Saudi Arabia leads UN human rights panel on nation’s history of violence causes controversy

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Saudi Arabia, a nation with numerous human rights offenses, was recently named the chair of the United Nations Human Rights Council. After a U.N. vote in June, this was no surprise, as many feared it would occur.

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"Trump will stay in the news because he says simple things," Russell said. "I don’t think he will have the same advantage for his campaign this year as he did in 2015. This is an advantage for his campaign if he agrees with the people. However, I don’t think he will win the nomination because of his political style."

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It is clear that Blasingame never left a positive impact on anyone she comes into contact with. Her work ethic and dedication to the team, and the sport of volleyball in general, is always above and beyond. "She is working hard mentally and physically," Carver said. "She’s a hard worker, and basically the whole team is good, so that’s an advantage!"

Not only that, but the team has been more than happy to have a game like Libby. Pugh said that playing games in part of the process of understanding what it takes to play as a team as a whole is good for success in the upcoming season. "The team is starting to get the idea of what it takes to play as a team, and I think the team has been more than happy to have a game like Libby," Pugh said. "We’ve put in all the hard work, and we’ve been really fun to watch as a whole, let alone the offense." Though the team has a long road ahead, they have set a goal to be better as the season progresses, to work on one another’s weaknesses and to practice. We’re not only happy about four practices this week, but also four off the floor. That way, we’ll get better and be ready for the volleyball season. This is gonna be a special one,” Waller said.

Blasingame leaves legacy of character.

Gymnastics, but I got started out doing volleyball because I really liked the team, the atmosphere. So I decided to go for volleyball. In 2012, Blasingame began to play for the Golden Eagles, but began to play for the Golden Eagles, said. "Beyond the court, Libby serves as a role model for the team full of those guys, and she’s definitely had to put herself in that role is and discover what she can add to this team,” Beschta said. “On the court, she is our team’s strongest blocker. Because she is a middle hitter, she has to hustle to block from the pin to the net. Her attitude, her level of hustle and desire to block terminate balls is constantly on display when she is on the court. She is also one of our top offensive players as well.”

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When I was eight years old, I wasn’t allowed to enter a Chuckie Cheese because I didn’t look like my mom or dad. At times I feel that I don’t belong anywhere. Judging by the way others look at me, I act too white to be black on the outside but different because of the color of my skin. And it doesn’t stop there. I am treated differently because of the color of my skin. I’ve even had friends appear to reject my black skin. I put it all over, I may look black but I certainly don’t act black or black enough for some people. I’ve had friends ask me why I can’t tell me that I was actually purple. I know that sounds ridiculous (have you ever seen a purple person before?) but looking back, I had wanted to change my eyes from a different color. Considering if Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, who are currently the leading candidates for the presidency, broke through to the primaries. Clinton managed to get through all the red tape surrounding her private email account and Trump diverted us all from the fact that he is just not ready to stand for the presidency and was never going to be sponsored...
Commit to passion, serve where you see

Student responds to pain and suffering through art

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There was a, a typical white girl with her tall white mocha latte sitting in Starbucks at the break of dawn reading. Her nails were just as precise as her makeup, so perfect yet understated. Inside she was frightened of something; her future. She was scared of the future, but not for her appearance, but the small details of life matter, like her future. As I realized that I had a portrait of this girl in my mind, I realized that this was my chance to make my contribution. I had a chance to make a change. I had a chance to make a difference.

On October 8, 2015, The Student defends funds for Planned Parenthood

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Planned Parenthood is a non-profit organization that provides sex education, STD testing, abortion, and more. They’ve expanded their services internationally, and they’ve been able to do so because the government has been willing to fund them. The government has been willing to fund Planned Parenthood because they believe that it is a necessary service for women. They believe that women have the right to choose whether or not to have children. They believe that women should be able to make these decisions for themselves, without interference from the government.

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How to carve the festive & traditional *Jack-o-lantern*

1. Make a Lid
With your plump pumpkin, grab a large kitchen knife and make your first cut. Look at the stem of the pumpkin and make a deep circle incision around the stem. This will act as the lid of the pumpkin. You can place it at the center and place the lid of your pumpkin back on the top. Turn off the lights or wait till it’s dark to see it light up to its fullness!

2. Remove the Guts
Remove the insides of the pumpkin with a large spoon. Scrape the pumpkin clean from all the orange mush and seeds so you can see the lighter orange skin of the pumpkin inside.

3. Sketch your Design
Pick the design or the desired features for your lantern and mark them out on your pumpkin with a sharpie. For example, draw two triangles, a circular nose and a toothy smile for the traditional look.

4. Carve the Image
Now take a smaller kitchen knife and cut along the sharpie lines. Make sure the cuts are deep enough for the shapes to be removed from the pumpkin.

5. Light your Lantern
You can place it at the center and place the lid of your pumpkin back on the top. Turn off the lights or wait till it’s dark to see it light up to its fullness!

Let the neighborhood **enjoy**!
The newest exhibit in the art gallery features seven graduates from John Brown University’s Visual Art Department. This exhibit opened Oct. 2, titled “JBU Alumni Invitational Exhibit.”

The artists included in this exhibit are Kyle Armstrong, Kyle Blair, Jason Flack, John Springs, Natalie K. Nelson, Jeremy Grant and John Holcomb. The artists have all recently graduated from the University. University art gallery Director Charles Peer said, “This group of seven wonderful artists is a good representation of the quality and variety of work that our graduates are having in the world at large.”

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Unique to the descriptions on the artwork, a majority of them gave credit to Joel Armstrong, University art and illustration professor. The artists wrote little blurbs about themselves and how it was a great opportunity working and studying under Armstrong.

“I appreciated all the artists during their memories of their time at JBU,” Peer said, “in addition to their work,” Sarah White, senior education major, said. “It gave a glimpse of their time at JBU.”

The artists used a variety of media for their artwork. Some were paintings with mixed media, acrylic and oil pastels drawn on top. There were also collages made with bits of paper, handmade paper and an image that was manipulated. Resin, a hard plastic, is also used. Others used silk screens.

Peer enjoys putting on the alumni show every once in a while. The exhibit’s goal is to show off what the alumni have accomplished since they graduated. Normally they are open-call type of invitation, where any graduate can send any piece of work. This is the first time it has been a closed-invitation event.

“I enjoyed the Alumni art gallery because of the colorful, creative, and full of life vibe to it,” Carlos Lopez, senior business administration and marketing major said. “A lot of the illustrations depicted retro cartoon characters, which I thought was really cool. I was impressed by the quality of the artworks that were showcased.”

The exhibit will be open until Oct. 30. The gallery is free and open to everyone from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Sundays the gallery is open 2 p.m. through 4 p.m.
Must-Follow Instagram Accounts

**dogsofinstagram**
3,268 posts 2.2m followers
This account brings together pictures of a man's best friend. You can submit pictures of your dog through the email address: dogs.instagram@gmail.com.

**mydaywithleo**
472 posts 16k followers
Joel Strong is a satirical photographer, who challenges reality by putting celebrities’ heads in random people's bodies using paper cut outs.

**raskalov**
2,109 posts 200k followers
Afraid of heights? Vitaliy Raskalov is a 22-year-old urban climber that takes the hashtag #OnTheRoofs to a whole new level.

**socalitybarbie**
128 posts 1.3m followers
How authentic are your Instagram pictures? Socality Barbie questions the #LiveAuthentic and #LiveFolk hashtags. You will be impressed... or convicted!

**humansofny**
3,445 posts 3.9m followers
Humans of New York features real stories of diverse people in the Big Apple. Due to the recent immigration crisis, the account is featuring touching stories from Syrian refugees.

**leesamantha**
789 posts 724k followers
Samantha Lee is a food artist that enjoys telling stories with ingredients. The MInions, Star Wars and Peanuts are just some of her best works.

**drewkelly**
1,746 posts 68.8k followers
Do you want to know what life looks like in North Korea? Then make sure to follow @drewkelly, the first Instagram user in the restrictive monarchy.

**biddythehedgehog**
370 posts 607k followers
Biddy the Hedgehog may be the cutest pet in the world. Make sure to follow his account to see his traveling adventures and fan art.

**natgeo**
8,460 posts 33m followers
National Geographic, the pioneer in nature photography decided to step up and bring their stunning photos to you, now at the touch of your fingerprints.

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