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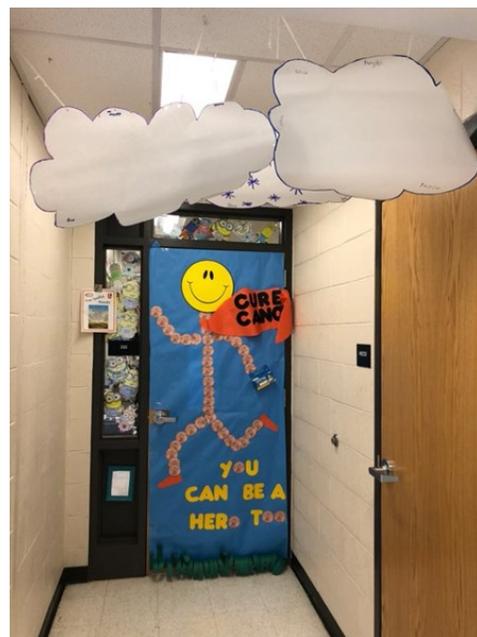
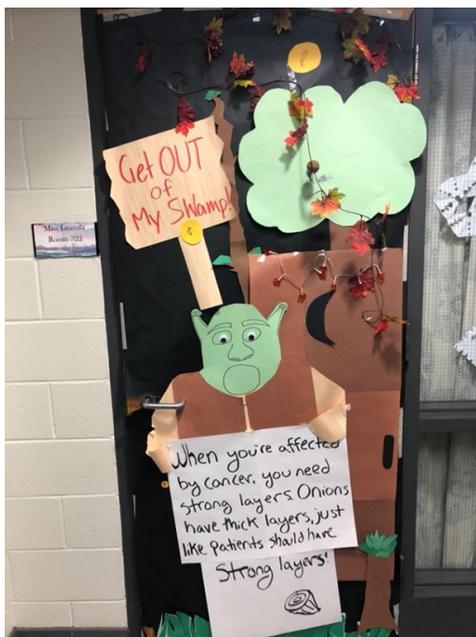
Pennies for Patients

Jasmine Liu and Diya Hundiwala

For the entirety of January, Unami Middle School participated in a program called Pennies for Patients, dedicated to raising money for the nonprofit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Each advisory received personal donation boxes, an advisory collection bag, and an advisory donation/goal tracker. The building’s goal was to fundraise \$3,000 from January 13th to January 31st. The top advisory with the most money raised on average per student was Mr. Campbell/Mr.Hosler’s advisory with an average of \$11.76 raised per student! The top three advisories who raised the most amount of money were Mr. Smola’s advisory (\$232.05), Mr. Leible’s advisory (\$267.32) and Ms. Iatarola’s advisory (\$308.25). Ms. Iatarola’s advisory won the pizza party since her advisory raised the most amount of money throughout Unami!

Moreover, every advisory had the opportunity to decorate their door in order to promote Pennies for Patients. The advisories which won the *Most Creative* and *Best Overall* doors were Ms. Penn’s advisory and Ms. Iatarola’s advisory! These winning advisories received \$50 towards their overall total! As a whole, Unami raised \$3,022.03 towards fighting cancer. Go Warriors! (*Winning doors photographed by Unami Student Council*)

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Unami and Community News

9th Grade Bowlero Trip

Lynn Choi

This year's trip for the Unami freshmen was to Bowlero! Many of the students were excited to be back at the nostalgic place where many spent their childhoods. The colorful lights and bright neon signs got everyone in a happier, more excited mindset, relieved of all the stresses of our day to day life in school. The field trip got rescheduled for after break, and the rescheduling was a nice brain break as the students were getting back into the swing of things after the extended winter break. At Bowlero, there were many fun activities such as bowling, laser tag, an arcade, and a lounging area where all student could sit and relax. All the students were broken off into groups of friends, where they could form bowling teams and spend quality time together. This trip was a great way to kick off the start of a new year and everyone attending had a great time with friends and teachers!

****add bowlero pictures****

Celebration of Our Schools

Chakrika Aluri

On January 29th, 2020, Central Bucks High School South hosted the annual "Celebration of Our Schools" event. The even kicked off with a showcase of instructional technology and student art in the auditorium library. More than 183 individual pieces of student art were on display. (These pieces were organized by district art teachers. More than 100 students and teachers showcased and demonstrated exciting technology being utilized in the classroom. This was set up in booths around the lobby's perimeter. The attendees walked around among the displays tapping iPads, taking photos, and talking with teachers and students. Following the showcase, CBSD superintendent Dr. John Kopicki had a presentation that featured updates and data regarding progress in strategic goals across all the operational and instructional areas. Dr. Kopicki refers to these as the "Pillars of Excellence". These updates also included details about CBSD's vision for the future. "Together, we must have the singular focus to do the best we possibly can for each of our students," says Dr. Kopicki. In addition to this, each of the three high schools sent an ensemble to perform for the crowd. In attendance were the CB East Select Choir, CB West Chamber Strings, and the CB South Jazz Band. Dozens of student volunteers from across the district helped to run demonstrations and help direct people to where they needed to go. Overall, the Celebration of Our Schools event was undoubtedly successful, and it can be predicted that the turnout will be just as amazing next year!



Unami and Community News

Rock of Ages

Gianna Grumer

Recently, it was time for Unami's 2020 Musical, Rock of Ages (Middle School Edition)! Set on LA's Sunset Strip, Lonny (Luke Mingacci) narrated the story of Sherrie (Hannah Keane), an aspiring actress, and Drew (Brad Castle), a rock wannabe. The legendary Dupree Room, owned by Dennis Dupree (Jon Izquierdo), is threatened by construction of Hilda (Sarah Klunk). Protesters led by Regina (Olivia Giampolo) fought in order to keep Hilda from tearing down the building. That brought a visitor to town, rocker Stacey Jax (David Arnoldi). After Drew left Sherrie for his rock 'n' roll dream, Stacey lured Sherrie away. Were they be successful in saving the Dupree room? Will Drew and Sherrie resolve their relationship? We hope you found out by watching Unami's performance of Rock of Ages!

We had the chance to talk to leads Hannah Keane and Luke Mingacci about their favorite parts of the play and what they looked forward to. According to Hannah, "The play is such a fun experience for so many reasons. This year's play specifically is so interesting and exciting, it is also very inclusive. I'm looking forward to seeing it all put together and although I am quite nervous for the premiere, I'm ten times more eager to put on the show." Luke claims, "It's a really cool show, not just because of the plot and characters, but because everyone already knows the music. Don't Stop Believin', Here I Go Again, The Final Countdown, and more! Even if you guys don't know anybody in the show, I think you should still come and see it. It's a fun show for everyone, and you might see some friends in it. Hopefully we will be able to see you all there!"

This year's musical brought in some new faces, Miss Katie Gornick as the director, Miss Dani as the choreographer, Mr. Beal as the chorale director, and Mr. Myers in charge of stage crew, as well as technology and behind the scenes work. There are over 70 members apart of the cast, who have been working since the beginning of October. They have been putting in countless hours to produce a quality performance. They are hoping to sell out all four shows, as Grease sold out three (the fourth only had four seats left)! The cast even had the opportunity to perform at Broadway Cares, a fundraiser that shows a preview of each of the Central Bucks middle school and high school productions. A special thank you to the stage crew, student directors, teachers, and parents involved in the production. The show would not have gone on without you! We hope you all had the opportunity to see Rock of Ages!



World News

Coronavirus

Iris Liu

In recent news, the coronavirus has made headlines, spreading fear and panic globally. The coronavirus is a group of viruses and is a generally harmless virus. It is spread by bodily fluids, like saliva. Usually, it results in a cold. The version of the coronavirus on the news, however, is classified as COVID-19 by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. The mortality rate of this strain varies from 2% -6% and the incubation period is around 14 days.

This coronavirus outbreak originated in WuHan, China and spread to other parts of the world rapidly. Because this tragic event occurred so close to Chinese New Year, many people were travelling to and from different places to visit family.



Source: The Guardian, retrieved

In recent studies, medical professionals believe that this new version for the coronavirus was transmitted through seafood to humans. As the virus is zoonotic, it can only start through transmission of animals. Doctors have inferred that seafood passed the virus to humans through consumption and it proceeded to spread through person to person contact.

Because the coronavirus is plastered all over the news, misinformation is inevitable. The misinformation led some people to assume that all people that look Asian have the coronavirus. Many people showed displays of racism through physical acts and social media. One man assaulted a woman wearing face mask, calling her diseased among other things. Another man claimed that “Chinese people are filthy, and all diseases come from China.” Many Asian-looking people and even some Americans are being harassed on social media.

Australian Wildfires

Jasmine Liu

Recently, problems regarding the climate change crisis have been appearing nonstop all over the world on the news and social media. Australia’s bushfire crisis, a product of natural causes and human irresponsibility, has been making headlines for months now, due to the severity of it. A result of endless droughts, windy conditions, and extremely high temperatures, the wildfires have grown out of control, burning over 110,000 square kilometers of parks and vegetation, killing over 33 people, and millions of animals. There is concern that many of the unique and endangered species dependent on the habitats destroyed by the fires will not be able to recover and go extinct. Countless homes have been destroyed, forcing families to relocate. No Australian state has been left untouched by the fires, resulting in horrible air quality and affecting major cities. New South Wales has been hit the hardest, with approximately 1/3 of the koala population and their habitat destroyed by the fires, along with thousands of homes.



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To combat the Australian wildfire crisis, several Australian states have declared a state of emergency. America, Canada, and New Zealand have also sent firefighters to aid the thousands of Australian firefighters. The federal government also has billions of dollars reserved to help rebuild destroyed land and buildings. Programs like Australian Red Cross and Port Macquarie Koala Hospital are working towards relief and aid for victims and the devastated animal population. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that these catastrophic fires will end anytime soon, as it is an annual occurrence and Australia’s temperatures peak in February. With the climate change situation worsening, many expect that the fires will only become bigger and more destructive, resulting in more and more deaths.

The Effects of The Australian Wildfires on Wildlife

Rishi Raghav Suresh

In just the state of New South Wales, about 800 million animals have likely been affected by the fires. Fires have been a part of the Australian landscape for thousands of years. Many species and ecosystems have evolved to cope with this abiotic factor. However, several ecologists claim that the severity and size of this season's fires may limit the effectiveness of those strategies. As climate change fuels longer fire seasons, it could become increasingly difficult for ecosystems to bounce back.



Source: World Wildlife Foundation

It is impossible for scientists to know precisely how many animals have been killed until fires subside enough to allow surveys of the burned areas. However, researchers approximate that more than 12 million acres have been burned in New South Wales to arrive at 800-million animal deaths. If the fires in the states of Victoria and South Australia are included, that would push the number to more than one billion animals whose habitat has been on fire. Which creatures succumb to the blazes and which survive, at least in the short term, will vary from species to species and in ways that are not immediately obvious. The ability to fly may seem to be a means of escape for both birds and bats, but many of Australia's forest bats are slow flyers and may not be able to easily flee the fast-moving infernos. Some animals are adapted to find refuges in rock crevices or burrows. Other species can repopulate a burned area with just a few survivors.

For animals that do endure fires, the threat is not over. They have limited food and water resources and little shelter from predators, circumstances that could cause further mortality in the weeks and months after the smoke clears. In Australia, invasive European red foxes and feral cats are known to swoop into burned areas to pick off survivors. Research proves that more animals survive during the fires than after. The sheer scale of this season's fires, in terms of both size and intensity, also works against animal survival—both during and after the fires. The heat may penetrate into crevices and hollows and cause surviving animals to go through severe pain. Climate scientists have warned for years that rising global temperatures would bring more drought, longer fire seasons, and more frequent and intense fires to the part of Australia that is now ablaze. Even for scientists, who are acutely aware of the predictions, the current fires have been jarring.

One factor that helped species recover from the Black Saturday fires was abundant rainfall in subsequent months. But drought conditions are now becoming more common, which could hamper recovery this time. (Much of southeastern Australia is currently in a major drought, which has contributed to the onset and severity of the recent fires.) With fewer survivors, it becomes increasingly harder for species to reestablish themselves in burned areas. The possibility of such a future underlines the urgency of protecting vulnerable species and ecosystems. Many researchers have advocated for more work to understand the physiological impacts of fire on individual animals, such as changes to metabolism or the effects of smoke exposure. Researchers say such work will help build a more complete picture of wildfire impacts and will better inform the conservation measures needed to prevent the appalling scenes of recent weeks from becoming the new normal—and an existential threat to Australia's biological bounty.

Kobe Bryant's Death

Abhirup Dey

A few surrounding people watched in awe from the streets of Calabasas, California as they saw some smoke rising from the hills and saw the police, the firemen, and the ambulance rushing towards the hills. At first, they were thinking that this would be no problem, but pretty soon, they all found out that the helicopter that had crashed in the nearby hills had contained the all-star basketball player Kobe Bryant, and he had died from the plane crash. America and the rest of the world had just lost one of the greats of all time.



Source: Sports Illustrated

Kobe Bryant was a famous basketball player who had played in the NBA for 20 seasons. He was the shooting guard for the Los Angeles Lakers, and he was very well known for his numerous accomplishments in basketball, including being an 18-time all-star, 12-time member for the All-NBA team, 12-time member of the all-defensive team, and the most valuable player in 2008. As a child, Bryant was part of a basketball family, with his father, Joe Bryant, being a basketball player and with him playing basketball since the age of 3. Bryant attended Lower

Merion high school in Pennsylvania and played for their basketball team, where he was recognized as one of the top high-school basketball players in the country. In 1996, Bryant, who had just finished high school, had been selected for the 1996 NBA draft pick by the Charlotte Hornets as a 13th overall pick by the Charlotte Hornets.

He then got traded to the LA Lakers to play for them. As a rookie, Bryant had built up quite a good reputation for himself by becoming a fan favorite and a high-flyer by winning the 1997 slam-dunk contest. His reputation continued to grow as he got better and better and became more and more popular. Towards the high time of his career, he had become an important cornerstone for the Lakers, leading the scoring for the Lakers in 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, scoring an all-time high of 81 points in a single game, almost breaking the famous player Wilt Chamberlain's 100 point record. In 2009 and 2010, he led the Lakers to the finals and was named finals MVP on both occasions. He continued to be a top player through 2013, when he suffered from a torn Achilles Tendon at age 34. Although he healed pretty soon, he continued to have more and more injuries, and in the 2015-2016 season, he stepped down and retired as one of the greatest basketball players of all time. He was continued to be recognized as one of the best of all time, the youngest player to reach 30,000 career points, the all-time leading scorer of the Lakers, surpassing Jerry West, the first guard in history to play at least 20 seasons, and much, much more! Unfortunately on the dreadful day of January 26, 2020, Kobe Bryant and his daughter, Gianna "Gigi" Bryant, along with 7 other people, died at age 41 from a helicopter crash and his death is still grieved by many, many people. The world had lost the man who had broken numerous basketball records, one of the greats, the bests, Kobe Bryant, number 24, LA Lakers shooting guard.

Is It Possible to Predict The Super Bowl?

Cassidy Fisher

(*This was written before Super Bowl LIV*) San Francisco 49ers vs. Kansas City Chiefs, who will win? Although this question may seemingly be impossible to predict before the game actually happens, is there a way to assume who will win the Super Bowl LIV correctly? Teams have toiled through the twenty-two-game season. San Francisco 49ers have won eighteen and lost four of their games. After calculations, on average this team wins about 82% of their games. Kansas City Chiefs have won fifteen and lost seven of their games. When calculating, the Chiefs have won about 68%, and have lost about 32% of games. Comparing the average wins/loses percentages of each team, the 49ers are in the lead so far. Another important aspect of picking the winning team is points scored per game. When seeing which team wins or loses a game, the amount of points scored during the game is important. Calculations show the San Francisco 49ers score an average of about twenty-nine points each game, while Kansas City Chiefs, closely trail behind with an average of about twenty-eight points per game. The San Francisco 49ers' statistics show their offense skills are superior to the Kansas City Chiefs. Further, when competing with each other in the beginning of the season (8/24/19), the 49ers won the game by an impressive ten points, the score being twenty-seven to seventeen. This is a very interesting statistic, and this could be a prediction for the result of the Super Bowl.



Source: Cliff Hawkins/Getty Images

Super Bowl LIV

Varun Rao

The 54th Super Bowl occurred in the first weekend of February, on February 2nd. The championship occurred in the NFL's 100th season, and it seemed right that the final game went out with a bang. To begin the game, the Chiefs received the ball first, but quickly punted, courtesy of the ferocious 49ers defense. The whole season, the San Francisco defense seemed immovable and that held true for the first 3 quarters of the Super Bowl as well. The 49ers followed with a drive that ended in 3 points and a field goal. But the Chiefs weren't to be outdone. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes led his Chiefs offense on a 15-play touchdown drive that lasted 7 minutes. At the end of the first quarter, the score was 7-3 Chiefs. On the next 49ers offensive drive, quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo was intercepted by cornerback Bashaud Breeland; this led to a Chiefs field goal and decrease in productivity for a while for the team. After they settled for 3 points, the 49ers went on a 15-play touchdown drive to score a touchdown. After many punts and overturned calls, the score at the end of the first half was 10-10. After a Latino-inspired halftime performance by Jennifer Lopez, Shakira, J Balvin, and Bad Bunny, the game resumed. The 49ers' momentum continued on to the 3rd quarter. The Niners scored on a field goal, putting them up by 3 points. The Chiefs got the ball on the following possession, but just when Mahomes and Co. were getting back into their groove, Mahomes was picked off by 49ers linebacker Fred Warner. This led to another score by the Niners, this time a touchdown by undrafted running-back Raheem Mostert. The Chiefs were known for being slow starters, but by now, it seemed as though all hope was lost for Chiefs fans; the Niners had taken a 20-10 lead going into the fourth quarter. With the Super Bowl riding on his back, Mahomes had to lead his team to score twice in the final 15 minutes, but he threw an interception with 10 minutes remaining. Just when the Niners had the game sealed away, the Chiefs defense forced a crucial punt, giving the ball back to the 2018 MVP, Pat Mahomes. After a huge 44-yard pass to Tyreek Hill, Mahomes added 7 points to the Chiefs score with a 1-yard touchdown pass to tight-end Travis Kelce. The 49ers were still leading by 3 points, but the Chiefs forced another punt, leaving Mahomes with 5 minutes to try and take the lead. Of course, Mahomes stepped up once again, throwing a 5-yard touchdown pass to running-back Damien Williams. It was up to the 49ers offense and Jimmy G to lead San Francisco to their 6th championship. But for the third time in the 4th quarter, the Chiefs defense stepped up to force the 49ers to give the ball away again. The Chiefs sealed the game with a long Damien Williams touchdown run. At the end of the game, the Chiefs had won their first Super Bowl in franchise history. Patrick Mahomes won Super Bowl LIV MVP, and Coach Andy Reid a.k.a. Big Red won his first Super Bowl. The celebrations were on for Kansas City as they had a lot to celebrate.



Source: David Eulitt / Getty Images

Disney+

Vibha Iyengar

In September 2017, Disney announced plans for something new: a streaming service that would hold all of their content. Over the course of 2 years, Disney announced more about that streaming service, until November 2019. On November 12th, Disney released Disney+. Disney+ holds the content of all entertainment companies that Disney has purchased over the years, as well as original Disney content. The five companies that produce content for Disney+ are: Disney, Marvel, Pixar, Star Wars, and National Geographic. It has the content that had been produced by these companies prior to the release of Disney+, but it also promises new TV shows and other exclusives that will be on the streaming service. Disney+ costs seven dollars every month, which is cheaper than Netflix's low costing plan. Disney+ also offers one year free to Verizon users, and has a bundle deal with ESPN and Hulu. It also has looser restrictions on the number of accounts and screens that can be watching at the same time. Disney+ allows one to make up to seven different accounts under one household. Four different screens can be using the service at one time. This is the same as Netflix's premium plan, however it is about ten dollars cheaper per month. Disney+ does have some drawbacks, nonetheless. One of the attractions about Disney+ is the new, exclusive content. However, all new TV shows are released episode by episode. This means that one will have to wait around a week to watch the new episodes of a series. This is upsetting for anyone who relishes Netflix's format, and prefers to watch TV shows in one sitting instead of over time. For anyone who prefers Netflix's format and still wants to enjoy the new shows that Disney+ will have, it is recommended to either watch them episode by episode or wait until they are finished airing and watch them in one sitting.

The content that Disney+ has is a conglomerate of older shows and movies that many current young adults have seen in their childhood, as well as new content that Disney+ will be producing and releasing. Most of the content on the service currently is older content, however that older content holds a lot of value. Many teenagers watched Disney Channel as children, meaning that the shows that are on Disney+ now are appealing on nostalgia alone. As time goes on, the current young adults are realizing that their childhoods are coming to a close, and they are looking back fondly on the memories. Disney+ gives them the ability to revel in the shows that they enjoyed as children. There are many examples of such shows, including but not limited to: *Lab Rats*, *Jessie*, *Austin and Ally*, *Phineas and Ferb*, and *Wizards of Waverly Place*. Unlike the new shows that are going to be released exclusively on Disney+, these shows have all of the seasons already available. When one factors in the fact that most of these shows are serialized, it provides something that people who prefer Netflix's format can enjoy, since they can simply sit down and watch these shows in one sitting. One of the greatest appeals of Disney+ is these shows, since they are all in one location and can be easily found. The target audience of this streaming service is unknown, but these shows provide a lot of appeal to the people who grew up watching them. Another selling point of Disney+ is the new shows that will be airing on the streaming service. Disney+ promises many new shows in the future, many of them based in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Shows include *WandaVision*, *Loki*, and *The Falcon and The Winter Soldier*, and many more. However, Marvel shows are not the only ones that Disney+ will be producing. There are currently a handful of original shows out, such as *High School Musical: The Musical: The Series*, *The World According to Jeff Goldblum*, *Encore!*, and *Diary of a Future President*. There are also a couple of shows based on Star Wars. Disney+ will also be producing shows that aren't based on Marvel or Star Wars. Some examples of these are *Love*, *Simon*, *Monsters at Work*, and *Big Shot*. As of right now, Disney+ does not have a very extensive library of original shows, but this promises to change within the next few years. The future library of Disney+ has something for everyone, and this was just only a handful of the shows that will be coming in the future.

Overall, Disney+ has many selling points, as well as things that would make some people unhappy. The other thing that people may want to note about Disney+ is that it is a true testament to Disney's monopoly on the entertainment industry. Over the course of years, Disney has acquired many other companies, meaning that they have a tight hold on the entertainment industry. This makes it harder for individuals who aren't affiliated with Disney to create new content that will be successful. Because of this, it is not recommended that someone – if they intend to purchase Disney+ -- share accounts amongst others. On one account, seven profiles can be made, and four devices can watch at one time. This means that Disney+ is fairly easy to share amongst friends and family. This helps save money and ensures that the money does not end up in the pocket of a large corporation that is benefiting greatly from capitalism. Overall, the decision to buy Disney+ is one that someone has to make based on personal taste in content. Even though some people might not approve of Disney monopolizing the entertainment industry, many of shows on Disney+, such as *Lab Rats* and *High School Musical: The Musical: The Series*, are genuinely good shows. At the end of the day, there is no ethical consumption under capitalism anyway, so you might as well watch *Lab Rats*.

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Taylor Swift: *Miss Americana*

Katherine He

Taylor Swift. Everybody knows her name . . . but does anyone *really* know her? She’s one of the world’s biggest super stars, just recently winning AMA’s prestigious Artist of the Decade award and Billboard’s first ever Woman of the Decade award. She is one of the most versatile artists, starting out in country and then transitioning to pop, and one of the most respected songwriters of this generation, solely writing or co-writing every single one of her songs, a feat rarely seen in this industry. With an impressive 13 years in the music industry, Taylor Swift has undoubtedly solidified her place in music history. She is simultaneously the most loved and hated artist in the world, hailed once as “America’s Sweetheart” and then as a “snake” by social media .

On January 31, 2019, she released a Netflix original documentary of her career thus far, with emphasis on her journey of self-acceptance and learning to ignore hate, titled *Miss Americana*. This documentary was directed by the award-winning director, Lana Wilson, and premiered at the prestigious Sundance Festival. In it, she features the moment she previous eating disorder and how she’s changed her entire mindset towards her body. Additionally, Swift discloses the return of her mother’s cancer and the discovery of her brain tumor, reveals how she felt when the world had ‘canceled’ her after the Kanye West controversy, gives an intimate inside look into her songwriting process, and



Taylor Swift pictured in Netflix documentary “Miss Americana”.

uncovers so much more about her life of fame.

The critical response has overall been very positive, with an impressive 92% score on Rotten Tomatoes. The general opinion of *Miss Americana* is that it is an deeply intriguing way to quell inaccurate perceptions about a life in the spotlight. Although many appreciate the insight into her life, there are still critics who scrutinize Swift for manipulating the narrative to only present what she wants the audience to know. Overall, this documentary shines a new light on a raw and exposed Taylor Swift and is an intimate and illuminating must-watch for those who love, hate, or are indifferent towards her.

The Grammy Awards 2020: Top Moments

Chakrika Aluri

On Sunday, January 26th, 2020, the 62nd annual Grammy Awards show was broadcasted live on CBS. Singer and songwriter Alicia Keys hosted the ceremony for the second year in a row. Keys started with a warm and bittersweet tribute to late NBA player, Kobe Bryant. She then introduced the ceremony with a creative song which essentially covered all of the major celebrity moments from 2019. From then on, it was truly a night to be seen, and here are the top moments from the show.

In the category for “Best New Artist”, Eilish competed against Lil Nas X, Lizzo, Maggie Rogers, Black Pumas, Tank and the Bangas, Yola, and Rosalia. Eilish initially gained recognition after releasing her song “Ocean Eyes” on SoundCloud back in 2016. It is quite easy to say that 2019 was a successful year for the 18-year-old artist. Another one of her albums, entitled “When We Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?” was released in March and reached No. 1 on the Billboard 200 as well as on the UK Albums Chart. This feat makes Eilish the first artist born in the 2000s to have a No. 1 album in the U.S. as well as the youngest female to have a No. 1 album in the UK. Along with this, Eilish took home award for her song “bad guy”, which was record of the year, best pop vocal album, and album of the year.



Billie Eilish pictured at the 62nd annual Grammy Awards by CBS.



Kobe Bryant being honored at the Grammys photographed by CBS.

The Grammys are typically a vibrant event with lots of color, glamour, and dazzling lights. This year’s edition, however, definitely took on a more somber tone, as artists honored NBA star Kobe Bryant, who died in a helicopter crash that same day along with his daughter Gianna. The parade of tributes began with Lizzo, who performed “Truth Hurts” and “Cuz I Love You”. “Tonight is for Kobe,” she declared afterwards. The show’s host, Alicia Keys, also paid a tribute; the singer-songwriter talked about how not just one city, but how America is feeling the loss of someone so great. Boys II Men, as a tribute, sang “It’s So Hard To Say Goodbye.”

With the viewers, Camila Cabello’s performance struck a very emotional chord, as some said her song, *First Man*, reminded them of the Bryant family. While she sang, Cabello descended from the stage and approached her father, Alejandro Cabello, as photos from her childhood appeared on the screen behind her. Cabello’s father seemed very emotional during the performance, and the two shared a hug afterwards.



Camilla Cabello performed a song called “First Man” off her new album Romance, photographed by CBS

Reviews

Little Women Movie Review

Lynn Choi

Little Women is an old tale about four sisters navigating life as women after the Civil War. This 19th century classic American novel has been adapted for the screen several times, first in 1933 and now this past Christmas, this nostalgic story was brought back to movie screens everywhere. However, writer and director Greta Gerwig had managed to make this film stand out from the other versions with her fresh perspective on the story, highlighting the topics that are most relevant today. Apart from this, a particularly praised aspect of the movie is the beautiful cinematography. Every shot looks like a Renaissance painting, and the movie uses colors to their advantage and as a storytelling tactic. Jacqueline Duran, who won an Oscar for her work on this film, was also able to incorporate a color scheme with each character's wardrobe, which builds on the arch of the character and their personalities. In this new adaptation, one thing many people noticed is the incredible chemistry between the actresses, who created a very realistic family dynamic. According to critics, the standout performance was done by newcomer Florence Pugh, who put a refreshing perspective on the often-hated Amy March. The movie is lined up with familiar and new faces such as Saoirse Ronan as Jo March, Florence Pugh as Amy March, Emma Watson as Meg March, Eliza Scanlen as Beth March, Timothee Chalamet as Laurie, and Lara Dern as Marmee. The performances in this movie are extremely moving and are able to keep you invested with all of the characters; it's hard to not fall in love with the March sisters. This adaptation of Little Women for the new generation is already a favorite among fans and a great addition to the lineup of adaptations.



Source: Sony Pictures Entertainment

Frozen 2 Movie Review

Roshni Srikant

The door flies open with a gust of wind sweeping your face, and a bucket of popcorn fills your hands. The buttery aroma manages to sneak up to your nose as you slowly descend into the soft couch. The lights flicker, then dim to nothing. The screen in front of you glows, as though a flock of fireflies flew behind the screen and put on a show. Then, your eyes widen as a piercing blue screen flashes onto the projector. Disney's new production, Frozen 2, hit the box office in late November and made over \$1 billion worldwide in its first four weeks. It was the sixth Disney movie to make one billion and brought Disney's profit to \$10 billion in a single year.

Frozen 2 has a complicated plotline, unlike the original Frozen. If you're looking for an unusually brief summary, it's this: "Frozen 2 tells the story as Anna and Elsa realize that their kingdom is in danger and go on a journey through the locked land of Northuldra to try and save their kingdom and the Northuldra people. Along the way, they find shocking truths about their family." However, there are plot twists every second of the way. For instance, Anna and Elsa are about to venture to the river of Atahallen and figure out how to leave this enchanted land and save Arendelle. As they are about to get started, however, Elsa pushes them into an icy boat down a waterfall, not wanting them to get hurt by the river. In addition, there's a romance enmeshed between the various events of the riveting adventure.

The new collection of songs is out, and it's true to the original songs—catchy and easy to sing along to. Some of the most listened-to songs from the new hit include *Into the Unknown* and *The Next Right Thing*. Idina Menzel and Kristen Bell are the stars of these two, respectively. Other favorites include the sequel to *In Summer* by Josh Gad, which is his new solo *When I Am Older*.

Overall, the new movie is worth watching if you haven't watched it yet—but only if you are a true Disney fanatic or enjoyed the first movie. If animation or, well, Disney, isn't something you enjoy, this would probably not be a good choice.



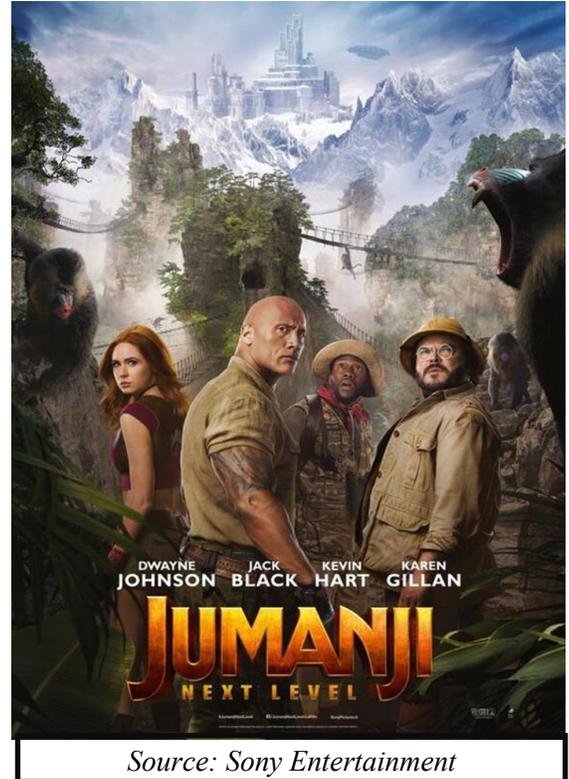
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Reviews

Jumanji: The Next Level Review

Alexa Haidacher and Gianna Grumer

In the thrilling sequel to the 2017 phenomenon, *Jumanji*, *Jumanji: The Next Level* allows the audience to embark on another live-action video game adventure. After Spencer (Alex Wolff) returns home from college on holiday break, he rediscovers the video game his high school friends thought they had destroyed. After he fails to attend brunch plans with his friends Martha (Morgan Turner), Fridge (Ser'Darius Blain), and Bethany (Madison Iseman), the trio retreats to Spencer's home, only to discover he has travelled back into the game. The group makes the decision to reenter and save him, yet end up taking in Spencer's grandfather (Danny Devito), as well as his old business partner (Danny Glover). This time around, they end up as different characters, with updated strengths, weaknesses, and challenges along the way. On top of the usual Dr. Bravestone (Dwayne Johnson), Ruby Roundhouse (Karen Gillan), Professor Shelly (Jack Black), Franklin Finbar (Kevin Hart), and Alex (Nick Jonas), Ming Fleetfoot (Awkwafina) joins the cast. The team of unlikely heroes need to work together to regain possession of the Falcon Jewel by defeating Jurgen the Brutal. Will they save Jumanji and get out alive, or will they be trapped in the game forever? Find out by watching the Jumanji sequel!



When I walked into the theater, I had very high expectation for the *Jumanji* sequel. I, alongside many of my classmates, have grown up reading *Jumanji*, and the book plays a vital role in our childhoods. With this in mind, and the success of the first movie hovering above that, I was hoping for the cinematic masterpiece painted in my head. Luckily for me, and everyone else in the theater, I was not disappointed in the slightest. After watching many book plots be ripped apart by the big screen in order to turn their stories into cash grabs, I was scared of what the directors and screenwriters of this movie would do to the beloved story of *Jumanji*. The way the directors chose to modernize the plot of this book, alongside keeping references to the original plot, left me pleasantly surprised by the authenticity. *Jumanji: The Next Level* was a heart-pounding, hilarious adventure where we, the audience, were invited to join some of Hollywood's most powerful actors, include Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnston, Danny Devito, Awkwafina, and Kevin Hart. The script and acting were fantastic; every joke was on point, and the delivery made each witty comment even better. Another element of this movie that blew me away was the incredible CGI and special effects. The majority of the movie takes place in jungle, desert, and arctic settings, which climates house animals of all shapes and sizes. Every animal the characters face looks extremely realistic and leaves you questioning whether it was computer generated at all. Overall, the men and women behind *Jumanji: The Next Level* did a spectacular job of continuing the plot of *Jumanji*, the film, while also staying true to the plot of the original text. I would recommend this movie to anyone who was to embark on an adventure full of humor, nature, and fun!

Reviews

P-rep 34mm Fingerboard – Does it Live Up to the Popularity?

Anders Jacobson

Finger boarding has been entertaining skate-enthusiasts and children for decades, and a popular company among the new wave of finger boarders is P-rep. After using one of their boards, it's easy to see why they are popular amongst teenagers. Their 34 mm fingerboard is made of five pieces of wood veneer to provide a light and snappy pop. The graphics on the bottom of many of their decks wears similarly to a real skateboard. However, the graphic is unrecognizable within only a few weeks. P-rep trucks are a large step-up from Tech Deck trucks but could still use improvement. When a Tech Deck is used with P-rep wheels, the wheels tend to lock onto the hangars of the trucks if it is not tightening precisely. Also, if they are even slightly loose, the wheels will fall off. This can make for a frustrating setup and use, however, if tightened correctly, they roll smoothly. P-rep's foam grip tape is easy to break, and it is cheaper in price than many higher-level professional brands. While they provide a soft and grippy surface, the tape tends to wear away at the sides of the deck and can easily tear or flake. Overall, the P-rep 34mm Fingerboard is a great first board for those who are new to finger boarding or want a step-up from Tech-Decks. However, users of professional fingerboards will be dissatisfied. At only \$15, it is still a good deal for the quality of the product.



Source: Amazon

Interviews

Rock of Ages Cast Member & Lead: Hannah Keane

Cassidy Fisher

Cassidy – Have you seen *Rock of Ages*, the musical movie?

Hannah – “I’ve seen the movie, but I haven’t seen the play production.”

Cassidy – Could you describe your character, Sherrie, in the show?

Hannah – “Sherrie is an aspiring actress; she travels to live in LA because her parents don’t support her dream. She is expecting to rise to fame in this new town.”

Cassidy - How did you prepare for your audition?

Hannah – “We were given a monologue (paragraph) to act as well as a choice of two songs to perform, one for lower voices or higher voices. I originally chose the lower voiced song, but at the audition I was asked to sing the higher one. Singing that particular piece is what got me a call back audition.”

Cassidy - What was your reaction to receiving the lead role?

Hannah – “I was in Washington DC with my sister, who attends college there and my family. We were walking the zoo and I saw that I had gotten the part! Right away we were all jumping around the zoo, some might have thought we were crazy!”

Cassidy - What is your favorite choreography scene in the play?

Hannah – “I don’t do much choreography in the show, but my favorite number that others are participating in is probably Harden my Heart.”

Cassidy - Do you have a favorite musical piece/song in the show?

Hannah – “Definitely my solo, Harden My Heart.”

Cassidy - How is your relationship with the other cast members?/ Have any new friendships blossomed?

Hannah – “Without a doubt I have attained a lot of friends through the play. One of my best friends, Jordyn, is someone I met through the play. If you want to make new friends, you should definitely join the play, because there is always a group of people who are willing to invite you into their group.”

Cassidy – Do you feel prepared for opening night?

Hannah – “I do feel prepared, but it’s a bit scary because I have to have the entire script, most songs, and some choreography memorized.”



Interviews

Hello Ms. Fedorowicz

Keeley Shuttleworth

Ms. Fedorowicz is our new art teacher. Mrs. Jones (the past art teacher) retired leaving an art teaching spot open, her name is pronounced fedora-wits. Ms. Fedorowicz teaches 7th, 8th, and 9th grade art and has taught at South and Lower Merion. Like most teachers she went to Millersville University in Lancaster Pennsylvania, Millersville University is known for being a good school for education and teaching. Ms. Fedorowicz loves art, when I asked her how she got into to art she said that she had taken classes in high school and just kept taking them. Her passion for teaching art is to help everyone love art too and wanted to share art with everyone because in middle school you're still figuring out what you like and dislike. She likes being a teacher because she gets to see student's art ability grow through time, she knows them. She also likes that she can encourage them and watch them do things they never knew that they could do. Although her favorite part is to let student try something they've never done before. There's always a bad part of time and being a teacher, you can never help every student that needs it in a class. At first Ms. Fedorowicz wanted to be an Elementary teacher but missed art so she decided to become an art teacher. Outside of school she likes to create art, go to flyers game, and garden to name a few. She also wants a dog in the future like most people. Some other fun facts are that her favorite book is "The Secret life of Color" and if she had to listen to one band for forever, she would listen to One Direction. We welcome Ms. Fedorowicz to Unami Middle School.



Interviews

Interview of Mr. Swanson

Ritvik Sindia

How long have you been teaching for?

27 years.

In those years, do you feel that you have come a long way with teaching kids?

Absolutely! In fact my students have taught me through trial and error how to be a more effective teacher.

What is the most memorable experience you had as a teacher?

You know it isn't just one experience that is memorable. What's memorable is the rewarding experience of positive relationships I've had with students throughout the years. This is what keeps us teachers going day in and day out. I love my students and they know it.

What do you occasionally do during your free time with your family?

Eat food, board games and Fortnite.

What is that motivates you the most as an engineering teacher?

The fact that my students are learning new life skills that they will use the rest of their lives.

If you were to teach another subject, what would it be?

Art.

What advice would you give students before you leave?

Think for yourself. Don't believe everything you're told from school or the media. College is nice if it gives you a real job in the end but it's not the only road to success. Invest in positive relationships – you are who you chose to hang around. Help others around you – be kind. Life is hard so “get tough” and never give up. You are valuable!

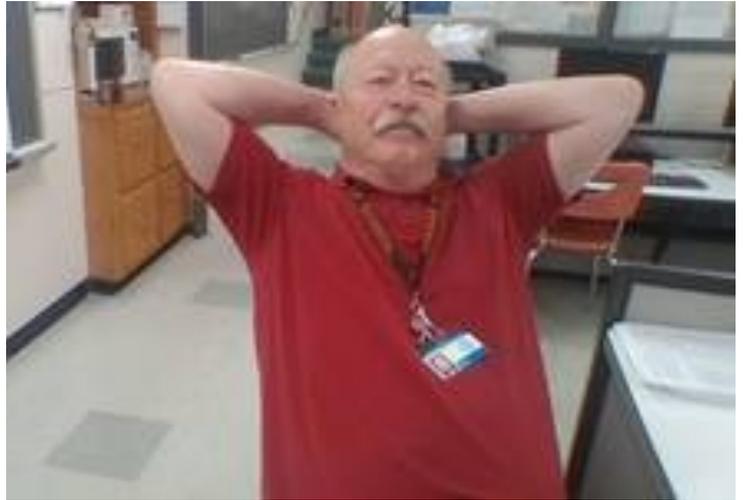
If there was one thing you would do differently in your life, what would it be?

I would not have caused my parents such grief as a kid.

What are you planning to do as you enter the next chapter of your life?

I have no idea but it won't be sitting around staring at my cell phone.

Maybe I'll be lucky enough to be a grandpa.

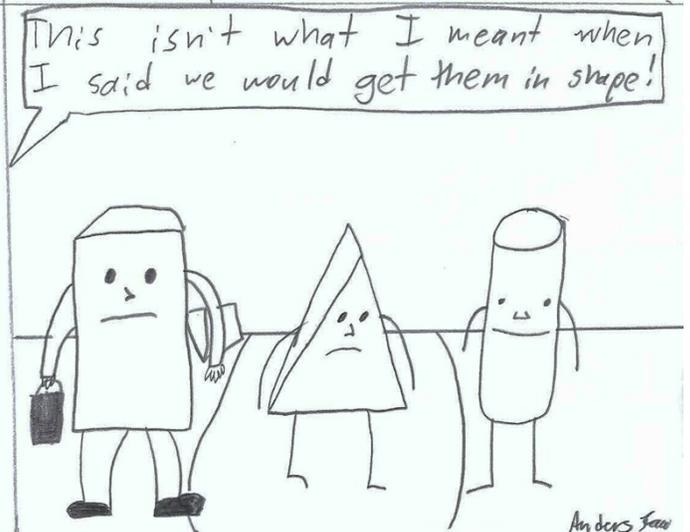


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BY ANDERS JACOBSON

In an attempt to save time, gym classes and math classes were combined. However, there was a major misunderstanding...



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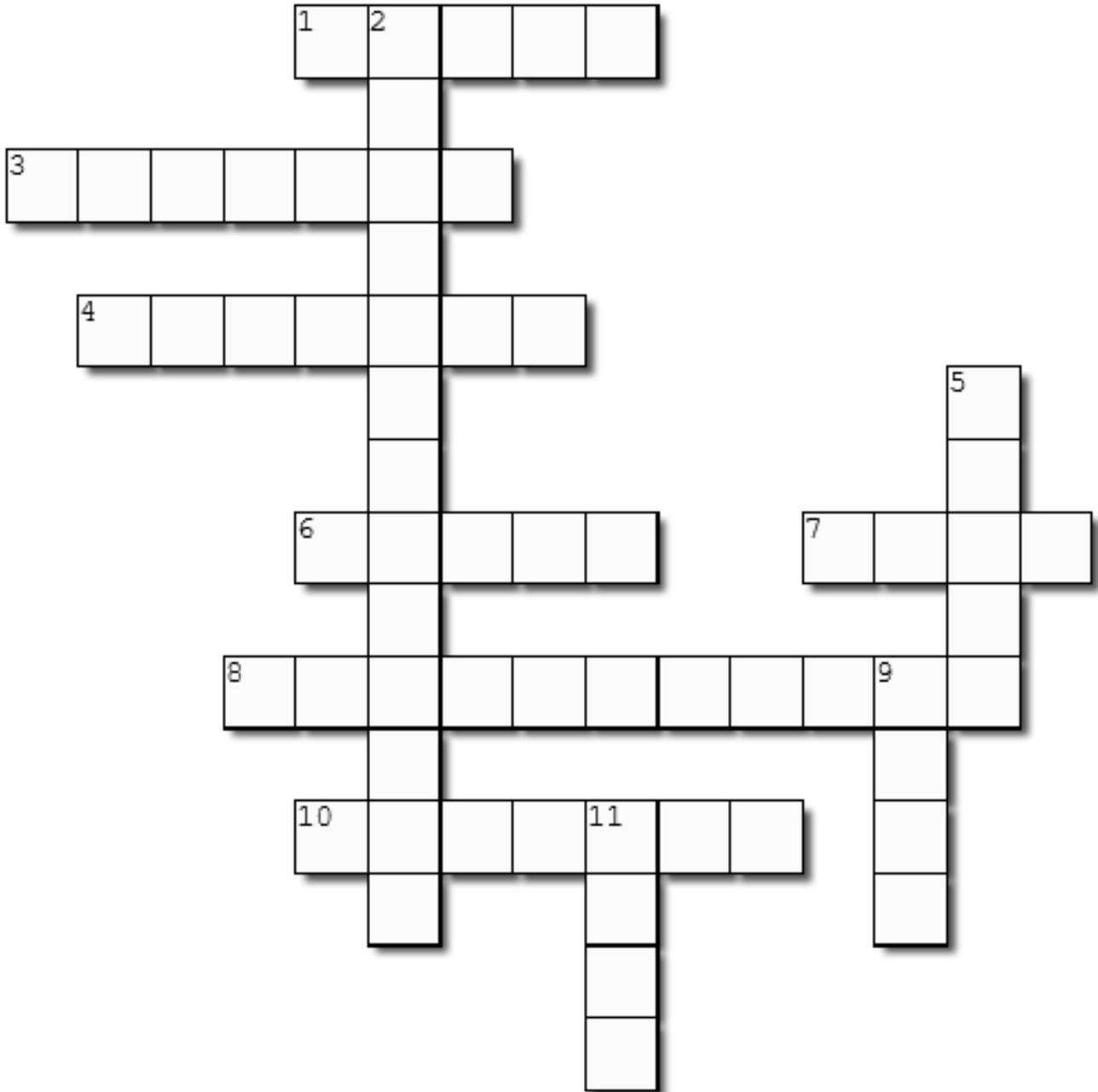
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Spring Crossword

Lakshmi Iyengar



Across

1. The month spring starts
3. April showers bring these
4. Small pools of water
6. Bees make this
7. Precipitation
8. Hides Eggs
10. Spring Color

Down

2. A day for pranks
5. A common spring flower
9. A bird's home
11. Easter Bunny hides these

