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## 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 up-

load, 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 they 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 Champion. Senior Lucas Plaman added that he's concerned about how the grading scale of a shorter, at-home, open-notes test will affect his ability to get

the score he wants.

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, 4

## SPPS teacher strike over



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SPPS teachers gather in Rice Park in downtown St. Paul to fight for their union's contract negotiations (left). Spanish teacher Tim Leone-Getten and math teacher Clara Raineri hold signs during the strike (right).

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Members of the Saint Paul Federation of Educators marched at different high-profile locations throughout the city for a three-day strike during the days of March 10-12, after nine months of nego-

tiations with the district.

The negotiation started in May 2019 between SPFE and the District. The Union offered 31 proposals and there were 12 meditation sessions before the strike took place on March 10th. The Union was asking for: more mental

health teams, including added social workers, psychologists, school nurses, counselors, more behavioral intervention specialists, and more multilingual staff. As well as, more educators working with students with special needs and appropriate assignments for educa-

tors so they can give students more one-on-one attention, and expand restorative practices to build community and a positive climate in schools.

In the days leading up to the strike, more than 45 hours of negotiations took place between the District and the

Union.

"I was ready to go. We had informational meetings the week before the strike and I was prepared and ready to fight alongside my coworkers," said second-grade teacher at Adams Spanish Immersion, **Strike, 5**

## Choir's approach to Covid

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Staff Writer

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 Ferderer 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 recording for 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 will then 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, sirens, tv 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



Avniel Green

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.

## Zoom banned on SPPS devices

*SPPS chose to use Google Meets due to Zoom security concerns*

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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 bedroom, 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.

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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 recording."

"I think it might be kind of difficult making all of our recordings line up correctly, I'm also worried about how it might sound because no one likes the way their voice sounds on recording," said 11th grader Charlotte Marboe.

Members of jazz choir are excited about the idea of finding a way to keep singing together. "I think this is a great idea, it's as close as we can get to all being together and I think we all really miss feeling together," said Charlotte.

# So, what is the coronavirus?

## A quick explainer of SARS-CoV-2, the virus causing the pandemic

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With 3,017,770 million cases and counting, COVID-19 has the world on lockdown, as the outbreak is considered a Public Health Emergency. This respiratory virus originated in Wuhan, China and was first reported to the World Health Organization, or WHO for short on December 31, 2019. Though most cases are mild and do not require a hospital visit, many people are at higher risk such as older people and those who have underlying health risks. Some health conditions that place people at high risk are kidney disease, recent pregnancy and heart disease, and other respiratory illnesses such as asthma.

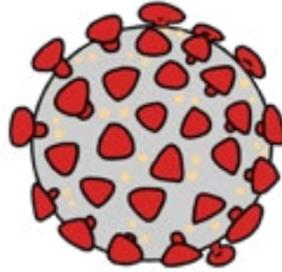
COVID-19 is a virus and is defined as a viral respiratory illness. Confirmed symptoms are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Some patients have also had muscle aches and headaches. Such symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. Most se-

vere illness occurs in adults 65 and older.

Coronavirus is thought to spread through person to person contact, through respiratory droplets when an infected person sneezes. The Minnesota Department of Health recommends staying at least 6 feet away from people. This is called social distancing. Due to it being spread through close contact it is heavily recommended to social distance or stay at home all together. It also spreads through objects infected people have touched so it is recommended to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching your face. The CDC, (center for disease control) recommends the use of a cloth face cover to keep the people infected but don't have symptoms from spreading it. The use of the mask is meant to protect others in case you are infected.

While other countries have successfully introduced and followed lockdown rules, the United States is having a

harder time restraining the pandemic. All 50 states have reported cases and the US has the most reported cases with 989,838. Italy however



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**A microscopic view of the coronavirus**

had suffered a harsh toll but is now seeing a decrease in cases and an increase in recoveries. The measure's they have taken are things such as calling a 112 number instead of going straight to the hospitals and a full lockdown with penalties 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.

## What students miss most right now

### Answers range from sports to choir, but social interaction is a common thread

**Sarah Westawker**  
Staff Writer

Monday, March 16th seemed like just a typical school day. I had math first period and needed to study for the test that was coming up. At lunch, I sat with a couple of my friends and talked about how our classes had gone. One of the people I normally hung out with wasn't at school that day,

didn't happen that day so I didn't help out with the play. In crew we had our Monday meeting, we talked about our weekends, stuff like the strike and the protocol for if it happens even though we are all planning that it doesn't. Last period was done, I said a quick goodbye to friends as usual and I got on my bus. I saw all the normal people on, I just sat



Purple Press staff photo  
**Senior Tom Hobday goes for the frisbee in a home game last year. It was unknowingly the last season of frisbee for the class of 2020.**

but I knew I'd see them soon. Apparently someone's friend had their school shut down, but they live all the way in Alabama so it's fine. Coronavirus was becoming the main topic in every interaction I'd been having. It was interesting to learn about but didn't seem to have a big impact on us right now. After school activities

down and listened to my music the whole ride. I get home from school and about a week later I find out that I'm never going back.

On March 15th, Governor Tim Walz announced that all schools would be closing starting March 18th. Though we had not been in school for most of the week before that because



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**Remember when we could socialize in-person?**

## The small things Covid has taken

**Charlotte Marboe**  
Staff Writer

I remember placing bets on whether school would be cancelled because of the coronavirus before first period in the commons with my friends. That was late February and even then I thought it was just my friends being ridiculously paranoid. Two weeks later, we had basically lost the rest of our junior year.

On Sunday March 15th, Governor Tim Walz announced the order to shut down schools until at least March 27th, which would have been the beginning of our spring break. Online learning was to begin April 6th, the day after spring break was supposed to end, and soon after, Governor Walz announced schools would remain closed until at least May 4th. Most recently, Walz unofficially said schools are likely to remain closed for the remainder of the school year.

Some things I have been missing are the small things, Accidental run-ins with friends in the bathroom, playing scattergories with my otherwise quiet and uncooperative crew. I miss freaking out with friends in the final seconds before stepping into

a test we didn't study for, and I am especially missing things we were all really looking forward to that will not be happening this year. Things like the frisbee season, prom, and ice cream sandwiches for AP tests.

Senior Jedi Casas says something he will miss most is his last high school choir concert, "I have done choir since it's existed at OWL, so losing my last chance to sing with these people is a hard thing to accept," he says. Another thing Casas said he misses is playing sports with friends and just messing around with them. "It's weird to think the next time I'm in school I'll be across the country from all my best friends, people I have been with since 6th grade. It's sad to think about losing all my senior year experiences, and maybe even graduation," he says.

So thank you covid-19, for reminding all of us to appreciate these things. School lunches, inside jokes with some of the coolest teachers SPPS has to offer, and even the classes we can't stand. Thank you for teaching us not to take these things for granted ever again, we miss you Open World.

## Covid causes spike in anti-Asian racism

**Saw Say Ha Htoo**  
Staff Writer

In the beginning of March when Gao Fitch (Hmong American) went to Rosedale Center in Roseville in search of her daughter's birthday present. She noticed a white woman plugging her nose while looking right at her because she was Asian. She realized that their strange behavior went way beyond the social-distancing measures suggested by officials in public health. She ended up going to her car where she cried.

Many Asian-Americans from around the world have faced hostility, from name calling to refusing services and many have reported being targeted when they're in public. State officials claim it's too early to conclude that complaints have risen, but they admit they're busy investigating backlash-related cases and investigating cases involving racial discrimination that seem

to target Asian Americans.

Another incident was on April 5th. Three 15-year-old females were arrested after they attacked a 51-year-old woman on a bus and blamed her for the COVID-19 pandemic in the Bronx. The police said "the females attacked the victim, made anti-Asian statements and struck the victim in her head with an umbrella before fleeing the bus." The three females were arrested/charged with hate crime assaults, menacing and harassment.

Governor Tim Walz launched a Discrimination Helpline following reports of bias against Asian Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to respond to an increase in hate crimes, fraud and other opportunistic criminal behaviour.

Mary Yang, a Junior, said, "In times like this we shouldn't be blaming each other, we should be helping each other rather than spreading hate."



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**Senior Jedi Casa jumps for the frisbee in a fresbee game last year.**

of the SPPS strike. Students had sports seasons, big activities, social gatherings, testing and school life cancelled. In the US alone, about 55 million students have been rapidly adjusting to strictly learning and socializing online because of this coronavirus pandemic.

On April 6th all SPPS students started distance learning and that should continue until June 9th, 2020. Today I wanted to talk to some students about what they miss most about pre-COVID times, and how different their lives are because of it.

Adjusting to this new life is difficult and there are so many things that people miss about

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# 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 sure 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

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

exploring the Lilydale trails and hammocking, and it's

and with the time we have, you could certainly improve on



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**8th graders Henry and Oliver Plaman do some yardwork while staying at home.**

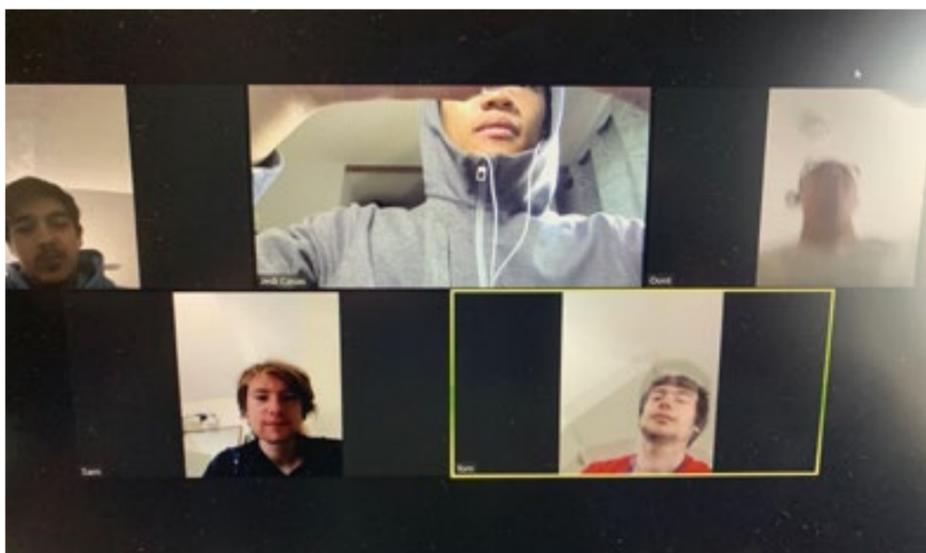
made me extremely happy to get out of the house a bit even if I still can't see my friends.

Next, practice a skill or hobby (or take up a new one!). Practicing a hobby can divert your attention from boredom,

whatever hobby or skill you practice. For example, teach yourself an instrument/ practice an instrument (there are apps that help you learn instruments independently), do an art project, write a story, whatever interests you! Junior Libby Nelson said she is trying to do at least one creative thing a day. "It makes the situation seem like an opportunity to get in touch with my artistic side," said Libby. She's been drawing,

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## How OWL is socializing during shelter-in-place



Jedi Casas

**Senior Jedi Casas organized a group Zoom meeting to hang out with his Ultimate buddies. Zoom and virtual communication have proven important in socializing right now.**

Endale Witt  
Staff Writer

On a normal Friday night, Joshua would be out hooping at the YMCA with friends, but now with COVID-19 he's stuck at home with his brothers. So with social distancing, how are students socializing?

When students left school on March 10, they had no idea that they wouldn't be coming back. Due to COVID-19, schools and stores all over the USA are shut down. All schools

have been moved online. On April 8th, Governor Tim Walz stated a stay-at-home order, and if you are caught breaking the law, you can be fined up to 1,000 dollars or 90 days in jail.

"Before all of this, I would do a lot of my talking in person at school," said Joshua Ojo, freshman at OWL. So what are students using to stay in touch? One popular app is FaceTime. 11th grader Keyana Flockencier 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 Stende, 8th grader at OWL.

Well, we don't know how much longer it's going to be before we're able to get back together, but with the technology we have, we can still stay connected to one another.

## The goals and future of social distancing

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Since early March, after the outbreak of Covid 19, a worldwide pandemic, people around the U.S. have had to "social distance." Thousands of people have had to stay home, only leaving for necessary reasons, such as getting groceries. All contact with friends or non-immediate family members has to be done online. Social distancing has become our new normal, for now at least.

One of the top questions people have been asking during this pandemic is "How long will social distancing last?" The answer is not determined but the whole goal of social distancing is to help the health care system control and

respond to the coronavirus.

Although many are ready for the shelter in place in order to be lifted by governor Walz, it is not advised to do so. Dr. Fauci, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984 has said in order to 'flatten the curve' we must be slow to lift orders. "I'm always very cautious about jumping the gun and saying we have turned the corner, but I think we are really looking at the beginning of that," he said.

A survey found that 78% of Americans approved of Fauci's perspective of the pandemic, compared to 46% approved of the president's response. Many government officials have privately talked and criticized

Fauci for not always sending good messages.

Many people are having to think about what the next year will look like. Many artists have canceled tours for the rest of 2020, sports teams are looking at playing games with no spectators and some universities are even starting to look at making the beginning of fall semester online. Around the United States this has been devastating for many seniors because they did not get to complete their last year of high school in a classroom, and they don't get to have a proper graduation at the end of the year. In the meantime, health officials want people to stay home and if and only if leave the house if it is absolutely necessary.

## Masks now recommended for everyone out in public

*The CDC has updated their mask guidelines to help stop the spread of the coronavirus*

Maria Imholte  
Staff Writer

The Center for Disease Control is now recommending "wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain," which includes places like grocery stores, pharmacies, and more.

Masks recently have been one of the most common ways people have been 'protecting' themselves and others from the Coronavirus, otherwise known as COVID-19 that is rapidly spreading through our world. COVID-19 is known to cause respiratory symptoms, including . With the recent high demands of facial 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 only for 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 a high demand, we are not supposed to use the paper masks, but instead, fabric ones. This is because the paper masks are strictly 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 that way, they're recommending reusable fabric masks.

These fabric masks could be made out of anything from your closet. Scarves, bandanas,



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**Spanish teacher Tim Leone-Getten (left) and math teacher Clara Raineri (right) show off their nonmedical face masks.**

old shirts, anything that you don't have use for anymore, you can most likely use as a protective mask for if you do leave your house in the next couple weeks. Masks are also given out for free at many clinics and health care buildings. It is very heavily reminded however that wearing a mask is not a substitute for social distancing, but instead additional protection to others from your germs, if you are to encounter other people in public places.

25% of people infected with coronavirus don't show symptoms. This means you or someone you know could be infected and have no idea, which is why wearing masks and social distancing are so important. You can spread COVID-19 to others, and have no idea and not feel sick at all.

"You can have it and not know for days, perhaps even ever. But you can still spread it," said David Orrick at the Pioneer Press. "But I might have the coronavirus, and I don't know if I have the coronavirus. I also don't know if you have the coronavirus. And you don't

know either. My bandana isn't great protection from you, but yours is [for me]."

Masks are highly recommended by many clinics and big health organizations around the world, but it's important that we don't forget these things-

Fabric masks need to be washed in washing machines like other clothes to keep them clean from germs that they have been exposed to out in public. That means you should still avoid touching your face with unwashed hands, even with your mask on.

Wearing a mask does not substitute social distancing, still try and maintain a six foot distance from others when in public places -- it protects others from your germs, but not necessarily you from theirs.

Wearing a mask doesn't mean to stop washing your hands constantly. Washing your hands is still the easiest and one of most effective ways to keep you and everyone you're interacting with safe through these times.

# Ultimate season cancelled

*Sports cancellations are having a major impact on students*

**Lili Hobday**  
Staff Writer

For almost two months now the return to play date for ultimate has been pushed further and further back. But finally, USA Ultimate cancelled all of its events. This includes the regular season, Hopkins Hustle and the state tournament. "I found out that frisbee was cancelled from Liam's email. I was devastated. I was really looking forward to winning some games with my team," said senior Jedi Casas

This is especially heart breaking for our seniors. For some of them this was their last season with the Manatee community and for many others it was their last season ever playing ultimate. "I will miss my final season, 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 level during a quarantine. "I've been trying to get outside as much as I can and go for a run or something. It's kinda hard to practice throwing with one person," said Malachi.

Although the game of ultimate is loved, it is not only the sport that is missed. "I'm going



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**The Manatees at a home game last year. USA Ultimate cancelled this year's season.**

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 teammates 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, tournaments. "We all bring food and between games spend a lot of time eating and listening to music. It's so much fun to spend time with the team," said senior Katie Syers.

# How are students staying busy?

*What pasttimes look like during the pandemic*

**Willa Champion & Annika Lofgren**  
Staff Writers

As you've probably heard, you have to stay home, learn online, many stores have closed, all due to the coronavirus pandemic. Students have been stuck at home for over a month now, and many are very bored.

Minnesota governor Tim Walz closed all schools across the state for the rest of the school year, but schools could stay closed into next year. Currently, there is a shelter in place order, meaning the closing of all non-essential businesses and a ban on gatherings of more than five people. For students (and the general public), this restricted their spring break and what they are doing outside of distance learning.

Most years for students, spring break looks like hanging out with friends, going to movies, traveling, hammocking in parks, or going to cafes and restaurants on dates or with family members. This year, none of that was possible. Students have found their lives slowing down, having more time to focus on hobbies, find new ones, spending lots

of time with family, going outside, and finding their time on FaceTime or apps like Zoom skyrocketing. To keep busy, students are doing many dif-

ferent things. countless walks a day to pass time. While some students have been outside, others have stayed inside, and made masks, either for themselves, hospital



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**Due to Governor Walz's shelter-in-place order, many aspects of life look very different. In this case, a dining room table is now school.**

Many students have been baking and doing art, as well as watching a lot of TV. Even though school has started, students still have a lot of free time. Many have become bored in their houses and started to do things such as cleaning, re-arranging, and re-decorating in their rooms. Many students have been exercising, either watching workout videos, running, or going on

workers, or both. Now that school has reopened, students have found themselves reading more, though it is usually assigned from English class.

Currently, Walz is looking to slowly begin to open the state again. Until then, we will have to find even more ways to entertain ourselves at home. The more people who social distance, the sooner we can begin to open the state back up again.

**AP tests, 1**

good answers," said Zoe. AP Biology teacher Megan Hall agreed, saying that "students had better practice writing, because this is a test of writing skill almost as much as content knowledge." On the other hand, some students are concerned that open-notes could create a distraction. Isabella said that the open-notes exam might be "deceptive in that it seems easier but I could easily see myself getting lost in a textbook, looking up terms or information, and running out of time for the actual test."

There are also concerns about whether colleges will accept scores for credit or not. In the past, a 3, 4, or 5 is considered passing, and most institutions award credit for a passing score, though it varies by school, score, and other factors like what major one pursues. The University of California system has said that they will not change the way they credit AP exam scores, but not every school has made the promise. "I wouldn't be surprised if colleges decide not to accept 2020 AP scores for college credits," said 11th grader Isabella Graziani. For the many students that use AP exams as a way to save money -- for a student taking four classes a semester at the U of M, skipping a class could save them around \$1,000. However, the emphasis on tests and subsequent stress it creates isn't necessarily conducive to education. "I don't think that it's healthy or productive," said 11th grader Emma McCarthy.

No matter what the outcome of personal exam scores or what colleges choose to do, "I think given the circumstances the College Board has pulled together the most reasonable and fair option possible," said Megan.

# What does online gym class look like at OWL?

**Jonah Pfoser**  
Staff Writer

With a global pandemic comes online classes, and with online classes comes 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. 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 soccer 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 activities from eating vegetables, to going for a 30-minute run. "It looks like people have more time on their hands and are looking to break up their day by getting some movement in," Joe said, "but the biggest challenge is integrity. Since I'm

not there to watch and confirm them participating." Joe posts a PDF on Schoology for students that labels different activities, assigns point values, and a requirement of 10 points each day. For example, a 20-second wall sit would give you two points, while a 20-minute walk would give you five. Joe said most kids are getting more than the required amount of points each day.

11th grader Kenya Flockencier said she didn't think it was benefiting her that much because she's not interacting



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**Dylan Bickelhall, a 5th grader at Randolph Heights Elementary, works his way through a homemade obstacle course, an assignment from his online physical education class (left).**

with other people. "It's more difficult because he can't see us actively participating, which is how he usually grades us." Devan Mayo, an eighth-grade gym student agreed, saying it wasn't benefiting him as much as it used to. He said that "It was better when I was there than online. Now I don't feel

as motivated." He also said that it's still pretty easy considering its gym class, but a little more difficult now that we have to submit stuff. Devan went on to add that he missed getting the workout in with friends, while Keyana mentioned she missed having class in a real gym.

# A day in the life, at home

## Sophie Windingstad

**Sophie Windingstad**  
Staff Writer

Ever wonder how other students' days are looking in quarantine? Well here's what mine looks like.

At 8:11am I reluctantly woke up to my Father opening my blinds and killing my eyes with the sunlight. I then stumbled over to my desk and did the attendance discussion for crew so I wouldn't forget. After, I started a bit of first and second hour work until I got hungry. When my stomach couldn't take it anymore, I went downstairs and ate toast while finishing up first hour and second hour assignments.

After this I cleaned up breakfast and went back up-

stairs to my room. I sat on my dog's giant bed while I did third and fourth hour work. I was pretty lucky today because none of the work is too hard or long.

After I was all done with school for the day it is about 12:45pm and I ate some lunch, played with my dog for a bit and pretty much just hung out the rest of the day. I did go shopping with my Mom to find a specific thing for my big sister's birthday, but we weren't out for long. My Dad, little sister and I ate salad for dinner while watching 'The Goldbergs' and afterwards, I fed the dog, cat and the chickens and went to bed at 10:30pm.

## Lili Stoner

**Lili Stoner**  
Staff Writer

With school being done at home now, most of our routines have vastly changed. So I thought I would go through what a day looks like for me.

8:00am: The first thing I have to do when I wake up is feed my cats and get them fresh water. Once that's taken care of I can start getting ready. I get dressed because who knows when I'll need to be on a google meet. I generally dress the same unless it's a day I know I won't be on video at all. On those days I just put on sweatpants and a T-shirt or stay in what I slept in. I brush my teeth and throw my hair into a ponytail so it's out of my face. I still do my makeup because that's something I enjoy

doing. After all this, I'm finally ready.

8:30am: Now I sit down to do school. I tried following the set schedule at first but I didn't like the long break in the middle, so now I just do all my class work for the day without a break and it's working out pretty well. I do all my classes in order still, so I start with math.

1:00pm: I finish my work around 1:00 and make lunch. Usually I cook but sometimes I'll just make a sandwich.

2:00pm: I use the rest of my free time to play the ukulele, work on the psych class I picked up while I was bored over spring break, or just play on my phone. I like going on Twitter, CodyCross, and

AdorableHome.

6:45pm: One of us starts making dinner around 7:00. After dinner me and my mom binge watch TV. Usually Grey's Anatomy, Twin Peaks, The Big Bang Theory, or Friends. This takes pretty much the rest of our night.

10:30: Around 10:30 I call my best friend and we play games over video chat. There's this game that's kinda like Sorry! which can take some time.

Notes: No, I don't eat breakfast. I just sort of snack throughout the day. My bedtime varies. Sometimes it's 11:00, sometimes it's 2:30 and I can't sleep. This may seem late but I'm used to getting up at 6:20 so 8:00 is sleeping in.

# Senior Spotlight

Maggie Windingstad



**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 but 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."

**How tall are you?**  
I'm 5' 7"

**What's your favorite class so far and why?**  
My favorite class is physical science

**Who's your favorite senior?**  
My favorite senior is Jedi.

**Where do you think you're going to go for college?**  
The college I think I will get to is Luther College.

**What's your favorite book, movie, TV show or video game?**  
I don't read. My favorite video game is Fortnite.

**What is the weirdest thing about OWL?**  
The weirdest thing at OWL is that we are connected to another high school.

## That One Little Kid

Alex Perez-Salazar



**Missing normal, 2**  
the times before this. Many people are also realizing the importance of things they may have taken for granted before. When asked about what she misses, 8th grader Bea Lloyd says "The normal school routine, it's harder for me to get motivated to do my schoolwork now." Online school is a cool thing, it's great that students have had the resources to do it and teachers everywhere are helping them to continue to be successful in school. Lots of people miss socializing and

8th grader Cooper Peterson Antin says that he misses "Going to school instead of doing it online, I miss being able to socialize with classmates and teachers in person every day." Countless students simply say "I miss my friends." Everyone knows that during these times people really miss being able to see people that are important to them. That is such a regular thing to do but now it's all different. Teens are bored, frustrated, struggling with online work, not having any social interactions and just

very fun and creative ways to stay in contact and keep entertained. "It's important we take care of our mental health, just like we do our physical health, and doing that that looks different for everyone, first and foremost, you should be talking to someone about how you are doing," says counselor Katerina Youngberg.

There are many things we now can't do because of this pandemic. 8th grader Mae Heeringa says "I miss being able to go outside and skateboard to a local park and just having the option to hang out." Annie Westawker, a junior at Central High School says "I really miss being able to go out and enjoy stuff with my friends, especially on the nice spring days that we have been having in the past few weeks." 8th grader Maria Imholte said "I miss walking around outside everyday and seeing people out, having fun."

After-school activities like sports and theatre at OWL and Humbolt are all cancelled until further notice. Another huge event that couldn't happen this year because of COVID-19 was the spring break Costa Rica trip that OWL has planned for years. This was a big disappointment to a lot of students and also teachers. They were supposed to leave on March 31st and come back the week after spring break on April 8th.

Artists like Harry Styles, Doja Cat, Taylor Swift and many more have cancelled concert tours until further notice. Many award shows that

would be happening throughout the summer have been cancelled. Other things like the Met Gala, pride parades in many states and social media events like VidCon also will not be happening this year.

There are so many things students, teachers and everyone is missing out on during these isolated times. It seems so far that many are finding ways to manage and keep calm and entertained amid the crisis. Hopefully everyone is somewhat enjoying this very long break.

"During this time you should get outside, it's easy to sit on the couch and watch TV, play video games, whatever, but fresh air away from a screen is essential," says Katerina, "I'd say the most important thing right now is that you are asking for help when you need it and being patient with yourself and those around you." This whole situation is uncharted territory for all of us and we should be supporting each other as much as we can. She says that "Simple acts of kindness right now can go a long way, send a peer a nice email to check in, ask a parent what you could do to help around the house, FaceTime someone you can't see in person right now, kind acts not only mean so much for the person, but can really make you feel good about yourself!" And lastly she shares "I want everyone to remember we are all in this together, we will eventually be back to school where we can be with each other again!"

# New York is a major Covid hotspot

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A new study has found that the first covid-19 cases originated in Europe and could have occurred as early as February. The study was published by medRxiv and was led by researchers at Icahn school of medicine. They traced the origin of the outbreak in New York City using complete genomes of the virus. The researchers found that the virus predominantly arose from untracked transmission from Europe to the U.S. with little evidence of direct transmission from China. It is also important to note that the study has not been peer reviewed.

In New York City there are now 67,551 confirmed cases with 4,245 new cases of Covid-19. The Governor of New York has confirmed that an additional 8,327 cases have been confirmed bringing the total number of confirmed

cases in New York to 122,031. One reason the virus got so bad was Dr. Anthony Fauci cited that they had already gotten multiple cases before they knew what was going on. It is also very clear that the virus can spread at an alarming rate.

"The operational challenge facing our health care[sic] system at the apex of the curve is impossible. We are asking our hospitals to do more than ever before with less equipment, supplies and staff, but we don't have any other options," said New York Governor Cuomo.

State officials have now undertaken another way to collect data on the virus. They set up outdoor food markets where they tested and looked at the antibodies of 3,000 of the indicators that they had fought off the virus. From the results that New York got they have estimated that about 21.2% of New York City residents have gotten the coronavirus.

### Strike, 1

Jeny Dohrer.

"It was a combination of feelings for me. I believed in what we were striking for, the issues we had taken a stand on. But going on strike is a scary thing, not knowing how long we'll be out, how long kids won't have access to the school, just the uncertainty," said social studies teacher Katie Craven.

On March 10th, 3,094 (87%) of SPFE's members were on the picket lines. About 3,000 educators, students, parents, and community members participated in a march from Global Arts, through the West Seventh Street business district to district headquarters.

"I never thought I would involve myself with a protest," said junior Tanushri Buck. "But knowing this was to get better mental health services for me and my peers, it was worth it. It was amazing to see how many teachers were at the big rally and it showed how much teachers really do care."

The strike took place at school campuses, stretched to local neighborhoods and street corners, and overpasses crossing I-94 and I-35E. March 11 had the same number of educators on the strike lines and March 12, it rained but Educa-

tors were out on the lines with ponchos and umbrellas ready to march from Central high school to University Avenue.

"It was weird being on strike. Part of being in a union is that all the teachers were in it together. We have a pretty good thing going at OWL, but there are some other schools where the teachers are really struggling and they need our support. We were striking not just for OWL students, but all the students in the district," said math teacher Tom Totushek.

With parents and educators becoming wary about the impact the coronavirus would have on schools and society, and under the governor's pressure, the district and union had to come to an agreement. Negotiations went into the early morning hours of March 13th, ending the strike. The Union is aware of not receiving everything members asked for on the contract but settled due to the COVID-19 response needed.

"I don't like the settlement at all. All the teacher's leverage was lost because of the global pandemic, so the union had to compromise on most of the final proposals. I wouldn't be surprised if the teachers had to strike again," said Tom.



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**What's "normal" has changed a lot due to the pandemic. Distance learning, a major change, presents its own unique challenges.**

always having people around for you to talk to, get help from or collaborate with. It's also just having so many resources, places to be and that community all around you to support your learning. Distance learning is a very different experience from what we're used to.

not doing well because of this. Teens have said that socializing is the only thing that keeps them sane so to take that away is a big adjustment. Friends can be essential to health and wellbeing and it can be hard to stay in good contact with people during these times. Luckily most have been finding many



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**Educators march to garner support for the strike, which ended after Governor Tim Walz declared a peacetime emergency due to the coronavirus pandemic.**

# 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 3rd, 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 topical 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 History Day participants watched together via a Zoom watch party. Social studies teacher and History Day enthusiast Katie Craven said "I knew OWL had strong projects, but am so happy that so many were rewarded for their hard work. We have seven projects and 12 students '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 participants and thanked History Day organizers for making the competition possible. "We are so proud to have been able to continue the journey with History 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 research papers, both of which are normally turned in ahead of time, were due to judges by Friday April 24. Exhibits, performances, and documentaries, all of which are normally first presented to judges at the event, were due Monday April 27. Exhibits and performances both submitted different final projects: performances submitted scripts and exhibits submitted a slideshow of their boards. Performers experienced a drastically different way of sharing their knowledge, which didn't include any actual performing, a source of frustration for students. "I think [11th grader] Sam

Kellar-Long expressed it best -- 'performance 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 Mae Wrigley on the South African apartheid, which is moving onto Nationals.

This year's theme is "Breaking 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 devastating 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.

Like everything that has transitioned to being virtual, many aspects of the in-person experience are lost. OWL students were not able to come together to celebrate and watch each other present their projects at the state or regional History Day events. State History 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 enthusiastic 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."

Senior Individual Documentaries

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
NATIONAL QUALIFIER

**Iris Carroll**  
Open World Learning Secondary

*Penumbra Theatre: Presenting African American Narratives through Performance*

Senior Individual Documentaries

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
NATIONAL QUALIFIER

**Isabella Graziani**  
Open World Learning Secondary

*The Vietnam War As Seen On TV*

Senior Individual Websites

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
NATIONAL QUALIFIER

**Lily Hennessee**  
Open World Learning Secondary

*Lewis Hlne: Breaking the Barrier Between Reality and Perception of Child Labor*

Junior Group Documentaries

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
NATIONAL QUALIFIER

**Tess and Willa Champion**  
Open World Learning Secondary

*Berkeley Strikes Back: The Third World Liberation Front*

Senior Group Websites

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
NATIONAL QUALIFIER

**Aiko Mattie and Emma McCarthy**  
Open World Learning Secondary

*Gloria Richardson: Breaking Racial Barriers in Cambridge, MD*

Senior Group Documentaries

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
NATIONAL QUALIFIER

**Elsa Carlson and Zoe Campion**  
Open World Learning Secondary

*'Unbought and Unbossed' Shirley Chisholm and the Breaking of Political Barriers*

Senior Individual Websites

**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
NATIONAL QUALIFIER

**Freya Ebbesen**  
Open World Learning Secondary

*Our Bodies, Ourselves: Breaking the Barriers Between Women and Their Bodies*

Senior Group Performances

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
NATIONAL QUALIFIER

**Helena Squires Mosher, Mae Wrigley, & Sam Kellar-Long**  
Open World Learning

*The South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Breaking Barriers through Forgiveness*

*"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."*

## Activity ideas, 3

journaling and writing in her spare time.

Another great thing to do when you're stuck inside all day is clean and organize your space. Yes, that sounds boring, but it is a great feeling to have a clean space once you're done. If you're gonna be spending most of your time in your room, why not make it a comfortable and calming place to be? Also, do your laundry. Stop wearing the same smelly pajamas for a week straight.

What a lot of people have been doing to combat missing their friends, besides texting and facetime calls, is writing personal letters and mailing them to their buddies. OWL Freshman Debora Tesfamariam has been handcrafting letters to her friends and says "Even though they're a text or call away, it's a nice way to get away from technology and also sparks 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 excuses! 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, facetime 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 suggestions, they are safe, enjoyable, good-for-the-soul activities that are sure to help with the craziness of being stuck inside and not being able to see friends and family. I hope you



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**Science teacher Megan Hall at her new office in her basement, complete with a greenscreen.**

all are keeping sane during this weird time, and can use some of these ideas for keeping your head.

## Zoom, 1

Many schools have turned to Zoom as a first option, because 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 distance learning, and immediately eliminated it as an option.

It was soon discovered that there were flaws in Zoom's system. The two issues that really stood out to most were, for one, the fact that schools and organizations discovered users crashing (zoom-bombing) to other calls. Students were giving 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



people being able to access users webcam and microphone without the account owner'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 predicted the quarantine to go on for many more months, possibly including into the next school year. This means students

and teachers are going 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 education! For example: snow day? No problem! Students can still get work done using online school!

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



# Reviews 'n' stuff



## The mess of the coronavirus pandemic

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

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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 a ravenous mainstream media desperate for a story, there's quite a lot wrong with the response. Let's talk about what's wrong with both the media response, and the government response.

Most people started to learn about this virus in mid-to-late February, right after the super necessary, and definitely not a waste of time, impeachment trials ended. However, there had been serious talk of this since as far back as December of 2019, and rest assured, the majority of mainstream media was too busy talking about anything else. After their sa-

cred cow known as "impeachment" keeled over and died, they decided to downplay basically everything about the virus. National Geographic said that shutting down travel wouldn't work, Harvard Business Review said that the coronavirus wouldn't lead to layoffs, Vox said that we shouldn't be worried about contact with people who might have directly affected relatives, and if we are, we're xenophobic and hate all Chinese people. Then of course, after it arrived in decent numbers, it was the president's fault.

After stay at home orders were posted, the mainstream media didn't really have anything to report on, so they just created issues out of thin air. The mainstream media crafted an entire 'controversy' regarding the name the president used, which literally did not exist until a press conference.



Now what's funnier about this 'controversy' is that 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 within 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 DRC, it's just where it came from. It may be helpful to know that many news

agencies run the risk of being banned in China, but they would never kowtow to a foreign government in order to get those sweet sweet dolla-

rie-doo, now would they.

Now we move on to the government response. When the first news of the virus started coming out in late December and early January, it was somewhat reasonable to expect that the virus would stay in China and burn itself out. However, as early January turned into mid-to-late January, it became clear that the virus was going to spread, and spread fast.

Myself and many others wanted to shut down travel with China, so we could prevent, or at least stall, the virus spreading to the US. However, those hopes were dashed on January 21st, as the first case in the US was confirmed, as 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 only motivated by the stock market. It

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

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Amid the coronavirus panic, humanity seems to have found a silver lining. Photos of cities across the world, now undisturbed by human activity as people are sequestered in their homes, are being shared in droves on social media. The Venice canals running completely clear. Elephants sneaking into a Chinese farm to feast on the produce. Goats taking over the streets of a Welsh town. Although these images can be fascinating, they seem to have spurred on the popularity of a troubling phrase, being commented on thousands of these posts: "Humans are the problem." Even more extreme, "We are the virus."

At first glance, these phrases seem harmless--maybe even 'woke'. But this claim has several flaws. Firstly, it severs the connection between humans as a part of the world, declaring the human race to be an almost unnatural force. Secondly, it ignores the fact that different people have different impacts on the environment.

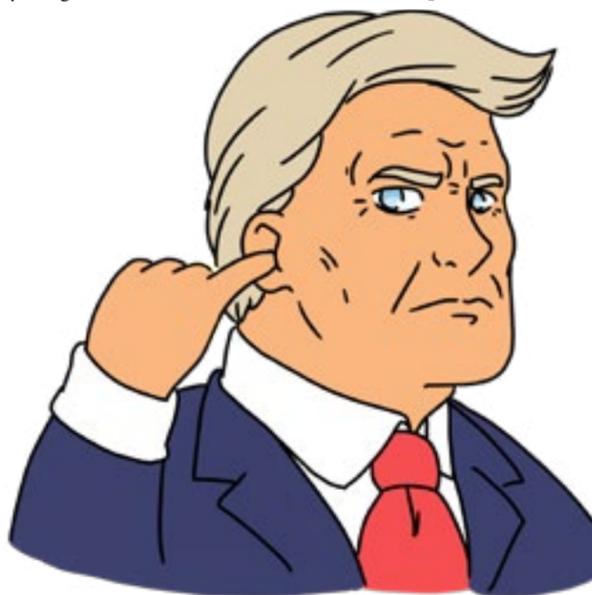
However, blindly applauding any type of perceived environmental progress, while ignoring the fact that minorities are bearing the brunt of the ill effects, can be dangerous--especially considering the roots that environmentalism has in white supremacy, eugenics and xenophobia. For example, Gifford Pinchot, member of International Eugenics Congress and American Eugenics Society, was the close friend of Theodore Roosevelt and the head of the National Conservation Commission for almost a decade. John Muir, arguably one of the most popular environmentalists of all time, and founder of the Sierra Club, wrote about the "dirty and irregular life" of the Native Americans of near Yosemite,

but assured incoming tourists that "as to Indians, most of them are dead or civilized into useless innocence."

I've written about this before, but the idea that everyday human activity is the leading cause of climate change is essentially a lie purported by capitalists, in order to shift the blame away from the industries that are 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 airways. Additionally, the lack of social safety nets are forcing many people to continue working outside of their homes, risking exposure of the virus to 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 continue working likely don't have the money to get tested, let alone treated, 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 money of American taxpayers are 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, educate. Let's use this opportunity to highlight the flaws in our capitalist system that are being exposed by this crisis, especially as it becomes clearer that it supports the industries leading climate change.



Avniel Green

## The other political parties

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With the democratic presidential primary all but over with, voters are currently beginning to shift their attention to the general election in November. Many look towards the two Major Parties of our political system, the Democratic Party and the Republican Party, as their only options besides staying home.

However, despite the dominance of these two parties, there are actually far more than two political parties in the US. Today, I want to cover the third, fourth, and fifth biggest American political parties and what they believe in, as well as why you should definitely consider them when casting your ballots in the fu-

ture. These are the Libertarian Party, the Green Party, and the Constitution Party respectively. Each of these represent a unique ideology, and will be fighting for voters who feel ignored or jaded by the two major parties this election cycle.

First of all, the biggest American third party, the Libertarian Party. As a party, they generally identify heavily with Right Wing Libertarianism. This involves strong advocacy for the social and economic freedoms of all Americans. What are these freedoms? Well, according to their 2018 Manifesto, Social Freedoms include: Constitutional freedoms like Freedom of Speech and the Right to Bear Arms, American's rights to privacy, and their right to engage

in relationships as they wish, among many others.

Economically, these freedoms include: freedom to choose your healthcare via a private healthcare system, freedom from taxation, and freedom from government regulation of businesses, among many more. The party is a strong choice for those who believe in a much smaller, less active government, and more freedom in all ways for individuals. However, despite having a lot of appeal to these believers in small government, they often lose voters to Republican tactical voting.

Next is the second largest American third party, the Green Party. The Greens share elements of Libertarianism with the Libertarian Party, but

they massively deviate when it comes to economics, as a Hard Left group. Their Left Wing Libertarianism believes in Social Freedom, but Massive Government Intervention in the economy to provide for its citizens. Its social focuses include: Protecting freedom of speech, repealing the PATRIOT Act, and prevention of any form of discrimination against minorities under the law.

Economically, they fight for single payer healthcare, very high progressive taxation systems, and most of all, huge ecological action. The Greens are defined by their environmental demands, and they obviously have incredibly bold plans for climate action. The Greens serve as a great op-

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# Otis' top six Netflix binges

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Are you confused about what to do with your mountains of free time during the COVID-19 pandemic? Well, you're in luck, because I've spent about five whole minutes researching the best shows on the world's #1 streaming service! Quibi. Just kidding, Netflix.

There are many new arrivals on Netflix for the wondrous warmth of springtime that many won't be able to enjoy because you live in Minnesota. I will be giving you a top six list of the most binge-worthy Netflix shows to at least dull the incurable mental screaming you all have at all times during this massive worldwide silence. I will be basing my choices off of rotten tomato scores, and my own personal interest, because let's be honest who is gonna read a digital school newspaper.

\*Disclaimer: I will not be limiting myself to new arrivals. This is all off of Netflix.

Without further ado the top six bet binges for the quaran-



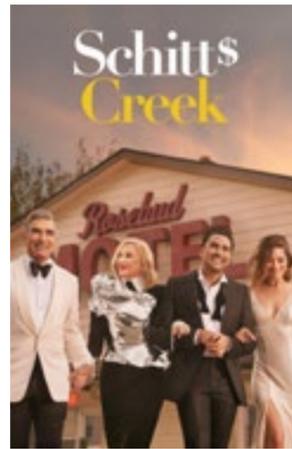
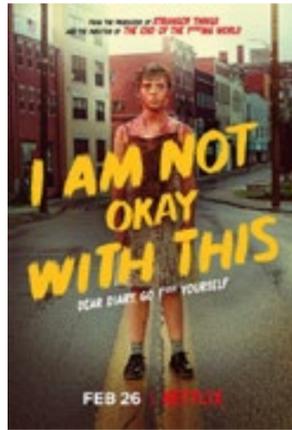
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6. *Bojack Horseman*. 6 seasons. Rotten Tomatoes score: 93%. Otis King score: 90%. This biting satirical dramedy follows the clinically funny, depressed world of former TV star Bojack Horseman. Bojack is joined by many multi-dimensional characters, such as Diane Nguyen, a ghostwriter that meets Bojack at one of his many parties, Mr. Peanut Butter, a golden retriever whose personality is exactly what you'd expect it to be, and Todd, a freeloading 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: 86% Otis King score: 70% One word. Candy. This show is candy. It's sweet, easy, and just as addictive as cocaine. One season of 20-minute episodes makes this a quick, tasty treat of a show. I definitely recommend this for quarantine.

4. *Sex Education*. 2 seasons. Rotten Tomatoes score: 94%.



Otis King score: 95%. A raunchy, and dare I say slightly unrealistic look at the modern high school experience, this British show does not hold back on its representation. 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 mother's advice to her patients to "treat" students at Moredale

High, in exchange for cash. A wonderful binge that I finished in 2 weeks.

3. *Schitt's Creek*. 5 seasons. Rotten Tomatoes score: 92%. Otis King score: 95%. This show is one of the funniest I've ever seen. Sharp writing and perfect delivery, make for one of the best sitcoms to grace the small screen. Created by the dynamic father-son duo Dan and Eugene Levy, (who also star) this show will have you laughing your ass off as well as delivering some of the best performances by an amazing ensemble cast of new and old comedic legends.



2. *Parks And Rec*. 7 seasons. Rotten Tomatoes score: 92%. Otis King score: 98%. Parks and recreation. A legendary show that showcases masterful comedic acting by some of the biggest names in comedy, including Amy Poehler, Aziz Ansari, Nick Offerman, and Adam Scott. The show evolves well over its seven season run, giving us great character development. Nobody really knows what "it" is but this show has got "it."

Honorable Mentions: Community, The Office, Big Mouth, Atypical, Master of none, the pharmacist, a series of unfortunate events, F is for Family, Ozark, Arrested development, unbreakable kimmy Schmidt.

1. *Tiger King*. Mini series. Rotten tomatoes score: 86%. Otis king score: 90% Tiger King takes the #1 spot due to its intense and insane subject material that makes for an awesome twisting and turning ride. Ridiculously binge worthy, this show is bound to win a few Emmys just as it has the hearts of the viewers.

## 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..well..this 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 video from Ellen and unfortunately have heard this now famous quote. 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 \$2.75 million home. "Yeah, 'til July sounds like a bunch of\*\*\*. I'm sorry, but like...It's a virus -I get it-, like I respect it. But at the same time, like...Even if everybody gets it..like..yeah, people are gonna die-which is terrible..but..like...inevitable?"

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

Then on Twitter, Will Pharell tweeted, "Take action, make a donation, and ask others to join the fight. We're in this together. Let's protect the responders on the frontlines." Just after the tweet was made, a person on twitter by the username of @antiractionist replied with, "Aren't you like.. Incredibly wealthy?"

So it's been made very clear that if almost any celebrity tries



**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.**

to make a comment about the 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 to fans 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 most aren't donating.

"What they should be doing is actually helping by donating their money to help people who don't have jobs

or give hospitals the correct equipment they need to fight the Coronavirus," said 12th grader, Emi Stiefel-Alperin.

Some celebrities however, realize how these other celebrities are acting and have decided to call them out on it. Famous artist, Cardi B, said over an instagram live, "Where do they think they're sending people home to? Not everybody has the luxury to go in a \*\*\* bedroom and go in a big-\*\*\* house and just stay away from people. A lot of people live in small-\*\*\* apartments with multiple people. If you're sending me home and I have the Corona-\*\*\*-virus, I'm most likely gonna give it to my spouse, my kids, anybody that's around me. And, on top of that, a lot of celebrities-y'all have the luxury to pay \$34,000 or whatever the \*\*\* it costs to get tested and get treated. A lot of these people, they don't \*\*\* 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 fans in need.

That is what fans expect from celebrities. People, especially doctors, want anybody who can help to help. Singing and telling people, who can't help, to help, isn't actually doing anything to help. When asked if celebrities singing and telling people to help fight this pandemic is really helping anybody during this time, Senior Jerry Diver from Connection Academy in Cleveland, Ohio, had this to say, "Absolutely not. In fact I lost respect for them because of it. They don't give a \*\*\* about us and that shows it."

## Jackbox makes for a digital party

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Are you bored and want to play a fun game with your friends(from a safe distance), and have 25-30 dollars lying around? Well I have the perfect game for you, The Jackbox Party Pack 1-6! The first pack on Steam introduces the game with, "The team behind YOU DON'T KNOW JACK presents FIVE guffaw-inducing party games in one pack! Your phones or tablets are your controllers!"

The first ever Jackbox Party Pack was created in 2014 by "Jackbox inc." and included five different games. And since then, a new pack has come out every year that can be hosted on your computer (and more recently the Nintendo Switch) and played on your phones. Every pack comes out with new games and in more recent packs sequels to well loved games like Quplash and Trivia Murder Party. Every game has a theme, the palette, the songs and the little character that identifies who you are always stays in the theme of the game, from the dark and horrific feel of Trivia Murder Party to the bright robot ruled world of Mad Verse City, the feel of the game will always be interesting.

With around 30 games in total it wouldn't be the best idea to talk about all of them, so I've decided to talk about my top three. Trivia murder party, is a trivia game where you have to be the last one alive. Like every Jackbox game the game narrator introduces

themselves and the game, but this time we don't learn the name of our mysterious narrator. They introduce the game with: "I'm going to ask you a bunch of trivia questions, if you get a question wrong you have to fight for your life, in one of my super fun minigames!" The place you are sent if you get something wrong is called the killing floor, but there is one minigame where death is not an option. This minigame is called fingers, you have to choose one of your fingers, excluding the thumb, to cut off and depending on what finger you cut off you can't choose the answer that correlates with the finger. For example, if you cut off your pinky, you can't choose answer four.

Monster seeking monster is a game where you have to "date" as many other players and be the one with the most hearts at the end of the night. The game narrator Felicia introduces the game: "I'll be hosting 6 nights of horrific hookups, where you'll try to convince other players to go out with you by sending secret messages." And at the end, Felicia adds: "Did I mention you're all secretly monsters?" in the game there are around 16 monsters you can be, you have the generic monsters like werewolf and witch, but you also have the not so generic monsters. There is mother, and at the beginning of the game is assigned a child, but the child doesn't know that, and the nights the child doesn't go on a

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# What to watch in isolation

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

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With everything cancelled and being forced to stay at home, I know lots have people have 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

to kill it.

When I think of isolation in a movie, *Alien* is the first thing that comes to my head. The feeling of isolation and suspense it instokes in the viewer is astonishing. It's great acting, beautiful set pieces, and timeless scenes only add to this movie's greatness. Specifical-

Joy, Larson, decides to escape with her son. Once free, Joy begins to reconnect with the world and her family and Jack discovers it for the first time. *Room* is a movie that is carried by its incredible performances that keep you invested from beginning to end. It's equal parts heartbreaking and up-

is like. Suddenly, a ship lands on earth and *Wall-E* meets EVE, a robot designed to scan earth, and the two form a connection. *Wall-E* follows her into space and an adventure begins. *Wall-E* is a great movie and I think everyone knows that. I haven't meet anyone who doesn't like *Wall-E* and it's widely considered one of Pixar's best. It works well as both a silent comedy and romance while also appealing to everyone. Since its widely centered around 2 characters and a third of the movie only features one in a desolated area, this is the perfect isolation movie to watch with your family. It's on Disney+ and available to rent.

*Groundhog Day*: *Groundhog Day* is a 1993 comedy about Phil, a weatherman from Pittsburg who's forced to cover *Groundhog Day* in Punxsutawney. After working the day with his crewmates Rita and Larry, he goes to bed and wakes up to *Groundhog Day* again. He realizes he's stuck in *Groundhog Day* and needs to find a way to escape. *Groundhog Day* is one of my 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, strange occurrences begin to happen to Danny, the child. Jack, the father, begins to go crazy and the film evolves into a psychological horror full of disturbing imagery. *The Shining* has been hailed as one of the best horror movies for good reason. It has incredible acting from everyone, particularly from Jack Nicholson and Shelly Duval, timeless cinematography and enough hidden details for multiple rewatches. Kubrick is one of the best directors of all time and his vision of horror reinvented the genre and is truly terrifying. It doesn't rely on cheap jump scares or mountains of gore but focuses on a delve into madness and the transformation of man to monster. It's an intense slow burn of a movie with one of the most exciting climaxes ever put to screen. It's available to rent

*The Hateful 8*: *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 lying. I'm a big Tarantino fan and while this certainly isn't his best work, it's still a great movie. It strays away from the hyper violence of *Kill Bill* and *Django*, and the crime of *Pulp Fiction* and *Jackie Brown*, putting Tarantino in a new direction. It has a major focus on character and dialogue and the tiny cabin they're stuck in puts an emphasis on that. The acting is also great in this movie from everyone and everyone encapsulates their character. Bothe the regular and extended version are on Netflix and available to rent.

## RWBY is a story of "fear and loyalty"

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"The single quality that is common across every living creature on this planet is fear. It's funny then, that as common as fear is, we so easily underestimate its power. Fear of growing close to someone. A subsequent fear of loss. Fear of failure. And as more people depend on you, those fears can take on greater power."

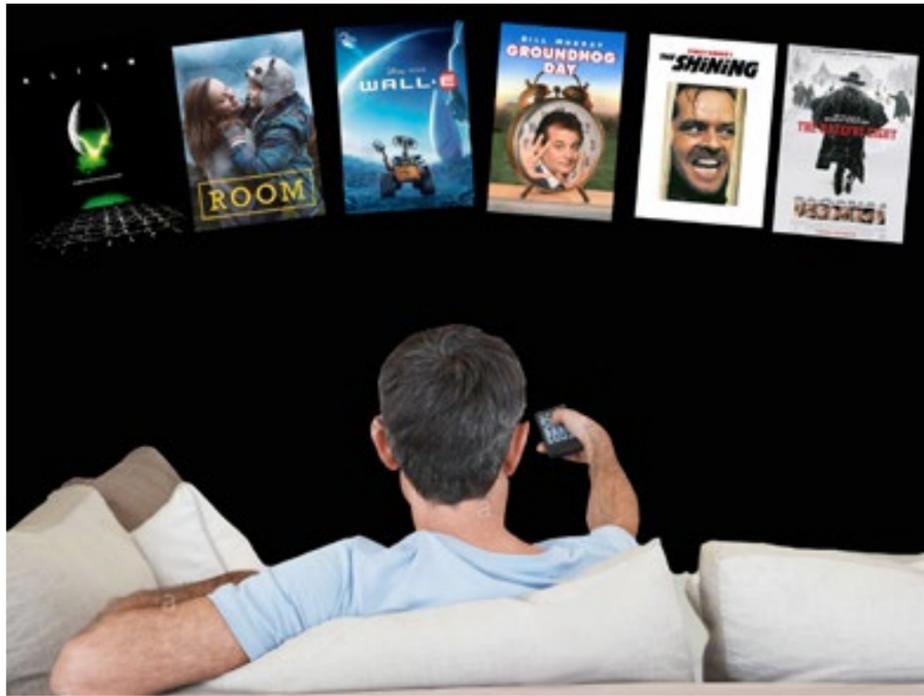
This is an excerpt from a monologue, brilliantly delivered by Shannon McCormick and accompanied by Casey Lee Williams's beautiful and melancholy "Until the End", which is heard in the closing minutes of the finale episode of the latest Volume of *Rooster Teeth's* masterpiece series, *RWBY*. It's clearly important, too, as it is reflected a mere few minutes later in the credits song's chorus: "Who will you see, there in the darkness, when no one is watching; who will you be?"

It also just so happens to be a great summary of one of the two central themes of what is probably the most poignant Volume so far: fear and loyalty. All thirteen episodes, even the lighter moments, are permeated with a subtle sense of anxiety as the protagonists face difficult choice after difficult choice, where none of the options feel right and all of them have potentially disastrous consequences.

While certainly not perfect—I personally believe that Volume 6 was overall much better—there is a ton to love. Being the beginning of the presumed Winter Trilogy, there are a myriad of new elements that all work together to create a compelling story. One of the most notable ones is the badass new designs for all of the characters. Though it's not the first time a change like this has happened—Volumes 4-6 also had different designs from 1-3—the team of artists led by the supremely talented Patrick Rodriguez & Ein Lee and the production staff headed by lead writer Miles Luna & supervising director Kerry Shawcross took a much bolder approach this time around. Gutsy choices pop up everywhere, like shearing Blake's hair down to a bob-cut, giving Jaune and Ruby roguish spikier hairstyles, and adding new features to their weapons.

Along with the returning supporting cast including Jason Rose as General Ironwood and Elizabeth Maxwell as Winter Schnee, the former of whom hasn't been seen since Volume 4 and the latter since 3, this Volume also sees the arrival of Jason Liebrecht, known for his performance of Mordecai in the *Borderlands* games,

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minimal characters, setting, or both? Here's a list of my personal favorite movies about isolation.

*Alien*: *Alien* is a 1979 horror movie directed by Ridley Scott about a space crew 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

ly, the chestbuster scene has gone down as one of cinema's greatest and paved the way for sci-fi horror. I can easily recommend this to any won, 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 held captive in a tiny shed for years by a man who kidnapped her. Once Jack, Tremblay, turns five

lifting and the performances capture both great. It captures the characters loneliness both 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.

*Wall-E*: *Wall-E* is a 2009 animated film about a future earth destroyed by human waste. A *Wall-E* robot is one of the last remains on earth and the movie shows what his life

## Arrested Development is hilariously binge-worthy

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

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A couple years ago, I was sifting 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 53 episodes. I recently rewatched the show, and the two newer seasons and decided to look into why it had such a short run.

*Arrested Development* is a comedy show about the Bluths, a dysfunctional family that goes from riches to rags. It focuses on the second oldest Bluth son Michael, played by Jason Bateman, as he tries to

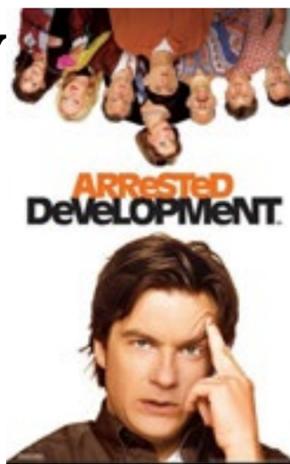
keep the family together and solve their financial problem. The show originally aired for three seasons on FOX from 2003-2006, then was revived by Netflix for two more seasons from 2013-2019.

The show was produced by Ron Howard, who also narrates it. He wanted to create a comedy show that felt like reality TV, so they used handheld cameras to film giving it a more realistic feeling. He created the show with writer Mitch Hurwitz.

The show's first season gained high critical acclaim, with it having 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. It was nominated for four Emmys and won three. Despite its high reviews, it failed to match ratings of other shows on air such as *Will and Grace*, and *Everybody Loves Raymond*. In its 1st season it was the 120th most popular show that year. FOX

executives cut season 2 from 22 episodes down to 18. The show was still garnering very high reviews but FOX decided that not enough people were watching and 4 episodes into the 3rd season it was cancelled and the final 9 episodes left in the season were played at the same time block as the 2006 Winter Olympics. The cast and fan base of the show blame the cancellation on lack of, or poor marketing.

Mitch Hurwitz, the show's creator, said that it was always the plan to do 4 seasons and a movie. From 2007-2010 there were talks of there being a movie in works but the cast had become more famous and their schedules never lined up. Throughout that time there were talks with NBC and HBO of picking up the show. In 2011 at a convention it was announced that Netflix had bought the show and there



was going to be a season 4. The show has many ongoing jokes and callbacks to previous episodes so thrived on Netflix with people being able to binge episodes. In 2013 *Arrested Development* season 4 came out to negative reviews. It currently holds a 27% on rotten tomatoes.

So how did one of the highest rated comedy shows of all time go to almost unwatchable? I think there are a couple reasons. The schedule restrictions of the cast made the show hard to film, so each episode was only focused on one character. In its first 3 seasons, the

show was at its funniest when all these eccentric characters were interacting with each other. Instead we get episodes that are around a half hour, unlike the regular 22 minutes, about a boring storyline and arc for one character. The show's first 3 seasons had an ongoing storyline about Michael Bluth trying to keep the family company afloat and keep his father out of jail. The newer seasons have multiple episodes that don't fit into the larger storyline. They have an episode where a character goes to India to find inner peace, but in the next episode they're back and haven't changed. Another example of a boring storyline is when the father scams people by using a sweat lodge. These stories are not only unfunny and uninteresting, they also don't serve a purpose to an ongoing story.

Although the 4th season has some high points, it just is not funny enough and interesting to watch. After the negative reception Mitch Hurwitz re-edited season 4 to make each episode to around 25 minutes. While this change cut down on some of the more boring parts, the season is just not as good as the first 3. In

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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 really touches on the importance of recognizing our feelings, the good and the bad ones and not letting them define who we are. The movie has really strong acting and all the characters are so different but have such relatable qualities. They all are dealing with real world issues that maybe you have dealt with in your life, and trying their best to do it with a positive mindset which is really refreshing to see. In my opinion this movie is a must watch, it's a joyful, sad, heartfelt and beautiful story of adolescence.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower was based on the novel

by Stephen Chbosky, who also directed the film. The book was published in early 1999 and 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 and alcohol 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, shy 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 threatening all of it.

Honestly my only critique for this movie would be having some mature themes. 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 sex. But if any of these topics are triggering for you I would recommend looking at more reviews on the movie to decide if you feel comfortable watching it and/or watch the movie with a friend (over FaceTime or Netflix Party) or family member.

# Tiger King is worth the hype



Netflix

**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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Tiger King, as many now know, it's the newest breakout hit from Netflix, but is it actu-

ally any good?

I sat down on the night of March 21st and turned on Netflix to see that this so-called "Tiger King" show was

the number 1 show in the U.S. I thought to myself why not watch it. The show has been on air for around a month now.

After watching the first few episodes I was pleasantly surprised, the show has a very interesting plot and some unforgettable characters. Joe Exotic, the 57 year old man who stars in the show is definitely the most interesting. He owned a zoo in Wynnewood Oklahoma, and had over 150 tigers at one time. Another character is Carol Baskin who is in charge of Big Cat Rescue in Tampa Bay, Florida, she is also suspected of being connected to her husband's disappearance. While watching the show, I often found myself wondering how Joe got out of the mess he's in.

Within the show there are some graphic scenes and moments that wouldn't be easy for the squeamish, it's rated M for mature on Netflix and I would agree with that rating. Overall this show is worth it, if you can get past the graphic parts and the language use. It's a show that I would recommend you sitting down and watching.

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tion for dissuaded Progressive Democrats or Climate Change activists. But again, as with the Libertarians and the Republicans, Greens lose a lot of their possible voters to those who

and prefer something a bit more radical. But as of late, this base has massively flocked to the Republican Party, especially with the massive evangelical support Donald Trump received that propelled him

lege as a big reason for this lack of success: "The electoral college system our country uses to elect a candidate typically works against third-party candidates."

Finally, he broke down why

vote for whichever of those you think is less bad? Well, there's a merit to that, but I would like to argue that expressing what you truly believe is more important.

If most of the people that liked third parties actually voted third party when it came time to vote, third parties would be way more prevalent! It's that two-Party system mentality 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 rights.

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 party systems 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 accordingly. Before participating in your civic duty on election days, do research on the parties! Find the one you most align with, and heavily consider whether it's really worth it to vote for the lesser of two evils.

Dissuaded Sanders supporters uninterested in Joe Biden and the Democratic Party, try looking into the Greens! Small Government Republicans unsatisfied with President Trump's performance, take a look at the Libertarians! Christian Republicans who want to veer much further conservative as a country, think about the Constitution Party! And of course, no matter who you support, always vote.

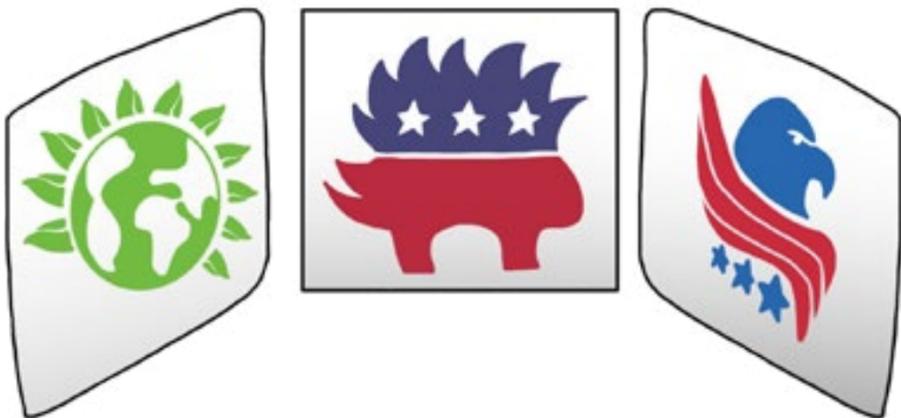
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date the mother earns an extra heart.

Push the button, is a game where you have to weed out the hidden alien(s) on your ship. The game narrator digital operation during emergencies, or DODE introduces the game: "I have detected an alien bio-rhythm on this ship. And just as I suspected, the aliens unloaded a virus which is slowly deleting my program." DODE starts up protocol Whisky Tango Foxtrot, "Which is a series of tests to evaluate your humanity." The amount of aliens is decided by how many players there are. Every round there is a new captain, and the captain decides what evaluation test is being done

the alien is. But, if even one is on board the aliens win, so you have to be strategic with your button push, because everyone only gets one try.

I really enjoy The Jackbox Party Packs; they're a really fun way to hang out with friends and family. In my opinion, a few games in pack three and one are the best of the party packs, and even if you've played all the games, everytime you start up a game it's gonna be a different experience. With the lockdown and not being able to see friends, playing Jackbox has been a really big thing that we do. Before online school started up, my friends and I would get together like every week on discord to play Jackbox, and



Avniel Green

vote Democrat instead.

Finally, we have the third largest American third party, the Constitution party. They deviate very meaningfully from the ideologies of the former two parties, and the main two parties for that matter. Their beliefs are quite far-right, believing in a government that staunchly upholds constitutional values and Christian theology. Some of their core policies include: Limiting the government to only its powers detailed in the constitution, being completely and aggressively Pro-Life, complete isolationism, extreme immigration control, removal of most social programs, banning of "obscene" materials for public consumption, and many more hardline conservative policies.

The Constitution Party stands as an option for hyper-religious fundamentalist types of Americans, or hardcore Right-Wingers that are disappointed with the offerings of the Republican Party

to the GOP nomination and eventually, the Presidency.

So why do these parties have so much trouble succeeding in American politics? I reached out to Social Studies teacher Luke Turvold for answers: "Historically, one of the factors that have rendered 3rd party candidates ineffective is that, generally speaking, people who identify as "independent" (close to 40% identify as such according to an April 2020 Gallup Poll) don't actually vote independent because they lean slightly toward one of the two other dominant political parties - Republican or Democrat - and cast their votes accordingly."

Continuing, Luke said: "The number of "independents" who vote independent typically hovers around 10%, again according to Gallup. Essentially, there are far fewer people who vote independent vs. the number of people who identify as independent." Luke also points to the electoral col-

lege as a big reason for this lack of success: "The electoral college system our country uses to elect a candidate typically works against third-party candidates." Finally, he broke down why vote for whichever of those you think is less bad? Well, there's a merit to that, but I would like to argue that expressing what you truly believe is more important. If most of the people that liked third parties actually voted third party when it came time to vote, third parties would be way more prevalent! It's that two-Party system mentality 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 rights. 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 party systems 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 accordingly. Before participating in your civic duty on election days, do research on the parties! Find the one you most align with, and heavily consider whether it's really worth it to vote for the lesser of two evils.

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and who is participating in it. Whoever is being evaluated gets a prompt, humans receive the real question and aliens receive a slightly different question. This is where hacks come into play. The aliens get two hacks per alien on board. Aliens can use the hacks on themselves to get the real question, or use it on a human so they can see the fake question. Any time during the game, someone can push the button to unanimously vote for who

it's always a time full of endless laughter and some funny inside jokes (poor Joe).

If you ever want a fun way to get to know your friends a bit more, Jackbox is the thing to do. The Party Packs can be enjoyed by everyone, most games have a family filter so you can enjoy it with some of your younger family. These Party Packs are definitely worth the buy, and they're also on sale often, so keep an eye out for those offers if this has piqued your interest.

# Top non-contact food spots in St. Paul

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

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When it comes to food we all like eating 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 in St. Paul.

**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 with beef (menu number 7 \$9.95), and my dad who loves spice the most in my family gets Stir-Fried Sugar Snap Peas medium to medium hot (menu number 109 \$11.95). I have tried it, and it truly is spicy. The dish I like the most though is the Thai Beef Jerky (menu letter Q \$7.95). It is not the same as regular beef jerky. It is not dry, but it is good and chewy. It has a sauce on it that is sweet and just a tiny bit hot. I enjoy this dish very much.

**I Pho by Saigon:** A place nearby Bangkok Thai Deli is I Pho by Saigon. I love Pho especially from this place. They make killer Pho to rival any. They also have amazing bubble teas and Bon Mi. I usually get the Brisket and Flank Pho (menu number P6 for \$8.95) regular size. I would not recommend much more as the bowls are huge and cheap. The food will come out in a flash and when they set it on your table you have to go about selecting the condiments that you want on your Pho. There are many condiments you can use, like hot sauce, soy sauce or scallions. The Pho is tasty, salty and heartwarming. And just look at the reviews online. They all talk about what a great place it is to go for food during the quarantine.

**Trung Nam French Bakery:** One of if not my favorite coffee shops to go to is Trung Nam French Bakery. My favorite things to get there are the French press coffee with condensed milk (\$4.00), a chocolate croissant (\$2.50), and the short baguette to take home and make sandwiches with (\$0.70). They make the best coffee in Saint Paul, and in coffee shop fashion it's easy for grab and go.

**Fasika:** The next restaurant I'm going to talk about is near University Ave. It is a place called Fasika on Snelling. Fasika is an Ethiopian restaurant with great food. Every time I go there, without fail I get

the Moja Asa (menu number 29 \$13.95). It is two fillets of spiced pan fried catfish on a bed of rice with roasted carrots and roasted potatoes. My mom gets the Veggie Sampler (menu number 37 \$14.50), which has different types of lentils, stewed greens, carrots, split peas, and shiro all on injira. One of my favorite parts about this restaurant is that you can buy bottles of mango juice, which I like. It is a great restaurant.

**The Naughty Greek:** Further south down Snelling there's a restaurant called The Naughty Greek. For a long time I liked a different restaurant called Shish, but The Naughty Greek is far better. They have amazing Naughty Fries with a dip called Sassy Cheese Spread that is pretty good I must say. If you're vegetarian, you might like Spanakopita and Fallaffle. You can order Pita, Pita Plates or Just The Meat. I always share with my dad a ¼ pound Gyro (Pork), Beef Souvlaki, or the Beef and Lamb Kebab, as well as fries. My sister gets chicken souvlaki. The website has a Greek deli which is good for times like these. They have the best Greek food in town hands down.

**Saint Dinette:** Saint Dinette makes delicious food. The star of the show at this restaurant is the cheeseburger. I know, I know it sounds basic, but it's far from it. It starts with a buttery brioche bun with two patties made out of dry age chuck, brisket, sirloin and butter. 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 I'll tell you. The chef makes his own version of American cheese, creamy like American, but the flavors of a more complex cheese. He melts Gruyère and sharp cheddar together and cuts it into slices, which melt ever so perfectly onto the burger making it the best cheeseburger ever. You also may be asking yourself, "does a restaurant this fancy do curbside pick up?" Yes, yes it does.

**Tiffany Sports Lounge:** Tiffany 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. They make great Cajun wings. The wings are perfectly crisp and very good. My dad and I get food from there every Super Bowl and we always get burgers, fries and wings. The fries (\$7) hold up beautifully in the container on the ride home. Even with takeout their fries are delicious. When you get fries from different restaurants and you open the box

Takeout, 13

# Support local restaurants 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



iPho serves delicious Vietnamese food, such as crispy fried wontons (left) and Anja's go-to Bún Thịt Nuong Chả Giò (right).

and delicious eats. However, the current shelter-in-place as a result of COVID-19 has changed that. Sadly, during this pandemic, the coronavirus 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 adapted 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

cheese-filled burgers, particularly the "Blucy". The blucy is a blue-cheese filled burger that is very popular. They have something called SPAM bites! SPAM (everything but



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the "oink") is very Minnesotan. My favorite items on the menu aren't their burgers. You might want to try their pulled pork sandwich. It's very well

seasoned with a good, spicy BBQ sauce. I really enjoy their deep fried pickles, especially when dipped in the ranch sauce. When we did take-out, we called in our order and picked up. When you pick up, you don't enter the restaurant. Instead, there is a window pick-up system at the one in Longfellow. Most people know to keep a safe distance and the food is well packaged. There are four locations, but only Longfellow is currently open. Check thebdp.com for the latest information.

This Vietnamese restaurant duo has convenient locations in Saint Paul. I Heart Pho is on the East Side (Maryland Ave. & Arcade) and iPho on University. Both of these restaurants are known for their pho and their homemade Bahn Mi. They have a good variety of different foods if you don't like soup for example they have really good rice platters and stir fries. I personally recommend



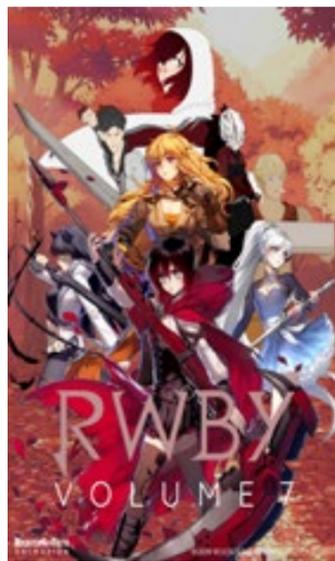
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Blue Door serves delicious "all-Minnesotan" food. Highlights include their burgers, pulled pork sandwich and fried pickles. Their Longfellow location is currently the only one open.

## RWBY, 9

as the new voice of Qrow in place of Vic Mignogna, and a new elite team of Huntsmen cleverly named the Ace Ops, as each of them is based off of a character from one of Aesop's fables.

Each of the new elite team of huntsmen -- called the Ace



Ops -- is based on a character from Aesop's fables. It is actually the Ace Ops who bring one of the most intriguing themes into play; that of conflicts of loyalty among allies. In the beginning, after the initial misunderstanding that com-

prises their first meeting, their allegiances seem to be one and the same, but as time goes on and the situation becomes more complicated and General Ironwood more desperate, they become more strained, until the climax, when both the Ace Ops and Team RWBY find themselves needing to make the choice of which of their loyalties is more important to uphold, or, perhaps more accurately, which betrayal is the more noble.

That leads into an amazing action sequence, which this Volume has no shortage of, from the first episode's brief Grimm attack, to the midway point's massacre at Robyn Hill's premature election victory party, to the variety of battles that make up the climax. The choreography has never been this good, nor the animation, and everything just feels amazing to watch, from Ironwood using a gunshot to stabilize himself out of a precarious position in the spectacular anti-gravity fight, or every single one of Ace Op Elm's hammer strikes having tangible weight and momentum. The audio is also top-notch. Chris Kokkinos and his team have always done a

fantastic job of carving out the sounds of the future-fantasy world of Remnant, and this Volume is no different, brilliantly generating the gritty soundscape of the dystopian Mantle.

The same praises can be showered upon the soundtrack. Jeff Williams once again delivers amazing song after amazing song, which host a variety of new vocalists, from singer Adrienne Cowan, last heard in Volume 6's "Nevertheless" alongside Williams's daughter Casey, to cast member Dawn M. Bennet in "War", to internet cover artists Caleb Hyles and Erin Reilly, whose popular renditions of other RWBY songs finally earned them their places in "Hero" and "War", respectively.

All in all, everything has come together to bring us yet another unforgettable Volume of RWBY. Despite the relatively unassuming beginning, in which the writing admittedly felt rather weak, it quickly develops into one of the most gripping, and [the] most intense Volume we've seen so far, and I can't wait to see where the series goes from here, especially with the ominous and foreboding cliffhanger that Episode 13 ends on.

the Bún Thịt Nướng Chả Giò (Grilled Pork and Egg Roll Vermicelli Salad) its light and has a very good flavor profile. You can get it delivered from an app like grubhub or take out it's your choice. For more check out iheartphomn.com.

My last recommendation is a small Irish restaurant called Macs. Macs has two locations one in St. Paul (Larpenteur Ave) and the other in Minneapolis (54th Street). Macs specializes in fish fries and is especially known for their use of fresh fish, like their walleye basket. When I order from there I like to get the shrimp tacos, it's topped with a fresh pico de gallo and a yummy key lime jalapeño sauce. If you're not into the idea of fish they also have a French dish called poutine. Poutine is a layer of French fries topped with gravy and usually cheese curds it's most commonly found in Canada. It's open from 11:00am to 8:30pm on Monday-Saturday. You can get it delivered and picked up so enjoy. For more check out their website at macsfishchipsstrips.com.

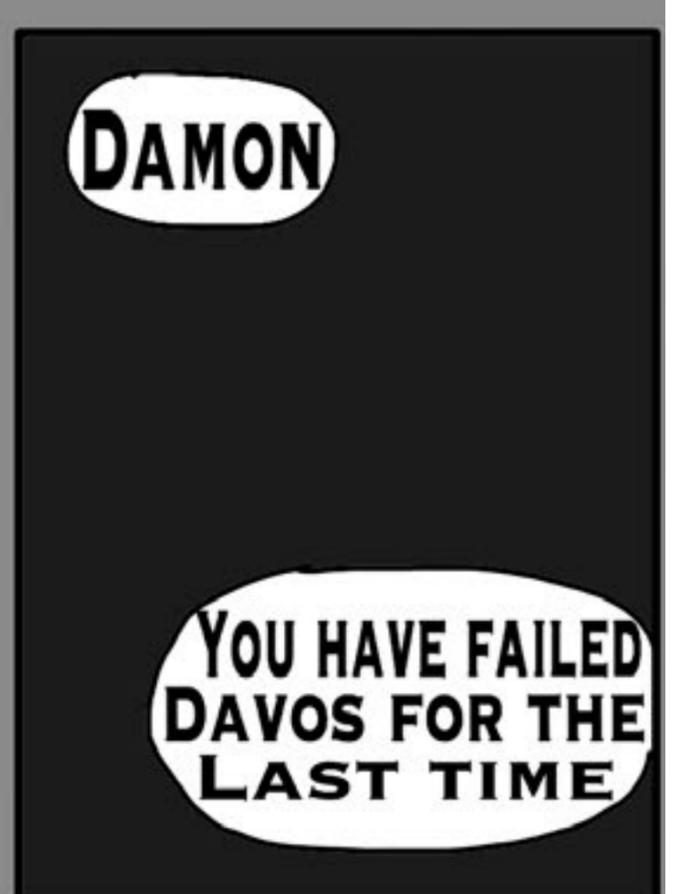
## Arrested Development, 9

2018 a 5th season was released on Netflix to slightly higher reviews, sitting at a 56% on rotten tomatoes. The show writers took the feedback from the 4th season and tried to make this one better. I think that they somewhat succeeded with it not being bad, but not great. It still suffers from some of the same problems with the 4th season. Each episode is around half an hour, which makes for some boring moments. The characters also don't act like themselves, making choices that seem random and only for the story. There are a lot more funny moments in this season, which makes this season more watchable.

Overall, the show's first 3 seasons are top tier comedy and I highly recommend it. The 4th and 5th seasons however might not be worth the watch. The show wasn't cancelled due to poor ratings, but a small audience. It was winning Emmys and many more awards because of its acting, writing and directing. FOX decided that it wasn't worth the production cost so it cancelled a beloved show. The show's future is still up in the air, with a possible 6th season, due to low ratings of the last 2 seasons.

# Solitude & Reflection comic #3

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Staff Artists



**YOU SEE, WITH MY TECHNOLOGY I WILL REBUILD YOU**

**AND I WILL MAKE YOU MORE POWERFUL**



# Crossword

A classic way to spend your extra time

Grace Bellamy  
Staff Puzzler

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**Across**

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7 You might wander this in a store  
9 Quarantine class  
11 To lions what teachers are to middle schoolers  
14 Pandemic cause  
15 Exciting time in the cafeteria  
17 Politically, incriminating information  
20 Low priority gov org for Trump  
22 Signal to the end of a comm meeting  
23 Breakfast sandwich ingredient  
24 Uses a foam version of 17-across  
27 Star Wars protagonist  
29 Sounded like a popular trend  
30 Ideal for OWL students, fries  
33 We are all \_\_\_\_\_  
35 A teacher might say this, while nagging  
36 Pixar movie from 2006  
37 Rare sight in 34-down  
38 Four year degree  
40 There are three in Macbeth  
44 High production fueled tension in this org  
46 Bagel accompaniment  
48 Group of vehicles  
50 There's a shortage due to stress baking  
51 Highest choir members

**Down**

1 A collection of cookies?  
2 AP \_\_\_ A at OWL  
3 OWL sport  
4 Something you do for classes  
5 Like some coronavirus cases  
6 What you might have eaten lunch off of  
8 Percussion  
10 OWL "A" equivalent  
12 Club music  
16 Brand name naproxen  
17 Your teachers want it from you (abbr)  
18 Out with a \_\_\_\_\_  
19 Show someone the \_\_\_\_\_  
20 The night before  
21 Fetal ones are in Rebecca's room  
24 Speaker of the House Pelosi  
25 A teacher's location, with # (abbr)  
26 Tom coaches a team to shoot them  
28 Summer club for players of 3-down  
30 Sunny west coast state (abbr)  
31 Summary, e.g.  
32 Popular chicken preparation?  
34 It's a long time for many Minnesotans  
39 What a Broadway star does, along with sing and dance  
41 Most recent album by Tyler the Creator  
42 They make toys... or shoot arrows  
43 A classic way to spend the night on an Outward Bound trip  
44 Opposite of young  
45 Gym by another name  
47 Hugs and kisses  
49 "That's \_\_\_ crazy!"

## Spring break trip to Costa Rica cancelled

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The OWL spring break trip was planned to depart from St. Paul, Minnesota on March 31 to Costa Rica, but as of March 11th the trip was called off due to COVID-19. There was a meeting held on the 12th to determine what the next steps going forward were.

At the meeting the students and their families were given three options. They could ei-

ther get a voucher for the trip and use it to go with another school, get two thousand dollars back of their money or they could reschedule the trip for spring break 2021, most of the families have voted for it to be rescheduled.

Roughly 26 students were going to attend the trip, and it was called off by the district because it was "non-essential travel," according to math teacher Tom Totushek

"The trip has been rescheduled for Costa Rica to spring break 2021." Although the students were disappointed that it was cancelled they still think it was in the best interest for everyone's safety "I was sad when I heard about it but it also seemed that it needed to be done because it was the best choice to keep us at all at home and safe," said 9th grader Marco Hernandez.

### Corona crisis, 7

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

that have coronavirus had become so large, that the only way to close the country off from more imported cases was to shut the country down.

As you can hopefully see, this has been an absolute mess, where nobody wanted to admit there was a problem until it was far too late and there was nothing to do about the problem. What attempts have been made to remedy the situation

have been bogged down by the media needing a controversy for money, and for certain advisors to get their stock market numbers back up. It appears that the crisis will continue like this until it's over, and we'll have to deal with it until everyone is willing to clean up the mess they've allowed to happen.

### Takeout, 11

they have become steamed, soggy messes from sitting in a closed container. I promise you these are not. These fries are as good as when they left the restaurant: hot, fresh and amazing.

Hot City Pizza & Subs: You could go to any sub shop like Jimmy John's or Subway but why would you when you could go to Hot City Pizza & Subs. My dad and I stum-

always get a custom sandwich. You can pick two meats and two cheeses hot or cold with condiments of your choosing. Now I know this doesn't sound like much, but this is a really good sub shop. One of the greatest parts about this restaurant is their delivery radius. They're on West Seventh and Randolph and we live near Highway Five, and they deliver to us. That's a huge delivery radius and perfect for a situation

but order the French dip. When French Dip that way you get a roast beef, slice of cheese and a cup of Au Jus. Unlike other French Dips it does not come on a roll it comes on a hamburger bun which only adds to the taste. I would highly recommend the French dip; it's the best thing on the menu. Between you and me the fries aren't anything special, get a sandwich and a drink. Mavericks also has drinks both from



bled across this restaurant one night and decided to try it out. I mistook this building for Firehouse Subs. When we drove past, I begged my dad to go even though it wasn't the right place. Before I knew it, I was sitting in the best sub shop in St. Paul. When you go, they have a menu on the wall of sandwiches and pizza, but I

like now.

Maverick's Real Roast Beef: This last place I'm going to talk about is not in St. Paul (it's close by in Roseville), but I feel it deserves to make the list. Maverick's Real Roast Beef serves up the best French Dip (\$8.49) in not just the Twin Cities but the state. There are many sandwiches to get there,

the soda fountain or bottle. I've never tried it before, but I hear their milkshakes are pretty good. This French Dip place has everything going for it. I would highly recommend going here.

These are the truly greatest to-go restaurants in St. Paul. I hope you give them a try.