

**TEXAS SNOWSTORM**

**WRITTEN BY STEPHANIE GONZALEZ**

After the Texas storm occurred on February 11-17 the weather reached to the 60s and 70s. At least 26 people have died since February 11. Since the storm the water pipes had badly been having disruptions with the pipes. At this rate the temperature went below-zero. Many are found losing electricity needed light, some of such using candles to light up the house. "The window to prepare for this historic storms has closed as the time to hunker down is here" Harris County, Texas, Judge Lina Hidalgo warns. The cold weather hasn't stopped the people of Texas, many are taking a stroll through neighborhoods. "I've duct taped my doors and windows to slow the temperature drop and I'm in multiple layers of clothing, in multiple blankets using my cats for warmth" Chey Louis states. No heat nor light has been a problem for Texans, "Far too many Texans are without power and heat for their homes as our state faces freezing temperatures and severe winter weather". As of right now in Texas, there're many in horrible weather conditions, We hope to see Texas get in a better state. We wish the best to Texas.



**MEET MR. TERRY**

**WRITTEN BY JACOB DUSHKOV**

Mr. Terry Is a well-known staff member in Mills Middle School. He is a basketball coach for the 8th grade team. Also, he is the coach for the wrestling team. What does Mr. Terry do at school? He makes sure everything is going good and everything is safe in school.



He is a very outgoing person. He is a really tall and strong man. When kids get in after school detention Mr. Terry is the man who is in the detention room with the kids. He is the security guard for the school. Is Mr. Terry, nice and fun to talk to? He is very amiable to talk to. He goes to Africa and helps out the children, he gives them money. He also does fundraisers for kids in need.

**MEET MRS. SYL**

**WRITTEN BY MICHAEL KURKCHI**



Mrs. Syl Works with Mr. Terry in the RC and they help supervise students during breaks in school. This is Mrs. Syl's 14th year at Mills!!

She went to American River College and she has her AA degree. Mrs. Syl used to work at a group home for 15 years which is why she always wanted to work at a school.

Mrs. Syl's favorite part of her job is interacting with students; she appreciates her staff members and likes working with students. Her favorite animal is a wolf or a dog. Her favorite food is also raspberries. Mrs. Syl's favorite book is 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and it is set in the south during the great depression and she also named her dog after a character from that movie.

**ENDANGERED: GORILLA**

**WRITTEN BY TAPASYA SHRESTHA**



Gorillas are the largest animals of the primate family and also are closely related to us humans with almost 98% of their DNA identical to humans. Unlike most of the other primates, gorillas are terrestrial beings, which means they stay on land. But these species are now considered endangered with only 1,000 remaining. One of the main reasons gorillas are on the endangered list is because of habitat loss; deforestation has affected gorillas as the forests they have been living in for many years have been destroyed for agricultural use, commercial logging and many other activities. Also, a lot of hunters hunt the gorillas for their meat especially in the west and central Africa.

Without these large scale grazers eating a lot of vegetation, the natural balance in the food chain will be disrupted. How, you ask. Well, if they were to go extinct, their predators will have a lot less food to eat. Since, gorillas are huge, eating just one of them makes them full, but without them the predators will have to switch to eating antelopes and so on. Eating one antelope is not going to fill them up so, they would have to eat a bunch before they are full, which will put antelopes in danger of extinction. To prevent these species from going extinct, we can all do some small things like,

- Recycle cell phones and electronics.
- Look for sustainable palm oil, wood and other eco-friendly products
- Learn more about the wildlife and how our actions affect the environment

**SPRING BREAK IDEAS**

**WRITTEN BY EENIYAH BLOCK**



Here are some ideas for spring break.

Road trips - You can always take a road trip because it's fun to get out of the house and go for a drive. When you can get out and go somewhere there's not a lot of people and you can do something, it is enjoyable.

Play Family Games - Family games are fun with your family because while in quarantine, teens were getting depressed sitting in their room on their phone. Games with your family makes you happy and you will feel better instead of sitting or lying in your bed and being sad on your phone.

Make art - Art, art is one happy thing, making art changes your mood to get messy to have fun, do it with someone you love and would love to hang out with someone.

Camping - Camping would be a nice thing to do to bond with your family/friends, just to sit by the fire roasting marshmallows with your friends and family. When you go camping there's so much fun things to do, hiking, hunting, etc. Just have fun spending time with your family.



**NFL POST SEASON UPDATE  
WRITTEN BY ANDRUW ROGEL**

In the offseason, there have been some very big trades and some people are for now free agents. There are also rumors about where some people will go, like will Russell Wilson stay with the Seattle Seahawks or will he go with one of the teams he said he would be willing to go to like the Chicago Bears, the New Orleans Saints, Las Vegas Raiders, or the Dallas Cowboys.



Some major trades also happened like JJ watt, former Houston Texans, has gone to the Arizona Cardinals which was out of nowhere, and Jared Goff has gone to the Detroit Lions and instead got Mathew Stafford. There are also some rumors that Zack Ertz the Tight End from the Philadelphia Eagles could get traded and also Stephon Gilmore the Corner Back from the New England Patriots, and Odell Beckham Jr could also get traded to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers because Tom Brady asked for him and if he did go to Tampa Bay, they could win another Super Bowl.

Some big names that got cut from their teams were Alex Smith, former Washington football team Quarterback, Golden Tate, former New York Giants Wide Receiver, and Jared Cook, former New Orleans Saints Tight End. We don't know where they are going yet but they are all very good players so they should get signed by a team very soon, and also Dak Prescott finally signed a 4 year contract with the Dallas Cowboys and is now the second highest paid quarterback right behind Patrick Mahomes, Jerry Jones or the Cowboys general manager says he did over pay Dak but he thinks that Dak is their Quarterback to win it all.

This offseason has been very crazy and it's not even close to being over, we might get even crazier trades and we might get some people we don't expect to get cut but all we can do is wait and hope our favorite teams get some veteran players.

**COOKIES AND CREAM PIE  
RECIPE BY PEYTON WATSON**

**Ingredients:**

Chocolate cookies (10-12 cookies)      Melted chocolate (any chocolate of your choice)      1 quart of vanilla ice cream

Crush up your cookies in a plastic bag

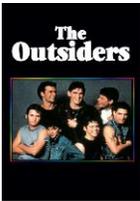
Put all of the cookies on the bottom of a 9 x 9 square pan and press them down (If you don't have that kind of pan then find a pan about the same size)

Next, put ice cream over the cookies and fill it to the top of the pan.  
Drizzle on your melted chocolate and let it sit in the freezer for 4 hours.

After the pie is chilled take it out of the freezer and enjoy!

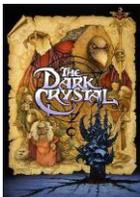


**TOP 5 80's MOVIES  
WRITTEN BY CAMILLA VALIYEV**



**The Outsiders** is an American coming-of-age drama film directed by Francis Ford Coppola. The movie came out on March 25, 1983. It tells the story of a 14-year-old Ponyboy Curtis and his two older brothers, Soda and Darry. The boys are orphans and struggle to stick together in their lower-class neighborhood, known as the East Side. You can watch The Outsiders on Hulu, and Amazon Prime Video...more

**Return To Oz** was directed by Walter Murch. The Movie came out on June 21, 1985. Dorothy discovers she is back in the land of Oz, and finds the yellow brick road is now a pile of rubble, and the Emerald City is in ruins. Discovering that the magical land is now under the control of an evil empire, she sets off to rescue the scarecrow, the tin man and the lion with the help of her new friends. You can watch Return To Oz on Disney+, Amazon Prime Video, and Apple Tv+...more



**The Dark Crystal** was directed by Jim Hensen and Frank Oz. The movie was released in 858 theaters in North America on December 17, 1982. Jen, raised by the noble race called the Mystics, has been told that he is the last survivor of his own race, the Gelflings. He sets out to try to find a shard of the dark crystal, a powerful gem that once provided balance to the universe. After the crystal was broken, the evil Skeksis used sinister means to gain control. Jen believes that he can repair the dark crystal and bring peace back to the world, if he can only find the remaining shard. You can watch The Dark Crystal on Hulu, Starz, Vudu, Apple Tv+...more

**Clue** was directed by Jonathan Lynn. The movie came out on December 13, 1985. Based on the popular board game, this comedy begins at a dinner party hosted by Mr. Boddy, where he admits to blackmailing his visitors. These guests, who have been given aliases are Mrs. Peacock, Miss Scarlet, Mr. Green, professor Plum, Mrs. White and Col. Mustard. When Body turns up murdered, all are suspects, and together they try to figure out who is the killer. You can find Clue on Pluto TV, Amazon Prime TV, Apple Tv+, Vudu, ...more



**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**  
**WRITTEN BY GIZELLE URIAS**



This month is Women's History month. Women's History month has been a national celebration since 1981. It was

founded by Molly Murphy Macgregor, Mary Ruthsdotter, Maria Cuevas, Paula Hammette, and Bette Morgan.

Originally, it was only celebrated for a week; later on it progressed to be celebrated for a month. Women's History Month is celebrated to acknowledge women's contributions to history, culture, and society.

Famous figures such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt, Margaret Thatcher, Rosie the riveter and Rosa Parks are all amazing women who have made a difference in history. However, there are plenty of other amazing women who should be celebrated such as, your mother, grandmother, aunt etc.!! Even your favorite female artist, actress, and authors are also celebrated this month.

Lots of women have made great impacts in history. It's time to celebrate each and every one of them!

**TOP 5 80'S BANDS**  
**WRITTEN BY MARI MURADYAN**

If you love music and the 80's, this article is for you! Here are the top bands that were either formed, or popular in the 80's.



Let's start with **Metallica**. If you like heavy metal and rock, this one's for you. Metallica is an American heavy metal band formed in 1981 by James Hetfield (guitarist), and Lars Ulrich (drummer). Metallica's biggest hit, "Enter Sandman", was released in 1991 and was nominated Best Rock Song at the Grammy Awards along with winning Best Metal Video at the MTV music awards in 1992.

Next off we have **Queen**, a British band with members Freddie Mercury, Brian May, Roger Taylor, and John Deacon. Although Queen was formed in 1970, the 80's was a very successful decade for them. The band made classic rock music along with some pop and was known for its classic 70's songs. "Another One Bites the Dust" is Queen's best-selling hit with sales of over 7 million copies. Other popular songs by Queen you may know of are "We Are the Champions", "Somebody To Love", and "We Will Rock You."



**Guns N' Roses (GNR)**, formed in 1985, is another American Rock band. GNR originally consisted of members Axl Rose (vocalist), Tracii Guns (guitarist), Izzy Stradlin (rhythm guitarist), Ole Beich (bassist), and Rob Gardner (drummer). The band's biggest hit, "Appetite for Destruction", is their debut album which sold over 30 million copies. Although some members passed, and some left,

GNR is still together to this day.

Formed in the late 70's, **Duran Duran**, an English Rock/Pop band got its recognition and achieved popularity in the 80's. They have had 21 hits in the top 100 for the US along with 14 singles in the top 10 in the UK. They have released a total of 14 studio albums and some of their most well-known songs are "Save a Prayer", "Girls on Fire", and "Hungry Like the Wolf".



**AC/DC** is an Australian rock band formed in 1973. Yes I know, another rock band? What can I say? Rock bands were extremely, and still to this day, widely popular. AC/DC was formed in the 70's but got attention and popularity in the 80's. The original members of the band included Dave Evans (vocalist), Angus Young (lead guitarist), Malcolm Young (rhythm guitarist), Larry Van Kriedt (bassist), and Colin Burgess (drummer). Their music is often described as blues rock, hard rock, and heavy metal.

The band broke up at one point but then announced they officially got back together.

**SIMPLE EASTER CRAFTS**  
**BY DESIREE SUMPO**

Here are 2 very simple crafts that you can do at home that are perfect for the springtime or Easter!



**Paper Plate Flower Craft**

For this craft you will need a small paper plate, paint (color of your choice), craft sticks, glue, colored felt, and scissors. Firstly, you would want to cut slits at the ends of the paper plate and make it look like pedals on a flower. Paint the plate any color of your choice. Next, with your colored felt, you would want to cut it up into a flower-like shape and use glue to attach it in the center of your plate. Next, attach your two pieces together onto a popsicle stick to make your actual flower. Lastly, cut up green felt and glue it onto the sides of your popsicle stick to represent leaves. Now you're all done!

**Bunny Ears Headband** This craft is very simple. You only need a plain headband, hot glue gun, and thick paper (2 colors of your choice). Cut up one of the colored paper into 2 ovals. Next, cut up your other colored paper into 2 ovals, but make sure it is a bit smaller than the first two ovals that you first cut up. You now want to use glue to attach the smaller ovals onto the first pair that you made to represent the bunny ears. Last of all, attach your bunny ears onto the plain headband to finally make your Bunny Ears Headband. Now, you're all set!

