

BASIS SCOTTSDALE GAZETTE

Welcome to BASIS!

by Ran Cao

A new school year has arrived. Students fill up the school yelling, “Hey, which element are you? Magnesium or Nitrogen?” Students excitedly crowd the corridors waiting for their new classes, waving hands and greeting old friends. But at the end of the line stand the “newbies,” looking around in awe and admiration. What are they thinking?

What was your first impression of the school?

Michael C.: I heard there weren't many sports, and I would've loved to join some athletics, so I hesitated a lot. But, I also heard the teachers and the students were super kind. I definitely made the right choice coming here.

Emmri T.: I was really worried because I heard this school was really hard in terms of academics. I really didn't think I could catch up with the students here.

EVERYONE
is welcome here



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Tri-M Induction Ceremony
– 9/15

Pep Rally– 9/15

Homecoming Volleyball
Game– 9/28

Homecoming– MAMMA
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What do you think about the school now? What do you like about it?

E.T.: The students are really kind and empathetic. I have made a lot of friends and we hang out every day. I feel quite comfortable here!

Anonymous 1: The teachers are all so passionate about what they do. I admire my biology teacher the most. He's both funny and intelligent.

Sabrina S.: The air conditioners are great, but in some classrooms it gets way too cold.

Anonymous 2: The curriculum is way better than other schools. There's lots of languages for us to choose from, and the classes go by so fast!

What do you think the school should improve?

A: I think the hot lunch needs more work. Some options are delicious, but others are just gross.

E.T.: The lockers need to be bigger. We have lots of books, and there isn't enough space.

E.C.: The upper schoolers don't have P.E., which is really annoying. I think sports are an important part of our health and curriculum, and the administration should consider making it mandatory!

Nicholas Z.: Personally, I think ur biggest problem is the system of picking and dropping students off. It takes a long time and students have to wait in the blazing sun. Everyone's tired and that's not a benefit.

Do you have any tips for communicating with people?

S.S.: I used to wait for others to come up to me and say hi, but I found that it wasn't very useful.

Anonymous 1: I just try to talk to everyone and warm up to them. I have made a lot of friends using this method!

Below, I have listed some of my best tips for communication and making friends!

1. Make the first move, try to talk to everyone. Don't be shy. If you want to talk to someone, just do it!
2. Join an organization or club to meet new people.
3. Be an active listener!
4. Open a conversation by complimenting someone!
5. Make eye contact– it makes you seem more trustworthy!
6. Once you make friends, be loyal. Support your friends in their time of need!
7. Being loyal doesn't mean you need to please others. It's important to set healthy boundaries and say "no" sometimes.

From the Gazette to BASIS Scottsdale, have an amazing year!



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CAMPUS NEWS

Tuning in with Tri-M

by Nahyan Wajiha

Tri-M is one of the most popular and well-recognized clubs here at BASIS Scottsdale. Last year, the Fall and Spring Coffeehouse held by Tri-M had an incredible turn-out, making Coffeehouse one of the most anticipated events held at our school. This year, Tri-M has received over twelve auditions, a sure sign of Tri-M's popularity. I spoke to Tri-M President, Meghana Belthur about Tri-M's plans for this year, as well as her favorite things about Tri-M.

What are some events you have planned for this year? Are there any new events planned for this year that haven't been held in previous years?

Meghana Belthur: Some events that are still in the works are Fall Coffeehouse and a "Senior" Prom, a dance for senior citizens at a senior home. The latter is an event we haven't put on recently, and we've been exploring the idea for a couple of months. We also want to hold a social night or game night as a bonding event for new and returning Tri-M members.

What did you look for when choosing new members during auditions?

M: During auditions, we looked for people who had a passion for music and sharing it with others. Because so much of our society revolves around this idea of creating a community of musicians,

we wanted to choose people who would advance the goals of Tri-M and contribute to a close-knit community. Furthermore, we were looking for people who value giving back to the community, supporting the people around them, and having the capacity and potential to be leaders in their own right.

What made you join Tri-M?

M: Music has been an important part of my life for a long time. Learning to play the violin and Carnatic music gave me different perspectives within music as I learned about both Western and Eastern styles of pieces and tunes. I was able to express my emotions through the creative outlet music has given me. Over the years, I developed a love for it, and when I heard about Tri-M, I knew I wanted to join and contribute to a community that encouraged this passion for music and aimed to share it and the enjoyment music creates with others.

What is your favorite thing about Tri-M ?

M: My favorite thing about Tri-M is the people. Everyone is so dedicated to music and their instrument, as well as making our society better and sharing their love for music with others. We are filled with so much positive energy whenever we all gather and work together, and it's so fun to spend time with each other and just talk.

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What are you most excited for this year?

M: This year, I'm most excited for the Fall Coffeehouse, which has been my favorite event, even before joining TriM. There's food, friends, and fun, and everyone has a good time just singing random songs.

The Tri-M induction ceremony is coming up on September 15th, so please be sure to attend and welcome new Tri-M members!!



Source: Stephanie L.
Tri-M Performance, 2021

AP Exams 101

by Abhinav Ravichand

Whether you're about to take your first AP exam, or you're a seasoned professional with AP's, packing your schedule to the brim, there's a lot of mystery surrounding these exams. Not only are the exams difficult, but having to go through it alone makes things worse, which is why I'll explain everything you need to know about AP Exams, like what they are, how they're scored, and ways to succeed on the exams!

AP tests, also known as Advanced Placement Exams, serve as precursors to introductory college-level courses, and exist for 38 different subjects! These 38 classes are split into different categories such as AP Arts, AP Capstone, AP English, AP History, AP Science, AP Math and Computer Science, AP Social Sciences, and AP World Languages and Cultures.

While most students take the exam through the class, some decide to self-study; however, you are missing out on the classroom learning experience, and you don't really get to ask your questions to an AP teacher. If you want to commit to signing up for an exam, make sure you're confident that you can pass!

AP exams are graded on a five point scale, 1 being the lowest score and 5 being the highest. Now, a 5 may seem unattainable, but it's actually something that a lot of people can do, especially because you don't necessarily need to score 100% or 90%. There is a concept called "curves" for exams, which basically means that if many people find certain sections of the exam hard, or get a set amount of questions wrong, the graders make the passing score easier, and vice versa for different situations.

Thankfully, BASIS provides us with the option to take AP electives, which are like non-core subjects offered at the AP level. At BASIS specifically, we're given the ability to choose between Economics, Psychology, Music Theory, and many more! I would highly recommend taking AP electives, as they tend to be more fun than regular AP courses.

I had a great experience with my AP exams, so here are some of the best strategies for studying that helped me when I was preparing for them:

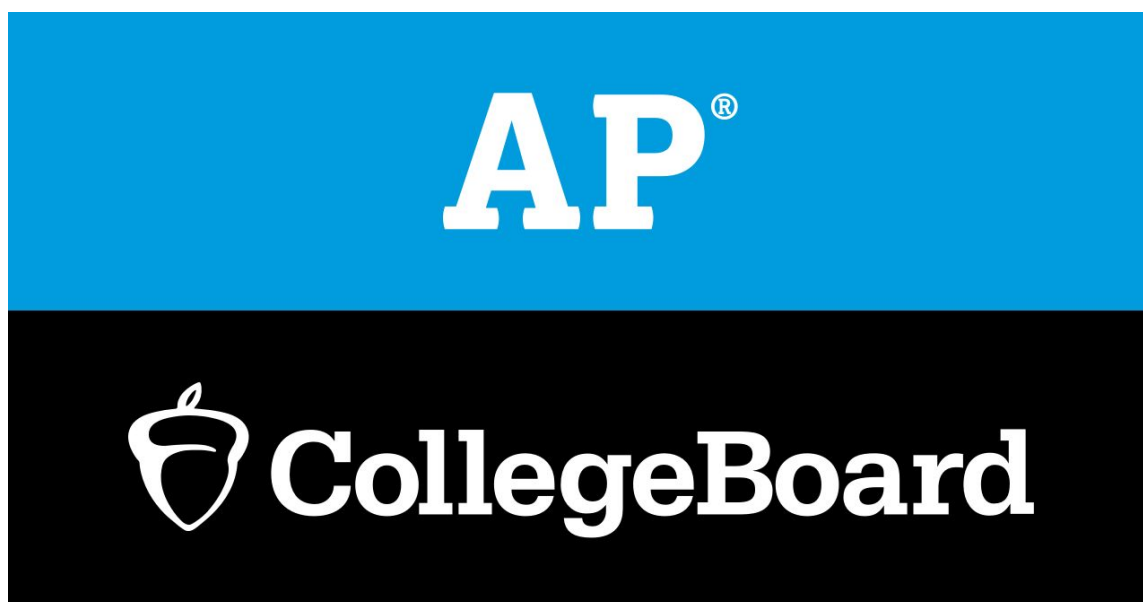
1. **Get a Prep Book:** There are two main companies, Barron's and Princeton Review. Both of these make excellent AP subject review books that condense the entire curriculum into a 3-5 hour read, and have around 3-7 practice exams that are highly beneficial since they replicate those you'd see on the exam. These really helped me the most, especially when it came to reviewing some of the older content we learned early into the year. You don't necessarily need prep books for every subject, or at all, but I think they're a great resource if you ever need them.
2. **Take Practice Exams:** As I was saying, those prep books include practice exams which are supposed to help you get used to the types of questions you'll see on the AP exam. In my opinion, the prep book test questions are far too easy and are more like concept review, so certain online resources might be better, like Quizlet, Albert.io, and just online practice tests that CollegeBoard has released that are available.

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3. Review what's challenging for you: You could use your notes, maybe look over past tests if you have access to them, anything really, as long as you're checking off difficult concepts from your list. AP exams sometimes follow a formula for what percentage of each unit appears yearly on the exam, but most of the time, it's completely random. For example, in 2023, the AP Physics 1 Exam was largely Rotational Motion, one of the more challenging concepts in the class. This made the exam tough to students who were confident in almost everything else except this concept, and vice versa.

4. Ask for Help: Teachers are a super valuable source, so utilize your teachers' student hours and ask questions. Clarify what you don't understand, because you'll feel awesome on test day when you go through all the questions feeling like there weren't any major obstacles stopping you from giving the test everything you have.

To Lower Schoolers, you have a while before you worry about any of this. Keep doing well in your classes, because you'll set yourself up well for high school. Upcoming high schoolers and high schoolers, I wish you the best of luck. All of you will score great on the AP exams, and I know that you'll be well-prepared!



Source: LHS Epic

A Summerization

by Claire Hong and
Riya Bangalore

Each year, as school begins, our young, impressionable minds forget about the historic summer we just witnessed. Well, not this year! In the span of two months, countless notable events flashed before our eyes, and we've taken on the challenge of recapping it for you!

Let's begin with one of the most shocking discoveries this summer. A former government intelligence officer, David Grusch, informs America that the US government has been covering up alien existence for many decades. A trial was held this summer, where Grusch made claims that the U.S government is in possession of "non-human" biological matter from UAP (Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena) crash sites. Another testimony from former navy pilot Ryan Graves, claims that UAP sightings are not rare or isolated. Congress has been pushing intelligence agencies to be more transparent about developments involving UAP's, but much is still uncertain.

On an equally supernatural note, let's talk about one of the most impactful internet phenomena in several years! 'Barbenheimer' began on social media as a response to Christopher Nolan's thriller, *Oppenheimer* and Greta Gerwig's comedy, *Barbie* having simultaneous release dates. Although both movies were successful and received critical acclaim, 'Barbenheimer' boosted engagement worldwide for the films. *Barbie* became the highest-grossing domestic film by a female director ever.

Another prominent summer film was "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse", the highly anticipated second installment of the Spider-Verse

franchise. After several delays, "Across the Spider-Verse" was released in June, and was met with high critical and commercial acclaim. Controversy ensued due to the long, arduous working hours of the animators with sub-optimal pay, but despite this, it still became the biggest animated movie in 2023.

Among the producers of summer blockbusters was Disney, which kicked off the season with a live-action remake of *The Little Mermaid*, featuring rising star Halle Bailey. While the movie struggled to break even, the adaptation of the film from cartoon to real life still gave girls everywhere a strong role model and a successful young woman to look up to. Pixar's *Elemental*, which premiered June 16th, was a colossal flop, with many saying that its generic plot and Disney's inadequate marketing were to blame for the film's failure.

One cannot mention entertainment without referencing one of the world's most famous entertainers, Taylor Swift. She began her historic Eras Tour in March 2023. The tour's setlist included 44 songs across all Taylor's albums, paired with remarkable choreography, talent, and excellence at every concert. Swift has once again proven her marketing brilliance, selling out in every stadium she has performed in, and astonishing crowds with her mesmerizing performance. This tour demolished previous records, becoming the highest-grossing tour of all time, increasing state economies and tourism, and boosting an already colossal Swiftie fan base. With crowds loud enough to cause an earthquake, Swift's Eras Tour will surely be remembered as one of the greatest concerts in music history.

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Unfortunately, this summer was also plagued by disaster. The massively controversial OceanGate submersible imploded, killing four wealthy businessmen and one 19 year-old-boy. The submersible, named the Titan, was set to view the monumental site of the sunken Titanic ship, but disaster struck the Titan as it lost contact just 2 hours into the dive. The hull of the ship collapsed, catastrophically killing the sub's passengers. OceanGate led a frantic search for the vessel for five days, only to find it imploded under enormous water pressure. Experts say the Titan sub was unfit to be used, being built with the wrong materials in the wrong way. The irony of a section of the wealthy elite dying tragically on an outlandish quest to see the Titanic was not lost on the internet, however, and in the days following the initial news, controversy sparked over the ethical dilemma of what level of empathy was appropriate for the easily-preventable situation.

As for other honorable news mentions: at the beginning of May, the writers of Hollywood went on strike, demanding better compensation and longer employment among other requests. The owner of Twitter, Elon Musk, changed the name of Twitter to X, causing controversy, and leading to the rise of Threads, owned by Meta (Instagram and Facebook). Taylor Swift released the re-recorded version of *Speak Now (Taylor's Version)* in the midst of her Eras Tour, announcing the release of *1989 (Taylor's Version)* soon after. Finally, the summer of 2023 became the hottest summer on record, with astounding triple digits for up to three weeks.

After all the ups, downs, twists, and turns, this summer has certainly cemented itself in the history books as one of the most eventful summers of all time!



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CURRENT EVENTS

Ex-President's New Book

By Ram Bubby

Former President Trump has recently faced numerous criminal charges in the midst of his campaign for reelection. Almost everyone is aware of the election-overturning accusations against Trump from the 2020 elections. However, these settled down as quick as they came up— that is, until now. Trump is now in the middle of several serious accusations ranging from election fraud to obstruction of justice. Voters are confused on how Trump's ongoing case will affect his standing as a presidential candidate in 2024.

In recent years, Trump has been investigated both on the state and federal level for various accusations, the most serious of which came from a special counsel in Georgia. This special counsel has come forward with charges against Trump concerning his attempts to overturn the results of the 2020 election as well as undermine the will of the people. In addition to this, Trump's legal team and advisors have been charged with involvement in a racketeering investigation. In total, Trump is facing 91 federal and state charges which could amount to over 700 years in prison.

With President Trump in the hot seat right now, many were surprised to learn that he actually turned himself in. On August 24th, 2023, Trump was escorted to the Fulton County Jail in Georgia by the presidential motorcade, and within 30 minutes he was booked, processed, and released. Trump had paid his bail, which



Source:
NBC

was set at \$200,000, and as he boarded his flight to leave Atlanta, he said to reporters, “What has taken place here is a travesty of justice,” and “We did nothing wrong at all, and we have every single right to challenge an election we think is dishonest.” People are in disagreement over whether there is any truth to the accusations Trump is facing, but the question on everyone's mind is whether Trump will actually be in his upcoming court hearing.

There are mixed opinions about whether Trump will be convicted, let alone face the full jail time on all counts of his charges. This is the former president's first offense, which already grants some leniency to the punishment, and many of his charges do not mandate prison time over a fine. In tandem with this, the Judge managing the case is U.S District Judge Aileen Cannon, who Trump had appointed and maintained a good standing with in the past. Lastly, we cannot be certain that Fulton County will go to trial, as this will undoubtedly be a complex, lengthy trial given the amount of charges and number of defendants involved.

Convicted or not, we wonder if Trump will be able to continue his campaign as president, it would not be the first time a candidate has campaigned from behind bars – Eugene Debs did so in the 1920 presidential election. Additionally, people are worried that, if Trump does win while in jail, he can use a presidential pardon on himself. We can only speculate on the ruling for former president Trump as we await his remaining trials, scheduled tentatively for March and May of 2024.

Arizona Heat Wave

by Ethan Kim

A record-breaking heat wave has made its way through Arizona, with non-stop 110+ degree Fahrenheit weather for thirty days straight. This streak broke Arizona's record from back in 1974. The extreme heat has caused many problems all across Phoenix. Cacti and building structures began to melt, a signal that no one should've been outside. The issue was far worse for Phoenix's unhoused population, with exhaustion and stroke, as well as lack of water and shelter, exacerbating the already unbearable heat.

The cause of this heat wave may have many factors; global warming seems to be the clear suspect, since fossil fuels are being used more frequently. Of course, such fuel is not a very eco-friendly source of energy. The high atmospheric pressure has stayed over the area for several weeks, consequently leading to even higher temperatures. That high pressure leads to less moisture in the atmosphere. Further, the urban island heat effect, which occurs when city areas (such as Phoenix) have an increase in heat because the area contains it so well, ensures a continuous wave of heat, even throughout the night. Asphalt is able to contain temperatures of up to 180 degrees Fahrenheit, so it forces many citizens to run AC at all hours.

Thankfully, this long heat wave seems to be coming to an end. Temperatures are at a point where it's still hot, but at a manageable level. Hopefully, our summers get a little cooler in the future!



Source: NBC News

Maui Wildfires

by Aanvi Verma

Amidst the tranquil beauty of Hawaii's paradise, the relentless fury of Maui's wildfires has ignited a battle against nature's wrath that rages on, leaving a trail of destruction in its wake. As we all may have heard by now, Maui has been in a battle against nature that it has not been able to win this time. Since then, there have been many deaths, but there is still hope for containment and rebuilding.

The Pulehu Kihei Fire started in Lahaina, the most historic city in Maui that contains its heritage and ancestral structures. This horrific event started when Honolulu power lines fell in high winds. More than 2700 structures have been destroyed, and hundreds of people have still been deemed as missing. Not only did this fire tear Maui to pieces, but it also only took a couple of hours to spread over 20 acres. Maui has declared 115 people confirmed as dead, and the number of once 2000 has now been brought down to 388. Yet, amidst all this madness, the search for those 388 people continues.

As of August 15th, the Pulehu Kihei fire is 90% contained; however, this does not imply that Maui has won this battle yet. Maui is only 735 square miles, and considering that 3200 acres were burned, they have some massive reconstruction to do. Damages are estimated to cost over 5 billion dollars. After wildfires, it typically takes 60-85 years for the land to fully recover, and considering that Lahaina is one of the bigger cities in Maui, reconstruction will take some time.

Alongside all of this destruction comes an opportunity to all those who want to help, including celebrity Oprah Winfrey. Winfrey is receiving backlash, considering that she owns over 1000 acres in Maui. She now promises to give a large donation alongside Dwayne Johnson (the Rock), who have both made Maui restoration campaigns and delivered a whopping 10 million dollars to get victims back on their feet. Now, every adult in Maui who has been affected is receiving \$1200 a month. Alongside this, there are other organizations, such as the Maui Strong Fund, which has collected 67.5 million dollars in restoration funds. What has been stated above shows all the organizations working towards brighter futures, raising awareness for Lahaina and other parts of Maui that have been burned down.

This is one of the worst natural disasters that has ever hit the United States, not only destroying homes and killing people but also eliminating a vital part of the Hawaiian heritage. Let's hope that with the help of NGOs, community support groups, and the government, Maui will regain its lost paradise and heal the affected individuals so they can return to their everyday lives soon.



Source: CNN

MEDIA REVIEW

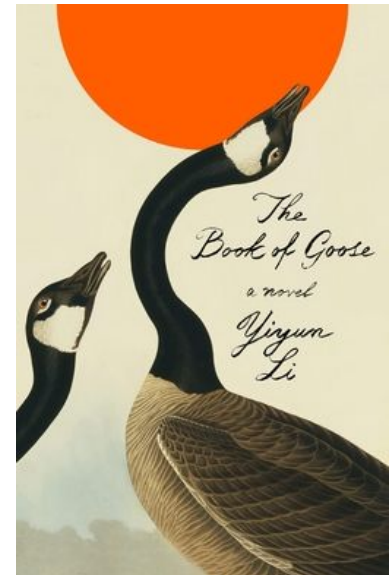
Book Review: *The Book of Goose* by Yiyun Li

by Valerie Polukhtin

The Book of Goose is a masterfully written book, with poignant reflections on youth, maturity, and innocence. In *The Book of Goose*, our narrator, middle-aged Agnes, now living in America, reflects on her past in the small French town of Saint Rémy in the 1950s. Her younger self feels trapped, unable to understand the world, while her older self more adequately comments on her emotions.

The novel begins with an older Agnes, now married, receiving a letter informing her that her childhood best friend, Fabienne, has died. This news frees her to tell us her story. Beginning at age 13, Fabienne starts playing a “game” of writing a book with Agnes. Fabienne dictates and Agnes writes until, eventually, this “joke” gets published. However, in an action Agnes does not understand until later, Fabienne insists on printing only Agnes’s name. There ensues the real game: Agnes gives publicists and photographers what they want to see; Fabienne disappears to the side, writing morbid stories about dead infants and heartbroken postmasters.

Through the bloody realities of post-war France and the enduring friendship of these two girls, Yiyun Li tells a story of disturbing intimacy and obsession. Despite how Li could discuss the romanticization of the poor or the power of storytelling or ability to escape fate, the book focuses on the relationship between Agnes and Fabienne.



Source: Wikipedia

The power Fabienne holds over Agnes holds even fifteen years later, and we come to understand everything Fabienne ever meant to her.

Li offers a meditation on the power of literature to shape our lives and the enduring impact of our past on our present. *The Book of Goose* is a testament to Yiyun Li's literary prowess and her ability to create a story that resonates deeply with readers, leaving us with a sense of wonder and contemplation long after the final page is turned.

Reel Reflections

by: Neha Jasthi

To kick off the first edition of this series, I have decided to choose some classic movies that everyone can enjoy. Over the summer, I discovered my passion for all things film, and I'm excited to be able to spread my enthusiasm about it throughout the year!

Citizen Kane: Chances are you haven't heard of this movie (probably because it was released in 1941). I still thought I should include it because it's such an iconic piece of film, known for its innovative film techniques, commentary on American power, and subsequent critical acclaim. The movie follows the life of Charles Foster Kane - the heir of great fortune and a man of many talents. He actually runs a newspaper that was deemed to be unprofitable, but with his tenacious spirit and his defiant nature, he persists. Without giving too much away, the most significant part of Mr. Kane's thrilling life ends up being his. The story follows journalists that attempt to trace his mysterious last words, "rose bud". This movie is a classic - a must watch for all movie lovers. I give it a 9.5 out of 10.

Shawshank Redemption: Now this movie is more recent in 1994, and you may have heard of it here and there. At first, I thought this movie was boring and kind of gross, but really that was just a disguise for the genius story hiding underneath. Towards the end of the movie, it was absolutely exhilarating. In fact, the plot twist was so shocking and well thought out I rewinded back at least 3 times! This movie is definitely not for the impatient, but it is a lovely well thought out story in the end. I'd say its a 8.5/10.

LaLa Land: This movie was released in 2016, and made 472 million dollars at the box office! Fun fact the lead actress, Emma Stone, is actually from our very own Scottsdale, Arizona (unfortunately she was not a BASIS alum) This movie made me sad. It was beautiful in its own way, and I loved the jazz music throughout. However, I do think it was a bit slow at times, which I understand is to demonstrate the emotions, but I thought it was a bit much. I feel like the ending was valid even though it was completely heart breaking. This movie was an emotional rollercoaster, and I do not recommend it for those that easily grow attached to characters. I give it a 9/10.

Hopefully, I have successfully influenced you into watching some of my favorite movies. I think film is extremely underrated, and more people need to be aware of the past films that set the groundwork for modern movies.



Source: Britannica



Source: IMDb

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: Who's Most Controversial Of Them All?

by: Anastasia Sheleg

The live action Snow White is in the making! In the past most of Disney's live action remakes (such *Aladdin* or *The Lion King*) have been successful, yet this new one is causing many people to question Disney's decisions. Now, I'm sure many of you have heard the controversies behind it, so let's not beat around the bush and address them. The current issue people have with the movie is about the actress cast to be Snow White, Rachel Zegler. The initial controversy began with her ethnicity, since she is Latin American, while Snow White had the distinct characteristic of her skin being very pale, but the issue was quickly overlooked after the actress revealed the changes she and the director have decided to apply to the movie.

During an interview, Zegler revealed that in this remake, they are planning to change the entire plot. Instead of a traditional love story, Snow White aspires to be a driven leader. Zegler emphasized her desire to include feminist elements into the movie, but changing the entire plot may not be the move. Zegler also revealed her childhood hatred for the original cartoon, which many fans found very disrespectful. Fans especially found her behavior outrageous when taking into account the opinions of other actresses, who were cast in previous live action remakes. Elle Fanning, who played Aurora in the live-action *Maleficent*, described the princess's femininity as being her own special trait and specifically stated how feminist values can be portrayed in a classic love story by expressing the power of femininity.

In addition, Emma Watson, who played Belle in the live action remake of *Beauty and the Beast*, only ever talked about the princess being a new and unique addition to Disney as well as the cliché concept of a love story holding more meaning than people give credit to. No previous actress has ever disrespected or requested to change the characters they were meant to play. The hate and controversy became so severe in the summer that some fans began petitioning and spreading rumors of canceling the movie, although Disney has yet to respond to this situation.

What are your thoughts on the new live action Snow White? Do you agree with Rachel Zegler and the director that the basic concept of true love is outdated or do you agree with the fans that the remake should stick to the original plot?



Source: Slate.com

Marvel Phase 4: The Terrifying Frontier

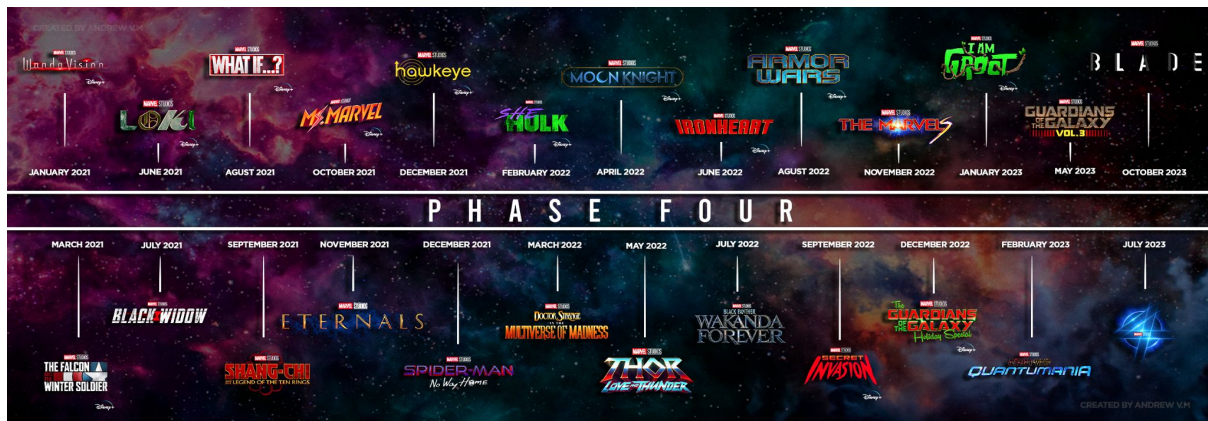
by: Sahasra Sontineni

There is no hope in redeeming the atrocities of Marvel Phase 4. Marvel has been going downhill ever since Phase 3’s blockbuster hit, *Avengers: Endgame*. After that wonderful 3 hours and 2 minutes, nobody expected the disastrous turn of events in phase 4 of Marvel. Phase 4 was the perfect example of of quantity over quality. The amount of movies and TV shows put out during that short time did not make up for the messy storylines, confusing characters, and bad writing.

Many new characters, such as Shang-Chi, America Chavez, Moonknight, She-hulk, and Ms. Marvel showed up with no connection whatsoever. Apparently, they are going to have a multiverse plot for Phase 5, and with the addition of all of these characters, the prospect of following any further plots seems daunting. In retrospect, Thanos was actually trying to save us from the terribleness of Phase 4! We barely even know when their stories take place on the MCU timeline. Disney plus’s Marvel Cinematic Universe Timeline is the only way we can find out what comes before what. Phase 4 was analogous to a detailed jigsaw puzzle, in the sense that there was supposed to be a big beautiful multiverse with careful crafted storylines: instead we were left with a chaotic, convoluted, Frankenstein of a franchise.

Some of the shows and movies of Phase 4 were quite inferior to anything from Phases 1-3. *Dr. Strange and the Multiverse of Madness* was just madness. Wanda tried to end the world for her kids, and gave up at the end too, which was just a horrible way to end the show.

How could Doctor Strange, the all-mighty wizard, and Wong, the sorcerer supreme, along with dimension jumping America Chavez, not beat Wanda? The Illuminati scene was just painful. The point of the movie was just to show how powerful Wanda was. The amount of horror and second-hand embarrassment I got from the bad writing in *She-Hulk* was unimaginable. Who even wrote the script? I couldn’t even finish it and I highly recommend not watching that childish show. *Ms. Marvel* started off great, but ended a bit wonky. Not to mention her powers looked like unicorn poop. I don’t even want to talk about the jokes in *Thor: Love and Thunder*.



Source: Getty Images

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The entire time I was in the theater I was just waiting for the painful jokes to be over. Every single movie in the *Thor* trilogy was good and they had to add a 4th one. Even though most of Phase 4 was nonsense, there were a few good shows: *Loki* and *Moonknight* were masterpieces. *What-If* is an animated series that follows the events of *Loki*, and is honestly one of the best things I've ever laid my eyes on, with its exploration of popular fan-requested plot lines and detailed animation. *Shang-Chi and the 7 Rings* was also a decent movie. Hopefully Phase 5 will fix up the multiverse confusion. Unfortunately, Phase 4 still disappointed the majority of fans and we can only pray Marvel won't horrendously flop in Phase 5.



Source: Den of Geek

QUIZZES

Sicko Mode to Stardom

by: Aarush Ravichand

Jacques Bermon Webster II, better known by his stage name Travis Scott, is one of the world’s largest rap stars who quickly rose to fame after releasing his initial album *Days Before Rodeo* in 2014. Since then Scott has accumulated 111 Hot 100 songs, 45 million record sales, and 10 Hip-Hop genre related awards.

Scott has many famous tracks scattered throughout his discography, but can you name them all just by the emojis? Take the quiz below to see, and figure out what kind of fan you are!

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Source: Robb Report

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- 🌅 🌅 - Meltdown
- 📺 📺 - Sirens
- 🐱 ! - Fein
- 🤪 🤪 - Skitzo
- ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ - Looove
- 🦋 ✨ - Butterfly Effect
- 🤪 🤪 - Stargazing

ANSWERS

IF YOU GOT...

0-1 - The Goosebumps-only guy 🦄

Why are you even here? You’ve only ever heard *Goosebumps*, and still you switched to *Glass Animals* as soon as Kendrick Lamar’s verse started. Your favorite album is *Birds In The Trap Sing McKnight*, and your favorite song is *goosebumps*.

2-3 - The CACTUS JACK Guy 🌵

You’ve heard a couple of his songs, and about the Astroworld Tragedy, but you don’t really know much else about Travis Scott. Your favorite album is *JACKBOYS*, and your favorite song is *GATTI*.

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4-6 - The HIGHEST IN THE ROOM ONLY album 🕊️

You're a true Travis Scott enjoyer, and have heard almost every ones of his songs. Your favorite album is Rodeo, and your favorite song is *HIGHEST IN THE ROOM*.

7-9 - The ASTROWORLDER 🚀

You're a diehard Travis Scott Fan. You've heard every Travis Scott song, and you've explored enough of *ASTROWORLD* to know *SICKO MODE* isn't the best song there. Your favorite album is *ASTROWORLD*, and your favorite song is *STARGAZING*.

10-12 - The UTOPIAN One 🕊️

You're Travis Scott's #1 Fan. You hyped yourself about *UTOPIA* the whole summer, and binged the whole album the second it released. Your favorite album is *UTOPIA*, and your favorite song is *TIL FURTHER NOTICE*.

13-14 - One of the SCOTTS

You can recite lines from almost every Travis Scott song, and you know a lot of history behind the making of Scott's albums. Your favorite song is *THE SCOTTS*.

15 - Jacques Bermon Webster II

You are the LaFlame. Your favorite album is *Birds in the Trap Sing McKnight*, and your favorite song is *OUT WEST*.



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HOROSCOPE

by: Neha the Precognitive and her Loyal Scribe, Valerie

Aries (March 21st - April 19th): I see an hourglass, a ticking time bomb. Beware, your comfort is under siege.

Taurus (April 20th - May 20th): You will pick up a new hobby but find you lack the suitable skills. From frustration, a different hobby will be bred.

Gemini (May 21st - June 21st): Misfortune approaches. Remain inside; remain vigilant. Do not let it disappoint you, but rather wait for the next month for better tidings.

Cancer (June 22nd - June 22nd): A man with black hair will bring love to your life. Watch out for blondes, who will stab your chances at romance.

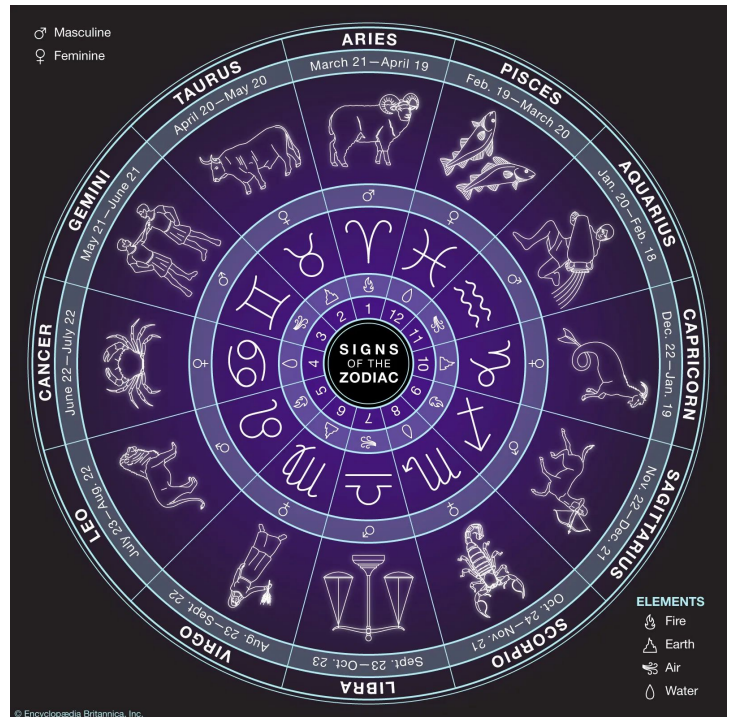
Leo (July 23rd - Aug. 22nd): Don't get a haircut this month, but you should buy a new water bottle. Your enemies are seeking to sabotage you, bribing your hairstylist.

Virgo (Aug. 23rd - Sept. 22nd): Fish are not your friends; avoid the pet store. A vicious piranha is on your trail.

Libra (Sept. 23rd - Oct. 23rd): A prosperous month lies ahead. You'll find yourself winning the raffle of life.

Scorpio (Oct. 24th - Nov. 21st): Your windows need cleaning, but your car tires will carry you safely through THIS month.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22nd - Dec. 21st): You will start a new television show this month, but your expectations suffer a great fall when you realize the road will never be finished.



Source: Britannica

Capricorn (Dec. 22nd - Jan. 19): Don't collect the acorn. It's the Pandora box of trees, a plethora of issues.

Aquarius (Jan. 20th - Feb. 18th): The law will not be in your favor this month. Watch for the flashes of red.

Pisces (Feb. 19th - March 20th): Free donuts will be snatched from your future. Fortunately, free help will seek you when you need it most. And you definitely need it.

PUZZLES

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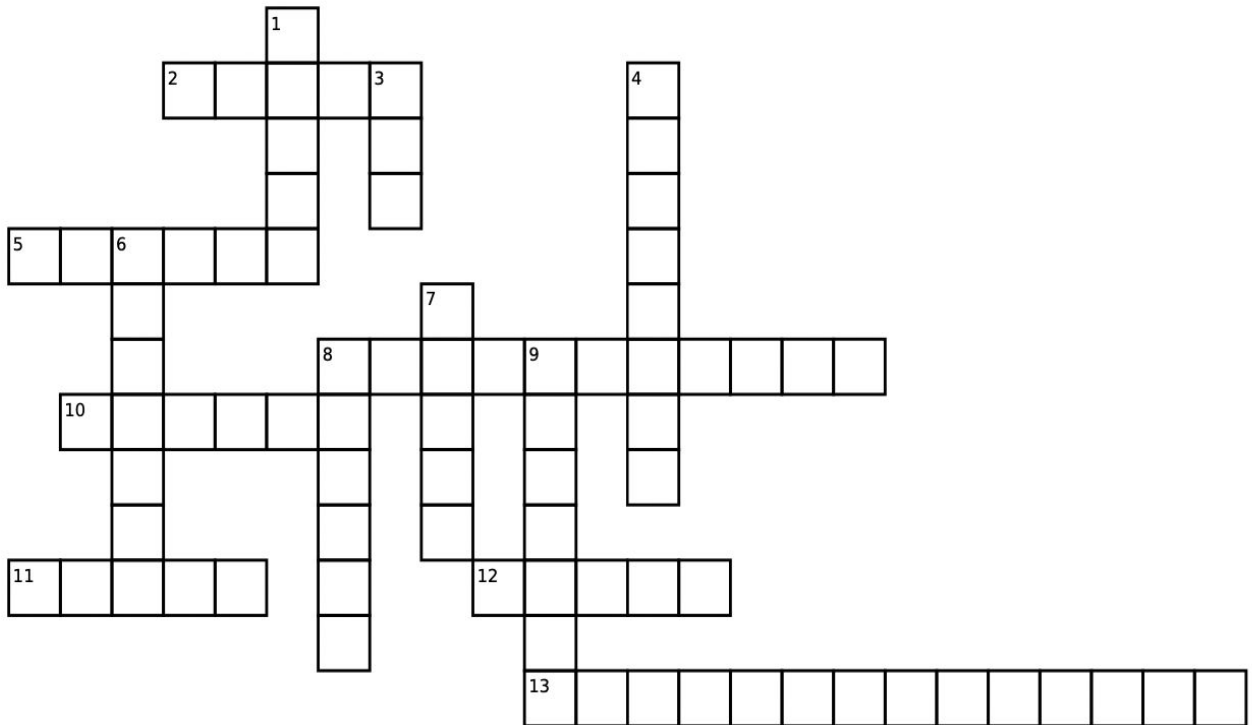
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Crossword Greetings

by: Payton Dymek



Down:

- 1. Hola
- 3. annyeonghaseyo
- 4. Salve
- 6. Dzień Dobry
- 7. Bonjour
- 8. xin chào
- 9. zdravstvuyte

Across:

- 2. Sabaidi
- 5. Konnichiwa
- 8. Niltze Tialli Pialli
- 10. Zdravo
- 11. Akkam
- 12. Tashi delek
- 13. Bula



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El Wordo Answer: Aloha