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# Old pathway becomes new sidewalk!



Current construction and developement of the new sidewalk in front of McLarty-Goodson.

Get ready for a new sidewalk!

You know that dirt path students, professors, staff and community have created to get to the side door of MG that stems from beside the Bell Tower? It is now becoming its own sidewalk!

They have already started working on it, and the construction is supposed to be done and usable by Monday.

According to a current sophomore, they like the idea of the new sidewalk because "pythagorean theorum makes me feel like the is walk shorter." Now you won't have to worry about sinking into the mud after rain, and maybe your walk will feel a little shorter too. Enjoy your upcoming sidewalk, making campus just a little more beautiful!

### Registration **Information**

It's that time of the year again! Registration is just around the corner, so don't forget to meet with your advisors if you haven't already done so. Plan those schedules! Remember, you must be cleared to do so by your advisor.

Currently, registration times are based on current hours earned (Spring 2023 credits do not count), not year in college. You can view your major, class code, and current earned hours on my.brevard.edu. Head to My Academic Info to

To add classes or plan your schedule, head to mybrevard.edu once again. Log in and click on the students tab. Then go to the left hand side and you'll see the add/drop courses category. Select that, and you're ready to plan and register for classes!

Seniors (92+ credits earned): Monday, March 27, begins 7a.m.

Juniors (60-91 credits earned): Tuesday, March 28, begins 7a.m.

Sophomores (28-59 credits earned): Wednesday, March 29, begins 7a.m.

Freshmen (0-27 credits earned): Thursday, March 30, begins 7a.m.



### **Movie Review**

### **'Cocaine Bear' massive flop?**

By Aaron Butts Staff Writer

"Cocaine Bear" is one of the new movies of 2023, and I'll be the first to tell you if you haven't seen it, then do not waste your money on a trip to the theater to see this film. Although it is based on a very true story of a black bear in Blood Mountain, GA who got its paws on some cocaine. And of course consumed it because what else would a bear do? The movie did not follow the actual story whatsoever. The true and simplified story is that the bear ate it and died.

Now that being said, the idea behind a movie for this whole situation has a lot of potential. A problem that I had was that it was advertised as a comedy/thriller and didn't really live up to the hype to say the least. To be completely honest with you there was very minimal, maybe even just one whole scene with a comedic aspect. Going into the film I was really expecting to leave with a lot of smiles and laughter, and it seems that I am not the only one who was dissatisfied by this movie. It has a whopping 6.1/10 IMDB rating as well as a 68% overall on Rotten Tomatoes.

The plot was also never really working for me. It involves illegal drug trafficking, then branches off into a mother looking for her lost child, and a park ranger trying to seduce her boss. All of this was happening while the bear just kept getting fed cocaine and people. Oh, and when I say it showed every detail and was super gory, it literally showed every detail and was super gory.

So if you're expecting a bear just really high on cocaine, and kind of acting like Baloo from "The Jungle Book" in the woods then don't see this movie. But I get it, some folks have to judge it for themselves. Just remember to don't show this one to your kids. For me, "Cocaine Bear" gets a solid 1/5 stars.





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# Empowering fictional women for you to recognize this month

By Savannah Anderson Staff Writer

Now that we're over three weeks into March, I believe we should recognize the fictional female characters that we looked up to as young women and appreciate all that they have taught us. There are princesses, main characters, book leads, and so many others that inspired us as children.

The first person that comes to mind in regards to strong female characters to me is Rapunzel from "Tangled." I know a lot of women who even today consider her to be one of their favorite Disney princesses. She taught us to chase our dreams even if they can be risky, as well as exiting toxic situations when presented with an opportunity to get out.

Another Disney princess is easily Tiana from "The Princess and the Frog." She came from poverty as well as being a minority in a large city. She came from very little and worked her

way all the way up to owning her own business proving that women can also be business owners and hard workers.

Hermoine Granger from both the "Harry Potter" book and movie series proves time and time again that women can be just as smart, if not smarter than men. A lot of media depictions are of strong or intelligent males in lead roles, so Hermoine is a nice exception to that norm. She has proven to be top of her class and witty in more ways than one, while also having the strength to fight for her and her friends' lives.

There are so many more women that we looked up to as kids. Jessie from the show "Jessie," Junie B. Jones, Ally Dawson, Lavagirl from "The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl," and Taylor McKessie from "High School Musical." But the last one I want to talk about is Hannah Montana. Hannah Montana had

lessons in many of her episodes and the movie as well, all revolving around the importance of family and friendship. She also showed young women that we could do anything we set our minds to even if it was as big as being a rock star.

We looked up to these women as kids and saw them do things many of us were told ww couldn't do. All of these characters showed us reality mixed with fantasy. A lot of us don't even realize the impact that these movies, shows, and books had on us.

It's Women's History Month, and although these characters aren't real, they embody each and every one of us. They are the way that people perceive women through the media. Let's not forget all the lessons that they taught us from text to screen.





### Weekly Horoscopes

By Anna Ervin Co-Editor in Chief

For *Aries*, this week is a time of new beginnings! Don't be afraid to start a new project, make some new friends, or start a new relationship. You may be reemerging from a stagnant time, so things are about to blossom.

*Taurus*, this week may bring on some big emotions. Don't let this lead to self destructive behavior. Some things are out of your control, and that's okay.

*Gemini*, has choices this week. There are lovely things that surround you, so will you stay planted in safety or take that chance? This week is a good week for you to make those big decisions.

*Cancer*, this week you may find yourself having very high standards for something, leading you to miss the opportunities already in front of you. You may feel hurt or guarded, but you can't let yourself get in the way of the bigger picture.

*Leos*, you've got a week of big healing and spiritual growth. Think good thoughts, especially in matters of the heart. Your cup runneth over; embrace it.

*Virgo*, you're very comfortable where you are this week. This could be to the point of inflexibility and stagnance though. Be a bit more open, and let go of your control before it entangles you.

*Libra*, this may be a hard week for you. Keep in mind what you love most, and you'll pull through. You have a system of support, so don't be afraid to ask for help.

*Scorpio*, change is inevitable, so avoiding it can be counterproductive. Things are happening whether or not you like it, so why not embrace the new era?

This week, *Sagittarius*, you may be feeling emotionally insecure. Put some others first, and make sure you're treasuring those people

in your life. Putting yourself first is good, but make sure you're making room for others to shine too.

*Capricorns*, consider taking it slow this week. You've put a lot on your plate, and if you keep going like this you're going to burn yourself out. It's okay to rest, whether that be napping or doing something for yourself.

Aquarius, if you're feeling unsatisfied, it's time to reevaluate your goals. This cycle of dissatisfaction could come to an end, but that needs change on your part. Find things that you're passionate about and really put in the time and effort to be reliable.

*Pisces*, patience is not a virtue if you're being patient forever. Take some action, spark some fires. This week you should consider trying something new. Talk with someone new. Stop waiting for an opportunity to come directly to you!



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# The Silent Rockstar Vol. 9: Rough Test 1–2

By Isaiah Collison Copy Editor

It was once said The Silent Rockstar doesn't have any friends and only has family. He trusted few outsiders to solidify during hard times. Anything made of black space matter, naturally, knows what matters. And right now, it is imperative that Tsr tells his audience the truth.

I'll start like this. Earth isn't making people like she used to, but it's not her fault they are not dependable. Sometimes I'm having to put three eyes on individuals to make up for this fact. But any Iceman Turban<sup>1</sup> knows such is life. I enjoy giving more chances. Even if it feels goofy to get another headache after forgiving. You could call my love lenient and unorthodox.

What is a rough patch? A Band-Aid. When you put on a Band-Aid, does it cover your whole body? No. Even if that bandage is the roughest and stickiest of them all, it cannot impact your whole body if you still focus on overall health. What am I saying beyond the metaphor? Your brain may be ready to throw in the towel, so you must train it to see light and not darkness. This requires icy concentration?! To have tunnel vision's blinders deadlocked on success is acceleration to write home about, for this breed, type-A drive³, will never die.

It is during these unfortunate times that true colors will reflect like beams directly from hearts that either brighten or darken paths. Take this time to meditate on the truth and understand how to move forward without some people. Blunt talk tells us that not every player can dodge the wave of mandatory cuts on pro teams. I should remind you that tryouts never stop, for anyone can drop. The circumstances do not forgive so if I was to lie, that would be a disservice to you.

~Do you really love your life? During rough patches you must evaluate how much you do. If you smoke blunts, I question whether you love yourself at all. Smoking nicotine to your deathbed is a nightmare, not a healthy aspiration. Every time you puff you're like, whew, dead by sixty-three. Whew, dead by sixty-two! Whew, dead by sixty-two! Same goes for hard liquor,

sugar, painkillers...ahh we're all sick. What do you want me to do? It had to be said and I said it before.~

Although you have emerged from previous tests victorious, prepare for a down season. Bears must hibernate each winter because they are not above the environment. The reason why is not complex. Storms are merciless! They are free and have no binds they are restricted by; bears must stay down for the duration. Do not confuse running and ducking for cover with staying down.

Imagine this in some lyrics.

Comfort is a sickness that is best handled by a jury who won't stand to witness. The storm that's fast approaching makes true survival of the fittest.

Recharge your brain when it's drained from too much pain. Don't quit, don't pull it, run into battle; face the bullet.

Remember! The cream of the crop is the warrior on top. From the first, to the last bleeding drop.

Seagulls steal grub. Some things weren't meant to be. Take the experience personally. Life is about overcoming and hard lessons have fees.

Watch the film back when you tumble; feel the lesson and be humble. Funny how gossip is on the side under bleachers. Look.

But only concern yourself with the opinion of your teachers, not the likes of those who have hearts of dead creatures.

In your sleep be ever hearing on your knees, and don't be troubled by your nightmares or quick to jump at dreams. Find out what they drive at; if it's negativity go back in and dye that.

Killas after flesh continue working as mercenaries rejecting the honor that a veteran

carries. The influence of demons burdens like a thick, cheesy dairy. Bear the storm; then find the gem ahead the wind just unburied.

Your shame can be used just like shame used you. Shame is seed of Lie Master, it calls him Padukes. Charge humiliation like a madman yelling out of your chest. Instructions on the mic test: Rough test 1–2.

<sup>1</sup> Iceman Turban ||Def. A person with the ability to remain calm when everything is exploding

<sup>2</sup> Icy concentration ||Def. Laser-like focus that is immune distractions

<sup>3</sup>Type-A drive ||Def. The type of acceleration and maintenance of speed needed to surpass all losers and B-team players



# Ohtani? Oh-Yes! Japan Takes WBC Crown; Shotime! Japan Tops U.S, Takes Third WBC Title

By Brady Penn Staff Writer

Anyone who follows baseball knows how monumental Shohei Ohtani already is in the baseball world. For two weeks, entering the World Baseball Classic, Ohtani had a chance to add on to his already lengthy resume.

Playing for his homeland, Japan, Ohtani and his team came in seeking a championship. However, many elite teams were going to be at the forefront of this tournament.

For those unfamiliar, the WBC is sort of the Fifa World Cup, but for baseball. 16 different nations took part in pool play, then down to 8, followed by a semifinal, then the championship.

Since last year, pundits were raving about the team from the Dominican Republic. With all-world players such as Juan Soto, Julio Rodriguez, Manny Machado and others, it was hard not to. Other squads, such as Mexico and Venezuela, had a good chance.

However, it seemed destined that two teams would end up facing off for all of the marbles, and that is exactly what happened. Team USA, the reigning champion, and Ohtani's Japan. The two teams took both different and similar paths.

For Japan, they had the advantage in the pitching department, with guys like Ohtani, one of the best in the world, and Japanese studs like Roki Sasaki. For the Americans, a star-studded lineup from top to bottom with the likes of Trea Turner, Mike Trout and Mookie Betts.

To start things off, Japan won all four games in pool play by a combined margin of 38-8 over China, Korea, Czech Republic and Australia. It was apparent early on that Japan was one of the tournament's top players, aiming for their first crown since 2009.

For America, they were sweating it out in pool play up until the final game. After a 6-2 victory over Great Britain, the Americans got bludgeoned by Mexico 11-5. The U.S answered with a blowout victory over Canada, but still needed a win in the fourth and final pool play game.

They got just that, with a 3-2 victory over Colombia, narrowly edging their way out of the group stage. In the quarterfinals, the U.S. drew Venezuela, led by Atlanta Braves star Ronald Acuña Jr. and Minnesota Twins star Luis Arraez.

Trailing 7-5 in the 8th inning, things looked bleak for the Red, White and Blue. Suddenly, the bases were loaded, and Trea Turner launched a Grand Slam to catapult himself into folk hero status.

The next evening in the semifinals, team USA drew Cuba. After trailing early on, it was all America, and the squad ran away with a 14-2 victory to advance to the championship, headlined by two more Trea Turner Home Runs.

For the Japanese, they had their first real runin with adversity after the group stage. After a 9-3 victory over Italy, it was a final four bout against Mexico. Trailing early on 3-0, Japan was able to tie the game, but gave the lead right back up.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, trailing by a run with Ohtani on second and Ukyo Shuto on first, Munetaka Murakami ripped a ball into the gap. Scoring all the way from first with blazing speed, Shuto came in as the winning run, and Japan made it into the title game for a heavyweight battle against the Americans.

In the championship game, at LoanDepot Park in Miami, Team USA struck first, off of yet another Trea Turner bomb, his fifth of the tournament, a new WBC All-Time Record for an American player. After that, it was all Japan against some shaky U.S. pitching, rattling off three runs.

There were a few chances for the Americans with runners on base, but they could not capitalize, and the game pushed forward. In the 8th inning, with the U.S. still down 3-1, Kyle Schwarber worked a 10 pitch at bat and finished it off with a moonshot to right field, cutting the lead to one.

Japan saved their best for last in the ninth inning, and brought in the greatest player in the world to pitch the final three outs. Shohei Ohtani came in to face three of the game's best hitters, Jeff Mcneil, Mookie Betts and Shohei's Angels teammate, Mike Trout.

After a tough leadoff walk for Jeff Mcneil,

Mookie Betts immediately grounded into a double play, and the U.S was down to their final out, with the most dramatic finish you can imagine.

Arguably the two greatest players in the world facing off in Trout and Ohtani. Four MVPs between the two, and both teammates on the Los Angeles Angels. For all the glory. Only two outcomes seemed possible. Either a Trout Home Run to tie it, or an Ohtani strikeout to finish off Team USA.

Trout took a few 100+ mile per hour pitches, and worked his way to a full count. Ohtani dropped the speed down, hitting Trout with an 87 MPH slider, and Trout whiffed.

Just like that, in a clash of titans, both teamwise and the matchup at the plate, Japan became World Champions. A title game for the ages, and a tournament for the ages.

Record numbers in viewers came with the WBC in 2023, including the title game likely being the most-watched baseball game of all time.

Baseball is reviving folks, and I highly recommend you all start tuning in to America's beautiful pastime.

