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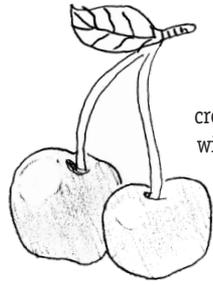
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## EGR: Modern Love, Ford vs Ferrari, and upcoming artists

**Modern Love:** Amazon Prime's new original, Modern Love, is a breath of fresh air as it challenges modern culture's ordinary plot of romantic love with eight different storylines. Contrary to a central focus on romantic love, Modern Love discusses familial love, platonic love, paternal love, self-love, and maternal love. Each episode is a true story based on New York Times' Modern Love column with a unique message and topic that will leave you feeling warm and happy. For the holidays, cozy up with your loved ones and enjoy Amazon Prime's first season of Modern Love.

-Wilma Wei, Humor Editor

**Ford v Ferrari:** Starring Matt Damon and Christian Bale, Ford v Ferrari combines electrifying action sequences with heartwarming - and heartbreaking - moments of raw human connection. Based on a true story, this film captures the gripping suspense of the thrill of the race, all the breathlessness and fear and pure exhilaration as the audience watches a sculpted hunk of metal roar down the racetrack leaving nothing but burning rubber in its wake. You will leave this movie wanting (even just a little bit) to be a racecar driver yourself. Ford v Ferrari is 100 percent worth the watch, and



delivers for car fanatics and movie lovers alike. -Cooper Bowen, National/World Editor

**Nasty Cherry:** Alternative band Nasty Cherry, created by Charli XCX, has captivated audiences with their new EP and Netflix series. The band's reality show, I'm With the Band: Nasty Cherry, was co-produced by Charli XCX, and focuses on the band's origin story. Charli XCX also recruited members of the group, made up of singer Gabriette Bechtel, drummer Debbie Knox-Hewson, bassist Georgia Somary, and guitarist Chloe Chaidez. Nasty Cherry's EP blends genres and focuses on the low points of adult life and the absurdity, comfort, and drawbacks of love, in addition to taking a more comical approach to their lyrics with Music With Your Dad, my personal favorite song of theirs.

-Morgan Tinsley, Editor-in-Chief

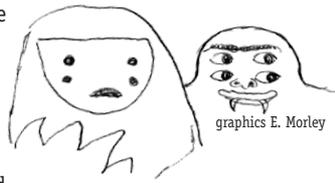
**BENEE:** If you are tired of playing the same songs, I highly recommend that you listen to rising alternative pop artist BENEE. With hit songs like Find an Island and Glitter, her unique sound and trippy vocals are sure to stand out among the overlaid songs downloaded on your playlists. It's not just her music that sets her apart from other artists, however, but also her shocking rise to fame. Born and raised in New Zealand, 19 year old BENEE gained popularity after releasing

her first EP, Fire on Marzz. At the New Zealand music awards, she took home top honors including best solo artist, best pop artist, best breakthrough artist, and best single of the year. With that kind of recognition and influence, it was only a matter of time before the states picked up on her talent.

-Sami Elizondo, Culture Editor

**Red Hearse:** Red Hearse's unique, dynamic music clearly portrays the band's composition, featuring some of the industry's most creative minds. Jack Antonoff, who established his name by writing for popular artists like Taylor Swift and leading his own band, Bleachers, combines his crowd-pleasing beats with the alternative styles of producer Soundwave and singer Sam Dew, both of whom have been involved in the production of hit singles as well. Songs like Everybody Wants You, Half Love, and Born To Bleed incorporate inviting and catchy choruses and lyrically profound verses with inimitable background tracks. Whether you're looking for a hard-hitting emotional experience, analyzing challenge, or just a casual car-ride vibe, Red Hearse's contrasting, genre-defying record is sure to entertain you.

-Jamie Blough, Editor-in-Chief



## Fast fashion brands grow popular

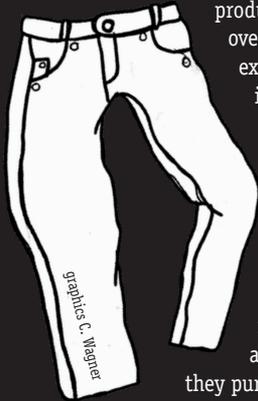
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Over the past few years, there has been an increase in the number of sustainable and humane brands on the clothing market.

Celebrities and influencers across the world have been speaking out against 'fast-fashion' brands that produce cheap clothing quickly and sell it at incredibly low prices. Fast manufacturing has a massive environmental impact, as fast-fashion brands jump on trends then quickly abandon them as they pass. Consumers dispose of clothing that is no longer on-trend. Fast-fashion brands are notorious for conducting product manufacturing overseas and providing extremely poor working conditions for their employees.

YouTubers like Hana Grace and Sedona Christina are outspoken for consumers to be more conscious about the clothing they purchase. Despite this surge of representation for ethical fashion, some celebrities and influencers still remain in support of fast-fashion brands. Many YouTubers and main-stream celebrities have accepted sponsorships and collaborations with these brands. The CW's Riverdale star Madelaine Petsch recent collaborated with the clothing brand Shein. On the day of its original release, items were sold for up to 40 dollars, but were put on sale after only four months on the site.

YouTubers like Marina Hokulani, Amber Knight, and dozens of others have accepted sponsorships from fast-fashion brands like Shein, Zaful and Forever21 in the form of 'haul' videos where they receive items from brands for free and showcase them on their channels in exchange for the free items and a sum of money. Despite backlash from fans and viewers, influencers and celebrities have shown few signs of abandoning sponsorship and collaborations with fast-fashion brands. Those who do speak out, however, have been raising awareness for the environmental impact and poor working conditions that fast-fashion companies create during product manufacturing. The ethical-fashion movement is ever-growing, and advocates hope for more companies to become environmentally and ethically aware in the future.



Millions of music fans mourned the death of beloved emo-rapper Juice Wrld on Sunday morning after he suffered a seizure at Midway airport. Juice Wrld, whose real name is Jared Higgins, was only 21 at the time of his death, and he was scheduled to play at the Rolling Loud Music Festival the following Saturday in Los Angeles. He had an impressive resume of accomplishments, including Top New Artist at the Billboard Music Awards and several nominations for his hit song, Lucid Dreams. Higgins's songs also reached the Billboard Top 100 25 times in under two years.

## RAPPER JUICE WRLD DIES AFTER HAVING SEIZURE

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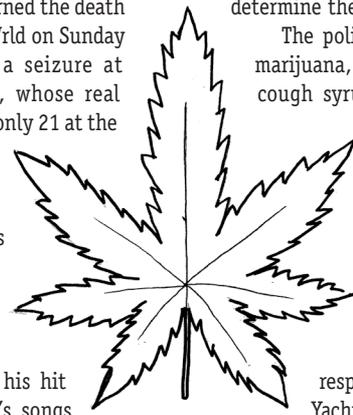
Higgins was en route to Midway Airport aboard a private jet when federal agents tipped off Chicago police about suspected illegal contraband aboard the plane, and a team of officers intercepted the rapper after he entered the lobby. As the team began searching the luggage, Higgins began seizing. When asked if he had any medical conditions or drugs in his system, Higgins's girlfriend replied that he "takes Percocet and has a drug problem." Additionally, members of his team said that Higgins had taken "several unknown pills" before the seizures. After administering Narcan, a treatment that immediately reverses the effects of opioids, Higgins came to, but was incoherent. Medical emergency personnel transported Higgins to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where he was pronounced dead at 3:14 AM. An inconclusive

autopsy at the Cook County medical examiner's office on Monday said that more information is needed to determine the exact cause of Higgins's death.

The police search uncovered "70 pounds of marijuana, six bottles of prescription codeine cough syrup, two 9mm pistols, a .40-caliber pistol, a high-capacity ammunition magazine, and mental piercing bullets," according to authorities. Additionally, police arrested two members of Higgins's security personnel on counts of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

Many celebrity friends paid their respects to Higgins, including Drake, Lil Yachty, and Lil Nas X. Ellie Goulding, who collaborated with Higgins for a song, tweeted, "I can't believe it... you were such a sweet soul. I'll always remember meeting you and your family on the video set and thinking how close you were. You had so much further to go, you were just getting started. You'll be missed Juice."

However, many fans are suspicious about the untimely death of the rapper. A resurfaced tweet from 2017 by Higgins said, "My goal is to get overly famous, shine for a couple years..then fake my death." Furthermore, one fan pointed out that Higgins alluded to John Lennon in one of his songs, who also died on Dec. 8. Additionally, a popular TikTok challenge existed previously, where people would fake a seizure to one of his songs. Finally, in Higgins's song, Legends, he sings, "We ain't making it past 21." The mysterious coincidences surrounding his death are thought-provoking, though nothing can be confirmed. (Sources: TMZ, Chicago Tribune, CNN)



## Muthukrishnan explains Jeremy Zucker's down-to-earth singles regarding mental health

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A native of New Jersey, Jeremy Zucker is an upcoming indie-pop and electronica singer sharing brutally truthful music and wowing intimate crowds with his impressive musical talent.

This year, Zucker kept busy releasing a collaborative EP, entitled Brent, with Chelsea Cutler, a personal friend of the singer. Sharing their songwriting process, Zucker and Cutler stated that "one week in December, [they] drove out of NYC to a recording studio ...At the end of the week, [they] had Brent." The artists wanted fans to think of the EP as a "time capsule, a diary of the process that resulted in one of the most fulfilling musical journeys in either of our lives."

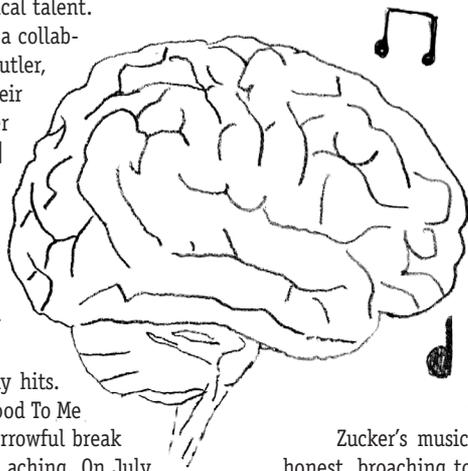
The collection of songs features many hits. Among all the popular songs, You Were Good To Me is a fan favorite, telling the story of a sorrowful break up that leaves both sides of the conflict aching. On July 26, 2019, Zucker released Oh, Mexico, a heart-wrenching song that shares his most intimate thoughts about society and his longing to

be free from his unhappiness. Zucker's tour of private shows came to a close on Nov. 20, 2019, in San Francisco. He toured Europe and the United States, playing in smaller venues to connect with his fans to the fullest extent.

Zucker released his first EP, Beach Island, in 2015, and has steadily released music since then. With over five EPs of his artfully produced music, Zucker seems like a veteran to the music business. Zucker's debut album, Anywhere Could Feel Like Home, is expected sometime in 2020, and will be his first ever full length album. With an unreleased tracklist to the collection, Zucker is keeping his fans on edge as they anxiously await new music. Zucker's music is a breath of fresh air because it is brutally honest, broaching topics that are hard to talk about in our society. The artist commonly sings about mental health, helping destigmatize necessary conversations about mental wellness. With songs like All

the Kids Are Depressed, and Comethru, Zucker shares his struggles with mental health, letting his fans easily connect to him through their journeys.

Zucker's music weaves together common themes of self-improvement and growth. He shares his journey of development with the world through his heartfelt, raw singing. His catchy melodies and well thought out lyrics make his music easy to listen to and sing along. Zucker's meaningful music is an emotional outlet for those who are willing to listen. He is an extremely talented singer-songwriter with the unique ability to write music that confronts societal issues sincerely, making Zucker a refreshing obscurity within the music industry. (Sources: GENIUS, Ones To Watch, AXS)



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