

## Back To In-Person Learning

by Stephanie Tardugno



Courtesy of Blue & White Staff

Methuen High School--A familiar sight for some, but what may seem a distant memory for others.

Education is extremely important in the development of the human mind. It is vital for students to be in a school-like environment, engaging with their teachers and peers. This will allow students to receive a proper education and set them up for success in their future. However, this past school year, students have not had access to an ideal school atmosphere due to the implications of COVID-19.

Methuen High School has utilized the hybrid learning model for most of this year. They split up all the students into two groups and have had one group come in on Mondays and Tuesdays, while the other group comes in on Thursdays and Fridays.

Wednesday acted as a fully remote day for everyone in order for the school to be cleaned. Many students decided to stay fully remote and not partake in the hybrid learning model.

Recently, Massachusetts made it a requirement for all students to eventually make a return to school in person, full-time. Methuen High School started to bring back its senior class starting April 5th. The following week, freshmen returned, and finally after April Break, juniors and sophomores came back to school.

With that being said, schools must still offer a fully remote learning model for students to participate in if they so choose. Methuen decided to send out a survey to families in the district to gather a rough estimate of how many students will be returning to school fully in person. According to those results, a vast majority plan to remain in the fully remote learning model.

A lot goes into making this kind of a decision, and clearly, many students and families are deciding against coming back to school in-person.

Methuen High School biotechnology teacher Mrs. Tobin explained her thoughts and concerns about the situation, saying, “I am very excited to have my seniors back but a little nervous about when all of the students come back full time. As with everything COVID related, there is a certain amount of anxiety that comes along with planning for so many kids to be in one place at the same time.”

Mrs. Tobin’s concerns are totally understandable, as she’s nervous about students' ability to maintain social distance and stay focused on their schoolwork. She also acknowledges how Methuen has been in the “red” zone a while now and new COVID-19 variants are spreading fast. She responded, “I hope we are not moving too quickly and pushing too hard for all kids to be back in person.”

Keeping these concerns in mind, it definitely won’t be easy for Methuen High staff to watch over this many kids and make

sure they are all doing the right thing and being safe. In a situation like this, it is important to incorporate the perspective of the students coming back to school as well.

One concern is that students are getting too comfortable doing school from their homes. This may not be the case for every student, but Methuen High senior Stephanie Ceballos admits that being at home for school is more comfortable and convenient for her.

Ceballos added, “It's going to be an adjustment going to school five days a week, but it makes sense since the last time we did was over a year ago.”

She also believes that returning to school full-time will benefit her going into college. “I plan to go to a four-year university and I will be taking classes in person...I [will] have to wake up on time to get ready...”

Waking up early for school to close out her senior year will indeed help her prepare for college where she plans to attend UMass Lowell in the fall. Although she wasn’t too excited to return to school at first, she’s optimistic about seeing more familiar faces that she hasn’t seen in over a year.

I personally have been very excited to return to school and be able to see some people I haven’t interacted with since March of last year. I feel like going back to school five days per week will be a fresh start for me and I’ll be able to engage with my teachers and peers to make the rest of my senior year unforgettable.

Despite how the remainder of this year goes, students will eventually have to start coming to school during the week like it used to be before COVID-19 hit. Might as well start getting used to it again now, right?

It will be essential to have as many students return to school as possible so they can receive the education they deserve. Though it will be challenging to keep everyone safe with the implications of COVID-19, it is not impossible and if any school can do it, it’s Methuen High School.

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# Meet the Writers!

## Blue & White Staff Biographies

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**Allison Kelly--Staff Writer**

Allison Kelly is currently a junior at Methuen High School and began the Blue & White her sophomore year. Allison took journalism as an elective her sophomore year and eventually got involved in the club. She hopes to go off and study biomedical engineering post high school. Allison currently works at Perfecto's Café in North Andover. Allison’s favorite subjects are science and history. Allison is involved in many clubs aside from the Blue & White, including Mock Trial and National Honor Society. Her favorite teachers include Ms.Brooks and Ms.Tobin!!



**Caitlin Moriarty--Arts and Entertainment Editor**

Caitlin Moriarty is a senior at Methuen High School. She intended to join the Blue & White during her freshman year but didn’t have the time to join the club. Now with some after school clubs getting put on hold, she decided to join the newspaper. She is going to pursue her BA in English with a concentration in initial teacher licensure at Fitchburg State University. She also got accepted into the honors program at Fitchburg. Her favorite subject is English and her favorite teacher was Mr. Surghrue for American Government and World History. She works as a full-time childcare provider and as a tutor. Caitlin is also the Front Office Manager for the StageDoor22 drama club.Her favorite article she has written in the clue is the BIPOCC Student Coalition interview in Issue 1.





# Covid-19 Vaccine Update

by Abigail Poulin



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Nearly a year after the country was shut down from the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S is finally distributing vaccines to citizens. At this stage the FDA has approved 3 companies vaccines for emergency use. But before you go and book your appointment there are some things you need to know going in.

The first company to receive the FDA approval was Pfizer, getting approved on December 11, 2020. The Pfizer vaccine is a two dose vaccine that is given 21 days apart at least. The vials for the vaccine must be stored in commercial grade freezers and once thawed the vials cannot be refrozen. This is a concern because of the amount of vaccines that may go to waste from people not showing up to vaccinations appointments. In the freezers the shelf life of this vaccine is up to six months. The Pfizer vaccine is more than 90% effective at preventing COVID-19 infection.

Now this vaccine has been available for some time now but was limited to ages 16 and older. Recently the company released information regarding the new age limit for the vaccine. This new trial revealed that the vaccine is safe for ages 12-15 as well. This is the first company to announce the safety of the vaccine for kids.

With any new vaccine there is always a risk of side effects. Based on your body's composition and other allergies your side effects may vary. The minimal side effects include pain at the injection site, headache, fatigue, and joint pain. The more severe side effects reported were fever, injection site swelling, and nausea.

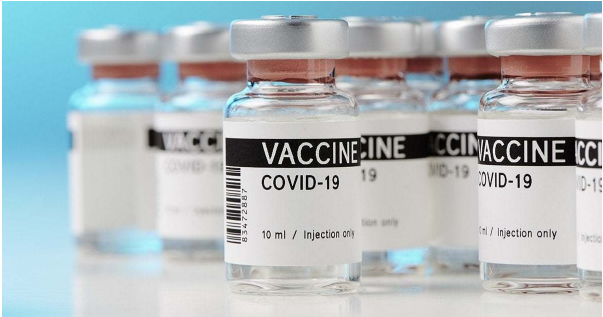
The second vaccine to hit the market was produced from a company called Moderna. These two companies produced very similar vaccines as both of them are double doses. The Moderna vaccine protects against 94% of COVID-19 cases. The time period between the two doses is slightly longer than the Pfizer vaccine. The Pfizer protocol is 21 days while the Moderna is said to be a 28 day time period in between doses.

The other major difference is the shelf life. As noted earlier, Pfizer has to be stored at frigid temperatures and is only good in a standard refrigerator for only 5

days. Moderna stored at a lower temperature can be stored in a standard fridge for up to 30 days.

Finally the third vaccine on the market is the Johnson and Johnson Janssen vaccine. This vaccine is the only vaccine on the market that is a single dose. Johnson and Johnson received FDA approval for emergency use in late February of 2021. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine is the only vaccine to be 100% effective in the prevention of hospitalization and death from the virus, however according to the CDC, it was only 66.3% effective in preventing COVID-19 infections in clinical trials

Personally I received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. In my mind a vaccine is better than no vaccine. Of course it is all personal opinion but before logging on to book your vaccine appointment do your research and be aware of all the possible risks and guidelines.



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# Celebrating Hispanic Women for Women's History Month

by Jessica Martinez

March is Women’s History Month, and in celebration of this month, I will be listing and describing beautiful and powerful women in history and in the present. But not just any women--Hispanic women!

When discussing powerful Hispanic women, people may think of; Shakira, Gloria Estefen, and Jennifer López. All of them are very talented, but do you know who was the first Latina astronaut? *Ellen Ochoa* ( born May 10, 1958, in Los Angeles, California). Ochoa is currently 62 years old. She was an American astronaut and administrator who was the first Hispanic woman to travel into space, in 1993. She later served as director of NASA’s Johnson Space Center (2013–18). Ochoa was aboard the Discovery shuttle for a total of nine days while conducting important research into the Earth’s ozone layer.

Another amazing woman I just had to put in is Selena Quintanilla. Known as the 'Queen of Tejano Music,' Selena Quintanilla was a beloved Latin recording artist who was killed by the president of her fan club in 1995 at the age of 23. Selena was born on April 16,1971, in Lake Jackson, Texas. Selena Quintanilla made her recording debut in the '80s, going on to become an award-winning recording artist in the Latin music scene with albums like *Amor Prohibido* and *Selena Live*. Selena will always be remembered in the hearts of the people who listened to her music and her story.

Lastly, but just as importantly, is Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice for the United States Supreme Court. She is currently a member of the United States Supreme Court and she is 66 years old. She was born in the Bronx, New York, on June 25, 1954.

In 1979, she earned a J.D. from Yale Law School where she served as an editor

of the Yale Law Journal. Then, she served as Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney’s Office from 1979–1984. She then litigated international commercial matters in New York City at Pavia & Harcourt, where she served as an associate and then partner from 1984–1992.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated her to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and she served in that role from 1992–1998. She served as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1998–2009. President Barack Obama nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on May 26, 2009, and she assumed this role August 8, 2009.

There are so many more women to mention, but I could not possibly list all of the beautiful, hard-working, amazing Latin women in this article. This a reminder to give thanks to the women that made and still make a difference in our lives.



# Boston Celtics: A Season of Struggles



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The loss of Jaylen Brown to a wrist injury is the latest blow in a difficult season for the Celtics.

by Angelo Santos

Ever since Boston Celtics star Jayson Tatum was diagnosed with COVID-19 on January 9th, everything has gone downhill for the team.

The Celtics ended their season with a 36-36 record and sitting 7th in the Eastern Conference. Although that isn’t bad, it is not good for their expectations. Last year the Celtics were two games away from making the NBA finals, now they are barely in the playoffs.

The Celtics longest winning streak this season was 6 games, and that isn’t very good. Compared to last year, the longest

winning streak they went on was a 10 game winning streak. That is very impressive, but they haven’t accomplished something like that this year.

A lot of people ask, “why are the Celtics struggling?” The main reasons are because point guard Kemba Walker missed 18 games, Marcus Smart has missed 19 games, All-star forward Jaylen Brown has missed 3 games and other All-star Jayson Tatum has missed 6 games while struggling with COVID-19 symptoms.

Of course, the biggest hit to the Celtics came at the very end of the season, when they announced on May 10th that Brown would undergo season-ending wrist surgery.

On March 25th the Celtics acquired Orlando Magic Guard, Evan Fournier, who is a great player and will hopefully help the Celtics through the playoffs.

This season has been a mess for a lot of teams besides the Celtics, though, mainly because of COVID-19. Multiple players have contracted the virus, and that means they can’t play for at least 2 weeks and have to go through conditioning when they are ready to return. It hurts a lot of teams but that is the rule for now.

The Celtics have the most days of players missed because of COVID-19 protocols. By early April, Celtics players lost over 130 game days to COVID-19.

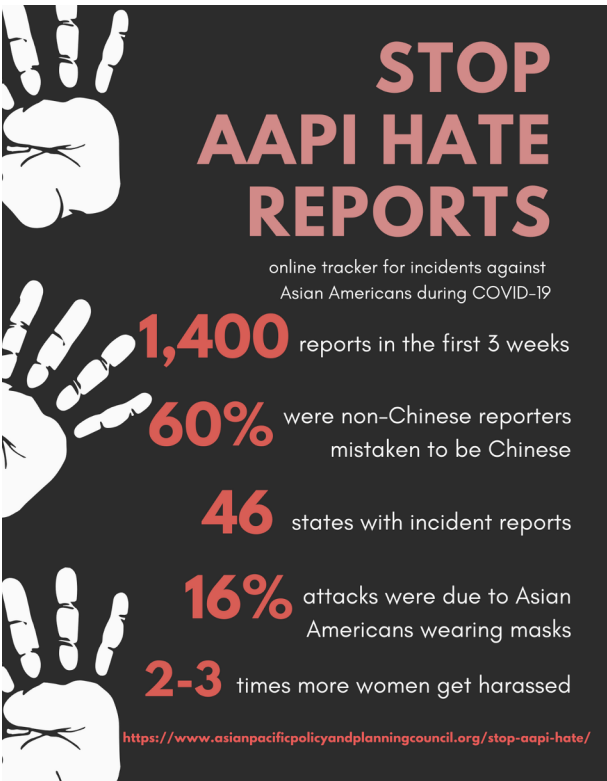


# #StopAnti-AsianHate

by Allison Lam

The rise of Asian hate in America has recently become more prominent in society today, but when did it really start?

Some say it began with the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic. American citizens, whether it be ordinary people or those higher in power like the former president, Donald J. Trump, began to blame China for the rise of the virus. Soon after, people went after Asians living in America, blaming them for the spread of the virus in America. But, is this really where Asian hate began? Looking back in our history, Asian hate is something that has been going on for many years. One of the most noted Asian hate crimes was back in 1982, with the murder of Vincent Chin.



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Vincent Chin was a Chinese American man, living in Michigan, who was murdered by two white autoworkers. Their reasoning? Because Japanese Americans were supposedly “taking all of their jobs.” Obviously, this was an Asian-American hate crime, and was known to be one of the first things to spark people to start rallying for justice against Asian hate.

With the crime being dated back all the way to the year of 1982, though, many young people today may never have heard of this happening. But for what reason? Is it simply because it was a long time ago? Or is it because people didn’t take it seriously enough?

There is evidence that Asian hate crimes in America have risen ever since the pandemic started. People were starting to blame China for the creation of the Coronavirus, making claims that they were the ones at fault and that the virus was made in a laboratory in China, or that

people got them from eating bats from street vendors. This lead to Asian hate in America, citizens blaming Asian Americans for bringing the virus into the country and causing a catastrophic pandemic no one has ever seen before. It started out small, with people avoiding Asian Americans they see around them, avoiding Asian restaurants, and even glaring at them as they walk by. But this was only the beginning.

The advocacy group, Stop AAPI Hate, released statistics on data they had collected of Asian hate in America ever since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The report covers 3,795 incidents of Asian hate crimes starting from March 19th, 2020 to February 28th, 2021. According to the data, 68.1% of the discrimination against Asian Americans was verbal harassment, with 20.5% reported as shunning and 11.1% as physical assault. As bad as these incidents are, it is clear that the hate crimes do not end there.

On Tuesday, March 16th, eight women were found dead at an Atlanta, Georgia spa. Six of these women were Asian, leading to the public calling it an act of hate against Asian-Americans. The Atlanta police stated that it was unclear whether or not the murder was racially motivated, and were continuing to look into the matter. Many people were outraged. How was it that they were not sure if the murder was racially motivated? 6 out of the 8 women shot were Asian Americans. The shooter, Robert Aaron Long was known to have been to the spa before.

Thus began the beginning of #StopAsianHate. Of course, people had been advocating for the stop of Asian hate in America for much longer, but with the



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'Stop Asian Hate' has become a rallying cry for those working to stop racial violence.



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spa shooting in Atlanta, many people were done keeping silent. People of all ages began spreading the word, posting information about the shooting on social media, journalists and news channels sharing the story, and giving out the information. People began to rally and have gatherings, protesting for the protection of the lives of Asian Americans, and spreading the word on social media on where to donate to those in need, what people can do to help.

Despite the outcry, though, the attacks continued. On Wednesday, March 31st in Manhattan New York, a 65-year-old Asian American woman was assaulted in broad daylight outside of an apartment building. Through viewing surveillance footage, police arrested 38 year old Brandon Elliot. This was only one of the many known Asian hate crimes not only against an Asian American, but an elderly Asian American. According to the report from Stop AAPI Hate, around 6.2% of the population of those who experienced hate crimes were above the age of 60.

Asian hate crimes have risen in the past year, most likely due to the worsening of the COVID-19 pandemic, though that wasn’t the beginning of the hate crimes against Asians in general, as seen with the murder of Vincent Chin back in 1982. Spreading the word, protecting those in need, and working together are essential to ending these acts of hate towards people of color all across the country.



# Music Movie Review

by Lizzy Staugler



Is it an inspiring piece of work or a movie filled with an ableist point of view?

That is the question surrounding a new movie titled *Music*, directed by singer-songwriter Sia. The movie follows a newly sober Zu and her half sister Music, whom Zu becomes the guardian of. Music happens to be on the autism spectrum. With an 8% score on Rotten Tomatoes, this movie is under a lot of fire for the portrayal of the character Music.

Music, as previously mentioned, is on the autism spectrum. However, she is played by Maddie Ziegler, who is not. People were furious to find out that the character with autism would not be played by an actual person with autism. The disabled community has fought time and time again for more disabled characters

to be played by someone who actually has to deal with the conditions themselves.

When asked how they felt about the casting of an able-bodied actor, Astro, a member of the autistic community and friend of this reporter, stated that, “we continuously say that no one will understand more or make the portrayal more accurate than someone who has gone through these struggles.” And it's not like it can't be done--directors often choose to cast able bodied people instead of people with the disability.

Another major critique of the film is the use of restraints when working with autistic people. Within the movie a particular restraint is shown to be the proper way to restrain an autistic person who is having some kind of breakdown.

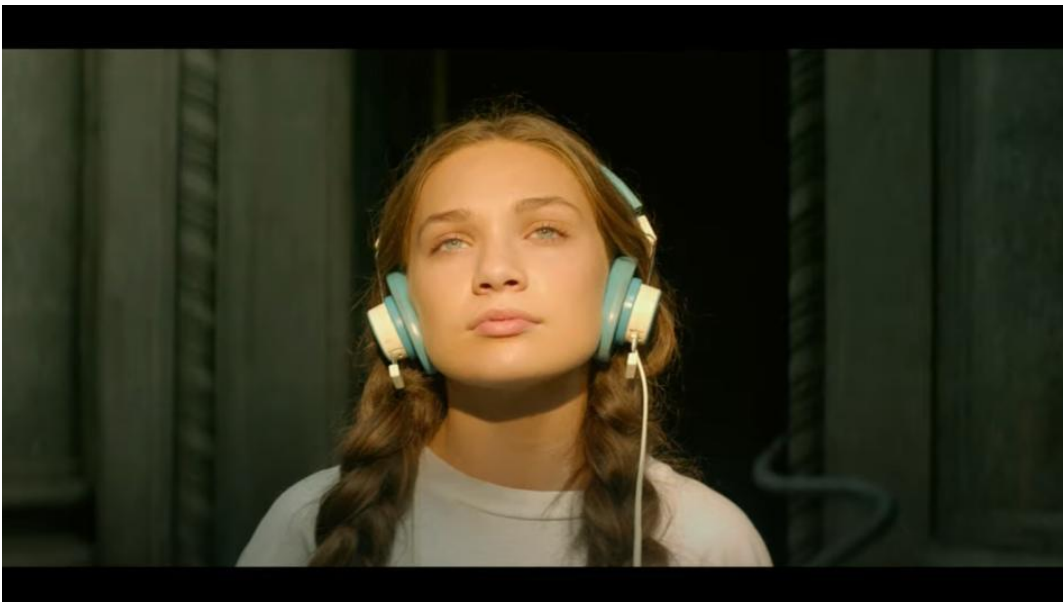
This restraint is known as the prone restraint, where the upset party is maneuvered so they are laying face down on the ground, and then a caregiver or another person lays on the back, basically crushing them.

The prone restraint is not only incredibly dangerous but can in fact be deadly. According to [health.vic.gov.au](https://www.health.vic.gov.au), in 2011 38 people died due to the use of this restraint. Sia's use of it within the movie on two different accounts is telling people this restraint is a proper way to restrain someone, when in fact it is not and has left many autistic people fearing for their lives.

In February 2021, Sia responded to backlash from the autistic community by promising on Twitter that future releases of the movie would remove the two restraint scenes.

This flawed depiction of autism shows that we as a society need to be better. We need to listen to the people who deal with these issues every day, instead of believing we know best. In the words of Astro, “our voices deserve to be heard and need to be heard.”

*Music* is just one of the many examples of a society that has spoken over the voices of the people that need to be heard.



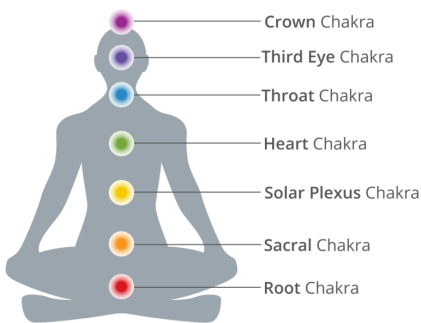
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The character Music, portrayed by Madie Ziegler.



# How Can Chakra Healing Affect Your Mental Health?

by Tori Minkovitz



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A depiction of the seven chakras.

During the pandemic, many people have had to find new ways to occupy themselves. Throughout quarantine, I have been able to practice mindfulness alongside finding my higher self.

I started to read about “westernized” Chakra and crystal healing. The concept of chakras is based in Hinduism and Buddhism. These healing practices led me to listen to my own body, improve my mental health, and improve the physical aspects of myself.

According to most teachings, chakras are energy centers located at specific points in your body. Each center has its own energy body that extends beyond the physical body. Seven main chakras are located in the body. More than seven exists outside of the ‘westernized’ practices. These seven chakras are called the crown, third eye, throat, heart, solar plexus, sacral plexus, and root chakras, which all have different uses. The first three are spiritual chakras, which are intended to focus on our Higher Self. The last three are called physical chakras; they allow us to become grounded to the Earth and nature.

The crown chakra is located at the top of the head. This chakra's purpose is spirituality. When in harmony, individuals understand how they impact the universe and elevate their consciousness. The third eye chakra is located below the crown

chakra, on the forehead. This chakra focuses on your intuition. When connected with your third eye, intuition and awareness are constantly used. Trust begins to form with our inner vision (trusting your gut) while also having a deep knowledge of what lies beyond what the physical eye can see. Next in line is the throat chakra, located at the base of the neck. Our throat chakra connects us with communication, and when in harmony, our will to live is strong, and we speak the truth.

Underneath the throat chakra is our heart chakra. Our heart chakra is located at the center of our chests and connects our higher self with love and compassion for others. When we are in harmony with our heart chakra, we feel fully connected to ourselves, love, and express ourselves while cultivating compassion for ourselves and others.

Following the heart chakra is the solar plexus chakra located two inches above the navel. This chakra allows us to become in tune with our self-esteem and power. When in harmony with our solar plexus chakra, we feel whole, centered, and know our self-worth. Succeeding our solar plexus chakra is the sacral plexus chakra located two inches below the navel. Our sacral plexus chakra lets us become connected with our sexuality. People are able to have healthy relationships with money, family, friends, and connect us to the emotional aspects of sexuality when in harmony with the sacral plexus chakra. The seventh chakra is the root chakra, located at the base of the spine, this energy center connects our auras with survival, family and allows us to feel grounded when in harmony.

Chakra Healing is a long and sometimes hard practice. There are several different ways to harness our chakra powers such as yoga, meditation, acupuncture, crystals, and more. Each person may have different methods but all take time and patience.

## Impostor on the Airship!

by Allison Lam

The popular game, *Among Us*, received a new update on March 31st, adding the new 'Airship' map for players to go on.

*Among Us* is a multiplayer game, available to play on mobile devices and PC. It rose in popularity at the beginning of the pandemic, being something that could bring people together to play games while staying within social distancing guidelines. It follows a *Mafia*-style type of game, in which players are assigned either Crewmate, where you run around the map doing tasks, or Imposter, where you must kill crewmates without getting caught. Players from all over the world were joining in raising the popularity like crazy. Popular gamers went viral on game streaming apps like Twitch.

However, with the game being played and watched a lot during the pandemic, the craze for it seemed to be dying down in the past few months. But no longer.

The creators of *Among Us* have recently released new updates to add more interest into the game. There are things like a simple way to chat without having to type into the keyboard, some new designs added to the game, and even some new outfits players could put on. But the biggest update they added was the new map that everyone is freaking out over, The Airship.

People were aware of the new update that was coming ever since the information was released, but it is clear that people seem to be enjoying the new map. It is a lot bigger compared to the older ones like The Skeld, Mira HQ and even Polis, and have many new

and different tasks all over. Sabotages that Imposters are able to carry out are new as well. The map also includes ways for the players to climb up and down ladders, and travel between parts of the map using different moving platforms.

The update has caused the increase in popularity for the game once again. The developers of *Among Us*, InnerSloth, have announced that there is even more in store for the game in the future -- a way for 15 players to be able join one lobby (different from the current settings where only a maximum of 10 players can join). *Among Us* has been a popular game during the past year, and with their continuous updates and new additions, it seems like the game may be played for more years to come.



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Image from the Airship map teaser, posted by Innersloth



# No More Mr. Potato Head

by Jatsiri Contreras

Hasbro has recently announced that their famously known toy brand as Mr. Potato Head, will now officially be just “Potato Head.” The idea is to have kids create their own type of unique potato families, which can include two moms, two dads, or one mom and one dad. In Hasbro’s newest commercial the opening slogan says, “Introducing a modern look, for modern families. With Potato Head, there’s no wrong way to play.”

After sparking confusion in the public, Hasbro released a statement saying, “Hasbro is officially renaming the MR. POTATO HEAD brand to POTATO HEAD to better reflect the full line. But rest assured, the iconic MR. and MRS. POTATO HEAD characters aren’t going anywhere and will remain MR. and MRS. POTATO HEAD.”



The redesigned Potato Head packaging, toys, and logo.

with society’s vast changes. This effort was to promote inclusivity, especially among the LGBTQ+ community. GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, has praised this change, saying it’s a part of “a larger movement towards greater diversity and inclusion in toys and media aimed at kids.”

Others, like conservatives and especially Fox News, felt this was a terrible change. Instead of focusing on more important news, Fox News decides to focus significantly on this new Potato Head headline. Fox News has mentioned the Dr.Seuss and Potato Head controversies more than any other news outlet. Many Fox News anchors expressed how they felt towards this change, saying that they don’t see how this change will make a child feel more accepted.

In a CNN interview, the chairman and CEO of Hasbro, Brian Goldner, explained how much he thinks this new change will benefit his company and a new generation of children.



This new announcement has struck a strong wave of both criticism and praise. Many people, like Hasbro and myself, believe that this is a new step into an accepting society. Hasbro has a reputation for being one of the more modernized toy companies and evolving

# WandaVision Review

by Abigail Edgerly

The following review contains spoilers from the Marvel show *WandaVision*.

*WandaVision* was released on Disney+ on January 15 and ran for eight weeks. It is the first of several shows planned to be released in Marvel’s current release phase. The nine episode long show follows Wanda Maximoff as she copes with the grief of the loss of her husband by creating a false reality. As the series progresses, the audience and Wanda learn more about her life and the true nature of her powers.

The show itself follows an interesting structure. The first seven episodes, excluding episode four, take inspiration from famous sitcoms over the decades. Episode one draws inspiration from the 1950’s, and each episode following showcases another decade of American TV. Everything from the costumes to the opening themes were fitting for the period. This all occurs in the false reality Wanda created while the rest of the world exists in modern times. Meanwhile, as Wanda is living in her false reality, S.W.O.R.D, a new agency, is working to uncover the secret of Wanda’s reality and how to stop her. The final two episodes bring both of these worlds together as the audience learns about Wanda’s past and speculate about her future.

The show earned a lot of praise from online fans and gained popularity across social media platforms. It seemed as though the show was always trending on Twitter after a new episode came out. In addition to the Twitter fame, the show led to the creation of several Tik Tok trends. These trends included dressing up from the different decades depicted in the show, dancing to the opening theme from the second episode, and making jokes about who to

blame for all of their problems by lip synching to the song “Agatha All Along”. However, the most popular trend consisted of finding actor Randal Park, who portrayed the fan favorite character, F.B.I. Agent Jimmy Woo, in other movies or television shows.

Fan popularity has benefited the show greatly as it has already made several achievements. The show has been nominated for an award from the Directors Guild of America as well as two awards from the Screen Awards.

The show was gaining attention even before release. The trailer for the show had 53 million views in the first 24 hours after its premier, and the soundtrack to the show has also been reaching insane heights. The song “Agatha All Along” has been on both the iTunes and Billboard charts. The song debuted at No. 36 on the Billboard charts and has notched around 2 million streams on Spotify (as of the beginning of March).

In my opinion, the show is a wonderful showcase of what Marvel has to offer. It presented two Avengers who had often been overshadowed by big name heroes in the movies and made Marvel fans truly care about the characters. The show was very witty and had very comedic moments but kept the worldbuilding and action sequences fans have come to expect from Marvel projects.

However, at its core, the show is a depiction of grief and how it feels to lose a loved one. Wanda is not a perfect human being and though she does things that morally are not correct, it is easy to understand why she does it and you truly feel her pain. You go through the stages of grief with her and the ending of the show is both heartbreaking and sweet. It is truly a wonderful show that both older fans of the series and people who have had no prior interest in the franchise can enjoy.



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