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## *She Asked for It: the Pain of Victim-Blaming*

By Kierra Richardson

The common phrase *she asked for it* has been passed around from generation to generation, allowing victim-blaming to continue. Rape has increased tremendously over the years. People often go straight to the point of what the victim was wearing, was it too short or long? This reveals the belief that what a victim was wearing caused the rape to occur, meaning that some believe that a women's clothing gave the partner consent to rape her. "The saying *she asked for it* is a horrible phrase. Nobody ever asked to be raped, and getting raped is a traumatic event that the victim should never be blamed for," senior Montana Mitchell-Jones said.

Victim-blaming can be subtle. There are many ways people have blamed victims without even realizing it. "Victim-blaming is so common because rapists need to have a reason to blame their actions on someone else," Montana Mitchell-Jones said. In courtrooms, we see a defense attorney lecturing the victim on what they were wearing and their actions, implying that it caused the rape to make their client innocent. The clothing a victim is wearing is usually questioned by many to prove a point. Many argue that shouldn't be a justification for sexual violence against someone. "Women should have the right to wear what they want without being harassed or sexually abused," junior Kamora Gray stated.

Clothing is a creative statement of who a person is and what they like. However, it is not used to confirm that a person asked for rape. "I think clothing can make people feel good about themselves and confident," senior Kimora Farrar explained. "I think victim-blaming is so common because women get blamed for how they dress, their



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attitude, and just existing. For example, if a situation occurred of a woman rejecting a man, and it ended badly, people would look at the situation and say well what did she do to provoke him, as if it was her fault."

Another big issue is being taken advantage of with things like alcohol or drugs. Whether someone is legal drinking age or not, it still doesn't give anyone free range over his or her body without consent. Depending on the state of residence, teens may not be able to give legal consent. According to Maryland Code, criminal law 3-308, a child must be at least 16 years old to consent. Many believe kids fail to realize what they are getting themselves into going to parties with people who they don't fully know and who only take interest in someone under the influence. Despite that, it still isn't the victim's fault, under Maryland's law, someone isn't able to consent after having a drink even if they aren't drunk. Trying to pursue something sexual with someone who has had a drink is illegal in Maryland and not the way to go.

Victims feel responsible after being blamed for rape cases by people who they thought would have their backs. This then leads to even more victims not speaking up or get-

ting justice. Victims tend to take it out on themselves, believing it was something wrong with them or something they did wrong, when realistically it wasn't their fault in any way.

Rape stereotypes are created with the false beliefs about sexual assaults, rapists, and rape victims. These stereotypes influence general perceptions of victims and whether they are believable. Some argue that the world favors boys for justifying the things they do with comments like, *boys will be boys*, stating that sexual assault is fine because of the simple fact that he's a boy. "I think the term *boys will be boys* is based simply around gender stereotypes," Montana Mitchell-Jones explained. "The world is based on misogyny, so using that term justifies the wrongdoings of boys. It also teaches boys that they can basically do whatever they want and not face consequences, yet as women we have to be the ones at the end of that and just accept the treatment. This term should be taken out of everyone's vocabulary indefinitely."

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused, reach out to a friend, family member, or trusted adult. Crisis Text Line can help you deal with sexual abuse. Reach a Crisis Counselor by texting HOME to 741741. The National Sexual Assault Hotline is available 24 hours at 1-800-656-

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### A Rising Senior Athlete

By Kierra Richardson



*Varsity basketball player Jordan Smith, wearing the white jersey number twelve, running out for warmups*

Here at Franklin, we have students who excel, but how many of those actually do sports as well? I can tell you that's the case for Jordan Smith, a senior on the Varsity Boys Basketball team who is exceptionally talented. Jordan is breaking boundaries with maintaining his grades while dedicating his time and effort to basketball.

Jordan's love for basketball started in third grade after watching numerous videos of Kobe Bryant on YouTube. "It inspired me to learn much more, not only about his moves but his mentality." When people think of Kobe, they believe the Mamba Mentality that he had, which meant trying to get better everyday by trusting the hard work you put in with relentless effort and focus. The Mamba Mentality is something that runs deep for Jordan in his life. At the age of 8, Jordan started playing basketball, and that's when he found out he loved it. Throughout the years of playing basketball, it was inevitable that he'd encounter some tough coaches to play for, and even with these circumstances, Jordan was able to preserve through the challenges they posed. "When I lived in Florida 2 years ago, I had a coach who almost crushed my love for basketball," Jordan Smith explained. "No matter my effort or improvement, I was overlooked for the coaches' favorites. It felt personal, making me feel invisible if I

wasn't one of the chosen ones." All athletes have gone through a great deal of mental and physical battles that almost took them away from their sport. "There have been plenty of thoughts that go through my head telling me to quit, but my loyalty to my team is everything, and we all go through the same struggle, so quitting would only hurt the team," Jordan Smith stated.

Jordan Smith is a well-balanced senior for the class of '24 student athletes who shows prominent leadership on and off of the court. Outside of basketball, Jordan enjoys reading and listening to music, more specifically R&B music, which peaks his interest. "Other than basketball, reading and music [are my] escapes from the world's chaos," Jordan Smith said.

As life goes on, it's important to have positive role models to influence our actions and motivate us for the best. Jordan's father is an essential role model in his life who helps him with whatever he needs. "He's been a constant source of lessons," Jordan Smith described, "from the significant to the difficult times, rewarding hard work, integrity, and kindness. His support and belief in me have encouraged me to pursue my dreams even more." Jordan upholds the highest praises towards his father for making him who he is today. At any time, Jordan likes to make people laugh, even if it's people he doesn't know. Unlike others, Jordan's goals are much deeper than money, instead he wants to use his talent or platform to inspire and make a positive impact in the community.

Being on the court for Jordan is like putting on your favorite pair of noise-cancelling headphones, where you can't hear what's going on outside of what you're doing. "Basketball is my escape from the world's drama and chaos," Jordan Smith explained. "It's my passion, shaping who I am, teaching me perseverance, and allowing me to express myself. It has also built a community around me, offering joy and

resilience lessons. It's an essential part of my life, full of challenges and excitement." The court gives him a chance to step away from what he has to deal with. One of his strongest motivations is getting better for his team to win and personal goals.

After last year's tough season with only two wins, this season for Jordan is a proving season of the talent on Franklin High Boys Basketball team. With the addition of new coaches, there have been chances to improve. "We've already shown we can win more games this year, and with playoffs approaching, we aim to surprise even more people," Jordan Smith said. The focus shifted for Jordan this year. Being that it is his senior season, he changed things for the better. In practice, Jordan leads by reminding his teammates that working hard in practice benefits them in games. Jordan also encourages the team during games.

As the winter season for basketball 2023-2024 comes to an end soon, Jordan hopes the team makes it far in the playoffs, and his basketball journey continues in college, if it aligns with his education and career goals.



*Jordan Smith going up for a layup in the Franklin vs Patapsco game*

### The Crisis in Denver

By Gabrielle Unger

Since April 2022, Texas, with too many people arriving from the border, has been busing thousands of mostly-Venezuelan immigrants to major cities like Chicago, Washington D.C, New York City, etc. But it isn't these cities that are facing the biggest struggle with this influx of immigrants; it's Denver, Colorado.



Venezuelan migrants at a Denver encampment. Image from Denverite.com

With over 40,000 immigrants rapidly flowing into a city of 710,000, Denver has been housing immigrants under bridges, in migrant shelters, and in city-funded hotel rooms. Faced with unsanitary conditions on their journey there, Dr. Kristi Rodrigues said she's seen "an uptick in chicken pox and even some parasitic problems" in these immigrants (NBC News). To make matters

worse, these migrants do not have access to clothing, formula, food, diapers, and other necessities. In an attempt to combat this, good Samaritans and organizations have been bringing just enough of these products to keep these immigrants alive. USA Today reports children of these immigrants have been enrolled in school but most of the parents speak no English and are not legally licensed to work.

Denver Mayor, Mike Johnston, expects budget cuts and re-allocation to support these immigrants in getting accustomed to the city. In a conference on the matter, Johnston announced, "What is true now is we're entering into a different stage, which is without any federal support, without any work authorization, without changes to policy, we're going to have to make changes to what we can do in terms of our city budget" (*Colorado Sun*). The city will see major differences as a result of this immigrant influx. The *Colorado Sun* reports that the Denver Parks and Recreation Program will cut spring programs by 25%, and Colorado residents will no longer be able to renew vehicle registrations in person. Fortunately, NBC News claims that "in many ways, Denver has welcomed migrants in a way not seen in other cities...residents have

joined with nonprofits to donate food and clothing and even organized carpools to get new migrant students to school." Denverites are more than welcoming to these Venezuelan migrants and the changes anticipated as a result of their arrival.

This humanitarian crisis has fallen victim to partisan politics. The federal government, with a Republican majority, has refused to pass bills putting money towards the crisis in Denver and other cities receiving immigrants and will continue to refuse until Democrats "agree to a number of legislative changes to restrict immigration across the southern border" (NBC News).

Ultimately, the federal government must put politics aside and help immigrants struggling, not just in Denver, but across the country.



Tents under a Denver highway overpass. Image from cnn.com

### El Día de la Marmota

Por Stephanie Hernandez-Aguilar, Areli Sanchez-Magana, y Pamela Veiga-Chiva

Día de la Marmota, celebrado el 2 de febrero, es una festividad que arrastra consigo una rica tradición que se ha consolidado en la cultura popular, especialmente en Estados Unidos y Canadá. En el epicentro de esta celebración se encuentra la creencia arraigada de que el comportamiento de una marmota al emerger de su madriguera puede arrojar pistas sobre la duración restante del invierno. Este evento, que ha evolucionado desde sus humildes comienzos en Punxsutawney, Pensilvania, ha adquirido dimensiones nacionales e internacionales.

El protagonista indiscutible de este día es Phil, la famosa marmota de Punxsutawney,

quien se convierte en el oráculo meteorológico efímero. Según la leyenda, si Phil ve su sombra al asomarse, se auguran seis semanas más de invierno; de lo contrario, se predice una llegada temprana de la primavera. Esta premisa, aunque colinda con la superstición, se celebra con gran entusiasmo y ceremonialidad.

Las festividades del Día de la Marmota van más allá de la simple observación animal, abarcando desfiles, ceremonias y eventos comunitarios que destacan la singularidad y el folclore asociados con este día. Aunque la predicción meteorológica basada en el comportamiento de una marmota pueda parecer peculiar, el evento actúa como un

catalizador para la unión comunitaria, proporcionando un respiro ligero en medio del invierno y fomentando un sentido compartido de alegría y tradición en torno a esta peculiar celebración.



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### 6 Tips for Healthy Sleep

By Kierra Richardson

Maintaining healthy sleep has been a huge problem for many Americans due to distractions like technology making it hard to avoid sleep deprivation. Things like stress, mental health, physical illnesses, pain, medications, and irregular sleep schedule all cause insomnia. “When I’ve stayed up late, I lack the ability to focus during the day. I feel like I don’t give my best attention to what I’m doing,” senior Steffy Garcia said.

Healthy sleep is essential to the daily life of humans for good health and well-being. Based on the night before, sleep determines your mood for the next day. Growth and development takes place throughout the night for children and teens, as well as basically recharging the human body and mind, allowing them to be refreshed when waking up. “I think I’m in an overall better mood when I have a sufficient amount of sleep,” Steffy explained, “and I can focus better. I think it’s because I’m able to get more things completed, making me feel productive throughout the day.” Listed below are 6 tips for you to try in order to improve your healthy sleep.

1. A consistent routine with a set time to go to sleep is best for the human body. Trying this every night creates the normality of getting healthier sleep. However, a healthy sleep routine is unattainable if you don’t try to use the same routines frequently and wake up at different times. It is important to set alarms in order to wake up the next morning at a set time for your body to get used to it.

2. Separating yourself from all devices you possess can be beneficial to obtaining good sleep. TVs, smartphones, and laptops can make it hard to focus on sleeping. The light from technology can stop the melatonin in your body thus making you stay up longer. Turning off devices an hour before bedtime or more can definitely help with going to bed. For children, it is also recommended to use features on the smartphones such as

screen time to turn off apps at a certain time to your liking. Keep the room cool, dark, and quiet with no light.

3. Avoiding large meals and caffeine before bedtime is essential for healthy sleep as well. If your body is still digesting a bigger dinner, it can be challenging to fall asleep. “I don’t eat or drink right before bed. I stay off my phone for a while, and I try to exercise,” senior Cameron Crocker said. Overall, eating dinner at an earlier time is better. Also, limiting the amount of caffeine after 2 p.m. is needed to stop long term sleep deprivation.

4. The recommended amount of sleep each night is at least seven hours of sleep. Taking the time to change your sleep schedule is necessary for improvement of sleep. Setting a specific curfew may also benefit you by establishing a time for you or your family to go to sleep everyday. “I got to sleep around 10 pm,” Cameron Crocker explains.

“because that’s normally how many hours I need to feel productive during the next day because I wake up early.” If you aren’t able to fall asleep within a certain amount of time, it’s best to simply leave the bedroom and start partaking in something else until you are tired.

5. Taking a shorter amount of naps throughout the day helps keep your schedule on track. Taking a long nap late in the day may compromise your schedule. A 20-25 minute nap after lunch in the early afternoon is the best time.

6. As people, we all have many issues impacting us that are on our mind before we go to bed. Before bedtime try different ways of getting things off of your mind by writing it down for the next day or talking it out. Remember that there is always tomorrow for things to happen and be solved. Stay organized, set priorities, and don’t wait till the last minute to finish work.



Six beneficial tips of what to do for healthy sleep and six more of what to avoid.  
Photo from [comprehensivesleepcare.com](http://comprehensivesleepcare.com)

### Papers vs. Devices in the Classrooms

By Kierra Richardson



*Photo from thesoutherneronline.com*

Schools often began class with the classic use of paper and pencils to follow along with the lesson, but as technology advancements came, devices were the new tools. Devices in school are mini laptops, specifically Chromebooks, that have most of the lesson plan on Schoology and a wide range of apps.

Ever since devices have been introduced, they have been extremely beneficial to everyone. The aspect of learning online is simple for this new generation, being that they've grown up with technology. Learning on devices is more engaging, inclusive, and gives teachers many different ways to teach from. "It has made a lot of teaching easier, and just makes a lot more knowledge available," Dylan Bauer, student-teacher at Silver Creek HS said. Teachers save the time they usually take to pass out papers when it's already online. When a student is sick, they are able to easily access the work posted online from the class they missed. Teachers are given easy access to instructional tools that don't bore the students. Grading is a key benefit for teachers to not have to go through tons of different papers to grade, but easily checking online. Schoology even automatically grades some tests depending on the type. This feature is a life saver for teachers to manage their time on planning and grading. Overall, teachers can quickly give feedback on assignments and easily. Parents also benefit from Schoology by being able to check their children's grades at any time they want with simply just their log in codes. There

are always going to be some students who receive their grades and crumble the paper up to hide it from their parents. However, with the addition of devices, grades are just as well posted online to show parents. The continued communication between both parents and teachers helps the student to figure out what the next steps are to improve. Features like Go Guardian have been introduced to watch what students are doing on the devices, making sure it is highly appropriate. "I think that when it comes to efficiency, devices are more productive," senior Jocelyn Butts explained. "Especially taking sick or snow days in account. I know for me personally, I have missed days, but I was still able to submit my work, so I really think it's beneficial having access to the technology."

Devices look like the perfect thing on the outside to use in the classroom but many malfunctions have occurred over the years. Many argue that technology with internet access is distracting and hard for students to focus in the classroom when using it. "I didn't get a Master's in Education to go around and monitor students' use [of iPads], it just feels like a waste," Justelle Grandsaert, teacher at Silver Creek High School said. Cheating has become a problem when students are completing tests and work online since students may look up answers online. To use a device in class it must be charged, which is hard for the average student to remember with the many things they have going on. Even for a child in elementary school, their parent is required to remember to charge the device every night and may forget sometimes. Some teachers may explain how there are no paper copies, so the student won't be able to complete the work thus putting them behind. One of the biggest problems with devices is unreliability. Constant malfunctions may happen, which also hurt the student, putting them behind the rest of the class. "Even though I prefer to use my device rather than paper, it definitely gets frustrating sometimes when I spend a sig-

nificant amount of time on an assignment just for it to not save and delete my work," Jocelyn Butts stated. Devices also pose a bigger problem like the excessive screen time adding to the constant use of their phones, tablets, and gaming devices.

Students don't get the personal connection they need to the teachers and curriculum like they would if using paper. Studying on paper can help students to focus on what's on the paper with only that in mind. "I like using paper more because I can actually understand what I'm writing, and it makes sense," sophomore Luliana Habtemariam said. Many people say that writing by hand is beneficial for memory retention and for understanding new information. Paper allows students to develop motor skills, problem solving skills, and organizing their thoughts. Paper is an available resource that is easily accessible to teachers. Using paper in the classroom gives students the feel of interacting with their classmates as a normal thing instead of just staring at devices and gives students the digital break needed to review notes and work better. Classes like math are one of the only ones to mainly use paper in the classroom. The paper and pencil helps mathematical concepts show clearly, and showing student work on paper allows them to come back to the notes to review.

While learning on paper has benefits, of course there are draw backs as well. Cutting paper consumption helps reduce waste. Environmental issues are a big reason devices started to be used more over the years. Organization is another reason. When a teacher passes out a paper, it can get lost if the student isn't paying attention to it. Many different things can occur like the paper getting wet or ripped, causing the student to be unable to finish his or her work. For a device, when making a mistake writing something, you can always go back and delete it, but when using pen on a paper if a mess up occurs you must use white out or start fresh.

### Movie Review: *Bob Marley: One Love*

By Kierra Richardson



*Bob Marley: One Love movie cover.*

*Photo from rottentomatoes.com*

The movie starts off with letting the audience know where Bob Marley started off at. After the history lesson on him, beginning in 1976, it shows Marley as a political voice in Jamaica to bring the people together. The meaning behind it being to unify the people and stop the violence caused by the political leaders in Jamaica. Throughout the movie we see Marley's family with his wife Rita Marley played by Lashana Lynch. Some viewers question why the children from the affairs he had weren't shown as well. Don Taylor; Bob's manager, is also an important figure in the movie. Overall the *Bob Marley: One love* highlights the lives of Marley and his band the Wailers after attempts to kill them. The violence happening in Jamaica is

weighing on Marley's heart throughout the film, wanting to unite the people to have peace. Memories from Marley's flashback tell many stories. Early in the movie we notice the high danger of Marley's life, when he's always around men with weapons to protect him, Also showcasing that he loved to play soccer.

The flashbacks in the movie are significant to key details in Marley's life played by the British actor Kingsley Ben-Adir, telling the story of how Bob's father was caucasian and abandoned him, showing the horse's memory. Some flashbacks also included how Rita, and the wailers met Marley/ how the group started. Marley, Rita and Donald are shot by assassins which causes Marley to depart from Jamaica. He begins working on recording a new record in London with his band the Wailers, whilst Rita takes the family to Delaware with Marley's mother per his request.

After the wailers get the record deal, Marley comes up with the album title after hearing everyone listening to the exodus soundtrack, and the Wailers are off on a European tour. Rita tells Marley that "sometimes the messenger has to become the message," encouraging him not to be scared to go back to Jamaica because it's time. "I believe Rita meant that Bob Marley wanted to spread such a positive message about change in but in order for people to understand there needed to be an example to show everyone what is actually happening and what is right or wrong," Junior Kamora Gray Said.

Marley returns and spends time with his kids while a guest arrives to apologize to him. Returning for one last concert with his band the Wailers in Jamaica.

Reinaldo Marcus Green's *Bob Marley: One love* biopic is more so about the outside aspect of Bob Marley's life rather than his personal life. The movie often only shows everyone with him and hardly any individual Bob Marley scenes. "The problem is the script," Amy Nicholson, New York Times writer explained, credited to Terence Winter, Frank E. Flowers, Zach Baylin and Green. Smartly, the writers avoid the standard birth-to-grave template to focus on two years in London....But the film doesn't have much to say about his time in exile. Was Marley feeling betrayed by his country? Was he homesick? How was he handling his ascension to international superstardom? When Marley and his buddies from the Wailers"

However, many viewers feel the biopic was very confusing and didn't go into detail enough in Bob Marley's life. Wishing things started from the beginning instead of only following Marley and his band. "I somewhat enjoyed the *Bob Marley: One Love* movie,," Kamora Gray explained. "because I learned a little about his life and music but I wish it expanded more on him overall and there was more of a story line to the movie." Others seem to enjoy the music throughout the film and the unifying of the people.



### How Athletes are Impacted by Coaches

By Kierra Richardson



*Player-Coach relationships can be transformational. Photo from hudl.com*

Sports are one of the most beloved things by the human race, bringing people together in times of need and a gateway for doing something you love. Although sports look fun for people to partake in, many don't often see the harsh side of sports from the coaching aspect. Coaches control the tempo, attitude, and influence things in players' lives. "Yes, coaches have ruined sports for me before, by not giving me an opportunity when I deserve one," junior Tristian Richardson said. Coaches are a hit or miss on whether their impact is beneficial for the players.

Coaches often make or break the team with their attitudes and how they feel, which can control the way the team is. The energy a coach gives off at practice or games dictates how it will be throughout the day, sometimes projecting anxiety onto their players from the pressure they feel to win. In this situation, the mental health effects on the coaches turns into a domino effect that usually falls onto one player and another as the cycle continues. Coaches yelling at a player seems to always affect some, taking them out of the game and impacting their self-esteem. As people, we always have times where we have things going on in our personal lives and deflect our issues onto others. When asked, does a bad coach make the sport not fun anymore? Tristan replied yes. "Especially when you are giving all of your effort, and you're consistent.

After a while, it gets disappointing when you're putting effort but getting no results, it's unrewarding. There are guys that are at every practice, work hard and get zero minutes of playing, and I think that's the reason a lot of athletes lose love for their sports." The constant pressure on specific athletes takes a turn for the worst in their mental health. Singling out athletes who coaches may expect more from looks like leadership from the outside. However, the blame on one person is chaotic for the player who has to take every loss as their own fault which then leads to depression and anxiety. The athletes who are less skilled than the others often are called names to belittle them. Practice becomes a negative space, thus athletes prepare themselves for a terrible time that they have to endure. "In life, relationships are everything. The best teachers, coaches, and even bosses are those that foster positive relationships," Brooklyn Schwab explained. "If there is a strain in a relationship, it will affect performance/learning and most definitely enjoyment." The relationships between the coaches and athletes play a big role in how the team will perform. Disliking a coach can hurt the player by not listening to the coach, talking bad about a coach, and creating no team connection or bond. On the other hand, when a coach dislikes a player, this can be crucial to the player's minutes being played or not included in competitions.

A coach is a role model in a player's life just like everyone else, so what they praise is reflected upon the athlete as well. Following in the wrong direction as a coach brings the team down and shows up as bad sportsmanship. When a player helps the other team up, it's often a reflection of the way they are coached to be a good sport and showing the morals of the team. If a player is not shaking hands in the line after the game is over, it's safe to say they don't have good sportsmanship.



*NFL Washington football team head coach Ron Rivera talking to the referee. Photo from today.tamu.edu*

Having a good coach can be extremely helpful in a player's character development. Whether it's being a leading role model in a player's life or praising positive things, having a positive role model is very important for players to do the right things and stay away from the bad crowds. A modern day example of this is when coaches stay on players about their grades, expecting them to achieve higher than the minimum standards, which is establishing a good expectation for student athletes to do better. Getting benched for a bad attitude is also another way of showing good coaching, to show the athlete that the attitude needs to be lost before continuing. "A good coach can change a game, but a great coach can change a life," NCAA basketball coach John Wooden stated.

The environment a coach sets up for his team plays a big role in the way the season goes. An athlete grows best when they can make mistakes without getting yelled at or being in trouble. A good coach sets a good example for the players to be able to come and talk to them when in need and helps players instead of taking frustrations out on players when making a mistake. Taking a player out after one mistake doesn't give them the opportunity to learn from it.

### WrestleMania 40 Hype

By Rudra Rami



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Professional Wrestling houses an extensive list of wrestling companies, promotions, events, and wrestlers. According to Cage-match, the internet wrestling database, there are about 3844 known wrestling promotions across Asia, South America, North America, and Europe. There are several unknown wrestling promotions all around the world. Professional wrestling employs millions of people and makes billions of

dollars per year, attracting global audiences from North America, Asia, Africa, South America, Europe, and Australia. And in the core of professional wrestling is a single 2-day event that is reaching its 40 year anniversary.

WrestleMania, in the numbers, is the biggest event in Sports Entertainment / Professional Wrestling. As it is reaching its 40th Anniversary, it's going to host a huge card incorporating stars such as The Rock, Roman Reigns, Becky Lynch, Seth Rollins, Bianca Belair, Randy Orton, and more.

As we're approaching this sports entertainment spectacle, I went out and asked a few of Franklin's own students what they think about WrestleMania hype.

"Yeah, I saw that press event about WrestleMania with The Rock in it. The crowd was really loud," Bryce Jones said.

"I think that Drew McIntyre should capture the World Heavyweight Championship and finally celebrate in front of fans after it was taken during COVID, and Cody Rhodes finishes the story and finally wins the WWE Championship," Aaron said.

WrestleMania 40 will be taking place in Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and you can watch it April 6th and 7th while it streams on Peacock.

The Confirmed Matches are set to be Io Sky [c] vs. Bayley for the WWE Women's Championship, and Cody Rhodes vs Roman Reigns [c] for the WWE Championship in the Night 2 Main Event.

The PPV will stream starting 7 PM ET, April 6-7th. For more information, visit [wwe.com/shows/wrestlemania/40](http://wwe.com/shows/wrestlemania/40)

### Album Review: *Trans-Europe Express (English Version)* by Kraftwerk

By William Taylor



Album cover image  
from amazon.com

"Elegance and decadence / Europe endless." (from "Europe Endless")

It's astonishing what four guys can do with some computers. TEE invokes the visions of atomic railways

and metropolitan utopia with every beep and chime. It's a sleekness ripped right out of 1950's sci-fi pages.

In the grand introduction to this suite, we're greeted with bubbling synths, bouncing percussion, and humming electrical melodies. It's extremely minimal but at the same time grand. That grandiosity would be elevated to symphonic levels on the reprises of "Europe Endless" on the last two songs, where Kraftwerk become less like synth programmers and more like conductors of an electric orchestra.

Kraftwerk also dive into darker shades on TEE as well. "Hall of Mirrors" icy, spacious arrangements are nothing but haunt-

ing. "Showroom Dummies" is an ominous but goofy synthpop tune. The title track and the following "Metal on Metal" are foreboding and calculating electronic and industrial pieces respectively.

With a couple of synths, Kraftwerk is able to create such a vast range of emotions. Starstruck optimism blends naturally into hollow introspection, then again into playfulness. In a world cluttered with electronic songs, TEE still stands out as being one of the most unique in the field.

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