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Unami/Community News

Welcome to the Unami Times!

Written by George LaSalle

The Unami Times club has been facing several difficulties over the last few months. Despite this, the staff persisted, refusing to let these bumps in the road derail our school's monthly newspaper. With new leadership, fresh opportunities, and a dedicated roster of writers, editors, and photographers, the Unami Times newspaper is excited to start 2026 on a high note!

Unami's World and Beyond

The Weekly Warrior is beneficial for getting information on upcoming events, but what about everything that has already happened? If you want to peek into Unami history, the Unami Times is undeniably rich in coverage of school-wide events and promotions such as Pink Out, Field Day, and Unami sports games.

If you just so happen to be a leader of a club here at Unami and want to get the word out, feel free to contact Editor-in-Chief George LaSalle, Assistant Editor Achyuth Chivukula, and/or Advisor Mrs. Kline with information about your club and an accompanying flyer (if you have one and want to use it) or other promotional material, and they'll try their best to have the advertisement included in the next

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edition of the Unami Times. Please keep in mind that our issues won't be published until the end of the month.

The Unami Times isn't simply great for school events, though. The newspaper has a section dedicated to worldwide events such as natural disasters, changes to the climate, and political happenings.

Replay

Are you interested in sports? It doesn't matter if it's football, softball, professional wrestling, or any other sport you're looking for – the Unami Times can cover any sport. The newspaper will aim to cover both Unami games and professional sports.

And... Cut!

The writers for the Unami Times have opinions (as does everybody), and they're vocal about them. The Unami Times is a thorough source of reviews, feedback, and thoughts on the newest (and sometimes the oldest) media.

If you think that other people's thoughts are none of your business, and you just want the facts, don't fret; the Unami Times has an 'Entertainment' section which can provide promotion and news on the newest local and worldwide fads.

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Additionally, there are articles on technology in that section. If you need the latest information on trains, planes, phones, cars, and other types of devices, the Unami Times can provide it for you.

The Unami Times, like most newspapers, isn't just news and reviews. There are also going to be games, comics, riddles, and creative writing pieces. So, if you're not interested in any sort of news and, alternatively, are looking to be entertained, the Unami Times still has your back.

Inside the Mind

Have you ever looked at a person and wondered what's going on inside their head? Well, the Unami Times can give you an answer in the 'Interviews' section. The topics of these interviews range from simple opinions to details of a specific club or class. If you want to know what's going on inside the mind, then the Unami Times is perfect for you.

Unami's Monthly Warrior

The Unami Times staff hopes that an issue can be published every month from February to May. Our goal was to start in October, but, due to various struggles, this was unable to be done. For the second half of the school year, though, with better staff dedication and engagement, we wish to exceed our every expectation.

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December 20th and 21st Mock Trial Scrimmage Competition

Written by Jannat Bilal and Pius Park

In the fall of 2023, Bo Bridger got sick. Really sick. She went on a camping trip with her former best friend, Kit Carson. There, Bo illegally hunted and ate a fox raw. As a result of this, she went to see her longtime doctor, Dr. Colter of Doctor Colter's Family Medicine LLP. Symptoms did not improve, and, therefore, Bo went to the ER because of an alleged misdiagnosis from Dr. Colter. Bo Bridger was diagnosed with a rare parasitic infection, Trichinosis. This infection is caused by consuming raw or undercooked meats such as pork, wolf, and others, including seal and fox. Symptoms include headache, chills, diarrhea, and swelling on the face and/or eyes. Before Bo was receiving care from Dr. Colter's Family Medicine and was diagnosed with Trichinosis, she showed most of these symptoms. Due to this, Bo and Jamie Bridger, Bo's parental guardian, had many appointments with Dr. Colter and Dani Boone, the nurse practitioner, over the course of one month. In these appointments Bo was ignored, and her issues were overlooked, which led to her condition worsening. When Jamie Bridger eventually took Bo to the hospital emergency room, Dr. Sylvan Hart was able to diagnose Bo in under 90 minutes, but little could be done since the period for recovery had already passed. As a result of Bo's incapacitating state, Jamie Bridger is suing Dr. Colter's Family Medicine on behalf of Bo Bridger for negligence.

This case was published by PA Bar in November and

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was thoroughly studied by all the members of Unami's mock trial teams. On December 20th and 21st, a competition was held at CB South where each team acted as both the plaintiff and defense each day and went against other teams from both Unami and CB South. Several objections were made by lawyers, and multiple exhibits were submitted as evidence. Witnesses gave answers that may have convinced the jury to tip the scale in their favor and helped determine who was at fault for the harm Bo Bridger received.



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World News

Winter Storm Fern: The Snow Paradox

Written by Lakshya Agnihotri

With flights cancelled, power outages, record-breaking snowfall, and record-low temperatures in many states, Winter Storm Fern has affected 220 million people across 34 states. Now, as many recover from Winter Storm Fern, some people are thinking that climate change is suddenly not real just because they got a foot of snow. They are wrong. Climate change made this snowstorm worse; here's why.

In simple terms, a warmer atmosphere can absorb more water, and the more water the atmosphere can hold, the more can be released as precipitation. For every 1 C of warming, the atmosphere can hold about 7% more water vapor. Warmer oceans have more evaporation. Since our oceans are currently at record-high temperatures, they are evaporating massive amounts of moisture into the air. When the warming atmosphere (air) hits a cold front (due to winter), it doesn't flurry; it is dumped with snow. In summary, because there was so much extra moisture in the air due to evaporation from the warming oceans, you don't get a normal 4-inch snowstorm. You get a 30-inch record-breaker like Winter Storm Fern.

To conclude, while Fern broke snow records, 2025 saw 5 heat records for every 1 cold record broken globally. Climate

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change is worsening extremes, hot and cold.

Credits: [Winter Storm Spreads Ice, Snow Across Dozens Of States | Weather.com](#)

[Climate Change Is Fueling Extremes, Both Hot and Cold - The New York Times](#)



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The RAM Shortage in the United States: Causes and Consequences

Written by Achyuth Chivukula

The current age of technology is a growing tension between innovation and resource scarcity. In recent years, the demand for Random Access Memory (RAM) has surged dramatically in the United States, primarily driven by the expansion of AI data centers. These centers, powering everything from natural language processing to real-time image recognition, require outrageous quantities of memory to operate efficiently. As AI technologies become more demanding, the toll on RAM has intensified, setting the stage for a chain reaction throughout the industry.

AI data centers utilize RAM to enable access to data during computer processes. Training machine learning models requires for real-time processing in services like natural language processing and image recognition. As a result, AI continues to advance and expand into new industries, causing the competition for available RAM to skyrocket among technology companies and data center operators.



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This skyrocketing demand has contributed to a nationwide shortage of RAM, with supply chains struggling to keep pace. The shortage is demonstrated by limited production capacity, causing companies to make a decision whether to continue making RAM for consumers or to abandon it for AI companies who are willing to hoard every last module of RAM for AI purposes. The biggest producer of RAM, Micron Technology, has decided to dissolve their consumer brand, Crucial, to fully focus on AI. This imbalance has caused prices to rise and availability to plummet across the board.

The evolving RAM shortage in the United States serves as a reflection of how technological progress can be both a catalyst for growth and a source of new challenges. As AI data centers continue to shape the demands placed on critical resources, the consequences of memory scarcity extend far beyond the walls of server farms. The resulting shifts in consumer markets, product development, and pricing structures highlight the complex interplay between innovation and supply limitations. Navigating this landscape will require not only technical solutions but also a deeper understanding of the broader impacts that such shortages can bring.

[Credits: RIP Crucial: Memory Supplier Micron Exits Consumer Market to Chase AI | PCmag.com](#)

[Micron Exits Consumer Business And Focuses On AI And Data Center Sales | Forbes](#)

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Reviews

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder Review

Written by Jannat Bilal

“Pip knew where they lived. Everyone knew where they lived. Their home was like the town’s own haunted house; people’s footsteps quickened as they walked by, and their words strangled and died in their throats. Shrieking children would gather on their walk home from school, daring one another to run up and touch the front gate. But it wasn’t haunted by ghosts, just three sad people trying to live their lives as before. A house not haunted by flickering lights or spectral falling chairs, but by dark spray-painted letters of ‘Scum Family’ and stone-shattered windows.” This quote is from the young adult novel, *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*, by Holly Jackson, which was also turned into a television series.

In this book and TV show, Pippa Fitz Amobi, a teenage detective, solves the Andie Bell case for her senior capstone project in Fairview, Connecticut. Five years before the story takes place, Andie Bell was believed to be killed by Sal Singh, who allegedly committed suicide by an overdose of sleeping pills and then suffocation in the woods. This statement is false but believed by almost everyone in Fairview. For her project, Pip successfully proves this theory wrong and discovers who killed Andie Bell and Sal Singh with the help of Ravi Singh, Sal’s younger brother. Like most shows and movies based off books, there are many important scenes

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that differ between the book and the show. For example, in the film, Pip becomes a waitress for a party being thrown by the Hastings to question Max about Sal and the night he died. This scene does not appear in the book but instead, Pip goes to Cara Ward's house where she finds Naomi and Max. There, she asks him questions like she did in the show. Another scene that is like this but different from the book is when Pip pays Howie, a drug dealer, to answer questions about Andie Bell, who sold drugs she got from Howie to make money. In the book, Pip blackmails Howie and shows up at his house to get information. These discrepancies in the TV show and book are not the only ones in the story, but these are some of the slightly more important ones.

Overall, I would rate the book 4.5 out of 5 stars and the show four stars out of five. The book gets a higher rating than the show does because I felt like it had more details that made the story a lot more interesting than the TV show. There are a few copies of this book available at the Unami school library and six copies available on Sora which can be accessed through ClassLink. The TV show is available on Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, Fandango At Home, and YouTube.

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Between Shades of Gray - Ruta Sepetys

Written by Lillian Vassallo

Between Shades of Gray is an eye-opening novel about the Soviet Union's occupation of Lithuania during WWII. It follows Lina, a Lithuanian girl who dreams of becoming an artist, as she, along with her mother and younger brother, are torn from their home in Lithuania and are herded into cattle cars with their fellow Lithuanian neighbors. After being separated from her father, Lina passes along some of her drawings, hoping they will make their way to her father and reunite them again. The closer they get to Siberia, the less hope they have that they will ever return home.

This novel is filled with relatable characters as well as characters that will leave you wondering how you could harbor such resentment towards a fictional entity. The plot has consistent, steady pacing filled with hardships and heartbreaks that may lead you to tears. All of which is portrayed through a simplistic yet beautiful writing style.

If you have read any of Ruta Sepetys' other works, enjoy reading historical fiction, or are just an avid reader, I suggest you pick up a copy of this devastatingly beautiful novel.

Bonus Material:

- Made into a movie: *Ashes in the Snow* (pictured top right)
- Available as a graphic novel (pictured bottom left).

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Other Books by Ruta Sepetys:

- Salt to the Sea
- Fountains of Silence
- Out of the Easy
- I Must Betray You
- The Bletchley Riddle (co-authored by Steve Sheinkin)
- *Unreleased* The Fortune of Sand (release date: June 2, 2026)



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ACROSS

3. A fun winter activity that often involves hills.
4. Some would call this street miraculous.
5. Often worn during snowball fights.
8. The culture celebrated through Kwanzaa.
10. The author of 'A Christmas Carol'.
12. Often used when making a snowman.
13. Glorious specks of white that fall each winter.
14. The name often given to the 'Hero Boy' in 'The Polar Express'.
15. The type of animal that guides Santa's sleigh.

DOWN

1. The name of Buddy's father in 'Elf'.
2. The famous living snowman.
6. The pessimistic green character associated with Christmas.
7. Often seen in freezing temperatures.
9. The jolly man associated with Christmas.
11. The type of animal Dominic is described as in the famous Christmas song about him.
16. The number of candles on a menorah.

FOR ANSWERS:

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Creative Writing

Be You

Written by Isabelle (Izzy) Komito-Orner

Out of all the kids in my school,
I might not be the tallest
I work hard,
But I might not be the strongest
I focus in class,
But I might not be the smartest
I speak with my voice,
But I might not be the loudest
But it doesn't matter
If you're short or tall,
Strong or weak,
Smart or unknowing,
Loud or quiet.
Everyone faces challenges.
Everyone faces hard times.
All you need to do is power through,
Know what's best for you,
Continue to be a good human being,
Continue to be a good friend,
Continue to stay strong and work hard,
Continue to BE YOU.

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Submitting Content

If you have, or are willing to produce, any of the following:

- Writing or information about Unami/community events or sports
- Writing about national or global events or sports
- Reviews of books, movies/shows, games, or anything else
- Videos or transcriptions of interviews you conducted
- Crosswords or other games
- Short comics
- Jokes or riddles
- Poems
- Novels
- Relevant photographs
- Club advertisements

AND you would like to have your work published in the Unami Times, please submit it via email to George LaSalle, Achyuth Chivukula and/or Ms. Kline.