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## What We're Into

## POKEMON GO

The mobile app for Pokemon Go took the world by storm in 2016 and, like hundreds — if not thousands — of others, I joined the party.

I loved Pokemon when I was a kid. Everyone was playing the Pokemon Card game but I didn't understand it at all. All I knew was I liked the show and I always ran right to the cartoon/anime section in Blockbuster when my mother said I could pick out a movie to watch.

I was thrilled to learn that one of my favorite shows was turning into an interactive mobile game where I could be a Pokemon Trainer and catch my very own Pokemon.

Sadly, I deleted the app due to poor data plans and lack of phone storage.

In 2018, I started playing again and have been addicted ever since. I love this game, not just for catching



<https://superparent.com/>

Pokemon and hatching eggs, but for how it has introduced me to so many amazing people.

I was shocked to learn how many people still play. I had to buy a new phone and, while waiting for my service to activate, I had the wonderful fortune of meeting people who also enjoy playing.

Recently, out of curiosity and wanting to have more fun, I stepped out of my comfort zone and applied to be part of a Facebook group for Pokemon Go.

I am so glad I did! Through Facebook, I am able to message other players and now I have even more friends who enjoy playing the game with

me from all over the world.

In Pokemon Go, players are able to raid together where they take on a powerful legendary or mythical Pokemon. I cannot express how much fun it is to sit in my home and battle a Pokemon in Australia, Norway, Japan and elsewhere.

The thing I love most about Pokemon Go is that it's not just a fun mobile game that gets me outside and walking, but the community is amazing. People are more than happy to give beginners tips and ideas and offer help however they can.

I have met some amazing people through this game and I plan to continue playing even when I'm 90 years old.

— SAMANTHA O'CONNOR,  
REPORTER, BAKER  
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## New releases

PRINCE, "WELCOME 2 AMERICA"  
(LEGACY RECORDINGS)

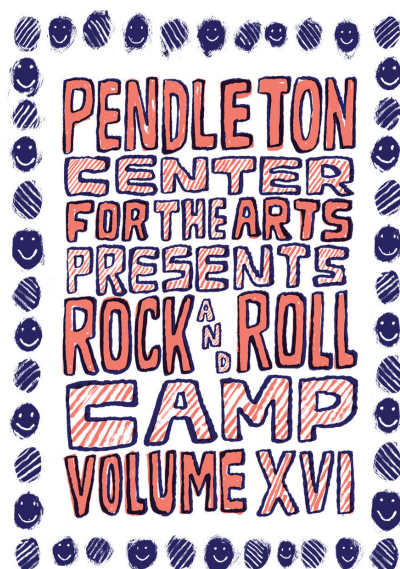
Anyone who feared that Prince's vault was filled with nothing but Billy Joel covers, as the satirical website The Onion joked shortly after his death, need not worry.

"Welcome 2 America" is the first complete, previously unreleased record to come out since Prince died in 2016. And it's a stunner.

Incredibly, "Welcome 2 America" manages to be as relevant, or maybe even more relevant, today than when it was recorded, and promptly shelved, in 2010. Most of the songs have been unheard until now.

Confronting themes of racial justice, equality, big tech and just what it means to be human, "Welcome 2 America" feels like the soundtrack for the years since Prince's untimely death. It's almost as if Prince knew "Welcome 2 America" would mean more in 2021 than it might have when first recorded.

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