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Updates: War Between Russia & Ukraine

By: Holly Eichlin

The war between Ukraine and Russia has not slowed since Russia's first strike in February of 2022. However, this war has been brewing for a very long time. When the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, Ukraine was annexed from Russia. Since then, Russian president, Vladimir Putin, has made it very clear that he wants to make Ukraine part of Russia once again.

At the end of August 2022, Ukraine launched counter offensive missiles to reclaim over 100 towns and villages. Russia currently has the one regional capital city of Kherson. However, Ukraine is stepping up the forces trying to recover the city. There are still 30,000 to 60,000 civilians remaining in Kherson. Unfortunately, there is no power or water in this city due to the power pole being blown up.

Ukraine president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, has been pushing back by pressuring Russian supply routes and command centers. In response, Russian soldiers are detaining and screening Ukrainian citizens in filtration centers to identify anyone who could hold a threat against the Russian forces. Russia is planning more mass strikes against Ukraine's energy infrastructures by pummeling power stations. In the past, these strikes have left around 40% of Ukraine's power grid damaged or destroyed.

Neighboring and allying countries are trying to ease the tension between Russia and Ukraine. This includes India and the Philippines playing a large role in neutralizing the tension by coming up with solutions to please both sides of this war.

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Iranian Police Sets Fire On Protesters

By: Ayah Mallah

Following the trend of attacks towards Iranian protesters, the Iranian police force had set a group of protesters and mourners on fire during a public hijab protest on October 28th, 2022. During this protest, Iranian citizens were attempting to raise awareness around the deaths of two protesters who were recently attacked by the Iranian police force.

Al-Monitor, a news outlet that covers Middle Eastern events, claimed, "...rioters killed a militiaman and injured 10 police." In response to such attacks, the police force set a fire near a local cemetery and attacked protesters with various shotguns, machetes and tear gases. Following consequent investigations, the lives of over 150 Iranians and 35 policemen were found to be taken during this violent encounter.

This specific hijab protest, along with various other protests in Iran, was a social response following the death of Mahsa Amini. Mahsa Amini is famously recognized as one of the first protesters in Iran whose life was taken by government officials due to her refusal to wear the hijab. Due to her inability to properly follow this religious standard, Amini was arrested by the country's Guidance Religious Portal and was later murdered by them. The nature of her death sparked a violent series of protests in Iran that specifically targeted women's rights and freedom of religious representation.

The people of Iran have attempted to bring justice to the death of Mahsa Amini by continuing regular engagement in protests for social rights. However, despite such efforts, more lives are being taken away.



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Women Facing 20 Years After Leading ISIS Battalion

By: Grace Idehen

On November 1st 2022, Allison Fluke-Ekren was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Allison Fluke-Ekren, a U.S. citizen, is being punished for providing military training to over a hundred women and young girls in Syria on behalf of ISIS and committing numerous terrorist acts.

Allison Fluke-Ekren goes by various names. These names include Allison Ekren, Umm Mohammed al-Amriki, and Umm Mohammed. She is 42 years old and is a former resident of Kansas. Fluke-Ekren traveled overseas from September 2011 through May 2019. During this eight-year period, she participated in terrorist acts in Syria, Libya, and Iraq.

The Khatiba Nusaybah, an ISIS military battalion, was directed and organized by Ekren. In the Khatiba Nusaybah, she taught women how to use AK-47 assault rifles, grenades, and suicide belts. Over 100 women and young girls, some as young as 10, received military training from Ekren in Syria on behalf of ISIS.

Ekren has two children who both submitted separate letters during her sentence hearing. The letters revealed the childhood abuse they both endured from Ekren.

Ekren's daughter delivered a victim impact statement describing the abuse that Ekren inflicted upon her in Syria. This included manipulating her to marry an ISIS fighter. This ISIS fighter ultimately raped her when she was only 13 years old. Ekren's son delivered a statement describing attempts by Ekren to convince him to leave the United States. Ekren wanted him to travel to Syria to prevent him from telling the authorities any information that could jeopardize her plans.



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2022 Midterm Election

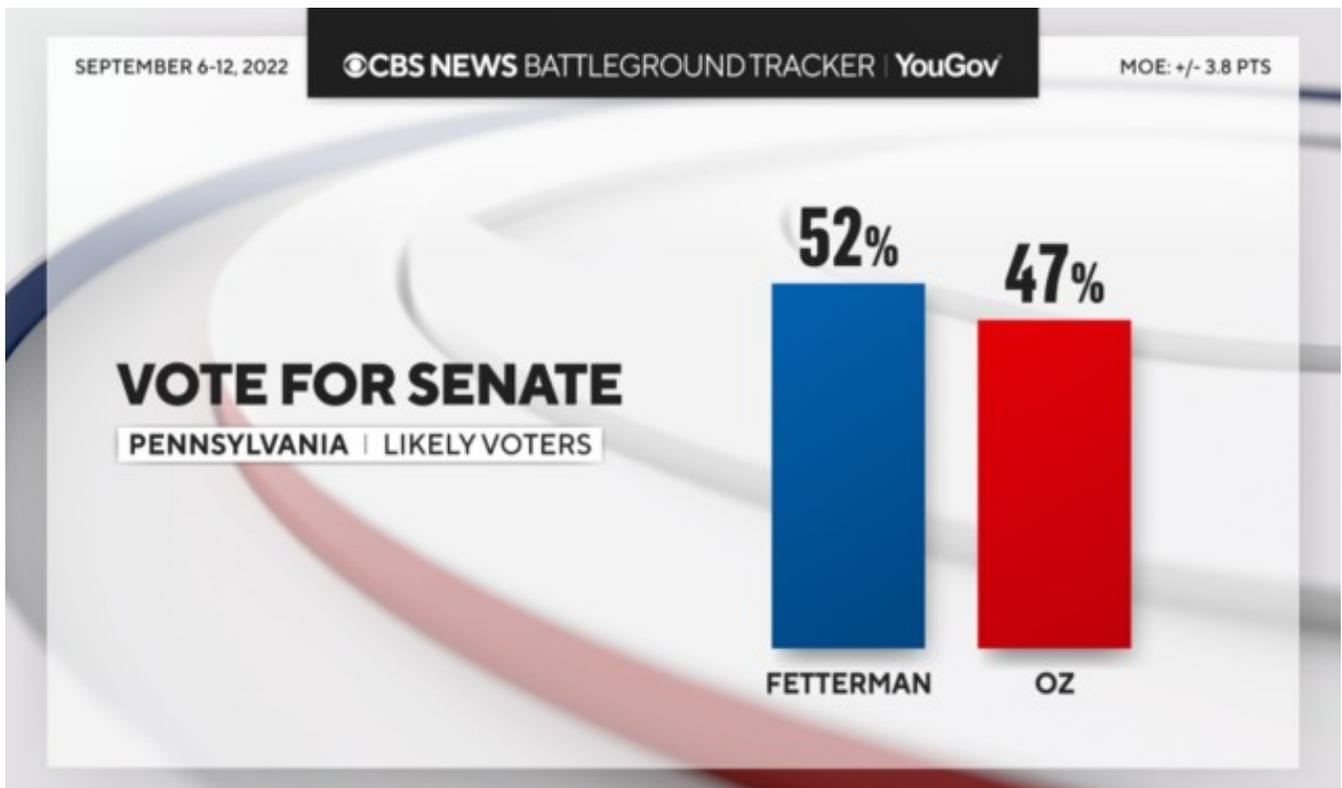
By: Nicolas Alvarez

The midterm elections are on their way, starting off on November 8th. All 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate will be contested. Over 42 million ballots have already been placed as of Monday evening.

In the state of Pennsylvania, the candidates running for Senator are John Fetterman (Democratic) Erik Gerhardt (Libertarian) Mehmet Oz (Republican) Daniel Wassmer (Keystone) Richard L. Weiss (Green).

Candidates running for Governor are Christina Digiulio (Green) Matt Hackenburg (Libertarian) Douglas Mastriano (Republican) Josh Shapiro (Democratic) Joe Soloski (Keystone).

As of Wednesday, November 9th, John Fetterman is officially the Senator for the state of Pennsylvania. Josh Shapiro is also the state of Pennsylvania's new governor. As the elections came to an end, both candidates from the democratic party have won the race.



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Nancy Pelosi's Husband Attacked

By: Tosin Adebayo

On October 29th, 2022, Nancy Pelosi's husband, Paul Pelosi, was attacked in his own home. Early in the day, the San Francisco home had been broken into. The suspect was in search of the Speaker of the House, but instead came across her husband. The suspect then attacked Paul Pelosi with a hammer, which he had taken from the victim. Police arrived at the scene at 2:27 a.m..

The suspect is a 42-year-old man named David Depape. ABC News stated he is a Canadian citizen who has been in the United States since 2008, though he does not have citizenship. He is said to be booked on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, elderly abuse, and attempted murder. Law enforcement believes that this incident was not a whim, but an intentional attack. Sources claim the suspect shouted, "Where's Nancy?" when he had entered the home. For months prior to the attack, the suspect had posted many conspiracies and hate articles on his personal accounts.

These articles include the following topics: Covid 19, women, Hillary Clinton, federal law enforcement, Russia invading Ukraine, and the Jewish community. Many political leaders have spoken out against the attack on Speaker Pelosi's family and home. Senate Minority Leader, Mitch McConnell, stated that the attack left him "horrified and disgusted." Senate Majority Leader, Chuck Schumer, says that what happened was "a dastardly act."

Paul Pelosi made a full recovery after receiving surgery for his severe injuries. He was released from the hospital on November 3rd, 2022.



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Climate Change Activists Throw Soup On Van Gogh Painting

By: Lianah Thomas

Two climate change activists who threw tomato soup over one of the world's most famous paintings have pleaded not guilty to their criminal charges of vandalism. Twenty-year-old Anna Holland and 21-year-old Phoebe Plummer appeared on social media and news sources worldwide after they were filmed opening cans of Heinz Tomato Soup and throwing it on Vincent Van Gogh's "Sunflower" painting at the National Gallery in London.

In the videos of this incident, both girls can be seen removing jackets that contain cans of soup. They take the soup out and spatter the painting, ruining it, and covering it in soup. The two can then be seen frantically applying glue to their hands and sticking their hands to the wall so security wouldn't be able to remove them. While everyone watched the girls, Plummer explained the harmful effects of climate change. After the police removed them from the museum, they were arrested.

During these events, Plummer asked, "What is worth more, art or life?", following up with "It's the planet that's being destroyed." In an interview, she was asked why she chose tomato soup, and she said that there were two reasons, the cost of living is part of the cost of the oil crisis, and fuel is unaffordable to millions of cold and starving families who can't even afford to heat a tin of soup. Her second reasoning was no one had done it before. This new act gave more attention to climate change, and its dangers.



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The Cold Case of Sandra DeFelice

By: Mya Marsac

After 42 years of a huge mystery, Paul Nuttall was arrested for the brutal murder of Sandra DiFelice. On December 26, 1980, Sandra had been found dead in her home. Evidence had shown that she had been sexually assaulted, murdered, and her home had been robbed. Nuttall was questioned for the murder when the murder had first occurred. Police at the time couldn't prove he was guilty, so he was a free man for the next 42 years.

On February 2021, her daughter, who at the time of the murder was three years old, called the detectives to get an update on her mother's case. All of the evidence was resubmitted. The new technology played a huge role in solving the case. The technology wasn't around at the time of the murder. When first looking into the case, officers collected plenty of evidence. However, the evidence could not be identified. DNA found under Sandra's fingernails was sent into the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. They were a match to a sample of Nuttall's DNA that was submitted earlier in the year. Fingerprints that were found in her house, hair, and her stomach were also identified to be Nuttall's.

The DNA found under her fingernails were the reason Nuttall had been caught. Nuttall was identified as the killer, and warrants were sent out for an open murder with the use of a deadly weapon.



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Day of the Dead

By: Sarah Mallah

From November 1st to November 2nd, Dia de Los Muertos, commonly known as the Day of the Dead, is celebrated. Those of Mexican heritage celebrate this holiday. The celebration highlights the relationship between death and life.

Each day of the commemoration focuses on age. November 1st is known as the Day of the Little Angels or the day of dead children. Half of November 2nd represents the Day of the Adults or the death of adults. The second portion of that day is the Day of the Dead, which recognizes the deaths of everyone.

This holiday dates back almost 3,000 years ago. Whereas, in pre-Columbian Mesoamerica, people of the Aztecs and Nahua began to bring acceptance to the fact that death was a part of life. In Hispanic beliefs, after death, the soul must voyage to the Land of the Dead or Chicunamictlán. The journey is believed to be treacherous, but, once completed, the soul reaches the resting place of Mictlán.

In other cultures, death is taught as something to fear or grieve over. Regardless of this, this holiday celebrates death for what it is. Death is identified as simply just another stage in life. And on this holiday, the dead come to visit the living.

To welcome the dead into the world of the living, families set up offrendas or altars. These altars are designed with bright-colored paint or cloth. A photograph of the deceased family member is placed on the offrenda. Marigolds, oranges, and candied skulls are some of the most common items placed on the altars. A cup of water, bread, and other foods are placed on the altar to fit the deceased's liking. People dress in costumes, and sombreros, and adorn their faces with paint. Upbeat music plays, and people dance and sing. This holiday is significant to Hispanic culture and continues to be a way of acknowledging life and death.



Macy's Day Parade 2022

By: Patricia Santiago

The Macy's Day Parade is an annual Thanksgiving parade shown both live and on television. The parade features whimsical floats, celebrities singing on podiums, professional dancers dancing to people's favorite songs, and Santa Claus ready to introduce Christmas at the end.

The preview of the lineup for this year's Macy's Day Parade begins with the lovable, kid-friendly pup Bluey. She is as tall as a four story building, as long as nine bicycles, and as wide as seven taxis. In her description, Bluey has just arrived from Australia to have a first-time experience in the Big Apple!

Second in the lineup, Diary of a Wimpy Kid is making its thirteenth appearance in the parade. This appearance is more than just a debut. It is also a celebration of the 17th book in its series! Diary of a Wimpy Kid is a childhood book series that most people hold dear to their hearts.

Next, America's favorite Sinclair Oil and DINO! Sinclair has made a warm return to NYC with an all-new baby DINO.

Last, but not least, is Stuart the Minion. After his appearance in the new *Minions: Rise of Gru* movie, it is understandable that Stuart would make his long awaited debut in the Macy's Day Parade!



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Taylor Swift in the News!

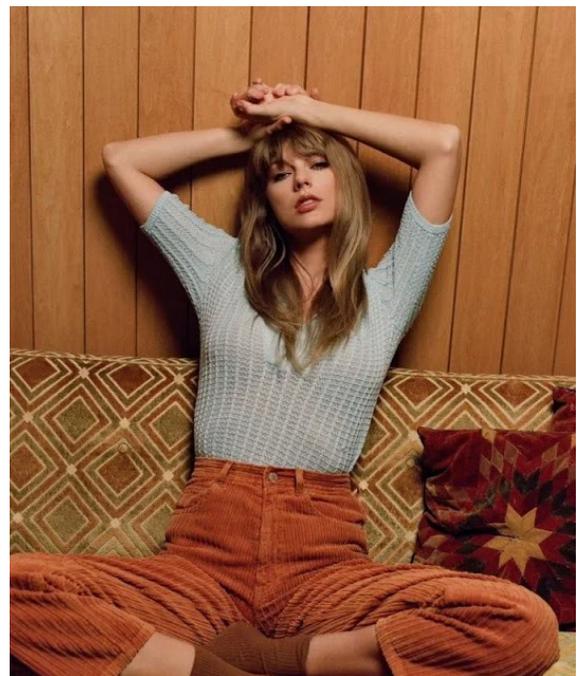
By: Emily Pezzuto

Taylor Swift has been the topic of many news articles due to her recent announcements of an album and tour!

On October 21st 2022, Taylor Swift released her tenth studio album called "Midnights." The album is composed of 13 songs scattered throughout sleepless nights. These tracks include Lavender Haze, Maroon, Anti-Hero, Snow on the Beach, You're on your own kid, Midnight Rain, Question...?, Vigilante S***, Bejeweled, Labyrinth, Karma, Sweet Nothings, and Mastermind. Fans were on edge for this release since there were no singles released beforehand and track titles were revealed through a bingo wheel. The album skyrocketed and at one point, Swift owned all ten spots on the Billboard Top 10 Chart.

At 3am on October 21st, she released seven more tracks on a version called "Midnights (3am version)". This is a fans favorite since it was not expected at all. She also released a special edition lavender CD at Target with an exclusive song called "Hits Different." This song is not available on streaming platforms, so listeners need to have the CD to hear it.

While the hype for "Midnights" was skyrocketing, Swift thought it was a great opportunity to announce her next tour! On November 1st, she posted that she was starting her "Eras Tour." The tour will focus on all her albums over the years. To do this, Taylor Swift won't be touring alone. She has announced that she will be traveling with Paramore, Phoebe Bridgers, Gracie Abrams, HAIM, Girl in Red, GAYLE, OWENN, beabadoobee, and MUNA. Presale tickets went on sale November 15th, but due to website difficulties, the sale was shut down.



Kanye Gets All Endorsements Dropped

By: Zack Stackhouse

Kanye, also famously known as “Ye,” recently spoke out about racial and political issues. Due to these recent comments and an angered audience, he is now being dropped by all of his endorsements.

One of these endorsements includes Kanye's deal with Adidas. He partnered with them to make the legendary yeezy. People have been claiming that Adidas is still going to sell the shoes that Kanye designed, but they will change the design slightly. The sales will be nowhere near as high as when Kanye designed them. Back in 2015, the Yeezy 350 and 750 were the most popular shoes and they had the whole world waiting in line to get them.

Kanye's success with Adidas is no longer true because of the racial comments he recently made. Adidas said what he said was “unacceptable, hateful and dangerous.” Since all of the companies dropped Kanye, his net worth went from over one billion to now 400 million. Will Ye be able to recover from this, and can he move on to make his own brand?



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TakeOff's Tragic Death

By: Arianna Heimbach

With the passing of TakeOff, a member of the group Migos', last week, many don't realize the lasting effect he had on the rap genre, inside and outside of being in a rap trio.

Takeoff, Offset, and Quavo formed the group Migos in 2008. They had a huge hit a few years later "Bad and Boujee" which now has 809 million streams. Although this wasn't their first hit or song, this really set off their career. Another huge hit that they came out with was "Stir Fry" which is still very popular to this day and now has 538 million streams, since it came out in 2018.

Takeoff was attending a bowling party, and the group decided to stay after hours to hangout and have fun. Things seemed to get out of control, and a man started to shoot. Offset shot back and somewhere in that time, Takeoff got shot in the head. He unfortunately passed away. Although he passed away, he will always be a legend in the rap culture.

Kyrie Irving's Tweet

By: Gavin Ehlman

Kyrie Irving sent a controversial tweet out on October 27th, 2022. The tweet was a link to "Hebrew to Negroes: Wake Up Black America." It is a film driven by anti-Semitic tropes about Jewish people lying about their origins. Once the NBA saw this tweet, they knew they had to do something about it.

The first step they took was sending out a statement condemning hate speech. On November 1st, the N.B.A. players' union sent out a statement condemning anti-Semitism. Surprisingly, they did not mention Kyrie in those statements.

Kyrie finally addressed the issue on October 29th, by doubling down on his support of the film. He later got into a disagreement with a reporter after a game. Kyrie accused an ESPN reporter of trying to "dehumanize" him because the reporter argued whether Kyrie had "promoted" the film.

On November 2nd, Kyrie decided to donate \$500,000 to anti-hate causes, as well as the Nets. At this point, Kyrie still hasn't tweeted his apology, leaving Adam Silver to try and talk to him. They talked and people found out that Kyrie didn't mean to cause any harm, and he does not agree with the entire film.

The Nets ended up suspending him for five games due to the fact he was "unfit to be associated" with the team. After they suspended him, Kyrie sent out his apology tweet stating he "had no intentions to disrespect any Jewish cultural history regarding the Holocaust or perpetuate any hate."

Due to this commotion his endorsements have been taking a hit. Nike has suspended their relationship effective immediately and will not launch the Kyrie 8. In just one tweet Kyrie Irving's future in the NBA is a mystery.

New York City Christmas Tree Lighting

By: Kylee Burwell

The Rockefeller Christmas Tree has been iconic in New York City for many years. It truly is a must-see for both locals and those that are visiting the city during the holidays. This year, the Christmas tree lighting will happen Wednesday, November 30th, 2022.

The tree will be lit from six am to midnight. On Christmas Day, the tree is lit for 24 hours and on New Year's Eve it is lit from six am to nine pm. To see the Rockefeller Christmas tree, it is located at Rockefeller Center Plaza on 49th St between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

The tree has at least 50,000 multi-colored LED lights that are approximately five miles of wire, and it is crowned by the Swaroski crystal star on top. Tens of thousands of people watch this Christmas tree lighting every year. Not only is the Christmas tree lighting happening, but there also happens to be loads of entertainment too. The Gala provides a wide range of live music, and plenty of dancing to the sounds of their very own DJ.

The Rockefeller Christmas Tree is not one to miss, and it definitely something you should go check out. So, make sure you take your family and friends to go see this amazing Christmas tree over the holiday season!



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Top Five Most Wanted Christmas Gifts For Teens 2022

By: Emma Davenport

Have you been wondering what to put on your Christmas list? If so, I have the perfect ideas for you!

1. Uggs

- Uggs have been a very popular item this year with every age. There are many different styles that make finding something for everyone easy. They may be a little pricey, but they last awhile if taken care of.

2. AirPods

- AirPods make listening to music very convenient and easy. They charge very fast so you don't have to sit around and wait hours for them to charge.

3. Mini fridge

- Mini fridges have been very popular for the past few years with teens due to convenience. This gift is especially good for teens because they can last for years, and you can even bring them to college if you choose to go!

4. Phone cases

- Phone cases are a great gift because everyone can use a phone case, and there are many different cases to choose from depending on your style.

5. Gift Cards

- Gift cards are very popular throughout all holidays, but it is very good for Christmas because sometimes you might not know what you want or what someone else wants, so this lets the receiver of the gift choose!



Ring Doorbells

By: Makenna Sandt

Ring Doorbells are used to keep people safe in their homes. While they do their job very well and have helped many people to not open the doors for invaders, it can also cause misconceptions that can put innocent people in danger.

In Florida, a man had received a package in the mail that was not his, so he walked it down to the house that it belonged to. Meanwhile, a teenager was home alone inside the house watching the camera due to an alert that was sent to his phone. The teenager assumed there was an intruder trying to break into the house, so he grabbed a .45 caliber handgun. The teenager opened fire outside into a woman's car, not the man who was delivering the package.

Thankfully, no one was injured. Seven rounds went through a child's car seat in the back. The child would have been killed if he/she was in their car seat.

Some argue that the ring camera had nothing to do with what the teenager did. However, if it was not for the camera alerting him and making him think there was danger, then it would not have happened.

Devices like ring doorbells constantly keep people worrying and expecting to see something pop up on the camera. When an action occurs that is picked up as a threat, a person's initial reaction is to act violently to protect what is theirs, just as the teenager boy thought he was doing.

Although most ring doorbells are used appropriately, the risk of a situation like this happening again still remains. Ring doorbells can help protect people, if they are used correctly.



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Varsity Basketball Preview

By: Austin Johnson

This year Wilson's Varsity Basketball Team has big shoes to fill, and everyone has really high expectations for them. Especially since last year's varsity boys team won the Colonial League Championship, and they even made it to the District Championship.

Everyone can't wait for the basketball season to kick off because unfortunately Wilson's boys varsity football team didn't do too well. Wilson should have no problem with winning games though, with Shamel Gibson (Sr) as the leader and captain of the team. Shamel averaged around 16 ppg last season. He says he has been working very hard this off season, so as long as he keeps that up, Wilson should have no problem coming out of games with a W!!

They also have 6'3 (Jr) Anthony Shaw who helped lead Wilson to their championship victory last season. Shaw has been working extremely hard this off season to get better and work on his game even more. So with him at the 5th spot Wilson should have no problem getting rebounds, or allowing a lot of points in the paint.

Wilson also has their sophomore guard, Brady Westbrooks!! As everyone knows from last season Brady was an absolute sniper when it came to knocking down 3 point shots. But Brady is also young so it will be nice to see how much better he got from last season, and how the rest of his highschool career goes.

We cannot wait to see what the Varsity Boys Basketball Team has in store for us this season. Their first game will be Tuesday, December 6th at 6:45PM at Palisades high school. Make sure you tell everyone to come support the boys and watch them catch their 1st W of the season!!!



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NFL Trades

By: Raymond DrePaul

.This year's NFL trade deadline was something we've seen before as it turned into madness the day of the deadline. A record-setting 10 trades were made on the NFL trade deadline day which was on November 1st. These trades included 15 teams making 10 deals that involved 12 players and several draft picks.

Some of the big moves that headlined ahead of the trade deadline time were edge rusher Bradley Chubb to the Miami Dolphins, tight end T.J Hockenson to the Minnesota Vikings, wide receiver Chase Claypool to the Chicago Bears, suspended wide receiver Calvin Ridley to the Jacksonville Jaguars, and running back Nyheim Hines to the Buffalo Bills. All these trades were agreed upon right before the 3 p.m cutoff time.

Draft picks were a huge part of the trades over the deadline. At least one draft pick was used in each one of the trades that happened over the course of the trade deadline. Instead of trading for a player, some teams prefer to stock up on draft picks to use them for younger talent in the upcoming drafts.

With these 10 trades shaking up the league, it will be a fun ride to see how every team progresses. We are entering the second half of the season so it will be interesting to see if the moves that were made affect teams in a good way or a bad way.

Philadelphia Eagles Current Season

By: Darrian Cascioli

The Philadelphia Eagles are having a perfect season so far. They are making the NFL look simple and easy. Also, they are the only undefeated team in the entire NFL. The things this team is capable of is indescribable.

After eight weeks of the season, the Eagles are very powerful. They are 8-0, and are the only undefeated team in the league. People say that they have an easy schedule. Many people do not understand that they have dropped at least twenty points a game; they also won every game by at least two digits! The person running this team is Jalen Hurts. He only threw two interceptions the entire season, and has 18 touchdowns. Hurts is also in the MVP race, with a high chance of winning it.

The Eagles have a lot of weapons, and the entire team is well rounded and well trained. They have one of the best offenses and defenses in the NFL. Safety C.J. Gardner- Johnson leads the league in interceptions. He has five interceptions throughout the first eight games, and he is dominating the league on defense. Not only that, the best wide receiver on the team is A.J. Brown. Brown is known to have strong hands, and his routes are run well. In the game against the Steelers, he had 156 receiving yards, and three touchdown catches. This team is definitely a top contender.

Hopefully the Eagles can keep their win streak going. It will be hard, but it is certainly possible. This could be the best Eagles team in the history of the franchise. There are no limits to what the Eagles and the organization can do.

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The World Series

By: Shamel Gibson

The World Series was nothing less than extraordinary this year. The two teams to make it this year were the Philadelphia Phillies and the Houston Astros.

With the Astros being the best baseball team in their conference, the Phillies gave them a run for their money. The Astros had barely confirmed the wild card spot. The Phillies managed to steal two games from the Astros, and those were the only losses that the Astros took during their whole playoff run. In game three, The Phillies managed to blow the Astros out with multiple home runs leading them to 7-0 shutout win against the Astros.

A former Wilson student who went on to work for the Phillies, Makayla Mckinney, stated, “The season was historical, not knowing if we were going to even make the playoffs, to making it to the World Series; it was very magical to experience since we haven’t been in here since 2008”.

Magical it was, but it came to an end after game three. Something clicked for the Astros because they went on to win the next three games and won the series in six games, going on a 5-0 shutout to beat the Phillies in game four. In game five they lost 3-2, and in game six the Astros beat the Phillies 4-1. Overall, watching the teams play their hearts out in the world series was an amazing experience to watch!



Phillies in the World Series

By: Gigi Figueroa

We have not heard of the Phillies in the World Series since 2009! Philadelphia has been buzzing with joy since the Phillies made it to the World Series again. They went against the Houston Astros this year. The games were played in Houston at Minute Maid Park and in Philadelphia at Citizens Bank Park. The Phillies had the home-field advantage this year, but unfortunately only won two games. The Astros ended up winning four games, allowing them to win it all.

Previously, the Phillies have won two World Series titles. This title was awarded to them in 1980 and 2008. They were also in the Series in 1915, 1950, 1983, 1993 and 2009. Although the Phillies lost again this year, they had some remarkable moments. In game three, they took the lead with a 7-0 win. Their 7-0 win and their 71 strikeouts was a record for the series!

The team is not dwelling on their loss in the World Series. Instead, they are optimistic and proud they made it anyway. The team is focusing on the fun memories and the close bonds they made during the season. The players have said that this team may not have been the most talented team the Phillies have ever seen, but they learned how to come together as one when they needed to the most. Everyone is proud of how far the Phillies have gone this season, and fans are looking forward to the next one!



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Black Adam

By: John Anklam

On October 21, fans of DC Comics received a gift in the form of “Black Adam.” The film stars Dwayne Johnson as Black Adam, a man from an ancient nation called Kahndaq who was blessed with god-like powers. This will be his first time appearing in a comic book film, including both Marvel and DC.

Johnson will not be the only big name in the movie as Pierce Brosnan and Noah Centineo will also be appearing. Brosnan will be playing Doctor Fate and Centineo will be playing Adam Smasher, both heroes and members of the Justice Society. In the comics Black Adam is an anti-hero, meaning that he is good and bad. This likely means that the plot of the movie will revolve around Black Adam awakening after thousands of years and beginning to cause chaos. This will most likely lead to the Justice Society trying to, at first, defeat Black Adam, but then eventually teaming up with him to defeat a bigger foe.

The movie is very close to Johnson as he has been trying to get it made for the past 15 years. He has stated that Black Adam is his favorite comic book character and he would love to do a movie, but it kept getting delayed due to directors and writers leaving. Since releasing, ratings for the movie have been mixed with many calling the movie average and mediocre. Despite the mixed reviews, the movie has been topping the box office charts by earning \$319 million since its release.

The Smooth Story of No Shave November

By: Ahiella Borgen

Have you ever wondered why you see men and women with overgrown facial and body hair in november? “No-Shave-November ” is when people put down the razor for 30 days and donate monthly hair-maintenance expenses to cancer awareness and men's mental health.

When it first originated in 2003, it was called the "No-Shave-November" movement which had traveled across the globe. The origin of the movement says it started between two mustache-loving "mates" in Australia. This turned into a worldwide phenomenon and a way to encourage men's health in the early 2000s. Now getting into the later years of this tradition it has spread to also be an awareness month for cancer patients.

No-Shave November is an organization that was formalized as a nonprofit in 2009 by members of the Matthew Hill family, after he passed away from colon cancer. Their organization is about educating people on cancer and donating your typical hair expenses towards donating and educating about cancer. Their goal is “to grow awareness by embracing our hair, which many cancer patients lose, and letting it grow wild and free.”

One of our fellow classmates, Shamel Gibson , will also be participating in No-Shave-November. He has stated that his goal is to see how much he could grow in a month without touching it, and to beat his boss in a bet. So next time you see somebody joining in on “No-Shave-November,” educate them on a silly holiday with a deeper message.

Ever Wonder?

By: Tosin Adebayo

The seven wonders of the world are some of the most significant structures that we don't know how they were made.

1.

Great Pyramid of Giza: It is one of the three ancient Egyptian pyramids and is the largest of the three Pyramids of Giza. It was made for Khufu. It was made by 20,000 men over the span of 20 years.

2.

Hanging Gardens of Babylon: The fabled gardens was the beautified capital of the Neo-Babylonian Empire. Even though it is a part of the seven wonders of the world, there is no trace of the legendary gardens today.

3.

Temple of Artemis at Ephesus: A Greek temple dedicated to an ancient, local form of the goddess Artemis. This temple was made in about 550 B.C.E and very little of it remains today. It was burned down in 356 B.C.E by Herostratus.

4.

Statue of Zeus at Olympia: A giant seated figure, about 12.4 m (41 ft) tall, made by the Greek sculptor Phidias around 435 BC at the sanctuary of Olympia, Greece, was erected in the Temple of Zeus there.

5.

Mausoleum at Halicarnassus: It was probably destroyed by an earthquake between the 11th and the 15th century CE. It was a tomb built between 353 and 350 BC in Halicarnassus for Mausolus.

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Colossus of Rhodes: This structure was about 108 feet tall, which is very close to the statue of liberty in height. It was made to celebrate the successful defense of Rhodes city against an attack by Demetrius Poliorcetes.

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Lighthouse of Alexandria: The lighthouse for the Ptolemaic Kingdom of Ancient Egypt was built in 247 BC. It no longer stands. Its main purpose was to guide thousands of ships safely into the harbor.

