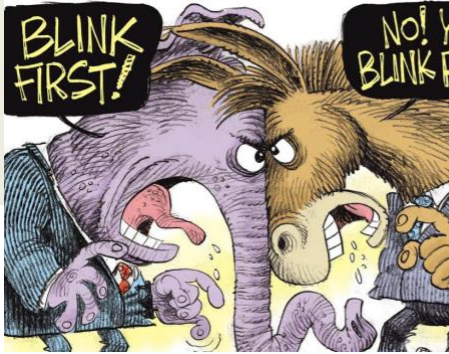


MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

COVID-19 DOESN'T HARM AIRLINE PASSENGERS



The mascots for Democrats and Republicans were first created in political cartoons from the 1800s.

The Left & The Right

MITCH CLAXTON

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, I'm going to tell you about The Left and the Right. No, not left and the right like the direction that I'm always confused about as a dyslexic. The Left and the Right I am referring to are the Democrats and Republicans. Now, most of you have heard of the Democrats and the Republicans. You have most likely heard of them from your parents liking one side or the other. The Left are known as the Democrats or if you want to sound fancy they are also called Liberals. The Right are known as the Republicans, but they are also known as the Conservatives.

I decided to start with the Democrats because our current president, Joe Biden, is a Democrat. Each team, so to speak, has a mascot. The Democrats' mascot is a donkey. Why is it a Donkey? It can be traced to the 1828 presidential campaign of Andrew Jackson. History.com reported that, "During that race, opponents of Jackson called him a jack#%!?" That's how they got their name supposedly.

Our last President, Donald J. Trump was a Republican. Their mascot is an elephant. They got the elephant from, "An image of an elephant being featured as a Republican symbol in at least one political cartoon."

There used to be a time when the Left and the Right worked together, and that may seem crazy now because they don't really get



Airlines have been working tirelessly to ensure the safety of its passengers including making them wear masks and pumping in clean air into the cabin.

Should You Be Scared to Fly?

WILL "SPACEBOY" BOLTON

GREENVILLE, SC - Many people went on planes for trips this Spring Break and you may think that it is dangerous because of Covid. Actually, it's perfectly safe because of the following precautions airlines like Delta and Southwest have taken: they've made it mandatory for passengers to wear masks if they are not eating or drinking the "great" snacks they give you during the flight. Another safety precaution is clean air. Getting new airflow is very important so infected air isn't circulating in the cabin. The airplane's engines pump in new air into the cabin every 3-5 minutes. The air goes through the propellers and many different pipes through filters that eventually reach the passengers via the little nozzles above the seats.

The airlines are trying their best to keep passengers safe and healthy and avoid getting sued. Sneezing and coughing are some of the most common ways that people get Covid according to the CDC. When someone sneezes or coughs, germs can spread as far as three rows away from where the person first sneezed or coughed. Some people think when someone sneezes germs and viruses would then spread

throughout the entire cabin, but it does not. Even though such spreading doesn't happen, the airlines aren't taking chances which is why they pump new air into the cabin so often.

Spring break occurred recently and many people traveled on airplanes for it. *The New York Times* said, "Since the most recent Friday, 1.5 million people entered airports around America. This is not including all of the people that took airplanes on spring break." It is good that many people are getting the vaccine or else I would be worried about a lot of people getting Covid due to spring break. I feel like their airlines are taking care of the people that fly in the airplanes because of all of the fancy things that they are doing to keep the passengers safe.

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along well now. However, that's a discussion for another time.

ATHLETICS

Gender Discrimination Continues

Many female athletes fight an uphill battle.

VALESHKA DIAMOND



Carole Oglesby, the former president of AIAW, claims many women's sports experience gender discrimination.

LOS ANGELES - In March of 2019, the U.S Women's soccer team sued the U.S Soccer league in federal court for gender discrimination. The gender discrimination affected not only the U.S. Women's paycheck, but also where they played, where they trained, who coached them, and the medical treatment they received. The women say they also play more games than men's teams and still get paid less than their male counterparts. Fed up with this treatment, twenty-eight members of the soccer team decided to file a lawsuit. The lawsuit occurred in the Los Angeles District Court. The team's statement was released, and it said, "Institutionalized gender discrimination," has existed for years. They thrust themselves into a fight for equality in sports.

Female athletes all around the world in different sports and countries have experienced the same level of discrimination. At the beginning of April 2021, Carole Oglesby, a person who helped establish women's college sports during a time when sport associations only allowed men's sports, saw photos of the facilities provided for the women's NCAA basketball tournament. After she saw these pictures, she was livid at the differences in the facilities for the male and female basketball teams and took matters into her own hands.

In response to these differences, Oglesby said, "Who is going to make these powerful bodies, like the NCAA do the things that they promised they were going to do?" Oglesby was the first president for the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women in the 1970's, and she's continued to seek equal opportunities, exposure, and more for female athletes. The AIAW was the main governing body for the female college athletes in the 1970s. However, in 1982, the NCAA wanted "to gain control via a direct merger and threatened to run the AIAW into the ground."

that ended the AIAW through a merger of the two associations. The NCAA was supposed to give equal opportunities to men and women. However, as Oglesby saw, the NCAA has yet to fulfill its promises of equal opportunity.



The U.S. Women's soccer team recently sued the U.S. Soccer league for discriminatory practices.

While the two topics were about different sports and years apart. They both talked about women's discrimination in the sports world. Women's sports have always been discriminated against since the 1960's and probably will always still go on. The best thing we can do is keep getting better about it with sports associations. Also, it would help to stop the discord and make men and women more equal.



Carole Oglesby has been fighting for equal rights for female athletes since the 1970s.

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ARTS

"The voice behind the trailer."

MAKSIM DIAMOND

LONDON - You may have heard this familiar voice before. You know, the one that introduces your favorite action movies with that deep gritty voice saying familiar things like "in a world," "coming to theaters near you," and "this summer."

59 year-old Redd Pepper, owner of the voice you've heard countless times before, has starred in many movies and trailers. He is commonly used for the voice over in trailers or the openings of action or horror flicks. Some of his memorable voice-overs you can find in "Men in Black II," "Armageddon," "Blair Witch Project" "Space Jam" "Mr. Bean's Holiday," "Jurassic Park," and more. His work isn't limited to movies. He's also lent his voice to audiobooks, sound effects, and videogames.

Before he was recognized for his voice, Pepper's occupation was driving trains in the London Underground. When the train reached its stop, he would turn on his intercom and repeat things such as "beware of the closing doors" and "mind the gap." A passenger noticed his voice and that passenger turned out to work in the movie business. They exchanged contacts and things took off from there. Redd Pepper became so popular he even got to work with esteemed director, Steven Spielberg. Red Pepper's movies will be remembered for his adept voice and his imminence within the voice-over field.



Barbados born Redd Pepper has been lending his voice to film trailers and movies for over two decades.

The NCAA wanted full control of college athletics, and eventually won the legal battle

BOOKS

New Books Coming Out

ANNA BOLTON

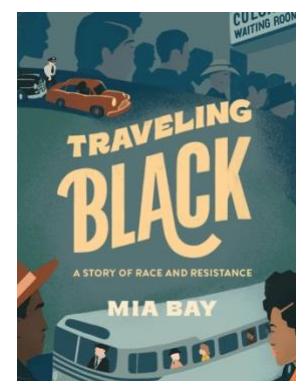
NEW YORK CITY - Recently, a few new alluring books or comic- type books were released. One a comic book starring Jill Biden in the “Female Force” series. Another new release is a novel written by author Mia Bays about the experiences another author, J.A Rogers, had in the 1920s while traveling as a Black man. The book is called *Traveling Black*. Each chapter introduces a different type of travel like bus travel, air travel, and motorcycle travel. Both of the book's authors are adept writers.

Mrs. Biden’s comic book is 22 pages in length and comes with a coloring book. It came

out on April 7, 2021. She is not the only one getting a comic: Kamala Harris, Mother Teresa, and Dolly Parton are also getting a comic in the “Female Force” series. Previously Michelle Obama and other popular female figures have starred in the series. TidalWave, the company’s name, believes it is important for young girls to have strong female role models to learn about all their challenges.

Traveling Black is about a Jamaican-American who traveled around the United States during the Jim Crow era. While on a train, he remarked “This, by the way, is the only instance in the South where the Black man goes first.” What he meant by “Going first” was in the Jim Crow era, the Black train car would be directly

behind the locomotive and act as a buffer between the engine noise and the white passengers’ cars. The book also talks about how Black motorists were scared to stop for police due to the uncertainty with how the police would treat them. Sadly, this hasn’t changed for many African Americans.



Christo and his wife Jean Claude at their New York City studio.



The 1964 Warhol photo “Jackie” was auctioned off for \$1.1 million at the auction.

ARTS

Sotheby’s Christo Auction

LILIANA GREENBAUM

NEW YORK CITY - I am going to be talking about something that hasn’t happened recently, but nonetheless I think it is important. This event occurred on February 17, 2021 at Sotheby, an auction house in New York City. Now, I think it’s probably about time I elucidate my topic. My topic is about an auction put together by Christo, an artist born in Bulgaria. The reason this auction is important is because it made a profit that was extravagant.

The artwork for this auction was either collected or created by Christo and his wife, Jean Claude. Matthias Koddenberg, a close friend of Christo and his wife and an art historian stated in an interview, “They only had works by artists they knew, or admired or were close to.” Christo and his wife did not care so much about how famous the artist was, but about the story that made the painting important. Many of these stories were told at the auction. Lastly, I suppose I should talk about the reason I told you this story was important.

I said it was important because of the price and, now I’ll tell you why. The original estimate for the total price of part 1 of the auction was a little under \$4.6 million. The real price was much bigger. The first part sold for \$9.8 million. Apparently the art was very alluring. That’s why I’ve been saying this auction was so important. Unfortunately, I could not find anything about part 2.



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