



## The Willow Project

By: Emily Pezzuto

On March 13th, 2023, President Joe Biden approved the “Willow Project,” a massive eight billion dollar oil drilling project that is set to take place in Alaska. More specifically, the oil and gas will be drilled inside the Natural Petroleum Reserve. This project was first announced in 2018 by ConocoPhillips.

According to USA Today, “It would be the largest new oil and gas development in Alaska in 20 years, with workers drilling hundreds of new wells, building new roads and bridges, and erecting pipelines to extract the 600 million barrel oil-field.” The plan has become extremely controversial with two very conflicting viewpoints.

There are a few reasons as to why some lawmakers fought for the “Willow Project.” These reasons include creating new jobs, boosting domestic energy production and lessening the country’s reliance on foreign oil. Alaska officials are also in support of the project as it would bring in about 1,000 construction jobs and 400 other permanent jobs. These lawmakers believe it will vastly improve the workforce and opportunities for Alaskans.

On the other hand, many Americans are furious that this plan was even proposed. Many activists have stated that the “Willow Project” would also cause significant damage to the planet by speeding up climate change. According to CNN, “...the project would generate enough oil to release 9.2 million metric tons of planet-warming carbon pollution a year – equivalent to adding 2 million gas-powered cars to the roads”. Statements like this had many citizens flooding social media to share their opinions. TikTok started a #StopWillow campaign and created a petition on Change.org. This petition gained a notable amount of traction with over three million signatures.

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# SpaceX Mission

By: Darrian Cascioli

SpaceX has launched four astronauts up to the space station on March 2, 2023. This crew is made up of two American astronauts, one Russian, and one Emirati. This mission is called the crew-6. This group of astronauts will be staying on the space station for roughly 6 months.

SpaceX launched the astronauts in its Crew Dragon capsule called Endeavour, on top of a Falcon 9 rocket. Both the rocket and capsule are reusable, with the latter flying on its fourth mission to date. As they reached space there was a message from mission control which stated, "If you enjoyed your ride, please don't forget to give us five stars." Crew member Stephen Bowen responded with, "That was fantastic, thank you."

Launch day was supposed to be on Monday, February 27. There were some problems. They found that one of the filters that bring fluid to the booster was clogged. They had to unclog it and run tests on the rocket again. After all that was sorted out, launch day became Thursday, March 2. The launch happened around midnight. They arrived at the International Space Station around 3:45 a.m. EST.

This is the 6th crew mission that SpaceX has with NASA to the ISS. There will be many more to come. Along with even bigger missions. They will keep sending astronauts up and continue to learn new things.



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## 25 Chinese War Planes Spotted Near Taiwan

By: Sarah Mallah

Surfacing Taiwanese territory, officials document the invasion of Chinese warplanes on March 1, 2023. Upon sunrise, 25 warplanes and three ships surpassed Taiwan's defensive line—intercepting their zone of security. One hundred miles across, the pair of countries become one another's grandest adversaries.

Over the course of one year, China has been launching “war games” against Taiwan. As expressed by journalists of The Associated Press, “China stages such incursions on a near-daily basis...aimed at intimidation and wearing down Taiwan's equipment, exhausting its personnel and degrading public morale.”

Although the conflict between the countries began decades prior, the origin of these recent staged attacks sprouted from the visit of former United States House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. In opposition to Taiwan's ally, China initiated its offense. Demonstrably, the occurrence was one of many. China flew all sorts of warplanes across Taiwan in December and January of 2022.

As the indirect threats continue to be pursued, Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen responds with “[...]the] revitalization of the domestic defense industry, including producing conventionally powered submarines.” In addition, the country directs all men to complete military service from four months to a full year. In the same week of these attacks, Taiwan purchased 66 planes from the United States, increasing its mirage of F-16 fighter planes and ordering vast artillery.

Due to the United States being in a close alliance with Taiwan, reporters add, “...U.S. officers have called for heightened preparations, saying China sees a shrinking window for action and may move on Taiwan within a few years.” The imminent fear of war between the two countries remains an appalling possibility.



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## Fatal Poisoning in Iranian Schools

By: Ayah Mallah

As of March 1st 2023, approximately 1,200 Iranian school-girls across a total of 26 schools had been directly harmed by poisonous gas attacks. The country's health minister revealed, "Hundreds of Iranian girls in different schools have suffered mild poison attacks over recent months...with some politicians suggesting they could have been targeted by religious groups opposed to girls' education."

In the span of four months, thousands of Iranian school-girls had been sent to their local hospitals due to extensive respiratory issues, lung contamination, dizziness, fatigue, nausea and general malaise. According to the Iranian school board, "The first known case was reported at a school in the city of Qom, when 18 schoolgirls fell ill and were taken to hospital on 30 November. Since then, at least 58 schools in eight provinces have been affected..."

Amongst the dozens of impacted provinces, the cities of Qom and Tehran were direct targets of such toxic gas attacks. A student in Tehran revealed, "[We] smelt something very strange...so unpleasant, like rotten fruit but much more pungent. Many of the students fell ill and didn't come to school, our English literature teacher also fell ill..."

Amidst the people's urge to identify the motivations for such attacks, Iran's President, Ebrahim Raisi, had issued a national search for the individuals responsible. The Iranian government shared, "Some pupils and parents suggested that schoolgirls may have been targeted for taking part in recent anti-government protests." As the fight for women's education continues in Iran, the vast majority of single-gendered schools have temporarily closed in fear of potential attacks.



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## Nigerian Presidential Election

By: Tosin Adebayo

On February 25, 2023, Nigeria held its most contested presidential election since the end of military rule in 1999. This election will be known by the citizens as the election to determine the economic future of the country. The three candidates for the 2023 election are as listed: Peter Obi, representing Nigeria's Labor Party; Atiku Abubakar, representing the Peoples Democratic Party; and Bola Tinubu, representing Nigeria's All Progressive Congress. The winner of the 2023 election was announced on the first of March. After much deliberation, Bola Tinubu is announced the next President of Nigeria.

Nigeria is currently facing large scale inflation and struggling to stop violent crimes and organizations from continuing to terrorize its citizens. Many of the banks of Nigeria have struggled with keeping up with monetary demand since the recall of the current Naira, Nigerian currency. This is a part of current president, Muhammadu Buhari's, plan to combat inflation and counterfeit money by replacing them.

Each candidate offered a promise to the citizens and future of the country while running for office. Tinubu made the promise to tackle the ongoing debt in the country and improve the infrastructure.

While Bola Tinubu won the popular vote for the Presidential position, it came as a shock to some that he did not win the popular vote in Lagos, the state that he is from. His opponents have since called for a redo of the election claiming that results were manipulated.

As Africa's largest democracy, Nigeria carries the responsibility of setting an example for the future of the continent's developments.





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## Ohio Train Wreckage

By: Nick Alvarez

It took until Sunday afternoon to clear the scene of the wreckage from the Saturday derailment of a Norfolk Southern train in Ohio, the second accident to occur in the state in less than a month.

The incident occurred around 5 p.m. local time near Springfield, Ohio, roughly 80 miles northeast of Cincinnati, according to officials. No hazardous materials were involved. The 212-car train was being run by Norfolk Southern, the same railroad that came under fire following a fatal train crash in East Palestine, Ohio, last month. The train was going from Bellevue, Ohio, to Birmingham, Alabama.

After a controlled fire of poisonous chemicals that caused the derailment, there were worries about the quality of the air and water near the site. Not only was this a worry for them, but they completely lucked out for not having a horrifying explosion with the wreckage.

Mike Turner, a republican congressman from Ohio stated, "This truly is outrageous" and that they truly did dodge a bullet with this tragedy. At town hall, angry residents lashed out on the operator of the derailed train. Many hope and pray another tragic accident like this never happens again.





# The Echo

## Tempi Train Crash

By: Lianah Thomas

Greece's most fatal head-on collision between two trains occurred on February 28, 2023. The crash took place south of the Tempí Valley, near the village of Evangelismos in Thessaly, Greece. The two trains involved in the crash were an intercity passenger train and an intermodal freight train.

At least 57 people died on impact once the trains collided, making the Tempí Train crash the deadliest rail disaster in Greek history since 2013. This crash is also the deadliest ground transportation accident in Greek history.

It was discovered that the Intercity 62 passenger train was allowed to proceed on the wrong track despite the presence of the freight train on the same track. Angry protests and disobedience with the police in Athens, Larissa, and Thessaloniki started. Railroad workers of the Hellenic Train, the company that controlled the train, and the Athens Metro protested the dangers of the railroad system. Following the accident, Kostas Karamanlis (Greece's Transport Minister) resigned. He decided to take responsibility for the crash and for his failure to bring the railways of Greece up to 21st-century standards. Inside this train, there were 342 passengers. Fifty-seven people died and eighty-five were injured; this wreck was followed by a series of other rail accidents that had no casualties.



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# Greece Train Crash

By: Shamel Gibson

On what should have been just another regular day in Greece, on March 1st, two trains collided and changed a lot of people's lives. This tragic occurrence killed 38 people, and left 72 injured. 57 of them had to be hospitalized. They needed 72 firefighters to clean out the scene and 24 vehicles.

A 59 year old man connected with the collision was brought into the station. He was charged with mass deaths due to negligence and not noticing that this terrible accident was going to happen when he had plenty of time to see what was going on. This easily could have been prevented, but for some odd reason it wasn't.

This hit Greece very hard and left the country in shambles because it was so unexpected. It left Greek Prime minister hurt and confused, and he vowed that he would figure how two trains run into each other and leave 38 people losing their lives. He is doing everything on his part to try and make things right. He went to the hospital to check on all the injured people. He also talked with the relatives of the people that died.

Another problem is with the rail system. The Prime Minister stated that the rail system is not up to date to the 21st century. It's a problem that he said he plans to fix right away and a problem he takes full responsibility about. He said it should have been brought to his attention earlier, and it could have prevented the fatal accident that happened today.





## States Consider Safe Injection Sites to Prevent Overdose

By: Makenna Sandt

Law enforcers in Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada are considering allowing their states to have “safe injection sites.” These sites are where drug users can go to do their drugs under the supervision of people who can reverse an overdose if necessary and supply clean resources.

In Denver, Colorado, in 2021, drugs have killed over 100,000 people. That is roughly one overdose every five minutes. This death toll is what pushed lawmakers to consider “overdose prevention centers.”

The argument, whether this is a good idea or not, goes back and forth. Some say that this endangers the community more because it shows that it is okay to do it. More people will be influenced to start doing it if there are safe places to do so, potentially rising the number of people who use drugs. Other sources say people will do drugs regardless and safe injection sites can help reverse the damage on drug use.

Studies done in New York showed 150 lives were saved from overdose just after three months of opening. Other studies proved the sites are linked to fewer ambulance calls and crime rates were not shown to have improved.

Safe injection sites may become legal in more and more states as the years go on. People continue dying from overdose, and some are starting to believe safe injection sites may be a start to fixing drug abuse.



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## Goshen Massacre

By: Holly Eichlin

Last month in the town of Goshen, California, members from four generations of the Parraz family were killed execution style. Two men suspected of these killings were arrested, but the investigation continues for the motives. This arrest did uncover some very viable information on this case, but there are still vital pieces missing.

On the report of Miriam Jordan, who spent time in this area after the killings, one of the family members was said to be affiliated with gang activities. Due to this, one of the murders broke into the house, initially targeting the one involved, but killing everyone in sight as well. It has been discovered that the victim was from an opposing gang, Sureños, while the murderers were from the Norteños.

Three weeks after the takedown of the two murderers, 26 more people were arrested. These people were also involved in the gang activities that took place in the Goshen area. They were found with illegal firearms and pounds of illegal substances. They also searched people related to prisons, finding illegal cell phones and gang intelligence.

Gang violence is very common in this area, and even has one of the highest homicide rates in California, according to a census created in 2021. Although public belief states that gangs only exist in big cities, this is proof that it does not matter the size of the town. For a large part of history, gangs and cartels have been moving to rural America to expand their drug markets to recruit members and avoid detection from authority.





## Murdaugh Trial

By: Mya Marsac

After a long trial, the jury found Alex Murdaugh guilty of the murder of his son and wife. Alex Murdaugh was a well-known lawyer who had specialized in civil litigation. His family was well respected among their home town.

Many years before the murders of his son and wife, there had been different suspicions and mysterious deaths around the Murdaugh home.

July 8, 2015: Nineteen-year-old Stephen Smith was found dead on Sandy Run Road, due a supposed hit and run.

February 26, 2018: The housekeeper and nanny of the Murdaugh residence, had passed away a few weeks after she allegedly fell on the front stairs to the family owned hunting property.

June 7, 2021: Police had received a call from Mr. Murdaugh reporting the shootings of his wife, Maggie, and son Paul.

When police had arrived at the scene of the crime, Paul, 22, was found in a dog food storage room. He had appeared to be shot twice at close range. Maggie was found by the shed. She believably ran to see her son, but before her arrival at the scene, she was also shot.

During the investigation of the murders of Paul and Maggie, the police had found evidence in the case of Stephen Smith that had indicated it might have not been an accident after all. The case of Smith is still being investigated, and leaving many questions for the family of Ms. Smith.

After an extremely long and drawn out investigation, Alex Murdaugh had been found guilty March 2, 2023. He was sentenced to two life sentences.



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## Pippin Review

By: Tosin Adebayo

The Wilson Area High School drama club hosted their annual musical *Pippin* from March 3rd through March 5th. The musical had a variety of aspects that could, and did, entertain crowds of all ages. The actors' portrayal of the characters allowed the crowd to feel like they were truly engaged in the story of the main character, Pippin.

The main focus of the first act was Pippin's attempt to find his purpose in his own family. As the son of the King, he chose the path of nobility. After fighting in a war for his father, Pippin still feels unfulfilled with his life. He chooses to betray his father, and he becomes king. He cannot handle this newfound responsibility and gives the title back. The actor who portrayed Pippin, Dylan Penyak, did a fantastic job encapsulating the struggle and comedy within this complex character. The leading player, Ava Houser, was absolutely wonderful as the guide throughout the young character's story.

As part of this review, students were asked about their opinions of the play and what their favorite scene was.

"I liked how different Pippin was from other plays. I felt like it wasn't that Pippin was destined for a specific fate, and it was almost like a play within a play. My favorite scene was when Pippin was trying to be a soldier to feel fulfilled" (Emily Murgia).

"I fairly enjoyed the play. My favorite scene was when Pippin was with his final lover. Overall, I thought the play was really great and one of the best productions they had at the school" (Payton Herncane).





## New Teacher Spotlight

By: Gigi Figueroa

Getting to know some of our new teachers is always fun! When we get to know our teachers more, we create special bonds that are never forgotten. For this month's teacher spotlight, I decided to interview Ms. Sheeley. Here are some things I learned about her!

**Figueroa:** "Who or what made you realize teaching is what you wanted to do?"

**Sheeley:** "In college I took an education class in order to earn my masters, and I ended up loving the class, and it made me realize that I wanted to become the teacher that I never had."

**Figueroa:** "If you could choose another career what would it be?"

**Sheeley ;** "I honestly cannot imagine myself not being a teacher, I previously worked in finance, and it was not fun."

**Figueroa:** "What is your favorite subject to teach and why?"

**Sheeley:** "My favorite subject to teach is Icons of Social Movement because it is nice to talk about different things that are not normally talked about in a regular history class."

**Figueroa:** "What is one fun fact about you?"

**Sheeley:** "A fun fact about me is that I have three dogs and two cats and I also live in the Poconos."

**Figueroa:** "What has been your favorite aspect of Wilson so far?"

**Sheeley:** "My favorite part is how good my students are and also being able to get involved since the day I started."



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## Senior After High School Destination

By: Ahiella Borgan

**Ahiella Borgen:** What are your plans after you graduate?

**Gavin Ehlman:** I plan to attend ESU because I am planning to major in sports management. They offered me a good scholarship and their community is a really good place to experience and learn how to reach my full potential.

**Ahiella Borgen:** Why is going to Penn State for business a good choice for you?

**Nick Alvarez:** This would be a great decision for me because I would like to learn about business and how to become an entrepreneur. While I'm in college, I will also be growing my own clothing brand, and by educating myself on business, I would be able to learn on how to properly build my brand that I'm passionate about.

**Ahiella Borgen:** Where do you plan on going after high school is over?

**Daryeli Guzman:** I'm honestly not quite sure where I wish to go. I haven't fully finished applying to colleges and fully committing to just one school. As of right now I'm not sure if I want to have a long career of becoming a vet, so until then I might apply to NCC for two years until I can see what other schools have to offer.

Even if you don't know where you are heading as of right now, there is always time to go to college or get into the workforce. It is never too late to take back your future and do what you truly want to do in life. Never feel pressured to go to college right away if you don't think it's right for you; there are always many different routes to take in the future.





## LVIDA Debate Semifinals

By: Chris Green

The Wilson Area High School Debate team has made it to the LVIDA semifinals.

Mr. Sleiman, the debate instructor, gave us some information about the semi-finals. He stated, “All nine teams in the LVIDA debate league get to compete in semifinal debates each year.” These debates are an intense competition featuring the best debaters from each school arguing a series of three back-to-back one-hour debates, on each of three separate days.

This year, the topics for the debates are Euthanasia and Nuclear Power. Wilson has fielded three separate teams for these semifinal debates, including Jenni Silfies, Claire Albus, Ash Nguyen, Angelina Bastien, Jada Makar, Gabi Mariconda, Jamal Green, Aayush Kanduri, Akhil Tirumalakanduri, and Ben Walworth.

Our last semi final debate will be on Tuesday, 3/21.” Make sure if you see a member of the Wilson Debate Team in the halls, you wish them good luck!



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## Approved Bill Giving Biden Power to Ban TikTok

By: Kylee Burwell

The U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee voted on Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 along party lines to give President Joe Biden the power to ban Chinese-owned TikTok. Lawmakers had voted 24 to 16 to approve the measure so that they can grant the administrative powers to ban the app that is used by over 100 million Americans. Representative Michael McCaul stated, “Anyone with TikTok downloaded on their device has given the CCP (Communist Party of China) a backdoor to all their personal information. It’s a spy balloon into their phone.”

The government believes that Tik Tok is a way into people’s personal lives and information. Democrats on the other hand believe that this bill is being rushed. The fate of the latest measure is still uncertain and faces significant hurdles before it can become law. The bill would need to be passed by the full House and U.S. Senate, which is controlled by Democrats, before it can go to Biden.

The ban would basically give Biden the power to cancel any transactions with Tiktok, which can prevent many people who live in the United States from accessing or even downloading the app onto their phone. Yet, the Biden administration did not say whether it was in favor of moving ahead with the bill or not, or answer if it believed Biden has the legal authority now to ban TikTok.





## TikTok

By: Austin Johnson

On Wednesday, TikTok announced that every user under the age of 18 will have their accounts set so they can only have a one hour screen time limit.

TikTok has decided to implement this feature to limit children's screen time on the app and prevent them from endlessly scrolling. When the 60 minute time limit is up, minors will be prompted to enter a passcode they make up every 30 minutes and make an active decision to keep scrolling on tiktok. If the teen turns off this screen limit feature and spends more than 100 minutes on TikTok a day, they will be prompted to set a daily screen time limit for themselves. However, if the user is under the age of 13, the parent or guardian will have to enter the passcode to allow an extra 30 minutes of viewing time. Therefore, the limit is somewhat optional.

TikTok had decided to implement this into their app because of the criticism they receive. Critics claim that the app can be addictive to teens, as well as saying that tik tok was not good for the developing brain. People also say they are putting this new limit on minor's accounts because it leads them towards "harmful rabbit holes." The US is also discussing getting rid of the app entirely, due to the ties it has with China.

TikTok also announced some updates to the app's Family Pairing feature, which allows a parent or caregiver to link their TikTok account to their teen's and set controls. Parents will be able to filter videos with words or hashtags they don't want to appear in their teen's feed, set a custom daily screen time limit for their teen, and set a custom schedule to mute TikTok notifications sent to their teen.



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## New Coaster

By: Chloe Shotko

The South Whitehall Township Planning Commission announced in February that there will be a new roller coaster for the Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom 2024 season. The vote was unanimous for the final approval of the plan. This coaster will replace the Stinger which was opened for the 2012 season, but was then dismantled before the 2018 season had begun. It was removed “for future planning opportunities,” Lehigh Valley Live said.

The new attraction is going to be steel with a maximum height of 161.67 feet. The exact details have not been given to the public, but one of the commissioners says that the plans for the roller coaster must be approved quickly in order to have it up and ready by 2024. The park wants to make it clear to the public that they will not be expanding, instead they are just replacing another roller coaster.

This roller coaster will be the fourth tallest ride in the park behind Possessed, Dominator, and Steel Force. Lehigh Valley News quotes South Whitehall resident Bret Senfleben when he says, “I think it will draw a lot of new people to the park and locals who have been to the park before and can see something new.” More details and information will be provided to the public in the next couple of months.

## Jalen Carter’s Arrest Warrant

By: Gavin Ehlman

Potential number one draft pick in the 2023 NFL draft, Jalen Carter, was booked on misdemeanor charges with connection to a car crash in January that killed two people. The crash took the lives of Georgia offensive lineman Devon Willock and football staffer Chandler LeCroy. The toxicology reports indicated that LeCroy was intoxicated at the time of the crash.

According to the police report, both cars were traveling in excess of the speed limit, and darted into oncoming traffic lanes ahead of the crash in Athens, Ga., January 15. Carter got linked to this due to him being seen racing his Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk.

The arrest warrant is accusing Carter of reckless driving and racing. Carter later turned himself in at a jail in Athens on Wednesday night and was released about 15 minutes later. While Carter was in Indianapolis to prepare for the NFL combine, he was issued an arrest warrant.

Carter took this matter and went on social media. He said that news accounts contained “inaccurate information” about what happened the night of the crash. “There is no question in my mind that when all the facts are known that I will be fully exonerated of any criminal wrongdoing,” he added.

He was scheduled to speak to the news media there on Wednesday, but did not show up. The Carolina Panthers cleared up why he didn’t show up. They told reporters on Wednesday that team executives had interviewed Carter for their 9th overall pick in the draft.

As of right now everything is just a speculation until something gets cleared up. Carter will continue to get ready for the NFL draft as he is a potential top ten pick in the draft.



## March Madness

By: Ray DrePaul

March has finally arrived which means March Madness season is officially back. March Madness is the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament that involves 68 teams playing in a single-elimination tournament to determine the men's National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I college basketball national champion.

This year there are a variety of teams that could make a case to win the whole tournament. Several mid-major teams have already secured their spots in the March Madness tournament. Some are still trying to push their way in to make it. For this year some of the experts predict that teams like Alabama, Purdue, Kansas and Houston are on track to be No. 1 seeds.

One of the teams to look out for this year is going to be Alabama. They are being led by their soon-to-be lottery pick Brandon Miller who's put the team in a good spot heading into the tournament. They currently have the 2nd best odds to win it. Alabama's road isn't going to be easy, but the Tide are still positioned well to challenge for their first basketball national title.

The March Madness tournament is set to begin on March 13th, and it will continue up until April 4th. These are sure to be upsets, dramatic finishes for the duration of the tournament, so it'll be a fun ride as we get to see how this year's March Madness tournament unfolds.



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## UFC

By: Kevaghn Simpson

On March 4, 2023 the UFC held their mixed martial arts event that took place at the T-Mobile Arena. The main event consisted of Jon Jones and Cyril Gane. Jon Jones hasn't had a fight in three years. Jones is going from light heavyweight all the way to heavyweight which is a big jump for him.

Jon Jones won the fight with a guillotine choke. The fight didn't last three minutes. Throughout the fight Cyril Gane was not able to land a punch on Jon Jones. Jon was able to land a few punches before he was able to get a take down on Cyril Gane. Wrestling on the mat is something that Jon is very good at, so after he got the take down there, he made sure that Cyril felt all of his weight.

Jon Jones was supposed to fight Francis Ngannou who was the heavyweight champion of the world, but Francis Ngannou left the UFC after his fight with Cyril Gane. There has been speculation that he left because of fighter pay. This has been a big issue in the UFC for a long time. Most of the UFC fighters don't make enough money to sustain a healthy lifestyle. Some of them have publicly said that they had to get a different job in order to pay their bills.

The CEO of the UFC Dana White was asked about fighters pay and this was his comment "Believe me, these guys [UFC fighters] get paid what they're supposed to get paid. They eat what they kill."

## Ironton

By: Zack Stackhouse

Ironton, the 191-foot cargo ship, collided with a grain hauler one night in September 1894, sinking both ships. The captain of the ship and six other crewmates climbed into a lifeboat, but the ship dragged them down before they could detach the lifeboat. Only two men survived.

A team of underwater archeologists and historians discovered the wreckage in 2019, they deployed remote control cameras to explore the sunken ship. Video footage shows the Ironton sitting upright on the lake bottom, hundreds of feet down "remarkably preserved" by the cold fresh water like many other Great Lakes shipwrecks. No human remains were found, but the lifeboat remained tied to the side of the ship just as described by a witness 128 years ago.

Almost 200 shipwrecks are believed to rest within or nearby the boundaries of the sanctuary. The location that Ironton sank was called "shipwreck alley" for more than two centuries until modern navigation and tech were born into the shipping industry.



## Selena Gomez and Hailey Bieber Feud

By: Emma Davenport

Recently, Justin Bieber's ex-girlfriend, Selena Gomez and his current wife, Hailey Bieber have been arguing over social media. The drama first began on February 22, when Selena Gomez, who dated Bieber on and off between 2010 and 2018, posted a TikTok joking about how she had accidentally over-laminated her eyebrows.

Moments later, Hailey posted a screenshot on instagram of her and her friends making fun of Selena's eyebrows. That next day, Gomez replied to comments from her fans defending her and showing their support.

Gomez also defended her best friend, Taylor Swift after Hailey gagged when Swift's name was brought up to her. Later that day, Gomez made a comment on Tik Tok live stating, "I'm 30, I'm too old for this" when referring to the Hailey and Selena Instagram feud.

Still, rumors grew and words were still being thrown around. On February 28, Hailey posted to her instagram story using a song featuring Selena Gomez called, "Calm Down". She decided to use a version that does not have Selena featured in it.

To this day, people have no idea what is really going on with this feud. Comments are still being made through social media and new videos/images are still resurfacing.



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## Do Kids Need Recess?

By: Ahiella Borgan

In this modern age, a lot of the younger generations are stuck to their phones or tablets. Because of this, most people forget that kids still need to have their exercise and physical activity. It is shown that recess helps increase children's level of physical activity from a young age. Also, playing improves their memory, attention, concentration, and helps them stay on-task in the classroom.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently issued the policy statement, "Recess is necessary for the health and development of children and should never be withheld for punishment or for academic reasons." The National Association for the Education of Young Children recommends unstructured play as a developmentally appropriate means of reducing stress.

In 2018 Voice of Play held a survey which found that most teachers see positive impacts in behavior, as 97 percent said that recess improved the conduct in students who tend to behave badly, and 95 said their students' social interactions improved when they played together outside.

From my personal experience, I feel like recess most definitely made me feel free in school. From sitting for five hours everyday reading, writing, and solving math equations, walking into the recess room or going outside to the playground always made me feel happy. Taking a break from constantly learning and trying my hardest in school made recess feel like a safe zone to interact with my friends and became a relaxing time that I always looked forward to on a stressful day.

## Fashion Trends You May Remember

By: Patricia Santiago

Fashion trends change throughout each decade. Many remember the 70s, 80s, 90s, and 2000s. However, one more recent decade has always been left out, yet still remains in the memory of those who lived in it. Here are the fashion trends that you may remember during the 2010s.

**Flower Crowns:** Though they are still relevant today, flower crowns were sold in almost every store. It was often seen in Tumblr edits, and I even remember getting my own at a young age. The 2010s sparked interest in flower crowns and made an impact on past teens.

**Side-swept Bangs:** Remember taking a straightener and doing your best to keep your hair all on one side? So do I! Though it was more popular with the emo/scene crowd, straightening your hair to one side is commonly shown in old pictures on Facebook and possibly Kik.

**Silly Bandz:** In elementary school, *Silly Bandz would've gotten you a few dollars if you sold it. Everyone wanted a Silly Band, and anyone who had one was packed with them. They were rubber bracelets shaped like animals and other obscure objects. Their fluorescent colors always made them stand out.*

**Other Rubber Bracelets:** Last, but not least, comes the other rubber bracelets. Back in the 2010s, Hot Topic was jam-packed with band-name rubber bracelets. Everyone's wrist was too, as there would always be a collection of them with every outfit.

A blast from the past is always a good refresher from the hardships of the present!



## Cloning Camels in Dubai

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In the Persian Gulf states and Dubai, there is a big business that isn't seen in other parts of the world — camel cloning.

Beauty pageants and camel races are big businesses and competitors use many techniques to try to make their camels look the best, with one of these techniques being cloning. The Reproductive Biotechnology Centre in Dubai is where competitors can pay around \$50,000 to make clones of their prettiest camel. This process is done by taking the DNA from the somatic cells of the donor and introducing the DNA into an egg. This results in the new camel having all the same DNA as the donor camel. This process is very tricky though as the success rate is just 10%.

The RBC is also using this cloning technique to bring back endangered species of camel. One of these camels is the Bactrian camel which, in 2017, was successfully cloned for the first time, giving hope to the possibility of bringing the species back.

A big reason to go through all the trouble for cloning these camels is because of the cultural significance that the camels have. Camels have been used throughout history to provide travel for people through the deserts of the Arabian Peninsula, as well as being used for meat and milk. The reason that camels were so important throughout history for life on the Arabian Peninsula is because they have the ability to endure rough climates and survive on very little food and water.

