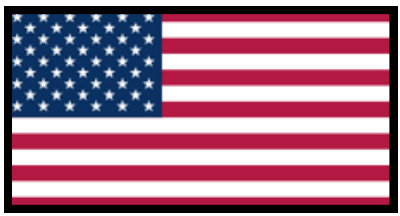


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BUY HER FLOWERS INTERVIEW WITH WO'S FIRST FEMALE MAYOR

BY: ELLIE AVELLANEDA & SOPHIA MORALES

GIRL POWER HAS TAKEN OVER WEST ORANGE! HONORABLE MAYOR SUSAN MCCARTNEY TOOK OFFICE IN JANUARY 2024. SHE IS THE FIRST FEMALE MAYOR IN THE HISTORY OF WEST ORANGE. HER FAMILY WAS THERE FOR HER AS SHE MADE HISTORY. HER HUSBAND HELD THE BIBLE AS SHE WAS SWORN IN. MS. MCCARTNEY HAS LIVED AND SERVED IN WEST ORANGE FOR MANY YEARS. MAYOR MCCARTNEY IS WORKING TO CONTINUE MOVING WEST ORANGE FORWARD.

SHE HAS MANY GOALS TO ACHIEVE. SOME OF HER GOALS INCLUDE:

- NETWORKING RESOURCES AND GRANT FUNDING
- REMEDIATING & RE-PURPOSING TO REJUVENATE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
- PURSUING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY SHE INITIATED FOR SOLAR CARPORTS IN MUNICIPAL & BOARD OF EDUCATION PARKING LOTS TO OFFSET TAXES

WEST ORANGE WOMEN SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE HISTORY AND FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE. AFTER SPEAKING WITH THE MAYOR, SHE SAID, "THE FACT THAT WE ARE NEWSPAPER REPORTERS FOR OUR SCHOOL IS THE FIRST CLEAR STEP IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY BY SEEKING INFORMATIVE FACTS THAT WE CAN SHARE WITH OUR READERS." MCCARTNEY CONTINUES, "IF YOU DREAM OF PURSUING A DREAM IN POLITICS, WE SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR OUR REPORTER ROLE, WHERE WE WORK TOWARDS FINDING SOLUTIONS THAT CAN BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY."

MAYOR MCCARTNEY MAY BE THE FIRST FEMALE MAYOR OF WEST ORANGE BUT SHE IS ALSO OUR ROLE MODEL AND MENTOR.

AMAZON IS HERE TO STAY THE PROS AND CONS OF AMAZON

BY: MADISON ILLIDGE AND SOPHIA MORALES



AMAZON IS A GREAT ONLINE STORE TO MANY BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DISAGREE. THESE REPORTERS ARE LISTING THE PROS AND CONS OF AMAZON.

PROS: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DRIVE TO A STORE TO BUY SOMETHING. YOU GET TO SIT IN YOUR HOUSE ALL DAY AND WAIT FOR THE DELIVERY. THEY HAVE MOST ITEMS AVAILABLE AND THINGS THAT YOU WANT. THEY HAVE PRODUCTS THAT CAN HELP YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE. FOR EXAMPLE: SURVIVAL ALERTS, HEALTH PRODUCTS AND SELF-HELP ITEMS. YOU CAN RECEIVE A PACKAGE PRETTY QUICKLY AND IN LESS TIME. PRIME IS A PRO, BUT IT DOES COST MORE MONEY. THIS IS KIND OF A CON. THE THINGS THEY HAVE MAKE GREAT GIFTS AND OOPS...IF YOU FORGET SOMETHING, JUST RUN TO YOUR KEYBOARD AND TYPE IN AMAZON. WHOLE FOODS IN WEST ORANGE IS PART OF AMAZON NOW AND THAT IS CONVENIENT. THIS IS A LOT OF PROS.

CONS: \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$. YOU SPEND A LOT OF MONEY. SOME PEOPLE GET ADDICTED TO ONLINE SHOPPING. SOME PRODUCTS NEED TO BE MONITORED AND KIDS SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS. SOME PRODUCTS ARE CREEPY AND SCARY AND NOT APPROPRIATE FOR KIDS. THEY ARE OUT OF STOCK SOMETIMES AND SOME ITEMS TAKE A LONG TIME TO BE DELIVERED. PACKAGES CAN GET LOST OR DELIVERED TO THE WRONG HOUSE. SOMETIMES THE DELIVERIES ARRIVE DIRTY AND USED. ONE REPORTER REPORTS THAT HER MOTHER PURCHASED SKETCHERS SNEAKERS AND THEY WERE CLEARLY RETURNED AND USED AND WORN! DISGUSTING! THE RETURN POLICY CAN BE SKETCHY AND SUSPICIOUS. SOMETIMES IT WORKS. SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T.

AMAZON WE HAVE A LOVE HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU!

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CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATED AT WES

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CHINESE NEW YEAR IS AN IMPORTANT HOLIDAY IN CHINA AND CHINESE COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD. THE NEW YEARS ARE NAMED AFTER CERTAIN ANIMALS. THE 2024 YEAR IS NAMED AFTER THE DRAGON.

THE CHINESE CALENDAR HAS BEEN CELEBRATED FOR MANY CENTURIES. DURING THE FESTIVITIES ANCESTORS ARE HONORED AND TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES ARE HELD WHERE PEOPLE GET TOGETHER AND WELCOME THE NEW YEAR WITH CUSTOMS THAT SHALL BRING GOOD LUCK, GOOD FORTUNE, WEALTH, PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS.

THE SPRING FESTIVAL FESTIVITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR TAKE 15 DAYS IN MOST COUNTRIES. THE NEW YEAR IS OFTEN CELEBRATED WITH DRAGON DANCES, LION DANCES, GIFT EXCHANGING AND FIREWORKS. IT ENDS TYPICALLY WITH LANTERN FESTIVALS ON THE 15TH DAY OF THE FIRST CALENDAR MONTH. WASHINGTON SCHOOL SHARED IN THE CELEBRATION THIS YEAR. CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO ENJOY THE FUN.

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GROUNDHOGS DAY FACT OR FICTION?

BY: KARLA ROMERO & ANIYAH WASHINGTON



CREEPY OR CUTE? FACT OR FICTION? SHOULD GROUNDHOGS HAVE THEIR OWN DAY OF PREDICTION? IS THIS HOLIDAY ROOTED IN MALE DOMINANCE, WITHOUT FEMALE INPUT? IS THIS HOLIDAY ROOTED IN FACT? HMMM... FACTS: GERMANS WHO MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES BROUGHT THIS TRADITION WITH THEM. MANY OF THEM MOVED TO PENNSYLVANIA AND THIS IS WHY IT IS SUCH A HUGE "HOLIDAY" THERE. "WEATHER" OR NOT YOU FEEL OKAY WITH THIS BEING AN ENGRAVED HOLIDAY MARKED WITH THE ART OF FICTION- WE MUST ALL TAKE THIS MORE PLAYFULLY THAN SERIOUSLY. JUST TO HAVE SOME FUN. IF THIS CUTE (NOT CREEPY) ANIMAL SEES ITS SHADOW AS IT COMES OUT OF ITS BURROW, THERE WILL BE SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTERY WEATHER. HOWEVER, IF IT DOES NOT SEE ITS SHADOW, THE WEATHER WILL BE MILD AND SPRINGLIKE. LET'S ALWAYS HOPE FOR THE SPRING WEATHER! IT'S A FACT THAT WE WANT IT!

<https://youtube.com/WFRQ11BOWOW>



INTERVIEW WITH OUR SUPERINTENDENT

BY: MADISON ILLIDGE & ANIYAH WASHINGTON

MR. HAYDEN MOORE OFFICIALLY TOOK THE LEAD AS SUPERINTENDENT OF WEST ORANGE SCHOOLS IN JULY 2023. HE HAD MANY ROLES IN WEST ORANGE BEFORE TAKING THIS JOB. MOORE SERVED AS PRINCIPAL AND EDUCATOR IN THIS DISTRICT FOR 26 YEARS. HE KNEW FROM A YOUNG AGE THAT HE WANTED TO HELP PEOPLE. SO THIS SEEMED LIKE THE PERFECT FIT. MR. MOORE STATED, "MY GOAL IS TO HELP EVERYONE AND HELP ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE."

HIS FACE IS FAMILIAR AROUND THE HALLS OF WEST ORANGE AND WE SEE HIM AT WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOO. MR. MOORE ADMITS, "I LOVE TO VISIT OUR SCHOOLS AND SEE THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WORKING SO WELL TOGETHER. WHEN OUR TEAM OF REPORTERS REACHED OUT TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS, THIS IS WHAT HE HAD TO SAY. "THE JOB HAS MANY CHALLENGES BECAUSE WE SERVE SO MANY PEOPLE" HE ALSO SAID, "HELPING PEOPLE IS A PRIVILEGE AND I AM HONORED TO DO SO!"

TO US, THIS MEANS HE WILL BE A GOOD SUPERINTENDENT AND OUR NEWSPAPER TEAM FEELS SAFE WITH HIM AS OUR LEADER IN CHARGE. WE SUPPORT HIM ALWAYS AS OUR SUPERINTENDENT!

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

BY: ELLIE AVELLANEDA, SOPHIA MORALES & MADISON ILLIDGE



AMANDA GORMAN, MARIA ISABEL RODRIGUEZ, AND WILMA RUDOLPH ARE ALL FAMOUS WOMEN WE STUDY IN OUR CLASSROOMS. AND YES THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED A LOT TO OUR WORLD AND WE RESPECT AND CELEBRATE THEM. BUT WE DO NOT HAVE TO LOOK FAR TO FIND WOMEN TO CELEBRATE THIS MONTH. WOMEN CAN CELEBRATE THEMSELVES! LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND YOU CAN SEE A GORGEOUS, INTELLIGENT WOMAN STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU. YOU ARE A WOMAN AND YOU SHOULD BE CELEBRATED. MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PRINCIPALS, ADMINISTRATORS, MILITARY PROFESSIONALS, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, ATHLETES, AND YOU! WE MAKE HISTORY EVERY SINGLE DAY BY HELPING OTHERS, DOING THE RIGHT THING, NEVER BACKING DOWN, LIFTING OTHERS UP, BEING KIND, BEING OUR BEST AND LEARNING. KAHLIL GIBRAN SAID IT BEST; "BEAUTY IS ETERNITY GAZING AT ITSELF IN A MIRROR". REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE BEAUTY. AND YOU ARE ETERNITY. WE CELEBRATE YOU THIS MONTH.

WE WANT IT ALL NO TIME FOR LESS

BY: SANAYA VALDEZ DIABY, SOPHIA MORALES, MADISON ILLIDGE, ELLIE AVELLANEDA

IT IS NOT WRONG TO WANT IT ALL. TO BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE. IT IS NORMAL. AFTER LEARNING THAT THE VERY FIRST EDITOR OF THIS NEWSPAPER IS NOW A SENIOR AT YALE, WE BECAME EVEN MORE INSPIRED TO HAVE IT ALL. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH HER SHE STATES, "WORK AT YOUR OWN PACE AND SET YOUR GOALS BASED ON WHAT MATTERS TO YOU AND WHAT YOU VALUE..."HER STORY IS INSPIRATIONAL. WE, THE REPORTERS AT THE POST, SACRIFICE A LITTLE NOW BY TAKING ON EXTRA WORK, WORKING THROUGH LUNCHES AND WEEKENDS, AND DOING ENDLESS HOURS OF RESEARCH WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE WILL RECEIVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES LATER. IF WE WORK HARD NOW AND SET GOALS THIS WILL HELP US CONTINUE ON TO SUCCESS. YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD FOR WHAT YOU WANT IN THIS WORLD. THIS ALGORITHM THAT OUR TEAM USES WILL HELP US TO IMPROVE EVERY DAY. LIFE ALWAYS HAS A LESSON TO TEACH. OBSTACLES WILL COME, BUT WE NEVER GIVE UP. OUR HOPE IS THAT OUR ALGORITHM WILL INSPIRE YOU TO DO THE SAME.



DOLLAR STORES \$1 OR MORE?

BY: STAFF REPORTERS

WE ARE DONE WITH THIS ARTIFICIAL ADVERTISING. A REPORTER STATES THAT SHE WENT TO THE DOLLAR TREE AND WANTED TO BUY GIFTS BUT FOUND THAT THE PRICE WAS MORE THAN \$1.00! WE ALL WATCH THE NEWS AND KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING. WE ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT! WHILE DOING RESEARCH, WE LEARNED THAT, "WHEN INFLATION SPIKES, DOLLAR TREE FACES INCREASED PRESSURE TO GROW SALES TO COVER HIGHER COSTS, OR ALTER ITS MERCHANDISE..." SOME ITEMS ARE UP TO \$3 OR \$5 NOW. THIS IS CERTAINLY MORE THAN A DOLLAR! WE NEED MORE DOLLARS IN OUR POCKETS TO SPEND IF THIS IS GOING TO CONTINUE!

<https://abcnews.go.com/business/dollar-tree-family-dollar-close-1000-stores-fourth/story?id=108078999>

JUST MY OPINION
BY: KARLA ROMERO



SHOULD TAYLOR SWIFT BE PART OF THE NFL? IF WE WANTED TO SEE TAYLOR SWIFT, WE WOULD GO TO HER CONCERT. IS SHE REALLY PART OF THE NFL FANDOM? NOPE! SHOULD SHE BE PART OF THE NFL'S MAIN ATTRACTION? NOPE! THIS REPORTER FEELS THAT SHE SHOULD STAY WITH HER CONCERTS AND EVERY NOW AND THEN COLLAB WITH THE NFL. WHAT DO YOU THINK? I DUNNO. THIS IS JUST MY OPINION.

COUNCILWOMAN'S CORNER

BY: ANIYAH WASHINGTON



AFTER AN INTERVIEW WITH COUNCILWOMAN SCARPA, WE LEARNED SHE HAS BIG PROJECTS PLANNED. WORKING ON PLANTING MORE TREES AND "PROTECTING WO AND HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT IS HER GOAL." OUR GREEN WO WILL KEEP WEST ORANGE PRETTY. SHE ALSO HAS PLANS TO HELP THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF WEST ORANGE. AREN'T WE LUCKY TO HAVE OUR VERY OWN COUNCILWOMAN IN OUR SCHOOL? STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

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