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Pluto Hacks 2022 was a big success

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This year Broward College was home to PlutoHacks, a hackathon full of surprises and fun challenges.

The event took place from Oct. 21 to 22. There were different categories on which the 68 hackers based their projects for the chance to win different prizes. These consisted of Best Overall- Humanitarian, Best Accessibility Hack, First Time Hack, and Best “Useless” Hack. Some sponsors of PlutoHacks, like Echo3D, Miami Dolphins, and Microsoft, also held their unique challenges.

Prizes varied per category. Winners received \$100 per team member in all categories except Best Overall, where first place received \$200 and second place \$50 per member. The sponsored challenge winners either received gift cards, opportunities to showcase their work to others with Microsoft, or special surprises.

Zachri Hall, a student who went to Miami Dade College for Computer Science, participated with his team in the Best-Overall Humanitarian category. His team was made up of three developers and one designer.

This was Hall’s first hack-



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athon. He decided to participate to see what they could make in such a short amount of time. Their team worked together to create “PlutoWeb,” a web-based application library designed to make HTML/CSS easier for first-time coders.

The team aimed to deliver a working project, and that was something that motivated Hall to keep going through the night. To test their project, the designer on their team had to be able to use the web application to create a simple website. And if he did, then they would know they had “made something useful and contributed to the hackathon in a positive way.”

Nelson Diaz, a BC student studying Computer Science, also participated in PlutoHacks with his team members, Christian Del-

valle, Mark Weissberg and Makenson Noel.

Together they made “Insight,” a real-time American Sign Language (ASL) translator powered by the Mixed Reality (MR) technology of Microsoft HoloLens, an augmented/mixed reality headset

Delvalle was the Project manager. Weissberg, worked on AI and machine learning (ML). Noel focused on coding but did a lot of everything like ML, helping with the logo, and developing the website. Diaz worked on creating the overall design of the project, HTML, and logo.

This was Diaz’s very first hackathon, but he had not planned to join. “I mainly did it because my friends in the InTech Club told me how good of an experience it is and how much I can learn from it.”

Throughout the event, organizers held fun activities, like karaoke in the middle of the night, a favorite for Hall who also shared there were workshops during the event.

But this 24-hour hackathon was full of challenges outside of the given ones. Hackers were competing against a clock and like in every programming project, stumbled upon bugs, trouble with GitHub and of course drowsiness due to

the lack of sleep.

Hall’s team’s biggest challenge was git flow. They encountered some merge conflicts with the code when they were trying to put together work that various team members had done on the same file.

There were many hackers that did their best to stay awake for 24 hours in order to take advantage of all the time that was available. Everyone at the hackathon wanted to present a working project. Diaz shared that everyone on the team put a lot of work into “Insight,” especially Weissberg, who stayed awake the whole night doing the code for the AI and the ML with Noel.

There were also other amazing projects that won a category. One of them was Adobe Aid, which won Best First Time Hack. The project is a Graphical User Interface (GUI) aimed to help the elderly remember daily tasks, it also has a chat box that users can interact with.

PlutoHelp was another project that won first place, but this time in the Humanitarian category. PlutoHelp provides humanitarian aid for students who are physically or visually impaired. The team members made two projects: PlutoVIEW and PlutoREACH. PlutoVIEW is a cap equipped with sensors that detect if

things are in the way. PlutoREACH is a robotic leak that can localize an object and navigate to as well as move said object.

PlutoHacks is surely a center of innovation and learning full of motivated hackers. “It’s really a great chance to learn outside the classroom which is priceless,” expressed Hall who said he also saw this event as a great chance to make new friends and network “which is huge in the tech field.”

PlutoHacks is going to take place again next year, with all new categories and workshops.

“I would 100 percent recommend joining, not only did I learn a lot more in a day than I have in weeks, but it was also extremely fun and full of thrill,” recommended Diaz. “Even if you don’t win, as long as you try to have fun you end up winning experience and so much knowledge real-time.”



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Medical Volunteers Club gives back to the community in many ways

Maya Mohan

North Bureau Chief

The Medical Volunteers Club at Broward College is dedicated to providing volunteer opportunities to those looking to go into the medical field. They value giving back to the community by implementing projects such as care package drives, hospital staff appreciation gifts, awareness events, and so much more. The president of the club, Sara Faruqui, does just that. “My club’s mission is to raise awareness and assist overlooked individuals in society. We focus on helping low-income individuals and patients. I aim to ensure each of our events is on campus, so all students have the opportunity to participate. When creating our next project or event, I always think of an idea that wouldn’t usually be accessible to students and isn’t highlighted within our community.”

Recently the Medical Volunteers Club held an event for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Students came together to

create bracelets, cards and goodie bags with uplifting messages for patients and hospital staff.

Faruqui hopes to reach an even bigger community with the Medical Volunteers Club. “I hope to achieve even more than the number of individuals we impacted last year (over 1,000 individuals). With a new project each month, I believe we will be able to easily exceed this goal. Additionally, I aim to offer students opportunities that expose them to reality, increase their community service and shape their resume for future endeavors.”

The success of the club speaks for itself. The Medical Volunteers Club had a Care Package Event which was implemented in the 2021-2022 spring semester. The club collected close to 100 packages with full-sized hygiene kit items to help homeless individuals and patients in need. Their members also enjoyed the Period Project event which was executed a few months later. Stu-



Image Courtesy of Maya Mohan

dents were able to construct a hygiene kit, successfully collecting over \$2000 worth of menstrual products. Their kits were donated to Women in Distress shelters in Broward County.

The Medical Volunteers club has an officer board that is involved in the entire process of creating future projects. Shantaneil Francis, Vice President of the Medical Volunteers Club on North Campus,

has many aspects that she enjoys about her position. “My favorite part about being the Vice President is the flexibility. Because MVC holds monthly events rather than meetings, it’s been such a great experience helping plan and execute them. Oftentimes, it can get a little overwhelming planning events and meetings, but we have an amazing set of officers on both North and Central that make it

a pleasant experience. It’s even more rewarding to see the turnout we get when we hold these events. It’s a great feeling to know that we’re doing something good for the community.”

The Medical Volunteers Club has also held a Puerto Rico donation drive for those who were devastated by Hurricane Ian. Coming together and holding this event allowed students to donate essential supplies to victims of the tragedy. According to Francis, “It was very fulfilling to see so many students show up to support a cause. It’s my favorite because I genuinely saw that it brought students together. That’s a huge accomplishment for the Medical Volunteer Club and it is exactly what we like to see.”

For more information about the club, contact Sara Faruqui at medicalvolunteersbc@gmail.com and follow the club on Instagram for updates, @medicalvolunteersbc.

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Broward College Adds Free Virtual Medical Telehealth to Doctors for Students

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Broward College has recently announced and launched a program called My College Doctor for their students. Under this program, all Broward College students receive access to a network of over 1700 board-certified doctors and dermatologists 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This service is completely virtual, and all consultations are confidential. Consultations are available by phone or video.

These doctors diagnose and treat everyday ailments such as allergies, cold and flu, sore throat, acne, rashes, and more. Doctors will help students develop treatment plans and prescribe medication, when deemed necessary.

The program also has healthcare liaisons that can help schedule appointments, connect with physicians to transfer prescriptions to lower price options, and advocate on the mem-

ber’s behalf, pinpointing how members can save on medical and pharmacy expenses.

The program is part of the Seahawk W.I.N.G.S. (Wraparound Initiative for Non-Academic Greater Support). This program was developed by Broward College after Covid-19 exposed the inequities in our society, said Esmeralda Sweeney, Associate Vice President of Student Achievement Initiatives at Broward College. “One stark inequity was around access and affordability of medical care. Through My College Doctor, students will have the ability to access virtual Medical Telehealth, not just for themselves but for their dependents under the age of twenty-six,” Sweeney said.

Any students taking classes this semester qualify for the service, and it does not matter if students are credit or non-credit students. Students’ spouse and children under twenty-six years of age can also use the service. The service only covers

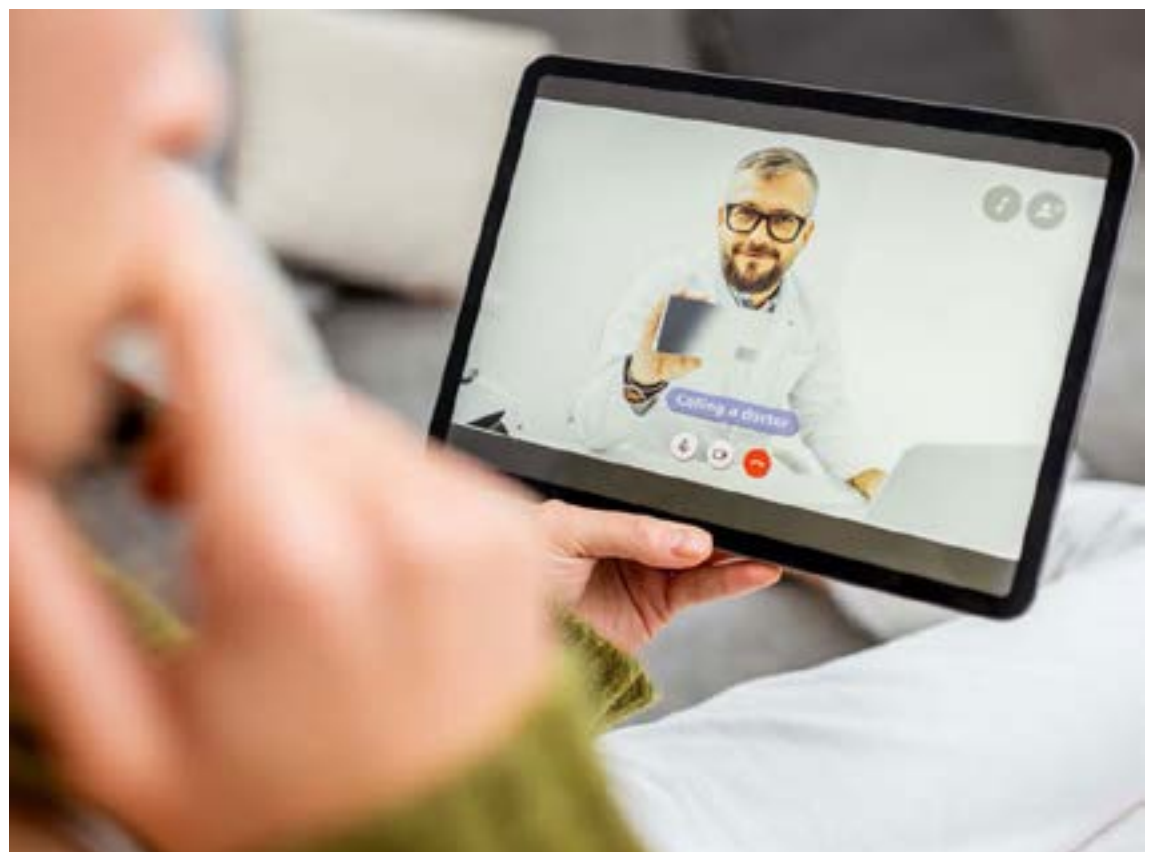


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virtual appointments with doctors and dermatologists, so if students need to see a doctor in person, go to the ER or get prescriptions or labs, students are responsible for any costs outside of the virtual consultation

My College Doctor is not insurance, and no insurance is needed to use the service. This service is free

to students, and there is no additional cost to use the service.

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Hispanic Heritage Month: Prominent Figures in South Florida

From events on campus to others at city halls, each year we celebrate Hispanic culture here in South Florida. National Hispanic Heritage month officially starts on Sept. 15 and ends on Oct. 15. During this month, many countries like Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Mexico commemorate their independence. The Hispanic community has impacted the music we hear, the food we eat, and even the way we speak. And with more than 2.5 million Latinos in South Florida, it is no wonder that many of them have contributed to the world with their essence. Here are five people from a Hispanic background that live in South Florida.

Edison Lopez

By sharing the rich culture of Puerto Rico with the world, Edison Lopez, better known as Señor Edison on social media, has reached a broad audience of over 700,000 followers on Tik Tok. Edison is 21-years-old and a proud Boricua from Broward County. He creates videos about his experience in South Florida and Puerto Rico. Reggaeton, Latin American history, current events, and food are just some of the topics he touches upon entertainingly. You always get a laugh and learn something new with his content that never fails to put Puerto Rico's name up high. He has recently been invited to events organized by Telemundo as well as Prime Video.



Camila Cabello

Known for her many hits like "Senorita" and "Havana," Camila Cabello is a singer and songwriter that has added a tropical flavor to her music. Her mother is from Cuba and her father is from Mexico. She was born in Cuba, moved to Mexico, and then came to Miami at the age of 6. At the age of 15, she participated in the X-Factor, where her group, Fifth Harmony, won third place and released music for six years. She departed from Fifth Harmony and began her solo career releasing her debut album, Camila in 2018. She starred in Amazon Original's Cinderella and is currently the newest coach on the latest season of The Voice!

Manuel Oliver

Activist and father of Joaquin Oliver, Manuel Oliver has been a voice for gun violence prevention. Originally from Venezuela, Manuel and his family moved to Parkland. Where, in 2018, Joaquin and another 16 victims at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting were murdered. Since then, his family decided to create a nonprofit organization called Change the Ref. Its mission is to educate young people and "raise awareness about mass shootings through strategic interventions that will reduce the influence of the NRA on the Federal level." They have resorted to using art and advertisement proposals to make their voices heard. Manuel Oliver and his team make paintings, sculptures, and murals across the country to speak up and bring awareness to this issue that affects all of us.

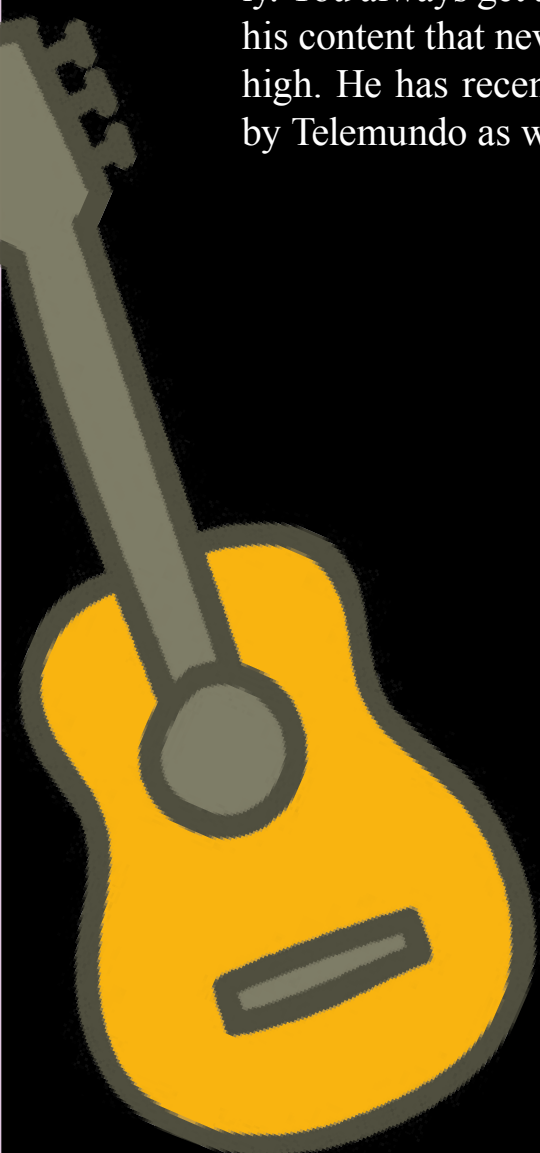


Mirta Ojito

Award-winning journalist and author Mirta Ojito graduated from Miami-Dade College and Florida Atlantic University. She has worked for the New York Times, Miami Herald and the Nuevo Herald. Ojito came to Miami from Cuba at the age of 16 during the Mariel Boatlift, a mass emigration that took place in 1980. She wrote about her experience coming to the United States in Finding Mañana: A Memoir of a Cuban Exodus, a book titled after the boat she boarded. She is a recipient of a Pulitzer Prize and an Emmy for investigative reporting and currently works at Telemundo as the senior director of standards.

Juan & German Puerto

You might have seen their tropical flavored product around supermarkets here in South Florida or pharmacies like CVS. Colombian brothers Juan and German Puerto are the co-founders of the square bars ice cream Frutique. They began manufacturing in 2011 and have been having constant growth. Their artisan ice cream has over 10 delicious flavors like guabana, passionfruit, coconut, blackberry, mango, and their unique guava and cheese. In addition to their ice cream bar, they now manufacture popsicles and ice cream pints. The company was founded in Hialeah, but the company has now entered markets in other cities like New York and Boston.



BLACK FRIDAY DEALS

As the Thanksgiving and holiday season creeps closer into view, it is useful to keep in mind that, along with the holidays, those Black Friday sales are quickly approaching on the horizon. With this in mind, it is extremely important to be both alert and quick when these sales start rolling around - acquiring the best reductions will depend on it.



Clothing

Looking for some new fashion pieces to call your own? Well, many retailers and big fashion brands have been lowering their prices ahead of schedule for Black Friday's annual sale. So, if you are in the mood to fill up the empty (or full) spaces in your closet this holiday season, check out these clothing brands/stores for discounts you do not want to miss:

Free People: Need some everyday clothing? Free people is offering discounted everyday fashion accessories, clothing, activewear and more. To access these deals, visit their website: <https://www.freepeople.com/sale-all/>

Everlane: Looking to add to your modern-day basics? Well, this San Francisco based fashion brand has got you covered with great discounts in menswear and womenswear, including jeans, cardigans, joggers, leather flats and more! To access these deals, visit their website: <https://www.everlane.com/>

Nordstrom: From pure denim to comfortable sleepwear, Nordstrom's sale section is overflowing with spectacular deals in just about every category. To access these deals, visit their website: <https://www.nordstrom.com/>

Lululemon: With price cuts up to 50 percent off on men's loungewear, leggings, jackets, and sports bras, Lululemon is the perfect place to stack up on high quality, discounted activewear pieces. To access these deals, visit their website: <https://shop.lululemon.com/>

Gaming

During the Black Friday season, a vast variety of retailers offer grand selections of different video games and consoles at heavily discounted prices. In past years, for example, Gamestop has put out new games for more than 50 percent off and particular games for as low as \$10. Not to mention, Best Buy has also offered surprisingly good console deals as, in the past, select games, originally priced at around \$60, were discounted to \$24.99. However, that is not all. If you are searching for gaming deals, laptop discounts, or discounted gaming accessories, here are some other stores to prioritize: Amazon (<https://www.amazon.com/>), Dell (<https://www.dell.com/en-us>), Walmart (<https://www.walmart.com/>), and Microsoft (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/>).

Electronics

Seeking out some new headphones, laptops, computers or televisions? Well, these deals are only here to help make those wishes a reality. Right now, you can shop early Black Friday deals at practically every electronics retailer. Need a new television? Best Buy has plenty for hundreds of dollars off. As a matter of fact, most, if not all, of the major electronic retailers such as Amazon, Target, Walmart, Best Buy, Dell and more, offer these kinds of spectacular deals. Do not miss out!

Tips

Now that we have established some shops and items to look out for this holiday season, it is important that you keep these last statements in mind. Black Friday is retail's finest extravaganza. Be alert. Be quick.

NBA's Innovative Technology

Jordan Stephenson
South Bureau Chief

The relatively new technology is called STATS SportsVU, which is used for NBA games. It is a very in-depth player tracking device, that is being used to further the viewing intricacies of NBA basketball. This technology has already started to revolutionize how the NBA is viewed and watched around the world. Every year the main goal is to try and improve this multifaceted technology.

STATS SportsVU is basically a multifaceted system of 6 high resolution cameras, that is a top notch and state of the art computer vision technology. This particular technology divulges immediate and unorthodox statistics, which are solely based on player separation, distance, speed and ball control. The main reason for all of this, is so that they'll have a comprehensive data of all teams, players and even referees now. It was first used in the NBA in 2009. Then in 2013, this technology was used for all teams in the NBA. NBA teams use all of this tracking data for player development, training and scouting new players.

STATS SportsVU uses the way players align themselves offensively and defensively, compared where the basketball's trajectory might be located, passes made by players, and the number of dribbles taken. All players, referees and the basketball are tracked around 25 times a second. The next process is the particular software will analyze the videos, and then it stores all the info that was recorded. Also, it then adds around one million entries every game to its database. STATS SportsVU allows teams to not have to track and chart a game by watching it and writing it down. This also allows for exact player positioning, and tracks how close a defender might be to a particular player. This technology definitely makes the in-depth defensive stats 100 percent more quantifiable, especially to see who has the most defense impact and who might win defensive player of the year. Since STATS SportsVU is already the official player tracking partner of the NBA, it is now currently being used by different sports network like ESPN, NBA on TNT, Bleacher Report, NBA TV, and etc. All



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of the data is contracted and will be widely available to all other media outlets everywhere. This will definitely provide unforeseen insight for fans about players shooting, players passing, players rebounding, players defense, substitutions, different play calls, lineups, and etc. In the past, STATS SportsVU data was only made available for the NBA teams, now it is available to everyone and everywhere.

Jordan Rosen, who is a senior Vice President at STATS SportsVU said, "we look forward to taking our partnership with the NBA to the next level by making STATS SportsVU data available to media outlets around the world." Also, he said, "by making available a robust set of innovative data, we can provide a more sophisti-

cated level of analytics to NBA fans across a rapidly growing number of platforms." Steve Hellmuth, who is an NBA Executive Vice President of Operations and Technology said, "this expanded partnership with STATS will give fans new opportunities to access SportsVU's groundbreaking statistical information across numerous media outlets, allowing them to deepen their understanding of our game."

In 2006, the NBA and STATS had originally partnered up to bring NBA teams and players stats that they can use to get exponentially better and win a championship. STATS SportsVU is now used by NBA TV, NBA.com, the NBA app, and etc. STATS LLC and the NBA had partnered up to expanding their continually growing

partnership. This partnership gives everyone complete access to everything pertaining to player tracking data.

The world's leading sports technology is STATS LLC. Their main goal was to revolutionize how sports were perceived, how they were viewed, enjoyed, and even played. STATS always provided historical sports information, fantasy sports operation, every score for all games, brand activation solutions, Associated Press editorial content, and SportsVU technology. STATS headquarters are located in Chicago, Illinois. Also it has expanded globally with multiple offices around the world.

STATS SportsVU was readily available to every arena from 2013-2017 NBA season. In 2017, they added another technology to STATS SportsVU which was called Second Spectrum. In 2013, all 30 NBA teams have installed the STATS SportsVU camera, which was made possible from the partnership between STATS LLC and the NBA

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Rising and Flustering Expectations

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So far in this NFL season, there have been many surprising teams and underwhelming teams, but especially the underwhelming teams, who haven't met expectations. The reason is because the surprising teams are using their confidence to sustain leads in the 4th quarter, also to make 4th quarter comebacks, from manageable deficits. This season has been so thrilling and eventful because every week there have been many upset wins and many upset losses. Many of these surprising teams have young stars and superstars, who are performing exceptional and have their unique skillsets enhanced because their teams are building around them.

I can confidently say the best all-around team right now, and definitely the best team in the NFL, is the Eagles. They surprisingly are still undefeated, with currently a 7-0 record. Their

identity is a combination of complementary football, their run game, and dominating defense. Their young stars and superstars are also performing exceptional. Jalen Hurts is top five in total TD's, with 16. Miles Sanders is 7th in rushing yards, with 485. A.J. Brown is 6th in receiving yards, with 659. Lastly, C.J. Gardner-Johnson, is 3rd in interceptions, with four. Also, last week they traded for all-pro DE, Robert Quinn, to bolster their defense.

The most surprising team so far right now is the Vikings. They currently have a 6-1 record, by defeating the teams they are supposed to beat, and by winning their divisional games. In the majority of their wins, they won close one score games, holding on to a slim lead, or making 4th quarter comebacks. Their main difference maker is the offensive schemes, that their 1st year head coach, Kevin O'Connell is implementing into his

team. Their superstar wide receiver, Justin Jefferson, has been playing exceptionally great and he's currently 3rd in receiving yards, with 752, only because of the bye week. Since their starting tight end, Irv Smith, is out with a sprained right ankle, for 8-10 weeks, they literally just traded for rising superstar tight end, T.J. Hockenson, to enhance their potent offense.

Another surprising team right now is the Dolphins. They currently possess a 5-3 record, only because Tua Tagovailoa had his concussion injury; with Tua healthy, they are 5-0. They are a team mixed with young and veteran players, that play for each other because of the confidence and offensive scheme that 1st year head coach, Mike McDaniels, has instilled in them. The Dolphins beat the Ravens and the 6-1 Bills. The fastest and most productive WR duo is Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle. They both are top five in

receiving yards, with Hill #1 with 961, and Waddle with 727. Also, they just traded for rising superstar Bradley Chubb to enhance their defensive pressure, and to finally secure a playoff spot.

Obviously, the most underwhelming team right now is the Raiders. They are currently 2-5, also even after the bye week, they got shutout 0-24 by the Saints. This was an embarrassing loss to a struggling and injured team as well. Their offensive stars like Davante Adams and Derek Carr, didn't play great, which is shocking because of their offensive 1st year head coach, Josh McDaniels, was hired to enhance their offensive weapons.

Two other underwhelming playoff-caliber teams, with all-time great QBs playing subpar are the Packers and Buccaneers. Both teams continue to lose and are 3-5 respectively. They both are having offensive and defensive lapses consistently, and are taking their young op-

ponents lightly, like the Falcons, Steelers, Giants, Jets, Panthers, and Ravens. Now both teams are losing to good teams, like the Ravens and Bills.

Some honorable mentions for underwhelming below .500 teams are: the Colts, Broncos, Browns, Cardinals, Saints and Rams. These playoff-caliber teams need to play complementary football more consistently. Some honorable mentions of surprising teams are: Titans since their embarrassing loss to the Bills, Seahawks with Geno Smith, Cowboys with Dak Prescott healthy, and Bills without their all-pro DB's. Speaking of the Bills, they have the best young superstar right now, who is currently the leader for MVP, in Josh Allen. Their team is 6-1, he's 2nd with 19 touchdowns, and is 3rd in the league with 2,198 passing yards only because he had a bye week last week.

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Easy Thanksgiving Recipes for Cooking Newbies

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Thanksgiving is a heart-warming holiday filled with love, appreciation, and acknowledgement of the ones that are most important in a person's life. There are many ways to express these things, but the holiday encourages people to express these feelings through the language of food. Consequently, people who are not skilled in cooking tend to feel that they cannot contribute much to the feast. Thankfully, here are a handful of recipes that can help people who struggle even cooking scrambled eggs become the stars of the dinner table.

Sausage Cheese Puffs are bite-sized, tasty appetizers that can be made in less than 30 minutes with little to no prep and a small amount of ingredients. To make this dish, you will need 1 pound of Italian sausage, 4 cups of shredded cheddar cheese, 3 cups of any biscuit or baking mix, along with $\frac{3}{4}$ cups of water for 40-45 servings. First, you will need to pre-heat your oven to 400 degrees and cook the Italian sausage until it is no longer pink. Then, crumble the sausage and combine the cheddar cheese, biscuit mix, and cheese in a large bowl. Add water, mix well until fully moistened, shape the mixture into 1-inch balls, and place 2 balls 2 inches apart from one another on an ungreased baking sheet. Finally, bake for 12-15 minutes until golden brown, wait for them to cool down, and enjoy. These can be easily frozen and reheated, so

if you make too many, just pop them in the freezer for future use. For more on this recipe, visit <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/sausage-cheese-puffs/>.

Apple Cider is a must have for a proper Thanksgiving Dinner, and it turns out that there is an incredibly easy, but lengthy, way to cook it at home. For this recipe, you will need 10 large apples, 1 large orange, 1 gallon of water, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of mulling spices (alternatively, 4 cinnamon sticks and 1 teaspoon of whole cloves), and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of light brown sugar. For starters, you will add the fruit, water, and spices to a large pot and bring the combination to a boil. Then, reduce the heat to medium-low heat and allow it to simmer for 2 hours, you will know when it is done once the apples are malleable. After this, put

everything inside the pot finely to release their flavors, then allow everything to simmer for another hour. Once that's done, strain the mixture using a fine strainer, discard whatever fruit and spice bits are caught in the strainer, then sweeten the mixture with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of light brown sugar. Mix until fully dissolved, cool, and serve. For more details about this recipe, visit <https://bakeitwithlove.com/apple-cider/>.

For the ultimate all-in-one Thanksgiving dish, One-Pan One-Hour Thanksgiving Dinner combines all the staples: turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, and green beans, into one dish, making it incredibly convenient for those who hate dealing with the avalanche of dishes that comes after cooking on this holiday. The ingredients list is hefty, but the prep time, cook time, and number of

servings make it almost impossible for last minute chefs not to utilize. You will need things such as sourdough bread, heavy crème, slivered almonds, celery stalk, and granny smith apples for the stuffing; ingredients such as thyme leaves, minced sage, garlic cloves, and butter for the turkey; brown butter, brown sugar, and minced sage for the sweet potatoes; and finally olive oil, garlic cloves, kosher salt, and freshy ground black pepper for the green beans. The great thing about this recipe is that a great deal of the ingredients listed can be modified and personalized to your own taste. The cooking process is also quite simple and requires you to prepare each of the dishes for baking separately and add each dish one-by-one in order of which one needs to be cooked the

longest. For more on this recipe, visit <https://www.tastetable.com/686511/sheet-tray-thanksgiving-dinner-recipe/>.

Finally, it is not Thanksgiving without a delectable dessert at the table. This Apple Crisp recipe serves as an easy substitute to the staple apple pie dish and is neither ingredient nor prep intensive. The ingredients you will need to make this dish are 10 cups of sliced apples, $\frac{1}{4}$ cups of white granulated sugar, 1 cup and a tablespoon of all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of ground nutmeg, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water, 1-cup of quick-cooking oats, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of brown sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of baking powder, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of baking soda, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of melted butter. To prepare for baking, preheat your oven to 350 degrees and place your sliced apples into a 9x13 baking dish. Combine the aforementioned ingredients into a mixing bowl, then sprinkle the oatmeal crumble mixture over the sliced apples. Finally, place your apple crisp mixture into the oven for 45 minutes, remove, allow it to cool, and then enjoy. Not only is this recipe incredibly simple, but it is also a bit healthier than regular apple pie due to the use of oatmeal. For more details about this recipe, visit <https://bakeitwithlove.com/apple-crisp/>.



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Don't miss Don't Worry Darling and I'm With You All the Time

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Darling...
Are you ready to live the life you deserve?

After all, Victory is simply nothing if not safe and completely secure.

Don't Worry Darling, brought to us all by Olivia Wilde, is a 2022 psychological thriller film that tells the incredibly daunting tale of a 1950s housewife (Alice Chambers: Florence Pugh) living with her husband (Jack Chambers: Harry Styles) in the idealized community of Victory, an experimental town reflecting perfection where the husbands are to work on a project in which all contents are to be kept confidential. While the husbands work their secrets, the wives get to sit back and enjoy the beauty, bliss and luxury sprinkled upon their seemingly faultless paradise. However, when sinister cracks begin to appear in the midst of this idyllic world, Alice Chambers cannot help but question what exactly Victory is, and what she is doing in it.

Like everything that attempts to paint the false picture of perfection, this film showcases that perfection is not at all

equivalent to faultlessness. In fact, it typically represents the opposite.

Perfection is imperfection.

Not only does this film, in its own peculiar lens, twist the phrase "expect the unexpected," but it also leaves audiences questioning and theorizing long after the film concludes.

After all, not all questions have answers.

If you are searching for a hypnotizing psychological thriller that is sure to mess with time, reality, and your head, this splendid 2-hour movie is sure to do the trick. As, not only does it grant viewers that sense of thrilling anticipation, but long after the screen completes its run, it will leave one wishing for further disorientation.

I'm with you all the time.

Is it reality or simply a dream? Well, that is for you to decide.

Colleen Hoover broke readers' hearts with *It Ends With Us*. Through Ryle and Lily, she tells a grueling story of love turned into abuse and manipulation. In the sequel *It Starts With Us*, Colleen delivered a softer romance with Lily and her childhood lover, Atlas. This story picks up where the previous ended—after Lily divorced Ryle and moved into an apartment of her own. She is still often interrupted by Ryle coming and going as he pleases: "It's

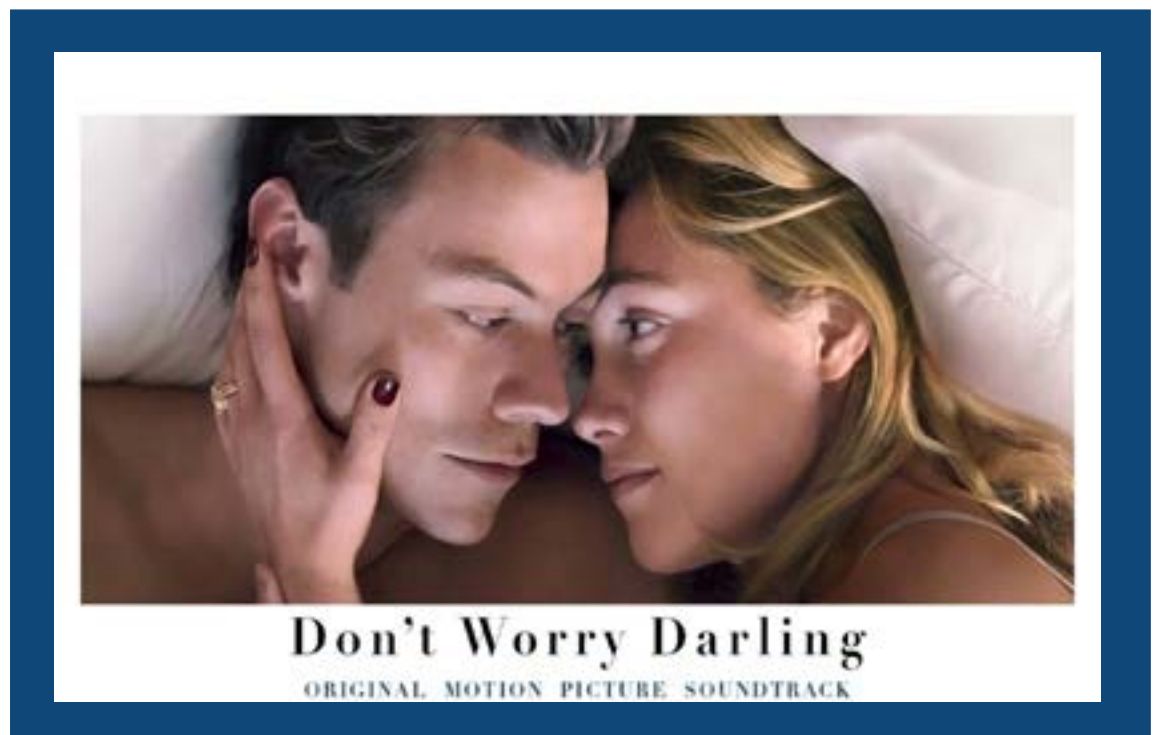


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been working out okay so far, if you don't count the occasional gaslighting and unwanted flirtation from him." Clearly Ryle can never take a hint and will never change.

But, on a brighter note, Lily bumps into Atlas on her way to work. She is scared to text him again, knowing Ryle would freak out; with a baby in mix, Lily has to be careful and walk on eggshells

around him when it comes to her dating life.

She eventually decided to take that dive and text him. Atlas, who'd been in love with her since childhood, began picking up the pieces. He mends together what Ryle broke and becomes a large part of her life. This story is the perfect read for all of us who got our heart broken from the prequel. It is the perfect read for all of us

who waited for Lily and Atlas to finally reach shore. It is the perfect read for all us who waited for this happily ever after for years.

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How the 2022 Midterm Elections Will Shape the Future of Florida

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The incoming midterm elections are happening on November 8, 2022. For the governor position, Gov. Ron DeSantis is aiming for reelection with a lead in surveys compared to his Democrat rival, former Rep. Charlie Crist. On the other hand, Democrat Rep. Val Flemings is vying to unseat the incumbent Sen. Marco Rubio in the Senate. Most people anticipate a landslide win for the Republicans in the elections since all signs indicate Republican dominance: an increase of Republican voters, an early voting lead, and favorable poll results.

In this regard, pressing issues that beset the state of Florida and its voters during the elections will heavily surround the Republican party—the key figures shaping the state’s future. Considering the wake of Hurricane Ian, the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, and more, how will the party, and by extension, the votes, impact



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the course of Florida in the coming years?

The damages brought by Hurricane Ian to Floridians, especially the ones living in coastal communities, raised questions about the property insurance crisis. The price of property insurance in Florida has skyrocketed by up to 50 percent for some communities. State officials project that it will increase further by another 30 percent. The insurers are still facing massive losses despite the rising costs of insurance. The rising hurricane risk due to climate change is making it harder for insurers. At the same time, analysts say frauds

and frequent litigations depleted insurance companies of their capital.

A way to minimize costs for homeowners, a proposed amendment will be on the ballot that incentivizes storm and flooding resiliency. Supported by GOP officials, it will allow the Florida legislature to make laws exempting flood resistance improvements as a factor considered in assessing property tax value. The amendment means changes in property that protect it from damages are exempt from taxes.

Classroom Laws like Parental Rights in Education Law, known as the “Don’t

Say Gay” Law, and the Stop the Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees Act, known as the “Stop WOKE” Act, are part of the Republican’s bid to fight “woke ideology.” With the elections in favor of Republicans, people should expect similar laws to be brought up in the future. Furthermore, DeSantis’ reelection campaign has made education one of its main agendas.

On the other hand, school funding has been a concern of school boards. While property costs are rising, multiple counties will vote on tax referendums in hopes of levying additional property taxes to fund school districts. GOP parties such as Miami-Dade County Republican Party have recommended voters oppose the referendum. They say that the timing of the property taxes is not fitting. After all, a major disaster has just hit the state.

After the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, some Floridians are concerned about lawmakers totally cutting off access to abortion, restricting access to reproductive rights. To

recall, DeSantis has already signed a bill into law that allows abortion up to only 15 weeks from conception. During the debate between DeSantis and Crist, DeSantis got a question about what week should access to abortion still be available. It was unclear whether DeSantis supports further abortion restriction. However, he mentioned that he “will work to expand pro-life protections.” Despite no specific plans, Floridians should anticipate more “pro-life” legislation passed after the elections.

Considering the attitudes, responses, and statements of state officials and voters alike, people should expect the state to lean further conservatively and address issues through the Republican lens. Although considered a swing state before, recent history and history to be made shows that Florida is on its way to an overwhelming rightward shift.

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