

The Lariat

CHINO HIGH SCHOOL

‘First Class up in the Sky’ at this Year’s Prom

By Samantha Sandoval



Prom theme revealed during prom expo with poster made by ASB juniors.

On March 7th, the prom theme was revealed during the prom expo at lunch in the quad. This year’s theme is “Now Boarding: First Class.”

Upon announcing the theme, the prom expo showcased possible prom dresses and suits that students can get inspiration from when picking what color, style, and design to pick what they want in their outfit. Seniors modeled these outfits for students to see.

When it was time to announce the theme, junior ASB students gathered the attention of the school to look towards B building where a poster was let down to reveal the theme “First Class.”

When it came time to pick the theme, junior ASB Class President Siennah Rivera said that the venue was the biggest inspiration when

coming to the theme, as it was revealed first. “We thought something with planes was the best bet given it is at an air museum. We ended up going with just a simple, “Now Boarding First Class,” wanting the prom attenders to feel elegant and fancy.”

Rivera also said that the process of picking the theme consisted of brainstorming, coming up with a design for the reveal poster for prom expo, and a 1-2-day discussion where everyone came to the agreement of the theme.

This year’s prom is on April 19th and takes place at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside. Tickets go on sale from March 7th through April 16th costing \$100 with an ASB card and \$110 without.

Students Take Charge of The City of Chino

By Lizette Ruelas

AP Government students from schools across the district got a unique opportunity to step into leadership positions for Student Government Day. Participants filled roles at City Hall, the school board, and as principals of elementary, middle, and high schools in the district.

Students were transported from their schools to their assigned locations, where they spent the day learning about the responsibilities



Senior Julissa Navaro managing the city of Chino at student government day

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of their positions. They gained firsthand experience in decision-making, leadership, and public service before returning to their schools.

Senior, and this year's designated City Manager, Julissa Navarro said she had a great time at the event, "The city was welcoming and

gave us Chick-Fil-A for breakfast so that was cool. We sat in a conference room and got to talk then had a mock meeting." Although she initially applied to be Assistant City Manager, Julissa was happy with the role she was chosen for and did a great job managing the city for the day.

The event gave students a chance to see how local government and school leadership operate, providing valuable insight into future career paths and a closer look at the day-to-day duties of city

Miss USA Creates History as First Active-duty Army Officer

By Evelyn Alva and Deja Hernandez



Alma Cooper came to Chino High to speak with students in the gym, during 6th period March 5th. Cooper talked about many things including her upbringing, her experiences being in the army, and how it was winning Miss USA.

Cooper is a 22-year-old woman who graduated with honors from the United States Military Academy West Point. In her time at West Point, Cooper struggled in one of her graduation requirement classes. She would practice early Saturday mornings to try and get better at it, as she kept failing the test. With her hard work and dedication,

she went on to pass the test with flying colors. Cooper graduated in the top 5% of her class.

"I knew I wanted to serve, and I also knew I wanted to be part of something bigger than I was as an individual. It felt like the army was the best way to do that while also getting valuable experience that I knew I couldn't get anywhere else." said Cooper.

Cooper was announced as Miss Michigan in early 2024. On August 4, 2024, she was crowned Miss USA. Today, she is pursuing a

master's degree at Stanford University in statistics.

Cooper stated, "If you would've told me when I was in your guys shoes (students attending the presentation) that five years later this would be my life I would've told you you're crazy, but it just shows that with hard work, anything is possible and that's what I always try to leave with students. If you can see me, you can be me. There's no limit that you can face that you can't overcome. Hopefully my story is able to illuminate that."



Miss USA Active-duty officer and Stanford student Alma Cooper with all teachers who attended the presentation with their classes. Photo courtesy of Steven Damian.

Mental Health is Not a Fad it's a Fact

By Emilia Morbitzer

National Social Emotional Learning week has taken place from March 4th to March 8th every year since 1994. It was created to help students, teachers, and families understand and learn about

how to maintain a healthy mind and healthy relationships so everyone can succeed.

To learn about social emotional wellness also comes learning about mental health, especially

in children. Several studies show that kids as young as 5 can get diagnosed with depression or other behavioral and mental disorders. Other studies show that suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among children just behind firearm-related injuries and motor vehicular accidents. Many children alike tend to have feelings that their mental status has not been met with proper care, whether it be feelings of an unwelcome atmosphere or not knowing that something could be wrong with their mental state in the first place. It's concerning to see, especially when only 83% of schools practice SEL week and then after that approximately 35% hold sustainable programs for students to get help for their mental health.

Since Social Emotional Learning only became nationally recognized in 1994, it's a slight mystery how the world approached mental health and the socioemotional well-being of students. While psychology and studies of mental health can be seen beginning as far back as Sigmund Freud (late 19th century), supportive studies were not operated until 1948 by the British National Association of Mental Hygiene. Even then, many people were institutionalized or lobotomized for showing symptoms of mental disorders.

Nowadays, mental health studies are done every year—if not every couple of months by multiple organizations. More accurate diagnostics are given to teenagers and adults alike. The idea of mental health has grown less stigmatized as it has become a real study and helped taught to children as far back as 1994.

Is The Future Far Gone?
Hypothesis: Most people are focused in art/music, use it as an outlet for mental health and stress, leading to of people not know majority do not know what to do after high school.
by: Jasmine Garvito, Nikayli Watts, Emilia Morbitzer

Teens and Mental Health
Approximately 14% of teenagers develop a psychological disorder. It is usually left unseen and undiagnosed. It leads to suicide being the third most common death in teenagers. This can be propelled by high-stress circumstances in their adolescence, a major factor is school.

A Blank Canvas
According to an NIH study many teens state that to help themselves with their mental health, they have turned to art and music. Drawing and painting are low skill and relaxing hobbies. Listening to music can lower one's cortisol.

How bad is the stress?
However, turning to a distraction so can be risky. According to our study, while over 60% said their number is in art or music, the majority also responded that they don't know what to do after high school.

Clear a Path
A "Schools that Lead" study reported that high schools that offer mental health programs for students lower their truancy rates by over 30%. Truancy has been linked to student motivation and mental wellness.

Staying on The Path
Teenagers, as they grow into adulthood, should grow into healthy habits of time management of hobbies and school. Mental health should be acknowledged so their futures can be better planned.

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Chino's 74th Annual, Historic Relays

By Marc V Hernandez

On March 1st, the 74th annual Chino Relays took place at Chino High school, competing against many schools.

It was the first annual Chino Relays that many athletes were a part of. Most of the first-time athletes were nervous, but still managed to perform well. The first heat girls SMR relay team managed to get third place and earned their medals.

"I'm very excited to see how the team develops and see how everyone continues to grow" said coach Valeia Payne. Although this is her first-year coaching, she sees a lot of potential in the team and is excited to continue coaching for more years to come.

"It's one of the longest running relays in California so I'm really blessed to be a part of that" said coach Ron Ocrockum. Ron is honored to be a part of the historic Chino Re-



Sophomore athletes Soleih Medina, Mia Langley, Destiny Medoza, and Alexis Godsey at the first heat of the girls SMR relay team before achieving third place and receiving their medals. Photo courtesy of Maria R.

lays.

"I feel amazing about it, and it helps me achieve more than I think" said sophomore Alexis Godsey. Godsey ran as the second leg heat one of the girl's SMR, resulting in getting a third-place medal. Her and the rest of the girl's SMR relay team started off the race slow, but having the strongest finish among all the Chino Relays' races.

The 74th annual Chino Relays was a huge wakeup call for a few athletes to start off the new track season. With a few new coaches and young talent, the future for the track team is bright and makes future Chino Relays even bigger.

A Close Game with Power 106 Calls for Celebration

By Evelyn Alva and Deja Hernandez

On Thursday March 20th the annual Power 106 game took place at the gym. Multiple beloved staff members played in this game with the line up being Alexandra VanEm-

bricqs, Brenden Davila, Rebeca Garcia-Quintero, Todd Pollara, Charles Blank, Lizbeth Mendoza, Tania Nunez, Brandon Armstrong, Eric Cooper, Michael Blackburn, Rosemary King, Kyle Guillemet, Allison Montoya, and Ronald Crockem.

Charisma Cano, Chelsea Mulcahy, and Alyssa Jordan from the girls' basketball team coached the staff and helped them refresh their skills on the court. Students were surprised with performers such as E.K.E., iamB4, and K2icyy. Each of these three performed

their most popular songs. The artists walked into the crowd dancing, singing, and even taking pictures with students.

The game ended with a close call with our staff losing 66-69 and the power 106 station winning once again.



Photo curtesy of Evelyn Alva



Photo curtesy of Steven Damian

Grand Start to the Grands Prix of Formula 1 Racing

By Emilia R. Morbitzer

Twenty professional racers are chosen for the 75th year of Formula 1 Racing, and the season begins for the first header, the Australian Grand Prix. This Australian Grand Prix will continue over the course of two days, March 14th-March 16th, for a portion of the prize pot reward money.

The Australian Grand Prix is the first of twenty headers, United States being the tenth Grand Prix in the Formula 1 2025 racing season. Some of the drivers include

Pierre Gasly, Andrea Kimi Antonelli, and Max Verstappen. Verstappen, by Formula 1's driver standings, has ranked first and held the most points from each Formula 1 season for the past 4 years (2020-2024), usually by more than 100 points.

Each Grand Prix lasts about 2-3 days, usually starting with a parade and ending the final day with the large, anticipated race. The points system, updated in 2010, consists of the first-place winner

gaining 25 points in their standings, second place gets 18, and third place gets 15.

The Final Grand Prix takes place from the 5th to the 7th of December in Abu Dhabi, meaning that the entire calendar of Formula 1 racing takes almost 9 months in duration; this gives them a 3-month off-season to prepare for the 2026 season which obviously has yet to be announced.

MLB Season Leads off With Dodgers and Cubs in Tokyo

By Marc V Hernandez

On March 18th, at the Tokyo Dome in Japan, the MLB season officially started between two popular teams, the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Chicago Cubs.

The opening game in the Tokyo series started at 7:00pm local Japan time, which is at 3:00am Pacific time. It was a wholesome moment for a

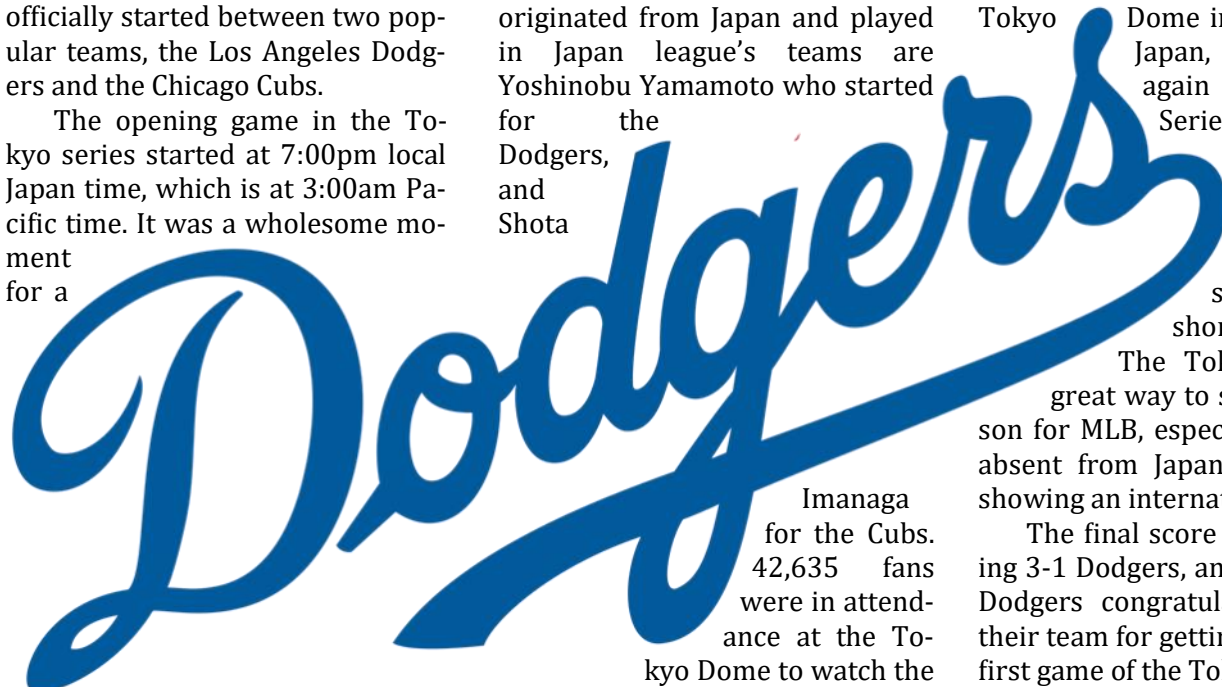
The opening starting pitchers that are opening the series both originated from Japan and played in Japan league's teams are Yoshinobu Yamamoto who started for the Dodgers, and Shota

as of now. Ohtani had recently won the World Baseball Classic in the Tokyo Dome in 2023 for team Japan, so playing here again for the Tokyo Series is such a historic moment for him.

The opener of the MLB season was nothing short of spectacular.

The Tokyo Series is a great way to start off the season for MLB, especially after being absent from Japan for five years, showing an international setting.

The final score of the game being 3-1 Dodgers, and the rest of the Dodgers congratulate the rest of their team for getting the win in the first game of the Tokyo Series.



few of players from both teams. A handful of players have played in the Japan leagues before coming to the MLB and was a memorable moment for them.

opener of this Tokyo Series.

Shohei Ohtani coming to play in this series was very impactful. Ohtani is arguably the face of the MLB and the best baseball player

Senior Students Express Prom Disappointment

By Deja Hernandez



Saiiyang Serrano (12)

“I think both the prom theme and location aren't anything any senior would like. It honestly just feels like a really last-minute thing and like they put no effort into it. The location is even worse actually. I don't want to be taking cute pics in a dress with my gals and have some random plane be in the background it just ruins the vibe. Not to mention it's literally a museum nobody wants to go to.”

Annalise Ortega (12)



“I feel like the prom theme was disappointing as a senior. I admire all the work that the junior class has put into it, but I cannot help but feel unsatisfied with the theme. I believe that the theme lacked sustenance, as you can either show up as a flight attendant, not follow the theme, or show up fancy even though that is the premise of prom attire. The location has promise, but after looking up the location, it is small like last year's prom in Yucaipa. I wish the theme was under the sea and the location was at an aquarium. I feel like that would be magical and awe worthy.”

Mia Fernandez (12)



“I think the theme is unique, but the location is not suitable because there's nothing but dirt outside and I heard its tiny inside. I just don't think think an air museum is suitable for prom. I was looking forward to prom being that I didn't go last year and it's my senior year, but the location is a bit disappointing. The theme I wish it was is Mamma Mia a night in Greece. The location I would choose is the Arctic in Anaheim.”

Jazmine Zungia (12)

“I think the theme is fine. Not the best but doable, the location on the other hand, is horrible. Out of all places to have prom they choose the March Field Air Museum. It's small, surrounded by dirt, and not a prom location at all. I wish the theme was as La La Land at the Griffith Observatory. I think that location is so beautiful and suitable for a prom theme and location. It's gorgeous view perfect for pictures and a night to remember.”



Starbucks Removes Unpopular and Complicated Drinks

By Katya Quezada

Starbucks announced that the company will remove thirteen drinks from its menu on March 4th, 2025, as part of a strategic plan to reduce its offerings by 30% by year's end. CEO Brian Niccol highlighted that many of the eliminated options are Frappuccino, reflecting a shift in focus towards streamlining the menu to enhance customer experience and operational efficiency. This decision underscores the brand's commitment to adapting to changing consumer preferences while maintaining quality.

The company removed thirteen Starbucks drinks from the menu. Drink's that will be removed are Iced Matcha Lemonade, Espresso Frappuccino, Caffè Vanilla Frappuccino, Java Chip Frappuccino, White Chocolate Mocha Frappuccino, Chai Crème Frappuccino, Caramel Ribbon Crunch Crème Frappuccino, Double Chocolate Chip Crème Frappuccino, Chocolate Cookie Crumble Crème Frappuccino, White Chocolate Crème Frappuccino, White Hot Chocolate, Royal English Breakfast Latte, Honey Almond milk Flat White.

Starbucks is trimming its menu by removing less popular and complicated drinks that overlap with

more favored options. A CEO member mentioned that these changes reflect customer trends and preferences, aiming to streamline offerings and enhance overall satisfaction. It'll be interesting to see which favorites remain!

As of March 4, Starbucks will implement menu changes, providing recommendations for fans of discontinued drinks. For instance, those who enjoy the Iced Matcha Lemonade can switch to the Green Tea Lemonade, while Royal English Breakfast Latte lovers might like the London Fog Latte, which has similar sweet floral notes. These suggestions aim to help customers transition to new favorites.



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'Daredevil: Born Again'

By Ivan Pedraza

Daredevil: Born Again on Disney+ is a soft reboot that continues the story of the Daredevil show on Netflix after it had ended in 2018. The series takes place years after the original, with Matt Murdock having left his vigilante identity as Daredevil when his best friend Foggy Nelson is murdered by crazed marksman, Bullseye, causing the hero to snap. The show continues the idea of Wilson Fisk, the Kingpin, becoming mayor of New York City and outlawing vigilantes, which was teased in the finale of the *Echo* miniseries by Marvel.

The series is a slow but amazing start to what Matt Murdock will have to face as things continually worsen for him. Charlie Cox carries over his performance from the previous series and doubles down on conveying his character's struggle of grieving and keeping faith while trying hard to not fall back into vigilantism. Another thing that is a big draw to the show is how Vincent D'Onofrio heightens the cold demeanor of Wilson Fisk as a delusional and calculating man who uses any authority available to do whatever he wants, running for mayor of New York in order to "fix" its vigilante problem and have the whole police force do his dirty work for him.

The show pushes hard to convey the idea that the world will test Matt's faith by having every moment of his happiness be ruined by literal villains being allowed to walk free and having to maintain his credibility as a lawyer, holding back a strong urge to put the horned devil mask back on. There is highly speculation

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in my mind that fans will see him begin to fall out of grace and allow vengeance to consume him, only to realize what he is becoming and be born again as the hero that the people deserve, and the devil punishing the sinners of Hell's Kitchen.

This is something that I will be tuning into each episode, it is just an amazing continuation of a beloved series, so to see it officially become part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe is a huge honor for both the fans and creators. With nine ep-



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isodes planned for the season and each episode dropping every Tuesday, this is definitely a story

that you will want to stay to witness if you are a big fan of Daredevil or Marvel movies in general.

The U.S. President is Everyone's Favorite Comedian

By Emilia Morbitzer

Believe it or not, despite the ever-growing bickering between President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, they used to be friendly with each other. Though, that was back in 2019 when Trump found a closer ally, Russian President Vladimir Putin.



However, that doesn't matter now; fast-forward to President Trump's second term, Zelenskyy arrives, by Trump's deliberate sarcasm, all 'dressed-up'-- he came

clad in a sweatshirt and a pair of olive-green slacks. Yet it is common for world leaders to not be formally dressed when their country is facing war, such as former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Winston Churchill during World War II.

Moving inside the White House, the two presidents, and JD Vance third wheeling, begin a political conversation that is juxtaposed to the most popular part; peaceful. However, Trump of course has his claims. The claims included blaming Zelenskyy for starting the war. Read that again. It was live when Russia invaded Ukraine back in 2022, but if the president says Ukraine is at fault, it must be true!

To which, giving some credit, the first third of the ordeal was peaceful, majority of their conversation were about the rare minerals they were planning for trading. Had they been so lucky, they would've signed the deal later that day. Yet, of course, that never happened.

Another claim of Trump's was

in his campaign, and that included ending the war between Russia and Ukraine within 24 hours. That conversation of ending the war came up again with Trump and Vance. Then Vance, the poor thing, intervened and that's when it all burst aflame. He adds onto the conversation with points of "diplomacy" and a 'path to peace', of course Zelenskyy was shocked.

It got even more embarrassing, because then Trump and Vance began to add off each other, saying that Zelenskyy was far too weak and doesn't have the 'cards' to be disrespectful. Trump also threatened the deal of trading minerals with Ukraine, and it all ended depressingly--no signing ceremony to be had.

It is left unknown how this whole ordeal will affect the relations of Ukraine and the United States. However, what is known, based off Zelenskyy's post on X, he is grateful for having the support, backing, and relations with the U.S during the war, and hopes it will continue. Soon after that follows, most European leaders met with Zelenskyy and aligned for a picture of unity.

Fun in the Sun or Cozy at Home for Spring Break?

By Evelyn Alva



Senior Ariel Gonzalez

“For spring break, I went to Disneyland for my brother's birthday because he recently turned 10 and I went with my family because I haven't seen them in a while because they live in San Diego and so that's why we went there and we also went to California adventure, we had a good time.”



Senior Iris Ulloa

“For spring break, I spent time with my family in going dress shopping in la for my brothers upcoming wedding in August. We are super excited to celebrate their engagement, and we also went to six flags with my cousins.”



Senior Daka Cao

“I celebrated my college admissions results during spring break, because I got admitted to UC Davis and a lot of other different UC schools, so my family just celebrated with me and other than that I just stayed home during the rest of spring break.”

Taking a Look into Oscar Nominees and Winners

By Rachelle Alvarez

The 97th Annual Oscar Academy Awards took place on Sunday, March 2. The Oscars is an event that celebrates the excellence of filmmaking and giving awards to the best movies of the previous year and recognizes and celebrates actors and actresses.

There were beautiful performances like Cynthia Erivo started by singing “Home” from “The Wizard of Oz”. Then, co-stars Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo sang “Defying Gravity” then ended with “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”. These performances captured the guests' attention as they sound very

good together.

This year's Oscars was filled with many great and talented actors and actresses such as Timothee Chalamet, Ariana Grande, Demi Moore, and many more. The nominees for best actress were Cynthia Erivo, Karla Sofia Gascon, Demi Moore, and Fernanda Torres. Then, for best actor the nominees were Adrian Brody, Timothee Chalamet, Colman Domingo, Ralph Fiennes, and Sebastian Stan.

The award winner for Best Actress was Mikey Madison taking the award home for her role in

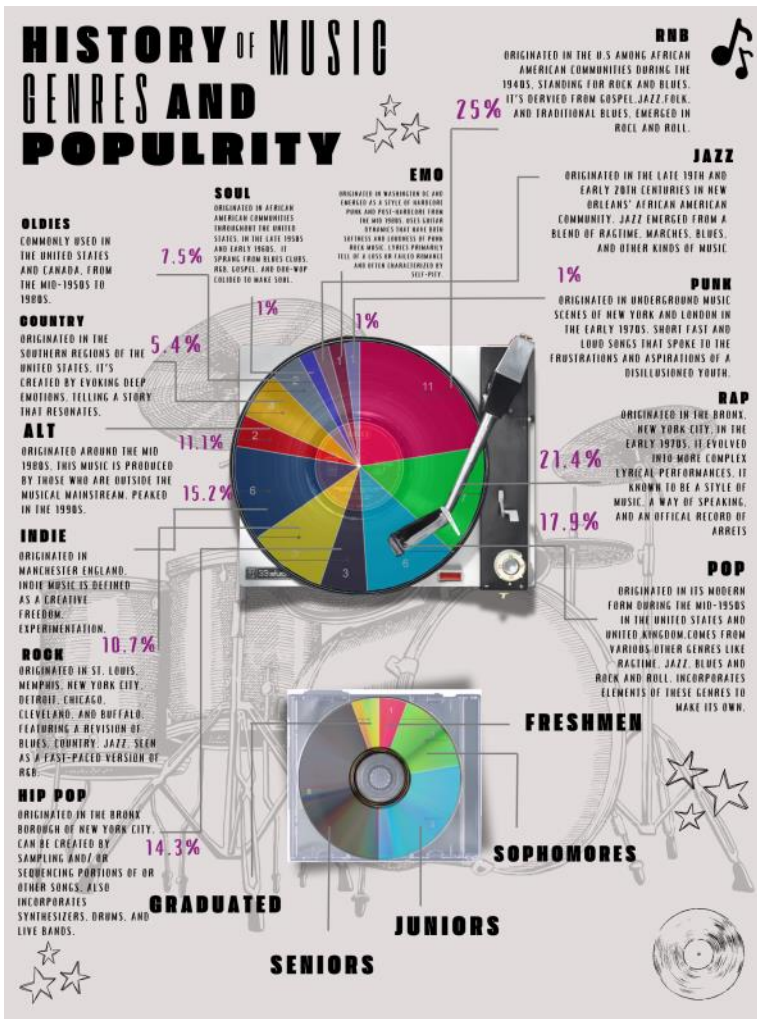
“Anora”. For Best Actor, the winner taking away the award was Adrien Brody for his role in the movie “The Brutalist”.

For Best Supporting Actors and Actresses, first off, Zoe Saldana won Best Supporting Actress for her role in “Emilia Perez. For Best Supporting Actor the winner was Kieran Culkin for his role in “A Real Pain.

Jackelyn Razura 11th grade, “I loved the performance that Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo because the way they sang had so much passion in it and really brought out their amazing voices, it really caught my attention”.

Music Genre Popularity Shapes Generations Sound Track

By Carissa Mendoza



genres. R&B originated amongst African American communities during the 1940s, standing for Rhythm and Blues. It's derived from Gospel, Jazz, Folk, and Traditional Blues, emerged in Rock and Roll.

Jazz originated in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in New Orleans' African American community. Jazz emerged from a blend of Ragtime, Marches, Blues, and other kinds of music.

Punk originated in underground music scenes of New York and London in the early 1970s. Short fast and loud songs that spoke to the frustrations and aspirations of a disillusioned youth.

Rap originated in the Bronx, New York City, in the early 1970s. It evolved from more complex lyrical performances. It's known to be a style of music, a way of speaking, and an official record of arrests.

Pop originated in its modern form during the mid-1950s in the United States and United Kingdom. Comes from various other genres like Ragtime, Jazz, Blues and Rock and Roll. Incorporates elements of these genres to make its own.

Hip Pop originated in the Bronx borough of New York City. Can be created by sampling bits or sequencing portions of or other songs. Also incorporates synthesizers, drums, and live bands.

Rock originated in St. Louis, Memphis, New York City, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, and Buffalo featuring a revision of blues, country, jazz, seen as a fast-paced version of R&B.

Alt originated around the mid 1980s. This music is produced by those who are outside the musical mainstream. Peaked in the 1990s.

Indie originated in Manchester England. Indie music is defined as a creative freedom, experimentation.

Country originated in the southern regions of the United States. It's created by evoking deep emotions, telling a story that resonates.

Soul originated in African American communities throughout the United States. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, it sprang from blues clubs, R&B, Gospel, and one-way called to black soul.

Emo originated in Washington DC and evolved as a style of hardcore punk and post-hardcore from the mid 1980s. Less guitar stranges that have been defined and formed by punk rock music. Lyrics primarily tell of a loss or failed romance and often characterized by self-harm.

Gen Z continues to shape the popularity of music genres, while their listening habits reveal an evolving relationship with music.

In society today, music is still changing and being created as well as different generations experiencing old genres, new genres or even creating new ones. Genres may come and go, but some seem to still take interest in Gen Z. Based on data, we'll dive into the most popular music genres based off Gen Z themselves.

At the top of the list is R&B, making up 25% of popular music

Gen Z.

Coming in close second, Rap holds a percentage of 21.4 in the popularity chart. The rise of streams has only benefited this genre due to artists like Drake, Kendrick Lamar, Travis Scott and Kanye West. Rap first originated in the Bronx in the early 1970s, with complex lyrics and a way of speaking. It's no doubt, Rap will still hold a place in this Generation. Hip-Pop, that also originated in the Bronx, with energetic beats and diverse sounds, falls at 14.3%. Both genres will continue to domi-

nate in the music industry and remain popular.

Originated in the U.S. and U.K. during the Mid-1950s with its catchy hooks and appeal, Pop music holds 17.9% of the popularity. Global Domination from Taylor Swift, along with hits from Ariana Grande and Harry Styles, pop remains connected to this Generation. Pop's ability to blend genres and create new trends, it'll continue to be at the top of the charts of mainstream music.

With its creativeness and intimate sound, Indie takes up 15.2%. Indie traditionally being a niche genre originated in England; it has had major popularity within the past decade. Artists like The Smiths, Tame Impala, and Mac Demarco remain popular in this genre. Alternative music at 11.1% with a blend of unconventional sounds and styles that appeal to gain its popularity back.

A quieter mainstream spot, Rock sits at 10.7%. Bands like Arctic Monkeys, The Cure and The Strokes keep rock's flame alive. Legends like The Beatles and Bob Dylan still capture listeners. Oldies are at 7.5%, they continue to remain nostalgic in certain individuals within Gen Z.

Some genres like Jazz, Punk, Soul and Emo still take some interest in this generation. As these genres may not be as mainstream as they used to be, they still remain deeply influential and help shape other genres. As trends continue to shift and merge, one thing remains certain; music may adapt and evolve, but it will always be a part of this generation's heart and soul.

Pixar Spring Rally Roundup

By Steven Damian and Jose Meza



Stellar Performance of “Winnie the Pooh and The House at Pooh Corner”

By Sarah Olguin

The talented cast of Winnie the Pooh and the House on Pooh Corner by Greg Cummings put on a comedic performance on February 25th for their full house of students and family of the cast.

The performance was an hour long and consisted of two separate plays that went into each other (each of which was only 30 minutes long). The story followed Christopher Robin and his friends going on many silly adventures in the hundred-acre woods.

Frank Smouse, the theater director, wanted to take the audience on stage. The seating was arranged in a square with walkways for exiting. The audience was able to get up close with the actors and have an interactive experience. The same seating is to be expected for the upcoming play, *Les Misérables*.

Smouse also announced that the audience are expected to see more plays by Cummings in the future of his theater company.

close and personal, like the last performance of Winnie the Pooh and The House at Pooh Corner.

Theatre students have spent hundreds of hours rehearsing for this production. Rehearsals for students are often 3-10 hours during weekdays and up to 6 hours on Saturdays.

Mr. Smouse said, “Our audience response to this production was excellent. Several favorably compared the acting our students accomplished to known professional productions of *Les Misérables*.”

Sophomore Angel Garcia said, “The most challenging part being a part of this production was the acting.” Reading and memorizing every line in the production was difficult for Garcia. With three roles at once, he had a lot of work cut out for him, but he was able to manage.

The audience was completely stunned from this performance and was even compared to the real play. Thanks to theater’s hard work and dedication this was able to be an absolute success of a play!

Theatre Brings Heart and Soul to “Les Misérables” Production!

By Jazmyne Vasquez



Theatre production crew thanking their audience by bowing. After completing their heart touching performance. Photo courtesy of Jazmyne Vasquez.

The French play “*Les Misérables*” by Tim Kelly officially opened on March 13th and closed on the 14th. A play that’s been previously directed by the theatre teacher Mr. Smouse numerous times at Chino High in the old cafeteria.

This play was two hours long and explores the themes of a powerful exploration of social injustice, redemption, and the complexities of human nature. This is another on stage production where the audience is up

Losing the True Meaning of Saint Patrick's Day

By Jasmine Garavito

Saint Patrick's Day, a day full of green leaf clovers, leprechaun, and drinking. A day full of traditions that many generations know, but few know the actual meaning of the holiday and why it was celebrated in the first place.

The first Saint Patrick's Day was celebrated in 163, on March 17 in Ireland, a day to celebrate and honor the patron Saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick. The day was called the “Day

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of Feast”, where they ate to honor the Patron of Ireland.

However, Saint Patrick's Day started to change in the late 1800's when the Irish started to migrate to the US during the “Great Famine”, in Ireland. The Irish people celebrated Saint Patrick's day to keep a sense of culture when moving to the U.S. It was a day of celebration until 1959 when the movie *Little People* came out by Walt Disney, who associated leprechauns with Irish people.



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As for the drinking, it wasn't always about drinking holiday, between 1903 and 1970, the holiday was supposed to be dry or a day without drinking in Ireland.

Eventually, the holiday was “Americanized” stand the original meaning behind the holiday was lost, alongside the culture. Nowadays no one knows that true origins of the holiday or why it is celebrated in the first place. Today it's a day full of leprechauns, drinking, and the color green when it was supposed to be a religious holiday full of honor.

Chino Chorale Hosts Their Annual Choir Showcase

By Bellissima Becerra

On March 12th, the Chino Chorale hosted their annual Choir Showcase here at Chino High School for all to enjoy. The showcase has been going on for a very long time, and the purpose of the showcase is to inspire the younger grades to continue choir and pursue a musical path.

The schools that attended the showcase to sing ranged from Levi H. Dickey Elementary, Liberty Elementary, and of course, Chino High School,” freshman Desiree

Montano states. The showcase started at 6:00 P.M. but the doors opened at 5:30 P.M. and was hosted in the Gymnasium.

“We sang a variation of songs like our musical “The 60s”, our a cappella song, “Let Us Sing”, and our finale song was “This is Music”, where we sang with the elementary schools and had a soloist.” Desiree added. The showcase was a success, and they look forward to doing it next year with the new.



Moments from the Annual Choir Showcase. Photo courtesy Corbin Pacheco (Junior).

Female Wrestlers Dominate Their Competition

By Lizette Ruelas

This year the girls' wrestling team made history, proving that hard work and dedication pay off. With seven CIF qualifiers and four Masters qualifiers, the team showed incredible talent. But two wrestlers stood out the most this year; senior Tilly Kakuk and sophomore Natalie Blanco, who both made their mark at the state level.

Tilly Kakuk finished her high school career strong, placing 6th at the state tournament. One of the biggest moments of her season was in the state quarterfinals, where she defeated a competitor, she had lost to twice before. That victory secured her a top six finish, she described the moment as unforgettable. "Placing at state was definitely an amazing experience, especially because I got to do it alongside my drilling partner," Tilly said. "Moments like this remind me that wrestling is incredibly fun and rewarding."

While she hasn't made a final decision on her next steps, Tilly has

been in contact with several top wrestling and academic programs on the East Coast but no matter where she goes, she plans to stay involved with the Chino wrestling team and give back to the program that shaped her.

Meanwhile, Natalie Blanco made history as the first-ever wrestling state champion from Chino High. However, her season didn't come without challenges. She says her loss in the CIF finals propelled a turning point in her mindset, pushing her to focus on one match at a time and trust in her abilities. "My loss in the CIF finals was crucial for my success in winning state. It showed me that I shouldn't worry myself over matches and instead get excited and pumped up for the next one," Blanco said.

Now a state champion as just a sophomore, Blanco has big goals for the future. She knows what she's capable of and is determined to continue improving and com-

peting at the national level. She said, "I want to achieve bigger and better things in the future, and I know this will be possible as long as I stay focused."

Blanco credits her parents, coaches, and teammates for supporting her, but she also draws inspiration from her brother, who also wrestled at Chino. She says he always pushes himself even when success isn't guaranteed.

Alongside Tilly and Natalie, several other girls made strong showings this season. Angela Talavera (12), Alexis Magaña (11), Natalie Herrera (11), Allison Hidalgo (11), and Gia Mendoza (12) all qualified for CIF, with Talavera and Magaña also making it to Masters. Their hard work and determination helped make this season a standout one for Chino girls' wrestling.

With history already made and more talent rising through the program, the wrestling team is proving that they belong on the biggest stages.



Moments from Wrestling State Championships as Natalie Blanco makes history as Chino's first girls Wrestling Champion. Photos curtesy of Tilly Kakuk and Natalie Blanco.