

Abortion Ban Opinions

Texas law raises criticism, praise

A new Texas law went into effect on Sept. 1 that effectively banned abortions. Students' opinions varied.

"I personally am pro-life. I believe that an abortion is killing a baby. So, I thought it was a huge step in the right direction." — **Kate Chan (10)**



"I was shocked, like I couldn't believe it because I feel like in the US like freedom is this big idea, and then that women have like their freedoms and their rights violated was like crazy to me." — **Ryleigh Selby (12)**



"I don't support it. I think one of the main reasons that people back it up is religious reasons, and I'm not religious. Also, I don't see why it would be up to someone else for a woman's choice." — **Jack Bedard (9)**



"I don't support the Texas ban because I think that it's taking away a woman's rights, and a woman's right to do what she wants with her body." — **Celeste Saia (10)**



HANDS IN THE AIR! Hank Tucker (12) performs in front of audience members during Monarch's homecoming game. "It's just fun, knowing everybody wants to have a good time."

GET LOUD! Sam Riecken (12) hypes up the crowd during the Monarch homecoming game. "I'm most excited to be up there with a lot of my friends."
ROARS AND CHEERS! During the homecoming game at Monarch High School, Garrett Myers (12) points towards the crowd during his performance. "I haven't, like, realized how much I think people actually like, look up to you."



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HEART of The Pack

Pack lights fire for spirit

A home football game on a Friday night. The crowd going crazy, chanting and screaming and cheering. Who's behind all the craziness and school spirit evident throughout the student section?

Members of the Pack, some of Monarch's top fans and student supporters, pride themselves on being the spark for the rest of the school and getting the crowd involved in school events.

"I felt that was, like, special, that I got something that has to do with Monarch's history," Drake Peavy (12) said.

Hank Tucker (12), who wore the poncho, agreed, "Glad that I got chosen for that The Pack," he said.

Garrett Myers (12) was the barrel boy who energized the student section for chants. "We're there to get the crowd going and not just be there just wear the stuff, we're like, trying to actually get the crowd to have a good time," he said.

Energy is not the singular reason for joining. Becoming leaders of the student body is a sentiment the Pack holds. Jake Rubin (12), a beekeeper who sings and chants, joined "to lead the students, set a good example, have fun in all the football games and stuff."

What the Pack strives to do and what it leaves behind doesn't put a smidge of regret on its members. And being a member of the Pack, although only for a year, is a title that its members can carry with them forever.

Sam Riecken (12), the hard hat of the Pack, said, "I was extremely honored to be able to write my name on the inside of that bucket with a bunch of other big names that have gone through Monarch High School."



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HERanswers

Annelise Ten Wolde (12) discusses HERstory Club

What impacted you to join this club?

"I really love reading about women empowering each other in the media, and I also just love all the causes we support like we do."

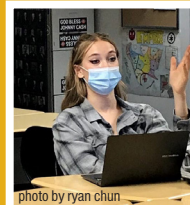


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Who is one female leader who inspires you to create change in your community?

"Honestly, it sounds cheesy but Miss KG [club sponsor Kristin Kerr Gannon]. She's just really strong. You can see it when you talk to her. I just love talking to her, and she's one of my favorite teachers."

What are your plans for this year with her story?

"We're just going to work on more projects we're still deciding right now. We're definitely going to keep working on the missing and murdered indigenous women project, and then we kind of let our club decide what we want to do, like collectively."



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WORKING FOR THE FUTURE HERstory works with local voting organizations to encourage students to register to vote. "It's so important to have a say in our government, especially in the times we're in, and the opportunity should not be passed up," club member Celeste Saia (10) said.

checkmates.

Friends battle during lunch chess matches

Q: What are your chess strategies?

A: "When I see a piece I can take. I take it," Emmett Walsh (9) said.
"I would wait for his pawn to get to the other side and I would take it," Sonam Sherpa (9) said.



photo by erni park

Q: How did this lunchtime routine start?

A: "The lunch chess started with me telling him, 'You are coming with me to the cafe and we are playing chess,' and then we played chess," Walsh said.

Q: What's the most unique time you have played chess in school?

A: "During the pep assembly, we just played chess and no one cared," Walsh (9) said.



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CHESS AND CHILL Sonam Sherpa (9) and Emmett Walsh (9) compete in a game of chess on their computers during lunch in the Student Center. They made it a habit to play during lunch almost every day.

totally *tubular* TUESDAYS

Selby's Spectacular School Announcements

It's the beginning of second period. The bell just rang and there's a knowing silence in the air. A beep over the intercom, and the familiar voice of McKenna Selby (12) fills the once silent room with a joyful "Good morning, Monarch!" and it's just like every other school day.

For three years, Selby was the "anonymous celebrity" who had the voice almost everyone who walked the Monarch halls could recognize.

"I love that it's my anonymous claim to fame, like it's a good fun fact for when I meet new people," Selby (12) said.

Making the announcements since her sophomore year, she said they generally went smoothly. However, sometimes things went awry, and while her voice was being broadcast live to the whole school, Selby had to think on the spot.

"One time I showed up and the announcements hadn't been typed out yet, and we were already running late," she said. "So as I was saying the announcements, they were being typed out and handed to me in real time. I was stumbling and laughing just trying to get through them."

Selby loved her time doing the school announcements, but her favorite part were the sign-offs that she got to make her own.

"I normally do my sign-offs kind of based on how I am feeling, but my favorite sign-off is 'Have a Totally Tubular Tuesday.'"



GETTING READY McKenna Selby (12) prepares for the Wednesday morning announcements.

DUO Keiran Singh (12) and Trinity Jones (12) made the school announcements every Thursday as a part of their duties as Student Council Co-presidents. "I think it's important for the school to hear our voices so they can know who we are, so we aren't just faces, we are voices too," Singh said.

SIGN-OFF McKenna Selby (12) hangs up the phone after completing the morning announcements.

KYOT Samantha Brenner (12) and Shane Klingensmith (12) film the intro for KYOT, which aired video announcements every Monday. "KYOT is important because it gets topics that the students care about out in the community," Klingensmith said.



Racing *to* recycle

ECO CLUB STRIVES TO FIND BETTER WAYS TO PREVENT WASTE FROM MASKS



While they protect the students of MoHi, masks have become an unintentional byproduct of the pandemic. Eco Club had the solution.

"We are trying to collect paper masks to recycle them instead of throwing them away," Catalina Puska (11) said.

Co-president of Eco Club Alina Miranda (11) was the one who came up with the idea.

"There are so many people that use disposable masks every day, and with such a consistent source of

waste, finding a way to divert these from landfills seemed like a great idea," she said. "I just did some research and found the recycling box."

Even this little act can help in an impactful way.

"The students from Monarch can put all their disposable masks into the recycling bin at the front of the school," Jenna Kapusion (12) said. "They are then sent off to a recycling center. This is important because they are not going into the garbage."

By doing drives like this one, Eco Club can complete their simple but important goals.

"Eco Club is just trying to improve things around the school that could be hurting the environment," Puska said.

THIS IS *Anime* Club

THERE IS A LOT MORE TO ANIME THAN JUST WATCHING IT



LEADING ANIME CLUB Ava Flood (12) and Vishva Venkartaraman (11) set up viewing party during a club meeting. "I'm surprised that as many people showed up as they did and there is a community forming around anime, which I think is really cool," Flood said. "Being a president, it's kind of hard to plan sometimes but, we do anime jeopardy which is quite rowdy, people give anime talks, and anime charades."

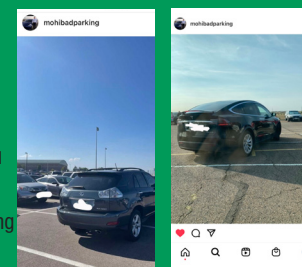


LUNCH KAHOOT Jacob Huyg (12) prepares to start an anime trivia Kahoot. While everyone in the club loves to watch anime, there is a lot more to the club than just watching. "It's more fun in the sense of sort of how people share books, which are called Manga," Huyg said. "It's just like another type of medium that provides a different, shall we say, social aspect."

Q&A WITH THE ANONYMOUS @MOHIBADPARKING

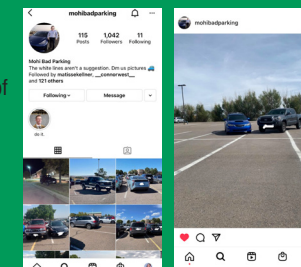
Q: How did the page get started?
A: "The previous owner thought it would be a fun idea. It was when Sko Yotes (another school Instagram meme page) was really popular so she just went for it."

Q: Do people talk about the page around you not knowing that you run it? What is that like?
A: "Yes, people do. It's fun because you have this secret you're hiding from everyone."



Q: What are the submissions to your page like?
A: "Some of them aren't that bad and don't get posted but some of them are like, what is this? How did you get your license?"

Q: What is the worst parking job someone has done?
A: "Definitely people who don't park in the marked parking spots, like they will be parked in the blocked off areas."



it's spooky season

What inspired your costume this year?

MR. WORLDWIDE Liith Bottomley (9) and their friend Sage Seeley (9) dress up as the singer Pitbull, which proved to be a popular costume this year. "During the month of October, we were brainstorming, and eventually our friend was telling us about how they had gone to a Pitbull concert, and it just clicked that we should be Pitbull," Bottomley said.



photo courtesy of liith bottomley

AS YOU WISH Mackenzie Seeley (12) and Buck Coleman (12) dress up as Buttercup and Westley from the "Princess Bride," an important movie to the couple. "The costume was very meaningful for both of us," Seeley said. "The Princess Bride was something we bonded over because it was a story we both really enjoyed."



photo courtesy of mackenzie seeley

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS Jubal Thomas (12) films a part of his music video "The Seed." Thomas wore an outfit from his video to school on Halloween. "I wanted to do something different for the look because all of the other looks were based on flowers, so the venus fly trap was a twist on that," Thomas said.

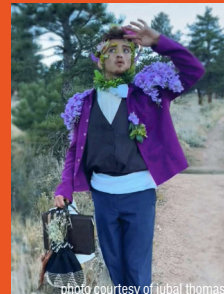


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CRAFTY Serenity Villafuerte (9) dresses up as the live-action Cruella. The villain was a popular costume for Halloween, but there was another reason Villafuerte wore this particular costume. "I chose to be someone creative because my mom is," Villafuerte said. "She's amazingly crafty and great at everything she does."



photo courtesy of serenity villafuerte

I'M NO JEDI In a galaxy far far away, or just walking around the Monarch hallways, Elizabeth Kugler (11) dresses as her favorite character Ahsoka Tano from Star Wars. Kugler made her costume entirely from scratch. "I started it over quarantine," she said. "It was sort of like my quarantine passion project. So it's been a hot second."



photo courtesy of elizabeth kugler



spine-chilling science

Anatomy teacher brings subject matter to life, or death

The students of Laszlo Vass' anatomy class walked in on Halloween day expecting just another dissection. However, as they entered their classroom they were horrified to discover a zombie conducting their lab. Or maybe, more specifically, their teacher dressed as one.

While this costume fit in perfectly with the lab he was doing with his anatomy class, this wasn't the costume Vass had planned on wearing.

"I was going to come as Insta-gram," he said. "A grandmother with an Instagram symbol, my skirt didn't fit. So my backup was the Grateful Dead. I had the word grateful on my shirt, and I dressed as a zombie."

Vass enjoyed dressing up for Halloween and had

even dressed as the walking dead before.

"I've been other zombies," he said. "I was a zombie Elvis years ago. I've done other things, too. Some years we have a theme in the science department. Most years we just kind of do our own thing, but I always try to dress up."

The science department is known for doing something festive for the spooky holiday.

"We try to do something interesting and Halloween-y," Vass said. "Especially in my anatomy class I try to bring in some Halloween stuff."

Vass thought the students enjoyed his efforts.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "We had Halloween music going, and we were cutting into brains and stuff. It was a good time."



BOOM Teacher Rob Linnenberger blows up a pumpkin as a part of the science Halloween festivities. Many science classes watched the experiment throughout the day. "Overall, it was a great experiment to do for Halloween because everyone wants to blow up a pumpkin," Kaden Wank (11) said.

ANOTHER DAY IN ANATOMY Rachel Pliik (12) and Keiran Singh (12) dissect a sheep brain on Halloween. Pliik loved her time in anatomy class. "It was one of the best days in anatomy. My whole table group dressed up," Pliik said. "Who better than a surgeon, Timothee Chalamet, and Pitbull to dissect a sheep brain."

BRAINS!!! Dressed as a zombie, science teacher Laszlo Vass holds a brain ready for dissection. Vass loved teaching science. "It's the best subject on the planet," he said. "Science is always changing and moving forward. It's interactive and hands-on. We're always doing something, and we're getting out of our seats."



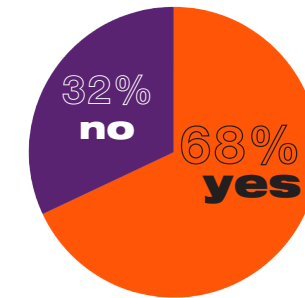
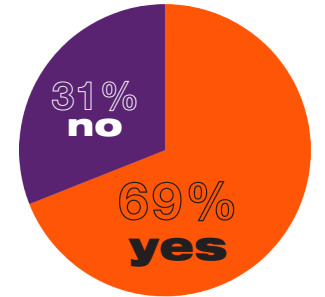
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DID YOU...

...watch a scary movie this year?

"I watched a scary movie. It was Sinister, the first one, not the second one, but it was pretty good."

-JJ Dennis (11)



...dress up for Halloween this year?

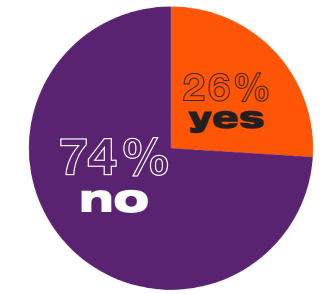
"I dressed up in pajamas with my friend. It was a Bob Ross shirt and plaid pajama pants."

-Isabella Pereira (10)

...go Trick-or-Treating this year?

"Me and my group just stayed at home and did other fun Halloween activities."

-Meghana Kumar (11)



Pumpkin trend inspires junior

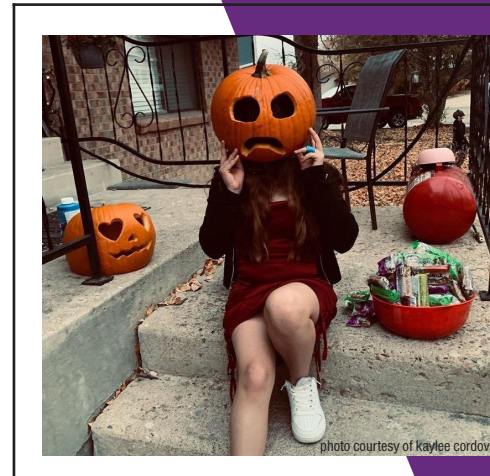


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TikTok always brought something new to the table. Kaylee Cordova (11) jumped on the trend of wearing a jack-o'-lantern on her head. Here's why:

How did you go about participating in a TikTok trend like this one?

"You cut out the bottom, and then you have to scrape really well. So, like the inside of the pumpkin is white, so you don't get your hair all dirty. We kind of just put bandanas on our hair, and then me and my cousin switched off taking the pictures."

What was your inspiration behind these?

"My cousins sent it to our group chat, and we had just seen it on TikTok. It was all over TikTok."

Any cool behind the scenes?

"It was really hard to do it. We first tried to do it at night, so we finished it around two in the morning. But it wasn't really working, so we did it the next day on Halloween."

oh. my. gourd.