**Dramatic Increase In People Googling “My Eyes Hurt” During 2024 Total Solar Eclipse by Frank Casano**

The 2024 solar eclipse a few days ago is considered “The greatest American solar eclipse”. As many marveled at the totality of this eclipse, some went on their phones and googled, “My eyes hurt”. Though you may think these people simply just looked at the eclipse without glasses, that wasn’t the case for these people.

According to Business Insider, most of these searches came from states in the path of totality, specifically Vermont.

Most of these searches were in the Burlington area, according to Google Trends. West Virginia had the second highest searches, even though it wasn’t in the path of totality. For every 100 searches in Vermont, there were 90 in West Virginia. The metropolitan area that was most concerned was Presque Isle, Maine, located in the northeastern area of the country. This will probably be the biggest spike in these searches in the US until 2044, the next total solar eclipse.

The only phase of the eclipse where it is safe to not wear glasses is the phase of totality. In this phase, the moon is fully blocking the sun. The phase is not visible through eclipse glasses, due to there not being any sunlight in the sky. This phase only lasts about 4+ minutes, and is the maximum point of the solar eclipse.

The Searches Peaked at about 11:20-11:45PM

These total eclipses can cause vision problems or loss of vision if looked at during the partial eclipse phase without solar eclipse glasses or an appropriate alternative. Though ISO-certified glasses allow you to see the eclipsed sun, you are still looking at the sun. ISO-certified glasses say to not use them longer than 3 minutes, but that is only a portion of the causes.

A big cause of solar eye damage is fake glasses. According to SEAA, these glasses. sometimes say, “NASA Approved”. Truth be told, NASA never certifies eclipse glasses, that’s ISO’s job. Solar eclipse glasses have to say, “Meets the requirements for ISO 12312. Real eclipse glasses block all but a tiny fraction of UV and IR rays.

Most of these people were afraid about Solar retinopathy, or eclipse blindness. This condition causes an animal to have blind or blurry vision spots by burning parts of the retina. This condition occurs when you look at the sun in partial eclipse with your bare eyes for an extended period of time. According to the CUT, if your eyes hurt, it wouldn’t be Solar retinopathy because your retinas don’t even have pain nerves meaning that if your eyes hurt, you didn’t get solar retinopathy.

**Bryson DeChambeau Working Toward the Greatest of All Time by Jackson Elliott**

“Most people are afraid of failure. I love failure because it tells me where to go next,” shared Bryson Dechambeu, a world class golfer with many accomplishments. At the young age of thirty, he has won 8 PGA tour titles and shot one of the best rounds in PGA history, with a career low of 58 at Greenbrier a par 70 golf course

Bryson DeChambeau has played golf his whole life. Bryson got his love of golf from his father. It was a family talent. His father, John Dechambeau, was one of the best amateur golfers in California.

Bryson Dechambeau is the fifth golfer to win the NCAA and the US amatures title in the same year. Sadly, he was not able to defend it because his college was banned. Whenever Bryson has free time he practices walking along a tightrope. Balance is extremely important in golf and walking on a tightrope is good for your core strength and balance.

Bryson has played at some of the nicest golf courses in the world, like the best one in Augusta. Speaking of Augusta, at this moment in 2024 the Masters Golf Tournament has just finished, and Bryson tied for 6th place with 2 under par.

Bryson has faced a lot of challenges, but the most challenging moment in his life is when his father died at the young age of 63, and the reason of death is unknown but he was fighting diabetes for a long time. Bryson was close to his father. He also had a fractured wrist. He had surgery to repair his wrist and it changed his swing. Bryson had to make difficult swing tweaks as he shed some muscle for a more athletic build that will last longer. These tweaks make him more consistent after the challenging change to his swing the wrist surgery caused. These events caused a lot of ups and downs but Bryson pushes through.

Bryson Dechambeau has done some weird things to help his game. He uses wedges and irons that are the same length. Both types are 37.5 inches. This is the first time ever someone has done this.

Bryson has won 8 PGA tours, he has won the Memorial Tournament in 2018, THE NORTHERN TRUST, Dell Technologies Championship 2019, Shriners Hospital for Children Open 2020, Rocket Mortgage Classic 2021, Arnold Palmer Invitational 2020, and the John Deere Classic. In all of these PGA tours he got first place. If Bryson Dechambeau keeps this up he will give some of the greatest golfers a run for their money. He will be remembered forever.

**The World’s Smallest Octopus by Lauren Katcha**

The octopus has been around for over 330 million years and has evolved to take many different forms and conquer many different problems like small spaces and camouflage. There is one octopus though that has caught the eyes of marine biologists due to their abnormal size. According to the Two Oceans Aquarium, “The Wolfi Octopus is the smallest octopus in the world weighing less than a gram and measuring just over an inch high!’’ “Due to the size and organs of the Wolfi Octopus they only live for about six months to a year and live mostly in the Pacific Ocean in about 90 feet of water.’’The International Conservation of Nature states, “The Wolfi Octopus is not in danger of extinction and is “least concerned’’ or “secure.’’

A female Wolfi Octopus is able to lay about two to three clutches of eggs which is more than most octopuses with them laying around one clutch and then soon dying afterwards. Even though they are small they are still considered predators. When young they mostly eat nanoplankton and once they are big enough they will change to eating krill for the rest of their lives. Though only about 10% of Wolfi Octopuses make it to adulthood they still are able to hide and blend into their surroundings. These octopuses are amazing creatures but how were they even discovered?

In 1913 the very first Wolfi octopus was discovered and documented. While diving at night in the Philippines a diver discovered the very first Wolfi octopus and was astonished by the size of it. Since then many people have grown fond of the Wolfi Octopus and have been intrigued by their size and special abilities. =

Even though the Wolfi octopus is small it doesn't mean that it's hard for it to survive. The Wolfi octopus has a unique feature that helps them taste what they touch! The special editions to their tentacles are called papillae suckers. They give the octopus the special ability to taste whatever they touch! These also help the octopus cling on to more surfaces to fight against the raging currents. Along with their special tentacles the Wolfi octopus (like most shallow-water octopuses) has very good eyesight to spot food and predators so that they can hide and eat. Though with two amazing features there’s got to be a bad one. The Wolfi octopus is surprisingly color blind. Even though this might seem like a bad feature to have the color blindness helps the Wolfi octopus, “during its nocturnal lifestyle the Wolfi octopus can take advantage of its vision properties at all times of the day or night!’’

In conclusion, even though this small part of our huge world seems to be at a disadvantage in life it still is able to surprise us and thrive with its special abilities to help live an amazing life of hunting, hiding, and reproducing so that their species will live on forever and in the hearts of the people who research about them.

**The Creation and History of the Minion by Harlow Lee**

Minions are a species of tiny yellow henchmen. They wear overalls, goggles, and black boots. They are driven by the desire to serve their evil boss also known as Gru. They all vary in height but they are generally between 2 to 3 feet tall.

Minions are an entertainment powerhouse. After appearing in 2010, 6 years later in 2016, the minions became the official mascot of Universal Studios. Many people have also created memes of the minions and their undeniably hilarious humor. Their likeability has dominated Tumblr, Pinterest, Facebook, and many other social media platforms. Their personality, humor, and traits all play a big factor in why everyone loves these yellow creatures so much and why they continue to love them.

In 2010, Eric Guillon, Pierre Coffin, and Chris Renaud created minions in the first Despicable Me. This movie went off the charts and now there are so many sequels and they continue to make more. This might shock a lot of people but according to Courier Post, the inspiration for the Minions came from the Oompa-Loompas from “Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory” and the Jawas From “Star Wars”.

You guys might know the unbeatable trio Kevin, Stuart, and Bob. Well originally, the design for the minions was for them to be wise, short, serious factory workers. Their size was to give contrast between their tall evil leader and themselves. In 2013, at the beginning of the creation of the movies, the minions originally weren’t mentioned. The minions didn’t get added in until Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud decided to work with Eric Guillon. This means that minions all together almost didn’t exist!

In an interview, Pierre Coffin was asked by a man named Ogres, “How did the minions transform into the minions we know and love?” Pierre answered, “I guess it was an appeal issue for Gru. We kept finding that the sillier it was, the better it was. So the minions, as these sort of child-like, irresponsible characters sort of help Gru’s appeal. They all love him the way the children, without question, love their parents. And so it instantly gave him some likeability because these little guys like him.” Minions, initially, were only put into the script as background characters to help boost the comedy. Over time they have become more and more popular and are now a fan favorite. These amazing, humorous creatures will have another movie coming out on July 3rd, 2024, make sure you don’t miss it and I hope my article helped inform you on the history and creation of minions.

**Did you know that volleyball was originally called mintonette? by Arianna Monahan**

Volleyball, invented by 25-year old PE coach William G. Morgan, February 9th, 1985, is now the 3rd most popular sport in the entire world. Volleyball was first introduced at a school in Springfield, Massachusetts, USA.

It was invented when William noticed that not everyone was suited for basketball, he created a noncontact, fun, easy, and kind of calm sport so that the people could be a bit more confident when playing sport and they could be a bit happier as well since they had a sport that is more suited for them.

Many people play volleyball because it helps people achieve skills they did not accomplish before. Like teamwork, leadership, communication, and it helped them stay active and healthy. It also helps with socializing with new people, it reduces stress, and it makes people enjoy life more in general. A fact you might not expect is that it helps with self confidence as well because it makes you want to be a leader and help other people when struggling.

Some people might think that William got help from other people or other teachers, but no, William did everything on his own and he obviously had no idea that the game he created for fun would become this popular.

Volleyball changed a lot throughout the years. The rules changed, now only 6 players on the court are allowed instead of as many as you wanted, then the libero position and setter position got added, beach volleyball got added, the net height got added, and especially the name changed. The first year volleyball was invented it was named mintonette. But a year later a professor from Springfield College, Massachusetts changed the name to volleyball.

Today volleyball is one of the most popular sports worldwide. Approximately 6.1 million people play volleyball of both genders. You might be wondering how volleyball spread worldwide? Volleyball traveled to Europe when the U.S soldiers brought the sport across the oceans when they went to Europe during World War II. And in 1920, Russia, Japan, and the US started a national association. With France joining it a couple of years later. So volleyball became well known around the world about 60 years after actually being created.

To finish up today’s article I will tell you a fun fact about professional volleyball players that play a hitting position. Did you know that a volleyball player jumps at an average of 300 times per match? I know it's crazy! Thanks for reading!

**How Jackie Robinson Changed the Game of Baseball for the Better by Ryan Ball**

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robison made his MLB debut and changed history, Jackie Robinson had just broken the “color line”. This was very controversial at the time and people were split into two groups: should he play or should he not? But Jackie didn't care, he had already made up his mind and he was devoted. He was going to play Major League Baseball. Jackie Robinson's first game was April 15, 1947. He ran out with a Dodgers jersey with his famous number 42. There he was standing there at 2nd base. And then boom a ball hit to Jackie, it's fielded, and he’s out. To many this may seem like a normal play but to others this is proof that no matter the skin color everyone can play baseball.

Jackie Robison had a great first season and he ended up winning rookie of the year. Jackie Robinson was born on January 30th 1919 and as a kid he was always amazing at football, basketball, and of course baseball. Early 1945 Jackie is playing for Sam Huston College, then he gets a letter they want to bring him up to the league for people with a darker skin tone also know as the negro leagues. Now he is playing for the Kansas City Monarchs and he is making 400 dollars a month.

Then everything changes. Branch Rickey, the Dodgers manager, pulled Jackie aside and said that he wants to bring him up to the majors. He said that he is not the best but not the worst baseball player on that field. But that isn’t what he is looking for. He wanted Jackie because he knew that when things get thrown at him when words get spoken at him he is not going to retaliate, and Jackie never did.

Then Jackie made history. He walked on to that field with confidence and made his dream come true not just play in the MLB but also change it for the better. Jackie was now getting paid 35,000 dollars compared to his 400$ from before.Not only is he a Black Lives Matter activist who is loved by millions but he is also a guy who went through a lot of pain and suffering to make the game of baseball a better game today.

Now on the Dodgers today, one of the best baseball players to live Shohie Ohtani can throw 100 MPH can hit 450 feet plus and he is Asian, back then he probably wouldn’t be able to play, and think of all the talent that missed out on playing in the MLB because they were black,Cuban,Asian,or Hispanic. The only reason the MLB has way more talent is because Jackie Robinson was the wrecking ball that knocked down the wall of separation in the MLB. Now only half of the MLB is white, 30% is Hispanic, 8% is black, and 4% is Asian. The MLB would not be as diverse as it is, if Jackie Robinson had never decided that yes people will hate him to the point where they wish he wasn’t ever born. But he knew that what he was doing was right and that because he put up with that, the MLB is so diverse to this day.

**How Coral Reefs are Formed by Emma Smithers**

Have you ever heard of the Great Barrier Reef? Well, if you ever thought that maybe it was just put there, that would not be the case. It took over 20 million years to fully develop.

Coral looks like it would be plants growing on the ocean floor, but actually they are a type of marine animal. Corals are made up of small beings known as polyps. They are very similar to sea anemones. They usually live in groups called colonies and they are located at the bottom of the sea. They are part of the same group as jellyfish and sea anemones. Corals are invertebrates that belong to a large group of animals called Cnidaria. They are characterized by their stinging tentacles. They are colonial organisms, which means many individual corals live and grow while connected to one another. “Without a healthy ocean we do not have a healthy planet.” Peter Thomson shared. Corals are extremely ancient animals that evolved into modern reef-building forms over the last 25 million years. Coral reefs are very unique and complex systems.

The first step to the complex formation of coral reefs is to have a lot of sunlight and a well maintained environment. The water must be pretty clear and the temperature has to be over 18 degrees Celsius. They begin to form when free swimming coral larvae attach to submerged rocks or other hard surfaces along the edges of islands or continents. As the corals grow and expand, reefs take on one of three major characteristic structures. The corals are colonial, which means they grow together in large groups called colonies. As they die, they leave behind their skeletons. Additional polyps live on these skeletons and die, over the years providing the main structural framework of the growing reefs. The coral reefs are very important structures in our ecosystem.

Coral reefs can be found in tropical destinations around the world. More than half of the world’s coral reefs are found within six different countries: Australia, Indonesia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and the Maldives. They are mostly found in areas around the equator because the water is usually warmer. Coral reefs need sunlight and warm water to be able to grow, so being around the equator helps them get healthy and strong. The majority of reef building corals are found within tropical and subtropical waters. They are found across the world’s ocean, in both shallow and deep water, but reef-building corals are only found in shallow waters. More than 100 countries have coral reefs within their borders.

There are approximately half a trillion reef-building corals in the world. Some of the most popular Coral reefs are the Great Barrier Reef, the Tubbataha Reef, the Apo Reef, and the Ningaloo Reef. The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system. It is located in Queensland, Australia in the Coral Sea. It hosts at least 300 species of hard coral and various sea creatures. The Tubbataha Reef is a protected area in the Philippines in the middle of the Sulu Sea. It has 106 coral species and 500 types of fish. It was declared the UNESCO world heritage site in 1993 due to its pristine coral reefs. The Apo reef is the world’s second largest contiguous coral reef system and largest in the Philippines. It is situated about 12 miles off the west coast of Mindoro island. The Ningaloo Coast is a world heritage site located in the northwest coastal region of western Australia. It’s well-known for its whale shark migrations, abundant marine life, and other remarkable nature. There are so many coral reefs but these are just a few.

Coral reefs are such fascinating species in our wildlife and about a quarter of all marine species live in coral reefs. Most people need coral to survive. Over half a billion people rely on coral reefs for food. They also act as a barrier during storms. They also clean the water that they are living in. Even though they help out the earth and waters they also have some threats. The biggest threat is climate change. It leads to a warming ocean which causes thermal stress that contributes to coral bleaching and infectious disease. Climate change also makes the sea level rise. That may lead to increases in sedimentation for reefs located near land based sources of sediment. Sedimentation runoff can lead to the smothering of coral. Even though coral may seem like nothing can affect it, that would not be the case. That is it for how coral reefs are formed.

**How the Chiefs Won the 2024 Super Bowl by Hudson Hoffman**

Patrick Mahomes (quarterback, and Captain) felt embarrassed losing to the Detroit Lions, one of the worst teams in the National Football League, after leading the Kansas City Chiefs to a 2022 season championship which was only their second in over 50 years. I quote, “I don't lose more as the season goes on.” Patrick Mahomes looks at the championship banner before every game, reflecting on how the Kansas City Chiefs fought hard to win last season. However, this year won’t come easy. It will continue to take hard work, practice, dedication and grit in order to reach the highest level and win the Super Bowl for a second consecutive season.

Coach Reid is a great role model for the young Chiefs players. He not only guides the players on the field he also shapes their characters off the field. Coach Reid was complimentary about the Chief’s defense playing very well and the special teams also pulled their weight. Patrick Mahomes spoke about how it was really helpful that Butker (Kicker) kicked a 57 yard field goal. Mecole Hardman (wide receiver) mentions it was a hard road but I got traded back to the Chiefs and got a Super Bowl winning touchdown. Travis Kelce (tight end and Captain) said that Patrick Mahomes is the best football player that the Chiefs have ever seen and that he was a big factor in helping the Chiefs win both Super Bowls. Travis Kelce also said that they are very fortunate that Mahomes came to the Chiefs at a good time when they were rebuilding. Patrick Mahomes has natural instincts as a quarterback, he performs remarkable feets on the field. He also has great chemistry with Travis Kelce both on and off the field.

Patrick Mahomes describes the game like the season because the game had ups and downs, and so did the season. Travis Kelce said that Patrick Mahomes was the hardest working person he has ever met, and that he led them to the Super Bowl again. The conversation in the locker room at halftime was let’s just get back to being us and win this Super Bowl. Patrick Mahomes said that he felt like the 49ers brought the intensity to the Chiefs in the first half. The Chiefs brought the intensity to the 49ers in the second half and again in overtime. Travis Kelce said that the Chiefs persevered through the hard times in the season and came out as winners and that’s why he is so proud of this team.

**The Challenges of Syrian Refugees in Europe by Adi Gandhi**

Over 6.6 million Syrian refugees have fled their country to Europe since 2021. A Syrian refugee is a Syrian citizen who has left their country because of the civil war and resulting conflicts. In their home country, Syrian citizens face conflict and danger because of the intensity of the war. Millions of Syrians are looking for a recovered and ordinary life in Europe.

Unfortunately, there are many challenges that refugees face after reaching Europe. The United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees or UNHCR, a humanitarian organization for refugees shares that most refugees live below the poverty line and are unemployed. Refugees could be unemployed for many reasons including that they are too young, stereotyped, or very poor. With not much money, it is very difficult to obtain food, water, and many other necessities.

Another challenge that Syrians face in Europe is prejudice and intolerance. According to Ohchr, an organization helping refugees in Syria, Islamophobia is where Muslims are insulted and hated by some people because of stereotypes about their culture and religion. Some Europeans do not like Muslims and Muslims are sometimes referred to as terrorists. This makes it hard because most Syrians are Muslim.

There is definitely a lot of struggle that Syrian refugees have to overcome while living in Europe. A website called Ecre, or the European Council of Refugees and Exiles, asked refugees what the word “refugee” means to them. A refugee from Syria named Abdullah spoke to Ecre about the word. He stated, “A person with a sad and tired face carrying with him a bag full of exhaustion of a long long journey.” This quote highlights the extreme journeys of the refugees. The journey is tiring and exhausting but most Syrians have no choice but to traverse it.

There are Syrian children who are refugees and by themselves without any parents or guardians. These children are called unaccompanied Syrian refugee minors. An article from Springer shares that an unaccompanied Syrian refugee minor is a child who has left their parent/guardian. It is excessively harder for children to live in Europe without parents, as they have no one to take care of them. These kids have to find food and shelter by themselves. According to UNICEF, there are over 2.5 million Syrian refugee children outside of Syria. A lot of these children are in need of assistance.

Syrian refugee children end up alone in different ways. An article from Springer states that a lot of childrens’ parents have died due to the civil war in Syria. Some parents send their children by themselves on the journey to Europe so they can have a better life. One reason parents will send their kids by themselves is that it is more important for them to live and their parents could be giving themselves up.

Various organizations are helping and giving humanitarian aid and assistance to Syrian refugees. According to many sources across the web, some of the organizations include UNHCR, Doctors Without Borders, and Mercy Corps. The websites allow donations that go towards supporting the refugees. They send materials to refugees including food and water. They also send people to go take care of some refugees in need of assistance. These attempts to help Syrians really shows the dangers they face.

**Wildfires Across the Midwest by Ameya Shah**

On July 17, 2022 an unattended campfire set Lemhi, Idaho ablaze, and 130,113 acres of

forest with it. This incident may seem rare but it occurs hundreds of times over the year.Wildfires are not only in Idaho, they are all over the Midwest part of the United States. Wildfires have become more common over the past 20-30 years. Wildfires can be essential to the

ecosystem if the fires are only low-grade and do not happen frequently, but most of the wildfires

today are high-grade and burning down hundreds of thousands of acres of forest.

A wildfire is a fire that starts in forests and burns down parts of them. Wildfires that are

low grade are a necessity to the forest ecosystem because the fires help clear out shrubs and

trees, and help decrease the density of the forests. Now, because there have been less of these

low grade wildfires when the regular wildfires do burn they destroy thousands of acres at a time

because of the dryer climates in the Midwest. These dryer climates make the Midwest very

susceptible to wildfires, this is one of the reasons fires have been so severe. Humans also are one

of the many reasons these wildfires start. When people leave their campfires unattended or

when people leave their cigarettes on the forest floor, these actions can lead to devastating

wildfires. Most of the unwanted wildfires are started by negligent humans. Another cause of

wildfires are volcanic eruptions and cold lightning strikes. Cold lighting strikes start wildfires

because they are longer and stay on the ground longer so this can kindle a fire.

“Year to date, we’ve had close to 300 wildfires statewide, And the normal year-to-date

10-year average is about 40 fires,” says Cathrine Doyle, a wildfire prevention specialist. The increasing amount of wildfires blazing across the Midwest are causing many to question the

dangers of these fires and the future effects they have on the environment. According to the

World Health Organization, “Wildfires release Mercury into the soil and air. Mercury can cause

minor disease in small amounts but in large amounts it has proven to be fatal.” If mercury is

being released into the atmosphere by wildfires, how long till the air is unbreathable from

simply wildfires alone. Another danger caused by wildfires is climate change. According to

prevention web, 1.78 billion tons of carbon is released into the atmosphere in 2021 which is up

by almost 150% from the year 2000.

Though it may seem bleak, there are many organizations that are trying to help decrease

the amount of wildfires, like Earth Share who has been trying to fight climate change and

provide awareness. There are many simple solutions for campers to help prevent these fires. The

U.S. The Department of Wildfire Prevention center recommends that before leaving the

campfire that it is soaked in water till the fire is cold and campers be less negligent to where

they litter the cigarette. There are many ways you can make a difference and help prevent these

disasters so next time you go camping try to remember these tips to not start a wildfire.

**Fantastic Ferrari by Taylor Hawkins**

“We are the Competition” is the motto for Ferrari which they have shown over the years is in fact correct about this fabulous brand. Ferrari has always been popular ever since it started in 1939. It isn’t surprising that this phenomenal team is favored by millions around the world. Its fast speeds and amazing drivers make it loved by the public and fans everywhere.

Before jumping to conclusions, let’s talk about the sport. Formula 1 is a popular sport that is beloved by millions around the world that tune in to ESPN and other streaming platforms to watch the races unravel. Each race is named after wherever the race is taking place and then Grand Prix is added to the end. For example, there is a race in Miami so it is called the Miami Grand Prix.

Formula 1 is quite simple when you start to get the hang of it. There are 24 races each season where 20 cars race to beat one another, shares the Formula 1 Official website. There are 10 different teams, each team having two racers, and compete for the winning title each year. Formula 1 has a scoring system, depending on where each racer places, they get a different amount of points. First place gets 25 points, second place gets 18, third place gets 15, and all the way down until 10th place which gets 1 point. The remaining players that didn’t place in the top ten get no points.

Now, let’s debrief a little about the team. Ferrari was created by a man named Enzo Ferrari. While growing up, Enzo had always loved to watch cars race against each other and knew he wanted to pursue this from a young age. When he got older, he decided to work with a man named Alfa Romeo but decided that wasn’t enough for him.

He separated from Alfa in 1939, creating Ferrari, explains the Ferrari Dealership Official website. From that moment on, Ferrari has flourished, gaining more and more fans every year. One reason why Ferrari is so popular is because they are the only racing team that has competed in every race since their first championship.

Wow, now that’s a crazy record. Talking about crazy records, let’s discuss some racers that are still known today for their records while racing with Ferrari. When the name Michael Schumacher is mentioned, you can bet at least a few heads will turn.

Michael Schumacher is known for his amazing racing skills and fast speed. His record has only just been beaten by Lewis Hamilton, a driver for Mercedes, after his record was around for over 10 years! According to the MotorSports website, Michael had 72 wins with Ferrari throughout the course of 10 years. The only reason this unstoppable racer decided to call it quits was because the rules changed, causing him to have his downfall. Even though he was a hero to racers back in the late 90s and early 2000s, he is still loved by people all around the world to this day.

Another extraordinary racer for Ferrari was named Niki Lauda. MotorSports' website explains how Niki was an incredible racer and had 15 wins with Ferrari from the years 1974-1977. Niki was set to be one of the best racers of all time but he got into a car wreck while racing in the German Grand Prix. His car was flipped over and even caught on fire. He fought for his life and survived and even went on to win two races afterwards.

After the accident, he continued to race with Ferrari but it seemed as though he wasn’t going to be the same. He had scars all over his face from where the fire burned his face, he had lost weight, and even some of his hair was gone, but he powered through and continued to race. Just 42 days after the accident, he was able to place 4th in one of the races, showing that he still had it.

Now, let’s focus on the current. Carlos Sainz Jr. and Charles Leclerc are the two racers for Ferrari, both incredible racers that have been showing off during the races this season by either landing on the podium or placing in the top 5 most of the time. Sadly, these two racers won’t be a team for much longer. After this season is over, Carlos will be leaving Ferrari and Lewis Hamilton, one of the best current Formula 1 racers, will swoop in, taking Carlos’s spot as the second racer for Ferrari.

Carlos Sainz Jr. isn’t only just a great racer but is also an impeccable guy. Carlos was born on September 1, 1994, in Madrid, Spain. This 29 year old has always wanted to be a Formula 1 racer and now can say he has achieved his dream, explains the Ferrari website.

This heartthrob worked with McLaren before transferring to Ferrari in 2021. Carlos has had 3 wins while racing with Ferrari and has participated in 69 Grand Prixs while having his contract with Ferrari. Carlos has driven in 118 other Grand Prixs while with other brands. Carlos is loved and adored by many around the world for his striking personality and how well he can connect with his teammates. He has shown the passion that he has for this sport and how well he can race.

Fans are currently distraught after finding out that this is his last season while driving for Ferrari. Fans are heartbroken to see him have to separate from his teammate, Charles Leclerc, which he has shown that he cares dearly for. These unstoppable two will continue to flourish in their careers, even if they have to go separate paths.

Did someone say Charles Leclerc? Just by mentioning his name, everyone will turn their heads, even if they aren’t interested in Formula 1! This is all because of his charming and hilarious personality. Charles was born on October 16, 1997 in Monaco, on the Italian peninsula. Charles has just recently opened his own ice cream brand called Lec. This brand has different flavors with names that have the internet going crazy like “Vanillove”, “Swirly Pistachi-OH!”, and “Salty Carammmel”.

This fan favorite 26 year old has been with Ferrari ever since he signed with the brand in 2019 and has won 5 races between the 5 years he has raced with Ferrari. He has taken place in 108 Grand Prixs while racing with Ferrari and has participated in 21 Grand Prixs with Alfa Romeo, the brand he was racing with before switching to Ferrari, according to the Ferrari website. Fans are jumping with joy at the fact that Charles’s contract with Ferrari doesn’t end all the way until 2028, meaning he still has 4 years left in his contract.

Whether you’ve been a fan from the start or you’ve just now started to become a fan of Ferrari, Ferrari is a community and is the best Formula 1 team of all time. Just remember, “We are the Competition”.

**History of the Aussie by Amelia Elizabeth Gordon**

The Australian Shepard, the Aussie, is one of the kindest, sweetest creatures and make great pets. There are many people in the world who have Aussies and love them so here is a little about them.

**Where did they come from?** The Australian Shepard came from a Spanish flock, migrating from North America in the early 1500’s. In the 19th century, the breed spread throughout California. These dogs never were known outside of herding until the mid 20th century when Jay Lister took some Australian Shepherds to perform tricks and attend shows around the world. Then in the late 20th century Australian Shepherds became very popular in the circus industry and became amazing show dogs. They were recognized by a dog club named United Kennel Club in 1979. After they were recognized the Australian Shepard became a companion dog. Then in 2019 they were ranked top 15 in the best dog breeds.

**What do they look like?** Aussies have a very thick, fluffy coats. They are very muscular, and are prepared to work. They are born with coats that are ruby red, black, brown, white, or mixed with all of the colors combined. The Aussie is a mix between a collie and a border collie so you can imagine they are pretty big. They can weigh between 40-65 lbs. The Aussie is a beautiful lovely dog. These dogs have amazing eyes, sometimes they are two different colors like blue and brown, but they can also have sky blue eyes that are very pretty. The most common eyes are the brown eyes, when born on a litter of puppies 75% of the time the eyes are brown, 15% of the time they are sky blue and the other 5% of the time they are two different colors.

**How can they help humans?** Guide dogs are one of the service dogs humans use today. This dog will help with someone who is blind to guide them around the city or streets to prevent them from getting hurt. This job is perfect for an Aussie because they have great senses. Hearing dogs are another type of service dogs. These dogs are trained to help their owners receive sounds they cannot hear themselves, such as smoke or fire alarms, doorbells, door knocking, phones, alarm clocks, and even the person’s name. The dog will lead the owner to safety or show them what is going on. Medical alert dogs are the third type of service dogs. These dogs help people who have seizures or epilepsy. The dog can sense when this is going to happen, the dog will bring them medicine, water, and anything they need or want. This is also perfect for Aussies because of their great senses. There are many other service dogs but these are just the most popular. They make great service dogs for older people or some one with a disability like being blind or not being able to hear. A lot of dogs have amazing senses, but the Aussie is known for their amazing sense of smell, sight and hearing.

**What makes them great pets?** They have a lot of energy but can also be very chill for when you need quiet time. Famous owner, actress Amanda Seyfried, has a ruby red Aussie, who is now 14 years old. Despite the fact that he is old, they still have a lot of energy and love for kids. Demi Moore, the 61 year old actress, loves her dog. There are millions of dogs that are helpful. These are great dogs because they all have a love for kids and baby’s. They make a great connection dog, and they love the attention, these dogs are also known as a velcro dog so they love to follow you to make sure you are safe.