

# FloTown/Jaguar Jungle THROW DOWN!

## LIMITED PREP



### Preliminary Round Topics

Students should select one topic, from those provided, to perform in the event in which they are participating. Students are expected to record only one performance using the selected topic in their event. This performance will be used at both tournaments.

All Video recordings are due Monday, November 30 at 5:00PM EST.

### IMPROMPTU QUOTES :

Please select one topic on which to do your speech and film the entire 7 minutes (prep and speaking time).

- 1) *“The only race you have to run is with yourself” – Dahi Tamara Koch*
- 2) *“When the game is over I just want to look at myself in the mirror, win or lose, and know I gave it everything I had.” – Joe Montana*
- 3) *“You don’t appreciate things until they’re gone. For me, I miss my friends; I don’t miss boxing, I miss the camaraderie.” – Sugar Ray Leonard*

### IMPROV DUO PROMPT:

Please select one topic. Prompts are gender neutral and non-location specific statements. Students may play the scene either humorous or serious. Do not film prep. Film and upload only performance time.

- 1) *A friendly competition*
- 2) *I didn’t know it would be this difficult*

## **EXTEMP PROMPT:**

Please select one topic. Do not film prep. Film and upload only speaking time.

- 1) *What should Biden prioritize in his first 100 days as President?*
- 2) *Can the United States government convince Americans that the COVID vaccine is safe?*
- 3) *What has contributed to the decline in youth voters for Trump?*

## **BROADCASTING SCRIPT:**

**Prep** – 15 Minutes

**Rules** – you may add intro and signoff and transitions. The rest of the script should be read word for word in the order in which it appears.

**Upload** – Do NOT film prep. Film only the performance. Students can face the camera or not and may sit or stand.

**Copenhagen** — A rushed cull of Denmark's mink over concerns about a coronavirus mutation has left the country facing a new horror, as cadavers of the animals re-emerge from the earth. The macabre phenomenon was observed in a military training field outside the western town of Holstebro, where thousands of mink had been put into an improvised mass grave. The carcasses rose to the surface, lifted by pressure from gases released by the decomposition, according to local police.

The environment ministry said mink should be covered by at least five feet of soil, but according to public broadcaster DR they were only buried about three feet deep in the field outside Holstebro. "The authorities are playing with our environment and using it as a dumping ground," Leif Brogger, a local politician, told the Jyllands-Posten newspaper.

Photos and videos of the ghastly sight set social media abuzz, with one Twitter user dubbing 2020 "the year of the zombie mutant killer minks." In early November, Denmark — which is the world's largest exporter of mink fur — announced it would cull all of the country's more than 15 million mink after a mutated version of the novel coronavirus was discovered and believed to jeopardize the effectiveness of future vaccines.

Two weeks after having issued the decree — while in the middle of political crisis over the legality of the decision — the government concluded last week that the potential threat to human vaccines was "very likely extinguished," in the absence of any new cases of the mutated version. More than 10 million mink have already been culled in the Scandinavian country, according to the latest tally.

**Islamabad**- Iconic singer and actress Cher is in Pakistan to celebrate the departure of Kaavan, dubbed the "world's loneliest elephant," who will soon leave a Pakistani zoo for better conditions after years of lobbying by animal rights groups and activists.

Because of security concerns, Cher's schedule was not made public. However, she met Friday with Prime Minister Imran Khan and was expected to visit Kaavan later in the trip, according

to the prime minister's office. Khan's office released a video of the singer sitting with the prime minister outside on the expansive grounds of Khan's residence.

Kaavan is set to leave for a sanctuary in Cambodia on Sunday, said Martin Bauer, spokesman for Four Paws International, a global animal welfare group that's led the charge to save Kaavan since 2016.

The animal has languished in the zoo for 35 years, most of those years in chains, and lost his partner in 2012. She died after an infection turned gangrenous and her body lay beside Kaavan for several days before being removed, said Dr. Amir Khalil, veterinarian with Four Paws. Khalil said Kaavan was heartbroken after his partner died.

Activists dubbed Kaavan the "world's loneliest elephant" after his plight gained international attention and the unhappy elephant was diagnosed as emotionally as well as physically damaged.

Cher took up Kaavan's cause and has been a loud voice advocating for his resettlement. Four Paws, which often carries out animal rescue missions, will accompany Kaavan to the sanctuary.

In a tweet following her meeting with Pakistan's prime minister, Cher said she thanked Khan "for making it possible for me to take Kaavan to Cambodia." She tweeted she was making a documentary on Kaavan and said, "think documentary will be heartwarming."

Because of the abysmal living conditions blamed on systemic negligence, Pakistan's high court in May ordered the closure of Marghazar Zoo in the capital of Islamabad, where Kaavan has lived for much of his life.

**BILLINGS, Montana** — Wildlife advocates and environmental groups have announced that they are challenging the removal of federal protections for gray wolves across most of the U.S.

Two coalitions of groups filed formal notices over the past several days that they plan to sue the U.S. Interior Department in federal court unless protections are restored. The notices are required as a precursor to lawsuits brought under the Endangered Species Act.

The Trump administration last week finalized a decision that ends longstanding federal safeguards for gray wolves in the Lower 48 states except for a small population of Mexican gray wolves in the Southwest.

The move puts states and tribes in charge of overseeing the predators and could allow hunting to resume in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

**Florida**—A Florida man is drawing praise for valiantly saving his puppy from the jaws of an alligator.

Richard Wilbanks, 74, was just enjoying the sun when he heard his new puppy, Gunner, crying. An alligator in the backyard pond at his Lee County home had grabbed the dog and pulled it into the water.

Wilbanks, an avid hunter, reacted quickly, jumping into the pond, grabbing the small alligator and pulling its jaw open, so Gunner, a three-month-old Cavalier King Charles spaniel, could escape, surveillance video of the rescue shows.

“It was just a shock, it happened so fast,” Wilbanks told NBC Fort Myers affiliate WBBH.

“Instinct just took over and adrenaline kicked in and I just went right into the water after the gator and Gunner.”

Wilbanks, whom NBC News was unable to reach on Sunday, told WBBH that he only got a few cuts from the rescue, and the puppy is OK.