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## It's a Hit Parade

*Both dance and first parade a homecoming success*

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Staff writers

**A** fire truck. Convertible Corvettes. Marching band. Dancers. The school's first parade was well attended by students, maybe not so much by the

city. "It was really fun, it was the first parade ever in the school's history so everything was new, we asked many questions and had to research because we wanted to make it sociable and add a new tradition. Even though if we plan every single second of the day it will never go according to plan so it was stressful, but I was proud of every single person involved and their hard work and dedication for the parade going smoothly," said Aisha Campos.

Mr. Jeff Stuckey, who is retiring after 35 years, was grand marshal. "I was happy when ASB told me. I was surprised but I also remained humble about it. It was an honor of being chosen as the grand marshal. It was also an honor as I was able to flip the coin for who starts off with the football at the game."

The homecoming

court got to ride down the parade route in style, convertible Corvettes.

Junior princess Kayla Norris was also the sophomore class princess last year. "The parade was fun, especially getting to ride in the convertible, but my favorite part was seeing my friends and family support me. I hope to get this chance again next year by voting for me."

The parade, held on Nov. 1, may have been a new tradition, other traditions are hard to forget.

The juniors won the class dance. Jacqueline Avalos said, "We bought our outfits from Walmart. I loved the energy in everybody and that everybody gets along." All the dances were based around the theme Around the World. Juniors wore black with bright neon colored vests.

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**Pretty in Blue:** Emily Orosco was named 2019 homecoming queen. "It felt really good being voted homecoming queen. I was surprised when my name was called, it was an experience I'll never forget. I'm happy to be queen."

# NEWS

## Oom pah pah Annual Herbstfest raises the roof and \$2700

Vlad Barrera, Madison Barrera  
Section editors

**A**s the bell rang signifying that sixth period was over, students flooded out of their classrooms headed towards the quad area. German music started to play from speakers and the German Club members were standing front and center.

"I volunteered to be the chicken as a joke, but then I tried to back out, but Frau (Ms. Patricia) Pahner told me it was too late. Then I were like, oh okay, but this was my junior year, so I might as well just do it. Herbstfest was cool though, there was lots of games, lots of people. I didn't play any games but I was on the side saying hi to people and cheering on people playing the games. In the suit, I was dying, I couldn't really see or breathe, it was tiring. The suit was big, I'm small, I'm 4'11, and it was hot in the suit," said Ajada Peralta.

A chicken suit? It must be Herbstfest, the only German festival in the area.

In between German music and food sales, from time to time, German Club would host contests throughout the event, such as: the pie eating contest, the stein holding contest, the root beer drinking contest, and the sack race.



"I participated in the pie-eating and pretzel eating contest. I didn't win the pretzel one, but I won the pie one," said Marcus Cruz. "I ate three pretzels and one pie," said Marcus.

"The winners of the contests got gummy bears and candy," said advisor Frau Pahner.

There were 19 clubs selling everything from popcorn to pizza with tickets costing \$1.

"I bought a brownie, a deep-fried Oreo, Jamba juice, and I got some lemonade with pizza. The food tasted pretty good, but I especially liked the brownies and the Oreo. I saw the pie-eating contest and the root beer chugging contest. I used 30 tickets total," said Matthew Gabriel.

As soon as clubs were set up, people were buying; the Band club selling the most with 399 tickets for pizza with lemonade. Spanish club, Basketball, Cooking Club, Girl's basketball, cross country, Link Crew, German club, Spirit squad, Cheer, Poly Club, BTC, French Club NHS, BSU, Band, Agape, Key Club, Softball, and Swim all sold something to fill their accounts.

"We were selling cups of chai tea and cups of spiced mocha," said Herbert Vega. "We earned a total of 51 tickets, or \$51. We decided to sell because we wanted to start getting into the habit of raising money for the Agape club. We plan on using the money we have in our account to buy personal leather Bibles for each one of our members who are not privileged to have their own physical copy of the word of God."

As time passed on, the line for the tickets dissipated, but grew again as people went back to buy tickets. Some people hung out where the blue tables were with their food, or just to get away from the music. Herbstfest, starting to wind down after the contests, held the German Club Dance as entertainment. In total, 2,758 tickets were sold for Herbstfest.

**Annual festival:** Herbstfest, the brainchild of Frau Patricia Pahner is our version of Oktoberfest. This was the fourth year it was held. From left to right: Luis Sanabria, Maria Sarabia, Stefany Martinez-Barajas, Ajada Peralta (as the chicken), Bella Reyes, Helen Castillos-Hernandez.



# NEWS

## Mini Musical

### *Small scenery but big cast for Pirates and Choir*

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**N**o scenery. No orchestra. No set changes. But it was all voice, pirates and police fights in the musical *Pirates of Penzance* hosted by Concert Choir.

"I felt really honored to be part of this year's musical. I was astonished when I got the news to be one of the daughters (Mabel). At first, I felt very intimidated to take a major role but then as I began to learn more about the character, the more I became a part of her. Even though it is my last musical I'll ever do, it will still be a memory I'll cherish," said Aimee Valencia-Morales.

Mr. Ryan Duckworth created two casts who performed on two separate nights. There was two casts because Mr. Duckworth didn't want to stress and strain the leads' voices since the operetta can be difficult on the voice.



**Main idea:** This was Aimee Valencia-Morales's first main part in a musical. "When I first started in on the musical, I was really excited and very honored. Ever since I got to know my character of Mabel, put myself in her shoes, it made me feel confident. Hopefully the audience understands the humor that the *Pirates of Penzance* has in it."

"Mr. Duckworth also liked both Sierra and I as the lead (Kate) so I think he wanted to give us both a chance to perform. But having an A and B cast gives many more students a chance to perform," said Aerica Agda.

"I was excited to return back on stage from my previous musical *Mary Poppins* to have a more significant role as the Sergeant. I am also proud to be working with an amazing cast and a wonderful director, Ryan Duckworth," said Jared Espinosa.

Many of the cast members starred in other musicals such as *Mary Poppins*, but say that this is one of their favorite musicals they've worked on. The late nights and memories created a special bond with each and every member. Some feared that they had to get up on stage and step out of their comfort zone.

"Being Edith in both casts was awesome. At first, I thought she was kind of weird, and then I decided she was more like a protective big sister. The only thing that was difficult was harmonizing because I am used to singing higher notes. But other than that, it was an amazing experience," said Brettina Burdette.

"I love playing as Isabel in Cast B because it's my first speaking role. I feel my character is the little sister that everyone sees as the one that's always the outcast of the group," said Aralyne Raston.



**One sided:** The Pirate King, Lucas Rubio, pulls a surprise attack on The Major General. "I thought it was really fun, although I thought I was going to be more scared than I was when I first started. I was really glad when I found out I got the part of the Pirate King for both casts. My lines and he had a lot of upbeat songs," said Lucas.

# NATION

## What's in the news

Karime Ramos  
Editor

### Bernie Sanders medical problems

On Oct. 5, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders suffered a heart attack. Sanders has previously been experiencing chest pains. He underwent emergency surgery to remove an artery blockage at a Las Vegas hospital. Sanders's first appearance after his heart attack was on Oct. 19 at a campaign rally in New York.



### Kansas Shooting:

On Oct. 6, four people were killed and five others were wounded after two suspects entered a bar and opened fire at Tequila KC, a bar in Kansas City. Kansas City Police announced charges against Javier Alatorre, 23, and Hugo Villanueva-Morales, 30, with four counts of first degree murder. Bond for both suspects has been set at \$1M.



### Simone Biles Breaks World Record:

On Oct. 8, Simone Biles broke the record for most world medals earned by a gymnast, male or female, after winning her 25th medal at the World Gymnastics Championships that took place in Stuttgart, Germany. Biles broke Belarusian Vitaly Scherbo's record of 23 world medals, which had stood since 1996.



### Power Outage for California:

On Oct. 9, Pacific Gas and Electric announced plans to cut power to 800,000 Californians. The power shut offs are an attempt to prevent wildfires from being started by electrical equipment during strong and dry winds. The shutdowns have drawn widespread fierce backlash and criticism from residents as well as government officials as PG&E, SCE, SDG&E and the California Public Utilities Commission issued an apology. Many customers complained of being misinformed or not informed when shutdowns would occur. Some people expressed their frustrations through vandalism and violence, including the egging of a PG&E office's front doors and someone shooting at a PG&E vehicle.



### California Bans Fur Products:

On Oct. 14, California became the first state to ban the sale of animal fur products. Gov. Gavin Newsome signed legislation that will make it illegal to sell, donate or manufacture new fur products in the state. The bill applies to all new clothing, handbags, shoes and other items made with fur. Those who violate the law would be subject to civil penalties. Used fur and taxidermy products are exempt from the ban, along with leather, cowhide and shearling. Fur products used for religious purposes or by Native American tribes are also exempt, and fur lawfully taken with a hunting li-

cense is still allowed. This law will go into effect beginning January 1, 2023.

### Saugus School Shooting:

On Nov. 14, a student with a pistol shot five schoolmates, killing two, before killing himself at Saugus High School in Santa Clarita, California. The weapon was later identified by Los Angeles County Sheriff as a .45 caliber semiautomatic handgun, an unregistered "ghost gun" assembled from a kit. The shooting began at 7:38am and lasted for 16 seconds. The two victims were a 15-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy. The perpetrator was identified as Nathaniel Tenenosuke Berhow, a student at the school. Berhow carried out the shooting on his 16th birthday. He shot himself in the head with his last bullet and died the following day in the hospital. Aside from all being students at Saugus High School, the gunman and the victims reportedly had no known personal connection.



### Isis Leader Dies:

On Oct. 27, President Trump declared that ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was dead after a US military raid in Northwest Syria. Trump said a US special operations forces mission went after the ISIS leader and there were no US deaths during the operation. Several ISIS fighters and companions of Baghdadi were killed, including two women wearing suicide vests and three children. President Trump would not provide a specific number of casualties, only describing those targeted on scene as "more dead than alive." The death of Baghdadi marks the culmination of a years-long hunt to find one of the most wanted terrorists in the world and the man who declared a so-called Islamic caliphate in Iraq and Syria in 2014. Baghdadi became the leader of Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) in 2010. Baghdadi has been in hiding for the last five years. In April, a video published by ISIS media wing al-Furqan showed a man purporting to be Baghdadi. It was the first time he had been seen since July 2014, when he spoke at the Great Mosque in Mosul.



### Vape-Related Death Toll Rises:

On Nov. 21, the number of vaping related deaths rose to 47, and the number of cases rose to 2,290. The CDC has now called the vitamin E acetate found in vape pens as a "chemical concern."

### President Trump Impeachment:

On Nov. 25, the US House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff published a letter stating that next steps toward impeachment will be taken when a committee report regarding the impeachment inquiry will be sent to the House Judiciary Committee when Congress returns from its Thanksgiving recess. A draft report was circulated among the membership of the Intelligence Committee on Dec. 2; the next day it was released to the public. On Dec. 3, the House Intelligence Committee voted 13-9 along party lines to adopt the report and send it to the Judiciary Committee.





# SPORTS

## A BASKETBALL FIRST

Zoe Del Manzano  
Staff Writer

The clock was ticking and the time was almost out, the pressure was all on Jacob Barajas, who needs to hit a tough shot in order to go ahead of Murrieta. The team was having trouble scoring, and Jacob's two-pointer gave the team just the right amount of motivation to get the team past the final hurdle.

The boys basketball team won their first basketball tournament, The Spartan Extravaganza Tournament, in school history defeating Jurupa Hills (84-67), Canyon Springs (88-44), Silverado (65-64), and Murrieta Mesa (57-44). The tournament ran from Nov. 26-30, during Thanksgiving break.

"Going into halftime for the Murrieta championship game, being down 23-24, our coach told us something special. He said, 'You guys have 16 minutes to do something that has never been done in Bloomington history.' Being a senior that hit me hard, I couldn't see us losing this game," said Jacob who has played basketball all four years of high school.

It came down to the wire at the end of the third quarter. The score was tied up... 37's across the board. It was coming down to who wanted it more. It was coming down to who was willing to leave it all on the floor for the last eight minutes.

"I was a bit nervous going into the fourth quarter; I can't even lie. I had never been put in that position before. From our

demeanor, you could just tell we were about to win this game. We wanted this and we wanted it bad. The other team thought just because we were smaller than them that they were going to win, but we had something to prove," said junior Angel Gonzalez playing his first year on varsity.

Our boys came out with a victory 57-44 only allowing seven points in the 4th quarter.

"Being on varsity for three years and contributing is great and all, but nothing compares to being a part of winning our very first tournament in school history, people always doubt us because we come from a small school. Winning that championship game as the underdog hit home. That's something I can tell my kids about in the future," said Hamdan Awad.

Awad, along with older brother Mohammad and David Black earned a spot on the all-tournament team. Junior David earned MVP of the tourney.

"I was very surprised when they called my name. My whole family was there to see it. They went wild when they called my name to receive my plaque." His stats for the tourney: Averaged 19 pts a game, 8 assists, and 5 steals.

The Silverado game was a close one, but Coach Jordan was absent due to a funeral. Assistant Coach Shawn pulled out the last minute win so the boys could go on.

## In the world of girls soccer

Adrianna Fuentes  
Staff writer

Girls soccer has gotten off to a great start, hoping to repeat as the Sunkist League Champions. The varsity girls are 2-0-1 in preseason with wins against AB Miller and Eisenhower.

Captains Jaidyn Jacobs and Krystalle Lagunas scored their first goals of the season against AB Miller, kicking off their first win of the season 3-0.

"Our goal this year is to win CIF," said both girls after their win against Miller.

The team's two other captains are Ashley Hernandez and Sarai Montoya.

Luisana Garza scored the game winning goal against Eisenhower for the 2-1 victory.

"It felt really good, I was really happy. My hard work is finally paying off," said Lucy after the Eisenhower win on Nov. 26. Lucy didn't play last year because of a torn ACL. She is the team's left striker. "It was hard to watch the team on the sidelines last year, I'm just happy to be back."

Up next, the girls have games against Nuvview Bridge and Beaumont. They start league play on Jan. 8 against Grand Terrace.



## That's how we do

Josiah Santiago and Jose Salgado make the play and strip the ball from a FoHi player. "In this play, FoHi ran a screen pass. I was a corner at the time, so I ran down and tackled the guy with the ball. Jose was a side linebacker or a middle linebacker; he also went for the ball and we both went for the tackle," said Josiah.

# FEATURES

## The POW in Powderpuff

Darwin Manansala, Brandon Garcia, Jago Legaspi  
Editors

“I feel very happy I got to play, I wish it would have been a longer game though,” said Alejandra Lopez (Team Senior). It was a cold night as the girls were setting up in their positions on the field. As the game started, the girls, on both sides, consistently fumbled the ball. Team Juniors took the lead with 6-0, but Team Seniors did their best to catch up, and came right back to tie it up, 6-6.

“I’m going for the seniors because my friends are in that team, and they need the support,” said Adrian Hernandez.

There were nine clubs selling at Powderpuff, there was ice cream, brownies, popcorn, and even face painting.

“We were selling Halloween grams; it was to raise money for our Cheer account,” said Navah Gutierrez.

ASB was doing face painting, Class of 2020 was selling corn in a cup, class of 2022 was selling brownies, Cheer club was selling popcorn, chips and soda, Vibe was selling chips and water, Best buddies was selling soup, Spanish club sold hot cheetos with cheese on it, POLY sold Hawaiian Punch/drinks, and NHS sold pizza.

Mr. Howard and

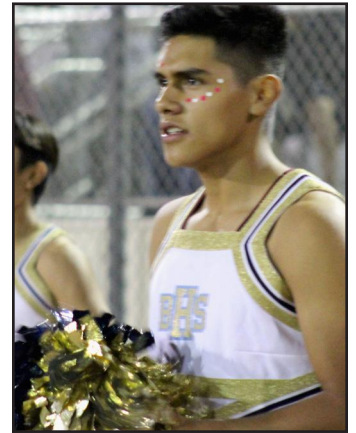
Mr. Gallo were the announcers for the Powderpuff game again, providing commentary on the game as it played out.

As the girls played on the field, the tradition of boy cheerleaders was brought back to life. They cheered and invigorated the crowd, wearing the cheerleader’s outfits and actually had a performance.

“I decided to cheer because since my freshman year, I had wanted to do it. Also, a cheerleader friend told me to,” said Hector Solares.

The powderpuff players gathered up constantly after and before the plays to talk. The coaches told them how to play throughout the game so they can start scoring. The coaches constantly gave instructions to the girls as the game played out.

“I played because I thought it would be a fun idea, so why not. I thought I’d learn something,” said



Britney Amador of Team Seniors.

At 15:00 minutes left, the teams were tied. Adriana Gonzalez of Team Juniors did a quarterback keeper and ran the ball in for the go-ahead score with two minutes left in the game, making the final score 12-6, Team Juniors.

“Overall, I think everyone did good, and I’m glad Team Juniors took the win. Team Seniors played a tough game,” said Destiny Rivas.

**They are back:** *The boys actually participated and wore cheer skirts for the first time in several years. “I got pretty comfortable in the skirt at first when I got out of the restroom everyone started laughing but I came out so confident. It was just a whole new experience,” said Arturo Franco.*

**Yes 21:** *“It was very difficult because both sides were actually very good. It was very competitive. Our coaches were very good. They knew what they were doing and they never gave up on us,” said Alyssa Valdez. From left: Michelle Barajas, Emily Bertoldo, Michelle Rendon, Yaneli Garibay, Alyssa Valdez, Coach Jacob Santiago, and Mauro Galvez.*





# OPINIONS

## Under

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*Pressure*

Jago Legaspi, Darwin Manansala  
Editors

Day after day. Night after night. No sleep. No fun. No time. All for a good grade in the class. Does this sound familiar? This is the daily life of your typical high school student. But should this really be the case? Why should students always be focused on their studies, when they could be hanging out with their friends and doing what they love most? After all, it's just high school.

"Personally, I feel like I'm not getting enough family time because of all of the work. Us, students, would rather stay up all night studying as opposed to getting things like a good night's rest," said Darleen Baca, a junior on campus.

This is absolutely not okay. According to the National Sleep Foundation, teenagers need at least eight hours of sleep to operate at peak performance, but only 15 percent of teens get an adequate amount of sleep as of 2019. Sleep deprivation can lead to many symptoms of anxiety like paranoia, fatigue, and many other negative side effects that can hinder a student's life.

"If you try to do stuff alongside your assignments, you are going to end up staying later to finish assignments, and when you stay up later to finish assignments, you end up getting less sleep than you are supposed to because school starts at seven in the morning. Ideally, you should be waking up at 6 o'clock to get ready for school, which means you are going to sleep at around 10, and I'll be surprised if there are any students around campus who actually manage to sleep at 10 o'clock

every night," said James Krejci.

It's this pressure and stress caused by school that destroys your mental health. In 2014, the American Psychological Association reported that 45 percent of high school students said that they were stressed out by the pressure of school.

"There's just so much work to do and it really tends to just build up and stress you out, then for a lot of other students the pressure can be demoralizing because they cannot measure up," said James.

All this talk of negative side effects begs the question, what can teachers do to make sure students don't get overwhelmed by their assignments?

"Sometimes being able to explain the assignments better and some assignments are busy work can be eliminated. Also, making sure the students understand what the expectations are can help students. I know that a lot of teachers assign homework and sometimes that homework isn't even looked at or graded," said Mrs. Rosa Aguirre, social

In the end, teachers are the ones responsible for the fate of their students, so they shouldn't be bombarding them with pointless busy work that confuses and bewilders them. Instead, they should be guiding and helping their students through assignments that actually helps them learn and grow. After all, the point of school is to learn, and it's the teacher's duty to educate their students, so what is the point if the student isn't learning anything?

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# Homecoming

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Bonny Garcia added, "It was pretty hard putting the dance together because everyone is on different levels of experience so it was difficult but in the end it was worth it. It was Leiloni (Cortez), Peter (Guzman), Jackie (Jake-lin Martinez) and my idea to add the airplane but Leiloni was the one that

made it all."

As one new tradition starts, another one may end. The long running Mr. and Ms. Betty Crocker may be at an end as only one person Nai Hathcock, turned in a cake decorated with the homecoming theme.

"I was surprised that I was the only one who brought in a cake. Since it was only one

cake, ASB didn't do the cake auction so I shared it with my friends," said Nai. It was a double layered caramel cake.

The dance on Nov. 2 was by far the greatest hit. With a cost of \$35, it was well sold out before the end of the week.

"It was my first homecoming dance and when I got there, it was a bit empty. But it didn't take long for it to get crowded. I was having such a good time dancing with my friends I forgot to take pictures or eat," said Lucita Fregoso.

Lucita originally could not afford the ticket, but her friends all pitched in to send her, like Cinderella.

"I'd like to thank Miranda Cortez, Giselle Mangana and Navah Gutierrez who all chipped in for my ticket

and a dress. I also want to thank Jasmine V. Since the dance was sold out, she transferred her ticket to me so I could go. I was so happy I cried when they told me what they had done."

**Surfs up:** Aubry Macias crowd surfing at the homecoming dance. She started off by dancing on the light box, and her friends encouraged her to jump. "I was scared that I was going to jump and everyone would end up moving." Luckily, she had her friends from cheer there to catch her.

**Hello, Goodbye:** Mr. Jeff Stuckey, who is retiring after 35 years, was grand marshal.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Members of Mrs. Leticia Herrera, Mr. David Rojas, Ms. Carmen Vega and Frau Patricia Pahner's language classes sang Christmas carols on Dec. 6 to welcome in the holidays. Alan Lopez Lopez volunteered to accompany the group with his guitar. "I felt like it was a good experience as I did what I love as well as share my passion which was playing and singing in front of an audience."

On behalf of the staff of the Bruin Press,  
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.





# FEATURES

## Perfection Five score perfect on CAASP

Carolina Saldana, Serena Sanchez  
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The dreadful test dates for all juniors and seniors arrived. For the month of April 2019, seniors had the task of completing the CAASPP test for science. But, the juniors had to face three long tests. They had to take tests for not only in science, but math and English as well. Some of the juniors didn't try much, but there were five juniors who stood out from the crowd and got perfect scores, all on the English portion. Meet Andrew Ramos, Kathleen Christensen, Dennis Lustre, Kevin Rodriguez, and Arayancy Gallegos.

"It was long and after a while, my brain had difficulty functioning. It was kind of challenging but it was mostly overwhelming," said Kathleen who is also in choir and has held various leads in the musicals.

The English part of the CAASPP was scheduled for one week in April, but for some classes, they went up to almost eight or nine days because one hour every day wasn't enough. After a while, it became exhausting for many students to even concentrate, but Kathleen was one of the five who managed to make it out alive.

"I was pretty surprised to find out my score but I felt pretty prepared. For me, it was easier than I thought it would be," said Andrew.

The secret to getting a perfect score? Pay attention in English class. The five seniors felt prepared because all they had to do was pay attention in class, since there was no specific way to study for this.

As Dennis puts it, "These tests don't impact our grades, so I just went into them with the knowledge I already had."

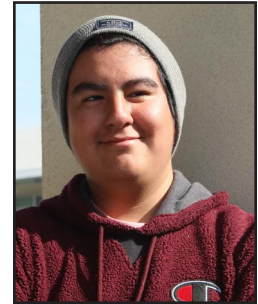
One of the seniors even underestimated his own skills when taking this test.

"I was surprised when I found out because I thought I would've gotten an average score but English class pretty much prepared me," said Kevin, who is on the Virtual Enterprise team.

None of the seniors had expected to get the scores they did, it just comes to show that they're not only brainy, but humble as well.

Getting informed of their perfect score was the finest part of it all. The five seniors all received a letter either in the mail or in class.

"I remember being called up to the office and thinking I was in trouble. They just wanted my shirt size so that they could give me a t-shirt," said Arayancy who plays varsity soccer.



All the right stuff:  
The five students who received a perfect score on the English CAASP test. From top: Kathleen Christensen, Andrew Ramos, Kevin Rodriguez, Arayancy Gallegos, and Dennis Lustre.

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