torah and her older brother, Ben, started training in December of 2012 for the qualifying year. Ben and Torah decided to not only do her main event, the halfpipe, but the slopestyle and boardercross competitions. Bright qualified for not one event, not two event, ALL THREE events she had been training for. Shortly after getting to Sochi both Ben and Torah were critical of the courses, raising safety concerns and making the headlines back in Australia.

Torah Bright may have only won 1 silver medal but what she did to get that silver medal is incredible. Torah Bright has an amazing background story. Hope you enjoyed learning about Torah Bright and her life story

20 INTERESTING FACTS

BY: SABRINA ALCORN AND BRYCE HUTSON

1. In the average lifetime, a person will walk the equivalent of 5 times around the equator.
2. Cats can smell with their paws.
3. The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottles represents the number of varieties of pickles the company once had.
4. It is believed that Shakespeare was 46 around the time that the King James Version of the Bible was written. In Psalms 46, the 46th word from the first word is shake and the 46th word from the last word is spear.
5. Karaoke means "empty orchestra" in Japanese.
6. Mosquitos are twice as likely to bite you if you are wearing blue.
7. Hitler's first love was Jewish.
8. The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.
9. The king of hearts is the only king without a moustache.
10. Hitler was saved from drowning by a priest when he was 4.
11. An earthquake, in Turkey, killed 2,000 people on Friday the 13th.
12. Hitler was nominated for a Noble Peace Prize in 1939.
13. You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching TV.
14. The largest number of children born to one woman is recorded at the number 69. From 1725-1765, a Russian peasant woman gave birth to 16 sets of twins, 7 sets of triplets, and 4 sets of quadruplets.
15. The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear. Any cup-shaped object placed over the ear produces the same effect.
16. The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.
17. The Baby Ruth candy bar was actually named after Grover Cleveland's baby daughter, Ruth.
18. Nobody knows who built the Taj Mahal. The names of the architects, masons, and designers that have come down to us have all proved to be latter-day inventions, and there is no evidence to indicate who the real creators were.
19. The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.
20. "Goodbye" came from "God bye" which came from "God be with you."



BOOK REVIEWS-BY: EMILY KEMP

Are you a book lover? If you answered yes to that question than this is the article for you.

Mortal Instruments Series by Cassandra Clare: For those of you that love romantic action this is the book for you. This series will keep you wanting more. Every time you think you know it all Cassandra Clare throws a new twist in. The new book *City of Heavenly Fire* is coming out in May of 2014. I rate it 4 and a half out of 5 stars.

Divergent by Veronica Roth: In a society where you choose your whole life in one night Tris is left with a decision that will change her life forever. *Divergent* is one of the best books that I have read and you don't have to be a girl to read this book. It has action, adventure, and romance. The movie is coming out March 21 in IMAX theaters. I rate it 5 out of 5 stars.

The Time Travelers by Linda Buckley-Archer: This series takes Time Travel to a whole new level, you will learn things about 17 hundreds that you never knew before. In this book you will make enemies and heroes that are trying to help Kate and Peter get back home to their families, but one cutpurse may ruin any chance they have to get back home. I rate it 4 out of 5 stars.

Matched by Allie Condie: Cassia is fighting against the society that holds her hostage. In a battle against love she must choose whether to pick Xander the boy of her dreams or Ky the outsider who always keeps to himself. In the perfect society that they have a war is raging on outside that will make her fight for what she wants and what's right. I rate this 3 out of 5 stars

Here are some other books that you might want to read:

Selection By: Kiera Cass

Cinder By: Marrison Meyer

Vampire Academy By: Richelle Mead

Entwined By: Heather Dixon

The Infernal Devices By: Cassandra Clare



2014 MOVIE PREVIEWS-BY: EMMALEE PHILLIPS

Do you like to watch movies? If you do then you should read this article. You'll learn about the movies that will be coming out in 2014. There is a variety of different kinds of movies coming out. Action, sci-fi, remakes, and comedies or just some of the types of movies coming out in 2014.

Non-Stop: An air marshal springs into action after receiving a series of text messages that put his fellow passengers at risk unless the airline transfers \$150 million into an off-shore account.

Divergent: In a world divided by factions based on virtues, Tris learns she's Divergent and won't fit in. When she discovers a plot to destroy Divergents, Tris and the mysterious Four must find out what makes Divergents dangerous before it's too late.

Breathe In: Jack Pennington was ordered to push the doomsday button. Now years later anguished with guilt and grief he breaks out of the underground city to breathe in the air and feel human again. He leaves behind this video to document his despair and make one final statement to the world he is leaving behind.

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1: Katniss Everdeen

reluctantly becomes the symbol of a mass rebellion against the autocratic Capital.

Lucy: A drug mule accidentally swallows her cargo and finds she now has superpowers.

The Fault in Our Stars: Hazel and Gus are two teenagers who share an acerbic wit, a disdain for the conventional, and a love that sweeps them on a journey. Their relationship is all the more miraculous given that Hazel's other constant companion is an oxygen tank, Gus jokes about his prosthetic leg, and they met and fell in love at a cancer support group.

Welcome to Yesterday: A group of teens discover secret plans of a time machine, and construct one. However, things start to get out of control.

Interstellar: A group of explorers make use of a newly discovered wormhole to surpass the limitations on human space travel and conquer the vast distances involved in an interstellar voyage.

Some other movies that you should see in 2014 are: *Edge of Tomorrow*, *Sabotage*, *Transcendence*, *Locke*, *The Giver*, *Gone Girl*, and *Vampire Academy*.

DAILY HORESCOPE-BY: PAUL NAU

Capricorn- You need to deal with job dissatisfaction today -- most likely your own. It may be time for a change, or it may just be a good time for you to remix your responsibilities and see things in a different light.

<p>Capricorn</p>  <p>22 Dec - 20 Jan</p>	<p>Aquarius</p>  <p>21 Jan - 19 Feb</p>	<p>Pisces</p>  <p>20 Feb - 20 Mar</p>	<p>Aries</p>  <p>21 Mar - 19 Apr</p>
<p>Taurus</p>  <p>20 Apr - 20 May</p>	<p>Gemini</p>  <p>21 May - 21 Jun</p>	<p>Cancer</p>  <p>22 Jun - 23 Jul</p>	<p>Leo</p>  <p>24 Jul - 23 Aug</p>
<p>Virgo</p>  <p>24 Aug - 22 Sept</p>	<p>Libra</p>  <p>23 Sept - 22 Oct</p>	<p>Scorpio</p>  <p>23 Oct - 22 Nov</p>	<p>Sagittarius</p>  <p>23 Nov - 20 Dec</p>

Aquarius- All this brainy energy needs an outlet -- so hunt down problems that need solving! You can do a lot of good today, both for yourself and others. One thing may lead to another in a chain of good karma.

Pisces- Partnerships are tough today, so make sure that you're paying close attention

to what your work buddy or sweetheart is doing. Nothing too hard should pop up, but you've got to handle it all quickly.

Aries- Try to look for good deeds to do today -- you need to boost your karma a bit, and you should find that you are better off in the long run if you blow off your own needs for a bit.

Taurus- Try to look for good deeds to do today -- you need to boost your karma a bit, and you should find that you are better off in the long run if you blow off your own needs for a bit.

Gemini- You are having fun with someone new -- or maybe a new project or job that you weren't sure about at first. Your terrific energy is perfect for turning work into playtime, so share the good vibes!

Cancer- You're going through some home-related issues today that may drag your attention away from other aspects of life. It may not be all that bad, actually, and the sense of satisfaction should be profound.

Leo- You should find that a close friend or colleague gets a little closer today -- the combination is perfect! You're on the right track toward something new and big, so make sure that you're on the same page.

Virgo- You're tempted to spend too much money on too little of value today -- so try to either have a friend watch your wallet for you or lock away your credit cards where you can't get to them.

Libra- It should be a terrific day for you -- as long as you're mixing it up with new people. Your social energy demands an outlet, and if that comes across as flirting, so be it. Things should be fun!

Scorpio- You've got an intense demeanor today -- much more so than usual! It's a good time for you to intimidate the opposition or overwhelm your latest crush with your amazing ways. You can win with ease!

Sagittarius- Your dream state is really interesting these days -- though that doesn't mean you should just sleep all day long! Try to absorb the best information from the depths and relate it to your waking world.



2015 FORD MUSTANG REVEAL-BY: CADE KRESIN

On December 5, 2014 Ford will take the cover off the all-new Mustang, the sixth generation of the iconic pony car that will celebrate 50 years in production next year. Ford has sent a little teaser over their official press release teaser image of the newly redesigned logo (image below). Ford's plan to hype up the release date by posting pictures on media. The release date is for sure December 5 based on what Ford said.

On December 5 the reveal will be in six different cities. They will be shown in New York, Los Angeles, Barcelona, Shanghai, Sidney, and Dearborn. They plan on a few more hints on what's to come on December 5. Ford will update people on Facebook and Instagram. If you want to see the release tune in on December 5.

VOLLEYBALL-BY: MCKINLEE MILLER, GABBY GUNTHER, AND HALIE PFIFFER

The 7th and 8th grade volleyball team has made great progress so far this season. Both 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams were ranked 1st seed in the JHOC tournament on Wed. February 19th and on Thurs. February 20th. On Wed. both teams took a victory against Atwood- Hammond. On Thurs. they played Aurthur-Lovington for the win. Unfortunately neither teams could pull out a win but they each played an amazing game, but don't let that loss get the teams down because they both took second place! On Thursday February 27th both the 7th and 8th grade teams wore cancer bows to help support Erica Kremitzki.



THE 7TH GRADE ROSTER:

Claire Ring #4
Jackie Watson #7
Emily Kemp #8
Gabby Gunther #9
Lexie Russo #11
McKinlee Miller #12
Natalie Bates #13
Sidney Watson #14
Halie Pfeiffer #16
Ashton Smith #17
Allison Clark #20
Sophie Jones #25
Bailey Good #27

Interviews with the Coaches

Coach McCool

7th grade coach

Is this your first year coaching JH volleyball?

No

Do you think your team will make it to state?

Yes, if we believe in ourselves.

How much progress has your team made?

We have made a lot of progress with passing, you guys are putting your nose on the ball, and communicating better than day 1.

Have you had to change your coaching methods based on the team you're coaching?

No

Coach Benson

8th grade coach

Is this your first year coaching JH volleyball

No

Do you think your team will make it to state?

Sure, Absolutely

How much progress has your team made?

We have made a lot of progress since the first day.

Have you had to change your coaching methods based on the team you're coaching?

No

THE 8th GRADE ROSTER:

Morgan Stewart #1
Gemini Pettry #2
Jenny Knight #3
Isabelle Shelmadine #5
Kimberly Summerville #6
Alexis Koester #10
Machenzie Stewart #15
Kaylee Rexroad-Campbell #21
Ashton Clark #22
Miah Phillips #23
Cassie Russo #24
Ellen Brown #26
Rachel Manselle #28



FLOWER WORD SEARCH-BY: MCKINLEE MILLER

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Winter Aconite	Chionodoxa	Magnolia Tree	Peonies
Witch Hazel	Daffodil	Hyacinths	Wood Anemone
Crocus	Scilla	Primrose	Jack in the Pulpit
Camellia	Tulip	Lilac	Muscari
Snowdrop	Dogwood	Spiraea	