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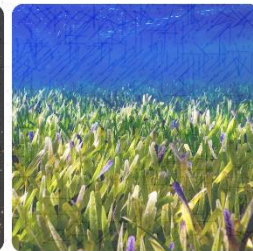
THE 2022 FACTBOOK (PART I)

Science, Technology,
and Nature

*80 Questions on Climate,
Health, Animals,
Space, and Tech, with
answers, links to relevant
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from 2022*

*+ 36 Follow-Up Bonus
Questions and Facts*

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1. How old is the oldest known gorilla in the world?



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Fatou, [a western lowland gorilla believed to be the oldest globally](#), celebrated her [65th birthday on Apr. 13, 2022, at the Berlin Zoo](#). In 2019, [Fatou was named the "oldest living gorilla in captivity" by Guinness World Records](#) after Trudy, a gorilla born in 1956, died. Gorillas usually live up to 50 years in captivity.



2. What kind of spider is this?



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Jorō spiders, or *Trichonephila clavata*, are [Japanese spiders with colorful yellow, blue and red markings that measure three inches \(8 cm\) in length](#). Jorō spiders are venomous but pose little to no threat to humans.

Joro in the USA

The Joro spiders took over north Georgia in 2021 and were spotted in South Carolina. According to a study of the Jorō spider species published in [Feb. 2022 in the journal Physiological Entomology](#), they could also spread into the northeastern United States.

3. What's the world's largest plant?



Photo: [Rachel Austin / The University of Western Australia](#)

Poseidon's ribbon weed, or [Posidonia australis](#), found in Shark Bay, off the western end of Australia, is [the world's largest plant](#). The seagrass — [not to be confused with seaweed and algae](#) — [spreads at least 180 km \(77 square miles\)](#), about the size of Cincinnati. A new study [published on June 1, 2022](#), in Proceedings of the Royal Society shows that Shark Bay's Poseidon's ribbon weed colony is [one giant organism that has been cloning for about 4,500 years, the largest known example of a clone in any environment on Earth](#).

World
Record

Is it the largest organism on Earth?

Utah's Pando, [a clonal colony of 40,000 aspen trees connected by their roots](#), is the former "[heaviest known organism](#)," covering an area of about 500 square meters (0.16 square miles) and weighing 6,000 tons. But [the Humongous Fungus](#) is probably even more enormous, weaving a web of mycelial tendrils (the root network of mushrooms) covering 3.7 square miles (9.6 square km) of Oregon's Malheur National Forest. [Scientists calculate it could weigh at least 7,500 tons and maybe up to 35,000 tons](#), making it [the world's most massive living organism](#).

4. The city of Memphis, Tennessee, is named after which country's Memphis?



Screenshot: [Reuters on YouTube](#)

Memphis, Egypt, was [the ancient capital of the Lower Egypt district of mhw \("north"\)](#). Its ruins - 20 km (12 mi) south of Giza (just outside Cairo) - include [the Saqqara site, which contains ancient burial grounds of Egyptian royalty](#), serving as [the necropolis for ancient Memphis](#).

How many new mummies were found in 2022?

On May 30, 2022, Egypt displayed [250 painted sarcophagi with well-preserved mummies inside and 150 bronze statues of ancient deities and bronze vessels used in rituals of Isis](#), the goddess of fertility, all dating back 2,500 years. Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities displayed the artifacts at the feet of the [Step Pyramid of Djoser in Saqqara](#). The relics will be transferred for a permanent exhibit at the new [Grand Egyptian Museum](#), still under construction near the famed Giza Pyramids. [Take a look.](#)

Places

5. Where is Sharm el-Sheikh?



[Marc Ryckaert \(MJJR\)](#), [CC BY 3.0](#), via [Wikimedia Commons](#)

2022's UN climate conference will be [hosted at the Egyptian coastal resort of Sharm el-Sheikh from Nov. 6-18](#). A [sponsorship agreement between the conference and Coca-Cola](#), which has been described as [the "world's top plastic polluter,"](#) has angered environmentalists.

6. Which company is the world's biggest plastic polluter?



Photo: [Raceforwater](#), [CC BY-SA 4.0](#), via Wikimedia Commons

The [Coca-Cola Company](#) is ranked as the world's top plastic polluter for the [4th consecutive year, according to the 2021 Break Free From Plastic report](#). Since 2019, Brand Audit found Coca-Cola branded products stand for more pollution than the next two top polluters, PepsiCo and Unilever, combined.

[Claims about plastic packaging being eco-friendly made by big brands, including Coca-Cola and Unilever, are misleading greenwashing](#), according to a report by the Changing Markets Foundation. Case in point: [The world's largest plastic polluter, Coca-Cola, has spent millions promoting the notion that its bottles are 25% marine plastic](#).

7. As of Oct. 2022, what's the size of the Antarctic ozone hole?

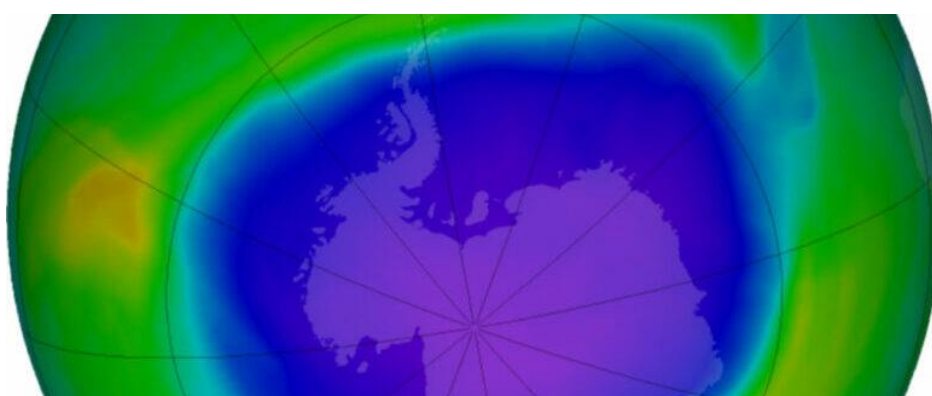


Image: [NASA Ozone Watch](#)

According to NASA, [the ozone hole topped 10 million square miles \(26.4 million square kilometers, more than the size of North America\) on Oct. 5, 2022](#), the largest it has been since 2015. It's the third year in which the ozone hole peaked at over 9.5 million square miles. Despite [recent data, the hole is still shrinking](#).

8. The monkeypox outbreaks in Europe and North America are concentrated among who?

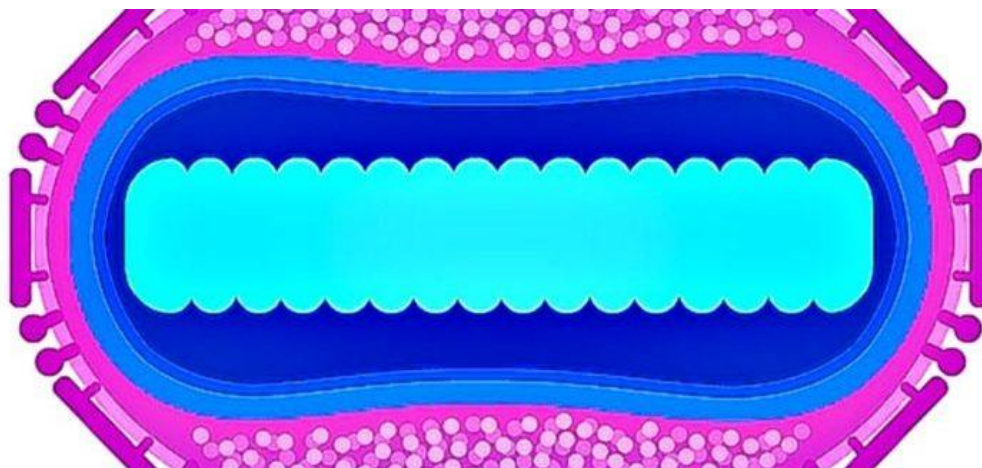


Image: Monkeypox virus, [PDB-101.rcsb.org](https://www.rcsb.org/pdb/entry/101), [CC BY 4.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/), via Wikimedia Commons

In Africa, [monkeypox mainly spread to people by infected wild animals](#) in limited outbreaks. In Europe and America, [99% of all monkeypox cases were in men. Of those, 98% involved men who have sex with men.](#)

Health

How many people have been affected so far?

According to the US Centers for Disease Control, [more than 16,500 cases of monkeypox have been reported in 74 countries since May 2022.](#)

In comparison to smallpox, Western African monkeypox is what?

Monkeypox is a virus that can cause fever, aches, and a distinctive bumpy rash. It is [related to smallpox but is usually milder, particularly the West African strain of the virus](#), which has a fatality rate of around 1%. [Most people fully recover in two to four weeks. The first human case of monkeypox was recorded in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#) during the intensified effort to end smallpox.

Did WHO declare a monkeypox global emergency?

The World Health Organization chief said on July 23, 2022, that [the monkeypox outbreak in over 70 countries is an "extraordinary" situation that qualifies as a global emergency.](#) He called for the world to ["act together in solidarity" regarding the distribution of treatments, tests, and vaccines for monkeypox.](#)

9. What's in the picture?



Image: [NASA, ESA, CSA, STScI](#); [Joseph DePasquale \(STScI\)](#), [Anton M. Koekemoer \(STScI\)](#), [Alyssa Pagan \(STScI\)](#)

Nasa [released a new view of the "Pillars of Creation" from the James Webb Space Telescope on Oct. 19, 2022](#). The image of [the pillars with semitransparent gas and dust indicates that young stars are forming](#) - or have barely broken out of their dusty cocoons.



10. What is the ice-encrusted moon of Jupiter named?

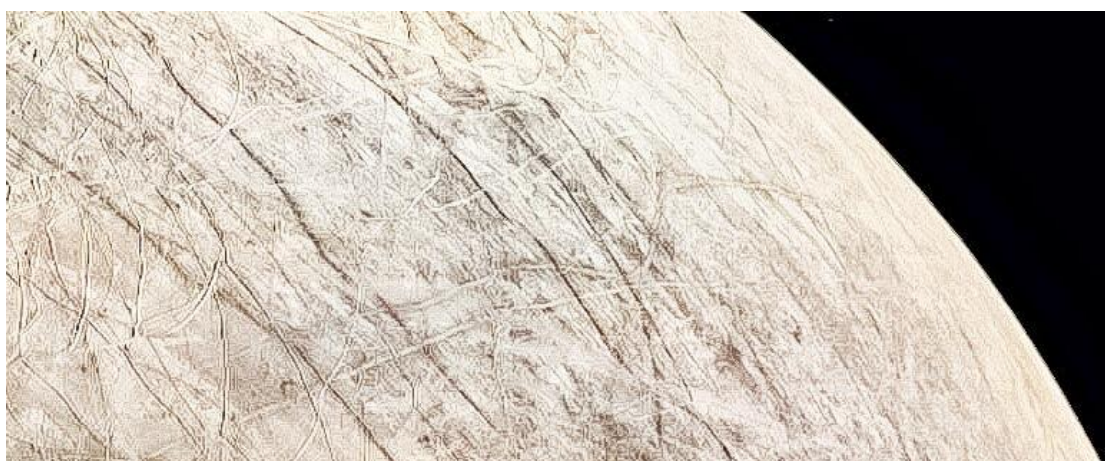


Image: [NASA/JPL-Caltech/SwRI/MSSS](#)

Juno, [NASA's spacecraft orbiting Jupiter since 2016](#), flew [within 219 miles \(352 kilometers\) of Jupiter's moon Europa's surface on Sept. 29, 2022](#), at a speed of more than 30,000 mph. The [spacecraft made the closest observation of Jupiter's ice-covered moon since Jan. 2000](#).

What am I seeing?

The [image shows long fractures running across the bright, icy surface](#) - Fractures that indicate that [an ocean lies beneath the ice of Europa, causing the rupture through stress due to rising and falling tides](#).

11. What happened within 12 hours of Elon Musk's purchase of Twitter?



Photo: [Elon Musk \(@elonmusk\) / Twitter](#)

Elon Musk's [purchase of Twitter on Oct. 28, 2022](#), led to [a 500% increase in the use of the N-word to demean Black people on the platform within just 12 hours](#), according to [the National Contagion Research Institute](#), a disinformation tracking agency. Users were [encouraged to amplify derogatory slurs on Twitter in several posts on the 4chan](#) fringe message board website.



Is Trump returning to Twitter?

As of Nov. 2, 2022, Elon Musk announced that [Twitter would only allow people banned from its site to return once it sets up procedures on how to do so](#). That includes the former President, [despite a fake meme stating otherwise](#).

12. What's Google's messaging app?



In recent years, [Google has released several messaging apps that failed to significantly impact the market, including Google Talk, Google+ Messenger, Google Voice, Allo, Duo, and the long-forgotten Google Wave](#). Starting on Nov. 1, 2022, [Hangouts has joined the list and automatically redirects to Google Chat on the web](#). As outlined in the company's announcement, all messages and contacts will automatically be migrated to the new system.

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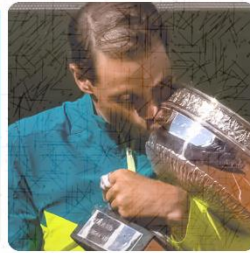
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134 Questions on Politics, Gun Control, War, Business, History-Making, and Sports, with answers, links to relevant sources, and new images from 2022

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13. What was the Russian cruiser Moskva?



Image: [Boris Groh](#), Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

The Russian Navy's [Moskva was a guided-missile cruiser](#). She led [the Russian naval invasion of Ukraine in 2022](#) and sank 100 km off the coast of Odesa on Apr. 14, 2022. According to Ukrainian officials and the US Department of Defense, [Ukraine fired two anti-ship missiles at the cruiser](#). The Russian Ministry of Defense claimed a fire triggered a munitions explosion that sank the ship.



[A Ukrainian fighter holding up his middle finger in front of the vessel](#) appears on one million stamps released by Ukraine's national postal service shortly before the Moskva was sunk.

What's the Dollar value of 30,000 Roubles?



As of mid-March [2022, \\$1 is worth 99 Russian Roubles](#), making 30,000 Roubles worth exactly \$280 (about £215). That's the fine [a Russian court punished Marina Ovsyannikova with for violating local protest laws](#). Ovsyannikova [broke onto a live Mar. 14, 2022, news broadcast on Russia's state TV Channel One in a demonstration against Russia's invasion of Ukraine](#). The court fined her a

day later for a video statement she made before the protest in which she said she was ["ashamed" of having worked at Channel One and spreading "Kremlin propaganda"](#) - not for breaking onto the Channel One set.

14. Where did Queen Elizabeth II appoint Liz Truss as Prime Minister in her final days?



Photo: [@RoyalFamily on Twitter](#)

For the first time in her 70-year reign as queen, [Elizabeth II appointed a new prime minister away from Buckingham Palace](#). Liz Truss [became the UK's Prime Minister in Balmoral Castle, Scotland](#), on Sept. 6, 2022, where the queen, who suffered from mobility issues during her final days, [was taking her summer break](#).

The Queen's Death

Queen Elizabeth II [died peacefully at Balmoral on Sept. 8, 2022](#). The Prince of Wales, who was at his mother's side, became King Charles at once. [The flag at Buckingham Palace was lowered to half-mast at 6.30 pm](#).

15. Where is Queen Elizabeth's final resting place?

Screenshot: [BBC - YouTube](#)



The queen's coffin's final destination is Windsor Castle, [in the King George VI Memorial Chapel](#). Prince Philip's coffin [joined the queen's in the memorial chapel](#). St. George's Chapel [has long](#)

[been the final resting place for British royals, and 10 former monarchs, including the queen's mother and father, are buried there](#).



16. When did lynching become a federal crime in the US?



Screenshot: [The White House on YouTube](#)

On Mar. 29, 2022, President Biden signed a bill [making lynching a federal crime for the first time in the United States](#). The law is named for Emmett Till, [the Black boy murdered in Mississippi in 1955](#). The anti-lynching movement first introduced legislation to criminalize lynching [in 1935](#), but it was [repeatedly blocked more than 200 times](#). The bill, which makes [lynching punishable by up to 30 years in prison](#), finally passed the House in Feb. 2022 with only three lawmakers opposing it and passed the Senate without objection on Mar. 28.

17. Ketanji Brown Jackson is the first what?



Photo: [White House](#), Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

[Ketanji Brown Jackson is the first Black female justice in the Supreme Court's 200-plus-year history](#). She is the second Supreme Court justice since 1870 to be confirmed without a single vote from the Senate minority party. The first is Amy Coney Barrett.

But what are Ketanji Brown Jackson's credentials?

In late February 2022, FOX News scandalist Tucker Carlson demanded that [Jackson reveal her LSAT scores - implying she hasn't had the credentials to be a Supreme Court Justice](#). Actually, [Jackson attended Harvard Law School, where she was a supervising editor of the Harvard Law Review. She graduated in 1996 with a Juris Doctor cum laude, spent 15 years as a public defender, and served eight years as a trial court judge in the US district court in DC](#). On the other hand, Amy Coney Barrett holds the records as [the first Supreme Court justice without an Ivy League degree](#) since the 2010 retirement of John Paul Stevens and [the only Supreme Justice who did not receive her Juris Doctor from Harvard or Yale](#).

18. How many firearms are there per 100 people in the US?



Photo: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/glasgows/>, CC BY 2.0

Figures from the [Small Arms Survey](#) - a Swiss-based leading research project - estimate [390 million guns in circulation in the US in 2018](#). That's [a ratio of 120.5 guns per 100 people](#), making [the US the only nation on Earth with more civilian firearms than people](#). In comparison, Canada has a ratio of 34.7 guns per 100 people, 12.9 guns per 100 people in Mexico, and The UK has a rate of 5.03 firearms per 100 people.



What happened at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas?

An [18-year-old shooter killed at least 19 children and two adults on May 24, 2022, at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas](#) - the deadliest American school shooting since [the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut](#), a decade ago.

How do mass shooters buy guns in the US?

From 1966 to 2019, [77 percent of mass shooters obtained the weapons they used through legal purchases](#), according to data compiled by [the National Institute of Justice](#), the research wing of the Justice Department.

19. Which country elected Lula as its leader in 2022?



Screenshot: [BBC News Brasil - YouTube](#)

On Oct. 30, 2022, Brazilian leftist leader Luiz Inacio "[Lula](#)" da Silva won a [third non-consecutive presidential term](#). The 77-year-old former metalworker [spent 19 months in jail for corruption convictions before the Supreme Federal Court annulled them in June 2021](#). He has [vowed to overturn former President Bolsonaro's far-right policies, including pro-gun measures and weak protection of the Amazon rainforest](#).

Leaders

20. Rishi Sunak is the UK's first prime minister to be what?



Screenshot: [Rishi Sunak - YouTube](#)

After Liz Truss's record short tenure as the UK's Prime Minister in 2022, Rishi Sunak became [the kingdom's first non-white prime minister](#) (and [its first Hindu prime minister](#)) on Oct. 25, 2022. Sunak is [probably also the first non-alcoholic prime minister in the UK since David Lloyd George](#). Benjamin Disraeli, a Tory MP of Jewish heritage, was [the first minority ethnic British prime minister](#).

21. What's Uber's "Kill Switch"?



Photo: [Dllu](#), [CC BY-SA 4.0](#), via Wikimedia Commons

Senior executives at Uber ordered the use of a "kill switch" to prevent police and regulators from accessing sensitive data during raids on its offices in at least six countries: France, the Netherlands, Belgium, India, Hungary, and Romania. The Guardian found the information on Uber files, a cache of leaked confidential company data published on July 11, 2022.



22. Which company "deleted" Kanye West after his 2022 antisemitic remarks?



Screenshot: [Lex Fridman - YouTube](#)

After tweeting that he was going "death con 3 ON JEWISH PEOPLE," Ye's Instagram and Twitter accounts were blocked, and JP Morgan and Balenciaga ceased collaborating with him. Adidas announced on Oct. 26, 2022, that it would stop manufacturing Yeezy products and stop paying West and his companies immediately. Madame Tussaud's London ceased showing the star's wax figure on Oct. 27. Forbes estimated that West's net worth is around \$400m (£346m) - down from \$2bn (£1.7bn).

23. By winning the 2022 US Open, Iga Swiatek became the first WHAT?



Screenshot: [US Open on YouTube](#)

Iga Świątek became [the first player representing Poland to win a major singles title](#) when she [won the French Open in 2020](#). She repeated the achievement in June 2022 and [earned her third major singles title on Sept. 10, 2022](#), when she won the US Open final and became [the first Polish woman to win the US Open](#).



24. What's the most-watched tennis match in ESPN history?



Screenshot: [US Open Tennis Championships on YouTube](#)

Serena Williams's [third-round loss to Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic](#) on Sept. 2, 2022, at the US Open, was [the most-watched tennis telecast in ESPN's 43-year history](#), peaking with 6.9 million viewers. [Serena Williams's defeat to Venus Williams at the 2001 US Open finals was watched by 22.7 million viewers](#) - but was broadcasted on CBS prime-time television.

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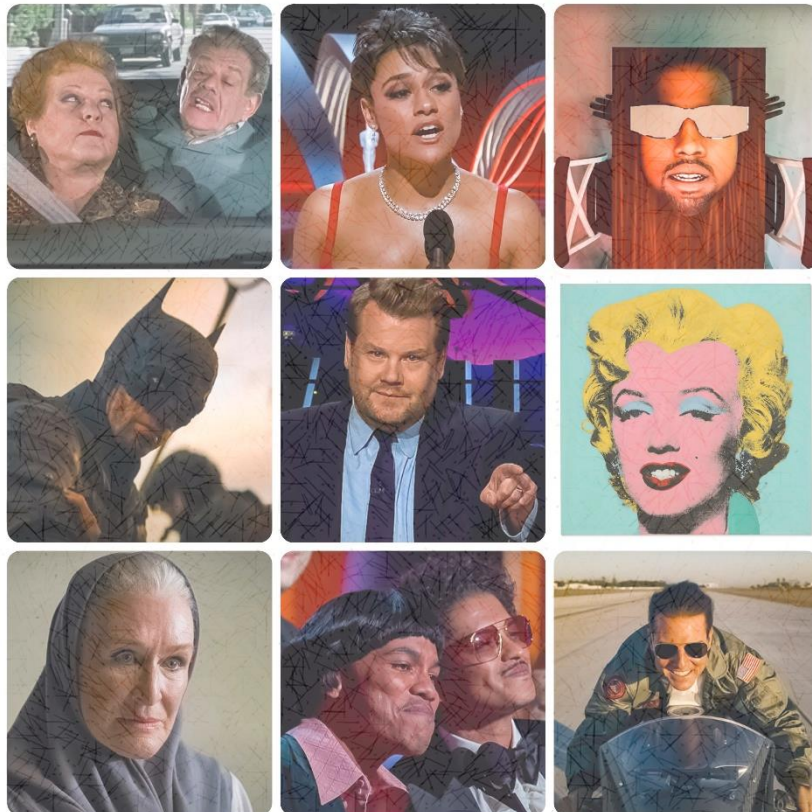
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25. Who's considered the United Kingdom's richest living artist?

Photo: [Andrew Russeth, CC BY-SA 4.0](#)



[Damien Hirst is the United Kingdom's richest living artist](#), with a net worth of \$700 million in 2021.

What is Damien Hirst's The Currency?

The Currency is [the first NFT collection by Damien Hirst](#) of 10,000 NFTs, corresponding to [10,000 unique physical artworks stored in a secure vault in the UK](#). Hirst produced the project with HENI, an art services business. HENI sold each image in the series for the price of \$2,000.

They [grossed about \\$18 million from the initial sale and, according to HENI, are collecting a further 5 percent of the proceeds from NFT resales.](#)

26. Why did Damien Hirst burn artworks collectively worth almost £10 million?



Screenshot: [Sky News - YouTube](#)

Buyers of [The Currency were allowed to choose the physical artwork or the NFT representing it](#). If they chose the NFT, Hirst promised to destroy their physical pieces. Hirst burned the pieces between Oct. 12-30 at London's Newport Street Gallery.

27. Who penned the 1934 murder mystery novel "Why Didn't They Ask Evans?"?



Photo: [Joop van Bilsen / Anefo](#), CCO, via Wikimedia Commons, colorized

"Why Didn't They Ask Evans?" is [a murder mystery novel by Agatha Christie, first published in the UK in Sept. 1934](#). Nearing the book's 90th anniversary, [actor Hugh Laurie wrote, produced, and directed a three-part mini-series based on the novel](#). The streaming version [also stars Emma Thompson, Jim Broadbent, and Laurie](#) and streams on BritBox. [Watch the trailer.](#)

Books

28. Which winner of the Nobel Prize for literature wrote "Chronicles, Volume One"?



CHRONICLES

Image: *Chronicles, Volume One* book cover

Bob Dylan published his acclaimed memoir "Chronicles, Volume One" in 2004. Dylan [has a new book coming out in the fall of 2022, a collection of essays about songs and songwriters he admires, from Stephen Foster to Elvis Costello](#). The new book, ["The Philosophy of Modern Song," is his first release of new material since "Chronicles."](#) The book hit stores on Nov. 8, 2022.

29. In which Las Vegas institute did Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck marry?

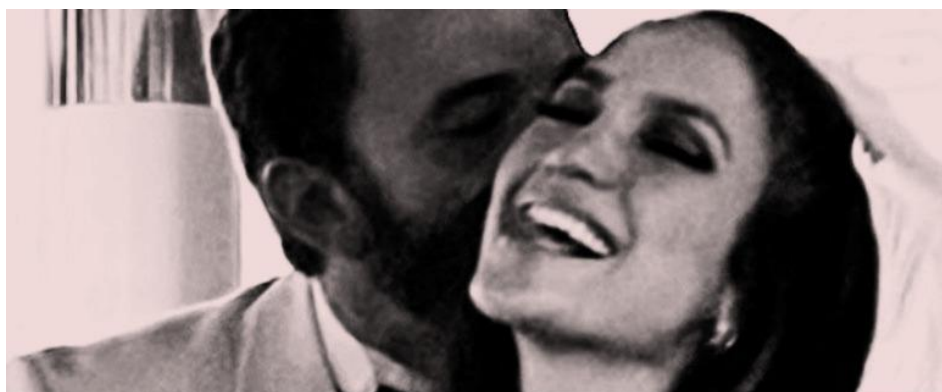


Photo: Jennifer Lopez / onthejlo.com

On Jul. 16, 2022, [Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck were married at Little White Chapel, a drive-through wedding chapel in Las Vegas](#). Their marriage was announced on Jul. 17 in [Lopez's newsletter](#) to fans under the headline "We did it." [Lopez and Affleck famously dated in the early 2000s, earning the nickname "Bennifer."](#)

Weren't they married before?

Affleck married Jennifer Garner in 2005, and they divorced in 2018. It's [Lopez's fourth marriage](#). She was [briefly married to Ojani Noa and Cris Judd before marrying singer Marc Anthony in 2004](#). The couple split a decade later and share 14-year-old twins.

30. Why did China "cancel" Keanu Reeves?

Celebrity



Screenshot: *The Matrix Resurrections* / Warner Bros. Pictures

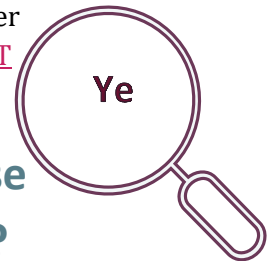
Chinese streaming platforms have taken down films starring Keanu Reeves after taking part in [Mar. 3 concert organized by Tibet House US](#) - a New York nonprofit founded by the Dalai Lama. [Searches for Reeves's English name and its Chinese translation now yield no results on Chinese-controlled apps.](#)

31. Who's this?

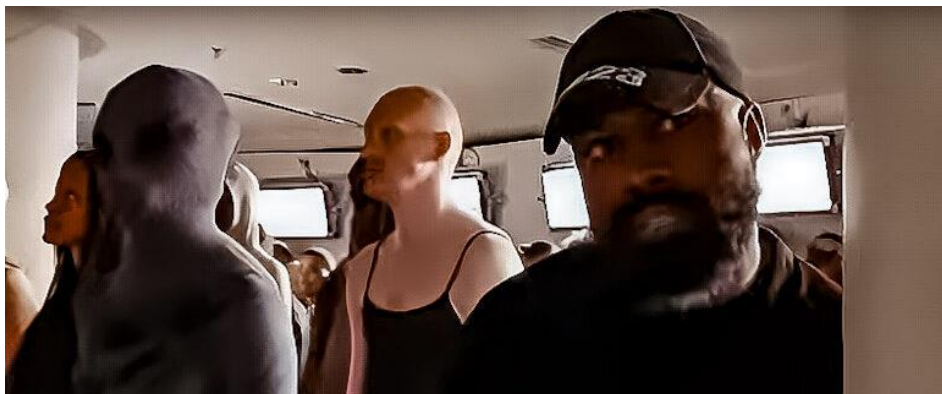


Screenshot: 2022 BET Awards / BET Network

Ye (the artist formerly known as Kanye West) wore all black, including a full face mask, hat, and gloves, at the 2022 BET Awards. The famed rapper came to present Sean "Diddy" Combs (formerly Puff Daddy) with the BET lifetime achievement award along with Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds.



32. What did Kanye West wear to his surprise 2022 Yeezy Season 9 fashion show in Paris?



Screenshot: Yeezy Season 9 / Paris Fashion Week via SWGRUS on YouTube



On Oct. 3, 2022, Kanye West wore a shirt with "White Lives Matter" printed on the back during his surprise Yeezy Season 9 fashion show in Paris. A choir of children from West's Donda Academy performed on the show, as did West's daughter North, modeling entirely black outfits. The phrase "All Lives Matter" was popularized by far-right organizations in response to the Black Lives Matter movement. Ye later explained in his Tucker Carlson interview that he meant to state the "obvious."

33. What's the Disney Dreamlight Valley?



Screenshot: [Disney Dreamlight Valley Announcement Trailer](#)

Disney Dreamlight Valley is [a hybrid life-sim and adventure video game featuring Disney and Pixar characters, old and new](#). Starting on Sept. 6, 2022, [the game is available in Early Access](#) for players who purchase a Founder's Pack or have an Xbox Game Pass membership. The game's free-to-play launch is set for 2023. [Watch the trailer.](#)

34. Which video game features Darth Vader on a rollercoaster?



Screenshot: [Fortnite / Epic Games / Lucasfilm](#)

Fortnite's Chapter 3: Season 3, which started on Jun. 5, 2022, [introduces Darth Vader as a new character for players to unlock](#). Vader is [joining the Obi-Wan Kenobi character made available in the Fortnite Item Shop on May 26](#). Later in the season, [battle pass owners will also be able to unlock Indiana Jones](#).

What's the vibe in Fortnite's new season?

In Fortnite's Chapter 3: Season 3, titled Vibin', "[the Island is one giant party](#)," equipped with a rollercoaster and a dance floor, among others, according to the Epic Games website.

[Watch the new season's trailer.](#)



35. What did Kate Winslet have to learn for her role in Avatar 2?



Screenshot: Avatar: The Way of Water / 20th Century Studios

In Jan. 2021, [Kate Winslet told Variety she had to learn how to free-dive and breath-hold to play her role in Avatar 2.](#)

The [first trailer for James Cameron's sequel to 2009's Avatar was finally released on May 9, 2022.](#) Avatar: The Way of Water will [bring back stars Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, and Sigourney Weaver to the story of the Na'vi, a race of blueish extraterrestrials under attack from humans.](#)

New cast members include Winslet, Michelle Yeoh (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon), Jemaine Clement (Flight of the Concorde), and Edie Falco (The Sopranos).

Movies



Who is the actress portraying this blue computer-generated creature?

The Way of Water" stars [Kate Winslet as Pandora resident Ronal.](#)

It's set over a decade later than the original movie. A third film in the series is set for 2024.

Director [James Cameron's fourth and fifth "Avatar" films are in plans for 2026 and 2028.](#) "Avatar: The

Way of Water" comes out on Dec. 16, 2022. [Watch the trailer.](#)

36. MCU's Ms. Marvel is what?



"Ms. Marvel," based on the 2014 comic-book series, tells the story of [Kamala Khan, Marvel's first Muslim superhero, a Jersey City high schooler who admires the Marvel superheroes from afar — until she is granted powers that allow her to fight alongside them.](#) Ms. Marvel started streaming on Disney+ on Jun. 8, 2022.

Screenshot: Ms. Marvel, Marvel Entertainment, Disney+

37. Who's been on Saturday Night Live longer?



Screenshots: Saturday Night Live / NBC

Kate McKinnon [joined the Saturday Night Live cast in 2012, making the 2022 season her 11th](#), while Pete Davidson appeared on the show for eight seasons.

Did Kate McKinnon and Pete Davidson leave SNL?

Saturday Night Live [said goodbye to Kate McKinnon, Aidy Bryant, Kyle Mooney, and Pete Davidson on May 21, 2022](#), as the show wrapped its 47th season - the season with the biggest cast in SNL history. McKinnon [brought back alien abductee Colleen Rafferty for the show's cold open](#). Then she opened the show for the last time as a cast member: "Live from New York, it's Saturday night." Davidson [appeared on Weekend Update to mark his closure after eight seasons](#). Watch Davidson [in a cut-for-time sketch rapping about the show's producer, Lorne Michaels \(and look for a surprise Eminem appearance towards the end\)](#).

38. Taylor Swift describes what as "the story of 13 sleepless nights"?



Screenshot: [MTV's Video Music Awards 2022](#)

Taylor Swift [announced her 10th studio album, "Midnights,"](#) to be released on Oct. 21 at the 2022 MTV Video Music Awards. She described the album an hour later on social media as ["the story of 13 sleepless nights scattered throughout my life."](#) Swift's "All Too Well: The Short Film" — from her "Red" rerecorded album — [won three awards, including video of the year.](#)



39. Who holds the record for most simultaneous top 10 hits on Billboard's Hot 100 charts?



Screenshot: [Taylor Swift - YouTube](#)

Taylor Swift [dominated all the top 10 spots on the Hot 100 chart, for the first time in Billboard's history,](#) on the Oct. 21-27, 2022, tracking week. Moreover, [Swift's Midnights album charted 20 songs in its debut week.](#) Previously, [Drake's Certified Lover Boy held nine top 10 spots on Sept. 18, 2021.](#) No one can beat Swift's 2022 records - only tie them.

40. Who is the first South Korean artist to headline a major US musical festival?



[J-Hope of BTS performed on Jul. 31, 2022, as the finale act at Chicago's annual Lollapalooza](#), becoming [the first South Korean artist to headline a major US musical festival](#). The festival organizers, Live Nation, also announced that South Korean boy band Tomorrow X Together (TXT) would perform at Lollapalooza on Jul. 30, marking their US festival debut.

Screenshot: [HYBE LABELS on YouTube](#)



41. What's the focus of Disney+'s docuseries "BTS Monuments: Beyond the Star"?



Screenshot: [Disney x HYBE Initial Announcement](#) / Disney+

In a deal with BTS' management company HYBE announced on Jul. 11, 2022, [Disney will stream a BTS documentary series and concert on its streaming services next year](#). In "[BTS Monuments: Beyond the Star](#)," [the group's members will reveal their daily lives, thoughts, and plans](#), including music and footage from the past nine years.

What else does the BTS-Disney deal include?

The agreement also includes a recording of the group's first performance in November 2021, following a 2-year interval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, this deal features the reality show "[In the Soop: Friendcation](#)," which features V from BTS, Seo-jun Park from "Itaewon Class," Woo-Shik Choi from "Parasite," singer and actor Hyung-Sik Park, and rapper Peakboy taking a surprise trip. In June 2022, [BTS announced it was taking a break while members worked on solo projects](#).

After what does BTS plan to come back together as a group "around 2025"?

When [all seven of BTS's members complete their mandatory military service](#), "[around 2025](#)," their label and management company [Big Hit, plans to reunite them as a group](#). BTS's oldest performer, Jin, plans to enlist as soon as his late-Oct. 2022 solo project releases. Jin [will be the first BTS member to enlist](#).

42. How old is Rebel Wilson in 2022?



Rebel Wilson was born on Mar. 2, 1980, making her 42 in 2022.

Is Rebel Wilson dating a woman?

A [self-proclaimed "late bloomer" in love](#), Wilson revealed on her Instagram account on Jun. 9, 2022, that [she is dating fashion designer Ramona Agruma](#). Wilson had [come out after a Sydney Morning Herald reporter asked her to comment about her new partner, giving her a two-day deadline](#). The reporter later apologized.

Screenshot: [Rebel Wilson on Instagram](#)



43. How old is Tom Cruise?



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Tom Cruise was born on Jul. 3, 1962, making him 60 in 2022.

Where did Tom Cruise celebrate his 60th?

Cruise spent his birthday in the UK, [making an appearance at the British F1 Grand Prix on Jul. 4, 2022](#). On Jul. 1, he [attended Adele's concert at British Summer Time Hyde Park Festival in London](#).

Any other reasons for celebration?

A few days earlier, on Jun. 26, Variety reported that [after only 31 days in theaters, "Top Gun: Maverick" had become Tom Cruise's first movie to surpass \\$1 billion in ticket sales worldwide](#).