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Obama - King of the Hill



Barack Obama becomes the 44th President of the United States of America

By Connor Rowan

Barack Obama is now the President of the United States of America being the first ever black president in the history of America. He was sworn in on the 20th January this year.

Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4th 1961. Barack Obama moved with his parents to Chicago and grew up there, then he studied at Columbia University and Harvard Law School. His first few jobs were being a community organizer and practiced as a Civil Right attorney in Chicago before serving three terms in the Illinois Senate from 1997 to 2004.

When I see Obama I see a

family man, man who has lived through the bad and good, a man who doesn't look like he'll tell a lie.

On February 10, 2007, Obama announced his candidacy for the President of the United States. Throughout the campaign Obama talked about ending the Iraq War. During the general election Obama's campaign set numerous fundraising records, especially in small donations.

On June 19th, Obama became the first major party presidential candidate to turn down public funding in the general election. A large number of candidates initially entered the Democratic Party Presidential

Primaries. After many contests it narrowed down to Obama and Hillary Clinton.

After many rallies and speeches it was up to Florida and Michigan to decide who would represent the Democrat Party for the 2008 Presidential Vote.

On November 4th 2008 Barack Obama defeated John McCain in the general election with 365 votes for Obama and 173 for McCain and became the first African-American president of the United States.

On January 20th 2009 the inauguration took place, the theme was a new birth of freedom commemorating the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Millions

of people crowded Capitol Hill, where the ceremony took place and billions more worldwide watched it on TV.

After the inauguration came the Presidential parade and there were no fewer than eleven inaugural balls held across Washington. The President and his wife, Michelle attended as many as they could

One of the first things the new President did was to promise that Guantanamo Bay would be closed "as soon as possible and no later than 2010" and for an immediate review of all Guantanamo detentions.

"Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested ...we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations."

President Obama

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Crisis in Gaza



Some of the destruction caused by the conflict in Gaza

By Mina Oldfield

Talks have been held in Cairo on how to get the cease fire in Gaza to last. The confrontation between Israelis and Hamas militants lasted three weeks and has caused

great damage to the infrastructure of Gaza and immense suffering and hardship to its people.

The UN have said that the rebuilding of Gaza will cost billions of dollars and have urged

Israel to open the borders to Gaza so that materials for building can get to where they are needed. An appeal for aid has been launched by the Disasters Emergency Committee.

More than 1,300 Palestinians killed

Thirteen Israelis killed

More than 4,000 buildings destroyed in Gaza, more than 20,000 severely damaged

50,000 Gazans homeless and 400,000 without running water

Going out with a bang



Fireworks over the Mersey

By Adam Manley
On Saturday January 10th Liverpool's year as European Capital of Culture officially came to an end with a light show and fireworks over the Mersey.

'Transition: The People's Celebration' marked the city's shift from European Capital of Culture 2008 to a European Cultural Capital.

Lantern installations at the new Leeds-

Liverpool canal link, an arts and crafts market along the piazza at Mann Island and drum and dance performances added to the party atmosphere. A huge firework display, lasting around 10 minutes was fired from two independent moving ships, situated on the River Mersey.

27ft x 80ft cinema screens illustrated a filmic review of Liverpool's history and Capital of Culture Year.

Cabinet meets in Liverpool



Gordon Brown takes a boat tour around the Albert Dock

By Connor Rowan

Gordon Brown visited Liverpool in order to host the Cabinet Meeting in The Echo Arena, it is only the 3rd time it's has been held outside London and Brown said "This type of thing

will happen more often, more Cabinet Meetings will be held outside London in order to reach out to the people of Great Britain". Brown also said "I haven't forgotten about Liverpool its success as European

Capital of Culture was a real boost for the city and they got the credibility they deserve."

Mr Brown and the cabinet held a meet the people and table their questions session at the Echo Arena, went on a

walkabout around the Albert Dock and had a photo opportunity aboard a boat on the water. He also went to the troubled Land Rover/Jaguar plant to hear workers concerns about their jobs at the failing company.

It's rumoured that it cost in the region of 200,000 pounds for the safety of Gordon Brown in Liverpool and nearly every policemen in Liverpool was guarding The Prime Minister.

With Tory leader David Cameron breathing down Browns neck on the election Brown is convinced that Britain will stay with Labour.

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Gordon Brown on the cabinet meeting in Liverpool

More Children Are Worried About Their Parents Divorcing

By Kirsty Cotton and Katie Townsend

More children are phoning Childline because they are worried about their parents splitting up and that how it is expected to be a rise of more parents splitting up.

The charity says in the weeks after Christmas it expects to get more phone calls off young children saying that they are worried because their parents may be getting divorced. That's because although Christ-

mas is a lot of fun it can be very stressful and parents often tend to argue more. And though it is this year lots of families have been under lots of stress because of cash crisis and that is the main reason why they might be splitting up.

Children tend to get upset and worried that if their parents split up they tend to worry that their parents might not want to look after them anymore and that they will be in a care home because their parents have divorced.

Children tend to think that if their parents have split up then it would be because they have done something and it isn't right for children to blame

themselves. If their parents split up then that doesn't mean that they don't love their children anymore or does it? Some parents will split up and their children be crying or they will run away but the best thing that the children can do is talk to Childline because they are the only ones that can help them in that situation because the children's parents will be all over the place figuring out a solicitor to support their divorce so children phone the Childline or the NSPCC they are another child support group that can help. Why do parents put their children through so much stress when it is not the children's fault.



Sick Pelicans



Pelicans

By Kirsty Cotton and Katie Townsend

Wildlife experts are trying to figure out why hundreds of pelicans are becoming ill in America. A large amount of dead (or very poorly) birds have been spotted along the California Coastline.

Animal rescue workers are trying to save the birds but to save each one costs about £350

(which is \$500 to them!). Experts are waiting for blood tests to find out what exactly is making them so ill. The California brown pelican nearly became extinct in the 1960s and 1970s because a very harmful pesticide got into their food. The species started to recover in 1972 when the pesticide DDT was banned in the United States.

Car worth three million found in garage



A very dusty Bugatti type 57S Atlantique

By Katie Townsend and Kirsty Cotton

After thirty years of sitting in a garage a car was found worth about three million pounds! It is going to be auctioned next month in Paris, the owner of the 'Bugatti Type 57S Atalante' died and it was just left there for fifty years.

The car was built back in 1937, and only sixteen others were

made, making it VERY rare! The car owner's nephew said "we just can't believe it, of course we're delighted and we're going to make sure the money is shared out among the family. It's a wonderful thing to leave" and James Knight, from the auction house selling the car, called it "one of the last great barn discoveries".

Teen Guilty of Murder of School Boy Rhys Jones

By Kirsty Cotton and Katie Townsend

A teenager of the age of 18 has been found guilty of killing 12 year old Rhys Jones has been sentenced to spend at least 22 years in jail but everyone thinks that he may get life.

A jury at Liverpool Crown court decided that Sean Mercer, now 18 years old murdered 11 year old Rhys Jones back in August. Rhys Jones killed when Mercer fired three bullets in a near by car park in Croxteth. Rhys was walking home from

football practice that day and he was shot in the neck and died.

Mercer's choice of words happened to be that he didn't kill Rhys Jones he was somewhere else at the time.

But the jury didn't believe him. It claims that if Mercer didn't go to the country park in Croxteth to see his girlfriend because he found out that she was with someone from

Norris Green then why would he have taken a gun with him? That is what everyone wonders. Mercer had then taken the gun and the bike to a mates house so that he could get rid of it.

It has been said that Sean Mercer had been moved prisons because he has already had his nose broke in just a few short weeks of being behind bars.



Rhys Jones

Tales of Destruction

The second excerpt from a story by Adam Manley.
Look out for the next instalment!

“Why oh why is it always me.” Sol thought out loud as giant like a giant war gear dropped from the sky above him. “Ha Ha Ha So your not dead after all Sol I thought I killed you in that explosion.” Exclaimed a bemused voice “**I GUESS I’LL FINISH YOU KNOW!!!**” “Well old dogs die hard Raid don’t you know that and there’s no way I can die yet I made a promise to myself **THAT I WOULD DESTROY YOU!**”

An unbelievable amount of unfocussed Ki starts leaking out of Sol “**WHAT WHAT IS THIS INCREDI-**



BLE KI HAAAAA. TASTE THIS!”

The energy narrowly missed Sol. So the battle began with Raid’s

underhanded blast at Sol. He quickly countered with a flaming shadow punch and then blocked raid’s sword

swipe with the sheath of his sword Ingrid Sol then used a cyclone gust attack which sent raid flying into the

nearest wall Sol started to chant a battle hymn. Suddenly Raid sent a bolt of lightning towards Sol who was unprepared for the attack and was hit by it dead centre.

Fayt was walking back from work when he saw lightning flash from the dead plains. He was bewildered to see the lightning as it wasn't storm season yet. He griped his staff much tighter and readied a few defensive spells of his own. Fayt was a Mage.

He readied his staff and marched off towards the dead plains not knowing what lay ahead.

Chimneys of Kapadokya



Some of the rock formations in Kapadokya

By Beyza Asik

Kapadokya is located on the Central Anatolian Plateau in Turkey and is famous

for it’s rock formations.

The rock formations known as “fairy chimneys” were caused by

water and wind eroding the tufa layer. Those with caps are mostly found around Urgup—they have a conical

shaped body with a boulder on top others take the form of cones, mushrooms, columns and pointed rocks.

Kapadokya has become a major tourist destination in Turkey with lots of caves in the rock being restored into hotels. It is believed that these caves have been used as dwellings since prehistoric times.

You can visit the frescoed rock churches of Göreme, Uchisar castle, the sheer-sided canyon of Ihlara, the Byzantine rock tombs of Soganli valley and several caravanserais.

There are several

underground cities you can visit like that of Derinkuyu, the biggest and the deepest. It has eight floors and is about 85m deep. It has all the usual things found in other underground complexes across Kapadokya such as wine and oil presses, stables, cellars, storage rooms, refectories, and chapels and was first built by the Phrygians in the 8th–7th centuries B.C.

Another very popular thing to do here is to take a hot-air balloon ride over the region at sunrise for some spectacular views.

Top 10 Supercars

By Graeme Pitt



1: Aston Martin DB9S - This car is number 1 as it has British cars back on the map with its speed, power, and looks. A real car to show off in.



2: Lamborghini Murcielago - This car has tremendous speed power and its looks astound people, that's why it's in the realms of the 'Hyper cars'. This car could have made the top of the list, but Lamborghini have always made cars in the same way.



3: Ferrari Scuderia - One of the fastest and best looking Ferrari's yet, but it's sensible (unless you turn the traction control off). This car is a must for any Ferrari fan



4: Bugatti Veyron - Proclaimed the fastest car in the world as its top speed is 252 MPH. Its incredible speed and power get it this high on the list, but you wouldn't use for daily use as it would get stolen and is impractical.



5: Lamborghini Gallardo - The 'Baby Lambo', this car was created just after the Murcielago but wasn't really as good as the Murcielago. The new version was released in 2008 with a bigger engine and harder suspension making it almost as good as the Murcielago.



6: Ferrari Enzo - Named after Ferrari's creator Enzo Ferrari, this car is a real classic for any Ferrari fan though impractical as it can't really be used on British roads as the Driver sits on the left rather than the right.



7: McLaren F1 - A blast from the past. This car was made in 1994 and was the fastest car of its time. This car is one of my favourite of its time as it is extremely fast. The only downfall is that the engine is extremely loud, so it comes with a set of headphones!



8: Noble M15 - One of the latest cars to be created by the young and aspiring Noble company. This car is extremely fast and powerful. With the M15, Noble have got their place as one of the best supercar designers in Britain.



9: Caterham Superlight R500 - This might not look fast but, surprisingly, it beat the Bugatti Veyron around the Top Gear test track. Despite this the car is impractical apart from track use. This car is perfect for any young track racer.



10: Subaru Impreza - This car is a true, hardcore rally car. Its powerful engine can create a lot of noise and is true boy racers car.

Call of Duty 5: World at War

By Ryan Kelly

Do you hear the call? No doubt you hear it loud and clear if you've played a Call of Duty game before! In this latest instalment, the battle takes place during World War II.

You play as an American soldier fighting in the South Pacific and as a Russian soldier fighting from Russia all the way to the Nazi-held Parliament building in Berlin. You alternate as both characters much like what was done in Halo 2 with Masterchief and the Elite outcast, Arbiter.

As the American soldier, you are lead by a Soldier whose voice is played by Keifer Sutherland so 24 fans will be tickled pink—particularly by those who wish Bauer would swear once in a while...

As the Russian soldier, you start off in Stalingrad in the famous Vassili Zaitsev (Enemy at the Gates) scene.

The gameplay resembles very much that of its predecessors. During the campaign, there are two particularly fun stages in each campaign where in one of them (the Russian campaign) you get to use a tank to decimate your enemies and in the other (American campaign) you man the gun turrets of a fighter plane over the Pacific. Online play is currently very popular for this game. You play as ei-



One of the screen shots from the game

ther Russian, or American forces.

Call of Duty 5: World at War follows on from the other games in the series. It is set during the war as you play as two different

soldiers. Everything has its reward. The reward on this game is you unlock zombie mode. Zombie mode is a great minigame where you face endless hordes of zombies.

The game is really fun to play and if you like the other games in the series you'll love this one. It is the best shooting game ever. I had never played a game in

the series before but straight away on my first go I could complete a harder mode than the beginner. It will help you learn about World War 2.



Call of Duty 5 is set in World War 2

Wakeboarding



Wakeboarders in the UK

By Tyler Tasker

What do you get when you make a combination of Snowboarding, Waterskiing and Skateboarding or a cross of Mono skiing and Surfing; Wakeboarding.

Wakeboarding is said to be the fastest growing water sport in the world, Practiced on lakes or the sea. The Wakeboard is like a small surfboard (average size 4.5 feet long by approximately 16 inches wide at the

central point) and has foot straps fitted to the upper side. Although the foot straps look like built in ski boots, they are called 'bindings' and keep the feet fixed in one position, while the body has a sideways stance.

In the States in the mid 1980's, a Skurfer and then later a Water Ski Board led the way for the now hugely popular wakeboard. The design of the board has evolved along with the sport itself, which now even has a governing

body - the World Wakeboard Association. To begin with this extreme sport attracted thousands of young males between the ages of 13 and 25, but is now becoming popular with both sexes of most ages.

B.A.S.E Jumping

By Tyler Tasker



Over the edge

Participants use a parachute or specially designed wingsuit and parachute when jumping from objects or tall buildings. This is an extremely dangerous sport that can kill.

B.A.S.E is a acronym for the four main fixed object categories to jump from:

- B - Building (Skyscrapers, Statues)
- A - Antenna (Radio antennas, Cranes)
- S - Span (Bridges, Cable cars)
- E - Earth (Cliffs, Caves)



Jumping from a bridge

Heliskiing



You can only get here by helicopter!

By Tyler Tasker

If you want to reach the best powder snow and ski off-trail there's only one way to travel- by helicopter!

Heliskiing has become very popular with skiers wanting the ultimate experience, using a helicopter to get to the most out of the way places. Companies now offer tours to Russia, Turkey and British Colombia amongst others. Routes that go through forests are increasingly sought after. Glacier skiing is also very popular.

Childwall Sport

Liverpool College crushed

By Tony Sullivan
Childwall 3

Liverpool College 2

Childwall 6th form overcame a late scare to record another victory in the league.

Childwall made a few changes from their last line up, with **Bayo Adebayo & Nathan O'Connell** coming into the line up. Childwall struck first after a free kick was headed home at the back post by the in form **Michael**

McDonough, Childwall kept attacking and midfield goal machine **Nathan Eddison** struck twice before half time to give Childwall a 3 goal advantage, Liverpool College never



Childwall Sixth Form in action

gave up and they were rewarded with a well taken goal before half time. The 2nd half was

a scrappy affair as the pitch started to become more of a bog than a playing surface, but

Childwall had more than enough chances **Eddison** especially to increase their lead,

however Liverpool College struck again to make it a tense final few minutes.

Unlucky Childwall out of U15 Cup

By Mr Breen
U15 Merseyside Cup
Childwall 1
Prescot 2

Childwall were unlucky not to get anything out of this closely fought game.

The game was played in awful conditions on a poor playing surface. The Childwall boys started well but against the run of play Prescot scored on a counter attack. Ten minutes later the Childwall keeper, Andrew Mills, came out of his

area for a 50/50 challenge only for the ball to fall to a Prescot player who slotted home the second for the visitors.

A positional switch paid dividends for Childwall, Declan Redmond into centre half switching with Jake Conroy who was back to the centre of midfield.

Childwall dominated the game for the last 5 minutes of the 1st half and most of the second half. Childwall equal-

ised 5 minutes into the 2nd half with a superb glancing header from Captain Thomas Hackett, after a corner from Thando Mngxali.

Childwall kept the pressure on Prescot with Thomas Hackett, Carl Oram and Thando

Mngxali all coming close. However it was not to be on the night and Prescot ended



Year 10 Football squad

up winning the game. Man of the match for Childwall was Thomas Hackett,

but overall the Prescot keeper deserved it as he made several outstanding saves.