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Tops in Florida

Vinny Caraccappa, Senior
Profile

Sean Burnette has attended Saddlebrook since 7th grade. Sean is well-known in the Florida tennis community for his athletic ability and competitiveness. Throughout Sean's tennis career, he has been top 10 in the rankings for every age group. Sean attributes much of his success to all of the Saddlebrook coaches have really helped him shape his athletic character, and become #1 in Florida for boys 18 and under.

In November, Sean committed to one of his dream schools, North Carolina State. He has trained harder than anyone has in these past six years to be where he is now. "I let go of my fear of losing, and dedicated myself to make my game as strong as I can." Even though he has faced many slumps throughout his career, he found a way to overcome them and win. Sean seems to feel like his best tennis is played when there are no distractions, because his mind is clear and all he worries about is his personal game. Saddlebrook has afforded Sean with all of the resources he needed to become #1 in the state and highly ranked in the nation. Sean trains every day of the week on court or in the gym, and he always feels like that is something he needs to improve. His drive for success has brought him to the highest position in his tennis career and hopes to become professional one day.

Profile: Coach Zack

Noah Schachter, Sophomore
Profile

When asked why he wanted to become a coach, Zack responded, "I enjoy helping others better themselves and coaching is a great way for this to happen." Zack is an experienced junior tennis player having played USTA tournaments all over the country, competing at a national level and even winning the prestigious Gator Bowl at age 15. When asked if growing up playing competitive tennis inspired him to become a coach, he said "If I had not grown up playing competitive tennis I would have never developed a love for the game, so yes it defiantly inspired me." Zack is constantly trying to find ways to improve players, he is always traveling to tournaments with the students and watching them play in matches. He always gives a good match analysis and makes sure that every player takes something away good or bad from the match.

When asked what are his strengths as a coach, he replied, "I would say my strengths as a coach include my past knowledge of what it is like to be a junior tennis player, and also my ability to understand what is and what is not going to help a player improve."

Zack has been teaching at Saddlebrook for 5 years now, when asked why he likes working at Saddlebrook he said "I like working at Saddlebrook because of the friendly and personable atmosphere." Zack is one of the best and most popular coaches at Saddlebrook and he is a great fit to the tennis program and makes traveling to tournaments a whole lot more fun.

Students of the Month

High School	Elementary and Middle
Evie Shannon	Vannela Vattikuti
Arnold Leung	Ben Kreyne

Star Wars Breaks Box Office Records

Noah Schachter, Sophomore
Lead Story

The new *Star Wars* movie that was released on December 17, 2015 called "*The Force Awakens*" is a record-breaking release. It was sold out across the country throughout the opening weekend and AMC theaters saw its previous single-day sales break the record by a landslide with the theaters selling out over 1,000 shows in just 12 hours. According to IMAX, the new release of *Star Wars* has broken every IMAX record.

Star Wars is considered the most popular franchise movie series of all time and the latest movie defiantly continued that belief. 360,000 people in the UK stated that their religion was "Jedi" and that would make it the 4th largest religion surveyed. In a time when people are worried about terrorism and presidential elections, the new *Star Wars* movie gives people a chance to get their mind off this and relax into a galaxy far, far away. Disney is benefiting also on an epic scale from the release of the movie, as it owns the *Star Wars* series. Disney is likely to build a new *Star Wars* theme park that will boost revenue for Disney and attract more people to come and visit all the Disney properties with their families. This will have a huge impact the sales of park tickets, the occupancy of the hotels and overall purchases of *Star Wars* related products. Not only Disney has used the *Star Wars* franchise for revenue boosts, but other businesses, particularly around the holidays, used *Star Wars* related commercials to attract customers. There were lunchboxes, pajamas, toys, clothing, and books all with *Star Wars* logos. Halloween costumes of *Star Wars* characters were at record sales. Even the pet industry marketed *Star Wars* dog and cat toys.

The impact of the *Star Wars* movie and the franchise is a significant entertainment and economic boost which has been unmatched by any other movie. The Force has awakened.



"El Chapo's" Capture and Arrest

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Current Events

News broke the morning of January 11, of El Chapo's arrest, but this story was not without the dramatic flare that follows around Joaquin Guzman. In mid-July, El Chapo made his second escape from prison.

This time, he escaped from one of Mexico's most secure prisons, El Altiplano. His miraculous escape led to his evasion of the police as he went on the run for the next six months until last week, when Mexican authorities raided his compound and apprehended the notorious drug lord. The months

prior were unprecedented considering that there are no former interviews with Guzman up until this point.

Sean Penn, the actor, director, activist, and now writer, was allowed into Guzman's hideout in the northern Mexican desert to interview him for an article that was published in *Rolling Stone* Magazine. This constituted the drug lord's first interview for the press in which he bragged about his drug and smuggling empire, proclaiming that he is the largest drug dealer in the world. In his article, he talks about Guzman, saying, "He is entirely unapologetic."

Penn portrayed a man with manners, while at the same time, with the potential to harm others. These opposing sides of the infamous drug lord are unexpected and Penn's interview provides an insight to the mysterious El Chapo.

The Tours' Top Professionals Take the Court in Melbourne

Eduardo Roldan, Junior

First held in 1905, the tournament is chronologically the first of the four grand slam tennis events of the year. Held in Melbourne, it features Men's and Women's Singles; Men's and Women's Doubles as well as Mixed Doubles and Junior events.

Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams arrived to the tournament as favorites to win it, having won it the prior year, and being the number one seeds. Andy Murray and Simona Halep would go in as number two seeds. Halep lost in a first round upset to Chinese qualifier Shuai Zhang who would continue her dream run to the quarter-finals before losing. Rafael Nadal also lost in the first round to Fernando Verdasco in five intense sets.

The tournament then progressed without many upsets or surprise results, until Djokovic's fourth round match against Frenchman Gilles Simon, who gave Djokovic a scare, taking him to a fifth set and forcing him to hit 100 unforced errors. While Federer and Murray won with comfortable scores. The semifinal stage then came and they would be great matchups, with Djokovic having the face Federer and Murray having to play Milos Raonic; Djokovic winning in four highly competitive sets and Murray advancing in five.

The final was set to be played on Sunday night, Djokovic vs. Murray in what was set to be an entertaining match, but the world number one proved to be too good as he won in straight sets with the score of 6-1,7-5, 7-6.

Donald Trump

Greyson Doscotch, Sophomore
Op/Ed

This year's presidential race has been the strangest in United States History. Its only strange be the way the candidates are acting but how the front runner at the moment is not even a politician. For example, Donald Trump, and he is seeming to gain more and more traction the longer the race goes on.

Donald Trump is a billionaire, and has his own company and owns properties all over the world. He's the most controversial candidate in this election because he has some strange views and is considered by some people a racist. Personally think he doesn't know what he is doing when it comes to running for president, because he has only run a business and running a country is not the same. If he gets elected president I think Americas economy will go down the drain for this reason. He says that America needs to build a wall across the American border and wants the Mexicans to build the wall. He is running for the Republican party but had many Democratic views on big issues such as abortion. At the moment he is the front runner for the GOP candidate. A lot of people are voting for him because he's something different from the traditional politician. Although he seems un-intelligent he is playing games to gain support and it is working, especially on a younger audience who is worried about their future. They also like him because he doesn't care about PC culture, and he something different. If he becomes president it will be a disaster.



Bill Cosby

Arkin Rao, Senior
Investigation

Since October of 2014, Bill Cosby has been in the news for sexual assault allegations from over 50 women. They have accused Cosby of sexual assault publicly. Retina Hill is one woman who has filed a civil lawsuit in October. Recently a federal judge has sided with Cosby in court. In the ruling Judge Schwab found that there were no grounds for defamation. "Judge Arthur J. Schwab dismissed the three claims against Cosby, ruling that the statements do not support a claim for defamation as defined by Pennsylvania law, according to the ruling." With no evidence found of sexual assault, this puts the trial in Cosby's favor.

Retina Hill's alleged facts did not match her claims for defamation so the court was not able to rule Cosby as culpable. Cosby firmly believes that these women are lying and just after him for the money and fame that comes with this lawsuit. Bill Cosby had this to say in a recent interview, "I have been in this business 52 years, and I've never seen anything like this," he said. "Reality is a situation and I can't speak." Cosby is surprised by the allegations and believes they are preposterous. Many agree with him, as there is no concrete evidence found of Cosby taking advantage of any of the 50 women. Cosby's family feels as though the women are taking advantage of him because he is old and has a lot of money. Either this trial is sure to continue and does not seem to be slowing down any time soon.

Youth vs. Experience in Super Bowl 50

Bella Nabers, Senior
Sports

After a long, enduring season for the NFL, the best two teams in the nation have proved their excellence and are preparing to showcase their talent in this year's Super Bowl. The Denver Broncos and the Carolina Panthers won their conferences and are set to face one another in Super Bowl 50. The game is to be held on February 7th in Santa Clara, California at Levi's Stadium.

After defeating the defending champion, New England Patriots, 20-18, the Broncos not only won the AFC Championship, but Peyton Manning and his teammates also earned their spot in this year's Super Bowl. After one of the final playoff games, Manning stated, "Everyone on the team had a calm demeanor...this proved to be a key factor in the game". Following this playoff game, Cam Newton and the rest of the Panthers had little trouble when it came to taking care of the Arizona Cardinals, with a final score of 49-15, ultimately earning their spot in the most anticipated game of the year. Setting multiple records for the season, Newton led his team through an almost flawless season. Within the past few weeks, Newton has made the game look effortless by racking up an average of 20-30 points within just the first half of a game, gaining a substantial lead against his opponents. Panther's head coach, Ron Rivera claims, "They fought until the very end and they deserve to be apart of this experience". Although the Broncos grueling and relentless defense is said to be one of the best aspects of the team, the question is, will it be enough to stop the Panthers from scoring? Because it is rumored to be Manning's last season, many of his fans would love to see him go out with a Super Bowl win. No matter what the outcome is, both Denver and Carolina fans can look forward to a competitive and exciting game this weekend.



Is the U.S. Heading Into Another Recession?

Sean Burnette, Senior
Business

Tensions over the fear of another economic recession are heightening for the United States. Even though the country is not currently in a severe economic predicament, a CNNMoney survey of economists has labeled the risk of an out-right recession at 18% rather than the 10% prediction in December of last year, marking an 8% rise in only a month's time. CNNMoney states that the stock market is off to its worst start in several years, and with China's market struggling, American companies and stocks are experiencing little to no growth through the "spillover effect".

Brett Ryan, chief economist at Deutsche Bank,

states that the manufacturing sector of the economy is already in a recession. Unemployment rates are increasing in manufacturing, an issue that could spread into other areas of the economy. Some economists however disagree that the economy is entering a recession, stating that the stock market never has an effect on recession probability, and that it is usually the other way around.

Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen has stated that a recession is nowhere on the horizon and James Smith of EconForecaster.com has declared, "There are plenty of things to worry about in the world, but the health and ongoing strength of the U.S. economy is not one of them." There are mixed opinions about the economic fate of the country, some believing that the U.S. is heading for disaster and others believing that the economy is in a short down period but it is still prosperous.



Graphic from money.CNN.com