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The Freshman Dance

Authors: Ashlee Ranes

Unami 9th graders, the school year is coming to an end, which means that 9th grade class will sadly be leaving Unami this year. However, it also means that it is time for us to get excited for the Freshman dance! 9th grade English teacher, advisor of the Unami Times, and coordinator of the dance, Mrs. Miller, gave me an interview explaining all the details.

Q: When and where will tickets be on sale?

A: Tickets are on sale 5/23-6/6

Q: What is the dress code like? How formal or casual?

A: Girls typically wear a sundress or dress for a fancy family event. No prom dresses. Males-pants, polo shirt or dress shirt. Some wear ties.

What is the date of the dance?

A: 6/9

Q: When is the dance? (time)

A: 7:30-10 pm

Q: Will there be food? If so, what do you have planned?

A: Yes! Chic fil a, warm appetizers like mini quiche, mozz sticks, fried mac n cheese balls, pizza bagels

Q: Can 7th and 8th graders come with freshman?

A: No and only Unami 9th graders. No students from outside Unami.

Mrs. Miller also included that there will be a free magic mirror photobooth available. You can take as many pictures as you want and they are printed out on the spot. Overall, you can be assured that the freshman dance is going to be great this year and all freshmen should buy their tickets.

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World News

The Spread of Classified Documents

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One of the most prominent events from spring of 2023 is the pentagon documents which were leaked. 21-year-old National Guardsman from Massachusetts, Jack Teixeira was part of a Discord chat group called Thug Shakers. This chat included 20-30 young men who shared interest in guns, video games, and racist humor. Since this leak, there has been a demand for information on what was leaked and how.

Prior to the leak, Teixeira had concerning patters of behavior concerning gun restrictions in the U.S.. The prosecution of the case claims he has messages on social media which speak about violent behavior, including killing people. In addition, he has a history of violent threats from high school. This pattern continues according to the posts from his social media accounts featuring pictures of various firearms.

Teixeira released confidential documents and reports from the pentagon to Discord. The leak included information about the current war between Ukraine and Russia. Some details in the documents included plans to build Ukraine's military. One possibility discussed was that America could supply weapons. In addition, there was mention of NATO providing tanks to Ukraine.

The Documents were first leaked through the private Discord group Thug Shakers in early January of 2023, where an account with the username "Lucca" found the documents. "Lucca" then

shared some of the documents on March 1st in a public discord group called the Wow Mao Zone, the group affiliated with the youtuber wow_mao that consisted of 4,000 members. On that same day, another user in the public group then shared 10 of the documents with another public discord group called Minecraft Earth Map.

On April 5th, a user on 4Chan used 3 of those documents to win an argument about the Russian-Ukraine conflict, and on the same day the documents were found on a pro-Russian Telegram App, with some of them doctored. Then, also on April 5th, the documents were posted on Twitter, where the Biden administration took notice and started to try and get the posts down.

This entire fiasco shows how dangerous and unsafe the government can be when classified information is put into the wrong hands. It also shows how much power people have from using technology and how fast intel can move without notice online. Moving forward, the government should use this experience to become more aware of the people that are working under them, and what hands that they are putting their trust into, for the future of all of America.

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Leaked Pentagon Documents – New York Times

Pentagon leaks: how Discord video game chat platform landed in the spotlight – The Guardian

SpaceX Starship Explodes Mid-flight

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On Thursday, April 20, 2023, SpaceX's Starship exploded midair not long after its launch in South Texas. The Starship is designed to help with the creation of a Moon base, enabling satellite delivery and point-to-point transport on Earth according to the SpaceX website. It currently holds the title of the most powerful rocket in history. It has 33 Raptor engines, which are powered by liquid methane and oxygen. Its booster is designed to be reusable, and it's supposed to land back at the launch site of the rocket after use. It sounds like it was planned to be the perfect spaceship, right? So, what went wrong then? Why did the launch fail?

First, it is very important to take notice that this was the first flight test for the Starship. Its launch was approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) just 6 days before, on April 14. The team of experts that have been working on the Starship project didn't expect the Starship launch to be fully successful, after all, this was supposed to be a test launch and it was unmanned for that reason.

What some would call an "unsuccessful" launch helped the team learn very important lessons. After all, a test launch is an experiment, is supposed to provide information for the scientists and engineers on how to improve their design. Shortly after the test flight, SpaceX said, "The vehicle experienced multiple engines out during the flight test, lost altitude, and began to tumble". SpaceX learned that some of the engines of the Starship ceased working which caused the ship to lose altitude and eventually explode. This gives the said scientists and engineers guidance on how to make sure it doesn't do the same thing it did on April 20th when there is also a crew aboard the Starship. Hopefully, next time everything will go according to plan so humans could have more opportunity to explore space.

Resources:

[SpaceX's Starship rocket lifts off for inaugural test flight, but explodes midair | CNN](#)

[SpaceX's Starship rocket receives FAA approval for launch | CNN](#)

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Washington Post Reporter Arrested

Author: Hari Kasibhotla

Back in April of this year, a Washington Post Reporter named Evan Gershkovich was imprisoned by Russian authorities and is staying in a Russian jail. Gershkovich was accused of spying by Russia, and according to the State Department, this is the first time Russia has imprisoned a foreign journalist on the basis of espionage since the Cold War, which ended in the 1980s. He was arrested in Yekaterinburg, a city in central west Russia, and the American Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, has repeatedly denied the charges filed against the WP journalist, which if found guilty, could land him 20 years in a Russian prison. President Joe Biden, Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell, and Democrat Senate Leader Chuck Schumer have all urged Russia to release the American national. Many of Gershkovich's colleagues at the Post have also expressed their distaste for this imprisonment.



Image of Gershkovich from Washington Post.com.

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The NPC (National Press Club) have honored Gershkovich by awarding him with their highest reward for risking his safety to report the facts. Many people, mostly friends and close relatives, have spread the #Free Evan Book Club by reading a book Evan has read in jail, called Life and Fate. At the time this article is being written, Gershkovich has still not been freed. This is just one small piece of the rising tensions between the Chinese and Russian superpowers in the East, and the Democratic Nations in Europe and North America. If you would like to learn more about Evan Gershkovich and his life story, visit the site where this information is from, at:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/04/08/evan-gershkovich-russia-wsj-journalist-arrested-profile/>

Reviews

Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3

Author: Ashlee Ranes

WARNING: Please do not read this review if you would like to avoid spoilers for Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 may be the first MCU movie since Avengers Endgame that truly feels like classic Marvel. It was a perfect final tribute to the series. Since its debut, the Guardians of the Galaxy series has mastered a well-developed ensemble cast of characters and the third and final movie was able to give us closure on each one of them. Additionally, they did this while balancing comedy and emotions in the script.

First and foremost, Starlord did not get the happy ending with Gamora he expected, but he did find closure on his roots from Earth. The first movie opened with his mother dying and him immediately being taken away from his grandfather to space with the Ravengers. Although he did not end up with his version of Gamora, who died in Avengers Infinity War, he was able to let go of her and make amends with the Gamora from the new timeline.

The star of this movie was absolutely Rocket Raccoon because his heart wrenching backstory was finally revealed. To summarize, he was experimented on to have an advanced and civilized mind by scientists who wanted to build a replica of Earth with animals, and made friends with an otter, Lyla, a bunny, Floor, and a walrus, Teefs. They bonded and thought they would stay together once they were released, but learned the organization planned to kill them once they perfected the new batch of experiments. In an effort to escape, Rocket's friends were killed. The way Rocket's backstory was integrated throughout the main story gave his character a new depth and showed how important it is that he was able to make a new family with The Guardians.

As always, the soundtrack of this movie was fantastic. Guardians of the Galaxy is known for its use of nostalgic music that perfectly fits the tone of the movie, some examples being Father and Son by Cat Stevens and The Chain by Fleetwood Mac. The most notable song used in this third movie is Dog Days Are Over by Florence and the Machine. It was a fun and upbeat way to feature the whole cast of characters celebrating in the end, which was a nice contrast in this emotional rollercoaster of a film.

Overall, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 was the perfect end to a perfect trilogy. Whether you watched this series for the comedy, the characters, the music, or the plot, you will walk out of the theatre knowing this was a movie made for the fans.

Games

Summer Crossword Puzzle

Author: Delia Bucci

Summer is almost here! There are only a matter of school days left until our three-month break! Enjoy this summer-themed crossword puzzle and have a great break!

1. Across: 8 squares

2. Down: 5 squares

3. Across: 6 squares

4. Down: 4 squares

5. Down: 3 squares

6. Across: 5 squares

7. Across: 3 squares

8. Across: 4 squares

9. Across: 8 squares

10. Down: 4 squares

Across	Down
1. On hot summer days, sometimes you might want to go _____ at the pool.	2. What can you sculpt with sand and water when you go to the beach?
3. Tent, fire, s'mores, wilderness	4. Diving board, water, floaties
6. I like to walk along the _____ and look for seaglass and shells.	5. If you are bored, you will want to have _____!
7. Helps plants grow, vitamin D	8. In summer, you need to cool off because of the _____.
9. Shields you from rain	10. Sit back, _____, and enjoy!

Have fun!