

The Husky Howler

Historic Year for Jazz



The Utah Jazz are red hot, like smoking hot. They have won 20 of 22, risen to first in the NBA, and have one of the best offenses of all time. Their offense stands at a 117.4 offensive rating (a stat that tracks how many points the Jazz would score given 100 possessions) that stands at 4th in the NBA. Even with their smoking hot offense, the Jazz players will attribute all of their wins to their defense. And the defense is impressive. The Jazz have a 108.0 defensive rating (a stat that tracks how many points an opponent would score given 100 possessions) that is 2nd in the league, only topped by the LA Lakers. The Jazz are the only team with a top five offense and top five defense in the NBA, and they have championship hopes because of it.

Their offense is led by leading scorer and 3rd option (according to Shaq), Donovan Mitchell. Mitchell is averaging 24.6 points 5.1 assists, 4.4 rebounds and almost a steal a game. The Jazz's Sixth man (The first person off the bench), Jordan Clarkson, is averaging a smoking hot 16.5 points per game and a career high 2 assists per game. Their offense features fast passed ball movement, hard screens by Rudy Gobert and high flying dunks by the teams centers.

The Utah Jazz defense is held down by two-time Defensive Player of the Year, Rudy Gobert. Rudy has a superb ability to guard anyone on any part of the floor, but the jazz like to use him to play his stellar rim defense. Multiple times a game, opponents will drive to the rim and take a U-turn rather than be blocked by the DPOY frontrunner. This allows the Utah Jazz guards to hug to shooters and force them into inefficient midrange shots. That is a big part of their defense.

The Utah Jazz have a lot of good going on. They have beat championship contenders, but they still have to prove themselves in the ultimate test, the playoffs. -Thomas Bradley

High Risk Ava- lanches in Utah



Image source: kslnews.com

In Utah skiing and snowboarding is a very popular activity and is loved by many kids and adults. But we have recently heard of a danger that has been hurting the people on the mountains. The danger is avalanches. According to utahavalanchecenter.org, "In Utah, we average slightly more than 3 avalanche fatalities each winter with many more close calls and accidents in the backcountry. You should be prepared to conduct your own rescue and be self-sufficient." Some places in Utah have a very high risk for considerable avalanches this winter season. Considerable avalanches are ones that are trigged by humans. Lately, there has been a lot of snow, making the risk extremely high.

Four skiers died in an avalanche on Saturday bringing the U.S. avalanche death toll to 21 this season. Every season it's increasing. The reason for this is because there are more winter recreationalist skiing and snowboarding in the back country. It seems that avalanches are becoming more frequent every season, skiing and snowboarding is also getting more popular making things difficult. So, while skiing and snowboarding, have fun but be careful. -Brookelle Brenchley

Utah's Vaccine Distribution

Vaccines have brought the United States tantalizingly close to crushing the coronavirus within its borders. After months of hiccups, some 1.4 million people are now being vaccinated every day, and many more shots are coming through the pipeline. The Food and Drug Administration has just authorized a third vaccine, a single-dose shot made by Johnson & Johnson, while Pfizer and Moderna are promising to greatly expand the supply of their shots to roughly 100 million total doses per month by early spring. If those vaccines make their way into arms quickly, the nation could be on its way to a relatively pleasant summer and something approaching normal by autumn. Schools will be up and running once again in September and family activities for Thanksgiving. But the big question is, when can we turn this "if" into a "when". The main problem is people are unwilling to take the vaccine because of some news going around about it. Scientists are working on replacing the incorrect information with real facts about the vaccine and its safety. Until we can get everyone comfortable with the vaccine and get everybody safe and healthy, will just have to continue to wear masks and social distance whenever we can. -Cameron Rudd



Today's Top Music Genres



Right now, the top music genre is pop with 56.1% of the U.S.A. Pop Is a mix of different types of music. It first was created during the ragtime of the 1890s and early 1900s.

Country is the second most listened genre with 49.9% of Americans who listen to country. Country was first recorded in the 1910s. Country was not always called coun-

try. During the war times it was known as folk music or Hillbilly. It was created in the southern states of the U.S.

R&B/soul is in third place with 38.9% of the U.S that listens to this genre. R&B music came into the world in the late 1940s with Cab Colloway, the Harlem Hamfats, Count Basie, Louis Jorden and others. The term rhythm and blues, now known as R&B, was coined in 1948.

Hip Hop is the 4th most listened to genre with 37.4% that listen to it. Hip Hop originated in New York City in the late 1970s. One of the most influential hip hop pioneers was DJ Kool Herk, a Jamaican immigrant regarded as the founding father of hip hop. -Andrea Bunker

Feature

Weird Things You **Probably Don't Know** About St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's day is almost here, and with that we can enjoy the festivities of green everywhere, chocolate gold coins, and maybe the corned beef and cabbage dish that may show up on your dinner tables every March 17th.

Even though these can be fun and interesting traditions, some of them come from interesting backgrounds. For starters, the color associated with St. Patrick was originally blue, not green! And the Irish used to believe the shamrock too sacred, but it later became a symbol of Irish Heritage!

Every year, lots of Irish and American's enjoy the "traditional" meal of corned beef and cabbage. But even though cabbage has been an Irish food long through the centuries the corned beef didn't always start that way. The corned beef originally started when Irish immigrants living on New York City's lower east side, had to eat the beef instead of their usual bacon to save money. They learned about the alternative from their Jewish neighbors who didn't eat pork.

Another strange fact is that the Leprechaun is a figure in Irish folklore called the "lobaircin" meaning "small-bodied fellow". The belief in the Leprechaun probably came from the belief in fairies, or the tiny men and women who could use magical powers for good or bad.

Leprechauns are believed to be cranky and the shoe menders of other fairies. And in Irish Folklore they are known to be very mischievous and guarding of their fabled treasures.

On May 13th they get their own holiday, but they are celebrated on St. Patrick's day as well.

The tradition of coloring the Chicago River green started when green dye was poured into the river to detect pollution. The bright green inspired the people to make it a tradition to color the river green every St. Patrick's Day.

So next time you enjoy the green colors and food of the holidays, you can remember back to where they started! -Rebecca Tew



Image source: history.com

5, 6, 7, 8, Cheer!

Under the supervision of Mrs. Butterfield in room 104 and Miss. Christian in room 142, cheer tryouts will be held on March 25th, at 3pm in the Farmington Junior High school gym. But before anyone can tryout, they need to know what they are getting into and be prepared for it. To help both the people trying out and their parents prepare, there will be a parent meeting on March 10th, at three PM in Mrs. Butterfield's room. For those who are interested and committed to trying out, they will have to have their tryout packets in by March 15th. For those who have gone to the parent meeting, turned in their tryout packet, and still aren't completely sure what they are getting themselves into, a cheer clinic will be held March 22-24, from 3-5 PM in the Farmington Junior High school gym. For everyone who survived the clinics and are determined to make the cheer team at Farmington Junior High, tryouts are going to be held on March 25, at 3 PM in our very own school gym. The only eligibility requirements set up to tryout are you have to be in 7th or 8th grade with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5. Show your school spirit by picking up your tryout packets today! -Abby Carter

We Need Photos for the Yearbook!

eShare is an app that the yearbook staff is using to gather photos for the yearbook. If you have any pictures from school or remote learning that you would like to submit:



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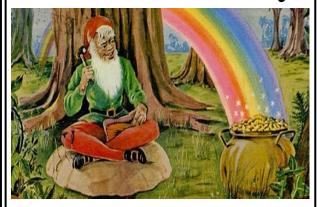
We are now accepting applications for the 2021-22 Newspaper and Yearbook staff.

We are looking for strong, team players who are dedicated in doing their job well and completing their assignments on time. The Husky Howler is published monthly throughout the school year and grades are based on work quality (stories written, photos taken, pages designed) per issue. The yearbook is released in May after continuous work all year to create the book. Grades are based on work quality and class participation per deadline. The Husky Howler and the school yearbook are advised by Mrs. Kalakis (room 178). Scan the QR code below to begin the application process.



2021 APPLICATION **DEADLINE: April 9,** 2021

The Truth Behind St. Patrick's Day



For years, people have celebrated St. Patrick's Day with clovers, rainbows and leprechaun hats. But St. Patrick's Day hasn't always been about leprechauns and green attire. In the 17th century, St. Patrick's Day began as a religious celebration to commemorate the life of St. Patrick and popularizing Christianity in Ireland. They celebrated this "Feast Day" on the anniversary of St. Patrick's believed death on March 17th 461 AD.

In the early 18th century, Irish immigrants moved to the United States and St. Patrick began to become a symbol of Irish heritage and in popularity. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in Boston, Massachusetts in 1737. During the mid-19th century, the United States saw a massive influx in Irish immigrants trying to leave the Great Famine, thus this small celebration became a huge celebration everyone wanted to celebrate whether they were Irish or not. Now it's one of the world's largest national holidays. Celebrated in the United States, Great Britain, Canada, Argentina, Australia, Switzerland, Russia and throughout Asia. If you're confused why you wear green other than not to get pinched, it's because it goes back to the Irish rebellion where the Irish soldiers wore green while fighting off the British in their trademark red. In fact, before the Irish rebellion the main color associated to St. Patrick's Day and Feast Day was blue. The soldiers sang a song called "The Wearing of The Green" during the war in 1798 which changed green to Ireland's mainstay color. Shamrocks are also part of St. Patrick's Day because according to legend, Patrick used the shamrock to teach the Irish the concept of Christianity and the number three is very special to the Irish, so they included it in their holiday.

According to Irish folklore, leprechauns were cranky tricksters who lived alone and fixed the shoes of Irish fairies, but the Americanized good-natured version of the leprechaun soon became popular and part of St. Patrick's Day. Legend also says that if you catch a leprechaun, you can force him to show you where he hid his pot of gold supposedly hidden at the end of a rainbow.

St. Patrick's Day began as a religious celebration of bringing Christianity to a country and now is one of the largest party celebrations in the world with leprechauns who are supposed to be cranky, are sweet and show you where they hid their pot of gold. Happy St. Patrick's Day! -Molli Bell

The Husky Howler is the monthly newspaper of Farmington Junior High School in Farmington, Utah. The staff is made up of writers from all grade levels. Please email your questions, comments, or editorial replies to the Staff Advisor, Mrs. Kalakis at the following address: mkalakis@dsdmail.net

Clubs & Sports

"Hoops, they did it again!"



The Utah Jazz have had a great season. Right now, they are in first place! They have an 11-game winning streak this season so far. Donavan Mitchell has taken the lead with the most points this season. Rudy Gobert has the most rebounds

and blocks. And Mike Conley has the most steals. Normally the NBA season would have 82 games, but because of the pandemic it is a Covid-19 shortened season. This is their best start in franchise history and they have achieved many other franchise records. Something interesting about the Utah Jazz is that they have been playing in the Vivint Smart Home arena since 1991.

It may be difficult to watch your favorite team play in real life, but you can tune in on T.V. Hopefully this season we can relive the time when John Stockton sent the Jazz to the NBA finals. -Taylor Sutterfield



Ready, Set, Go



Ever wanted to be on a sports team for your school but did not want to try out? Well, Track is the sport for you. A fun and fulfilling way to get exercise and feel like you are a part of the school. It's easy to attend after school and other times during the week.

Towards the end of February, they announced information on how to join. On March 1st a meeting was held for students who wanted more information about Track

Meetings. Usually around the middle of March, we start conditioning, a time when you can get ready and know what you need work on. It is not needed but is certainly a wonderful way to get ready. When we come back from Spring Break, we start practices. We then practice for about one to two weeks before our first meet. Meets will always be held at a high school since they will have the equipment, facilities, and people to run the meets.

When it comes to meets, not everyone can take part in every event, so there are things you will need to do to qualify in certain events like the sprinting events, and field events. During the meeting we will hear more information about this. Anyone can come, 7-9th grade. -Samantha Garrick

Art Club



Do you like to draw, or play with clay? This year the art teachers have come up with a new club, art club. In art club, you will create many different things. Everything painting to drawing, 3D and 2D art. The different types of 3D art are stained glass, mosaics, pottery, and hand build. 2D art is drawing, shading, and perspective.

Every time the club meets, there will be a new project to create. It will happen on Thursdays after school until 4pm in Mrs. Wheeler's room (104) or Mrs. Butterfield's room (102). They will try and have art club two times every month until the end of the school year. If you are interested in 3D or 2D art, you should join. But do it quick because the applications are limited. It's first come first serve so, join today! -Hailey Bradley

What to Do?



Did you know there are classes at FJH that you have audition or doing certain things to get into? There are! And some of these classes are super fun. Maybe your looking for a way to spice up your school year next year, or you just want to push yourself by trying out, then

here are some classes that might interest you:

Dance Company. Dance Company is an audition only class at FJH. This full year class holds 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. You get to dance modern, contemporary, lyrical, and other types of styles of dances. As you focus on floorwork, technique, alignment, musicality, improvisation, and flexibility, you also make new friends.

Yearbook and Newspaper is also another class to consider. With Mrs. Kalakis as the adviser, yearbook/newspaper is a class full of fun. The students get to write articles for the schools newspaper, The Husky Howler, every month. These students also get to take pictures and create the spreads for our school's yearbook. With applications out, its definitely a class to look into.

Cheerleading is also another fun class that you tryout for. 8th and 9th grades make up this full year class that cheers at the games and pep assemblies. With tryouts this month it's certainly a class that many people will be interested in.

Last, but not least, is Student Government. SBOs are elected by the Student Body. These officers help at games, dances, and assemblies. They are also in charge of planning and leading activities. -Londyn Howard

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Editorial

The Earth is Flat-A Conspiracy



There's a lot of conspiracy theories out there but the most famous one is most likely that the Earth is Flat.

According to shortlist.com, the "Flat Earth Society" was created in the early 1800's by

Samuel Birley Rowbotham, an English inventor. It "remains at the very forefront of 11th century thinking." As the Flat Earth Society likes to call it, "Zetetic Astronomy." Zetetic Astronomy has explained many of the threats that the society's beliefs faces. As stated by theflatearthsociety.org, Samuel believed that the Earth was a flat disc bounded along its edge by a wall of ice centered at the North Pole with the Moon, Sun, Stars, and Planets only a few hundred miles above the Earth. After Rowbotham's death in 1884, members of the Zetetic Astronomy created the "Universal Zetetic Society."

The flat Earth conspiracy theory later spread to the United States mainly in the city of Zion, Illinois. There, Christian Catholic Apostolic John Alexander Dowie and later Wilbur Glenn Voliva promoted the flat Earth conspiracy. When Voliva died in 1942, the church quickly disintegrated. Flat Earthism still remained in the city of Zion and slowly became less popular in the 1950's.

The society became formally founded in 1956 by Samuel Shenton until he died in 1971 and was later replaced by Charles K. Johnson. Johnson actively promoted the Flat Earth Society as his wife, Marjory, wrote articles for the Flat Earth Society Newsletter. Sadly, in 1995, Charles' house burned down in a fire along with all of the archives and membership lists of the society. His wife died a year after the fire with him following in 2001 at the age of 76. After his death, the Flat Earth Society's future was left uncertain. After numerous years of inactivity, the Flat Earth Society was revived in 2004 and is still alive and well today. But, is the Earth Flat? -Megan Barker

Bilingual: Is it Worth it?

Being bilingual is certainly helpful in many situations, but is it worth it? The main language spoken in the U.S. is English, and due to Covid-19 restrictions, it could be a long time before we can journey to places where other languages are spoken. Also, learning a new language from scratch can take a long time and require a lot of effort.

The U.S. does not have an official language, but most of the population (78.1%) speaks English. Because of this, most people do not need a second language to communicate and understand things while living in the U.S, so learning a second language may not be very useful if you were to never leave the country.



Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it can be difficult to travel to other countries where English is not the main language. There are regulations that prevent us from traveling to many places to keep Covid-19 from spreading further. Learning a second language when you would hardly have chances to use it would be futile.

In addition to this, learning a new language can take a long time and a lot of effort. We have a lot of time in quarantine, yes, but there is also schoolwork and more that must get done before learning an entire new vocabulary.

Although, becoming bilingual is a very fun and challenging thing to do, it can connect you to other people and countries. So, whether knowing more than one language is worth it or not, that is for you to decide. -Anna Burke

Battle of the Shamrock Shakes



It's March and you know what that means... Shamrock Shakes are back! If you don't know what a Shamrock Shake is, they are a delicious green mint shake sold at Mcdonald's and Arby's. You can even make your own. But which one is people have different Mcdonald's famous shake has been around since 1970. When it was first introduced it was a lemon/lime shake. By 1973 it was basically a green colored shake. But then they changed it to the amazing mint flavor that it is today. During the 1800's Mcdonald's used their O' Grimacey character to advertise for it. In 1980, Mcdonald's introduced the Shamrock Sundae, but it was canceled due to bad sales. In 2017 McDonald's introduced a few variants of the Shamrock Shake including the Shamrock Chocolate Shake, the Sham-

rock Chocolate Chip Frappé, the Shamrock Mocha, and the Shamrock Hot Chocolate.

The Arby's shake is called the mint chocolate shake. It is mint chocolate topped with Andes chocolates. It does not have much of a back story and is not as famous as the McDonald's shake. They are very tasty with the chocolate addition. The Andes chocolates are a great touch. Even though they are not that popular, they are so tasty!

The big question is which one is better? The Arby's shake is a lot bigger than the Mcdonald's shake for the same price. The most important? Taste! I asked ten different people to come and test the shakes without knowing which was which. I labeled the McDonald's one with a number one and the Arby's one with a number two. Nine out of Ten people said that the Arby's one is a lot better. Carson Miles, a seventh grader, says, "I prefer number two, because it has more of an ice cream like texture and deeper flavor." Savannah Barlow, a ninth grader agrees, she says that "It wasn't as minty and tasted like it had chocolate in it." Unless you are a big fan of mint, the one from Arby's is the way to go!

-Brooklyn Rudd

Recycling = Taking Care of Your World

Every year our world gets more polluted and crowded with trash. We need to be better at trying to use less plastic and paper. I personally have trouble not using plastic and paper. But as a fellow teen, I am not surprised we don't want to clean the dishes.

According to cbsnews.com, in 2017 Some of the most common plastics that end up in the ocean are yogurt cups, Tupperware, soda cups, plastic grocery bags, plastic bottles, plastic bottle caps, and plastic wrappers. These items are not usually thrown into the ocean or on the beach, but thanks to wind and water they usually get there. This is why it's so important to recycle what should be recycled.



Dumpsters.com says, "Every year, U.S. landfills are filled with 139.6 million tons of waste, including: 30.63 million tons of food, 26.82 million tons of plastic, 18.35 million tons of paper and paperboard."

Where does all this come from you say? All this trash comes from shipping companies, food packaging and more. For example, dumpsters.com also says, "Amazon ships an average of 608 million packages per year." That is millions and millions of cardboard boxes each year! I have a very strong opinion about organization and cleanliness. I believe our environment is what we make it. If we clean our planet and recycle our paper and plastics, I think we will let our planet live longer and look nicer. -Julia Torman

Arts & Academics

"What is Essential is Invisible"



"But the eyes are blind. You have to look with the heart." Recently, ninth graders finished reading The Little Prince by Antoine De Saint-Exupéry. The book was originally written in French but was then translated into English. The author also illustrated many pictures throughout the book, including those of the prince and an elephant inside a snake. They tell the story of a small boy who had a big heart and deep thoughts. "Once up-

on a time there was a little prince who lived on a planet hardly any bigger than he was, and who needed a friend."

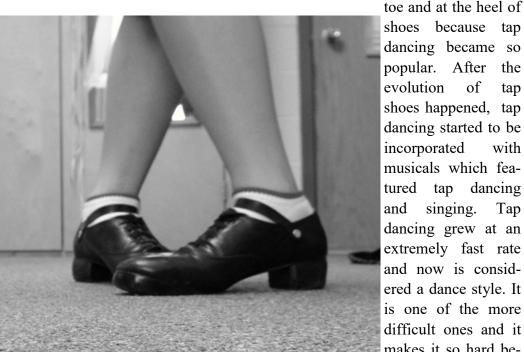
In the story, a pilot crashes in the middle of the Sahara Desert. There, he meets a prince who had been journeying to earth from his planet. The prince tells the story of how he journeyed to earth from his home asteroid. He meets many different people, mainly adults who are "concerned with matter of consequence." He eventually finds his way to the vast desert and continues to meet new friends. English classes also watched the movie adaption of the book that tells a similar tale. It also includes a little girl who seems to meet the prince once he is older.

The Little Prince is full of heaps of symbolism and deep life lessons. "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye,' says the Fox that the little Prince meets and tames. After reading, Thomas Bradley said, "I was confused for most of it, but it felt like it had a good moral." Another ninth grader, Rebecca Tew, says, ""it's a cute story that has good meaning and I enjoyed reading it."

This is one of the many stories that the ninth graders read throughout the year. Le Petit Prince is an adventurous story that tells the story of a boy who goes on a journey to the end... -Abbey Klein

Tap Dancing Evolution

Tap dancing was originally created by slaves. They would create a beat with their bare feet. The slaves would try making a beat on different surfaces like the wood planks on boats. In 1910, they decided to add metal taps at the top of the



shoes because tap dancing became so popular. After the evolution of shoes happened, tap dancing started to be incorporated musicals which featured tap dancing and singing. Tap dancing grew at an extremely fast rate and now is considered a dance style. It is one of the more difficult ones and it makes it so hard be-

cause of the very fast movements of the dancers' feet. Tap dancing is still used today but it is not as popular because many other styles of dance have been created since then. -Taylor Hunter

Julie and The Phantoms

Julie and the Phantoms is new TV show on Netflix. It is about Julie Molina, played by Madison Reyes, a girl in high school in San Franciso CA. Julie hasn't played music or even listened to



music since her mother passed away a year before. But when her dad is selling the house, she must go through her mom's stuff. After playing one her mom's old CD's a ghost band from the 90's called Sunset Curve appears in her mom's studio. After getting kicked out of the music program at her school, she must sing in front of her school. Then the band appears and she has to say they are holograms or everyone will think she is crazy. Later in the show, Luke, the lead singer of Sunset Curve and Julie fall in Love. The boys get into some trouble when a powerful ghost finds out they can be seen by people who are alive without his help. Watch the show to find out what happens next. -Lucy Seamons

WandaVision Theories



WandaVision came out on January 15, 2021 on Disney+, making it a Disney+ original. This show includes Marvel characters that appear in the other Marvel movies. These

characters include Wanda Maximoff, aka the star of the show, and Vison, the owner of the Mind stone. (the yellow one) In the 8th episode of the new show, we get to know the not so new character Agatha Harkness. Agatha aka Agnes reveals her

true character to Wanda late in episode seven, revealing that she is none other than Agatha Harkness. Following this, we see that she has been the one messing things up for Wanda, with the song "Agatha All Along". She created the fake Pietro and killed the twin's dog, Sparky. What else has Agatha been up too? What is going to happen to Wanda now? Is Vison alright? What even happened to Vison? The internet has some of the

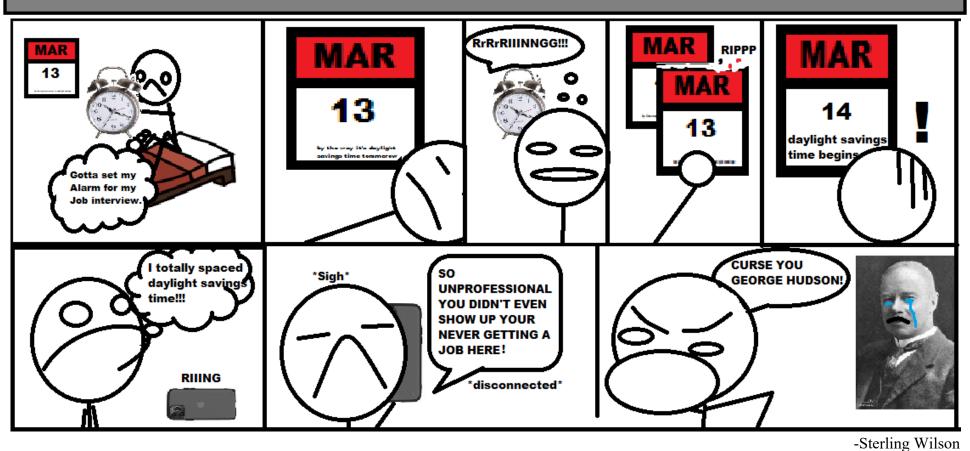
coolest and craziest theories on what's going to happen next.

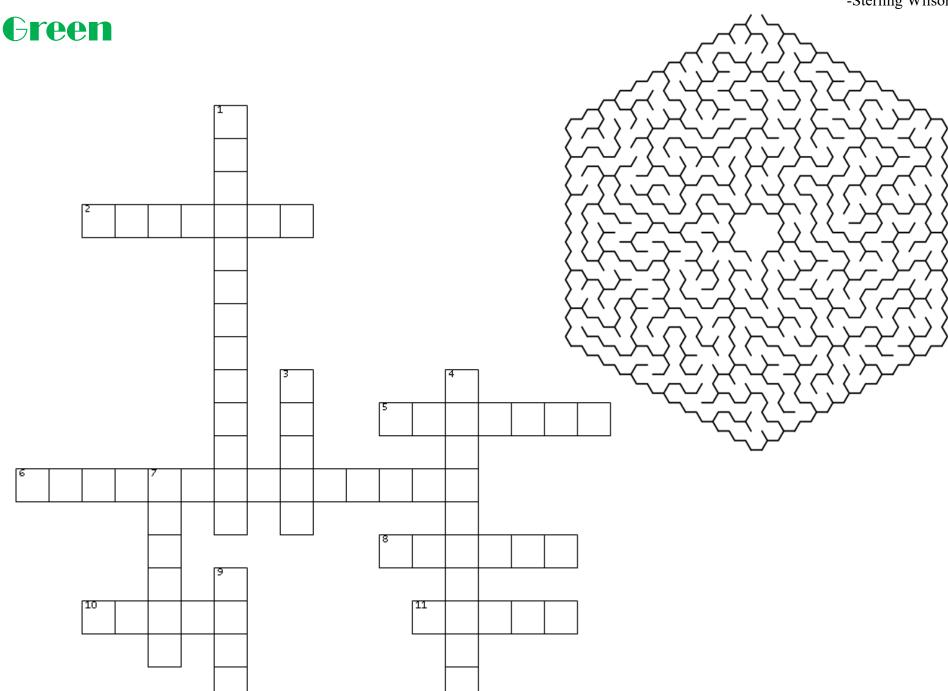
After I continued looking, I found the perfect one that I would like to share with you all. In episode eight, we see Wanda getting very close to the infinity stone, then even to see that stone open itself to Wanda revealing that the stone is the Mind stone. Then later, when she goes up to touch the stone, it explodes and started to burst into light rays and starts to show the vison in the full scarlet Witch garb. This makes Wanda fall to the ground unconscious. We then have to infer that this is the moment that Wanda gets her powers. But Agatha then clarifies the Stone only "amplified what would have died on the vine." Whatever that means. The question we can't yet answer is why? If so, many others couldn't handle the Stone's power, why did it open itself up to Wanda? And why Pietro, too?

This made many people start thinking. Maybe the Mind Stone gave Wanda its power as a way of perpetuating its existence. Did The Mind Stone perceive Wanda's loss of her parents, sense her potential, and then realize it was grief that it could exploit to perpetuate its own existence? Then end up granting Pietro his powers for the same reason, knowing that if he had powers then he would fight against Ultron, leading to his death and compounding Wanda's grief. (The Infinity Stones) knew that Wanda and The Vision would fall in love, that The Vision would die, and that Wanda would ultimately use her powers to recreate The Vision and the Mind Stone with him. Perhaps the Mind Stone gave Wanda its power, therefore imbuing her with the ability to recreate it? I don't know. We will just have to wait and see if it explains it in the next episodes.

-Claire Brown

Comics and Games





ACROSS

- 2. The main ingredient in guacamole
- 5. A precious gem that is commonly green $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$
- 6. Often a symbol of luck
- 8. A cucumber that has been preserved in a brine
- 10. A color made by mixing blue and yellow
- 11. A variety of green leaves and other vegetables put together

DOWN

- 1. A holiday celebrated in March
- 3. The month the Spring Solstice is in
- 4. A small mischievous sprite
- 7. A Popular Flower
- 9. Green with ____