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-Ojas Ayapilla, XII

It's not the safest bet to play the beautiful game, o jogo bonito, in the middle of the desert under the scorching 50-degree-celsius heat of the sun. Much to the chagrin of the international football community as a whole, this bet will be played by the state of Qatar, who won the bid to host the world's biggest competition-the FIFA World Cup. To people who do not follow the sport, it might seem normal but to people like me who do know, this is just the latest event in a trend where the royals of the Middle East have purchased sport franchises.

Why, though? Why the sudden interest of the wealthy Sheikhs in sports?

The answer lies in what has come to be known as Sports-washing.

It is a Public Relations tactic where in order to improve one's reputation in the global arena, one does a cleaning act- and sports is just the latest laundry. If one asks what the Middle East is known for; most people would say oil and wars. The more politically informed people would say, oil and wars. All in all, not a great reputation to flaunt.

If one-for whatever reason-was looking to invest in somewhere apart from oversaturated markets, or as a tourist wishes to explore beyond the vast deserts

of the Middle East, chances are they will read up on their location. Now, imagine their reaction when they type in their desired location, and all they receive are winding blogs about how unfavorable the Middle East is. Imagine being greeted with articles on its unstable human rights index because of the Arab Spring and the intifadas and how it is one of the world's largest areas for modern slavery and human trafficking.

This situation is what the Middle East was facing before the big-money acquisitions in the field of sports. Now, what they want is not all unsavory news to show up on screens when the Middle Eastern countries are searched; it's things like "10 Ways How Manchester City Improved After Abu Dhabi Acquisition" or "Qatar 2022: Things You Should Know About The Latest World Cup" or how about "PSG: The New Qatari-Backed Champion Of France!" A lot more appealing than, say, "Documentary On How Dubai Was Built By Slave Labor."

In conclusion, it's a marketing tactic, a failsafe tactic, an economic tactic, a diplomatic tactic and most importantly- a cultural tactic all rolled into one to make the Middle East fun and enjoyable instead of dark and dreary (like it really is).

THE *Glamorous* HISTORY OF MET GALA

An Around the World Feature

-Jikke Kikum, XII

The first Monday of May, ever since 1970, has been the biggest night in fashion, design and costumes. The star-studded event, we now know as the Met Gala is held every year in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where the world's top designers showcase their work with A-Lister celebrities as their muse. The event is held to raise funds for the Met's Costume Institute.

It all began in 1948, when the legendary fashion publicist, Eleanor Lambort- who launched the New York Fashion Week! - saw the costume institute benefit set up by theatre producer Irene Lewinson and stage designer Aline Bernstein. She was so impressed by their pieces of work that, like a true fashion icon, she started holding casual suppers at the event.

It was in 1970, when Vogue Editor-in-Chief, Diane Vreeland attended the event and soon enough, shaped that intimate supper of a few fashion leaders to a massive red carpet gala! Still, only the top of the celebs could attend the Met, unlike now, and tickets for the venue were sold to raise money for the museum. Finally, in 1995, Anna Wintour took over the gala and the first Monday of May was declared as the biggest celebration of fashion history.

Now, it would be totally offensive to rave about the Met and not mention the most iconic outfits over the years; from Naomi Campbell's dazzling silver Versace dress at the 1995 Met to Zendaya's everything! Some honorable mentions are:

Taylor Swift: Charles James: Beyond The Looking Glass, 2014

Taylor wore a blush pink Oscar de la Renta gown with a seamless train flow and a large bow. She definitely had that "red lip, classic" look down.

Rihanna: China Through The Looking Glass, 2015

Rihanna wore an imperial yellow Guo Pei gown with a ridiculously massive yellow fur trim train that was completed with a headpiece matching the stitching details of her dress.

The theme for this year's Met was 'In America: An Anthology Of Fashion' and according to VOGUE, the dress code was 'gilded glamour, white tie'. It was co-hosted by Blake Lively, Ryan Reynolds and Lin Manuel Miranda.

While a lot of celebs didn't follow the theme, this year didn't disappoint and gave us some more iconic looks that will go down in Met history.

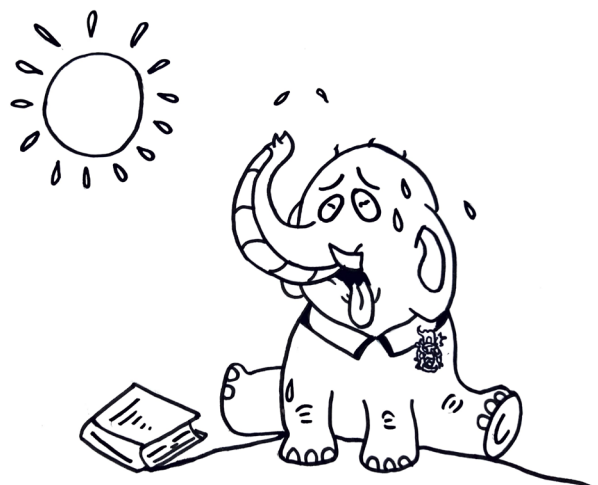


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Campus Caricature

HEAT · WAVES

-Siddhi Gupta, X



IT IS ALRIGHT TO BE AFRAID

-Aanavi Ghosh, VI

Whenever we expose our vulnerabilities to someone by sharing our fears, the common responses are, “Be brave and courageous” or “You should be fearless”. However, they don’t tell us, “How do we become fearless. How do we overcome our weaknesses? How do we defeat our fears?” I personally think we have to face our fear in order to rid ourselves of them. We can choose to live with horror and trepidation, or choose to be brave and overpower the terror.

Fear is widespread among humankind, but is it a flaw? Like all things, fear also has its pros and cons. Fear helps us understand ourself better. It helps us identify our weaknesses and creates self-awareness. It helps us build a reasonable protective shield around ourselves. The negative side of fear is when it holds us back from doing something positive. We have to push our fears to achieve greater possibilities. At the end of fear lies success. If we want to achieve victory, we have to cross the threshold of our fears. Consistency is the key. We have to trust the process.

Disrupting fear is a lengthy task, but we have to start somewhere to get over it. In this case, we may have a plethora of questions running in our mind, like where should we start? Well, if we are afraid, the first thing to do is to confront it. For example, if we have the fear

of public speaking, we should take the brave step of stepping out of our comfort zone and take the first step towards public speaking by standing up in class before learning to speak in front of the class and then on to the podium. We can start by socializing with our peers, and someday, we will be proud of how far we’ve come, a million emotions running through our veins as we deliver a speech on stage in front of a crowd of strangers. It doesn’t matter if we stutter or stumble, the road to bravery is rough; our role is to not let others belittle our self-worth but to keep trying. As long as we are better than what we were yesterday, we are on the right track. In this journey of overcoming our fears, we must keep in mind that, “It is alright to be afraid”.

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FEAR IS WIDESPREAD AMONG

HUMANKIND, BUT IS IT A FLAW?

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STARS OF THE WEEK



Bronze Cup Winners
IPSC, U-17 Football

Kneeling Row (L-R): Zayan Abir Hazarika, Lee Natung, Saloma Sonam, Buhumsa Daimari, Hanggoul Haokip, Matthias Lamin, Saksham Jain Benjamin, Woto Z Wotosa Sema.

Standing Row (L-R): Himanshu Khatuwala, Temjenkar Kichu, Nobu Lamnio, Theja Rio, Angad Kashyap, Sudepta Gogoi, Biswajit Baglary (Coach), Taakam Lapung, Nengker Nobin, Arnav Dutta, Krishnam Agarwala



ROE V. WADE

-Aakanksha Kumar & Norzin Lhamu, X

A quick glance at the topic makes you wonder why two Gen Zs would waste their time writing about something so undebatable. Haven't we established by now that abortion should be legalized? When she challenged the legal system in 1973, Norma McCorvey, or Jane Roe as she is better known, thought the same thing. In 1969, she was a Texan in her early twenties who wanted to end an unwelcome pregnancy. At the time, abortion was permitted in Texas, but only to save a woman's life. That was not the issue for McCorvey; her life was not at risk. She was directed to two feminist lawyers who had been looking for someone like her to combat anti-abortion laws. After a three-year battle, the Supreme Court finally ruled that women in the United States had the basic right to choose to have abortions without being subjected to unreasonable government restrictions.

Fast forward to the present. The headlines stated another story-"Norma McCorvey has joined a leading anti-abortion group and has found religion! Norma McCorvey born again Christian!" She completely changed her stance causing us to wonder- why would a person who made history, go against her life's work? McCorvey seemed like the perfect plaintiff to the lawyers: She was a woman in Texas seeking an abortion and did not have the money. Her lawyers were not

only unconcerned with their client but also actively uninterested in her. McCorvey's major turning point came in 1995 when she was working in an abortion clinic in Dallas. A Christian anti-abortion group opened up next door and gradually she began talking with the pro-life activists. They offered McCorvey the sense of belonging she felt she'd been denied by the pro-choice movement. She got baptized and began proselytizing about the "mass murder" of babies that she had helped bring about. She would falsely claim that she became Jane Roe because her lawyers got her drunk and did not tell her what an abortion was. The pro-life movement reaped political benefits from her conversion: they had persuaded the woman at the heart of Roe v. Wade to change her mind.

Present-day U.S.A. is divided into two sects. One which believes in the actual idea of Roe and what she stood for, and one which wants Roe V. Wade overturned. After all, long before the religious right turned Jane Roe into a paid actor-advocate, the movement had successfully concocted and sold a legend about the place of Roe v. Wade in history. The case continues to have widespread support. According to a June 2018 poll, 67% of Americans do not want the Supreme Court to overturn the decision, while 29% do. What thinks the rest of the world?

THE OUTPOST

US's neighbour Canada wakes up to gun violence with Trudeau introducing a bill to ban the sale of handguns. The US remains asleep with the NRA holding gun fests days after the Texas shooting. Sri Lanka faces a medical crisis with imported supplies running low and all surgeries being kept on hold. A day after security is withdrawn in an attempt to curb VIP culture, rapper Sidhu Moose Wala is shot dead; this time, drawing widespread sympathy. Biden refuses to send rocket systems to Ukraine that can strike Russia, even as Kyiv repeatedly laments apparent inaction from the West.



Chess Competition

-Mrs. Debjani Nath, Department of Chemistry

An AVS Chess delegation of 13 students participated in the under 16, SPS Open Rapid Chess Competition held at the South Point School, Guwahati on the 29th of May 2022. The students played very close matches.

Each student player competed in 5 games each. The results are as follows: -

Rishit Karnany won 4 Matches

Dwij Dhakal, Hemang Agarwal, Divanshu Sikaria, Tanveer Ahmed, Rian Subdi won 3 matches each

Manas Jain, Tanisha Surana, Harshi Kashyap, Asaash Agarwal, Rajvir Singh, Rupnanda Hazarika, Aditya Gargo won 2 matches each.

Inter House Archery

1st Jinari-Manas

2nd Kopili-Dhansiri

3rd Subansiri-Namdang

4th Bhoroli-Lohit

Individual inners:

1st – Nihal Agarwal- Dhansiri

2nd – Gaurisha Saikia- Jinari

3rd- Harshvardhan Keyal - Manas

Cricket Match

AVS Cricket Academy (U-17) Vs Tezpur Town Club
AVS won the match by 4 wickets

Most Promising Bowler: Daresha Boro (Tezpur Town Club - Senior District Player)

Man of the Match: Krishnam Agarwal (5 wkts.)



IPSC U- 17 Football

The AVS Football Contingent participated in the IPSC U-17 Football tournament at Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Rai from the 23rd to the 26th of June. The tournament saw 18 schools participate from across the country. AVS returned home victorious having ranked 3rd and lifted the Bronze trophy. Many congratulations to the Team and Coach Biswajit Baglary. The results are as follows:

1st Match: AVS vs BPS, Pilani

Won by 3-1

Goals scored by: Zayan Abir Hazarika (3 goals)

2nd Match: AVS vs DPS Mathura

Won by 6-0

Goals scored by: Lee Natung(3 goals), Nobu Lamnio(2 goals), Zayan Abir Hazarika (1 goal)

3rd Match: AVS vs DPS Mathura

Won by 4-0

Goals scored by: Nobu Lamnio(1 goal), Lee Natung(1 goal), Temjenkar Kichu(1 goal), Theja Rio(1 goal)

Semi final: AVS vs Daly College, Indore

Lost by 2-3

Goals scored by: Lee Natung(1 goal), Zayan Abir Hazarika (1 goal)

3rd place: AVS vs Sainik School, Kunjpura

Won by 3-0

Goals scored by: Nobu Lamnio(1 goal), Lee Natung(1 goal), Zayan Abir Hazarika (1 goal)



Ripple #187

-Hiyaneijemmy Das, Deputy Editor

*As she wiped off one last
tear,
She sighed and smiled at
the moon,
Longing for a home,
promised and lost,
Now buried under the
acid moss.*

Tongue Of Slip!!

1. "My head is falling out these days."- Shrey Modi, XII (*Psst...ask for exam cancellation.*)
2. "I don't say anyone to anything nowadays."- Neilginryan Das, IX (*Guys, he's talking to the furniture again.*)
3. "I flew my copy in the house."- Mahita Jindal, XII (*If only I could fly you far, far away.*)
4. "There's no glass in the coffee!"- Siddhi Gupta, X (*Do you really want that topping?*)
5. "There are two childs here."- Ma'am S. P. Sarkar (*Atleast they don't sound like three year olds.*)

Keep It Reel!

Meadows



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