

Pouncing for Black Panther



Chance Hall
Del Valle High School

I think that everyone should watch the Black Panther movie when it comes out on February 18 because this is the first mostly-black superhero movie being produced by a studio as big as Marvel Cinemas. It's especially powerful when you consider the lack of non-white superheroes in the Marvel Universe that aren't side-kicks or talked over all the time. Black Panther is an anomaly in the superhero world, being the richest superhero running a country that is years, maybe decades ahead in technology compared to the rest of the world.

And how they deal with being that far ahead is also well played and written. They don't share it, keeping it hidden not because of selfishness and greed of the people of Wakanda, the country that the hero runs, but because of colonization and the greed of others. Black Pan-

ther exists to stop greed and corruption from getting its hands onto the best technology and resources on the planet and being used for harm.

Not only is the storyline rich, but this movie showcases so many different facets of being black. Not only are there black men, but there are powerful black women playing multiple roles, making up a majority of the cast.

All in all, the fact that Marvel is making a serious movie involving a majority black cast gives me excitement. I can be excited in the fact that I know that I'll see representation for myself in this big media chain, that it's not mocking or downplaying me for being black, but it's showing me characters I can relate to better being these amazing people, and that's the real power behind this. If we can give out representation to everyone, everyone can feel like this. If Black Panther is a success, Marvel may start thinking about heroes of other descents. There could be a Hispanic hero, a Sikh hero, a hero that can represent someone who may not have had that representation earlier.

That's why you should support Black Panther. Because if Black Panther works, what's to say that another non-white hero won't?

Walking Pneumonia



SaNaya White
Ann Richards

Sick and still moving around? Walking around with pneumonia? Kind of but no. Walking pneumonia is described as a mild case of pneumonia that is typically caused by a bacterium called Mycoplasma pneumonia. A reason it is called walking pneumonia is because people who have it may continue to go to work, or school as if they had a common cold. They do not feel the need to stay in bed or go to the hospital. Anyone can get this walking pneumonia, it spreads through sneezing and coughing. Some symptoms are chest pains, coughs that may become

violent, flu-like symptoms like fever and chills, sore throat, tiredness, headache, and weakness. This past week and weekend, I had been feeling like I had just a cold with sneezing and a runny nose until it got to the point where I could not breath and my asthma was being affected every few hours and my coughs became hacking coughs. I stayed home the last two days of the school week and had to make an immediate doctor appointment. My doctor told me that I had walking pneumonia and it was funny because I last had it 2 years before, literally, exactly 2 years before. I was prescribed to take pills 3 times a day and to take a treatment every 4 hours. Majority of my time recovering was spent on the couch because I felt to weak to move or even eat. About 3 days after being diagnosed, I began to feel better and move around more. Walking pneumonia may catch hold if you 2 weeks before you actually feel the symptoms. Walking pneumonia is serious, but I fought it and walked it off.

Girl Scout Fun Facts



Ava Roberts
Pflugerville M. S.

This cookie season, I thought it would be fun to learn and share fun facts about Girl Scouts. Since cookie customers have found the information to be very interesting, I will share some of the fun facts with you. I hope that you enjoy learning more about Girl Scouts!

Fun Facts

- Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) is the largest leadership organization for girls in the world.
- There are 2.7 million girl and adult members worldwide.
- Juliette Gordon Low founded the first Girl Scout

troop on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia.

· Girl Scouts celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2012.

· More than 59 million American women have participated in Girl Scouts during their childhood.

· Famous Girl Scout alumnae: Taylor Swift, Mariah Carey, Gwyneth Paltrow, Dakota Fanning, Venus Williams, Serena Williams, Katie Couric, Barbara Walters, Robin Roberts, and nearly every female astronaut who has flown in space.

· The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in the world.

· Girl Scouts sell about 200 million boxes of cookies each cookie season.

· When a Girl Scout sells you cookies, she's building a lifetime of essential leadership, success, and life skills and confidence!

· Thin Mints are the most popular variety of Girl Scout Cookies.

Austin's Premiere Family Event, Celebrating Black History

Sun February 18 @ 4:00 pm | 5:30 pm



A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY!

Join us for our 10th production! Our cast consists of dancers ages 5 through adult. Our cast represent Austin, Manor, Round Rock, Pflugerville, Leander, Cedar Park, Dallas and San Antonio. There is no other production like this in the city of Austin. Come and be inspired! If you're not careful, you will even learn something!

"Black Art Matters" Art Show/ Fundraiser

Sat February 17th
7:00 pm | 10:00 pm

"Black Art Matters" is Austin Justice Coalition's (AJC) inaugural art show/fundraiser to end this year's Black Unity Week. "Black Art Matters" aims to be an art show that highlights criminal justice, social justice and the Black Lives Matters movement.

In addition to an art show, there will be a silent auction where each artist would donate one piece and the proceeds from that would be apart of the fundraiser portion for AJC. Artists will keep their sales from all of their other pieces as we hope to encourage economic sup-



port of local Black artists.

The featured artists for the this inaugural event include:

- Aimée Everett
- Adrian Armstrong
- Arielle Austin
- Arius Holifield
- Ryan Runcie
- Anthony V. Patterson
- Dionte Rembert
- Samara Barks
- #BlackArtMatters



Free! ATX Youth Summit 2018: A Celebration of Teen Creativity

Monday,
February 19th
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Women in Jazz Association, Inc. and the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department will host the ATX Youth Summit 2018 on Monday, February 19 at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina Street from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration begins at 8:00 am. The Summit is free to the public.

The purpose of the ATX Youth Summit 2018 project is to provide an artistic learning experience for Austin youth between the ages

of 7 and 18 by having them participate in the following activities;

SaulPaul: A Musician with a Message

- Dancing Sade Jones

- Let's Make a Film with the Capital City Black Film Festival

- Totally Cool, Totally Art

- Make a Brighter Future with Vision Boards

- Singers' Performance Workshop - Live Music and Karaoke

Lunch and snacks are provided - register online.

This project is supported in part by the Cultural Arts Division of the City of Austin Economic Development Department. Women in Jazz sponsors are the City of Austin, City Parks and Recreation Department, Heartbeat Productions, IBM, McDonald's Corporation, Austin Chronicle, Austin Revitalization Authority, The Villager Newspaper, and Soulcity.com.

Technology Class



Joshua Moore
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For the past week we have been working on making a hot air balloon and how they fly. We have also been talking about why

people use a hot air balloon. Since we were talking about hot air balloons, my teacher decided to make us make a hot airballoon out of simple materials.

For this project we decided to use a cotton ball and nail polish to catch on fire. We are also going to use bamboo sticks as the base to hold it, and a bag for the hot air to get trapped in. If there is not enough fire our group is going to bring a lot of candles instead of the cotton ball idea so that there is more hot air going into the trash bag. If you had to build a hot are balloon what would you do?

Robotics Update



Quinn Langford
Cedar Ridge H. S.

It has been a full month since the rules for the 2018 FIRST {For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology} Robotics Competition were released. With just six weeks in total to build a robot from scratch, the deadline is quickly approaching, but my team, team 2881, the Lady Cans of Austin, Texas, has been making pretty good time. We always build two robots so we can keep one to practice with before a competition, and the first robot is basically done.

Our goal was to have it built in three weeks, so technically we're behind, but other parts of the team are ahead. The programming team, which I

am a member of, has already programmed all the basics, and is just working on automated features, which do not require human input, and some other fine-tuning details. This is a big step up from last year, when we felt a little panicked. Programming is going so well this year for a number of reasons: we have a much bigger programming team than last year, we have added new mentors who are dedicated and very helpful, we're much more organized, and we switched the language we program in to a more common language with more resources available.

Every year, the team submits an essay for an award called Chairman's that is given to a role model team. In previous years, team members have stayed up late right before the deadline for submittal working on it, but this year, the Chairman's group got the bulk of it done early so that they could just edit and fine-tune it in the days leading up to the deadline.

So, overall, I'm proud of the progress our team has made thus far.