



Singin' in the Rain, Jr.

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News

President Donald Trump vs. President Andrew Jackson

By Kaitlyn E. Fuoco

Both the Wall Street Journal (article written by Walter Russell Mead) and HNN: History New Network (article written by Matthew Morrison – who is an Associate Professor of History at Brigham Young University) interestingly compare and contrast two of the United States' presidents. One may be our new President and one who died about 170 years ago, somehow they have a lot in common. One that most people can see is obviously they were both rich and economically smart. Also, both of their opponents were both highly educated and had political backgrounds. Andrew Jackson beat John Quincy Adams in 1828 and Donald Trump beat Hillary Clinton, whose husband was president and she did her part in politics as well. These men are also described similarly. Matthew Morrison says, “. . . strikes a wide range of observers, including leader of his own party such as dangerously abrasive, arrogant, and racist.” Not every American was excited about Andrew Jackson and definitely this goes the same for President Donald Trump. However, there is good news to this story. Andrew Jackson may not have been liked going into his term as U.S. President but he has left a good legacy of him being in office. He is the only president in history that paid off the entire federal debt. When President Jackson was in office the country's patriotic spirit increased. Jackson was a harsh slave owner and mean, but when he took office he changed completely. When Andrew Jackson retired from office he “was the living symbol of democracy and an endless parade of admirers trekked to The Hermitage [his retirement home] to do him homage.” states The Miller Center on their page on Andrew Jackson (cited below). Once Jackson left office it is noted that he gained a certain air of humility and loved his admirers to never turn them away. In 1840, he even went to meet with some of his followers in New Orleans for the twenty-fifth annual parade in his honor. Jackson became very conscious of how he was viewed in American history. Hopefully, President Donald Trump will transition in popularity the way Andrew Jackson did and his despisers will come around, and he will be the GREAT president America needs him to be!

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GCMS Presents: *Singin' In The Rain, Jr.*

By: Hailey Olshefsky

Recently, GCMS Music Box Players announced that the 2016-2017 musical will be *Singin' In The Rain, Jr.* *Singin' In The Rain* is mainly about the giant step in the film industry silent films to today talking films. The film highlights the struggles that everyone went through to adapt to the new filming style. Overall *Singin' In The Rain, JR.* is a great choice for our school's actors and actresses to perform this March.

Café Baci

By: Lauren Kuzma

Café Baci is a very nice Italian restaurant in Westbury, New York. My family and I go there a lot for special occasions and just to have a great meal. The meals are delicious and are very appealing to the customers. The dish that I usually get is penne pasta in a garlic and oil sauce with baby shrimp and broccoli. This dish is not on the menu because they let you make your own dishes. Other foods on the menu are pizza, many pastas, and delicious desserts. Although the food is amazing if you go to Café Baci on the weekend it can be very crowded. You might have to wait twenty minutes to get a table for four. Once my family and I had to go somewhere else because it was so crowded. The waitresses, chefs, and hosts are very polite and nice. They get our order in quick so we can get our food as soon as possible. Also if you ever need an opinion on two different types of dishes they will help you make the right choice. The dress code is casual so you don't have to wear something fancy. I recommend going to Café Baci if you want to have a tasty Italian meal with your family.

Pocket Printer

By: Carly Codignotto

Recently, a wireless printer, the Zuta Pocket Printer, only the size of three hockey pucks stacked on top of one other came out. Usually printers are heavy and not really portable, but this printer is only 12 ounces, 4 inches long and wide and 3 inches high. When you want to print something, you place it at the edge of a piece of paper and it uses wheels to roll around the paper and the picture appears, lasers are used for accuracy. If you want to print multiple pages, when the first one is done, to print another piece of paper you just replace the printer on a new sheet of paper and press a button on your phone to continue the printing. The printer is connected to your phone through Bluetooth and you can control all the settings on your phone. Additionally, the printer battery lasts 1 hour and takes 3 hours to charge and one ink cartridge can print 100 pieces of paper. The Zuta Pocket Printer comes out in 2017 to the public, and I really want to get one.

Voice Changer

By: Melina Papachristos

A Texas Woman's accent changed after jaw surgery a few months ago. She used to have a heavy Texas accent, but now, she has a British accent. The woman didn't notice at first, but her husband told her she was talking funny. When she went to her doctor about it, he said her voice would go back to normal once her jaw fully healed. When people first heard her, they believed she was faking it. Her doctor later diagnosed her with foreign accent syndrome. This is an extremely rare condition where people who have experienced a trauma or stroke, speak with a different accent. In some cases, there is no clear cause. There has only been 100 known cases of this case occurring in the last 100 years. The first known case of foreign accent syndrome was in 1941, when a Norwegian woman suffered shrapnel injuries to the brain during a German bomb run, and started speaking with a German accent. Foreign accent syndrome can be psychologically difficult for sufferers. Your accent is part of your identity. Changing your accent can be as hard as changing your identity.

Taylor Swift and Zayn Collaborating for “Fifty Shades Darker”

By Sarah Schultz

Taylor Swift and Zayn Malik recently announced that they will be releasing a single called “I don't Wanna Live Forever”, for the new *Fifty Shades Darker* Soundtrack. Swift and Malik recently wrote the songs with Jack Antoff, who worked on “1989” with Swift. Jack recently tweeted “I don't wanna live forever came together very quickly. Wrote it with Taylor and Sam Dew and produced it at home mostly on paper sounds. Recorded Taylor at my house. Zayn sent parts from LA - we did it in a week basically. I've never had something come out that quick.”. Both Swift and Malik have strong fan bases, so naturally, the internet was very excited. *Fifty Shades Darker* is the sequel to the 2015 film *Fifty Shades of Grey* The film was released in February 2017.

Robert Beatty's New Adventure

By: Kaitlyn E. Fuoco

“Never go into the deep parts of the forest for there are dangers there, and they will ensnare your soul.”
- Robert Beatty

Serafina and The Black Cloak by Robert Beatty is an extraordinary adventure where a scarred young boy and a deformed young girl named Serafina meet and become best friends. Serafina has lived in the basement of Biltmore Estate all twelve years of her life. After Braeden Vanderbilt's family dies in a fire he comes to live with his aunt and uncle, who own Biltmore. He brings his only friend, his pet dog, Giddean. Both Serafina and Braeden don't have a lot of friends and feel very lonely. Serafina lives with her pa who is the mechanic at Biltmore but soon there are weird happenings around Serafina's beloved home. She struggles to learn more about her past and her connection to the creatures of the night that live in the very forest her pa forbade her to ever go to. Until, she is forced to disobey her pa and travel into the forest with her new-found friend, Braeden, she learns about the secrets and uncertainties that go along with having her adventurous life. This book keeps readers in suspense the whole time. The 293-page book's genre is Dark Fantasy/Horror, Historical Fiction, Middle Grade, and Speculative Fiction. Beatty impressively describes the duo's victories, struggles, and (major) mistakes. Readers were shocked by the thoughtfully planned out ending and was very upset when the novel was over; they wanted to keep reading. The ending is a real shocker and readers never would have expected it. Beatty was still able to make it very clear through all the confusing plot twists.

News

NFL Pro Bowl 2017

By: Kathleen Adams

On Sunday, January 29th, the stars of the NFL took part in the 2017 Pro Bowl. The event occurred at Camping World Stadium in Orlando. Athletes participated from both the NFC and AFC conferences including Odell Beckham Jr, Travis Kelce, Richard Sherman, Von Miller, and Jay Ajayi. In a low scoring game, the AFC defeated the NFC 20-13, ultimately claiming the title as Pro Bowl Champions. The title of MVP was awarded to both Travis Kelce of the Kansas City Chiefs and Lorenzo Alexander of Buffalo Bills. While the NFC did lose this competition of the elite, it was not without a strong effort. New York Giants' wide receiver, Odell Beckham Jr, racked up 93 yards for 6 receptions. The defense, featuring mostly athletes from the Seattle Seahawks and Minnesota Vikings, also put forth a noticeable performance. In addition to the game, athletes took part in a skills competition which was held Friday, January 27th. This event was a great way to expose just how amazing the players really are, as well as demonstrating the focus and determination it takes to be elected a "Pro Bowler". Now, football fans look to see the best of the best compete in Super Bowl LI.

Speech and Debate Club

By Kaitlyn E. Fuoco

Mr. Cronin created a new club this year, it's called as you may have guessed, "Speech and Debate Club". The club meets every Thursday morning or afternoon. I say this because there are two groups, one for each time slot. The club is open for all seventh and eighth graders. This is because in the sixth grade elective, Study Skills, there is a speech and debate unit. During this unit, students learn the basics of how to overcome what is rated the second biggest fear people have, public speaking. Mr. Cronin is one of the Study Skills teachers, and he is the supervisor and head judge for the debate club. In sixth grade, students learn the basics, and after learning how to be a successful debater, students are encouraged to join the club the following year. Every week there is a new debate between members and it is a lot of fun. Anyone who is interested in debate should definitely join! Throughout the year members are selectively picked by Mr. Cronin to go against other schools for model debates or simply for fun. Hope to see you in the following years joining Speech and Debate Club!

Supreme Court Nominee: Neil Gorsuch

By: Carly Codignotto

On Tuesday, January 31st, Trump announced his nominee for Supreme Court Justice, Neil Gorsuch. Neil Gorsuch, a forty-nine-year-old dad, is an appellate federal judge, in Chicago, for the past eleven years. An appellate judge is a judge who deals with issues that people want to be overturned. Gorsuch went to two ivy league schools, Harvard and Columbia, and also went to Oxford to get his degree in legal philosophy. Many of his views on certain topics are compared to those of the late, Justice Antonin Scalia, whom he would be replacing. Gorsuch is a firm believer of religious rights and highly against assisted suicide. He wrote a book called, *The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia*. His book is about how a human's life is a valuable thing and for people to help others take their life is wrong. All his other views on other topics including, marijuana, gun rights, the environment, and immigration are not yet known. The real question is... will the Senate confirm Neil Gorsuch as the next Supreme Court Justice?

A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words

By: Natalie Greiner

Emojis are taking the social media world by storm. Twitter users average 250 to 350 emoji tweets a second. Some people ask, how do people know what they are saying? Some compare emojis to a language of their own. You have to learn how to read it, people have even attempted to re-write novels, such as *Moby Dick*, which was recreated with a title of *Emoji Dick*. People have even started creating song lyrics with emojis, one of the songs being, *Drunk in Love*, by Beyonce. It has become quite the trend. So, will you start speaking emoji?

Fake News on Facebook and Google

By Caroline Canavan

Facebook has been under fire for spreading fake news stories that may have helped Donald Trump win the election. Over the weekend, Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg said the social media giant did not affect the election results of the presidential election. The move has raised new questions about Facebook, Google and other websites. They say they aren't responsible for controlling the news they deliver to billions of people, even when it includes lies, falsehoods or propaganda. Many of these articles were for Trump and against his opponent, Hillary Clinton. One article said Pope Francis had endorsed Donald Trump. It was shared by over 100,000 users. There were "vote online" memes that assured Democrats in Pennsylvania that they could vote from home. Nearly 1.2 billion people log onto Facebook every day, according to the Pew Research almost half of Americans rely on the social network for news.

Death Of A Bachelor Tour Review

By Sarah Schultz

On March 2nd, Panic! At The Disco performed for the first time at Madison Square Garden, and from a fans perspective, it was a truly amazing show. The band composed of Brendon Urie, Dallon Weekes, Kenneth Harris, and Dan Pawlovich opened the show with their hit "Don't Threaten Me With A Good Time". Then the band brought out Stranger Things star Noah Schnapp to sing "LA Devotee" in which he starred in the music video. Brendon Urie then continued to wow the crowd with his amazing vocals, with hits such as "Emperor's New Clothes" and "Vegas Lights". The band then took a break from the fast pace songs to a slower piano version of "This Is Gospel" and "Death Of A Bachelor". Brendon, who plays over 20 instruments played a drum cover of Bruno Mars's "24K Magic". The band finished out the show with the infamous "I Write Sins Not Tragedies" and the first single off *Death Of A Bachelor*, "Victorious". I would definitely recommend Panic's music to anyone who is a fan of bands such as twenty one pilots, and Fall Out Boy. I cannot wait for Panic to go on tour again so I could see this amazing show once more.

The Un Wanted Attention on The First Children

By Caroline Canavan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — If it's tough being a kid, try being a "first kid" — the child of an American president. Ten-year-old Barron was the target of a poorly received joke tweeted by a "Saturday Night Live" writer on Jan. 20. Shannon Noll played the title character in "Barron Trump: Up Past Bedtime," a theater show in the city's Hyde Park neighborhood. Just ask President Bill Clinton's daughter, Chelsea. Or President George W. Bush's twins, Jenna and Barbara. And now, President Donald Trump's youngest child, Barron, is finding out. I think that the kids should be off limits. It already must be hard for Barron to see his father being made fun of by the public, but seeing himself being made fun of is a little harsh.

Oscar Mishap

By: Melina Papachristos

On Sunday, February 26, the biggest mistake of Oscar history ever occurred. When announcing the winner of best picture, Warren Beatty announced *La La Land* when the real winner was *Moonlight*. After the show, Jimmy Kimmel tried to explain the mistake. He said that when Warren Beatty saw the card for best picture, it said Emma Stone for *La La Land*. You could see him take a pause, which most people thought was for effect. He was really confused by what the card said. When *La La Land* was announced as the winner for best picture the cast came onto the stage to accept the award. In the middle of the director's speech, a backstage crew member ran onto the stage and announced *Moonlight* as the real winner. The cast of *Moonlight* was overjoyed at the win and weren't the least bit upset about the mishap.

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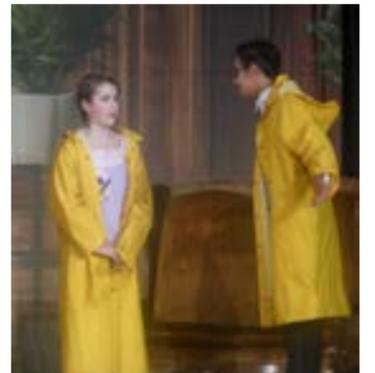
Musical "Reigns" Over Middle School

By Jimmy Vinciguerra

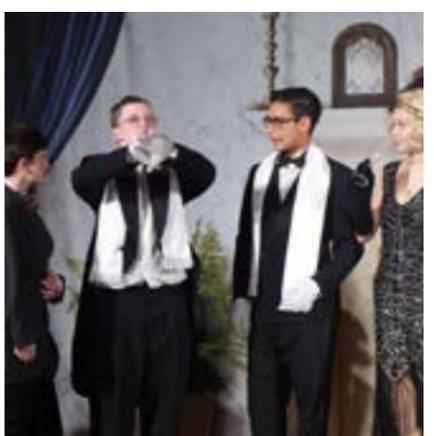
The reviews are "pouring" in for *Singin' In The Rain Jr.* which can only be described as a complete success! The Music Box Players' incredibly talented students presented the 1952 classic made famous by Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds. "Each production is the product of five months of student dedication and passion for musical theater", responds English teacher Kristen Aguilo, who has now produced 8 musicals for the middle school since 2009. Choosing which musical to put on every year is not an easy task. "I have to consider the amount of available roles and the demand that each production will have on our cast and crew. Each musical is the product of an incredible team which includes Mrs. Menges, Mr. Camilleri, Ms. Greenwald, and Ms. Economou."



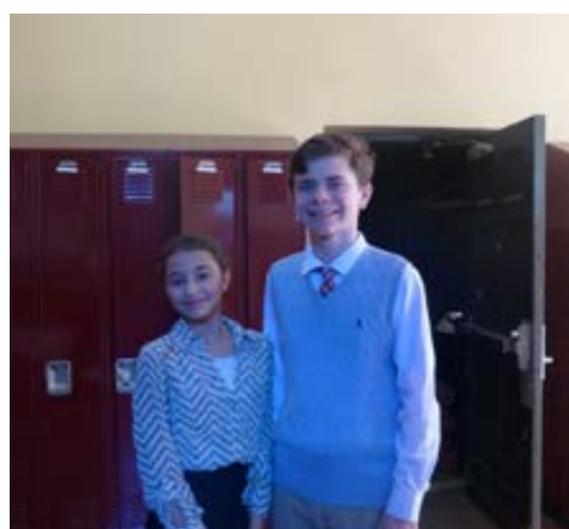
Changing from silent movies to talking pictures was difficult in the late 1920's. *Singin' In the Rain Jr.* showed how it might be done. Of course the right cast can really make the difference. "We are a family, and we are all together", responds Ryan Murphy who played the iconic film star Don Lockwood. Preparation is another reason for the show's success. "I would be home with my dad practicing my lines, and he would say you need to get these down pat.", continues Ryan. Repeating your lines is also very important. Farren Martinus, who played Don Lockwood as well, explains how he prepared for the challenging song, Moses Supposes, "If you do it over 100 times you sort of get used to it...your tongue and mouth get used to saying the words in a complex manner." Tyler Barbaro, who also performed this song as the hilarious Cosmo Brown had thoughts on it too, "You just got to know how to say it. It's not that hard once you get it down." It also helps when the character you play is just like you. Peter Sansky-Traficanti, who also played Cosmo, was very open about it, "I like to make jokes and be silly in real life. I'm triggered by learning lines. It really gets my brain going." Rebecca Melkonian, who played the sweet and talented Kathy Seldon, had similar thoughts, "I liked her character, and I thought her character was a little bit like me. So I could relate to her." Sarah Fetherston, who also played Kathy, agreed, "She has such a distinct personality and sings such beautiful songs. She has a really cool backstory to her character, and she is sassy and sweet at the same time." One of the harder parts was playing the annoying and squeaky sounding Lina Lamont, Kathy Seldon's conceited rival. You think sounding like that is easy? Paige Sanossian, who played Lina, explained how she and Emma Gardner both prepared for this, "We do exercises where we feel vibrations in our sinus cavities. It helps us to get our regular voices to our Lina voices." Who would have guessed that? Somehow the Lina and Kathy conflict was no problem for the cast, even when Kathy threw a pie into Lina's face. "It's hard to create any kind of tension", replied Emma.



Finally, there is one more thing we all need to know. How did they make it rain on stage during Don Lockwood's famous *Singin' In The Rain Jr.* musical number? Mrs. Aguilo had the solution, "In the end, we decided to simulate rain through a video projection. It will be amazing!" And it was just that. A special thank you goes out to Kennedy Wilgosz and Patrick Bohn who helped in preparing this review.



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News

Science Olympiads



Congratulations to Austin Chrouchley and Ian Bailey, Garden City Middle School students, who earned second place awards in the 2017 Long Island Science and Engineering Fair (LISEF) on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Austin designed and built a photovoltaic hydro-powered tracking mechanism that rotates a solar module from east to west to improve the efficiency of renewable energy. Ian discovered edible biopreservatives that slowed down the fungi growth on raspberries and increased their shelf life. In addition, Austin and Ian are among the selected group of top Long Island students who are invited to participate in Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering Rising Stars), the premier science and engineering competition for middle school students sponsored by the Society for Science and the Public.



Bottle Rocket: Michael Pieaccini and Jeremy Geevargheese

Sprachfest 2017

By: Kathleen Adams

On Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Hauppauge High School, Garden City Middle School German students participated in Sprachfest. This event is a competition atmosphere where participants take part in many German activities and events. In a quote from German teacher, Frau Galvez, she states "Sprachfest provides our German students with an opportunity to excel in academic, musical, creative baking, and artistic competitions and immerse themselves in the German culture." The competitions include the culture bowl, spelling, vocabulary, numbers, baking, musical performances, poster and t-shirt design, skits and poems. When students get a spare moment away from competing, they have a chance to play some soccer in the gym as well as enjoy a pizza lunch and try some of the baked goods from the baking competition. Every year, German students show a high interest in taking part in Sprachfest, as it is a highly anticipated event. Good luck to our German students as they aim to win first place in all their competitions.

Bat Robot Designed and Set Off

By: Logan Morrison

Researchers and roboticists have created a bat-like robot that can perform many types of acrobatics. The robot is composed of a carbon fiber skeleton with thin silicon wings which makes it lightweight and be able to smoothly maneuver. The silicon wings can bend easily allowing the machine to turn and change direction with no hassle. It is said to be used like a drone and be used to move through construction sites and observe areas where we cannot. The robot has trouble trying to move around in harsh weather which renders it harder to reach higher places. It will also need a net incase the robot will fail and fall. If the robot falls without a net supporting it, it will most likely break the electronics inside of it. It will weigh up to 93 grams with a wingspan of 47 centimeters. The new robot bat could be the future of drones and help workers at worksites and many other people.



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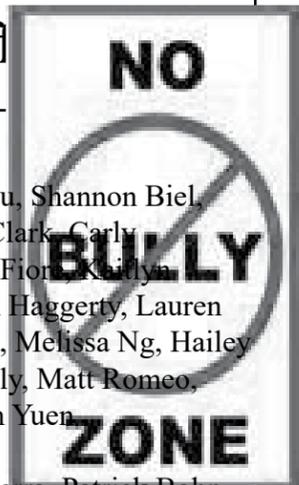
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Drone Cars

By Layla Caruso

Can you imagine a drone that you can be inside of and fly around? Well recently the company that brought us the regular sized “ghost drone” has just announced the “184” Personal Flying Vehicle. It’s about the size of a very small car and says its able to hold one person up to 260 pounds anywhere within a 23-minute flight time limit. The 184 doesn't just look like a drone; it acts like one. Passengers will only have minimal controls: take off, pause flight and land. You have to tell it what to do via an app on your phone, but after you tell it where to go, it will fly there automatically. The obvious question is, given the amount of hobby-size quadcopters unable to stay in the sky, how safe is the four-foot-tall 184? The company claims that there are full failsafe systems in place that would have the craft land should there be a problem, and system redundancy should mean that if something fails, you don't just fall out of the sky. Let's hope those systems work, because a top speed of 62mph, and max flight height of 11,000 feet mean you're going to want to have a lot of confidence in those safety mechanisms. Ehang (the company that created the 184) tells us that it estimates the price of the 184 will be around \$200,000 to \$300,000, and that it plans to make the drone commercially available sometime in 2017.



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Moana

By: Lauren Kuzma

In 2016, Disney came out with a new movie called *Moana*. The movie is about a young girl named Moana who was chosen by the sea to return the heart Te Fiti. Millions of years before a demi-god, Maui, steals the heart to give it as a gift to humanity. The lava monster, Te Ka, attacks Maui and his magical fish hook is lost in the sea and he is left on a stranded on an island. When Moana was a little girl she loved the ocean and even held the heart of Te Fiti. Moana’s father, Chief Tui, wants Moana to stay away from the ocean and focus on leading Moutuni, their island. When Moana’s grandmother, Tala, tells Moana about the story of Maui and Te Fiti’s heart she just wants to go out and explore the ocean. Her father never wants anyone on the island to go beyond their reef but when the food in the ocean starts disappearing Moana wants to sail beyond the reef. One night Tala shows Moana hidden boats that their ancestors used in the past. Tala sadly gets ill and before she dies she tells Moana to set sail and find Maui and bring back the heart of Te Fiti. During her travels her sailboat flips over after a big wave comes and knocks her unconscious. Moana wakes up on Maui’s island and tries to convince him to come with her and defeat Te Ka. Maui says this would be too dangerous and will let out many dark creatures. Maui traps Moana in a cave and takes her sailboat to find his fish hook. Moana catches up with him and finally convinces Maui to help her after they find his fish hook which is in the realm of monsters. On their journey Maui teaches Moana all about sailing and how they need to defeat Ta Ka. When Moana and Maui reach Te Fiti but Te Ka attacks and almost destroys Maui’s fish hook. Maui leaves Moana fearing that Te Ka will destroy his fish hook more. Moana is distraught and throws the heart in the ocean. The spirit of Tala comes and encourages Moana to not give up and retrieve the heart. Moana listens to her grandma and gets the heart and goes back to fight Te Ka. Maui comes back and helps Moana even though his hook would get destroyed for good. Moana gets the ocean to make a path for Te Ka to come to Moana. She sings a song to remind Te Ka who she truly is, Te Fiti. Moana restores her heart and in return, Te Fiti gives Moana a new sailboat and makes Maui a new fish hook. When Moana returns to her island, she teaches her people how to sail and never to give up.

Is Sea World a Thing of The Past!

By: Meghan Clark

Have you ever visited the much-publicized Sea World in any of its three famous locations; Orlando, San Antonio, and San Diego? Sea World has been a very popular aquatic theme park for many years. Lately, the amount of yearly tourists that visit the park have drastically declined. That is due to the talked about scandal of their orca whales. No one is really sure if that is quite accurate but, after the release of the documentary, “Blackfish”, and other articles that expose controversial details about Sea World, sales dropped 84%. Also the company lost almost half of its market value on Wall Street. The attendance at Sea World decreased by one-hundred-thousand people. The company has tried to make a big effort to save this struggling company; including making ticket prices cheaper, they also made the difficult decision of removing their previous CEO, and spending millions of dollars in marketing. Sea World’s latest marketing tool illustrates veterinarians nurturing the whales and caring about their well-being. The company was trying to convince many people from around the globe that Sea World is an animal friendly place. In hope of making a big profit the company has also opened up a Shark exhibit in Orlando and an interactive dolphin exhibit in San Antonio in a lifelike setting. It’s not a surprise that the sales have plunged especially when many people don’t want to see, “orcas going insane in tiny tanks”, as cited from theguardian.com. Who knows if someday Sea World will be a thing of the past!

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A Series of Unfortunate Events coming to Netflix

By Sarah Schultz

Resigning from the 2004 film, Barry Sonnenfeld returns to help launch the new Netflix series titled *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. Based on the book by Lemony Snicket, the eight-episode series follows the three Baudelaire kids who must go and live with their uncle after their parents died. Count Olaf, their uncle, gives them multiple chores and the children cannot decide why he despises them so much. Given that the original movie did well, but failed to follow the books, Netflix says that the eight-episode series will exponentially follow the books. *A Series of Unfortunate Events* is now streaming on Netflix.

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The LIRR Train Crash in Brooklyn

By: Matthew Romeo

Recently, there was a crash at the Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn, NY. This terrible train crash was the result of a train that ran into a bumping block and injured more than 100 people on the train. The NTSB team arrived in New York City by 6 p.m. and began examining the scene, according to NTSB investigator , Jim Southworth. Wearing hard hats and vests, federal investigators examined the train, the tracks, the signal system, and recovered the train’s event recorders late Wednesday and will continue their investigation.

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Varsity Swimming and Diving Season

By: Cameron Yuen

This varsity season is a very special and intense season because of the legacy the Garden City Varsity Swimming and Diving has created over the last four years. Previously, Garden City was undefeated for 30 meets in a row. However, this season lots of fast seniors graduated, and our winning streak was in jeopardy. Though we lacked variety and depth to be very competitive with the number 1 seated Syosset, we put up good fights against other fast teams. Some events that our team thrives on are Diving, 500 freestyle, and the 200 Freestyle. The scoring for each event goes, 6 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th, 1 point for 5th, and no points for 6th. And each team gets 3 people per event. Typically, GC would get 10 points for diving, and 9-11 points for the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. However, some events Garden City struggle in are the 100 backstroke, and 100 breaststroke. We would only score 3 points for backstroke, and 6-7 points for breaststroke. Though, we may not win the championship, we are definitely going to give all the other fast teams a run for their money.

March Madness Fever

By: Carly Codignotto

It's that time of year again... March Madness has started! March Madness is a college basketball tournament consisting of sixty-eight division one teams. The tournament is a single elimination tournament that means, if you lose a game you are automatically out of the competition. One reason why March Madness is so popular is because ESPN holds a competition online. The competition consists of the user making a bracket online. You predict the winners of all the games up to the championships, you even input what you think the winning score is. If you happen to get everything correct you can win up to 50,000 dollars. In the history of ESPN hosting this there has never been anyone who filled the bracket to a hundred percent accuracy. There have been many people who have come very close and have won a smaller amount of money. The chances of filling the bracket out completely correct is between 1 in 128 billion and 1 in 9.2 quintillion. Therefore, if you do happen to fill it out to a hundred percent accuracy, you are a very lucky person.

New Long Island Rest Stop

By Matthew Fiore

A brand new rest stop on the Long Island Expressway opened in October 2016. This stop replaced an old rest stop for trucks, which was removed because of Governor Andrew Cuomo's terrible experience there when his car had broken down. Now, the brand new rest stop is said to possibly be illegal. This is due to the over-the-counter sale of food inside. According to federal law, over-the-counter distribution of food is illegal to promote drivers to get off highways and dine at local restaurants. In addition to the food service being illegal, the hundreds of "I Love NY" signs along highways and other major roads are supposedly illegal as well. There are about twelve signs within three miles of the rest stop. New York State and Governor Andrew Cuomo now have many problems at their hands that need to be dealt with very soon.

Although there are many problems associated with the new rest stop, the building and its premises are brand new and include a police station in the back. The food section of the rest stop has many selections run by the state for a quick bite to eat. The dining area has many tables and chairs and features an interactive board with locations all over Long Island. Finally, in the back there are bathrooms and water fountains. Outside there is a miniature lighthouse and a whale for children to play on. Overall, the rest stop is very nice and it would be a shame if the national government shut it down.

