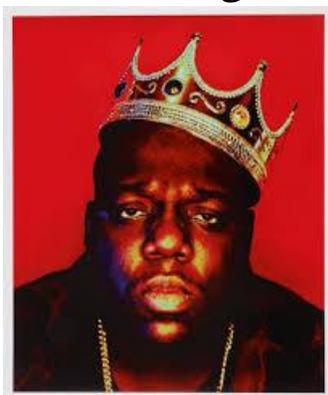


Black History Month



Biggie by Hades Brown

First off, happy Black History Month! I decided to honor an important part of black history, the music! Christopher George Latore Wallace (a.k.a Biggie Smalls) was an American rapper and songwriter. He was an important figure in music, rap, and black history. He wrote songs about things that he knew and his life. His song “Sky’s the Limit” is about following your goals and dreams. The last song he ever recorded was “Victory.” The song is about doing well at the things you do. The Notorious B.I.G. died March 9, 1997. He died at age 24 due to being shot 4 times in a drive-by shooting. To finish, a quote from Biggie: “We can’t change the world unless we change ourselves.”

Stay in the Know



The Dangers of Energy Drinks by Tommi DeMarois-Brodie

Many students in our school enjoy drinking energy drinks. The drinks can come in so many flavors, and they taste pretty good! However, do we really know what they do to our bodies? According to the CDC, energy drinks can change a person’s behavior, increase aggression, stress, anxiety, and other mental health problems in that form. They can result in increased blood pressure, obesity, kidney damage, fatigue, stomachaches, and irritation. Four teenagers in the last few years have had severe heart attacks from drinking energy drinks and at least 3 got atrial fibrillation, a type of irregular heartbeat. Yes, the drinks taste good, but your health is more important. Next time you are feeling sluggish make or buy a smoothie instead!



Apple Cars Coming in the Next Decade? by Izabell Roggeman

It's certain that Apple is working on an autonomous automotive project (which the company codenamed 'Project Titan'). To show for the project, Apple continues to hire for roles that seem more specialized to automotive development to design this vehicle with no pedals or steering wheels. They have also recruited several Tesla executives in recent months. The original idea of "Apple Car" was that it would detect its driver via fingerprint, like their previous phones and then drive them anywhere. Another Apple rumor leaked in March 2018 suggests that Apple has plans to rid the car of any windows at all. They explained details on how VR headsets could be worn by passengers in their self-driving car, rendering virtual windows with a view of the outside world or any world.

This has transitioned from a partially autonomous car to something more exciting, a fully-featured self-driving electric vehicle that will compete with Tesla and other EVs. However, an analyst for Apple named Ming-Chi Kuo said that the Apple Car might not be launched until 2028 or later, faltering because of partnership negotiations. Still, Apple insiders recently revealed that the overall Apple company has a set release target of 2025, although they're acknowledging the level of flexibility they need to acquire due to Ming-Chi Kuo's words. Apple could partner with other popular manufacturers like Hyundai or BMW, or seek another option.



Montana Wildlife by Bonnie Hale

There are over 550 animals in Montana today. At the Fish and Wildlife Commission August 20, 2021 the commission charged with stewarding our fish and wildlife went on to vote against the will of the people and enacted extended elk shoulder seasons on public land along with measures meant to exterminate wolves. Commissioner Byorth was the only one to stand up for Montana's hunting ethics. Many grizzly and black bears travel the forests, trails, and terrain of Glacier Country. Grizzly bears are identified by a distinctive hump on their shoulders. Typically, their coats are dark brown, but can vary from light cream to black. Grizzlies weigh between 400 and 1,500 pounds and can stand up to 8 feet tall on their hind legs. An important thing is to be safe when coming close to wildlife.

History Lessons



History of Groundhog Day by Hailey Goodman

How did Groundhog Day really begin? Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian Candlemas, which is where one day of the year they announce how many weeks until the first day of spring, according to *Diario AS*. They had to choose a thing to represent the day, and they chose a

hedgehog before they changed it to a groundhog. Once the tradition continued, and carried to North America towns, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition. In 1887, a group of newspaper editors belonged to a group of groundhog hunters called the Punxsutawney. Groundhog Club declared that Phil, the groundhog, was America's only true weather forecasting groundhog. His bloodline is the most famous for American groundhogs, but across Northern American towns have their own forecasting rodents.



The History of the Winter Olympics From 1924 - 2022 by Taylor Houlberg Murray

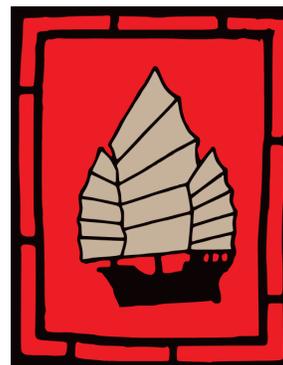
The Winter Olympics have been going on since 1924. In 1924, roughly 250 athletes competed in the 16 events at the Winter Olympics, but now in 2022, there are 2,900 athletes participating from all over the world. The winter games include cold weather events on snow, which are skiing, snowboarding, biathlon, and on ice, which is figure skating, hockey, speed skating, curling, bobsled, luge, and skeleton. There are also add ons during the Winter Olympics, which are cross country skiing, nordic combined, ski jumping, and military patrol (even though it was only in 1924 that they introduced it).

There are many places that the Olympics have been hosted:

- 1924:** Chamonix, France | January 25-February 4
- 1928:** St. Moritz, Switzerland | February 11-19
- 1932:** Lake Placid, New York | February 4-15
- 1936:** Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany | February 6-16
- 1940/1944:** No Olympics because of World War II
- 1948:** San Moritz, Switzerland | January 30-February 8
- 1952:** Oslo, Norway | February 14-25
- 1956:** Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy | January 26-February

- 1960:** Squaw Valley, California | February 18-28
- 1964:** Innsbruck, Austria | January 29-February 9
- 1968:** Grenoble, France | February 6-18
- 1972:** Sapporo, Japan | February 3-13
- 1976:** Innsbruck, Austria | February 4-15
- 1980:** Lake Placid, New York | February 14-23
- 1984:** Sarajevo, Yugoslavia | February 7-19
- 1988:** Calgary, Canada | February 13-28
- 1992:** Albertville, France | February 8-23
- 1994:** Lillehammer, Norway | February 12-27
- 1998:** Nagano, Japan | February 7-22
- 2002:** Salt Lake City, Utah | February 8-24
- 2006:** Turin, Italy | February 10-26
- 2010:** Vancouver, Canada | February 12-28
- 2014:** Sochi, Russia | February 7-23
- 2018:** Pyeongchang, South Korea | February 9-25

The most recent place that the Olympics was in was Beijing, China for this year of 2022. Due to the Covid-19, the only people who were able to be in the Olympics were the coaches and the competitors. Family members were not allowed to come because of the pandemic. The Olympic games of Beijing, China 2022 began on Friday, February 4th and ended on Sunday, February 20th. There are 91 teams in the Olympics right now. If you have not watched the Olympics, you should because it is amazing and cool!



Ching Shih the Pirate Queen by Elisha M.

Ching Shih was a powerful pirate. She lived in the 19th century and had an estimated fleet of 80,000 when she was in charge. Ching was married off to Cheng I after her town got captured. Her husband was in charge of the Red Flag fleet. When they married, she was put in charge of half the fleet. After six years, her husband died. No one is exactly sure how he passed. After his passing, that's when

she took power of everything. Under her the fleet went undefeated until she retired. Ching had very strict rules for everyone working for her. If anyone disobeyed them, they were decapitated on the spot. Many opponents tried to kill her, but they were the ones to end up dead. After a while, Ching was given full pardon along with all her crew. To this day, we don't know what happened to her after the pardon. Some say she became a businesswoman and others say she simply went into hiding. We may never know the truth of Ching Shih, but her legend still lives on. There is a song about her called *The Bloody Rose of China* by The Jolly Rogers, if you want to hear the story of her pirate life!

Entertainment Corner

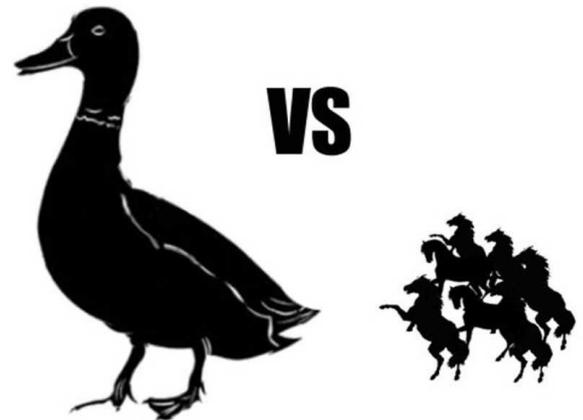


In the Aeroplane Over the Sea: Part 2 by Rowdy Barber

The fourth song on the album is “Two-Headed Boy.” The opening lyric and the title, in my opinion, could be a reference to the two headed god “Janus.” Janus, a two headed boy, was someone who could only see the sadness in the past and anxiety for the future. That could mean that the two headed boy is the lead singer of “Neutral Milk Hotel.” Jeff Magnum. He was filled with sadness after he read the *Diary of Anne Frank*, and he is very confused and nervous about what happens after death. The line, “And I am listening to hear where you are,” is barely sung; it's on the border of screaming. It might have been to show how desperate Jeff was to save Anne Frank from her inevitable death. This song is about having a relationship with Anne Frank, and it's very odd. A lyric that conveys this is “And through the music he sweetly displays, silver

speakers sparkle all day.” This could be the two-headed boy playing music for Anne. “Now your eyes ain't moving, now they just lay there in their climb.” This line is Jeff watching the Franks get killed by Nazis and not being able to do anything. At the end of the song, the two-headed boy lets Anne go as she is brought away to her death.

The next song, “The Fool,” is an instrumental with military marching in the background, probably a continuation to the last song. “The Fool” is also a tarot card, which gets referenced a lot in this album. The title might be about how “foolish” Jeff thinks the military is. The next song is “Holland 1945,” which is the most energetic song on the album and it sounds like you blew your speakers again. It is, once again, about Anne Frank. The song starts off with lyrics about how she is being transported to Auschwitz with her family. In the song, he also talks about how he was a reincarnation of Anne's boyfriend. The song could be talking about Jeff's friend who committed suicide. Overall, this is a very sad song about the death of Anne Frank and possibly Jeff's friend. Part three comes out not next week, but the week after that or something.

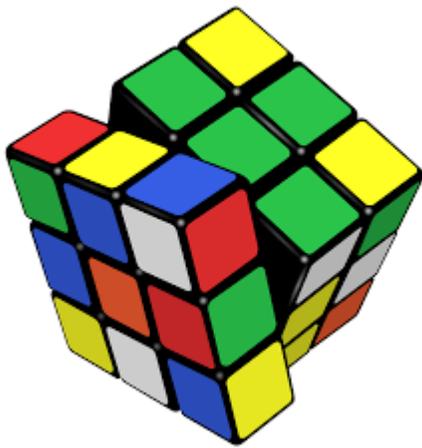


Would You Rather Fight 100 Duck-Sized Horses or 1 Horse-Sized Duck? by

Joselyn Fullmer

We've all heard of the game *Would You Rather*. I believe that this game is a great way to search deep into your soul for the randomest crap. So, here is a great question that we should examine. Would you rather fight 100 duck-sized horses or 1 horse-sized duck? I would rather fight 100 duck-sized horses. And here's why! Ducks are vicious creatures. If you

go near them, and they do not approve, they will absolutely destroy you. Could you imagine that complete and utter wrath in the size of a horse? You would just be done. There is no winning against a horse-sized duck and its new horse-sized rage. Horses, on the other hand, are often very gentle. And if not, what are they gonna do to you? They're the size of ducks. Just kick them over. Also, if you tamed these duck-sized horses, you could make bank. People love horses. And people love tiny things. With that combination, you could get rich quick. Since there are 100 of them, you could breed and sell them. Finally, since you are the only one with these duck-sized horses, you'd be the only supplier for a long time. Hay, might as well get that dough!



The Rubik's Cube by Dominic Willis

The Rubik's cube is a puzzle that has been leaving people stumped since 1974, when it was invented by Erno Rubik. Many people think that you need to be a genius to solve one, while there are about 43 quintillion different positions a Rubik's cube can be in, the solution to solving it is quite simple. If you ever see someone solve a Rubik's cube they most likely have a bunch of algorithms memorized in order to solve the cube. Most people would solve one side of the cube and realize the other sides aren't solved and then mess up the side they have while trying to do the other ones, but it's actually solved layer by layer. First you would solve a white cross, then you would use algorithms to put the corners and edges in, and then you would do 2 or 3 algorithms to solve the last layer. Algorithms are a series of moves you will do to switch certain pieces, for example, R,U,R',U',R',F, R²,U',R',U',R,U,R',F'. R means you would turn the right side up, R' means you would turn the right side in the opposite

direction. U means you would turn the top to the right, and U' means you would turn the top side in the opposite direction, and everything else like F, L, D, and B is the same thing. When you learn the beginners method of solving a Rubik's cube you only learn about 3 algorithms, but when you get into advanced speed solving to solve it in under 30 seconds you will have to memorize around 21 algorithms. The best speed cube is Felix Zemdegs and he averages in between 4 and 5 seconds. You definitely don't need to be a genius to solve a Rubik's cube but it's going to take some time and dedication just like everything else in life.

Student Lives



A Day in the Life of Lindsay Trainor by Ava Walker

How does Lindsay's day start off? Well let's see, she starts off by waking up (normally late), grabs some clothes, and rushes up the stairs to get ready. She takes her meds and finishes getting ready. Once she's ready, she then cuddles with her dog while still late. She then starts her car and is off on her 15 minute drive to school. Her day classes start off with sociology; she loves that class it's one of her favorites. Her next class would be geometry, as for that class it's not her favorite subject, but at least she has her friends Ava and Meghan. Third, she has physical science. Then is journalism, which is one of her top classes. Ava is also with her in that class. Lunch rolls around and Lindsay stays at the school because why waste gas when you could have lunch here? After lunch comes English, it's mid. For the sixth period she has concert choir, where

she really likes the teacher. And last but not least it's 7th period. She has choraleers, and it is at the top of her list for favorite classes! After school, she heads home or to work depending on the day. She comes home and cuddles with her dog. After that it's time for dinner, then a shower where she stands there for 45 minutes. She then takes her night time meds and is off to bed. This routine repeats again but as a different day. This has been a glimpse into the life of a high school student.



A Day in the Life of Ava Walker by Lindsay Trainor

Ava starts her day by hitting snooze on her alarm clock a minimum of 4 times. When she finally decides it's time to get out of bed, she walks over to her vanity, sits down, proceeds to put her contacts in and do her makeup. When she finishes her makeup, she looks at her phone for the first time since she hit snooze. To Ava's surprise there is never a single message. Ava then goes to her living room to show her family that they have Ava to brighten their day! After Ava is finished talking to her family, she goes to her mom's car and her mom brings her and her sister to school. Ava starts off her school day by going to Physical Science. Following her 1st period, she goes to Advisory with Mr. DeRosas. After Advisory, Ava makes her way to Geometry where she finds me sitting there to greet her. Ava always seems happy when she realizes she has art 3rd period where she can make beautiful drawings and paintings. Right before lunch, Ava has Journalism where she once again has me to

greet her. For lunch, she usually goes to lunch with Meghan or Izzy at McDonalds. Starting off Ava's afternoon classes, she rushes to English where, yet again, I am there to greet her. Once English is over, Ava finds her way to World Geography. Ava finishes off her school day in Spanish. Ava then finds her way to her mom's car to go home. On a normal day, Ava rushes home to get ready for cheer practice so she isn't late. When she is done cheering, she often hangs out with friends. When Ava gets home from a friend's house, she finds whatever she can to eat dinner. Once she is finished eating random food in her pantry, Ava goes to the bathroom to take a 15-30 minute shower. When Ava is done in the shower she runs around her house trying to find her cat. Ava eventually finds her cat and cuddles it while she watches *Princess and the Frog*. Ava claims "My life is very interesting!" Little does she know, we all know that her life is in fact the complete opposite of interesting.