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o it’s Halloween night. You’ve spent the past month going to haunted houses and hayrides, drinking cider, carving pumpkins and decorating your house or apartment to look scary. You are eating pounds of candy, attending costume parties or staying home watching scary movies. After falling into a candy induced coma, you awake the next day to your still-decorated home, your costume tossed in the corner of your room…and Christmas music.

Yes, amongst the orange and black, you hear Nat King Cole’s smooth voice serenading you with “Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire.” It seems as though the media has become adamant about shoving Christmas cheer down our throats earlier and earlier each year. Radio stations are already playing holiday music 24 hours a day, and most stores are more than fifty percent stocked with Christmas decorations (some even pushing Christmas items before Halloween). Christmas commercials are playing several times in an hour, and huge holiday sales have already taken place.

Even though it is a known fact that the Holidays are a very special time of year, and the excitement of it all is what people look forward to all year round, the clash of two completely different holidays puts a bit of a damper on the anticipation of the appropriate time to break out the red and green.

With the tons of complaints thrown around about having Christmas put in front of us the day after Halloween, wouldn’t corporations get the message? Although people generally get excited and happy for Christmas time, that doesn’t mean they want the carols to blare out of their speakers when they just heard “The Monster Mash” the night before.

What are your thoughts of having the Holidays sneak into our lives so soon? Do you welcome the change of atmosphere, or do you think it’s too early?

With the overplayed songs that are put on repeat at retail stores and radio stations, Christmas music can get old real fast (especially to those who have been bombarded with it since Halloween). Though the songs that are on constantly have gotten repetitive and annoying, we suggest that you give these songs a listen to redeem the genre that is Christmas music.

A few songs from the album “A Very Special Christmas” by Run DMC deserve a bit of attention, taking a different approach to the traditional idea of Christmas music. “Christmas in Hollis” and “Christmas Is” are different and interesting to listen to.

If rock is more your taste, No Doubt’s ‘Oi to the World’ may be one to listen to, along with blink-182’s ‘I won’t be Home for Christmas’.

The playlist we’ve compiled while thinking about Christmas songs that we like isn’t limited to just those few songs, and you can open it on Spotify by using a QR code reader to open it or by typing the link provided above the QR code into your web browser.
A modern consumers, we purchase disposable products, and items enclosed in disposable containers on a daily basis. With millions of people contributing their trash to landfills, is it time to look to another solution for our non-recyclable garbage?

According to Swedish energy company Sysav, “the answer is converting the garbage into electric and heat energy.”

The Sysav Waste to Energy facility located in Malmo, Sweden operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year-round to convert residential and industrial wastes into usable electricity and heat.

Although Waste to Energy facilities exist in other parts of the world, Sweden eliminates a vast majority of their viable waste in these facilities. According to the Swedish Waste Management, only four percent of Swedish garbage ends up in a landfill. However, these Waste to Energy companies are now facing a problem: they aren’t operating at their maximum capacity because Sweden is producing too little waste that is usable for incineration.

To keep the facilities running at maximum capacity, Swedish waste to energy facilities have looked to the garbage heaps of other countries. Currently, 800,000 tons of foreign garbage is set to be shipped in to Sweden each year. Through this transaction, the countries shipping the garbage are paying Sweden to take it off their hands. Most of this waste comes from Norway. However, The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency is particularly interested in the garbage of Italy, Romania, Bulgaria and Lithuania.

In the environmental news program, “Living on Earth” Catarina Ostlund, Senior advisor for the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, says these countries are of a particular interest due to landfilling being their primary method of waste-elimination. “I hope that we instead will get the waste from Italy or from Romania or Bulgaria or the Baltic countries because they landfill a lot in these countries. They don’t have any incineration plants or recycling plants, so they need to find a solution for their waste,” says Ostlund.

Although the Waste to Energy facilities are an efficient method for eliminating waste, Catarina Ostlund declares that incineration is not the final waste management solution. “This is not a long-term solution really, because we need to be better to reuse and recycle, but in the short perspective I think it’s quite a good solution,” Ostlund stated.

A total of 248 tons of garbage are delivered daily to a single Sysav waste to energy facility’s dumping station. From here a man-operated crane scoops a load of the garbage and drops it into the furnace chute. As the garbage is incinerated by the 1000 degree-Celsius furnace, hot flue gases released from the combusted garbage rise into the boiler chamber. Water running through pipes in the boiler chamber is heated to 400 degree-celsius and turns to highly pressurized steam. The steam is forced into a turbine powering a generator which provides electricity to over 250,000 homes.

After moving the turbine, some energy still exists in the steam in the form of heat. Rather than lose the steam’s heat energy, it is again forced into a condensing unit. From here the heat is extracted into more pipes with running water and re routed into a district heating system, delivering heat to those 250,000 homes. According to Sysav, it would take 100,000 tons of oil per year to produce a comparable amount of energy.
Are you sick of watching guidos and guidettes parade around the Jersey Shore, but you just can’t find anything better to watch? Let me introduce you to Shark Tank. Shark Tank is an American reality television show that airs on ABC every Friday at 8:00pm. A panel of self-made million and billionaires are known as “sharks” and are looking to work as investors in your company. Upcoming entrepreneurs go into a deliberation room known as the “shark tank” and pitch their ideas, products, and propositions to the “sharks” in hopes that one of the sharks will invest in their company.

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The “sharks” are Kevin O’Leary, Barbara Corcoran, Daymond John, Robert Herjavec, Mark Cuban, and Lori Greiner. Kevin O’Leary turned a small loan into a financial empire. He now is the owner of a very successful mortgage company, SoftKey (a software company), and O’Leary Funds. His estimated net worth is $300 million. Barbara Corcoran started as a real estate agent, moved up to become a broker, and now is a broker for very high-end clients. Barbara’s estimated net worth is 40 million. Daymond John, the owner and CEO of the popular clothing brand Fubu and he has an estimated net worth of $100 million. Robert Herjavec created a software security business which he sold to AT&T for $30.2 million. Herjavec’s net worth is an estimated $100 million. Mark Cuban is the owner of the Dallas Mavericks and has an estimated net worth of $2.3 billion. Greiner has an estimated net worth of $15 million.

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I’m telling you to ditch the tan lines and MVP and switch to a non-IQ dropping program. Shark Tank will open your mind to the business world and teach you valuable monetary lessons.

With the end of 2012 drawing near, we’ve had to say goodbye to many beloved TV shows that conquered ratings for several years. Shows like “House” and “Desperate Housewives” have already come and gone, but many more are going to be parting network television before the year is out.

“30 Rock” will be gently put to rest by NBC after its seventh and final season, which will only be 13 episodes long. Headed by former “Saturday Night Live” head writer and actor Tina Fey, the show has won several Emmy’s, and it will be sad to see it go. NBC also decided to cut The Office after nine seasons. Another show in its last season is Jersey Shore. MTV Execs revealed that they wanted to end the show on a high, and with Snooki having her baby, it felt to be the right time. Jersey Shore has spent the past four years inspiring girls to wear their hair with a poof, while also inspiring guys to fist pump. Even though the show sparked controversy, it changed pop culture, and will be missed.

Showtime’s once prized smoke-hazed phenomenon, Weeds, has also had its final season. What started out as a simple soccer-mom-turned-pot-dealer drama evolved into the show that brought Showtime proper respect and attention.

With Mary-Louise Parker playing the main character, the show was able to last eight seasons. However, later seasons started to sway in the plot lines because of recycled story arcs, and popularity decreased dramatically. Before the show would start to get a bad reputation, Showtime felt they had to end it. At least the Botwin family got to have a happy ending...in some aspects.

With so many shows ending this year, what shows will replace them? Many fans of the cancelled programs are outraged to see something they are passionate about go, but perhaps this will allow opportunity for new and better shows to take the stage.

NBC has already lined up many new shows, including “Go On,” “The New Normal,” “Revolution,” “Animal Practice,” and so many more. The old favorites will always have a place in American television, and will always be known for their success, but these new shows seem to hold their own, and show signs of accomplishment.
If the thought of looking over the ledge of a tall building makes you uneasy, imagine gazing down at the ground from 24 miles above the surface of the earth! That was the view of 43 year old Austrian daredevil, Felix Baumgartner, just before he descended on a record breaking sky-dive appropriately named the Stratos Jump.

After completing four successful test jumps during the summer of 2012, “Fearless” Felix Baumgartner ascended in his specially designed capsule attached to a helium balloon for the final jump. Three hours later, Felix floats 128,097 feet above the ground. Sitting in his capsule, preparing for his descent, Felix was overtaken by a sense of serenity. In an interview with TODAY news, Felix says, “I had an incredible view when I was standing on top of the world, but at the same time you realize everything around is hostile. I thought, ‘I had the privilege to stand here and nobody else was there before.’ When you step off, you’re on the way.”

Twenty-four miles above the earth, the only voice Felix had connection with was that of former air-force pilot and sky-diver, Joe Kittinger. After being told by Kittinger that all systems were in check, Felix readied himself for the jump. Looking down over the planet, Baumgartner uttered the words, “sometimes you have to go up really high to see how small you are.”

Upon completing his statement, Felix hopped out of the capsule into Earth’s gravitational pull. Within one minute of his free-fall, Felix begins to spin—seemingly uncontrollably. Although Felix’ family and the millions of viewers watching at home were terrified for Mr. Baumgartner’s safety, he insists that it was actually all part of the plan.

“It’s kind of interesting, because it represents exactly what I thought was going to happen, because I’ve been told that I’m going to spin and there’s no way not to spin.”

In spite of Baumgartner’s expectation to spin, he says that staying conscious was quite a challenge. “When you spin so violently, in what we call rapid onset, all your blood goes to your brain and there’s a lot of pressure, I had to maintain consciousness because I needed to stop the spin, and I did.”

To the relief of his family, the control team and everyone watching at home, the dare devil regains control and stabilizes himself within 30 seconds. Maintaining stability, Felix’s chest faces down and the daredevil plummets toward the Earth at 830 miles per hour. After a total of four minutes and twenty seconds Felix’s parachute properly deploys over a New Mexico desert, carrying him safely to the ground.

Baumgartner broke three records with his jump. Before even jumping from his capsule, Felix broke the altitude record for manned air balloon. Felix also broke the record for the highest free-fall jump, which he surpassed by 17,000 feet. The previous record was held by Joe Kittinger, the man responsible for communicating with Felix while he was preparing to jump. Felix also set himself as the first free falling human to break the sound barrier, which he passed by about 60 miles per hour.
I had a dream that the tide rose up and took us all under...
the sky was beautiful

The ocean was at war with the wind it malevolently tore into buildings, stores, and houses rooftops rained and became part of the ocean trees were swallowed whole sidewalks crumbled and deteriorated we never thought it would happen this soon

unsuspecting we were walking our dogs coming home from work making dinner...
and then getting dragged into the depths of the wrathful water disappearing form streets

the clouds were every color imaginable before becoming black the storm was tumultuous unforeseen we were all so small by comparison like feathers, we were picked up effortlessly and by the ocean consumed leaving whole towns empty still silent
the sky was never more beautiful this was the last day the end

one last thought if only I had a pen
Nowadays little kids count down to the last day of school. Their Adrenaline running like a refrigerator. This sudden substance starts from their knees, all the way to their toes ready to explode. As they feel the burst of freedom… I sit here counting down the days to the moment where our morning breaths will soon be able to transfer from one soul to the other. The one breath that will fill up the empty gaps that we’ve kept hidden in our hearts like an ex-convict who hides his past to avoid the misconceptions the rejections, to survive!

And although these gaps have sat here for so long it is impossible for them to decay for the greatest love is able to survive anything. Survive the distance apart a drastic war, where our love was held hostage and tortured, but it still managed to survive the battle wounds heal from the self-inflicting pain we have caused. Survive the moments where I could’ve lost you the moments where I didn’t have you the moments I hold on to.

I count down the days to where I’m able to say I do and hold on to your words that I will use as map the map that will guide me to the reasons for why I fell for you. The reasons for why faith has carefully engraved your love onto such a delicate organ. The reason why I chose to utilize 3 words for you.

Time turns into the enemy or is it the risk, that lies underneath it all? Underneath the smiles Underneath the skin, that transforms into the worlds most complicated puzzle each time it meets you And only you can put together

Underneath it all I count all the minutes that convert into hot summer days long never reaching ones that I keep track of like a hustler with his money like a scientist with his experiment and although there is always a controlling factor… being without you isn’t one of them.

Where have I seen you before? Because I know I have. I remember that sparkle the one that captivated the essence and natural glow of your presence. I remember it because it was posted onto the surface of my eye with a side note highlighting the special details.

Was it in my early beginnings? Or was it in the journey I struggled upon each time I discovered a new destination? I have had these effects before, where the feeling of full speed like the rush hour of NYC amps up the pace of my flashbacks that I had no control over. But then I come to a stop… where I have landed into the story that’s never been told. Where my struggles were the daily vitamins, my necessary element of survival. Where being parched consisted of consuming a cold glass of motivation. Where the fear of failure wasn’t an option and the results of isolation wasn’t an obstacle. And then… I turned the page and saw something, the shapes that displayed your figure so strong and clear, as you floated in my presence, my cells were recollected and reassurance secured me.

I was not alone. I was not alone in the production of my life’s struggles. I was convinced that pain was not the enemy but the ignition to a new movement. The key to the door of success. The vibrant energy of your soul brought me back, back to the memory when our eyes first glanced back to where I fell in love with progression where you reported my progress, and you saved my life like the memory to a card, These files were never going away.

But where have I seen you before? I saw you through my struggles I saw you in my past I saw you in my first memory and now in my last! You were the person I would always see the one that instilled faith into my seed who would’ve thought that person was always me.
November & December Events

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November 30
Student Center MPR
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hungry college students
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Student Center MPR
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Mug Making Event
December 7
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9:00PM-11:00PM

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Student Center Lobby
9:00PM-11:00PM

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