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KHALID “SITS WITH US” AT HOLLISTER ASSEMBLY

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Monday October 15th John Burroughs High School held an anti-bullying campaign featuring Grammy winning artist, Khalid.

He sang five of his most known songs: “Saved,” “Location,” “OTW,” “Young Dumb,” and “Broke.”

The students of JBHS waited in anticipation to see who the surprise guest would be, and multiple sources said they had no clue Khalid would be performing at our school.

As the students piled in the auditorium, there was a DJ blasting music, getting the students hyped for what was about to happen.

The DJ’s pulled up a few students to do a “dance-off,” which was fun to watch.

Then the assembly started with one of Hollister’s sponsors and her anti-bullying campaign.

She shared a part of her bullying experience in school, and how transferring to a school where kindness is a priority changed everything.

She then told us about the app she created, where you can find someone at lunch to sit with- so no one ever has to sit alone.

The app is called “Sit With Us” and you can get it on the app store.

Once Khalid was introduced, everyone started cheering and clapping, being that he’s a very popular artist among High School students.

Khalid was very good at interacting with the audience and making his performance memorable.

Many of the students pulled out their phones to take videos of his epic performance.

Senior Myia McIver said, “This was the best assembly Bur-



roughs has ever had, and I’m so happy our school made this happen!”

After the first assembly the students were rushed out of the auditorium, so the second assembly students could come in.

Everyone in the second assembly was just as hyped, and due to fans in the audience requesting he sing his song 8TEEN, he included that at the end of his performance.

After both assemblies, Link Crew, ASB, and student press stayed after to set up tables and chairs and waited for Khalid again.

The Link Crew prepared questions for the artist. When he came out, all of the students felt so grateful that they got the opportunity to talk to him after the show.

The students found out how Khalid became Khalid.

He was in a car accident the day before school, so coming back to school he didn’t really talk to anyone.

But there was one guy who came up him, and they became instant best friends.

Later, they wrote a song together, and the next day everyone at the school was listening to it.

We also found out that he made “Coaster” and “Location” his Senior year of High School.

Another thing that came up was that he suffers from anxiety like a lot of other high schoolers.

Overall, the majority of students were so excited to have seen such a talented artist.

Everyone thanks the administration, ASB, Hollister, and of course Khalid for making this happen!

THE HOMECOMING DANCE WAS A “GREAT SHOW”

By THE SMOKE SIGNAL STAFF

This year’s Homecoming Dance (otherwise known at John Burroughs High School as Coronation) theme was revealed on September 24th and inspired by “The Greatest Showman,” a recent movie starring Zack Effron, Hugh Jackman and Zendaya, a mostly fictional “biopic” about the origins of the Barnum and

Bailey Circus.

The theme was called “One Night Only” and had plenty of circus decorations all around.

While waiting to get into the dance attendees were greeted by circus themed posters which decorated in the hallways. Once inside the Big Gym, where the dance was primarily held, (thought there was a “big tent” outside of the gym, more on that later) the smell of cotton candy, fresh buttery popcorn and candy wafted through the air.

Colorful spotlights surround the dance floor (causing blindness as soon as you enter before your eyes adjusted, giving it a more authentic circus feel) lit the entrance.

In the beginning, only a few people were on the dance floor. However, with the help of a few individuals, the dance floor soon became hype.

The dance itself was DJ’ed by Power 106. They also invited “special guest,” India Love, and special guest Kid Ink.

Overall the music was “blowing the roof off this hizzy,” according to Senior attendee Soraya Gonzalez.

“I danced the night away with my friends,” Senior Marissa De La Torre, who knows a thing or two about dancing after having done a semester of Dance Production.

On the left of the foyer, was an airbrush tattoo artist.

The artist had a very wide variety of stencils, so many in fact that they even had “World of Warcraft” symbols, such as “the Horde,” to choose from, according to Senior Good Morning John Burroughs Anchor Jariah Haas.

It was pretty popular for couples to get matching airbrushed tattoos, and they went pretty quickly and everyone had a chance to get whatever they wanted.

Walking around the quad, there were lights all around the trees, with gorgeous lanterns strung on the branches.

They had fun circus cutouts,

also known as photo stand-ins, for great photo ops as well as a professional portrait area for saving all the fun memories.

Farther away from the gym, there was the “big tent,” which, on top of reminding everyone of the famous “big tops” of the classic circuses of yore, was filled with many fun games and activities such as foosball, air hockey, and ping pong. This made for playful competition between couples.

“I like ping pong,” said Senior Tech Krew member Liam Stackhouse, who played it against his girlfriend Eliza Martinez, (apparently there is a fight about who won, but the Smoke Signal’s money is on our Sports Editor

Eliza).

Overall, the dance was “super fun, and it was the best homecoming I’ve ever been too,” said Homecoming nominee Alexia Calderon.

The Homecoming winners, announced at the end of the night, are featured on the following pages. They included King and Queen Sam Tipton and Michelle Tran, and Princes and Princesses Jagger Greene, Trevor Bates, David Solis, Andres Salazar, Katerina Kojababian, Emily Gutierrez, Nicole Rojas, and Faith Mary Duston.

According to Senior Good Morning John Burroughs Anchor Tyler Knutson “It was better than last year.”



AN EXAMPLE OF THE AIRBRUSHED TATTOOS FROM THE DANCE

UPCOMING DATES

Halloween!
Nov. 2nd & 3rd
Nov. 12th
Nov. 16th - 18th
Nov. 21st - 23rd

Halloween!
Hip Hop Explosion
Veteran’s Day
Fall Play *Dark Of the Moon*
Thanksgiving Break!

BURROUGHS ON BROADWAY WAS A *WILD WILD PARTY!*

By JOSEPH STULL
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It is common knowledge to anyone who attends John Burroughs High School that the school’s choirs are exceptional.

A great showcase of he JBHS Choir is the annual Burroughs on Broadway that takes place at Burroughs every October.

Burroughs on Broadway consists of Broadway Musicals, which the choirs have been practicing for the whole school year so far.

In between choirs there are also other performances including groups like Men at Work, auditioned group performances such as “Too Darn Hot,” and performances with just a few students such as Lexi Adair’s “Pack Up Your Sins and Go to the Devil.”

With standing ovations, and even Bill Nye (the one and only Science Guy) attending, it’s pretty safe to say that this performance was a success.

Act One started with “Conga,” from the musical *On Your Feet!* It was performed by Decibelles Choir and featuring dancers from assorted choirs. Jasmine Albarran opened both the song and show with her beautiful voice in a solo, setting an example for the rest of the show.

Proceeding, Lexi Adair sung “Pack Up Your Sins and Go to the Devil,” from *Music Box Revue* (1922-1923).

The next song was “You Love Who You Love,” from the classic *Bonnie & Clyde*. This was sung by Kate Platten as Bonnie, and Isa Murguia as Blanche.

Then, Men at Work performed “I am Africa” from *The Book of Mormon*. Many were excited to see this performance, as Men at Work has not been part of Burroughs on Broadway in years. The humorous act made the audience struggle to hold back laughter for its entirety. The soloists included Luke Boag, Khaivon Johnson, Tyler Griffin, Cole Protzman, and David Solis.

Following Men at Work, Decibelles performed their set, “On Your Feet!” including songs from the musical *On Your Feet!* Soloists included Valentina Paniagua, Gabrielle Trigo, Izabella Sanchez, Isabella Cruz, Elizabeth White, Kaylin Casper, Kayla Millar, Kendall Thompson, Izabella

Sanchez, and Jasmine Albarran. Songs from the set included “Mi Tierra”, “Reach”, and “Mega-mix”. Makenzie Ganey, member of Decibelles talks about the performance, saying, ”To perform in the Decis set was pretty amazing. We all worked extremely hard all the weeks leading up to B.O.B. and even the week of!”

Next was Nathan Shearer as Jason in “Once Upon a Time” from *Bare: A Pop Opera*.

Lauren Duncanson, Samantha Salamoff, and Bridget Barerra performed “Three Little Maids” from Hot Mikado as Yum-Yum, Peep-Bo, and Pitti-Sing.

“What You Own,” from award winning musical *Rent*, was the next performance, being sung by Tyler Griffin as Mark and Julian Jensen as Roger.

The following performance was “A Musical” from *Something Rotten* featuring dancers from all choirs and sung by Jacob Levine as Nostradamus and Nathaniel Semsen as Nick.

Yoni Fogelman, Flynn McHugh, Daniel Coscia, and Autry Jespersion then brought the audience back to high school with their bittersweet “Good Old Glory Type Days,” from *Glory Days*.

Then, Shaylin Becton performed “Lying There,” from *Edges: A Song Cycle*.

Proceeding, Sound Waves amazed the audience with their set, *Little Shop of Horrors*. The performance consisted of songs such as “Skid Row”, “Feed Me,” and “Don’t Feed the Plants,” Soloists included Sophie Alancatar

as Crystal, Sam Schwardron as Seymour, Tony Melchor as Audrey II, Jordan Varela as Ronnette, and Mikaila Huertas, Rhett Hemmingway, and Bryce Pickett as “Skid Row Dwellers,” The performance proved to be the crowd favorite (compared to the other choirs) and awed the audience. Musical Director and Burroughs Choir Teacher, Brendon Jennings reports, ”Sound Waves in particular did amazing. *Little Shop* was an amazing show and [they] did it justice! The audience was entertained the whole time plus [*Little Shop of Horrors*] had the coolest prop in the show.”

“I Could Have Danced All Night” then followed, with Jordyn Holt as Eliza Doolittle and Mykala Listorti and Kate Outwa-



end of the song. “Elevation” from *Everyday Rapture* followed, sung by Illiana Mendias, Alex Meyers, and Ellen Tahmasyan.

Then, Janina Colucci sang “The Music that Makes me Dance” from *Funny Girl* as Fanny Brice.

Afterwards, Simone Beres performed “Watch What Happens” from Disney’s *Newsies* as Katherine.

The Men of Sound Waves and Powerhouse sang the emotional “Bui Doi” from *Miss Saigon* next. Sako Kitsinian, Jesse Gomez, and Jaedon Adriatico performed solos in the song.

As the last solo act, Nylih Palmer performed the song “I’m Here” from *The Color Purple*, as Celie. Nylih rightly earned a standing ovation on all three nights and was the only person to do so.

To finish the show, Powerhouse performed their set *The Wild Party*. The set lasted over thirty minutes long, but was worth every second with songs like “Queenie Was a Blonde,” “A Wild,Wild Party,” and “The Juggernaut.” The featured cast was Sage McNeely as Queenie, Eli Staub as Burrs, Jake Howick as Black, Cheyenne Arroyo as Kate, Coen Sosa as Phil, Trenton Rogers as Oscar, Troi Hawkins as Madelaine, Jillian Flynn as Nadine, Emery Goulet as Eddie, Elanor Sullens as Mae, Erin Collins as Dolores, Jaylen Harvey as Jackie, and Yoni Fogelman as Sam.

It was an outstanding performance. If you weren’t there, make sure to come to the next choir show, Holiday Spectacular.



ter as “Higgins’ Maids” in this song from *My Fair Lady*.

Next was “Midnight Radio,” from *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*. This performance included Coen Sosa as Hedwig, Katie Allen as Yitzhak, Craig Shippey as Krzyzhtoff, and Nathan Shearer as Jacek. Coen Sosa stole the show with his amazing vocals (and wig snatching).

Nastazia Lukic then performed “Patterns” from Baby as Arlene.

After, Trenton Rogers performed “Gethsemane (I Only Want to Say)” from *Jesus Christ Superstar* as Jesus.

Sound Sensations then performed their amazing set, *Nine-to-Five*. The performance consisted of songs such as “Nine

to Five,” “Around Here,” and “Shine Like the Sun.” The featured cast was Laura Brown as Violet, Emma Grill as Judy, Natalie Bernard-Papierski as Doralee, Megan Fournier as Roz, Kerry Ann Herisse as Kathy, Neha Ramakrishnan as Maria, Emily Rohan as Daphne, and Jennifer Valle as Margaret. Amanda Silver, member of Sound Sensations, said “It felt so satisfying to finally see the work that we have done come to realization on stage.”

After Sound Sensations, there was an intermission, until Act Two commenced.

To start off Act-Two, Julian Tobar sang “Too Darn Hot” from *Kiss Me Kate* as Paul, along with Trenton Rogers and Coen Sosa. This number was accompanied by assorted dancers from all choirs including Matthew Glenn doing the splits midair near the

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QUEEN MICHELLE TRAN



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On October 20, 2018, the ASB here at JBHS hosted the school’s annual Coronation Dance, also known as Homecoming. Being the first school dance of the year and perhaps the most talked about subject of the semester, Homecoming had lots to offer including the most popular music of the moment and an aesthetically pleasing set up for picture taking. At the end of the night, though, the most important announcement was made, and Senior Michelle Tran became the official Homecoming Queen for the 2018-2019 school year!

Dressed stunningly in a purple wrap dress and black strap heels and accessorized with beautiful silver accessories and white flowers, Michelle was definitely an eye-catcher at the dance.

Of course a date is needed for a school dance, and Michelle asked none other than her very best friend: Senior Cameron Flowers. Asking him in a sophisticated fashion, Michelle made a poster from scratch that included a play on Cameron’s name, and it was certainly extremely sincere and heartfelt. Cameron did not expect to be asked at all, but he gladly said yes to Michelle’s ask and the two went out to get ice cream afterwards.

Picked up by friends and carpooling to Burroughs where the dance was hosted, Michelle had a fantastic time at Homecoming, as she danced non-stop and got to spend quality time with some of her best friends.

After the dance ended at 10PM, Michelle, along with other friends, went out to BJ’s to enjoy a long-craved meal. A delicious, fulfilling meal was for sure needed after a long period of dancing, and Michelle was utterly happy getting to hang out with her friends.

This was not the first time Michelle was nominated for a school dance, however. Michelle was nominated last school year for the Winter Formal Dance

in which she also received the title and the honor of being a Winter Formal Princess.

When asked how she felt when she found out she was nominated, Michelle exclaimed, “I was thrilled! What an honor to be chosen by my peers to be Homecoming Princess!”

Michelle was also surprised to find out she was nominated for the dance, as she thought not many people knew about the nominee document.

“I’m so happy for Michelle for winning Hoco queen, she’s just an overall happy person and deserves something like that,” Junior Heather Bautista said.

Known for her bubbly, friendly personality, Michelle is constantly being a sweetheart through smiling and greeting everyone. Michelle is also involved in quite a number of extracurricular activities including Key Club, CSF, Band (she is president), and Pre-Med Club. In addition, she did Track and Field.

With an overall GPA of 4.2, Michelle excels academically. Taking multiple AP’s, Michelle’s favorite classes are AP Biology with Mr. Van Loo and AP Calculus with Mr. Peebles. She also stated that this year is her first time ever getting straight A’s in high school.

In her free time, Michelle enjoys listening to music and FaceTiming her friends. She also tutors as work. When asked who her inspiration was, without a shadow of doubt, she said, “My older brother, Tony!”

Her goals for the year are to maintain her straight A’s and have a relaxed, delightful Senior year. She is still unsure where she wants to attend college though because she wants to keep her options open.

As a tradition for every Homecoming Queen, Michelle will be standing on a stage in the field before the Homecoming Game, and Smoke Signal congratulates Michelle for winning!

KING SAM TIPTON



By ISABELLA BONINO
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Samuel Joseph Tipton, also known as “Tip”, Tipton, or Sam, is a well-known senior here at JBHS.

On October 20, 2018, the night of Homecoming, Sam won Homecoming King.

Sam attended with Shea McGovern, a Girls Volleyball Varsity Senior.

Just like Sam has been playing for the Boys Varsity Volleyball team, she has been playing Girls Varsity Volleyball since Sophomore Year.

Sam and Shea’s relationship status is currently unconfirmed.

Sam asked Shea to Homecoming by going to her house and spelling out “HOCO?” on her lawn as well as making a poster.

She then posted the cute video on her Instagram for all her followers to see.

Sam claims about his nomination, “It was cool to be recognized as a nominee by my friends and classmates.”

Sam is heavily involved in our school by being a student athlete. He has been involved in the Boys Volleyball program since Freshman year. He has played Varsity his Sophomore and Junior year and will end his high school volleyball career this upcoming season by playing on Varsity as well.

Sam is very well known, as are his parents and siblings. His parents are both teachers in the Burbank Unified School District and his

brothers were also well known student athletes while attending Burroughs.

As well as being a student athlete and a Tipton, he is also a part of Ping Pong Club.

As well as sports, Sam focuses heavily on school. He maintains a 4.3 GPA while currently taking AP Psych, AP Stats, English 12, Video Production and Economics. He claims that his favorite class is Mr. Carman’s Video Production class because “it is super cool and fun to learn about.”

When Sam is not being a student athlete, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends as well as playing club volleyball outside of school.

Sam does not currently have a job but, he has some pretty big goals for this year that take up his time. Some of his goals this year include getting a 10 Peat Pacific League Championship as well as getting past the second round of D1 CIF Playoffs. The 10 Peat Championship would be a huge deal for the Volleyball program due to their reputation of their level of skill and consistently being great.

After high school Sam hopes to play college volleyball and major in psychology. With psychology, he plans to combine his love for sports with psychology and become a sports psychologist for a professional sports team.

A lot of the inspiration for his goals tend to come from his three older brothers (also previous Burroughs Alumni), Nicky, Noah and Alex.

PRINCESS KATERINA KOJABABIAN



By ABBEY KRUEGER
SMOKE SIGNAL STAFF

John Burroughs High School’s One Night Only Homecoming dance had many nominees for Homecoming court, and Senior Katerina Kojababian got 2nd place in the 2018-2019 Homecoming court.

Kat wore her friend Naya’s dress, and she attended with a friend from New York whom she’s not dating. She had an extra ticket and wanted him to come with her so they could have a ton of fun together.

Their friend’s parents drove them to the dance.

After the dance Kat went to a friend’s house and had a ton of fun.

When asked whether she knew she would be nominated, Kat responded with “I never thought I would be nominated. Honestly couldn’t believe it, definitely thought I didn’t have a chance, it’s amazing.”

Kat says she’s known for being kind and outgoing. She was also in ASB last year. Her GPA is 3.6, and her favorite teacher would have to be between Mr. Bixler and Mrs. Gillett.

During her free time she enjoys working out, listening to music and eating. Kat works at a salon doing kids’ makeup and hair for events.

Kat’s goals for the year is to have straight A’s, be happy and make money.

Kat’s applying to a few universities and crossing her fingers that she gets accepted.

Her inspirations are her mom and her sister because they inspire her and motivate her to do better.

Homecoming was a wonderful experience for Kat and her fellow peers at JBHS.

PRINCE JAGGER GREEN



By RYAN HUNTER
SMOKE SIGNAL STAFF

Homecoming was two weeks ago and four princes were crowned that night. One of those princes happened to be Burroughs Senior, Jagger Green.

Jagger took Skylar MacLaren to Homecoming and the two of them had a great time together.

He wore a black polo shirt, black pants, Air Jordan 1 Top 3’s and a black harrington jacket from Tommy Hilfiger. After Homecoming was over he and a few friends went to BJ’s together.

When asked how it felt to be nominated he said it was, “unexpected and a crazy feeling.” And getting on court made him feel “very nervous.”

Jagger also had this to say, “I’m happy to get nominated for my last homecoming. It was pretty unexpected but it feels good.”

Jagger’s long time friend and fellow team mate, Caleb Reyes, had this to share, “He’s a good guy. Pretty good looking. He definitely deserves it.”

Around school, he is mostly known for his height and playing on the JBHS Varsity Volleyball team. Volleyball happens to be the only activity Jagger is a part of and he’s been playing since Freshman year.

Outside of sports, his time is mostly spent in academics. Jagger does pretty well in school and his favorite class is Broadcast Journalism. Aside from that, he’s also taking AP Stats, AP, Psych, Government, English 12, and Volleyball conditioning.

When he’s not consumed with school, Jagger likes to spend his free time hanging out with friends or playing volleyball. He also works a part time job at a Christmas tree lot.

After High School, Jagger’s plans are to play volleyball in college after graduating. His goals for the future are to graduate after playing volleyball in college, and owning his own shoe store or brand.

Lastly, his three main influences in his life are God, Michael Jordan, and Jesus. In that order.

PRINCESS EMILY GUTIERREZ



By Kimberly Ochoa
Smoke Signal Staff

Congratulations to one of our 2018 Homecoming Princesses Emily Gutierrez! When asked how she felt being nominated she said, “I was not expecting it, I was overwhelmed, it was a huge honor for me to be nominated with such other beautiful nominees.” It was a surreal moment for Emily, she said “I so honored and thrilled to be in the court, with such heartwarming support. I am proud and thankful.” Emily attended Homecoming with her close friends and her date, Peter Filippi, after they took pictures with her friends and date at the Buena Vista Library. When asked how she got asked Emily said “Peter asked me at the Santa Monica Pier to be his date. It was so romantic and unexpected.” Emily looked stunning and beautiful and wore a black dress with diamond straps, also wearing her beautiful corsage given to her by

her date. When asked what she did after the dance she said “I went to Wingstop and ate like there was no tomorrow. Lemon pepper wings with blue cheese sauce are the OTP. #gameover.” Emily is known for having a very kind and sweet personality, and for being the mother of her friend group. Emily says “I am the mother of the group. I always am taking care of my friends.” Caitlin Melgar, Emily’s friend said, “Hannah Montana said nobody’s perfect, but then there’s Emily Gutierrez.” “Emily is very smart, appreciative and always loves to help.” said Peter Filippi. Emily has a passion for basketball and is part of the schools Girls’ Basketball team. She enjoys being with her teammates both on the basketball court and outside of practice. Emily enjoys taking part of school clubs, such as Key Club and Link Crew. She has a passion for being part of something greater than herself. Emily says, “I have had so many wonderful teachers! My favorites are Mrs. Hakopian, Coach Sullivan, Ms. Zimny, Mr. Fernando, Ms. Kaur.” In Emily’s free time she enjoys spending time with her family or her boyfriend. She also enjoys volunteering. “I enjoy volunteering because I get to give back to my community.” When asked what her goals were for this year she said, “To get a job after basketball season, to maintain and pursue healthy relationships, and to stay on track for graduation and to enjoy Senior year as much as possible.” Emily hopes for college are to find something that captivates her, to fall in love with a major, to maintain good grades and to graduate on time. Her future dream is to become a preschool or kindergarten teacher. When asked who inspires her she said, “My mom would have to be my inspiration, she is so hardworking and dedicated in everything she does, and I hope to be the same way! I love her!” Congratulations to our beautiful 2018 Homecoming Princess, Emily Gutierrez!!

PRINCE TREVOR BATES



By Andrea Escobar
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Homecoming Prince Trevor Allan Bates, mostly known for being charismatic, kind, tall, friendly, and reliable, explains his experience when he won Homecoming Prince. On the night of Homecoming, Trevor showed up with his girlfriend, Faith Duston. Trevor came in black with a patterned gold bow tie, gold boutonniere, and a gold pocket watch. Later, they went to eat at Carl’s Jr. and watched a movie. Trevor couldn’t believe he was nominated for Homecoming prince and he said, “I was obviously very excited so I texted my girlfriend and found out that she got a balloon as everyone else who was nominated

did, meaning we were both nominated!” He also says that the feeling was inexplicable. Trevor did not expect to be nominated but when he found out he said, “I knew we could do it, I had ‘faith’ in us.” (We at the *Smoke Signal* hope the pun was intended.) He then explained how he asked Faith to Homecoming, “I was very happy when I asked her to be my date for Homecoming. I stood in the studio room in Photo class with all the lights off and when she came in, a spotlight came on and I had flowers and a large letter.” So romantic! When Trevor asked Faith Duston to Homecoming George Boote said, “No, I am not mad that Trevor is not going with me, totally over it. Doesn’t even bother me.” Even if Trevor didn’t ask George to homecoming, everyone had an amazing time!

Something that helps Trevor be inspired and keeps him motivated is the quote, “Build the kind of life that says, *I told you so*, without having to say a word.” Trevor has joined many activities, sports, and clubs such as Boy Scouts, Football, JSA, and Entrepreneurs club. Currently he has a 4.0 GPA, takes AP Econ, AP Lit, AP Stats, Spanish 2, Sculpture 1 to complete his fine art, and works as a College Peer Mentor. Currently his favorite class is AP Econ with Ms. Hacker. In his free time, he enjoys to read and relax, and to play video games with his friends. His main goals for the year are to finish college apps and enjoy this year to the max. Trevor’s plans for the future are to go to college for finance and become a professional investor and entrepreneur. Some of people that have inspired Trevor are Andy Frisella, Gary Vaynerchuk, Jocko Willink, David Goggins, and his father.

PRINCESS NICOLE ROJAS



By Marty CoHA
Smoke Signal Staff

Congratulations to our Homecoming Princess, Nicole Rojas! Nicole Rojas is in 12th grade and is known for being really nice. Ms. Rojas is so nice, everyone around her, such as her friend Senior Valeria Palma, says “she’s a sweetheart with kindness that is killer.” Nicole Rojas is very dedicated to her academics and making the school a better place. She cares for the school in ASB, Link Crew, as a College Mentor, and Vice President of Betterment Society Club. Nicole is clearly a great example of the great student with her 3.96 GPA. Her favorite class is

Economics with Ms. Hacker. Ms. Rojas’ inspirations in life include Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Selena Gomez, Mr. Kuglen, and Ms. Hacker. These people must be doing something right because they have created a perfect student, citizen, and friend. Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson has taught her hard work. Selena Gomez has taught her that self care is important and that it plays a huge factor in your life. We can assume this group of icons have helped her find her goal for college which is attending a UC where she can major in social work or psychology. This is obviously a perfect choice for Ms. Rojas, because she wants to make the world a happier place, one person at a time. With psychology she’ll be able to help her patients talk out their problems and help find healthy ways to manage their emotions. With social work, she will make it her mission to find underprivileged kids good and happy homes. When Nicole isn’t hard at work at Starbucks, she is running and watching movies with friends. Speaking of friends, Nicole was asked to Homecoming by her lovely buds. Nicole Rojas walked to the dance with her gal pals. At the dance our princess wore a long floral dress. Nicole Rojas had this to say about the night: “I had fun,” and “ASB killed it, thanks Kevin!” Her friends said “she looked so good” and “we knew she was going to win.” When Nicole was nominated she said it felt good and exciting but very unexpected. Ms. Rojas is the perfect Homecoming Princess of 2018 because she is not only sweet but very humble. Nicole’s goals for the year include making great memories and enjoying her time left at John Burroughs High School.

PRINCE DAVID SOLIS



By Lorraine Hackett
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Congratulations to David Solis for becoming Homecoming Prince! David won this position on the Homecoming Court at the dance on Saturday, October 20, 2018. When David was nominated, he was very surprised, as he wasn’t even completely sure anyone voted. Apparently, everyone had been very quiet about it. To the Homecoming Dance David wore a black suit with a black tie. David showed up via his girlfriend’s, Emily Goyanes, car.

She did not only drive him, however, as she was also his date. David used a poster to ask Emily to the dance. David was also surprised when he became Homecoming Prince as there were a lot of nominees. After the dance David got dinner with a group of friends and hung out. David is involved in some great extracurricular activities. He is in Powerhouse Choir and is President of Men at Work. David is also known among his friends to give haircuts. On weekends David can be found at his job bussing tables at The Smokehouse. With what is left of his time outside of school, he likes to hang out with his friends and listen to music. For his Senior year, David has set some goals. He will strive to have a good time and to get a GPA of at least 4.0. With an average GPA of 3.7 currently, David already has a good start on the second goal. When asked who his favorite teacher is, David named Mr. Reily and Mrs. Hollingshed. He says that his favorite class in all of High School so far has been Honors Chemistry with Mr. Sullivan his Junior year. David’s plan for college is to attend a UC or a Cal State for science. To help him with this, he has his inspirations. David states, “I look up to my parents because they work hard, so I always keep that in mind when I’m making decisions.” Hopefully all of David’s goals for this year and college are realized. Congratulations again to this worthy member of the 2018 Homecoming Court.

PRINCESS FAITH MARY DUSTON PRINCE ANDRES SALAZAR



By MYIA McIBER
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Homecoming: a magical night where princes and princesses prance among the shimmering lights. ‘For One Night Only’ is the theme, which is inspired by *The Greatest Showman*. One of homecoming princesses is Faith Mary Duston.

This ginger beauty wore a mauve-pink short dress, that was high neck with delicate lace and mesh in the center of the dress. Gold jewelry such as accent earrings, rings, and a bracelet were paired with burgundy shoes.

Faith was accompanied by her boyfriend, Trevor Bates, a fellow nominee. He asked her to Homecoming during lunch in the photo studio. Her friend, Alexa Calderon, also a fellow nominee, had Faith follow her to the studio, surprising her with a spotlight on Trevor holding flowers asking her to Homecoming.

After getting ready, Trevor picked Faith up from her house and they met with some friends at a nearby park to take some pictures. After the dance, Faith and Trevor went to In-N-Out to enjoy some fries and milkshakes. After, the pair met with a few friends at Trevor’s house.

As for being nominated, Faith exclaimed that “I’ve really wanted to get nominated all three years, but I never thought it would actually happen. I am elated to even

have been nominated, because I didn’t know that people even knew me enough to vote for me. I didn’t expect it.”

Faith continued that she didn’t expect being on court and winning princess. She expressed that “I am kind of nervous for the Homecoming Game. I’m going to have to be in front of a bunch of people.”

Faith’s date, Trevor Bates, continued to say that, “When Faith got nominated along with me, I wasn’t surprised, honestly...I’ve tried, and I can’t find one person to say something bad about her...I just feel extremely lucky. I am grateful... I can’t explain it. I wish there was a way to explain how happy and excited I am for what is to come...I am just at a lost for words, honestly.”

Besides being a Homecoming nominee, Faith is known for being a marvelous ginger and also said, “ I don’t really know what I am known for honestly.” However, her friends would describe her as outgoing, kind, sarcastic, and generally a warm-hearted person.

Faith is in Photo Club and Entrepreneur Club. Faith also mentioned that she is a cabinet member in Photo Club and also had volunteered at Muttshack for about six months. Furthermore, she is also a hostess at Market City Cafe in downtown Burbank.

In school, Faith does fairly well with an average GPA of a 3.0, however she discussed that, “ I’m not super proud of my GPA, but I’m hoping to boost it. By the ten -week grading period, I should have a 4.0 GPA.” In terms of classes, her favorite classes are Video Production with Mr. Carman, and her Economics class with Ms. Hacker.

When Faith does have free time, she enjoys writing, and hopes to do it in the future. Hanging out with friends and watching Netflix is also something she enjoys doing. “And don’t forget eating, of course,” Faith exclaims.

For the year, Faith has one main goal. She mentioned that “I just want to enjoy life, and live in the moment. I have a habit of worrying too much about the future or the past, and getting stuck in my head.” She continued saying that high school is going to end before you know it, and you should focus on the present instead of dwelling on the future or the past.

Faith also wants to build her artist portfolio, which leads her to her plans of college. She hopes to go out of state for college, most likely on the east coast. Faith continues, “I want to pursue creative writing as my major, and maybe take cinematography or interior design as a minor.” A college that is centered around writing and art would be a dream college to Faith. In the end, Faith just wants to make an impact on the world and be a prominent author.

As an inspiration, Faith would say that her mom is definitely someone she has learned from and looked up too, and is her best friend. Faith also said that “ In my earlier years of high school, I looked up to a woman named Savannah Brown. She is a slam poet, and set me on the path to writing.” Overall, Faith said that she was excited for this year, and for memories to be made with her close friends and family.



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Andres Salazar was one of the four boys who won Homecoming Prince.

His night started off by him arriving to Homecoming in his car with his date, Genesis Martinez.

He wore slacks, a black collared shirt, and a red tie and vest.

Andres was not expecting to be nominated, and was surprised and excited when he heard.

He was once again surprised when he was crowned Homecoming Prince, and was very happy to have won.

Andres had this to say about winning Homecoming Prince: “Yeah it’s pretty cool that I won... now I just can’t wait for the rest of my senior year to play out.”

To celebrate he went to a party after-

wards.

Andres is best known for being Captain of our school’s Varsity Baseball team.

He is also known for being involved in our school’s morning announcements; Good Morning John Burroughs, where he does reporting and sometimes anchors.

Andres does well in school with a 3.0 GPA.

His schedule consists of Psychology, Government, English, GMJB, Intro to College Math, and Varsity Baseball.

His favorite class in school is Government with Mr. FitzGerald.

“I like Andres,” said Mr. FitzGerald, “he’s a great kid, an excellent student. I’m sad that I’ll only have him for one semester since he has to switch to Econ next year. At least I’ll get to watch him for the morning announcements.”

Andres is inspired everyday by his friends and family, especially his sisters.

In his free time he likes to hang out with his friends and sisters and play baseball.

Outside of school, Andres works part time at Universal Studios as a clerk.

His goal for the year is to graduate with a 3.0 and win the Pacific League Championship with his baseball team, which looks like it could happen with the current lineup of excellent returning players like him.

His plans for after high school are to go to Los Angeles Trade Tech Community College to study.

His long time friend, Katherine Jimenez, had this to say about him, “I’ve known him for a while. He’s a good guy. I think he really deserves it. He’s great. He’s really a great friend and always knows how to put a smile to your face.”

Congratulations Andres, you definitely deserved it!



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Boo Hoo

By Ava Kramer
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Holiday traditions have become a big part of American culture. Whether it's commercial or recreational, almost all families have certain holiday trends. One tradition that has gained an ample amount of attention in Burbank this Halloween is Booing.

Booing is a Halloween themed ding-dong-ditch of sorts. Families create goody bags full of candy, note-cards, bubbles, glow sticks and other various Halloween knickknacks. After the bags are made, families deliver these bags to friends and family in the neighborhood.

The official instructions say that participants should, "Deliver at dark when there isn't much light...Ring, the doorbell and run, and stay out of sight!"

If you've been "BOO-ed" instructions say that a sign should be put up in a window to let others know that house has already been hit. To continue the trend, people that have been booed are supposed to do the same to two different houses. The goal is to hit everyone in the neighborhood before Halloween night rolls around.

People who are interested in this tradition should go to www.BeenBooed.com to find more in-

formation on the trend. The creators of www.BeenBooed.com said, "We don't know exactly how this game was started, but neighborhoods around us have been doing it for over 20 years."

The website was created back in 2009 when a family was Booed, but couldn't find a simple copy of the needed instructions. Today, "an average of 7000+ people a day use it during the month of October."

Although this tradition may come off as a cheesy celebration, kids have great fun in participation. It's a cheap and simple way to extend the Halloween spirit.

An anonymous source said, "For years it's been our tradition to boo the neighbors and then every night until Halloween we would walk around the neighborhood to see how far and quickly the boo's spread."

But, this tradition is not limited to kids, many adults have taken up the trend in the workplace. "I decided to boo my workplace. The people that I work with like to have fun, so I'm hoping that they will all have a great time with it."

This Halloween, hopefully, when trick-or-treaters walk down streets they'll be able to see the notorious Phantom Ghost in the window.

chael Myers and dead Uncle Sam.

What really has the new generation jumping with excitement is the new maze *Stranger Things*.

Sadly, it turns out that the maze wasn't what was expected and hyped up way too much.

The show was really great, and people hoped that the attraction would be equally awesome, but it wasn't. It wasn't scary, the lines were really long, and it was just played out. There were no surprises and the demogorgons looked like Venus fly-traps.

The aftermath of the maze may have been a disappointment but there are other that did the exact opposite.

Trick'r Treat, *Poltergeist*, *Universal Monsters*, *The Horrors of Blumhouse*, *The First Purge*, and *The Walking Dead* are most of the frightening spine chilling mazes at the park. Also, being older and less popular, the lines were not long nor as crowded.

If you hate the feeling of fear than this would not be the place for you.

On the other hand, if you love the sick twisted feeling of fear and fright then this "underworld" is perfect for you.

OPINION HALLOWEEN CITY

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Toys R Us might be dead but Spirit Halloween and Halloween City has risen.

Spirit stores open in late August through early November each year, stocked with everything you can imagine. Their website is opened year round though.

Toys R Us closed for good but has been resurrected into Halloween Stores, like Halloween City or Spirit Halloween. They are only open for a few months each year.

The store has about 150 to 200 different costumes in all sizes. They pretty much have different costumes for anybody and everybody.

Popular costumes are Fortnite characters, superheroes, video game characters, and animated cartoons.

People can also make their own

WICKED LIT

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Are you interested in a full on walking storytime experience with a Halloween twist? If so, you should check out the Wicked Lit show located at the Mountain View mausoleum in Altadena, CA.

The live storytime is available starting October 4th up until November 10th. This particular show features two theatrical Halloween productions. These two stories are classic Halloween horror stories but with a twist. To view these shows, they are playing at 7:30 PM for the matinee and 9:00 PM for the later show.

The first story is called *A Goblin Story*. This story is directed by Darin Anthony and was written by Jonathan Josephson. The storyline contains a father who is in a confused state of mind. He meets a goblin who brings him to near death.

The second story is called *Teig*

costumes using wigs, accessories and makeup, or order from in store and get free shipping, and people are loving it.

You can find this store in Burbank on Chandler and Victory. It's a mile away from the school, and with Halloween being today, might be the best place for a last



O'Kane and the Corpse. This story is directed by Paul Mallet and written by Kerry Kazmierowicz Trimm. The story is about a young man named Teig. Teig is struggling with the realization of adulthood and trying to figure out how to accept it. When he learns he is magically bound to a corpse he realizes he really does want to grow up.

This storytime special has some other cool qualities about it.

Even though it is not very cold during fall in Los Angeles, the show is located indoors. You can attend with friends and family but the age limit is thirteen years and up. Groups are allowed as well.

The coolest part in my opinion is that it is a walkthrough experience. This show is not your typical sit down and watch and non-interactive. This show is extremely interactive. It is even recommended on the website that you wear comfortable walking shoes since you will be walking a

minute costume!

Spirit Halloween is the worlds #1 Halloween store. They even have an incredible selection of not only Halloween costumes but of Halloween decorations. This Halloween store is only a seasonal retailer.

So go while it lasts!

HORROR NIGHTS

By Jada Reese
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Halloween Horror Nights is known to be the scariest most thrilling theme park during the month of October. It's settled in Hollywood for crying out loud!

Hollywood and Los Angeles are known for film-making and the entertainment industry which comes with lots of key characteristics that make these horror films that frightening.

For example special effects like makeup or lighting are key factors in making a horror film. Those two key factors alone can make a horror film come to real life.

Horror Nights is just a horror film in reality where the Ghouls and Demons from the underworld come to life and walk amongst us known as Halloween Horror Nights.

These creatures can vary from zombies, creepy clowns, dead stuffed animals, wolves, dead princesses, demons, devils, and so much more.

Also some of the old classic characters that still make everyone hair stand up and send a chill down their spine include: Mi-



FALL FASHIONS

By Gisselle Herrera
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It's finally Fall, which means we can really start dressin'. But what exactly is trending this Fall? Every year, each season is introduced or reintroduced with a trend. Here are some tips and trends to help guide you throughout this Fall season.

Denim jackets are easily the most popular trend and never really go out of style. You can layer a shirt, sweater, or hoodie, with a denim jacket on top and complete the look. Wearing denim on denim is daring, but can look really good if worn right. For example, black denim on blue denim can never look bad, but light blue denim on medium-dark blue denim can easily ruin the whole outfit. So try to make sure the blues match as much as possible to pull the look off.

Animal print has recently made a comeback, and some love it, others not so much. Whether it's animal, plaid, camo, stripes, polka-dots, e.t.c. adding a print to an outfit can really spice it up and look nicer than expected. The key is to not wear too much of it, but

just enough to balance the look. For example, you can wear an animal print top, plain bottoms, and layers; or vice versa. The goal is to only grab the attention to the one piece of print. Wearing too many prints can clash the outfit and look confusing. Overall, adding a print to an outfit can completely fix a simple look.

A pop of color is an obvious fashion tip, but bright neon has been the latest fashion trend in 2018. Specifically the colors hot pink, neon green, orange, yellow, electric blue, and bright red are the most popular colors. Even in the Fall, one can't go wrong wearing one of these colors. In fact, adding a pop of color to a look brings a refreshing feel since most people lean towards darker colors all season long. One can also wear more than one of these colors in an outfit, but be very careful and selective what colors are chosen and how they're worn. A pop of color could be anything from shoes, shirts, jackets, bottoms, and accessories. I personally wasn't too sure if I liked this trend, but I gave it a try and grew into loving it; so don't be afraid to

try something new.

Accessories are something that people usually forget about, but accessorizing any outfit can improve one's look by more than one can imagine. By just adding some jewelry such as necklaces, earrings, or bracelets, one can turn a regular look to a stylish fit. Both gold and silver never go out of style, but never clash and wear both silver and gold jewelry. Take some time to think about which one would match the outfit the most, and stick to that metal. Accessorizing isn't just jewelry, one can also accessorize by adding a beanie, baseball hat, scarf, belt, glasses, or bag/backpack. Pairing several accessories can really transform any outfit and look more put together. Give accessorizing a try; one can be very pleased with the outcome.

Overall, fashion is about expressing one's style and personality. It's important to try something new in order to learn more about one's style. By trying some tips and trends, one can get creative and simply enjoy experimenting with their style.

PARTY CITY

By BELLA SANTILLANO
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At Party City they have a wide variety of costumes, decorations, and special FX makeup for Halloween. All these items are sold for a low price.

All the costumes come in a wide range of sizes for all ages. They have costumes for young boys, girls, woman, men, toddlers, and babies. Womens and Men costumes are categorized by top costumes, career, superheros, Disney, TV, and movies. While kids costumes are categorized by superheros, TV, movies, storybook, careers, and video games. Toddlers are categorized by TV, movies, Disney, bugs, animals, and superheros. Babies are categorized by boys, girls, animals, tv, movies, and superheros. They have a wide variety of costumes for everyone and last minute shopping.

DARK HARBOR

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There are many Halloween activities that are going around right now that seem pretty fun. Well the Queen Mary Dark Harbor isn't one of them.

When buying the tickets online, the info about the mazes and activates that you can do there seemed exciting and like it would be worth your money. When the Queen Mary is not decorated for Halloween, its usually a museum and restaurant that people can roam around in. The Queen Mary is docked in Long Beach, California which is an hour away from Burbank.

The tickets cost around \$34.00 for general admission at the Queen Mary Dark Harbor, which isn't too pricey. There are about six mazes that you go through and many tents filled with food.

Once getting to the Queen Mary the line for the parking was not that long but, the directions for how to get to the parking structure weren't helpful. Many of the signs that where there to help for parking made you jump on the freeway, which was even more confusing because every-

MICKEY'S HALLOWEEN

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Every year, Disneyland hosts a special Halloween themed event called "Mickey's Halloween Party." It is the theme park's most popular event of the year. The event consists of parades, attractions, and other fun entertainment.

And it's ideal to plan this trip sooner rather than later since the Halloween Party Tickets tend to sell out pretty fast. Ticket prices for the party are usually pretty steep as well. The prices range from \$105-\$130 depending on the day anyone over the age of two years old will require a ticket. Although prices may be costly, guests have access to all of the free candy that they can carry.

Everyone attending is encouraged to show their Halloween spirit by wearing costumes. As long as they follow Disneyland's

Party City has many options for Halloween decorations. These prices can run really high or really low, weirdly nothing in between. Decorations include door decorations, scary creatures,skull, skeletons, inflatables, cobwebs, props, and tombstones and much more for indoor and outdoors. They have plenty of deals throughout the Halloween season so everyone can get a deal.

Party City has a wide variety of special effects makeup in case anyone doesn't want to dress up for Halloween or wants to exaggerate their costume. Party City is famous for their glue on and removal special effects makeup. A majority of their makeup comes in makeup kits. They also have different sizes of fake blood.

If anyone needs to purchase last minutes Halloween costumes or costume accessories Party City has great deals for everyone.

one else was getting lost.

After finally getting there and finding the parking structure and a parking space, it had already been two hours since the event had opened. Right after finding parking you have to wait at least ten more minutes, for a bus to take you back to the Queen Mary.

Now compared to other Halloween events that go on around Los Angeles the Queen Mary Dark Harbor was not crowded at all. But the mazes were and all six of them were a two hour wait.

And many of the activities that were going on were for people twenty-one and above. This wasn't shown on the website prior to buying the tickets.

Once finally entering one of the mazes which was called Lullaby it seemed pretty empty inside and there wasn't a lot that was going on for it to scare you. The whole maze was five minutes long in total. But most of the time was spent walking empty hallways and going up stairs.

If you do plan on going to the Queen Mary it's recommended to buy a ticket with a fast pass. So you can cut the line and won't need to wait for two hours.

many policies. Adults are forbidden from wearing masks, nor is anybody under any circumstances to carry a weapon, or any thing that can be used to harm anybody.

Most importantly, any visitors dressed as Disney characters are strictly prohibited from taking photos with the other guests. Breaking this cardinal rule could get you thrown out of the park.

Classic Disney characters can be spotted throughout both Disneyland and California Adventure parks. So now is your chance to get that picture with Mickey Mouse that you've always wanted!

Tickets for the event are currently on sale for annual pass-holders, Disney Visa Card holders, as well as Disney Vacation Club Members. If you are positive that you want to go, get your tickets soon because they are known to sell out fast.

OPINION

THE ORPHANAGE ESCAPE ROOM

By JOE STULL
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Halloween is nearly upon us; are you ready to get your scare on? While trick-or-treating sounds fun, there are different kinds of tricks.

60out features escape rooms with themes such as fantasy, action, and of course, horror. Age requirements vary from room to room, but the company's lowest age minimum is ten years old.

Different escape rooms are located at different addresses, so when going to one of these escape rooms, make sure to know which location you are going to.

After viewing different possible escape rooms, I decided on going to the Orphanage themed escape room by 60out Escape Rooms with my mom and friends: Emily Henschel, Vera Naskhulyan, and Calliope Holmes.

The Orphanage is an escape room that holds two to six people, with prices ranging from \$26.66 per person, to \$40.00. The more people in the escape room, the less money it costs per person.

The Orphanage is a medium-skill horror escape room themed around an orphanage with a dark history. It is not handicap accessible, and as always with 60out, you only have sixty minutes to solve all of the clues and

PUMPKIN SPICE

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Even though Southern California does not necessarily have "real" seasons, that does not mean that we do not find other ways to makeup for the lack of seasons. Starbucks Fall Drinks are one of those outlets for some people. Starbucks first introduced its fall drinks in Fall 2004. Starbucks Drink Magicians took a long time testing different combinations of possible Pumpkin Spice Lattes to make sure, they had the perfect texture, flavor, and pumpkin essence.

Since the debut of Pumpkin Spice Lattes, it has become Starbucks most popular seasonal beverage. While the background of a PSL is interesting, what if you have never had the opportunity to try one? One occurring enjoyer of this drink, Myia McIver, mentioned, "tHe only ThiNg tHat WiLl fiX mY PrOBLeMs iS A PumKin SpiCe LATtE."

The Pumpkin Spice Latte consists of a mixture of spices, milk, and espresso. These seasonal spices include smoky flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg and clove. The PSL is often topped with whipped cream unless you prefer otherwise. The cool thing about Starbucks drinks is that they come in all different ways for a consumer.

For example, if you prefer hot coffee, you can get a regular hot latte. If you prefer iced drinks, you can order an iced pumpkin spice latte (pictured to the side), perfect for a blistering hot California autumn. Lastly, if you prefer something sweet then you would love a Pumpkin Spice Frappuccino. Even though Starbucks is the OG for holiday drinks, many fast food chains have copied them and made their

escape. You may ask the "Darklord" for unlimited hints throughout the room. The Orphanage does NOT have any actors, blindfolds, or any physical constraints such as handcuffs or ropes.

Difficulty wise, the escape room seemed much more easy than the escape room promised. After a while, the puzzles mostly kept on getting easier, and whenever our group was stuck, we could easily just ask for help from the Darklord.

To make this room actually become it's claimed "medium-skill" difficulty, the hints could have a ten-ten minute cooldown, so that the explorers could actually have to solve the difficult puzzles, but also have some extra help when needed. It would also add more tension if you are stuck, but still need to wait to get the next hint.

One thing that this escape room did very well was the horror element. The room was filled with tension every time we solved a puzzle, for fear of what would happen next. The dark and sparse atmosphere assisted in this as well.

This room is suited more towards a smaller party. My personal experience was mainly filled with two people solving each puzzle, and the rest of the group trying to look for extra clues.

Although this is usually what you are looking for in an escape room, the Orphanage proved to be very consecutive, where the next puzzle would only be able to be solved once the one before it was solved, making it so if you weren't the ones trying to work on the main problem, then you were waiting.

In short, I would rate this escape room three out of five feathers. The scary storytelling and atmosphere were great, but the difficulty was too easy to be a medium escape room. I would recommend a group of four for this escape room.

In the past I have gone to other escape rooms by this company and have had very positive experiences.

If you want to go to a horror escape room, I highly recommend the Krampus escape room. The difficulty, scariness, and inclusion of the whole party is overall much better than the Orphanage escape room, and is fun for both Halloween and Christmas time.

Although I support 60out Escape Rooms, the Orphanage is admittedly not their best.

To view or book an escape room from 60out Escape Rooms, their website is www.60out.com.

own version of the pumpkin spice latte.

Coffee Bean and Starbucks have their own version of Pumpkin Spice Lattes. Not only is pumpkin spice largely in coffee drinks, people just love pumpkin spice in general. According to NBC, they had some very interesting details about the effect of pumpkin spice.

People are very infatuated

with the scent of pumpkin spice. Starbucks has sold over 200 PSL beverages since the drink's debut. Not only does Pumpkin Spice introduce fall, but it tends to bring back a lot of nostalgia for people. People claim that it "reminds them of home." Neurologist Dr. John McGann claims that the obsession with PSL's has to do with, "... the olfactory system, aka our sense of smell."



Spooky Movies

By MYIA McIVER
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It's spooky season, which means witches, ghouls, vampires, and werewolves are prancing in the moonlight. To start the season off right, spooktacular films have been displayed on the TV network, Freeform. Instead of the traditional 13 Nights of Halloween, Freeform has taken over the whole month, in 31 Nights of Halloween.

Starting from October 1st, each night has featured a frightful film. The first night presented the movies *ParaNorman*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, and *Hocus Pocus*. True classics which are perfect for snuggling up with a fluffy blanket and some spooky treats.

The second night revealed a 90's classic, *The Addams Family*, a supernatural dark comedy that has everybody singing, "They're creepy and they're kooky / Mysterious and spooky / They're all together spooky / The Addams family." Also featured was, *Monster House*: a movie that has us early 2000 babies' recollecting our childhood memories.

Throughout October, many other festive movies were exhibited. Child friendly movies included, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Disne-*

y•Pixar's Monsters University, *The Goonies*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Maleficent*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Despicable Me*, *The Boxtrolls*, *Spooky Buddies*, *Disney's The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *The Haunted Mansion*, and *Hotel Transylvania*.

Darker movies for an older audience included, *The Final Girls*, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, *Dark Shadows*, *Maggie*, *The Witches of Eastwick*, and *Warm Bodies*.

Spooky-Halloween movies were not the only movies displayed. Some prime classics featured in 31 Nights of Halloween were, *The Parent Trap*, *The Breakfast Club*, and *Jurassic Park*.

Just in case any viewers missed a showing, most movies would be played more than once throughout the 31 Nights of Halloween program. *Hocus Pocus* and *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, were key returners in the October schedule. Also, Freeform was celebrating the 25th anniversary of *Hocus Pocus*.

Although it feels that spooky season has just begun, it truly is coming to end. Fall is just around the corner, as well as sweater weather and fall leaves. Before we know it, it will be time for hot cocoa and festive activities.

OPINION

Halloween Movie Suggestions

By ALEXANDER CHEN
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Happy Halloween, John Burroughs! To celebrate the eerie, candy-filled holiday, *Smoke Signal* will be recommending movies for this spooky month for those to enjoy throughout October or on the night of Halloween!

Obviously the focus will be on horror films, ranging from recently released to classic horrors. To start off the list, John Carpenter's 1978 horror flick, *Halloween*, is a must-watch for this holiday; in fact, the entire *Halloween* franchise is a must-watch. With the plot focused on an innocent, teenage babysitter who has been targeted by a psychopathic killer who was escaped mental hospital on Halloween night, the film is an absolute classic and set an example for future slasher films. In addition, a new reboot of Halloween has been in the cinema to celebrate the series' forty-year anniversary.

Another serial killer that has been recognized as a horror movie icon would be the Ghostface Killer from Wes Craven's *Scream*. Unlike many other slasher films, *Scream* is filled with satire and humor, but all whilst keeping the tension and scary fac-

tor that makes it such a legendary film and many horror fans' favorite after all these years.

However, slasher films do not please everyone. *The Conjuring* series has been extremely popular after the first installment of the same name. The movie follows a married couple of paranormal investigators who sought to expel spirits. With the series being based on real-life events, many are left petrified by the movies.

It is also a great movie to watch during this time of the year. Adapted from Stephen King's novel of the same title, the movie is about a group of kids who are terrorized by a clown known as Pennywise. The clown figure in the film has given many of its viewers coulrophobia.

Even though Halloween is scary in its nature, many don't enjoy watching horror movies. Here are some suggestions for non-horror but festive movies for the holiday.

To start, *Scooby-Doo* would be a great example of a non-horror yet festive film to watch. The viewers follow a crew of paranormal investigators who find themselves surrounded by supernatural events at a resort.

Halloween Town is also very

popular among teens, with the story centered around a young girl who discovers her witch powers and later on becomes a great witch. The whole franchise is family-friendly, amusing, and still fitting for the holiday, so it is a definite thumbs-up for viewing.

Hotel Transylvania has been a classic to watch around this time of the year as well. The movie, which is about a young, oblivious human man who stumbles into a hotel full of monsters and creatures like vampires, appeals greatly to children. The series contains three films thus far, and each is guaranteed to make kids laugh.

Last on this list would be the iconic and infamous *Ghostbusters*. The film is about a group of scientists who lose their jobs, form a group of so-called "ghostbusters," and face the responsibility of saving New York City from evil spirits. As the catchy theme song plays, everyone would find themselves singing along. Although this movie was released twenty years ago, many still continue to watch it for Halloween and even make it a tradition to do so every year.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE OLD

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Trick or Treating. A tradition celebrated every year on October 31st. This is the time of year when all kinds of people of different cultures come together to dress up as one of their favorite characters.

Some people look forward to this event all year. They can get dressed up and become someone else for the day, all while getting a whole variety of candy too! Although some people choose to be out during the night, dressed up and taking advantage of all the candy being given out, some think they they are too old to go

trick or treating. But they still want to have some Halloween fun.

There are lots of other Halloween activities to attend if you think you have grown out of the classic tradition. One of them being going to a horror nights like event like the one at Universal Studios. This type of event is filled with mazes and people who are destined to jumpscare you eventually. There are also many haunted houses that you can explore at your own risk.

Most of the ordinary rides are open during this annual event, but some are closed. General tickets for this event ranges from \$60 to

\$97 while express passes range from \$159 to \$229.

There are other events like this such as Knotts' Scary Farm. Like Horror Nights, Knotts' Scary Farm is full of mazes and scare zones.

If you are looking for a more peaceful activity on Halloween, you can always sit in the comfort of your own home and enjoy some classic Halloween movies. A couple of T.V. channels only run Halloween movie marathons during this time of year.

If you consider yourself to have grown out of trick or treating, consider trying any of these activities.

WHY YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD

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Trick or Treating is awesome no matter what age you are. You get to experience many people all out to have fun. It is a great big social event in your neighborhood. While many people think it is just for kids, you also have great fun as an adult.

Trick or Treating as a child is amazing in so many ways. You get to go shopping for a really cool costume and choose between age old classic monsters or new characters from movies or pop culture. Then you get to coordinate with friends and family where you will go for your night out of sightseeing and candy collecting. On the big night, you get all dressed up in your favorite costume and can even improve it with fake blood or make-up. You can socialize with your friends and family before meeting at the arranged location. You walk all around the neighborhood and go from house to house. At each house, you ask for candy and

people actually give it to you! You get to meet other kids, see many cool costumes, awesomely decorated houses, and sometimes people create haunted mazes for you to run through. Then your parents actually let you eat the candy. And lots of it!

As an adult you get to experience your child go through this great day. You get to go shopping (yay!) and get your kids costumes that they enjoy. You can even get a costume for yourself to also dress up. You then help your child put on costume and decorate it or put on makeup to improve the costume. And you can dress up too! You and your child meet up with their friends or your families, you get to meet their parents and get to know them, then you make a game plan on where you're going to go walk around and the limits on how far you will go. You get a great walk all around the neighborhood from house to house getting great exercise. You get to see your kids having a blast and getting free candy and expe-

rience their joy as you once did as a child. You get to see all of the cool spooky decorations on each house and how each is different and unique and maybe even also get to go through a cool haunted maze. Along the way, you meet your neighbors. Some also trick or treating with their kids and others giving out all the yummy candy. Overall, it is a great bonding experience with your kids and you even get rewarded with the candy your kids don't want.

Halloween is an awesome experience for people of all ages. You get to have fun and get to know more about your kid and have a great bonding night. This is also great for the community because you can meet all new people and everyone has fun for a night. Maybe you'll even meet new friends that can last a lifetime. This is a great and fun experience for everyone involved. Everyone can be what they want for a night and get in the spirit, dress up as whatever they want and just have fun.

