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## First Confirmed Monkey Pox Death in the U.S.

By: Ayah Mallah

One hundred seventeen days and 23,499 cases following the first case of MonkeyPox, the first death due to MonkeyPox was confirmed on September 13th, 2022 in Los Angeles. The death of this Los Angeles resident is now globally recognized as the 15th life taken by this new, infectious disease.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) has not released further information on the death. However, health officials who are currently analyzing this case have their own reports. "The person was severely immunocompromised and had been hospitalized" claim the officials. Despite prior health issues, the ultimate cause of death were the impacts of MonkeyPox. Further information on the death, including gender and age, will not be publicly released in light of confidentiality.

In response to this death, U.S health experts spoke out about containing the virus. LACDPH strongly urges those who tested positive for MonkeyPox are immunocompromised, and need to "immediately seek medical care, get treatment early, and remain under the care of a provider." Individuals who are immunocompromised respond abstractly to viruses and diseases.

Dr. Rosamund Lewis, a health leader under the World Health Organization (WHO), says, "When people are exposed to infectious agents, they respond in different ways. Some won't develop any symptoms...Others, though, go on to develop very serious complications."

Since May, hospitalization rates have been nearly 9%. Doctor McCollum releases, "We are aware of a good number of patients here have been hospitalized. In other cases, people who have risk factors, like lowered immunity, are being admitted so doctors can keep a close eye on them."

Health officials continue to urge the nation to practice health precautions. Those with prior health issues are highly encouraged to remain cautious of MonkeyPox. It is recommended for all U.S residents to receive the MonkeyPox/SmallPox vaccine as the nation continues to battle the disease.

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## 9/11 Anniversary

By: Makenna Sandt

This September marks the 21st anniversary of the events that occurred on September 11, 2001. On this day, a terrorist group called al Qaeda, led by Osama bin Laden, hijacked four airplanes with the plans to attack because they wanted a single Islamic state.

The 19 attackers spread themselves out between four planes strategically. The first two planes crashed into the Twin Towers early into the work day. About an hour later, the Pentagon was hit. The Twin Towers collapsed, killing even more people. Every person in the Pentagon and every person on the plane that crashed into the Pentagon died as well. A total of 2,996 people died that day. It took a total of 9 months to clean up the 1.8 million tons of wreckage.

Today, this catastrophic event is still greatly remembered and honored. On September 10, the National September 11 Memorial Museum will be shut down to the public, and anyone associated with 9/11 can exclusively visit. The Memorial Glade, in California, recognizes anyone who was affected by the toxins from the attack.

People are continuing to suffer with post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and anxiety due to the terroristic actions they witnessed on this day. Thousands of survivors are suffering from the toxins they inhaled from the attacks to this day. Roughly 4,300 survivors and first responders have died in the years since the attack from what they inhaled.

The United State's security all around the world was greatly improved to help prevent another situation like 9/11 to occur ever again.



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## Nasa's Failed Launches

By: Gavin Ehlman

On Saturday, September 3, NASA attempted to launch Artemis I for the second time. Unfortunately, they could not launch it due to a hydrogen leak hours before their target launch time. NASA tried to fix it in time but later decided to scrub it.

*Artemis I is on a mission to get back to the moon. Specifically, the mission is designed to have the first African American woman to reach the moon. NASA is always trying to go big, so don't think that's the only thing they have up their sleeve. The big goal for Artemis is to reach Mars. Reaching Mars is the new space race.*

Originally, this launch was NASA's one step closer to getting to Mars. Their goal with this launch was to test the rocket. They designed this rocket to eventually have people travel in it. However, this launch is just a test to see if everything will work when they put people in it.

*The failed launch of Artemis I is very important due to the fact that it's the second hydrogen leak. Hydrogen fuel is not cheap let alone this whole project. NASA is starting to get backlash due to not being able to get this project in on time. They have been working on getting back to the moon and Mars since 2012. NASA even thought using old parts from old rockets would make this go faster.*

A project that hasn't even worked has accumulated a price of ninety billion dollars. NASA is going to attempt to launch Artemis I in late October. Will this be another failed attempt, or the start of something great?



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## Queen Elizabeth II: Long Live the Queen

By: Chloe Shotko

Queen Elizabeth II was born on April 21, 1926 and was crowned Queen on June 2, 1953 at the age of 25 after the death of her father, King George VI. She held her position until her death on September 8, 2022 at the age of 96. She married Prince Philip on November 20, 1947, and they had four children together: King Charles III, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew, and Prince Edward. Since Charles was the oldest out of the four, he is now King.

The United Kingdom has its own parliament, but all legislation that they tried to pass had to be approved by the Queen. She was the Head of the State, not the Head of the Government, and the crown is the legal authority in the United Kingdom.

All of this being said, she still didn't have much legal power and agreed with parliament with everything they wanted to pass, but still accomplished many things during her 70 year reign. She created stability, since before her time on the throne, there was a period of uncertainty. The crown was passed to her uncle, King Edward VIII and then to her father, King George VI, but throughout his time, it seemed he didn't enjoy it. Then after he died, it was left up to Queen Elizabeth, and she took on a very important role.

The stability that she brought to the nation was the most important thing that she could've done. In 1965, she was the first British royal since 1913 to visit West Germany, and she was there for the twentieth anniversary of the end of World War II. Also, she was the first female member of the royal family to serve in the military. During WWII, in 1945, she served as a mechanic.



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## Homelessness in Portland

By: Sarah Mallah

*“If I was stable for just one week...I could find a way to pay rent,” said J. “But they won’t let us.”*

Edward Tevis Wheeler, the mayor of Portland, Oregon, had requested funds to put homeless people off the streets. He had ordered sweeps to be performed— a way of patrolling and removing homeless tents. Many deem this unethical; others believe that this is beneficial to the neighboring people.

The homeless crisis had taken a toll on real estate sellers. Lauren Iaquina claims that people are moving out of their homes and into different cities, where the homeless population is less. “Iaquina said... clients don’t want to live near homeless people.”

Homeless people are often described as dangerous or deranged people. In opb.org, the writer reports “where a homeless man is accused of pushing a woman to her death in front of a subway... [comparing] homelessness to a “cancerous sore.”

But how has society helped them, rather than villainizing them? After the city sweeps are done, most homeless people are recruited into shelters. Portland provides food services and medical attention to them. However, the homeless people of Portland believe that this is all bluff.

According to the portlandmercury, a journalist interviewed a homeless man who identifies as “J.” During the COVID-19 pandemic, J was put out of work and later evicted. He tried to find jobs. However, his criminal record from when he was a teen, was still haunting him. Unable to be employed, J was forced to live on the streets.

Now that the homeless crisis was getting attention, he was invited to shelters but refused their help. He did not want to be given a *gift; but rather stability. As did many.*



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## Pilots Needed

By: Kevaghn Simpson

We need 80,000 pilots within a year. It's important that we get as many pilots as we can, because the pilot shortage has gotten worse each year. If we don't fill the openings for pilots, then prices for plane tickets will just keep going up; and if the prices are going up, fewer people will be traveling the skies each year. There have been many attempts over the years to fix this problem, but so far no one has come up with a permanent solution.

Being a pilot is one of the most important jobs in the world, because without it you can never be able to get your online order in two days. This job brings families together in times of need. You get to visit the world, meet new people, and have new experiences with different people and cultures. However, there are many things to consider before choosing a career as a pilot; being away from your family is one of the biggest things to consider.

As a pilot, you have to go away for two to five days at a time. That's time away from your family and friends. Fortunately, there are lots of different schools around the world that offer some type of pilot training. It's also good to have the ability to apply to any school that you take interest in. So if there is something you would like to improve on, you have the time to do so!

## China's Heat Wave

By: Lianah Thomas

This year between June and August 2022, China experienced its most severe heatwave to date. Temperatures reached 104°F, mercury levels topping 40° along with the 3rd lowest rainfall level China has experienced in multiple years.

The most affected place in China that would end up being hit the worst was Chongqing, with some quoting, "It had turned half of China into an oven." This would lead to a widespread drought all throughout China to happen, with the drought being so severe that 'Cloud Seeding Drones' were sent into the country to reduce the heat by using artificial rainwater in hopes of beating the drought.

The drought has also caused rivers located in China to start evaporating, with the most well-known of these rivers being the Yangtze river. Part of the river known as the Poyang has been decreasing by six inches per day according to the Jiangxi Water Group. This heatwave and drought led to animals dying such as chickens, pigs, and pandas. Chickens have heavily struggled to lay eggs.

China warned people in their country that this extreme weather will continue to happen for years to come, with it being "Far from over." it is said that during Autumn and Winter the heatwave could become even more severe. This would put China's Autumn Harvest at risk, with an increase in demands for their food imports and unavailability due to the heat wave, though it is said to cool down.



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## Bed Bath & Beyond CFO Suicide

By: Tosin Adebayo

On September 2nd, 2022, the Bed Bath & Beyond CFO, Gustavo Arnal, fell off of the 18th story of the “Jenga Building” in Lower Manhattan. The death was ruled a suicide. From what is currently known, Arnal did not leave any note as to why he jumped. This incident came after the Bed Bath & Beyond stock began to plummet in the middle of August. The company is now facing the risk of bankruptcy.

In addition to the stock plummeting, Arnal was also said to face a \$1.2 billion dollar lawsuit. This is a result of his name being tied to accusations of stock fraud.

According to [cnbc.com](https://www.cnn.com/2022/09/02/business/bed-bath-beyond-cfo-suicide/index.html), he and Chewy.com founder, Ryan Cohen, had been purposefully inflating the share prices of the houseware retailer. Cohen had a 56% gain in the company's stocks. Arnal allegedly sold 42,513 shares of Bed Bath & Beyond stock, which, altogether, was worth more than \$1 million.

Bed Bath & Beyond put out a statement saying, “The entire Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. organization is profoundly saddened by this shocking loss...” ([cnbc.com](https://www.cnn.com/2022/09/02/business/bed-bath-beyond-cfo-suicide/index.html)).

The company is in the process of finding a permanent CEO in the midst of all of the chaos. Many Bed Bath & Beyond executives are fearful that they may lose their jobs. The corporation has recently cut a handful of the executive positions. Bed Bath & Beyond is still actively trying to revive business. Their goal is to gain profit and new investors. This loss has affected them even further in the height of a financial crisis.



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## “Biting into Apple’s New Tech”

By: John Anklam

On Wednesday, September 7th, Apple held a highly anticipated press event in Cupertino, California. Among the lineup of new products revealed were three that garnered the most attention. They are the iPhone 14, Apple Watch Ultra, and AirPods Pro.

The iPhone 14 has four different versions for customers to purchase. They are the standard iPhone 14, the iPhone 14 Plus, the iPhone 14 Pro, and the iPhone 14 Pro Max. The phones come with new upgrades such as longer battery life, improved cameras, and the ability to have the phones alert 911 in case of a car crash. The price varies between the different models with the least expensive being the iPhone 14 at \$799 and the most expensive being the iPhone 14 Pro Max at \$1,099.

Phones weren’t the only thing unveiled at the event as the new Apple Watch Ultra was announced. It features a new design, titanium case, and a bigger screen. There will be a software update this fall that will allow the battery to last up to 60 hours. The price for the watch is \$799, and it will be available in stores on September 23.

A new version of the AirPods Pro was also revealed at the event. This version has better sound quality, clarity, and better noise cancellation. They also feature a touch to control audio system, a smaller ear tip, and a new battery with up to 6 hours of listening time. They will go on sale on September 23 and cost \$249.



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## The Effects Mental Health Can Have On Students

By: Mya Marsac

One out of five students struggle with poor mental health, and only 80% seek out help. Mental health is something many students struggle with. Failing grades, lashing out, and sometimes even dropping out are some of the many long term effects that mental health can lead to.

Mental health disorders are more common than you might think. People all around you might be struggling with something, but they may be better at hiding it than others. Some people can't express what they are feeling and bottle everything up. It could be undetected and untreated which could lead to many long term effects.

Mental illnesses not only affect how you are doing mentally, but it can also affect how you take care of your body. Mental health can lead to things such things as weakened immune systems, chronic illnesses, unhealthy habits, and sometimes can even be lead to suicide. Suicide is the 10th cause of deaths in the United States today with around 130 deaths a day. Most of those are students and teens.

Mental illnesses can be caused due to trauma, genetics, stress, and brain chemistry. Some early warning signs can include having no energy, sleeping or eating too little or too much, the feeling like nothing matters, yelling or fighting with family and friends, severe mood swings, not being able to perform daily tasks, and the thought of hurting yourself.

The treatment is individual. Some things that work on one person may not work on everyone. Some people might need more help than others. One person may be better off seeking professional help, but others may need help from their families. No matter what type of help you need you should always choose to seek help.



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## Anxiety in Students

By: Holly Rose Eichlin

On the National Education Association website, it states, “70 percent of teens say anxiety and depression is a major problem among their peers.” It's important to note that anxiety can show in different ways. Some students may have social anxiety, which is excessive self consciousness, or just generalized anxiety about coming to school or turning in assignments. Many teachers view this as laziness or just being shy, but it's very important to pay attention to these indicators instead of brushing them aside.

The majority of students feel constant pressure about assignments and overwhelming amounts of homework. The constant fear of not doing good enough or being smart enough often fills students' heads. This can lead to stress about getting into a college or getting a job. Schools expect students to be at their best performance at all times. This can be a very large stressor.

Another cause of the anxiety shown in students is the use of cell phones and social media. Social media tends to make teens feel outcasted from society and more alone. This can affect their academic performance or social life outside of social media.

Although it can feel overwhelming, there are many different ways to cope with this anxiety. First is to practice self care. Putting the student's mental health above all else, including a healthy diet and good hygiene, is very important. Another way to cope is by facing issues head on instead of avoiding them. Avoiding the problem tends to create more anxiety rather than dissolve it. By facing it head on, there is one less stressor to worry about. Another way to relieve anxiety is to find a different approach. This is very important because getting a different view on a problem may help with the outcome and the view on the situation.



## Massacre in Memphis

By: Nick Alvarez

The last few weeks in Memphis have had the whole nation praying for the city. On September 7th, 19-year-old Ezekeil Kelly went on a rampage in the city killing four citizens and wounding three in seven different shootings.

Kelly had live streamed himself driving around gunning people down for what seemed to be a crime with no motive. The hours-long massacre had police demanding citizens to stay inside. They shut down a baseball stadium, university campuses, and stopped public transportation.

The first killing was a random shooting at 12:56 AM on a Wednesday. Kelly was on livestream stating he wanted to harm others. Half an hour later he walked right into Autozone, still on livestream, and gunned down an innocent citizen right in the front. The man was rushed to the hospital in critical conditions. Later that day three more shootings and two carjackings followed. Police sent out a warning about an armed and dangerous man on a killing spree in this beautiful city.

With a prior sentencing for aggravated assault, Kelly was released early from his prison sentencing. Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis stated, "If Mr. Kelly had served his full three-year sentence, he would still be in prison today and four of our fellow citizens would still be alive."

The serial killer Ezekeil Kelly is now in custody after crashing a stolen vehicle that was quickly surrounded by the SWAT team.



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## The Worst Mother in America

By: Grace Idehen

On December 11, 2008, the remains of two-year-old Caylee Anthony were found less than a mile away from her home in Orlando, Florida. Caylee's decomposing skull was wrapped with duct tape from front to back, and there was a heart sticker on the front. Caylee was last seen with her nanny, Zenaida Gonzalez, who supposedly kidnapped her and eventually killed her.

Caylee's mother, Casey Anthony, then went on pleading for Zenaida to bring back her daughter. The only problem was that Zenaida Gonzalez wasn't a real person. Casey didn't know anyone by that name and used it as a cover-up to hide the fact that she didn't know where her two-year-old daughter was for weeks.

Anthony was labeled as a "cold-blooded monster" by detectives working on Caylee's case. Everything that came out of her mouth was a lie. She gave many explanations of Caylee's whereabouts, but as you guessed, they were lies. Anthony was first arrested on July 16, 2008, and is charged with giving false statements to law enforcement, child neglect, obstruction of a criminal investigation, and first-degree murder. She was released on a \$500,000 bond, but would soon find herself back in prison.

On October 14, 2008, Anthony was arrested on the charges of first-degree murder, aggravated child abuse, aggravated manslaughter of a child, and four counts of providing false information to police with no chance bond.

In the trial, Anthony stood before a grand jury, where 400 pieces of evidence were presented. This included a strand of hair found in Anthony's trunk that was similar to hair taken from Caylee's hairbrush. Despite all the evidence, Anthony was only found guilty of four counts of providing false information to police.

She received 1 year in county jail and fines for each of the four counts of providing false information to a law enforcement officer. To this day, the crimes against Caylee Anthony went unpunished, and her mother continued to live her life.



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## Starbucks New CEO

By: Gigi Figueuroa

Starbucks, one of the most popular coffee chains, is going through a big transition. Laxman Narasimhan will soon be named the new CEO of the company on October 1st, 2022 and will officially start his role in April 2023. Howard Schultz, the former CEO of Starbucks, will serve as the interim CEO for about six months to guide Narasimhan through any difficulties.

Howard Shultz has been mapping out many new ideas for the company and will now be passing them over to Laxman. While they are partnering, they will mostly be working on renovating the 35,000 locations they have and even adding more shops. The company plans to invest over \$450 million dollars. This money will be spent on faster brewers, ovens, kitchen renovation, and expanding their menu options.

Naming a new CEO of a company is an impactful decision to make. Filling the shoes of a CEO who has been at a company for 37 years is not an easy task, but that is exactly what Laxman Narasimhan is going to step in and do. Narasimhan has 30 years of experience leading global brands, and so people believe he will be a great asset to the company. His most recent position was chief executive of the health and nutrition company, Reckitt.

Laxman Narasimhan will hopefully be able to step into this position with ease and continue to grow the company.



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## College Application Process & Tips

By: Emily Pezzuto

Senior year is filled with memories and future plans. This is the year to make the most of it, and also look forward to the next step of your life: college. Here is the college application process and tips based on what I did for myself. This is coming from someone who recently got accepted into college!

First, there are two different ways to apply to college. One is through the Common App, and the other is through college's individual application. The Common App is an application that can be sent to multiple colleges with the same information on it.

The most important part of the application is the essay. It allows the colleges to see your writing skills as a whole. The Common App has multiple prompts to write about, while the individual applications usually have more specific ones. Either way, take your time with the essay; it is important. Make it the best it can be for the admissions offices.

Something that's important to most colleges is the SAT. Most colleges don't require SAT scores anymore. If one does, try your hardest and take as many tests as possible. Keep an eye out for SAT registration deadlines if you would like to take the test again. Take time to look at practice tests on websites like Khan Academy.

If a college you are interested in does not require scores, do not submit them. If your scores happen to be really good, PLEASE submit them. They will help you look better on the application.

Once you have taken the SATs, start gathering recommendations. These will help especially if you are not taking the SAT. Try to get recommendations from teachers that are from a field you are looking into. For example, if you are going into nursing, ask a science teacher for a recommendation. These teachers will convince colleges to give you a chance since they know how you do with their class.

Next, make sure to talk with the guidance office about sending your official transcripts to schools. Once you apply, send an email to guidance telling them which schools to send it to since it is confidential important information.

Additionally, going to open houses and looking out for information can help colleges remember you better.

Overall, the process can seem overwhelming at times. Just remember, you got this and it's worth it. I wish you luck in your college applications!



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## 2022 College Football

By: Darrian Cascioli

The 2022 NCAA College Football season is back and better than ever. The top teams competing this year include Georgia, Alabama, and Ohio State. Competing with these top-notch schools is not an easy task.

Just after two weeks of competition, these three teams proved how good they are. Georgia football players are true powerhouses. They scored more than 80 points in just two games. Alabama is also a great team, but they recently experienced some troubles. During the last game, they gave up 15 penalties. Alex Scarborough shared, “If the mental mistakes continue and the line doesn't get better in a hurry and the receivers can't create separation, Young and this team might be in for a long season.”

The team that might take their spot is Ohio State. This team is very athletic and has an impressive quarterback. CJ Stroud is a big part of this team — he averages 19.5 yards per completion and has a total of 574 yards in the past two games.

If any of these three teams lose, they most likely won't be able to make the playoffs. They need to stay strong and healthy all year long to make things happen. All three of these teams have some competition on their schedule for October. For consecutive weeks, Georgia will be going against #18 Florida and #15 Tennessee. Alabama will be facing some competition on October 1st and will be going against #10 Arkansas. Ohio State will be going against #11 Michigan State. They all have a chance to win or lose during these games.

## NFL Preview

By: Raymond DrePaul

After seven long months, the NFL is finally back as the Superbowl Champions, Los Angeles Rams, host the Buffalo Bills on September 8th, at SoFi Stadium. Fans are excited to see their teams play this week as this past offseason was crazier than ever, filled with blockbuster trades and major free-agent moves. The parity in this league will be on full display on Thursday.

This first week will be action filled with two quarterbacks being able to play their former teams after getting traded. The first quarterback that got moved was Russell Wilson. Wilson spent his last nine seasons with the Seattle Seahawks, but finally got traded to the Denver Broncos after showing up in trade rumors for the last couple of years. The second quarterback that got traded was Baker Mayfield. Mayfield was the Cleveland Browns first selection back in 2018, and he was traded only after four seasons. Both quarterbacks will be looking to capture a win against their former teams as they try to start 1-0 with their new teams.

There are so many anticipated teams that it's predictable where the hardest battles for the playoff season will be fought. With teams like the Philadelphia Eagles, Los Angeles Chargers, and the Denver Broncos, it'll be interesting to see where the teams match up with teams that made the playoffs last year. Not only were there roster moves made this offseason, but there are a lot of coaching staff changes around the league too. Six first-year NFL head coaches are being appointed. Teams like the New York Giants, Minnesota Vikings, Chicago Bears, Miami Dolphins, Denver Broncos, and the Las Vegas Raiders all made new head coach hirings over this past off-season. These teams hope to improve as their first-year NFL coaches try to lead them in the right direction.

This season has all the potential to be one of the best ones we've had. It'll be interesting to see the season unfold. Fans can finally rejoice as the NFL is finally back and underway.

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## The Top 10 Shows on Netflix

By: Shamel Gibson

You are probably home right now. You turned on your TV ready to watch it, but you have no idea what you want to watch. Here are the top 10 Netflix shows that are out now.

1. Stranger Things Set in the 1980's, this show takes place in a small town of Hawkins. It focuses on the key of friendship and love. It draws you in with the main character Eleven. She's a supernatural girl who loves her friends and will do anything to save her town.

2. Squid game

This show takes place in Daejeon, and everybody that is in debt or needs money takes on children's games. Everybody plays until they lose, but losing comes with a deadly price!

3. On My Block

On My Block is about a close friend group who loves each other and will do anything for each other. When they find out about a special treasure rumor, it makes everything complicated, including their friendship. Will the treasure make or break this friendship?

4. YOU

A bookstore manager sets his eyes on a woman who is a writer. He became fixated on her, and it became an obsession. He will do anything to make sure that she wants him and will take some deadly measures.

5. Lucifer

This is your classic angel fallen down but with a little bit of a twist. This devil isn't working to hurt the world; he just wants to party in his club and have fun. He finds a woman detective and decides he wants to help her. He does a little more than help and finds out a lot about himself on the way.

6. The Umbrella Academy

In 1989, 42 women unexpectedly had children. A billionaire genius named Sir. Reginald adopted seven of them, and they became the Umbrella Academy. He trained them to save the world. When Sir Reginald passed, the world went to shambles, and they had to actually do it.

7. The Black Summer

A mother torn away from her daughter starts an uproaring journey to get her back. On this journey she has a couple of friends on the way to help. It just doesn't help that they are in a zombie apocalypse.

8. Human resources

A spin off of Big Mouth, this show has hormone monsters and more animals to help children go through puberty.

9. The keeper

It is a documentary about a woman in a small town named Cathy Cenik. She was a Catholic highschool teacher and a nun. She goes missing, and her body is found two months later in a lake. To this day the case has never been solved.

10. Never have I ever

This is an American series about the childhood of an Indian-American girl who takes on the important role of being the first generation to be in America. She learns diversity when her father passes away and that's when all her troubles begin.

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## Top Gun: Maverick, Movie Reviews]

By: Jacob Maura

Nostalgia is defined as “a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past.” When we take a look back on our childhood, we remember things that molded us into the people we are today — whether good or bad. Movies jumped on the nostalgia train fairly recently by giving us some franchises no one really wanted.

Movies like *Spider-man: No way home*, *Jurassic World: Dominion*, and *Space Jam: A New Legacy* have tried to use nostalgia to make money off of our emotions in one way or another. It is no longer working as people are waking up to the realization that a movie that hits a string does not mean that it is necessarily a good one.

*Top Gun: Maverick*, released in May of 2022, features Tom Cruise playing the role of Maverick. Maverick is a Top Gun graduate and one of the best navy pilots around. He is asked to teach the best of the best and go on a mission that requires precision and willpower. When he finds the son of his best friend on the team that he was assigned to, the tension rises. Now his priority is getting everyone out alive.

This is a movie that uses nostalgia RIGHT, and creates a cast of characters that are similar enough to the original group, while not being exact copies. The enemy is nameless and it suits the story well; blacked out visors cover the enemy faces and no one is name-dropped. This allows us to focus on the crew and not the enemy. The music is a mostly revamped version of the original soundtrack that moved the story along well. When I think of this movie and what it did, I think of Tom Cruise's promise to the top gun fans of the 80's and 90's. He said that the sequel would have to be perfect for it to get released. This movie is perfect in almost every way, and I can happily give *Top Gun: Maverick* a 9.5 out of 10.



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## Halloween Ends

By: Arianna Heimbach

*Halloween Ends will be released on October 14th, 2022. This is a well-talked about movie, and it is definitely something to be excited for. Halloween Ends will be the 13th and last movie of the franchise. The producers believe this will be the most iconic movie of the franchise yet. The movie is based on the mentally-ill patient, Michael Myers. He was admitted into a psychiatric hospital at six years old for murdering his teenage sister on Halloween night.*

Jamie Lee Curtis, American actress, plays Laurie Strode in this Halloween franchise. Laurie Strode is in battle with her brother, Michael Myers. Forty-five years ago Laurie stabbed Michael with a knitting needle, and now Michael is seeking revenge.

It is speculated that Michael will not die unless Laurie dies. So far into this franchise, Michael has murdered 92 people.

After Michael had spotted Laurie dropping off a key to their father, Michael quickly became obsessed with her. The stalking began and it seemed to never stop. Usually, these movies go straight to the theater before they stream. *Halloween Ends* will go straight to streaming on Peacock later next month.

## What Has Harry Styles Had in Store for 2022 So Far?

By: Emma Davenport

This has been a big year for Harry Styles. Styles has been working hard for the past year on many exciting projects for his fans. He will be releasing two movies this year. *Don't Worry Darling*, a psychological thriller movie directed by Olivia Wilde, will be released on September 23rd, 2022. *My Policeman*, a heartwarming romantic drama, will come out on October 21st, 2022. The content of *My Policeman* will be based off of Bethan Roberts' bestselling novel. Starring alongside Styles, David Dawson, Emma Corrin, Olivia Wilde and Florence Pugh will be featured in these movies.

Earlier this year, Harry Styles also released an album called *Harry's House*. In August, he won an MTV Video Music Awards (VMA) for best album of the year. *Harry's House* includes 12 pop-rock songs and has reached 97 million Spotify streams worldwide. Since Harry started his solo career, he has reached over 1 billion streams on Spotify.

Harry Styles is currently on his world tour, *Love On Tour*, which began May 2022 and will continue on until July 2023. His tour includes a 15-night residency at Madison Square Garden in New York City, 10 nights at the Kia Forum in Los Angeles, and will come to an end in Italy on July 22, 2023. Harry Styles' fans cannot wait to see what he does next with his flourishing career.



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## Senior Summer

By: Patricia Santiago

As the beginning of the school year shifts our tired brains to focus and work, it can be easy to miss the now-old memories of summer. Now, here rises the question; what was summer like for our seniors? I have interviewed a group of our seniors about their experiences in summer. Here's what they have to say.

### What did you do this summer?

Gianna Kegler, 17, went on vacation to Ocean City. She also celebrated her birthday in August. Christopher Guzman, 17, spent the summer with his girlfriend, and worked through most of his summer days. He had also assisted his dad expand the driveway in their backyard.

[Emily Pezzuto](#), 17, states that she went to the beach and had a nice time hanging out with friends.

### How did you feel during these events?

Gianna reports feeling relaxed during her summer days. On the contrary, Christopher claims feeling exhausted. His work at his daily job and his long project of expanding the driveway had worn him down. Emily had the enthusiastic answer of "amazing."

### Did anything unexpected occur?

Christopher and Gianna have both reported that nothing unexpected occurred during their summer year. However, Emily claims she did not expect to go to Point Pleasant that summer, a township in New Jersey.

### Did you look forward to the school year?

Gianna was nervous about the upcoming year. In a text message, Gianna states, "I pretty much only had nerves for the school year."

"I look forward to this school year because it is my last year of high school," Christopher responds. "I am mostly looking forward to making new friends and graduating."



# The Echo

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## Homecoming 2022

By: Kylee Burwell

Homecoming happens every school year in October. Homecoming will be held on October 1st, 2022. Our theme for 2021 homecoming was *In the Stars*, but this year it will be *Neon Lights*. Last year, homecoming was held in the gym, while previous years it was held in the auditorium. It will be held in the gym once again this year.

Homecoming has a court every year where the King and Queen are announced at the football game hours before the event. This year is a little bit different. The teachers had decided on who would be on court years before, but this year they thought the students should also have a say. The students are allowed to nominate five students, and the teachers also are allowed to nominate five too.

I had asked Lupitta Mendez, student council president, about what Homecoming really means.

**Burwell:** “What is the importance of Homecoming?”

**Mendez:** “It’s a time where Wilson alumni have a chance to come back and visit for a night.” Homecoming seems to be a tradition for our school, so come out on October 1st!



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## Home of the Warriors

By: Ahiella Borgen

Home of the Warriors...We enter to learn and leave to serve. This is our home as we like to say, but how much do you acknowledge our history? We have stood strong as a community for 109 years. Our high school building has stood for 29 years and counting. Even in the last three years with Covid restrictions, we have still managed to fight through and become even more powerful than we were before. While still keeping the original building structure with only a few security upgrades, we have come to accomplish so much in our home.

Compared to other schools, we might seem small and not as enthusiastic, unlike Easton with an outrageous number of students in only one class. They are equivalent to our entire staff and students. Having a family like our community is what makes us Wilson. Our festivals, parks, field days, and community fundraisers embody us; helping and supporting one another is who we are.

Our beloved principal Mr. Martuscelli once said, "My goal as principal is by the time you graduate I know all the kids in the graduation by name, and while I announce their names, I should know who they are, and I guarantee that's not the way it is in different schools. That's what makes us so great."

For 29 years since we built this school, our sports have taken numerous achievements. Wilson's track and field program has been undefeated for seven years (2005-2011) with a team record of 70-0, with the boy's team winning the Colonial League title throughout those years. In football, we went undefeated in 2006 and won the PIAA AA-State Championship against Jeannette Senior High School with a final record of 16-0. Not only are we a school with sports accomplishments but many academic awards as well, placing 72nd out of 1,416 other high schools in Pennsylvania. We are still exceeding our own standards, accomplishing so much in recent years.

As a whole, we are still growing each and every year, with new generations coming in and out throughout the years. We have grown with the thought that nothing will and can ever change about Wilson.

