

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Isn't it funny how day by day
nothing changes, but when you look
back, everything is different.



FEBRUARY 15, 2015

"I'M JUST HERE SO I DON'T GET FINED" - MARSHAWN LYNCH

The NFL threatened to fine Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch \$500,000 if he failed to show up on the annual Super Bowl media day. To prevent paying the fine, Lynch literally just "showed up." Any question that reporter through his way, he repeatedly answered "I'm just here so I don't get fined." His simple remarks transformed into a comical Tweet as fans and other NFL player began tweeting how the NFL "can't control everything." The good news, Lynch never got fined.



APRIL 23, 2015

BILL COSBY

America's favorite television father made the headlines his home after being accused of drugging numerous of women and raping them. Comedian Hannibal Buress introduced the story to the world after what he thought would be a simple joke. Women began to speak up on the accusations bringing more and more light to one of the biggest scandals of 2015.



JUNE 11, 2015

RACHEL DOLEZAL

Once the president of the Spokane chapter of the NAACP, Rachel Dolezal, born white, pushed the black community into a frenzy when it was made clear she had been lying for years about being an African American woman. Dolezal has officially opened the debate of if someone can be "transracial", claiming that because she believes being black is being her true self, rather than "pretending to be something she's not," according to CNN. Dolezal, who claims to have drawn black self-portraits of herself at 5-years-old.



JUNE 17, 2015

CHARLESTON CHURCH MASSACRE

On June 17, nine people were fatally shot in a church in Charleston, South Carolina, during a Bible study service. Dylann Roof, 21-year-old white male, brought hate crimes back into the spotlight, as details were released of Roof participating in the church service for an hour prior to opening fire. Under the weight of this hate crime, there seemed to be a feeling of solidarity throughout the black community, as people mourned this loss together.



JUNE 27, 2015

CONFEDERATE FLAG/ BREE NEWSOME

Bree Newsome told CNN's guest anchor Kate Bolduan that going to jail "was the price she had to pay as a freedom fighter." Newsome was caught on video climbing up a flagpole to rip down the Confederate Flag, or "the symbol of hate" flag, at the South Carolina state capitol. She and Tyson, the man who just merely helped her down, were faced with three years of prison on a misdemeanor and/or a \$5,000 fine.



JUNE 2015

CUBA VACAY, ANYONE?

The Carters, America's very own royal family, 2013 Cuban excursion piqued the interest of many wanderlust souls. This past summer the United States reopened its embassy in Havana, which allows United States citizens to travel to Cuba but with 12 distinct stipulations. Tourism is still banned by the Cuban embargo but if you are visiting close relatives, a part of an academic program for which you can receive credit, conducting professional research, participating in journalistic or religious activities or participating in public performances or sports competitions you are free to travel without application.



AUGUST 2015 -
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GOP RACE FOR PRESIDENT

Though the field of Republicans attempting to gain the nomination for the 2016 presidential election is clearly a party overcrowded, no pun intended, with the most interesting candidates being Donald Trump and Ben Carson, the current leaders of the GOP race for party nomination. Who would have known a brain surgeon and a business tycoon could run for presidential nomination, and be, seemingly, successful? The debates have become legendary, causing twitter to explode and people everywhere to get interested in the political race, whether for or against the current GOP frontrunners; it's easy to forget there are still a little less than 11 months until the presidential election. The nation is anxious to see who will be nominated next fall.



SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

CAITLYN JENNER

In addition to her Olympic gold medals, Caitlyn Jenner has recently added the the Arthur Ashe Courage award to her wall of accolades after courageously transitioning into a woman in front of the world's eyes. After marrying reality television star Kris Jenner, Jenner became known as the dad of on the E News hit reality show, Keeping up with the Kardashians. Now, walking proud in his new persona, Jenner is ready to let the world know that, "I am Cait."



OCTOBER 10, 2015

NO JUSTICE! NO PEACE!

Justice or Else! was the theme of a rally organized by the controversial religious leader Louis Farrakhan at the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March. Thousands marched to the National Mall in D.C., from as early as 4 a.m., just to witness civil leaders call for an end to the outrage of police attacks on African-Americans. Unlike the first march in 1995, the overall message seemed to target the black community, not just black men. Ensuring no one missed a beat, a live webcast was broadcasted on the www.justiceorelse.com for those who couldn't attend. Activist and attendees flooding timelines with the trending hashtag #MillionManMarch and #JusticeOrElse.



NOVEMBER 13, 2015

PRAY FOR FRANCE

Most recently is the devastating travesty of terrorism happening in France, on Nov. 13, where there were multiple suicide-bombing in Paris leading to more than 130 deaths. U.S. President Obama has said that he is "open to cooperating with Russia in the campaign against the Islamic State, which has asserted responsibility for the deadly attacks on Paris," according to The New York Times. Social media has played a vital role in the release of information and updates about the attacks, and support for France, as Facebook is allowing people to change their profile pictures to the french flag. #PrayForFrance