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Senior Spotlight

Alexis Smith

Joaquin Perez
Writer

One of Columbian's many seniors is Alexis Smith or Lexi for short. She's a varsity member of the volleyball, basketball, and track and field teams. Lexi is also NHS's secretary and serves as a Captain Columbian. Outside of school, Lexi enjoys 4-wheeling, working out, and fishing. After graduation, she will attend Baldwin Wallace University to major in communication sciences and disorders, become a speech pathologist, and play volleyball. Lexi would like underclassmen to know to "be kind to one another and the faculty at the high school. High school will be so much more enjoyable and you will feel a lot happier!" Lastly, she'd like to thank the entire senior class for the countless laughs and memories throughout the years.



Nane Amirkhanyan

Brayden Miklovic
Writer, Designer

Nane Amirkhanyan is a senior at Columbian. She is also a transfer student from Armenia. At Columbian, she's gotten involved in golf, yearbook, musical, and choir. Additionally, she has given presentations about Armenia for the Kiwanis Club and the Tiffin Rotary Club. When she has free time, she likes to paint, do photography, play guitar, and sing. When she's done at Columbian, Nane will have to repeat her senior year in Armenia. Then, she plans to attend college for English and communication. She says that her biggest motivators in life are her parents and her friends, saying, "I don't think I would be able to come to the United States without their support." She tells her underclassmen to take advantage of all of the academic opportunities that the US has to offer, noting that "in countries like Armenia kids are dreaming about the possibilities that Americans have." Lastly, Nane wants to thank all of her friends and teachers for making her exchange year so memorable: "It was an amazing experience for me and I'm gonna miss everyone!"



Lacey Gibson

Joaquin Perez
Writer

Another one of Columbian's seniors is Lacey Gibson. She's involved in various art classes, including art investigations. Her artwork has been featured in various art shows, including the Owens Community College Passages Show this spring where she was a finalist. In her free time, she can be found crocheting, reading, and making art. Following high school, Lacey plans to be a nursing aid at the developmental center and be a tattoo artist. She'd like underclassmen to know to "[not] be in a rush to grow up. Do and experience as much as you can; it'll go by in a flash."



Spring Band Concert

Alison Kramer
Writer

On May 1, the TCHS Big Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble performed their spring concert songs. The Big Band, conducted by Trenton Thacker, performed "Fly Me to the Moon" (Sammy Nestico), "Sophisticated Lady" (Duke Ellington), and "Dirty Dozen" (Andy Clark). There were many soloists featured in these pieces, including Curtis Steele, who featured in "Sophisticated Lady." The Symphonic Band, conducted by Trenton Thacker, performed "Arachnophobia and Fugue" (James Meredith), "Hounds of Baskervilles" (William Owen), and "Flying Tigers" (David Shaffer). "Hounds of Baskervilles" was conducted by guest conductor Kayden Gilbert, a Heidelberg senior majoring in music education. Finally, the Wind Ensemble, conducted by Michael Meadows, performed "Steel" (Randall Standridge), "Afte Pandora" (Mark Loretz), "La Madre de los Gatos" (Brian Beck), "Endless Rainbows" (Brian Balmages), and "Thrash" (Randall Standridge). "La Madre de los Gatos" was also conducted by guest conductor Kayden Gilbert. Although this was the band's final performance of the year, we look forward to seeing what they will prepare for next year's school year!

Local Events this Summer

Grace Blonde
Writer

Throughout the summer, Tiffin will be offering a plethora of events for people to participate in. With that in mind, let's take a closer look at a few festivities taking place.

Thursday Night Tunes

From June to August, Tiffin will be hosting Thursday Night Tunes. Musicians will be taking the stage at the Frost-Kalnow Amphitheater for citizens of Tiffin to enjoy and listen. Some artists include: The Tuesday Crowd, Flattop Republic, and even our very own marching band!

Franciscan Gardening Classes

On May 25th and August 24th, the Fransican Earth Literacy Center will be hosting gardening classes for people to attend. Led by Sr. Rita Wienken, Tiffinites are encouraged to learn more about gardening and cultivation while having fun at the same time. Registration for the classes can be found at the farmers market with a free bag of fresh herbs.

Tiffin Seneca Farmers Market

Grace Blonde
Writer

As you might know already, the Tiffin Seneca Farmers Market transpires every year from May to October. During this time, residents of Tiffin are able to visit local venders every Saturday and buy fresh produce/goods. Recently I interviewed Bird Bell, an employee of Baked by Bells, and discussed the many positive aspects the farmers market provides.

Grace: First of all, what kind of goods does Baked by Bells sell?

Bird: Me and my family sell macarons, sugar cookies, and shortbreads, along with freeze-dried foods like fruit and candy.

Grace: What experience does the farmers market have to offer?

Bird: The farmers market is great for bringing together Tiffin's community. It gives small businesses in the area a great opportunity to sell goods, and allows people to support local businesses. It's also a great opportunity to get outside on Saturday mornings during the summer.

Grace: Awesome! Anything else to add?

Bird: We have farmers markets every Saturday in Tiffin on Madison street. It's a great way to get out and connect with the community; I look forward to seeing people there.

With that, the farmers market is an event to be celebrated and looked forward to every year. I'd like to thank Bird Bell for agreeing to be interviewed and I appreciate their contribution. Make sure to drop by to the farmers market sometime, or maybe even check out the Baked by Bells tent to explore their delicious treats!

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Mr. Thacker, First Year at TC

Joaquin Perez
Writer

This year the TCMB (*Tiffin Columbian Marching Band*) welcomed its new director Mr. Thacker following the departure of Mr. Kanney. Mr. Thacker was a Columbian band member himself back in his day. He brought with him a fresh style of teaching and some very memorable band dances.

Joaquin: How was your first year as TC's band director?

Mr. Thacker: This was my 3rd year as a band director - but my first year in TCS was wonderful. It's really great to be back and serving the Tiffin community - the kids, the families, and the colleagues have made this an exciting and rewarding 3rd of teaching.

Joaquin: What was your favorite moment from this school year?

Mr. Thacker: A favorite moment from this year was getting to see the immense growth and share in the successes of all Tiffin band ensembles.

Joaquin: What are you looking forward to for next year?

Mr. Thacker: I am looking forward to improving on things I did this year, and having jazz band all year long is another exciting factor for next year.

Mr. Thacker would also like to add that "[m]aking music anywhere is an amazing career, but making music in a supportive community like Tiffin is the best."



Springfest

Julia Heil
Writer

Columbian's second annual Spring Fest was held on Friday, May 12th. This years Spring Fest activities were organized primarily by art teacher Mr. Schmits with the help of other important staff and the art department. Spring Fest competitions started the morning Tuesday, May 9th with a schoolwide rock-paper-scissors competition. On the morning of Thursday, May 11th, the slow bike race competition was held between teachers and staff members at Columbian. That same week, a student-wide dodgeball competition was held by the Student Council after school. The theme of Spring Fest was "Greek Week," so students were placed with their 5th period classes, teams were named based on letters of the Greek alphabet. Prior to the festivities, students met with their teams and were given face paint and directions to decorate their team poster. On Friday, May 12th Spring Fest began in the gymnasium during 5th period. The competitions included a 1,000 balloon pop searching for the letters P, R, O, U, and D for each team, a dodgeball championship, and a basketball challenge. Outside on the field, there was a "grab the tail" competition, a water pouring competition, a trivia competition, and ultimately, a tug-of-war competition between teams. Spring Fest ended with team Epsilon in first place, team Kappa and team Delta tied for second place, and team Eta in third place. Spring Fest assured a great time for students and staff to close off the end of the year. Be sure to send a thank you out to everyone who made this event possible!

TC Boys Tennis

Grant Terry
Vice-president, Designer & Writer

The last two years the boys tennis team had amazing seasons- some of the best ever in school history. The graduation of all 11 of our tennis seniors last year left the opportunity for anyone to make varsity. This year's team had 28 players (I think I counted correctly). The lineup ended up being made of all juniors. Varsity players this season were Alex Bupp, Alec Burns, Nathan Arend, myself (Grant Terry), Lucas Reinhart, Dylan Beard, and Corbin Craft. We opened against Calvert on March 24th with a win and ended with a tough loss to Fremont on May 16th. Overall we went 5-7 in league play- a disappointing outcome compared to the previous season. The season is over for almost everyone, except for Alex Bupp. At the time of writing this, Alex advanced on from sectionals and moved on to districts, playing his district match on Thursday, May 18th. Alex Bupp and Lucas Reinhart also earned SBC honors at the SBC tournament. The season was a tough one but it gave us many learning opportunities. With the help of our Coach, Mr. Weingart, many of us hope to improve over summer with open courts.



The courts are also being renovated over the summer. Next tennis season is a very promising one and we will come ready to play. I would like to say goodbye to Connor Knutson, our only senior this year- we will miss you. The tennis team is like a family to many and I am very excited for next season.



Tiffinian Moms

Below are some words from *Tiffinian* writers about their moms in honor of Mother's Day



Kylee:
This is my Mom Jacci and she is the strongest woman I know. She loves animals and Pepsi and she is one of my biggest supporters. She always puts her kids and family above anything and she always made sure we knew growing up that she loves us for who we are. I wouldn't be who I am today without my Mom.



Juliannah:
For as long as I can remember, my mother has always been the most amazing person to me. My own superhero. She's the most beautiful, courageous, and giving person I have ever met, and continues to support me in anything that I ever want to do. In my mom's eyes, I can do whatever I want if I put my mind to it and it's her optimism that keeps me motivated. I know that wherever I need anything, no matter how old I get, I can always anticipate my mother's love and support.



Alison:
My mom is such an important figure in my life because of how much she does and sacrifices for me. She is always there for me no matter what and I will never be able to express how grateful I am for her. I love you mom!!



Grant:
My mom's name is Amy. She means the world to me. She truly has shaped me into who I am today through her kindness and the lessons she taught me. She always puts others first. She is the heart and soul of my family. Thank you mom!



Aiden:
My mom means the world to me. She has always been there through thick and thin, offering her unwavering love and support. From driving 2 hours just to see me do cartwheels during a soccer game to simply being my best friend, she has been a guiding light and my rock throughout life. I am endlessly grateful for everything she has done for me, and I will always cherish the bond that we share.

Teacher Appreciation

In honor of teacher appreciation week being this month, a Google Form was sent out to the staff and students at the school asking for shout-outs to the teachers. Here were the responses.

Lyndi Pena; 9th -
I'm writing a shout out to David Alvarado, the principal, because he has helped me through a lot this year

Aiden John; 11th -
Mrs. Marshall: You can tell from her personality that she loves to teach and help everyone. Her teaching style and all-around bubbly disposition make chemistry so much fun. She was also one of the first teachers that I ever met and I could tell almost immediately that she was an incredibly nice person.

Anonymous -
Mrs. Keefe: she's so sweet but so blunt & straight forward. Boss lady vibes.

Trinity Wolfelt Welly; 9th -
Mr. Schmits: I do not have his class but I see him in the halls and around the school I have known of him since 5th grade. He has always seemed to put a smile on my face. He is really nice and a great teacher.

Mrs. Humphrey (Teacher) -
To Mrs. Cole: Thanks for being a great teacher and TBT leader.

Connor Musa; 12th -
Thank You Mr. Ferstler, for helping me with my homework and making your class fun and exciting to be in!

Mrs. Humphrey (Teacher) -
To Mr. Schmits (aka wood man) for your dedication to ignite the imagination and inspired your students to achieve beyond their own beliefs. Also, using your personal super power strengths in the art room is an asset to the art department. Thanks!

K'Lee Mullennex; 10th -
Mrs. Focht: She is understanding and she listens to whatever you have to say. She's very encouraging and helpful. She always has a smile on her face. The library isn't just a place with books, to me, it's a place where people come to wind down and hang out. They can talk to her about their day and she will stop what she is doing to listen to you.

Teacher Appreciation (Cont.)

Jazalynne Criblez; 11th -
I really had a lot of fun with Profe Ingalls and he has really shown me how to actually have fun in school. He's such a fun and goofy teacher and he just makes learning so much fun, even if we don't understand a lot of the stuff he does say at times but I think that just makes it more funny and interesting. He has really taught me how to just be myself and be proud of who I really am and I truly appreciate that!! Thanks for being the crazy and goofy teacher you are!

Mrs. Humphrey (Teacher) -
To Ms. Rozzell, for your dedication to ignite the student imagination and love of art. All the hard work you put in behind the scene doesn't go unnoticed! Also, using your personal super power strengths in the art room is an asset to our art department. Thanks!

Rylan Roszman; 10th -
Mrs. Cole: I had a hard time with Spanish last year, but Profe Cole has helped me enjoy learning spanish, and understand it well.

Mrs. Humphrey (Teacher) -
To Ms. Gieger, for your dedication to ignite the student imagination and love of learning in the classroom and beyond. All the hard work you put in behind the scene doesn't go unnoticed! Also, using your personal super power strengths at TCHS. You are a great TBT leader. Smile..Thanks!

Anonymous -
My shout-out goes to Mr. Edmond, I had his class for 2 years and I found myself loving his style of teaching; he's really funny and provides a bunch of interesting stories alongside the material that he has to teach. And from my time in his class it really sparked my interest in history a lot more.

Trinity Company; 10th -
Mr. Eckroth: I can not thank him enough for all that he did for his students this year. From being understanding and helping. I don't think I could have made it this year without having him at some point throughout my day. He makes my day worth it to come to school.

Teacher Appreciation (Cont.)

Grant Terry; 11th -
Mr. Meadows: I have known Mr. Meadows for quite some time, going back to when I was at the middle school. It is neat having a teacher for so long because you get to know them more than your typical high school teacher. Band is always a great time with Mr. Meadows. Mr. Meadows can be strict but also goofy. He has made me laugh and cry. Many of the lessons he has given us during band can be applied to other aspects of life, and I thank him for all he has done for me and my fellow band members.

Anonymous -
Mrs. Shaver has made both my experience with the whole online transition a whole lot easier. When I would need extra help or just need help with something in general she is always there. She is always there to explain when I have questions or i'm just confused.

Anonymous -
Mr Peacock is one of the best teachers here. Although he doesn't teach one specific class, he always seems to make every class better. We should clone him!

Grant Terry; 11th -
Mr. Weingart: I have known Coach Weingart since my freshman year of high school because of my involvement in tennis. Tennis is always a great time because many of my friends play it and I just have a general love for the sport itself. In some cases a good or bad coach can make or break a sport for someone. Us tennis players don't have to worry about that though because Coach Weingart is a great coach. He teaches us so much during practice where he is laid back but is strict when he needs to be. I always feel like I am learning something new at every practice from him. He dedicates much of his free time throughout the offseason to help us improve as well. Even outside of tennis, I feel like I have learned a lot from his math class this year when I have struggled before. His advice and knowledge is not only useful on the courts but in everyday life as well, making us better people in the process. Thank you Coach!

Owen Boucher; 12th -
Mrs. Franklin: You have helped me in more ways than one. You really are my school Mom. I love you so much and you are definitely the main reason I'm going to miss school. Always with love Mama F :)

Teacher Appreciation (Cont.)

Zoe Spurlock; 11th -
Mr Ottney: He definitely made the year a hundred times better especially with his random singing or us talking about Hamilton!

Olivia Musa; 10th -
Thank you Mr. Edmond for always trying to make my day better. Normally by the end of the day I'm ready to be done and go home but I honestly look forward to your class!

Aj Lindhorst; 10th -
The teacher that I want to shout out is Mr. Wise. The reason for this is because he makes his class fun. Whenever I was sick and didn't go to school, he would help me with the missing work and get me caught up. What I'll see in his class room is even though some of the students in the class wouldn't do the work, he still tries to work with them and never gives up. It is always fun to talk to him.

Mrs. Humphrey (Teacher) -
Mrs. Warnement: Shout out to your love and care you give your students each and every day.

THANK You teachers for all that you do for us!

New Movies Coming Out this Summer

Grant Terry
Vice-president, Designer & Writer

With the school year ending and summer approaching, you might have a lot more free time on your hands. One way to spend that free time is to watch movies. Here is a list of some of the biggest new movies coming out this summer. These release dates do have the potential to change though.

May:
Fast X - May 19th
White Men Can't Jump - May 19th
The Little Mermaid - May 26th
The Machine - May 26th
About My Father - May 26th

June:
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - June 2nd
The Boogeyman - June 2nd
Transformers: Rise of the Beasts - June 9th
Strays - June 9th
Extraction 2 - June 16th
Elemental - June 16th
The Flash - June 16th
Asteroid City - June 16th (LR), June 23rd (WR)
No Hard Feelings - June 23rd
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny - June 30th
Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken - June 30th

July:
Insidious: The Red Door - July 7th
Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One - July 14th
Barbie - July 21st
Oppenheimer - July 21st
Haunted Mansion - July 28th

August:
Meg 2: The Trench - August 4th
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem - August 4th
Gran Turismo - August 11th
The Last Voyage of the Demeter - August 11th
Blue Beetle - August 18th

*LR = Limited Release, WR = Wide Release

Trisha Paytas's 35th Birthday

Brayden Miklovic
Writer, Designer

Trisha Kay Paytas was born on May 8, 1988 in Riverside, CA, to parents Lenna and Frank Paytas. She was enrolled in an online Catholic school before moving to Pecatonica, IL to finish high school. When she was 18 years old, she moved back to Los Angeles in an attempt to start her acting career, but things didn't go according to plan. She appeared in a few small roles, but most of her financial support at the time was from her job as a dancer. The next year, in 2007, Trisha started her YouTube channel, which was originally dedicated to Quentin Tarantino, a film director whom she idolized. Her content transitioned from fan content to fashion, beauty, and relationship advice. Although she was gaining traction on YouTube, Trisha continued her pursuit at a "more professional" career, starring in an episode of My Strange Addiction (she was addicted to self-tanning) and multiple music videos with big-name celebrities like Eminem and Amy Winehouse.

Around 2013 is when her content was converted to what she's widely known for today: trolling and controversy. She has said that she likes to "dumb herself" down on the internet as a way of grabbing more attention and becoming more successful. Even though she isn't a traditional Hollywood star, Trisha has achieved her dream of being an actress by creating a character of herself that she performs for her millions of subscribers. Her most well-known controversies include her feuds with other content creators, including but not limited to Gabbie Hanna, Jeffree Star, and Ethan Klein. Even though she is still tangled in controversy, Trisha is a very popular YouTuber and musical artist, and her career isn't slowing down any time soon.



Nathan Harmon

Juliannah Haudenshild
Writer

On May 3, Nathan Harmon, an international speaker, was invited to our school to speak to the student body about his struggles and experiences with drug and alcohol use. During his time at Columbian, Harmon touched the hearts of many students as he recounted memories of struggle and perseverance from high school to his time in prison. From showing us comparison photos of himself at 18 and 24 to standing on a nearly 10-foot ladder, he shared vulnerable stories and gave life-changing lessons in his 90-minute lecture. After his speech, I had the pleasure of speaking to Harmon. When asked what he would want people to take away from his lecture, one thing that really stood out to me was his powerful message of "as I breathe I hope." He then went into further detail about what he meant, explaining that as long as he is alive, he always has the chance to change his life and the outcome of it, keeping his hope above all of his woes.

The rest of the day, Harmon spent his time in the school speaking with a select group of students to have a more in-depth conversation about his message and how students can apply that to their lives. I was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to be a part of one of these conversations as well. We spoke together about how trust and having others to support you in your life is imperative to your growth and the importance of being there for others in the same way. One big takeaway from this personal conversation is that helping others with their own struggles gives you self-esteem and that we all relate to each other in our own "beautifully broken" way. Nathan Harmon's words touched the hearts of many students and I'm sure his messages will positively impact and influence much of their lives, as well as my own.

A big thank you to Mrs. Tuite is much needed as she was the one who put together this impactful and amazing day. And of course, a big thank you to Nathan Harmon for coming to our school and leaving a mark in all of the hearts of the student body. If anyone wants to hear more of Harmon's speeches and other work he does, you can visit his website at nathanharmon.org.



YOUR LIFE SPEAKS

Israel "IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole

Joseph Edwards
Writer

The month of May is Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a month designated to celebrate the culture and customs of the people native to Asia and the Pacific Islands. Throughout this month, we celebrate prominent figures of Asian and Pacific Island descent who have made lasting contributions and impacts in their fields and to the world. There are many notable people who fall into this category; of these, one of the most notable is Israel Kamakawiwo'ole.

Israel Kamakawiwo'ole (meaning "the fearless eye" in Hawaiian), or as he was informally known "Bruddah Iz" or "IZ", was a Hawaiian musician, singer, songwriter, and activist for the sovereignty of Hawaii. He was born May 20, 1959 in Honolulu, Hawaii where he later died on June 26, 1997 at the age of 38. IZ grew up in the Honolulu neighborhood of Kaimuki near Diamond Head State Monument. His parents both had a love for music and sang in church and at backyard parties. In the Early 70s, both of his parents landed (non-musical) jobs at a popular music spot called Steamboats. This exposed Israel to many of the pioneering Hawaiian artists of his day, including those at the head of a Hawaiian folk music renaissance.

IZ is most famous for his song "Over the Rainbow" which was featured on his 1993 album Ka 'Ano'i. The song topped the charts of Billboard for 358 weeks, the longest leading number-one song on any of Billboard's charts. It encompasses a beautiful melody over a harmonic playing of ukulele. A lot of Israel's music is characterized by his playing of the ukulele, which he first picked up at age 6. After his debut in 1993, he was featured in many films, television programs, and commercials. His popularity grew in and outside of Hawaii and in 2010 he was named "The Voice of Hawaii" by the National Public Radio.

The legacy of IZ lives on in the hearts and minds of Hawaiians and people around the world to this day. His ingenuitive style of music is very prevalent in a lot of modern day Hawaiian music. On July 10, 1997, the day of his funeral, approximately ten thousand people gathered at the Honolulu capitol building and the Hawaiian state flag was flown at half-mast. IZ was the third person in the history of Hawaii to be awarded this honor, and the only non-government official to ever be awarded this honor. On July 12, 1997, thousands gathered on M'kua Beach, where Israel's ashes were spread into the Pacific Ocean.

Upcoming Games this Summer

Jacob Clarkson
Writer

This summer has some pretty good games to look forward to. Probably right after I'm writing this, *Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom* will be released for the Nintendo switch, which is a sequel to *Breath of the Wild* which is an open-world game that promotes exploration. If you are into casual gaming and for some reason really enjoy farming, *Farming Simulator* 23 will release on the 23rd on Nintendo Switch. But if you don't want those, then in June you can expect *Street Fighter 6* to release on the 2nd. But, if you are into something a little different, then why not get *We Love Katamari Reroll + Royal Reverie*. If you have a darker side, then don't go for this but instead go for *Diablo 4* which releases June 6th. But if you really enjoyed the previous *Final Fantasy* games, 16 is set to release on Playstation 5. This brings us into July which has only a few games for right now, but we start off strong with *Pikmin 4* which continues the not-so-tied-together story on July 21. *Hogwarts Legacy* also is coming to Nintendo Switch on the 25th.

AAPI Month

Aiden John
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May is a significant month for the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community as it marks AAPI Heritage Month, a time to honor their diverse cultural heritage and celebrate their contributions to American society. The annual observance has origins in the late 1970s when a small group of community leaders sought to recognize the contributions of Chinese immigrants who helped build the Transcontinental Railroad and celebrate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in the United States on May 7, 1843. Their efforts led to the establishment of a week-long celebration in May 1979, which later expanded to encompass the entire month in 1990.

Throughout the month, communities across the United States come together to celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of the AAPI community. The community includes individuals from more than 20 countries who speak over 100 languages. The month-long observance is an opportunity to celebrate their contributions to various fields, including art, science, technology, business, and politics. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge the challenges they have faced, including discrimination, racism, and xenophobia.

One of the most significant events in AAPI Heritage Month is the Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival. The festival shows the cultural diversity of the AAPI community and features traditional food, music, dance, and other performances. Several organizations and groups also organize cultural performances, art exhibitions, film screenings, and lectures to celebrate the month.

The celebration of AAPI Heritage Month has gained even more significance in recent years, given the rise in hate crimes against the community. Hate crimes against Asian Americans rose by almost 150% in major U.S. cities in 2020. As a result, many AAPI organizations are using this month to raise awareness of the discrimination and hate they face and work towards promoting understanding and inclusion.

Another significant event this year is the historic election of Kamala Harris as not only the first woman Vice President of the United States, but also the first Black and Asian-American Vice President. Harris, whose mother was of Indian descent and father of Jamaican descent, has become an inspiration for many young Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Her achievements serve as a testament to the progress and representation that the AAPI community continues to strive for.

30 Years of *Power Rangers*

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There are many major anniversaries in the world of popular culture this year. To name a few anniversaries, there is 100 years of Disney, 100 years of Warner Brothers, 60 years of *Doctor Who*, etc. The one I want to focus on today though is the 30th anniversary of *Power Rangers*. *Power Rangers* is based on and uses some footage from the Japanese TV show *Super Sentai*. It was adapted for American audiences, airing back in 1993. *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers* was the first iteration of the show and was probably the most popular as well. The show over the years has slowly lost popularity and the ownership has even changed multiple times. The ownership has bounced from Saban to Disney, then back to Saban, and now Hasbro. The series has been on the verge of cancellation more than once but has still managed to stick around for 30 years.

The 20th anniversary of *Power Rangers* was incredibly sloppy and disappointing for most *Power Rangers* fans. The 30th anniversary however is off to a good start with the release of *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: Once & Always*. *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: Once & Always* is a Netflix original film which reunited many of the original cast members of the show while continuing the narrative. Later this year the newest season of *Power Rangers*, *Power Rangers Cosmic Fury*, is set to come out. It will be a direct sequel to *Power Rangers Dino Fury*, the first direct sequel series since *Power Rangers in Space* which came out in 1998. The series will also feature the first main female red ranger in the history of the show. Overall it is looking like the 30th anniversary will be a good one for fans of the series and hopefully there will be many more great years of *Power Rangers* ahead.

Pride Month

Micah Harris
Writer

In June, LGBTQ+ Pride Month is celebrated. This celebration aims to promote equal justice and opportunities for LGBTQ+ members. This tradition started commemorating the Stonewall riots of 1969 in New York City. During the Stonewall riots, people protested against the harassment and persecution faced by the LGBTQ+ community. The protests began a movement to abolish discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQ+ Americans. Marsha P. Johnson was a prominent figure in the LGBTQ+ community, especially during the Stonewall Riots. Johnson was a gay drag queen activist who constantly advocated for gay rights. Marsha founded a shelter for homeless LGBTQ+ youth (STAR) with a friend following the Stonewall Riots! Nowadays, people celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month with various events, including pride parades, picnics, parties, and concerts. Millions of people participate in these events all around the world. This month is also a time to remember those lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. It is vital to recognize the growing hatred against the LGBQ+ community; in 2015, we gained the ability to get married legally, but the number of anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced into legislation has doubled since last year. We celebrate this month to recognize the significant impact that LGBTQ+ individuals have had on history, both locally and internationally. We celebrate all people of all sexualities, gender identities, races, religions, etc.

Globally, more and more federal and local policies focus on LGBTQ+ youth, and national advocacy organizations also give greater attention to LGBTQ+ youth in their work. The Trevor Project is a vast LGBTQ+ project that has existed since 1998. It focuses on the mental health and safety of transgender youth. They offer a toll-free phone number that LGBTQ+ youth can call and talk to trained counselors. It is crucial to promote acceptance and support for all youth, including those who are a part of or are questioning if they are a part of the LGBTQ+ community, to create safer and better communities, schools, and other environments for everyone.

Lost Colony of Roanoke

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The mysterious case of the lost colony of Roanoke dates slightly further back than most people realize. The story starts in 1585 with a man, Ralph Lane. Ralph Lane, the appointed governor of the colony, made an attempt to found the first permanent settlement in North America. The Roanoke Colony was founded in 1585 on Roanoke Island which is now Dare County, North Carolina. During the journey, a great number of the ships carrying supplies were lost at sea due to a fierce storm which doomed the new colony before they even stepped foot on land. Lane tried his best though, even reaching out with the nearby natives for help with food. Their relations at first were friendly, but tensions began to grow. Lane became increasingly more violent and the culmination of the tensions resulted in the killing of the chief of the native tribe. In the end, attempt number one to establish a colony ended in failure.

The second attempt to found a colony in Roanoke is where the real mystery begins though. In 1587, another attempt was made to found a colony on Roanoke, this time led by John White who was recruited by Walter Raleigh. Around 100 to 120 people were brought on the trip, but this time women and children went along too including White's wife and daughter. Once again they were troubled with severe lack of supplies. White determined that he needed to go back to England to get more supplies for the colony, leaving his newly born granddaughter as well as the rest of his family behind. When he returned to England, he was told he was not allowed to return to Roanoke until tensions with the Spanish dimmed. His return was halted by what we now call the Anglo-Spanish War. After anxiously waiting, he was finally allowed to go back three years later in 1590.

Upon his arrival, he discovered that the entire colony was deserted. The only clue to the whereabouts of the colony members was a single word that read "CROATOAN" which was carved on a nearby wooden post. This seemed very concrete to White. He assumed they had moved the island of the same name and assimilated with the native tribe of the same name. Unfortunately for White he was never able to confirm his belief since an impending storm forced him back to England. White would never find out the fate of the colony or his family. The true fate of the colonists of Roanoke remains a mystery to this very day.

Some say that they were massacred by the natives nearby; however, there were no signs of any bodies or mass graves. Several believe that they starved to death. Some evidence points that they moved inland. A very select few people even think that aliens are involved in the situation. Most believe what White thought: the idea that they moved down to the Croatoan island and assimilated with their tribe. There have been some reports of what looked like non-native people being a part of the tribe, but once again nothing definitive. I personally agree with White. Even with modern technology and advances in archeology, no one knows for sure what happened to the lost colony of Roanoke. Today, this mystery remains an interesting little part of history. Hopefully one day we'll find the answer to what happened to them.



Mental Health Awareness

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Mental health includes your emotional, phycological, and social-well being. At this point in the school year, both students and staff can taste summer. However, with the end of the school year coming, students and staff cannot let stress take over. Since it is the end of the year, there is much to do: final tests, exams, scheduling, grading, and packing up classrooms are just some of the things both students and staff must accomplish. Push through and do your best. One of the most important things you can do at this stage in the school year is to get a good night's rest and eat a balanced breakfast.

When mental health does take a dip or stress overtakes, there are several coping mechanisms you as a person can use. These include listening to music, exercising, being surrounded by friends, talking to someone, and breathing. It should be known that there are more coping skills than those listed and that not all coping mechanisms work for all people. On top of this we can visit a counselor; they might be able to help you find a good coping mechanism. However, it is crucial to avoid unhealthy coping strategies; these may include avoiding pressing issues, impulsive spending, under or over-spending, and not acknowledging your stress. Remember to practice healthy coping mechanisms and have a great break!

Memorial Day

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Memorial Day is on the 29th of this month (May). But what is Memorial Day for? Well, It is to honor those who have lost their lives during the war. Waterloo New York is the declared "birthplace" of Memorial Day. Back on May 5th, 1886, there was a ceremony that honored two local Page 2 veterans who had fought in the Civil War, and during this time the residents flew their flags at half-mast. There are many traditions that have bloomed on Memorial Day, such as the red poppy of remembrance, which is a symbol of remembrance and hope for a peaceful future, and many parades and ceremonies, such as the Memorial Day parade in our city of Tiffin, and the National Moment of Remembrance, in which, wherever you are at 3PM, you pause for one minute and remember all those who have died in military service to the United States. Memorial Day is a very important national holiday for families that have lost a loved one that was in military service. So on May 29th, at 3PM, remember those that have died for our safety, and those that are fighting for us.

Car of the Month

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This car comes from a company called American Motor Corporation which was founded on May 1, 1954 from a merger of Hudson Motor Company and Nash-Kelvinator Corporation. They hoped that they would be able to convince other smaller American car manufacturers to join in the merger, but that never happened. However, during their heyday, AMC released the AMC Rebel- the first stock drag car which could be taken to the track immediately after purchase. It was a modified version of the AMC Rambler, AMC's affordable everyday driver.

AMC always had financial troubles, but due to sales of the Rambler, they had been doing so well that AMC decided that the car deserved some praise, leading them to release the all new 1967 AMC Rebel. They released this using the platform of the Rambler they created: "Muscle Machine." It was a fast sleek-looking car that sported a nice red, white and blue color scheme to represent America. These cars were meant to compete against the Mustang, the Camaro and the Plymouth Barracuda, which were made by the Big Three. Unfortunately AMC did not last; they had attempted to make cars better than the Big Three that were affordable and would last but they went under in June of 1988. But the AMC Rebel shows and proves their craft and skill.

Game of the Month: *Tomb Raider Legend*

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For our final game of the month how about we go on a globe-trotting adventure? *Tomb Raider Legend* was the first game in the series to be made by crystal dynamics, rather than CORE. Serving as a reboot, it sold 6.4 million copies and paved the way for future Tomb Raider games.

To start let's talk about Lara, the tomb raider herself. She's charming and fairly optimistic; a large part thanks to Keeley Hawes's performance. The rest of the game's cast is fine. Most are fairly one-note, and Lara's companions never get too annoying.

Gameplay can be a little wonky. Jumping can be a pain if the camera isn't exactly where it needs to be at times. And the auto-aim sometimes targets enemies out of range, instead of the ones in front of you. Vehicle gameplay is tolerable though most vehicle sections drag on for too long, and Lara is limited to one meager pistol for defense.

There's a plethora of environments to explore and search for artifacts in. Bolivia, Ghana, and Peru's levels all feel right at home in a Tomb Raider game. And while not temples, the game's other levels are still awesome. Japan sees Lara scaling a yakuza skyscraper, Kazakhstan is set in an abandoned Soviet base, and England sends you to the depths of King Arthur's tomb.

Storywise it's good, if too short. After running into a group of mercenaries in Bolivia, Lara sets out on a mission to find the pieces of Excalibur. During this, she runs into her former partner Amanda, now evil, who wants the sword for herself.

To wrap things up, *Tomb Raider Legends* is a good time. It's also not too hard to get since it's on Steam. If you're looking to get into Tomb Raider, this isn't a bad starting place.

Movie of the Month: *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3*

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CONTAINS SPOILERS: Do not read this if you have not seen the movie!

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 is the newest addition to the MCU (Marvel Cinematic Universe). Once again the talented James Gunn is back in the directors chair. I watched this opening day with some friends and it was truly a rollercoaster of emotions. I experienced laughter, sadness, heartbreak, happiness, relief, fear, excitement, anger, etc. all in the span of two and a half hours. Knowing these characters since 2014 and seeing their journey over the course of almost ten years really gets you invested and attached. Every story has to end sometime though and James Gunn crafted a great conclusion to these characters' story.

For it being a two-and-a-half-hour movie, the pacing is honestly really good. It never felt that long. The pacing with the Rocket backstory is greatly cut together with the rest of the film and gives extra emotional depth to the film as well. The tone is also very consistent. Gunn balanced the typical "jock-y" nature of the Guardians with the deep emotional moments very well. The acting is once again great as always, you can really feel the chemistry between everyone. All of the technical aspects of the film are done greatly as well. The music is also fantastic which is a surprise to no one since the Guardians films have great music.

I really like the way they take all the characters in the film. Take Gamora for example, they don't try to make her Peter's love interest again and that is good because it allows for Peter to realize that this is not the same Gamora and allows him to get over his grief. Nebula has also developed so much as a character. Making rocket the emotional core of the film was a great choice. It gives the movie stakes but for the right reasons. His backstory is so tragic and it makes you feel for Rocket so much and hate the villain of the film even more. Kraglin finally masters Yondu's arrow as well. At the end of the film most of the characters go their separate ways but it honestly works so well, and it fits with all their characters. I am shocked that no one died but it works for the narrative. Peter goes back to Earth to visit with his estranged grandfather. Gamora goes back with the ravagers since that is his new family. Drax and Nebula stay behind with all the children. Drax because he lost his family and Nebula because she never had a good family growing up. Mantis leaves as well wanting to find herself since she has always been serving others. Of course Rocket and Groot stay together to keep the Guardians team alive with some new members, as seen in the mid-credit scene. The villain of the film is also great because of the deep connection to Rocket. The only character that could have been handled better was Adam Warlock. The script doesn't really give him a lot to do but it's a minor nitpick.

Overall *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3* is a superb film and ending to the trilogy. This is one of the best MCU movies in recent history and probably one of the MCU's best movies in general. I really enjoyed this film and I would rate it a 8.5/10. Thank you for reading!

This Month's Comic

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Thank you to all students and staff for reading the *Tiffinian* this year! Thanks for your support and for an amazing year! See you in the 2023-2024 school year!

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