AP exams will be taken at home this year
Coronavirus is impacting another staple of high school

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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, AP tests will be shortened and taken at home during the second and third weeks of May. Each test will consist of one to two free-response questions (FRQs). The College Board has said that most exams will be 45 minutes, excluding time to upload, instead of the three hour exams that normally happen. Another large change to the format of the exams is that they will be open-book and open-notes. This does not include talking to any other person about a response. The College Board has addressed security concerns around this, saying that some of the security measures will take including plagiarism detection and content that has been designed to be outside of textbooks. Copies of students’ responses will also be shared with their teachers, to help identify any other inconsistencies in responses. The exams will be online, on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option,” said Jerome White, the College Board director of media relations and external communications. The College Board has also acknowledged limits in taking the exam online, and has made resources available for students without WiFi or device access. At OWL, students have mixed reactions to the exam change. Generally, students seem to be concerned about relying only on FRQs to show their knowledge. “For subjects I am less strong in, I was counting on the multiple choice section to raise my score,” said 11th grader Zoe Yuan. “Zoom allows you to talk to multiple people at the same time. On the screen you will see images of up to 25 people in little square tiles split up evenly around your device. Zoom was originally created for business meetings but is now being used all over the world for distance learning.”

One major change to the exam is the open-notes aspect, which also seems to be one of the most divisive on how students feel about it. Some students are happy to have the freedom to look up information. It puts less focus on rote memorization and more emphasis on the ability to apply concepts. Students are able to "just focus on crafting AP tests."

Zoom banned on SPPS devices

SPPS chose to use Google Meets due to Zoom security concerns

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Staff Writer

Michael and his twin brother Scott always had the best birthday parties in their backyard with 20 of their closest friends. This year, they’ll celebrate in their bedrooms, on the computer with the same 20 friends! Welcome to the Zoom era.

People all around the world are using the now famous app called Zoom for a variety of reasons. School, birthday parties, graduations, even funerals! Zoom is a video-chatting app which was created by Eric Yuan. "Zoom allows you to talk to multiple people at the same time. On the screen you will see images of up to 25 people in little square tiles split up evenly around your device. Zoom was originally created for business meetings but is now being used all over the world for distance learning.

Zoom is one of the most popular video-chat platforms, and some schools and universities are using it for distance learning. However, the security of the platform has been called into question, leading SPPS to ban the platform in favor of Google Meets.

SPPS teacher strike over

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Every class is having to adjust due to the COVID-19 pandemic, causing students to have to do distance learning, at home. Electives like gym, art, and choir have had to find creative ways to keep their classes going. Choir teacher Alex Federerer and jazz choir have found a way to keep singing together this spring.

"The students have been working on their music for the semester and a couple of them were close to being completed before we went to distance learning. I know students really enjoyed the music, so I wanted to make a record of them of them of them, singing their pieces," said Alex. “This is something that many professional groups do to record their own music.”

His plan is to have each student record themselves singing their part of a song and submit it to him. Alex then will put all of the recordings together to make one track. "Well, so far it is going... ok. It is very hard to line every student up perfectly as every recording has its own flaws," said Alex. "I anticipate background noises in the recording. If the singers record themselves singing but there is a background noise such as family members, stereo, etc. I can’t use the take.”

This is a new challenge for all of the jazz choir’s members, as well as Alex. “Singers really need to know their music. They need to know dynamics, tone, cutoffs etc. They also need to be able to know it well enough to record and feel confident that what they are submitting is truly the best they could do,” said Alex. “This also provides many changes that are specific..."
Choir, 1

to me. I need to be able to hear when a note is off or a cutoff isn’t correct. I am really trying to listen critically for anything that could distract from the re-
cording.”

“I think it might be kind of difficult making all of our recordings line up correctly, it was becoming the main topic in last year. It was unknowingly the last season of frisbee for
Senior Tom Hobday goes for the frisbee in a home game on March 16th. It was the last day of school for most of the SPPS strike. Students were seeing a decrease in cases and an increase in recoveries. The measure’s they’ve taken are things such as calling in 112 instead of going straight to the hospitals and a full lockdown with people not for not implementing that. All this has and should be treated as a deadly pandemic so for the safety of everybody and you, stay home.

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Covid causes spike in anti-Asian racism

Saw Say Ha Htoo Staff Writer In the beginning of March when Covid-19 (Hmong American) went to Rosedale Center in Roseville in search of her daughter’s birthday present. She noticed a white woman carrying a bag and walking right at her. She realized that their strange be-

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The goals and future of social distancing

Some suggestions for your extra time

A variety of suggestions for staying productive, and happy

Greta Kvale

Staff Writer

Are you completely stir-crazy, sick of the same old same old routine that you've fallen into during this tough time? Are you spending most of your time on screens, getting out of the house, or practicing some hobbies? Whatever you're up to, I have a few ideas that can help curb the boredom and that are safe to do during the Quarantine.

The first idea is to take a walk, bike ride, or just get outside, even if it's just in your yard. It's completely safe to be outside as long as you are practicing social distancing.

Everyone who is cooped up for as long as this quarantine has been could surely use some Vitamin D and a little bit of movement. Especially with the weather warming up, it can be enjoyable to get a little sun and fresh air. There's some great parks and trails in and nearby the Saint Paul area. I've been exploring the Lilydale trails and hammocking, and it's made me extremely happy to get out of the house a bit even if I still can't see my friends.

Next, practice a skill or hobby (or take up a new one!). Practicing a hobby can divert your attention from boredom. I've been making reusable fabric masks. I can't help but wonder, why are they even recommended, and are they effective?

The Center for Disease Control, also known as the CDC has stated that wearing masks is recommended for only places that have bigger groups of people in one building at the same time, putting big groups at risk to be exposed to the virus. The CDC says masks are said to "slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others."

Although masks are now in high demand, we are not supposed to use the paper masks, but instead, fabric ones. This is because the paper masks are directly for health care workers and actual COVID-19 confirmed patients, who desperately need the masks for safety reasons. For everyday civilians, who are healthy like you and me, and are just trying to stay away from the virus, there are a few substitutions we can try to make.

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One popular app is FaceTime. 11th grader Keyana Fleskenrizer said, "I like it better than a call or a text since you're able to see face to face in a way." Another way people are talking is through online games. "I like playing video games with my friends because we're able to talk and have fun trying to win a game," said Eli Stender, 8th grader at OWL.

"It makes the situation seem like an opportunity to get in touch with my artistic side.""
Ultimate season cancelled

Sports cancellations are having a major impact on students

Lilli Hobday Staff Writer

For almost two months now the return of school for many students has been pushed further and further back. But finally, USA Ultimate cancelled all of its tournaments and the high school regular season, Hopkins Huskies face the state tournament.

"I feel bad for people that were cancelled from Liam's email," said senior Lauren of her friends and other players. "I've been training for and it was their last sea- son with the Mani- te community and for many seniors it was their last season ever playing ultimate. "I will miss my coach, the one I've been training for and looking forward to for the last six years," said senior Lauren Mitchell.

For those who plan on play-
ing in college, they have the challenge of improving and getting ready for the next lev-

AP tests, 8 six years, " said senior Lauren, "I'm going to miss playing and messing around with my friends the most," said Jedi. Other players seconded this, saying that it was the time with their team-

mates that is the biggest loss. "I'll miss the team the most, from the goofy practices to late night sleepovers and early morning tournaments," said Malachi. Another thing that's going to be missed are travel ven-
tures. "We all bring food and between games spend a lot of time eating and listen-
ing to music. It's so much fun to spend time with the team," said senior Katie Syers.

"This is a pretty heart breaking for our seniors. For some of them this was their last season. It's a big part of the Ma-

staff writer.

What does online gym class look like at OWL?

Jonah Pfoser Staff Writer

With a global pandemic coming along with it, online classes come distance. Many classes seem to handle that distance well, but some classes are very hard to teach online.

"Perhaps the most difficult class to teach online might be gym," said one of my peers. "It's hard to go through the ultimate frisbee unit when there's a statewide stay-at-

home order. I suppose you could play basketball or soc-
er during quarantine, but not everybody has a hoop in their backyard or a ball to kick around. So what's gym teacher Joe Brandner doing to keep the class going?"

Joe said kids wouldn't be going through the usual gym units, but instead they'd be able to choose from a variety of ac-
tivities from eating vegetables, to going for a 30-minute run. "It looks like people have more time on their hands and so looking to break up their day by getting some movement in," said Joe, "but the biggest challenge is integrity. So I'm not there to watch and con-

firm them participating." Joe posts a PDF on Schoology for students, and it includes fun activities, assigns point values, and a require-

ment of 10 units. 

"This looks nice on paper and on screen, but what does it really look like in practice? How is he usually grades us," said one student.

"It's still pretty easy considering the open-notes exam class (left)." said senior Isabella Grallin.

"Joe wasn't benefiting him as much as online. Now I don't feel that's the healthiest or productive," said 11th grader Emily Davis.

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Senior Spotlight

Maggie Windingsstad

How many years have you been at OWL? 6th grade through 12th, so seven years.

What are your plans for next year? I'll be attending Colorado State University majoring in Geology.

What's been your favorite class in high school? My favorite class was probably Nutrition and Fitness.

What extracurriculars are you involved in? I was in Outward Bound, Kurt Hahn, a few musicals, and ballet.

Favorite field work trip and why? My favorite fieldwork experience was 12th grade Ely because it was like a last hurrah.

Favorite book, movie or TV show? I don't have a favorite book. My favorite author is Raymond E. Feist.

If you had a walk up song, what would it be? There's too many good ones, maybe "We are the Champions."
OWL students had a good show at virtual State History Day

This year’s competition was online but OWL students had one of their best years yet.

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Staff Writer

On Sunday May 31st, the virtual Minnesota State History Day ended, and of the 18 projects OWL sent to State, six projects moved onto National History Day, along with five honorable mentions, and two top prizes.

National History Day will also be virtual this year, held from June 14 to June 20. The results were streamed over Facebook Live, which OWL covered in more detail on its segments watched together via a Zoom watch party. Social studies teacher and History Day enthusiast Katie Craven said “I knew OWL had strong proj- ect ideas, but going to Nationals, the most OWL’s had in my five years at the school.” Special guests at the virtual ceremony included Minnesota Historical Society CEO Kent Whitworth and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz. Both congratulated par- ticipants and thanked History Day Organizers for making the competition possible. “We are so proud to have been able to continue the journey with His- tory Day students this year,” said Kent.

History Day, a big part of OWL culture, transitioned to virtual submission of projects and judging this year due to Covid-19. Websites and re- search papers, both of which are normally turned in ahead of time, were due to judges by Friday April 24. Exhibits, per- formances, and documenta- ries, all of which are normally first presented to judges at the event, were due Monday April 27. Exhibits and performanc- es both submitted different final projects: performances submitted scripts and exhibits submitted a slideshow of their boards. Performers experi- enced a drastically different way of sharing their knowl- edge, which didn’t include any actual performing, a source of frustration for students. “I think [11th grader] Sam Gorn on the decision to hold the competition virtually for the first time ever.”

Like everything that has transitioned to being virtual, many aspects of the in-person experience are lost. OWL stu- dents were able to come together to celebrate and watch each other present their projects at the state or regional History Day events. State His- tory Day normally takes place at the University of Minnesota. It’s exciting to be on a college campus and be surrounded by those who are just as en- thusiastic about history. Katie misses the change, and said “I love the camaraderie of the OWL team; everyone cheering each other on, going to see each others’ presentations, getting excited for winners, and commiserating with those who didn’t do as well as they’d hoped for. I miss that.”

The two issues that real- ly stood out to most were, for one, the fact that schools and other calls. Students were giv- ing out codes to strangers and those strangers would come into their class, unannounced, and disrupt and disrespect the teachers and students. The other thing was that user email addresses could be exposed to the public as well as many reports came in of random

“...they’re just a text or call away, it’s a nice way to get away from technology and also spark my creative outlet!”

It’s a great way to be creative and send something special to a friend. This may not sound like a fun activity, but practice some self-care! You’ve got time now! No excuse! Whatever you like to do to take care of yourself, DO IT! Quarantine can be a lonely time for many people, so we just have to show- ourselves a little love. I like to burn some incense, put on my favorite music, do some skin- care, make some good food for myself, etc. Whatever your idea of self care is, it is good to practice, especially now.

Some of you aren’t going to like this one, but keep up with your schoolwork. We do still have school, and even though it’s not in person, you should be taking it just as seriously. And hey, it’s something to do during the day. If you don’t like doing coursework alone, face- time a friend and have them be your ‘classmate’ as long as you can still be focused. Although not everyone is going to love all of these sugges- tions, they are safe, enjoy- able, good-for-the-soul activities, and are sure to help keep the craziness of being stuck in- side and not being able to see friends and family.

I hope you’re doing well, everyone is doing their best. It is good to practice self-care, make some good food for yourself, etc. Whatever your idea of self care is, it is good to practice, especially now.

Many schools have turned to Zoom as a first option, be- cause it’s easy to use and extremely accessible.

Schools all over the country have been using it since this pandemic started. Although, what they have had to deal with over these past few weeks is what SPPS found out before starting with dis- tance learning, and immedi- ately eliminated it as an option.

It was soon discovered that there were flaws in Zooms sys- tem. The two issues that real- ly stood out to most were, for one, the fact that schools and organizations discovered users crashing (zoom-bombing) to other calls. Students were giv- ing out codes to strangers and those strangers would come into their class, unannounced, and disrupt and disrespect the teachers and students. The

Kellar-Lang expressed it best — “performing kids don’t do History Day to write a script, they do it to perform,” said Katie. Sam did a senior group performance with 11th grader Helena Squires-Mosher and Mac Whipple on the South Afri- can apartheid, which is mov- ing on Nationals.

This year’s theme is “Brek- ing Barriers in History,” an especially fitting theme for the unprecedented challenges faced across the world during the pandemic. “We recognized this as an opportunity to do something we’ve never done before. In the face of this dev- astating global crisis, we are using the tools available to us,” said National History Day Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gorn on the decision to hold the competition virtually for the first time ever.

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Many schools have turned to Zoom as a first option, be- cause it’s easy to use and extremely accessible.

Schools all over the country have been using it since this pandemic started. Although, what they have had to deal with over these past few weeks is what SPPS found out before starting with dis- tance learning, and immedi- ately eliminated it as an option.

It was soon discovered that there were flaws in Zooms sys- tem. The two issues that real- ly stood out to most were, for one, the fact that schools and organizations discovered users crashing (zoom-bombing) to other calls. Students were giv- ing out codes to strangers and those strangers would come into their class, unannounced, and disrupt and disrespect the teachers and students. The

people being able to access us- ers webcam and microphone without the account own- er’s permission. It seems that Zoom has chosen ease of use over extra security.

In spite of these problems, there are also many pros to using Zoom! The top 3 pros include; the app works with iPads, which is the device most students are using for school work. It is easy to use. Zoom is very easy to figure out, as the instructions on how to use the utilities are very clear. There are multiple screens that you can see at once. Nevertheless, Google Meet is the designated video-chatting alternative for students and teachers.

Unfortunately, many have predict- ed the quarantine to go on for many more months, poss- ibly including into the next school year. This means students and teachers are go- ing to get very good at doing classes online. So good in fact, that when real school does resume, online learning will still be a part of SPPS educa- tion for the next 5 years. No problem! Students can still get work done using online school!

While many organizations have found success in using zoom, Saint Paul Public School has not used it to use, for good reason, given the se- cure issues. Alternatives do exist, and will be used for the foreseeable future.

"I love the camaraderie of the OWL team; ever- yone cheering each other on, going to see each others’ presentations, getting excited for winners, and commiserating with those who didn’t do as well as they’d hoped for. I miss that.”
The mess of the coronavirus pandemic

Neither media nor government response to Covid has been up to par.

Jonas Kammeyer-Mueller Staff Writer

So. This has been a fun few months, hasn’t it. From the strike to the virus, we haven’t been in school for the past month, which was great. What’s not great however, is the response to the virus. From a delayed government to aiveringmainstream mediadesperate for a story, there’s quite a lot wrong with the response. Let’s talk about what went wrong with both the media response, and the government response.

Most people started talking about this virus in mid-to-late February, right after the super successful winter Olympics. The mainstream media was too busy talking about the third, fourth, and fifth Democratic primary all but over, which was great. Staff Writer February, right after the super successful winter Olympics. Many look towards November. Many look towards American’s rights to privacy, and the government response. What’s not great however, is the response to Covid has been up to par. Now what’s funnier about this ‘controversy’ is the mainstream media, the self-appointed leaders of truth and intellectualism, don’t seem to be able to comprehend how naming something bad after a place does not make that place, or the people from it bad. Let’s go through some examples of when naming something bad after a place didn’t make the place, or the people from it bad. Spanish flu was one of the worst flu epidemics in the past 100 years, and yet surprisingly, this isn’t a statement against Spanish people or Spain, it just happens to be where the virus was the most publicized. Another, more recent example, Ebola, comes from the name of the Ebola river in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which wasn’t an indictment against people who lived around that river, other Congolese people, or the Democratic Republic of Congo, it’s just what the virus came from. It may be helpful to know that many news agencies run the risk of being banned in China, but they would never know to a foreign government in order to get those sweet sweet dolla-

Who’s to blame for climate change: capitalism or humanity?

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Amid the coronavirus pandemic, humanity seems to have found a silver lining. Photos of cities across the world, now undisturbed by human activity, are bearing the brunt of the illness. Venice canals running completely clear. Elephants sneaking into a Chinese farm to feast on the produce. Goats taking a dip to the virus, we haven’t been in school for a month, which was great. We could, on at least stay, the virus spreading to the US. However, those hopes were dashed on January 21st, as the first case in the US was confirmed, at the president had done nothing. The president had much more important issues to attend to, like sticking his fingers in his ears not listening to how this could affect the health of America, and listening to the advisors who are on the stock market. It's not like we don't have the money to do widespread testing, either. Trump recently said in a press meeting that the US Government is "working very closely" with the hotel cruise line, airline, and fracking industries—possibly bailing them out. These industries getting ‘rescued’ with the US Government has some of the most polluting industries in the world. It’s important to note that most people using the “humans are the problem” phrase are likely not trying to promote eugenics, eco-fascism. So, instead of coming down on these people, let’s educate. Let’s use this opportunity to highlight the industries leading climate change. Yes, CO2 emissions are decreasing as more people are forced to work from home, but as I write this, airlines are flying near empty, and some empty planes through the sky, polluting our skies. Additionally, the lack of social safety nets are forcing many people to continue working outside of their homes, risking exposure to the virus themselves and others. And even as we see countless wealthy celebrities able to be tested at the drop of a hat, the people forced to work from home, are likely not trying to protect themselves, for the virus. It’s not like we don’t have the money to do widespread testing, either. Trump recently said in a press meeting that the US Government is “working very closely” with the hotel cruise line, airline, and fracking industries—possibly bailing them out. These industries getting ‘rescued’ with the US Government has some of the most polluting industries in the world. It’s important to note that most people using the “humans are the problem” phrase are likely not trying to promote eugenics, eco-fascism. So, instead of coming down on these people, let’s educate. Let’s use this opportunity to highlight the industries leading climate change. Yes, CO2 emissions are decreasing as more people are forced to work from home, but as I write this, airlines are flying near empty, and some empty planes through the sky, polluting our skies. Additionally, the lack of social safety nets are forcing many people to continue working outside of their homes, risking exposure to the virus themselves and others. And even as we see countless wealthy celebrities able to be tested at the drop of a hat, the people forced to work from home, are likely not trying to protect themselves, for the virus.
What's up with celebs and Covid-19?

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“One thing that I’ve learned from being in quarantine is that people, uh, this whole thing is like being in jail is what it is. It’s mostly because I’ve been wearing the same clothes for 10 days and everyone in here is gay,” said TV show host, Ellen DeGeneres.

By this point, we’ve all seen the home YouTube videos from Ellen and unfortunately have seen the same joke that she repeated over and over. Ellen had gotten so much backlash for comparing her multi-million dollar home to a jail that she ended up taking down the video from YouTube. But Ellen isn’t the only one to make a bad comment on the pandemic. Famous actress, Vanessa Hudgens, decided to throw her opinion on the quarantine situation from her $7.7 million home. “Yeah, ‘til I totally sounds like a bunch of ***,” I’m sorry, but like... It’s a virus! I get it! But you can’t just say that,” said Hudgens.

Not too many people agreed with her thoughts and she received a lot of... opinionated replies from her fans.

Then on Twitter, Will Ferrell tweeted, “Take action, make a donation, and ask others to join the fight. We’re in this together, and if you’re like us, you’re doing your best to support the responders on the frontlines.” Just after the tweet was made, a large number of people started to use the #willferrellspar analogy and many people started to use the #willferrellspar analogy on their messages. One user even tweeted, “Isn’t that like... Incredibly weird.”

So it’s been made very clear that almost any celebrity tries to make a comment about the correct situation we find ourselves in, people aren’t gonna be happy about it. But what most people are angry about is the Imagine Chain Acapella video made by a bunch of celebrities. Sure, those celebrities had good intentions but it came across as “we’re not going to do anything but we’ll inspire you to do something.” It angered many because most people can’t do anything to help the cause. A lot of small news outlets across social media have made the argument that over 3 million people have filed for unemployment and a lot of these celebrities are sitting in their multi-million dollar homes with so much money, that could help so many other people that need it, and yet all they are doing is sitting in their ***/testicles and making a comment about how much money they have that money.”

Celebrities Cardi B, Taylor Swift, and Rihanna decided to do something in order to help people during this time. Rihanna donated $2.1 million to charities that help people who experience domestic violence. Cardi has donated $1 million to fans being hit hardest by the pandemic, and Taylor has donated 3,000 packages to first responders.

That is what fans expect from celebrities. People, especially doctors, want anybody who can help, to sing and telling people, who can’t help, to help, isn’t actually doing anything to help. When asked if celebrities singing and telling people not to panic during this time is really helping anyone by doing this, Senior and Every Driver from Connection Academy in Cleveland, Ohio, had this to say, “Absolutely not. In fact I just look for them because of it. They don’t give a *** about us and that shows it.”

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Gal Gadot and other celebrities sang imagine, a stunt that garnered more criticism than support. Some celebrities have been deemed insensitive - they are able to socially distance more comfortably than many Americans, but still complain about the situation.

6. Bojack Horseman. 6 seasons. Rotten Tomatoes score: 90%. This biting satirical drama follows the clinically funny, depressed world of former TV star Bojack Horseman. Bojack is joined by many multi-dimensional characters, such as Diane Nguyen, a ghostwriter that meets Bojack at one of his many parties, Mr. Peanut Butter, a golden retriever whose personality is exact, well you’d expect it to be, and Todd, a freeloadiing idiot who lives with Bojack, and his many funny misadventures in "Todd Episodes." This is the bare minimum of an incredibly written tv show that would normally be higher on the list if it weren’t for its incredibly dark and depressing subject matter, which isn’t always great when you’re stuck inside.

5. I Am Not Okay With This. Rotten Tomatoes score: 94%. This show follows the main character Otis (haha) Milburn. A 16 year old high school student, whose mother is a working sex therapist, Otis along with his friends Eric and Maive begin running a sex clinic at their sex-crazed high school. Otis uses the skills he’s picked up after 16 years of listening to his therapists to help his patients with their "trouble."

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The best movies for continuing the never-ending feeling of being isolated from everything

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While cancelled and being forced to stay at home, I know lots have people even been bored to death. Even bingeing Netflix and Hulu gets boring after a while. But why not combine the feeling of isolation with movies, having

minimal characters, setting, or both? Here’s a personal favorite movie about isolation.

Alien: Alien is a 1979 horror movie directed by Ridley Scott about a crew space heading home when they decide to explore a distress call from an alien ship. After a crew member gets attacked by a bug-like creature, they leave to help him recover. What follows is the rise of a vicious alien on board and the crew’s attempts to kill it.

When I think of isolation in a movie, Alien is the first thing that comes to my mind. The feeling of isolation and suspense it evokes in the viewer is astonishing. It’s great acting, beautiful set pieces, and time-less scenes only add to this movie’s greatness. Specifically, the chestburster scene has gone down as one of cinema’s most famous, and perhaps one of the scariest horror moments. I can easily recommend this to any woo, especially fans of sci-fi and horror. It’s available on HBO and available to rent.

Room: Room is a 2015 drama starring Brie Larson and Jacob Tremblay about a woman and her son captured in a tiny shed for years by a man who kidnapped her. Once Jack, Tremblay, turns five lifting and the performances capture both. It captures the character’s son’s fascination in room and in the real world while also showing their love for each other. While some scenes can be very intense, I highly recommend it. It’s on Netflix and available to rent.

Groundhog Day: Groundhog Day is a 1993 comedy about Phil, a weatherman from Pittsburgh who’s forced to cover Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney. After working the day with his girlfriend, Rita and Larry, he goes to bed and wakes up to Groundhog Day. He realizes he’s stuck in Groundhog Day and needs to find a way to escape. Groundhog Day is our own version of the favorite comedies and I’ve seen it countless times. It’s hilariously written and acted as well as having a great concept. The idea of reliving a day to become a better person, besides being appropriate right now as the day mush together, was new and original. If you haven’t seen this classic, watch it soon. It’s on Netflix and available to rent.

The Shining: The Shining is a 1980 horror movie directed by Stanley Kubrick about a family taking care of a hotel for the winter. Over the course of the film, the family begins to get the feeling that someone or something is watching them. It has incredible acting, scene-setting, and some of the best horror movies for good reason. It has incredible acting from everyone, especially from Jack Nicholson and Shelly Duvall, timeless cinema, and enough jump scares and details for multiple re-watches.

Kubrick is one of the best directors of all time, his vision of horror reinvigorated the genre and is truly terrifying. It doesn’t rely on cheap jump scares or gore, but focuses on a dude into madness and the transformation of man into monster. It’s the intense slow burn of a movie with one of the most exciting climaxes ever put to screen. It’s available to rent.

The Hateful Eight: The Hateful Eight is a 2015 mystery-drama starring Samuel L. Jackson, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Kurt Russell. It’s the story of a group of people stuck in a remote Montana cabin in the late 1800s. Everyone has a different reason for being there, but after things go wrong, people start questioning who’s really who and while this certainly isn’t his best work, it’s still a great movie to strap away into the hyper violence of Kill Bill and Django, and the crime of Pulp Fiction. It’s an epic tale, and Tony Tarantino in a new direction. It has a major focus on characters, but it’s still a small, tiny cabin they’re stuck in a pants on that. The acting is great in general, but from everyone and everyone encapsulates their character. Both the regular and extended version are on Netflix and available to rent.

What to watch in isolation

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A couple years ago, I was sitting through Netflix when my parents suggested a show. They had been some of the few people to actually watch it when it was originally on air nearly 17 years ago. I was immediately drawn to all the characters and all the situations they found themselves in. It was extremely funny and bingeable, so I finished it in a couple weeks. I was surprised to see it only had three original seasons with 33 episodes. It recently returned the show and the two newer seasons and decided to look into why it had such a short run.

 Arrested Development is hilariously bingeworthy

A great first three seasons, but the show about the dysfunctional family then goes downhill

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while the show was at its funniest when all these eccentric characters were interacting with each other, spread across episodes that are around a half hour, unlike the regular 22 minutes, about a boring storyline and not a character. The show’s first 3 seasons had an entertaining storyline about Michael trying to keep the family company afloat and keep his father out of jail. The newer episodes have multiple episodes that don’t fit into the bigger storyline. They have an episodic story about each character to take on greater power. "Where do you be?"

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The Perks of Being a Wallflower is a movie worth watching

The movie is a beautiful and heartwarming coming-of-age story

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The Perks of Being a Wallflower is one of my favorite movies. It’s such a heartwarming and emotional story that truly resonates with all the characters and the audience. The movie is full of relatable moments and touching scenes that hit you right in the feels. It’s a story about growing up, making mistakes, and learning to love and accept yourself for who you are.

The movie is set in 1999 and follows Charlie, a shy high school student who is starting his freshman year at a prestigious college prep school. Charlie is soon introduced to a group of quirky and eccentric students, including Sam, Patrick, and Brad, who become his closest friends. Together, they navigate the ups and downs of high school life, including love, friendship, and the challenges of growing up.

The movie is directed by Stephen Chbosky, who also directed the book. The book was published in 1999 and was a bestseller. The movie was released in theaters in late 2012. The cast consists of some pretty big names like Emma Watson, Paul Rudd, Ezra Miller and Logan Lerman. The movie is rated PG-13 for drug use, sexual content and fights involving teens.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower is a coming-of-age story that follows Charlie (Logan Lerman) as he starts his freshman year of high school. Charlie is the definition of a Wallflower, introverted, socially awkward, and has no desire to be the center of attention. But when he becomes friends with two very outgoing seniors Sam (Emma Watson) and Patrick (Ezra Miller) they help Charlie find joy in music, friendship and love. They make him feel confident in being himself and help him focus on the good in life. But as the end of the school year comes closer and all his friends get ready to leave for college, Charlie’s inner sadness and built up pain is starting to catch up with him all the time.

Honestly my only critique for this movie would be having some more mature content. In the movie is rated PG-13 but it definitely has some very intense and emotional moments that might not be for the faint of heart. In my opinion the movie does a wonderful job of tackling tough topics like mental illness, suicide, abuse, drugs and alcohol.

I would recommend looking at more reviews on the movie to decide if you feel comfortable watching it and/or watching the movie with a friend (over FaceTime or Netflix Party) or family member.

Staff Writer
Mae Heeringa

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, as many now know, it’s the newest breakout hit from Netflix, but it is actually be a big issue for this. The electoral college system our country uses to elect a candidate typically is a two-party system (or more precisely, a two-party system with one third-party candidate).

Finally, he broke down why the electoral college works against third parties. Currently, out of the 50 states (Maine and Nebraska are the outliers) award all their electoral votes to the candidate who wins a majority or plurality of the votes in a given state. Take 1992 for example, where third-party candidate Ross Perot received almost 20% of the popular vote in the United States but didn’t win a single electoral vote. This type of re-

Tiger King is worth the hype

Tiger King’s Joe Exotic bottle-feeds a tiger. He was the person in the show that arguably became the most popular.

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vote. It’s that two-Party system men-

tality that traps us with two unappealing candidates every four years. So if you’re fed up with both Republicans and Democrats, cast your ballot for the “candidate you believe in.” Don’t let others stop you from exercising your democratic right.

Additionally, historical third parties like the Free Soil Party, the Greenback Party, and the Progressive Party had huge influences on the state of the two parties system in their times! If voter turnout for certain third parties is high enough in the general, the major two parties will take notice and adjust platforms accord-

ingly. Before participating in any civic duty on election days, do research on the par-

ty! Find the one you most align with, and heavily con-

sider whether it’s really worth it to vote for the lesser of two evils.

Dissatisfied supporters pur-

tainers interested in Joe Biden and the Democratic Pa-

try, try looking into the Greens! Small Government Republic-

ists unsatisfied with President Trump’s performance, take a look at the Libertarians! Chris-


tian Republicans who want to ve-

tor’s vote is that a vote is cast for a third-party candidate, who is generally perceived as being unlikely to win, is a wasted vote ("Deaver’s Law").

So, we’ve taken a look at the three biggest American third parties, and you might really like some of their policy pro-

posals! But some of you may be wonder-

ning. Why vote for a third-party candidate if they’re never gonna win? After all, the Democrats and Republicans have such a lock over things, wouldn’t it be better to just ignore the

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Top non-contact food contact spots in St. Paul

If you miss eating out, here are some suggestions for a change

El Berg

When it comes to food we all like to eat out, but with this pandemic you are not allowed to be seated. However, do not worry, there is a solution. In this article, I will highlight some of my favorite curbside pick up and delivery restaurants.

Bangkok Thai Deli: In Minneapolis they have Eat Street, In St. Paul we have University Ave. On University Ave there are some truly great restaurants I personally love Thai food and for a long time I would’ve said that On’s Thai Kitchen was the best Thai in Saint Paul, but now I think that Bangkok Thai Deli is the champion. I usually get a Pad Thai, it’s amazing. The menu page 79-95). And my dad who loves spice the most in my family also enjoys Sugar Snap Pea medium to medium hot (menu number 109 $11.95). I love it, it’s spicy. The dish I like the most though is the Thai Beef jerky (menu letter Q $7.95). It is not the same regular beef jerky. It is not dry, it is good and chewy. It has a sauce on it that is sweet and just a tad bit hot. I enjoy this dish very much.

1 Pho by Saigon: A place nearby Bangkok Thai Deli is 1 Pho by Saigon. I love Pho especially from this place. They make the best Pho I have ever had. They also have amazing bubble tea and Bon. I usually get the Pho with the Emperor rolls and Fajitas. You can order Pita, Pita Plates or Just The Meat. I always always have to get the Beef Pho, (Gyro, Pork), Beef Souvlakia, or the Beef and Lamb Kebabs, as well as fries. My sister gets chicken souvlakia. The waiters have a Greek deli which is good for times like these. They have the best Greek food in town down hands.

St Dinette: Saint Dinette makes delicious food. The star of the show at this restaurant is the cheeseburger. I know, I know. It sounds so basic, but it’s far from it. It starts with a buttery brioche bun with two juicy beef patties and a pile of cheese, bacon, brie, slaw, and but- ter. But what really makes this burger so special is the cheese, the wonderful cheese. You may ask yourself, “what is so great about this cheese?” Well fries are delicious. When you order this burger, you choose between three types of cheese. He melts Gruyere, and sharp cheddar together and cuts it into slices, which melt ever so perfectly onto the burger making it the best cheeseburger ever. However, you may also ask yourself, “does a restaurant this fancy do curbside pick-up?” Yes, it does.

Tiff’s Sports Lounge: Tiff’s Sports Lounge is a great bar and grill with delicious food. My favorite thing there is the wings. I like the Cajun or the barbecue wings (11.75$). The best I have ever had. They make the best Cajun wings. The wings are perfectly crisp and very good. My dad and I always fight over the last one. Super Bowl and we always get burgers, fries and wings. The fries are always delicious and fluffy in the container on the ride home. Even with takeout their fries are amazing. When you get different restaurants and you open the box and delicious eats. However, the current shelves in place as a result of COVID-19 has changed that. Sadly, during this pandemic, the coronar- vius has taken a toll on many businesses. Restaurants are taking a real hit during these times especially the more local ones. Many are having to shut down or having to lay off many workers because they don’t have enough money to go on. Some restaurants have adapt- ed to the struggles and started to deliver for free or curbside pick up. If you are interested in supporting local restaurants during this time, here are some of my personal favorites:

Blue Door, established in 2008, is an “all-Minnesotan” restaurant. It is known for its

Support local restau- rants with take-out

Anja’s favorite local take-out spots in the Twin Cities

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As a person who loves to eat out, I can say that the Twin Cities is a hub for foodies who want a cool atmosphere

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Solitude & Reflection comic #3

[Comic panels]

 Seriously, what part did you not get?

Yeah, I get that you’re restoring me.

But why?

Damon

You have failed Davos for the last time

You see, with my technology I will rebuild you

And I will make you more powerful
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3 was only in March when the 
fingers were forced out of 
his ears, that he acted on a
national level to deal with this. 
At this point the president 
finally did something 
domestically about the virus, 
and ordered the production of 
more masks and more ventilators. 
However, because both the 
number of cases in the US, and 
the size of the list of countries 
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come so large, that the only 
way to close the country off 
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Spring break trip to Cos-
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Staff Writer

The OWL spring break trip 
was planned to depart from St. 
Paul, Minnesota on March 31 
to Costa Rica, but as of March 
half the trip was called off 
due to COVID-19. There was 
a meeting held on the 12th to 
determine what the next steps 
were going to be.

At the meeting the students 
and their families were given 
three options. They could ei-
ter get a voucher for the trip 
and use it to go with another 
school, get two thousand dol-
ars back of their money or 
they could reshedule the trip 
for spring break 2021, most of 
the families have voted for it to 
be resheduled.

Roughly 26 students were 
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it was called off by the dis-
trict because it was “non-es-
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math teacher Tom Tomashuk.

“I’m still hoping we can travel 
next year,” said one.

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be done because it was the best 
choice to keep us at all home 
and safe,” said 9th grader Mar-
el Hernandez.

Takeout, 11 
they have become steamed, 
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a closed container. I promise 
you there are no. These fries 
are as good as when they left 
the restaurant: hot, fresh and 
amazing.

“Hot City Pizza & Subs”
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