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Anticipated Movies of 2017

January 13, 2017 (HORROR) *The Bye Bye Man*

This new horror film is based around three university students as they move to a house off campus and unknowingly activate a superhuman being, The Bye Bye Man. After the friends discover the name of the beast attacking them, the being will not leave the students alone. They must all fight to save each other from death by the infamous Bye Bye Man.



June 30, 2017 (COMEDY) *Despicable Me 3*

In the trilogy *Despicable Me*, Gru, played by Steve Carrell, dominates the screen once again. Gru and his wife Lucy (Kristen Wiig), must combat Balthazar Bratt (Trey Parker), a former child star who has a plan to take over the world.



April 12, 2017 (DRAMA) *Gifted*

Captain America actor Chris Evans sheds his shield to take on a more endearing role in *Gifted*. In this drama, Frank Adler, played by Chris Evans, must act as a parent for his niece Mary (McKenna Grace). However, throughout the story it is discovered that Mary is a budding math genius. Once Mary's mother (Lindsay Duncan) finds this information out, Frank must battle with his sister over Mary's custody and future.



February 17, 2017 (ACTION) *The Great Wall*

Matt Damon stars in a new action film set in China at the time of the construction of The Great Wall of China. The story follows a team of British and Chinese forces as they combat a supernatural villain.



March 17, 2017 (ROMANCE) *Beauty And The Beast*

A revamp of the classic *Beauty and the Beast* will be gracing movie screens everywhere this March. The story of a young girl, Belle (Emma Watson), as she falls in love with an unlikely Beast (Dan Stevens), will be viewed in a live version.



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5 Memes that Summarize 2016

Meme culture has been sweeping the nation since 2008, and 2016 was no exception. Whether or not it was the worst year of the 21st century, let's look back on this bittersweet year with vague cultural references and reaction pictures.



Gavin

The nephew of Vine user Nick Mastodon is at the peak of his fame due to his facial expressions that accurately summarize our feelings in times of disbelief and frustration.



Cave-man Spongebob

This meme was taken from the popularized Nickelodeon children's show *Spongebob Squarepants*. An example of an appropriate time to use this meme is "When your mom turns a joke into a lecture."



Arthur's Fist

This meme originally belonged to the hand of a cartoon character from PBS' *Arthur*. "Triggered" online users turned to this meme.



Blurry Mr. Krabs

Spongebob Squarepants strikes again with this classic Mr. Krabs meme. Popularized on Twitter, this hilarious meme can be best used after feelings of distress.



Evil Kermit

Evil Kermit has taken the internet by storm. This was a snapshot from *The Muppets*. These two Kermits represent inner good and evil.

It's been nearly 50 years since Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, but his message of peaceful conduct can, and needs to, resonate with a modern audience. National news continues to be plagued with stories of senseless violence and hate crimes, eerily reminiscent of the days of King.

However, people are still fighting for what they believe in while utilizing the peaceful stance. An African-American man named Daryl Davis recently made headlines for his successes in inspiring Ku Klux Klan members to leave the controversial organization. The kicker? Davis did so by be-

friendng the men.

Davis is not alone; The Ruckus Society, whose main purpose is to train activists in the use of nonviolent, direct action, is forthright in stating that it drew inspiration from King.

The society is currently helping many with their ambitions: indigenous people hoping to keep their resources, environmentalists who want to transition away from unsustainable energy, and migrants looking to live happy and healthy lives.

King's specific goals have also come to fruition. In his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, King stated that

he looked forward to the day when "little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers." In some ways, his dreams are more than met: in 2013, the United States Census Bureau found that about 9 million Americans described themselves as multiracial.

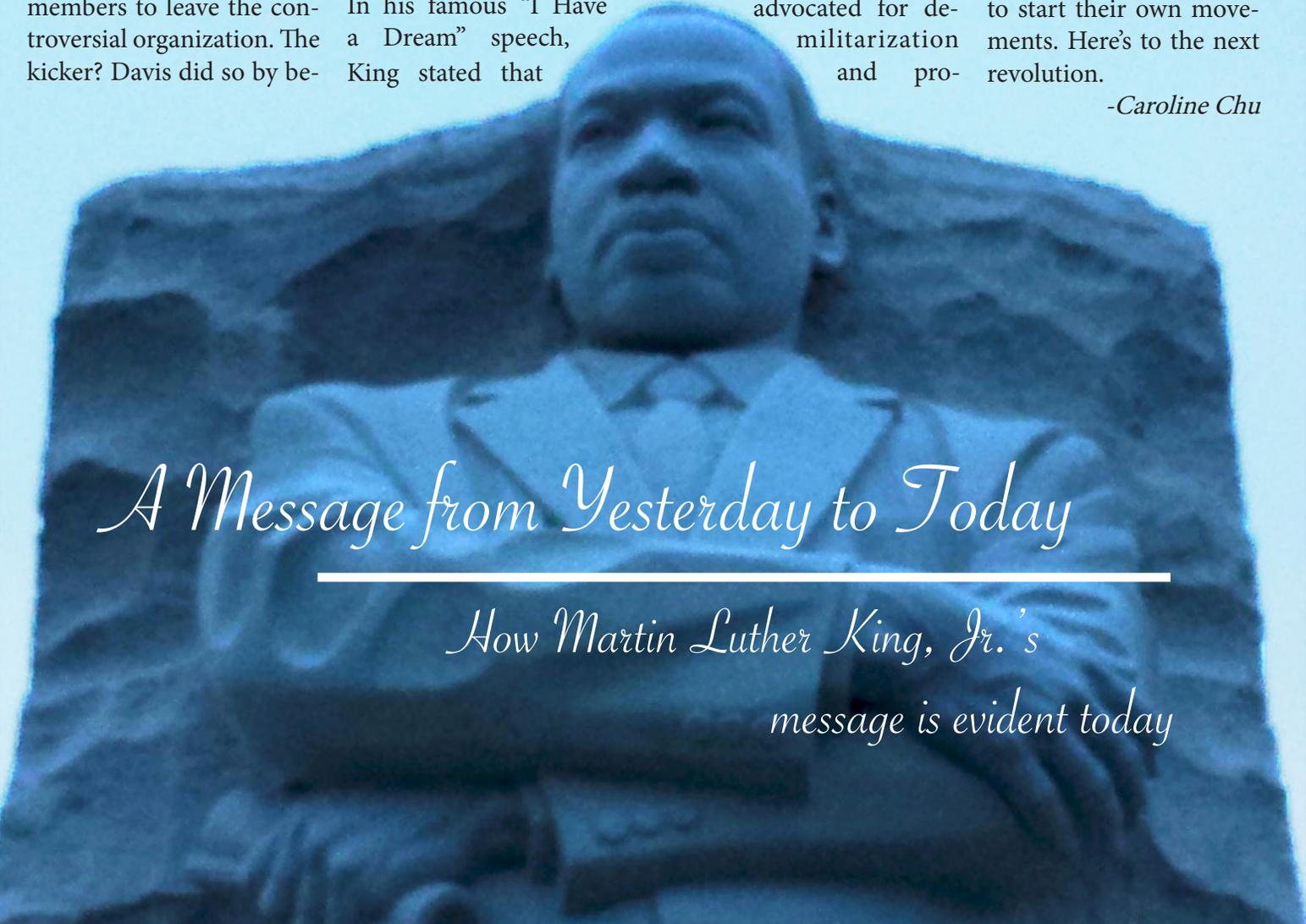
King was a member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, one of the groups that inspired him to put nonviolence at the forefront of his campaign. Still active today, the group has advocated for demilitarization and pro-

vided nonviolence training for communities.

The King Center is similar in its goals. According to its website, it is "dedicated to ensuring that the King legacy not only remains relevant and viable, but is effectively leveraged for positive social impact." The group has held a nonviolence youth camp and social media campaigns including "100 Days of Nonviolence."

The toils of King and those who fought alongside him have clearly paid off and inspired others to start their own movements. Here's to the next revolution.

-Caroline Chu



A Message from Yesterday to Today

*How Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
message is evident today*

Photo By: Jeremy Hall

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The Rodent Meteorologist

Where did he come from?

On February 2, 2017, Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog did us the favor - *not* - of seeing his shadow, thus giving us six more weeks of frigid weather.

When Groundhog Day first became a thing, it was a big deal, but our current generation couldn't really care less about an ugly rodent that gives out generally unpredictable forecasts. When Phil sees his shadow, he crawls back into his little den and resumes his peaceful life as a groundhog, and we supposedly have six more weeks of winter. If Phil doesn't see his shadow, Spring begins early.

Groundhog Day originated from the holiday Candlemas Day, an ancient Christian tradition that was similar to Groundhog Day in that it determined how long Winter would be. Candles would be distributed by the church and the number of candles given (*yes, candles*) would determine how long Winter was expected to last. If you think candles are a weird way to predict the winter, just wait until you hear what the Germans did.

The Germans created their own

variation of Candlemas Day by using a hedgehog to predict the weather instead of candles. When German immigrants ventured to America to start their new lives, they carried this holiday with them. The only change was the switch to using a groundhog instead of a hedgehog. The first Groundhog Day was on February 2, 1887 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and it still takes place there today.

Though there are some other weather - predicting groundhogs, for the past 130 years, Punxsutawney Phil has served as the primary rodent meteorologist. Some other fellow groundhog meteorologists include Wiarton Willie, Shubenacadie Sam, and Dunkirk Dave.

Phil, however, is one of the fattest groundhogs. With Phil currently weighing approximately twenty pounds, he sounds more like a roundhog than a groundhog! Supposedly, Phil takes a "magical elixir" that keeps him alive and rolling forever.

-Zach Grossman





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New Year,

New Me...

Or not?

It's February, the time when people typically give up their resolutions. The list once filled with encouraging quotes and plans to eat healthier and go to the gym can be found floating in the trash. The lines at the ellipticals have dwindled, fast foods restaurants are releasing their newest menus to prey on the once health-conscious individuals, and the thoughts of the

through with the list is the tricky part.

The New Year allows the populace to reflect back on their previous years, and whether by making a list or not, think of ways to better themselves and/or move towards accomplishing a goal. However, many people nowadays are divided on whether or not

nior at Centennial, claimed that "Many view New Year's Resolutions as unrealistic."

Many people simply say: Think of realistic goals then! However, some of the populace, such as junior Sana Aslam, states that, "For someone who isn't mo-

holiday and follow through the trend. You should tell yourself that you want to do something and do it, no matter the time of year."

For many, thinking of the resolutions

"Planning and verbally committing to resolutions actually help with keeping up with them."

-Anjali Patel

perfect beach body are disappearing. How can individuals still power through their list and not fall into this train of giving up?

For many, the initial list-making part is exhilarating, calming, and can even seem as if it is keeping their whole life together. However, following

to even make a list of resolutions, especially with the stigma surrounding the success of resolutions.

A few of the main reasons people don't usually live up to their resolutions is because of time management issues, not having a plan, or lack of motivation. Thomas Thurmond, a ju-

tivated to get things done and isn't as serious about their goals, New Year's resolutions wouldn't do them any good."

There are, however, some people who did make New Year's Resolutions in January 2016 and successfully kept them throughout the year. Freshman Piper Berry decided that she wanted to "stress less." She said that in order to achieve this, she set out periods of time throughout the day to relax and rejuvenate.

Freshman Ryan Davis views New Year's Resolutions as "stupid." He claimed, "If you really want to get something done you shouldn't have to wait for a

may be exciting, but there is no real plan as to how to follow through with them.

"Planning and verbally committing to resolutions actually help with keeping up with them," said Anjali Patel. "I planned on exercising, and successfully kept up with it for the past year."

Keeping resolutions usually means replacing old, bad habits with better new habits. So if you haven't started on your resolutions or are starting to give up on them, set out a plan and find that motivation so that 2017 will now be the year for you!

-Mehnaz Ashraf



Valentine's Day

Pro-Valentine's

In the 21st Century, Valentine's Day seems very much like a superficial holiday, created by greeting card companies and sprinkled with pink and purple hearts, meant to serve no purpose other than making one's significant other feel more appreciated than they do on the other 364 days of the year. Valentine's Day, however, has deep roots in Christianity and Roman culture, and has much more meaning than just a simple bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolate.

The Catholic Church recognizes many saints by the name of Valentine, but the one referred to as "St. Valentine" today is known to have been a Roman Priest and martyr around the year 270. There are many myths surrounding the origins of why this particular saint is remembered by a day of love and overt affection, and some aren't as "lovey-dovey" as one might think. In fact, most of them involve death.

Regardless of the truth behind its origin, the day itself is filled with tradition that stems through centuries, making it a lasting holiday for various countries and cultures worldwide, that each celebrate the holiday in their own unique way.

In Denmark, people send each other white flowers known

as "snowdrops." In South Korea, girls give their boyfriends gifts of chocolate and flowers, beginning on February 14, but starting on the same day in March, it's the boys turn to shower the girls with their own share of affection. In Britain, women used to place five bay leaves on their pillows on Valentine's Day Eve, in hopes they would bring sweet dreams of their future husbands.

In America, it's celebrated with hearts, flowers, chocolate, and a lot of pink.

While some see Valentine's Day as an arbitrary holiday invented by greeting card companies, the deeper meaning behind Valentine's Day should be anything but overlooked. It is a day where we take time out of our lives to focus on the ones we love.

Valentine's Day is not solely a day dedicated to one's significant other, it is a day to show appreciation to spouses, family, friends, or anyone else in your community who deserves to know that they're a positive part of your life. Contrary to popular belief, Valentine's Day is an international holiday that can be celebrated and appreciated by everyone, not just people in relationships.

On or around this day, many parents will give small gifts to their children, friends will give

each other flowers or chocolate, and some students even give teachers tokens of thanks for their dedication and time.

Senior Paul Drutch said, "[Valentine's Day] should be celebrated because,

even though you show love and such every day, it's nice to have a special day designated

to each other in order to just show appreciation for one another."

Aside from the nearly forgotten historical background of the religious feast day, Valentine's Day is still considered an important staple in the lives of many people, young and old.

Besides, who doesn't love free chocolate?

-Minnie Gregorini

Anti-Valentine's

For some people Valentine's Day is a day of sharing love with others, giving gifts of chocolate or teddy bears, and celebrating the fate of cupid's arrow. However for others the holiday is a painful reminder of love lost, what could have been or what could be, or a commercialized waste of money.

February 14, also known as Valentine's Day, is a day filled with swooning hearts everywhere, yet the holiday is not all roses and kisses for people who are single. Seeing what seems like the entirety of the world with a significant other can leave singles everywhere feeling left out and lonely.

"It's a reminder that I'm single and not with someone" said senior Park Sehgal.

Because of Valentine's Day's focus on the glorification of the importance of relationships, many people feel left out or

mocked by the day of love.

The media illuminates relationships in commercials, ads, and sales, and has somehow lost sight of what the holiday is truly all about. According to Christian folklore, the holiday originates with the Saint Valentinus, Valentine for short. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying soldiers who weren't allowed to wed at the time. Due to his crimes against the Roman Empire, he was persecuted, and in a final letter written, the Saint signed the letter, "Your Valentine." Since the persecution of Saint Valentine, his feast day, is celebrated on February 14, Valentine's Day.

Over the years the once "holy" holiday celebrated by Christians has turned into a "Hallmark Holiday" known for the commercialization of love and sex appeal. Valentine's Day has evolved into a time for buying cards, stuffed animals, and chocolate to prove affection, and not a holiday to show affection by good deeds or heartfelt letters.

"It sets unrealistic expectations (hoping to find a significant other and get gifts from your significant other just because it's Valentine's Day), [it is a] heteronormative [holiday], [it only] focuses on one type of relationship," said senior Jenna

Baruch.

Showing love for someone should not just take place on one day. Oftentimes, Valentine's Day is seen as a wake up call to show love on one day and then ignore the whole point of Valentine's Day for the rest of the year, until the cycle repeats itself. True and genuine love is shown on a day-to-day basis in small things, like a good morning text, a call, a surprise dinner, or even an adventure - not in how many presents you can buy for someone. Love should be shown 24/7, three hundred and sixty five days of the year.

"I think that if you're going to show your significant other love tell them how much you care and how happy they make you," said senior Lindsay Horen.

The purpose of Valentine's Day has been forgotten the purpose being to show love for someone like Saint Valentine did through complete and utter selflessness, not through Hallmark cards and Russel Stover chocolates. When looking back on fond memories in life, which will be a fonder memory? The delicious box of chocolates received from a significant other, or the memories of time well spent and love shared?

-Mevie Henderson

Seniors of the Month



Alli Krahe

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" -Wayne Gretsky.

-Michael Scott

Hero: Chrissy Teigen

Favorite Meme: Dog memes

Favorite Movie: *Inside Out*

Spirit Animal: Sting Ray

If your life was a movie, who would play you? Miley Cyrus

Do you believe in aliens? Yes, duh



Ashley Waller

"HOYYAH! So Extra!"

If you could go back in time, what decade would you live in? Early 2000s were lit!!!

Hero: Rachel Mathew

If your life was a movie, who would play you?

Me, literally no one is as extra as myself.

Do you believe in aliens? Heck ya boi!!!

Favorite TV Show: Bojack Horseman



Justin Homassel

"No, a bed." The Blind Side

Intended Major: Aero-chemical Astro-economics

If you could go back in time, what decade would you want to live in? 1770's

Favorite Actor: Shrek

Favorite Band: Gaudy Orange

Spirit Animal: Tabby Cat

Hero: Ken Cooley



Rachel Mathew

"Rawr XD"

If your life was a movie, who would play you? Gabby Fairley

Do you believe in aliens? That's like asking if I like eating. OF COURSE.

Favorite Band:
CHS Marching Band

Favorite Movie:
Narnia

Hero:
Ashley Waller

Nickname:
Ratch



Shawn Atmar

"Snakes in the grass, keep mowing."
-Wiz Khalifa

If your life was a movie, who would play you?

Aziz Ansari

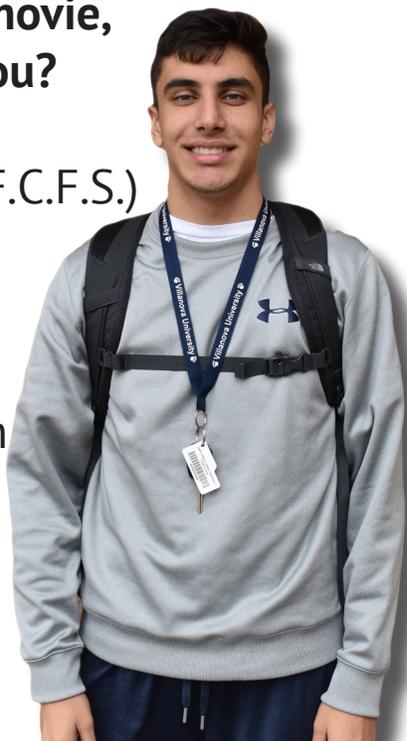
Hero: Sam Joyce (F.C.F.S.)

Favorite Meme:
Evil Kermit

Dream Vacation:
Xbox on the beach

Favorite Band:
Fame on Fire

Do you believe in aliens? Obviously



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Elijah White

"Diamonds McFlurry. Woah."

If your life was a movie, who would play you? Betty White

Spirit Animal: Goat

Favorite Movie:
The Iron Giant

Dream Vacation:
Abu Dhabi

Favorite Actor:
Morgan Freeman

Favorite Band:
Migos

Hero:
Jimmy Buckets



Seniors of the Month

Photos By: Shalini Malhotra

Bringing Back the Classics

Centennial's theatre department puts on *Hello Dolly*

The Centennial theatre department is breaking away from contemporary style musicals and heading into the realm of classical musicals, those produced in the twentieth century. *Hello Dolly* will be Centennial's first classical musical to be produced by Kathryn Carlsen, the theatre director, since 2013.

Carlsen said she decided

foremost showcase my students, as well as tell a story that is both interesting and engaging."

Even with other musicals floating around Carlsen's mind, she said she chose *Hello Dolly* because "it is vital for students to see that the themes and characters are relatable and universal."

Along with Carlsen's anticipation of this show,

en the position as costume head for this production. He claimed this will be an opportunity to push his creativity as a costume designer.

Junior Sydney Grossman shared that she is "pumped" to be a part of the first classical musical she has been casted in. Grossman enjoys "the beautifully written musical pieces that showcase huge ranges."

Similarly, Miguel Fernandez, a senior, appreciates the nostalgic ballads and big dance numbers. "The character choices

I make have to be bigger, since acting in classical musicals are more closely associated with vaudeville acting than a contemporary musical would require," stated Fernandez.

Centennial is lucky to have students who are confident in themselves and make bold choices in order to add an extra element to the performances.

Senior Paulina Balderas said, "*Hello Dolly* is all about elegance." Balderas further shared that "actors

must have straight backs, chins held high, and big poofy dresses!"

This style of musical is new for many students, like Grossman and Balderas. It is a challenge for those who have been in several contemporary productions because students are familiar with the modern style, but now it is the actors' and actresses' jobs to research the Classical Era so Carlsen's vision will easily come to life on the stage.

Several students have previous experience in classical shows, including sophomore Noah Katz.

Katz shared his favorite memory from performing in a classical musical: "I was in *Fiddler on the Roof* and got to be a part of the musical number 'To Life.' Every night we had the show it was the most epically happy number I have ever been in."

Abby Zoller-Gritz, a sophomore, feels that participation in the musical will be a memorable time.

"All of the people who did this show in high school can reminisce on the experience."

-Abby Vall



to produce a classical musical "to expose the students and the community to a variety of shows."

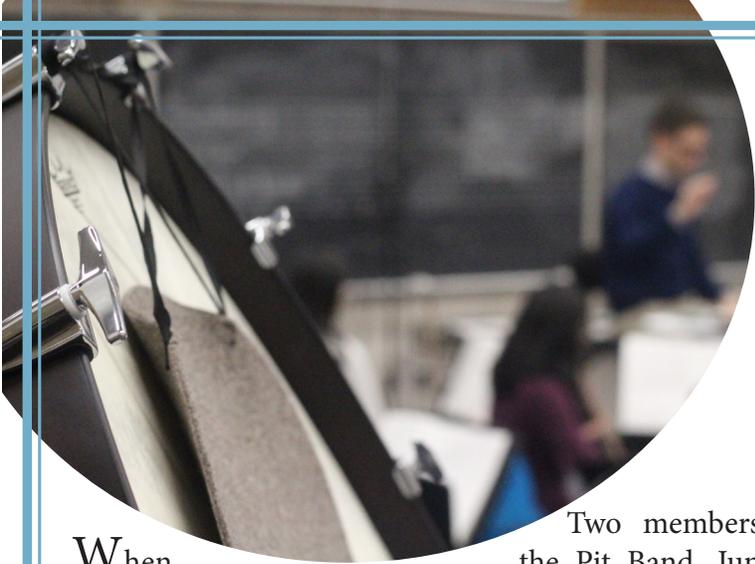
Theatre students are always curious as to what process Carlsen goes through when choosing a show, and she shared, "It is always challenging picking a show that will first and

students in the cast shared their opinions on performing in *Hello Dolly*.

Junior Dylan Chao is excited to be a part of this production. He said, "It will push me to try something new as an actor."

Chao has assisted the costume department with several shows and has tak-

Pit Band



When people think of theatre, they tend to think of all of the talent that is out on the stage, including the dancers, the singers, and the choreographers. But sometimes, audience members miss one of the most talented parts of the production - the musicians in front of the stage playing the music in between scenes.

A mix between brass, strings, and percussion musicians make up Centennial's Pit Band. This year's Pit Band includes 26 students, and the band will be performing in the production of *Hello Dolly* on March 23-26.

The Pit Band meets every Friday and practices for two hours per session.

Two members of the Pit Band, Junior Miles Scharff (guitar) and Senior Siri Neerchal (violin) shared what they enjoy about Pit Band.

"My favorite part about being in Pit Band has to be that it is the first time where I have been in a group where the instrumentation is a secondary focus, and the primary focus being the actors," said Scharff.

Neerchal began playing in the Pit Band her freshman year and performed in *Beauty and the Beast*. "I got involved because another violinist who was a senior told me about how much of a good time it was," she said.

According to Neerchal, the Pit Band may have to make quick changes in the

show to save the scene, and hopefully none of the audience members will notice that an error was made. The talented members of the Pit Band are putting forth all their effort to put on the best performance possible.

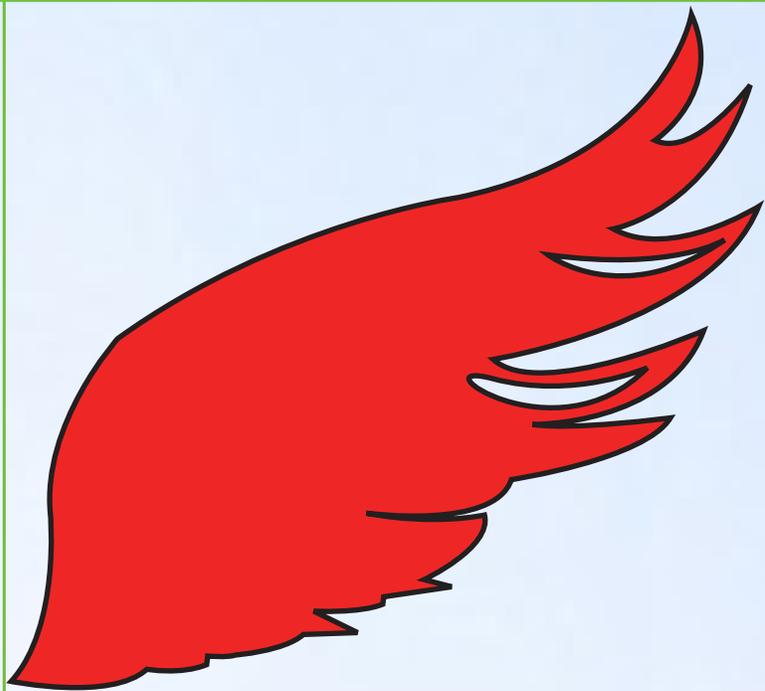
-Kieran Senisi



Hello Dolly Pit Band

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- Ashley Chu
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- Michael DeLatte
- Rainer Hlibok
- Valerie Hsieh
- Flora Jeon
- Frank Kou
- Claire Lee
- Nicole Lee
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- Alice Lin
- Ethan Lin
- Owen Marcinek
- Nicole Meister
- Swadhin Nalubola
- Siri Neerchal
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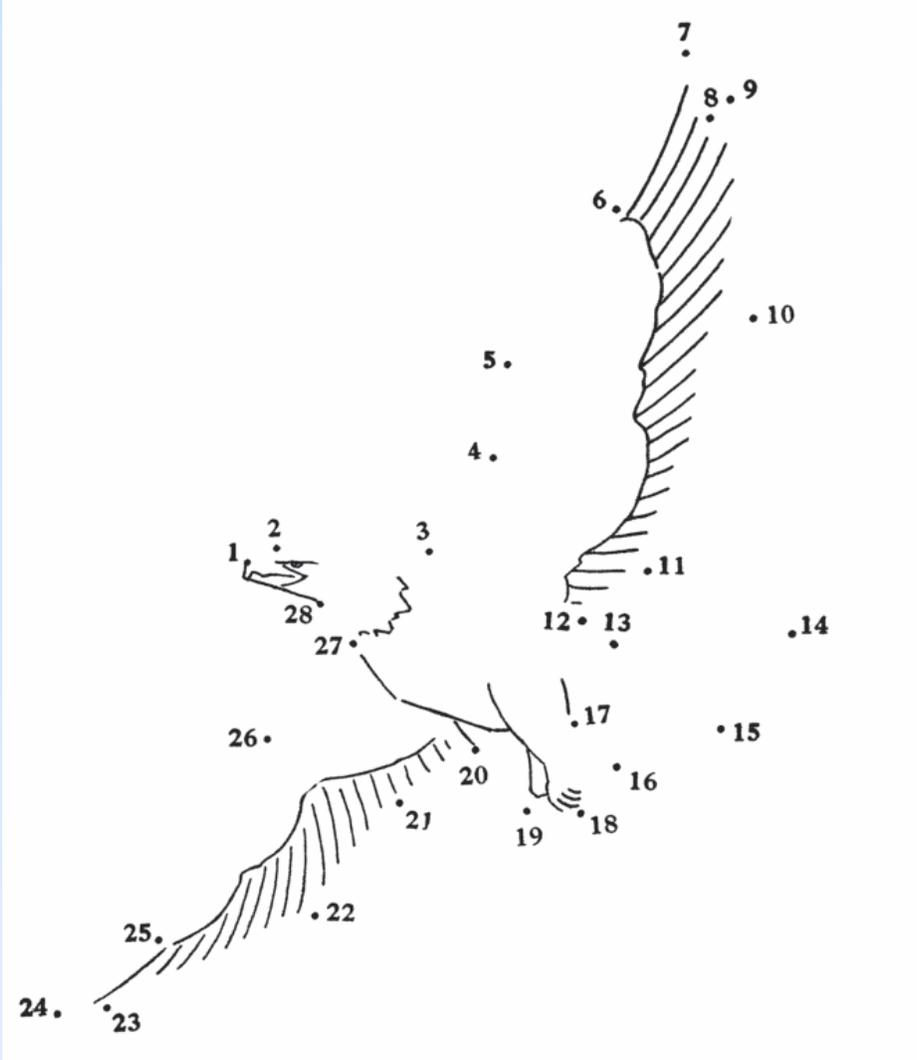
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