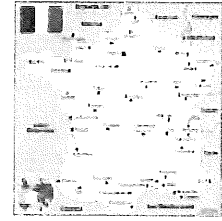


## Who is Charlie?

By Ian Tracy

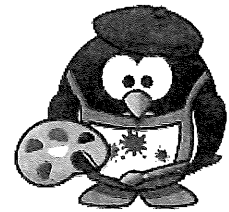


Many people that I know haven't heard the attack on a newspaper company in Paris, France because of sensitive caricatures of the Islamic prophet Muhammad drawn by people in the Charlie Hebdo newspaper company. Two gunmen/terrorists entered the building and shot and killed twelve people who worked there. The next article published by the company pictured the Islamic prophet Muhammad, the reason that it all started, holding a sign saying "Je Suis Charlie", which started even more protests.

A phrase on twitter started to pop up before the new newspaper issue which was "I am Charlie" or "Je Suis Charlie," which referred to the newspaper company. The phrase was then being used as a way of saying that writers and journalists cannot be silenced. The phrase "I am not Charlie" was used to say what was being published was wrong. While it was very terrible what happened to the victims at Charlie Hedbo newspaper, many Muslim people were very offended by their depictions of the prophet Muhammad. .

Here in the United States we are used to seeing different cultures, religions, and beliefs, and very few would consider making fun of religion. France is different. The offensive cartoons were published and this sparked the horrific terrorist attack. You might think that this was the end for now. It isn't. Like I mentioned earlier, many more protests started. People in Leipzig, Germany were having an Anti-Muslim protest to keep Europe Islamic free. That wasn't the only protest. In Kyrgyzstan, over 1,000 people attended a protest with "I am not Charlie" signs. More recently, the Syrian Electronic Army hacked the Twitter account of another French newspaper company repeating the phrase "I am not Charlie."

Some of you who may not have heard of this are probably amazed how this was all going on in January; even I didn't know about everything that was going on. But I find it very strange that not too many students in the school watch the news, I don't know that for sure but that's what it appears to be. Anyways, the only purpose of this was to let others know about what has been happening over in Europe and that area of the world. I hoped you learned something.



## Congratulations to the Art Winners

by Rhiann Evans

Scholastics is a regional competition where several students are selected to create intimate art pieces. All participants have worked extremely hard to complete their artwork. Students spared their own time and came in during their study halls, lunches and after school to work. From those who participated in our school, both Tommy Everson (for ceramics & Glass) and Daniel Olejarnik (for illustration) won a Gold Key enabling them both to move to the national competition. Gillian Flihan, Kylie Lansing, and Ruben Vizcarra all phenomenally represented our school and earned a Silver Key. Honorable Mentions were given to David Daniels, Madison Huggins, Nathan Ruffalo, Alyssa Sherline, Carson Spina, and Andrei Terenzetti.

Thank you to all participants for your hard work and dedication. Good luck with the national competition.

# Depressed and Bullied

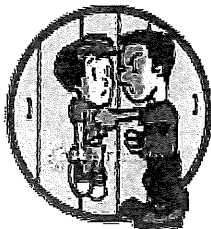
Many teens are depressed because of something in their life. Maybe their mom and dad fight or all they have is a mom or a dad. There are so many reasons for depression and different ways to deal with it. Some get angry and get violent, some hold it in and some hurt themselves.

One of the things that sets kids off is being picked on. I know from past experience that this really hurts. They make you want to cry and you don't want to because it just shows weakness - just adding one more thing to make fun of you for. Also, feeling there was something that someone will do to help you is one of the biggest lies you can tell yourself.

People can watch someone be bullied and not say a word in fear of being the next victim. Telling someone about what you heard or saw can help someone else. You might be scared but just imagine being called names on a daily basis. After awhile thinking that all the names you were called are true. (Ugly, stupid, worthless) Letting the names sink in and just accepting the fact you are horrible. Just think having no one left in the world to go to because you don't want anyone else to know your weaknesses. Not wanting anyone to know that the names hurt.

If you watch someone get bullied you are just as bad as the bully. Sitting there watching, or worse yet, joining the bully is one of the worst things you can do. Just think by saying, "Hey stop that!" or just telling someone the names they were called aren't true can help one less person feel like they are dirt on someone's shoe. Feeling better about yourself, knowing what you have done to help is the only reward you get, but it's a pretty good one. With the help of different programs bullying is decreasing but it still exists. Helping someone will make it better and maybe bullying will be gone.

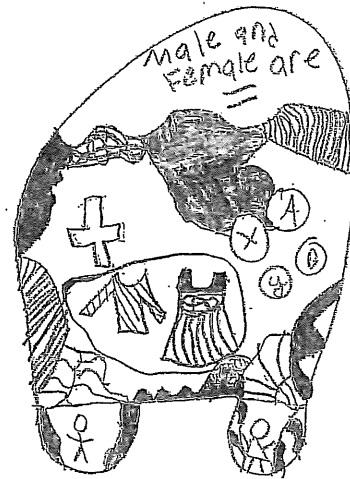
By: Cassie A.



## Game Gate by Sydney Henderson



The Gamer Gate Controversy became largely known because of its large debate about sexism in the gaming community and the violent threats made to some supporters of equality for women in gaming. Many journalists around the world reported about this controversy. Unfortunately, some unlucky journalists still receive violent threats. So many incidents of violence and threats have occurred that it is a huge problem nicknamed "Gamer Gate." Just think, death threats because women are sticking up for themselves in the gamer world. As a girl gamer myself, I have witnessed some of the crude things some people say about females in the gaming community. In my opinion, I don't think the gaming community is THAT sexist, although I do wish there was just a little more equality for women.



## Technology Club by Mia Lybolt

Mr. Traglia, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Technology teacher, has started his own Technology club! Currently, we are building balsa wood bridges, just like we do at the beginning of the semester. These bridges are built to support as much weight as they can before they break. Everyone in Technology club will be entered in the Tech Fair in March with either their bridges or robots using Lego Mindstorm. Good luck with the upcoming competition.



## “Girl Talk”

By: Kylie Lansing

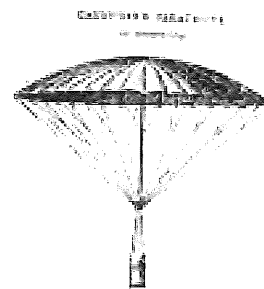
“*Use your and.*” Venus realized what I guess you could say was a commercial, more like a long ad, like the one’s before a YouTube video. Anyway, a young woman starts talking and saying, “they told you you could be anything, a beautiful astronaut, a soccer player, a ballerina, a superstar.” With pictures of little kids dressed in tutus playing soccer, a little girl with an astronaut helmet on etc. Then they say, with images of teenagers, some our age actually saying, “then they said here’s what you really are, to size you up and box you in if you let it.” She is talking about labels! Labels form at our age, geek, nerd (that’s me☺), popular, weirdo, etc. But, we can be more than that. Say, “DON’T” like they said, *use your and* to take a stand. We are not ONLY what society tells us we are!!! *We are more! You are smart and you are nice and you are funny and you are pretty* and, if we let these labels box us up, we can never be beyond that. We just think we are the one thing they tell us. Who gives us these labels? It wasn’t you, it was society. Break it, smash it, destroy it. We can be more if we just believe in the power of “*and*” - to let them understand you are not just... “You are polished nails and a polished mind, raw and refined, shy and bold, not just what you are told.” Warmth grace and guts. NO IF’S OR BUTS, JUST *ANDS!*



## 5 Inventions that Killed Their Inventors

By. Alexander St. John

1. Franz Reichelt in 1912 attempted to use this contraption as a parachute. It was supposed to be a “Parachute Suit.” There was no reason why he decided to make the parachute suit, because why try to defy the parachute that everyone knew and trusted? Reichelt died after he jumped off the Eiffel Tower wearing his invention, which failed to operate, as expected by the public.
2. William Bullock invented the web rotary printing press. Several years after its invention, his foot was crushed during the installation of a new machine in Philadelphia. His injured foot developed gangrene and Bullock died during the amputation
3. Marie Curie invented a way to isolate the elements radium and polonium, which if you didn’t know is highly radioactive, which was unknown then. From handling the elements for an extended time, she eventually died of aplastic anemia from doing her observations.
4. Alexander Bogdanov was a Russian Physician who believed that somewhere and somehow there was a way to achieve eternal youth. He experimented with blood transfusion and as said, he wanted to achieve eternal life or at least partial rejuvenation. He died when he took blood from a student that was contagious with malaria and tuberculosis
5. Max Valier invented the liquid-fuelled rocket engine. There is not much to this one besides his alcohol-fuelled engine had problems and exploded, a result that killed him instantly.



## “Into the Woods” Review

by Taylor Bramhall

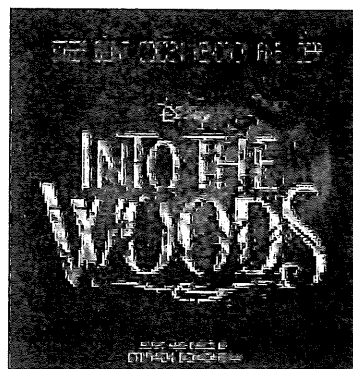
For the past few years, Broadway plays seem to have made their way to the big screen, giving viewers a new generation of theatre. Musicals such as *Rent* and *Jersey boys* are both Broadway favorites that have captured the hearts of their viewers after their makeover trips to the big screen, and now Broadway’s very own Stephen Sondheim’s well-known “*Into the Woods*” has made its way to Hollywood.

“*Into the Woods*” is a combination of four different fairytales, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, and Rapunzel; as well as two new characters: The Baker and the Baker’s Wife. In the story, each character goes into the woods seeking the solution to their individual wishes, but soon realize that what you wish for isn’t always what you truly want, or need for that matter. While still having a real-life representation on what one truly wants in life, this movie also features loads of comedy for all ages, as well as phenomenal acting and singing from actors such as James Corden, Emily Blunt, Anna Kendrick, Meryl Streep, Chris Pine, Lilla Crawford, Daniel Huttleston, Johnny Depp, and many more.

Being a huge fan of Broadway myself, I bought tickets as soon as I could and dragged along some family and my friend to enjoy, what I hoped, to be my new favorite movie.

As soon as the movie started, I knew my expectations were in progress. I admired the way the director of the movie did the best he could to stick to the original Broadway script, as well as the casting he chose. The singing took my breath away, and the acting made me truly feel as though I was apart of the movie. I especially had a liking towards Emily Blunt, who played the Bakers Wife in the film. Although, I found myself wiggling in my seat from excitement as Johnny Depp, playing the pedophilic “Big Bad Wolf”, made his way onto the screen, and yet, still feeling slightly uncomfortable with the song he sang, but loving the creepiness none the less.

I was exceedingly impressed with this film and most definitely will be watching it again. Though it was a bit lengthy, “*Into the Woods*” has not only captured the hearts of families across the globe but mine as well. Be careful what you wish for.



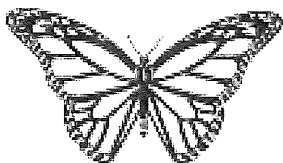
## Monarch Butterflies Where Are They?

Monarch Butterflies are beautiful creatures and used to be everywhere but now it seems like they are all disappearing. I use to see monarchs in my yard all the time, and yes I know it's winter and you don't see butterflies this time of year, but in the spring and summer I am just not seeing them. I know many people don't pay attention to the beauty of these amazing insects but when you look at them you notice how beautiful they really are. I have seen these butterflies since I was little and they remind me of my family because I use to have an aunt that loved them. I will always have a special connection with these amazing creatures because of her. The whole reason these butterflies are becoming extinct is because they are losing their main food source and egg laying place, which is milkweed. The populations of the monarchs have been declining rapidly. I have noticed this from some research I found showing that from 2003 -2013, much of their habitat has been taken away, largely from farms plowing up acres and acres of milkweed.

The loss of milkweed is having a devastating effect on the monarchs so I hope that this spring you could plant some milkweed. Who knows?

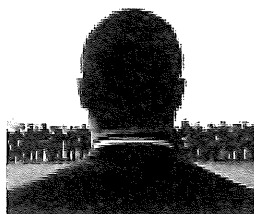
You might save a lot of these beautiful butterflies with one little plant called milkweed.

By: Mickayla D.



**Movie Review: Selma**  
The movie Selma is based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights campaign. It was led by James Bevel, Hosea Williams, and Martin Luther King Jr. This is a very powerful movie and it also relates to what is happening today. You might think that African Americans are treated equally in today's world, but they actually aren't. I'm sure you've heard all over the news that many African Americans have been shot and I believe a lot of it has to do with race. Go see this movie, and learn about how black people struggled to gain equality in the 1960's.

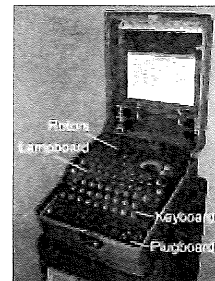
THE STRUGGLE  
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD  
**SELMA**  
COMING TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU



## BOND Vote

The BOND vote recently passed in December of last year. The main items that it includes for the Whitesboro High School are a new roof for the building and an artificial turf at the Wadas Complex. They hope to begin work at the High School this spring on the field and this summer on the roofing project. The major changes involve student athletes having new opportunities because the new turf field will be used for most of our fall sport and it will allow spring sports to practice outside earlier.

by Zoe Dobry



## The Imitation Game

By Catherine Yankowski

This movie is amazing for anyone who loves watching films about Enigma, cracking codes, World War II, and the war on homosexuality. For you Sherlock fans, Benedict Cumberpatch stars in this movie and he is amazing. If anyone of these interests you, just watch this. Even if none of this does interest you, watch it. It's amazing. Trust me.

## Why is Utica Famous?

By: Carson Spina

If I asked you what Utica is known for you would probably say the Utica Comets, tomato pie, chicken riggies or Saranac. But what most people wouldn't say is the Utica fire house. This past Christmas Utica had one more thing added to their list - Jesus. As you might have known the Utica fire house put up a sign that said "*Happy Birthday Jesus. We love you.*" This sign caused debate across the country; other states have said how this sign is not appropriate. But Utica stood up for their beliefs and said we don't care and we will not take our sign down, giving Utica another thing to be known for.



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### The Like Challenge

Have you ever thought about words, and how you use them?

People use hand gestures, "um, err." To me, the most annoying thing is when people use the word "like."

The Like Challenge is something my dad created. He noticed that I said the word "like" too much, so he dared me to stop. It turned out to be really hard. I never realized how often I said "like." Why do we say it? It means similar, comparable, alike or identical. Is that what we mean to say? Are we trying to tell our friends, "She *similar* totally told me off!?" That makes zero sense. How about, "And, *identical* he, *comparable* said no. *Alike*, how rude is that?" Yeah, grammar like this is going to definitely help us during job interviews and college. Yep. Helpful. We will *so* get that job.

It's ironic that we use this word. To take this test, you need to be wary of when you say the *word*. (That's what I'm going to call it. The *word*.) You need to keep track of when you use it, and try to decrease the number of times that you say it every day. The less you say it, the better. The more you think about what you're going to say, the easier it will be. Think your sentences out carefully, and then say them. This will also help with keeping someone happy, and un-offended.

Try it for yourself, and see how hard it is.

By: Anabella Rossi



# Why?

By Kobe Green

Fly

If you can't fly  
Then run

If you can't run  
Then walk

If you can't walk  
Then crawl

But you must keep moving forward.  
We must not quit

We Simply can't give up

We have waited far too long for this  
It must come now

We were forgotten in the age of reform

We were not along for the ride

But now if we do not give up

If we do not quit

If we keep trying

If we keep fighting

If we keep pushing

WE CAN change

WE CAN make the long waited reform

WE CAN end it

Because it won't end itself

So I am calling all who read this to action

Racism has not ended

Blacks are still viewed by many

As the lowly scum of the city

So now we stand up

We unite

And

WE SHALL OVERCOME

This endless blanket of horror

America has been

Smothered with for the past Two Hundred years

So I call everyone who reads this to action

This must end now.



# Lady Justice

By: Kobe Green

Lady Justice is a fine woman

When she can be found

In many cases more likely

Lady Justice remains hidden

Among the spiteful

Lady Justice is a fine women

When she is around

Lady Justice is the jewel of the crowd

Lady Justice is blind

And can no longer see

The patch necessary

For

Indefinite

Victory

Lady Justice is a fine women

When she can be found

Emma  
Gregory



## How do big companies treat their workers? OPINION

An editorial by Ruben Vizcarra

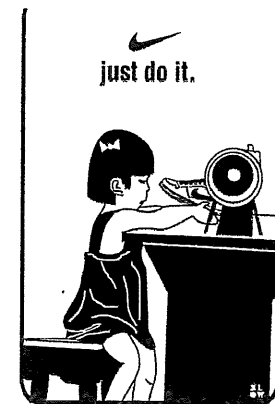
In today's world, big companies have been created. Those companies know that each country has rules. Rules sometimes protect people from bad stuff but not always. Many countries don't have the same rules for every person. The big companies know that, and they use them to their own profit, and it doesn't mean they give good profits to the inhabitants of that country. One of the best examples is Nike. *Yes I mean the cool brand that design, and elaborate all that cool stuff that almost everyone likes!!!*

Nike started like a little business. But over the years their great success has come with even greater costs to those who suffer under their inhumane sweatshop practices. Nike employs close to 1 million workers in approximately 800 different factories. But what is truly interesting about these employees is how they are distributed throughout different countries. The U.S. is currently home to 66 of these factories, and employs 8,151 men and women. In comparison Indonesia, a smaller and poorer country, has only 40 factories, yet employs 171,276 workers, the majority of which are young women and children. Indonesia and other countries such as Vietnam and China present Nike with the attractive manufacturing quality of inexpensive sweatshop labor. On a day-to-day basis, their employees work long hours under terrible conditions for a small sum of money.

Jim Keady, founder of the nonprofit organization Team Sweat that works to end Nike's use of sweatshop labor traveled to Indonesia where he lived for a month with the families of those employed by these factories. There, he survived off the same wages these men and women were paid. Consequently, he lost approximately 24 pounds during one month from not being able to afford proper nutrition.

Besides the unfair wages, Nike constantly abuses their workers in unimaginable ways. While direct violence is common in most sweatshops, Nike sweatshop supervisors have pushed this abuse to the next level. One of these dangerous punishment techniques is what the supervisors call "sun drenching." In this practice, the supervisors will find an employee who is working too slow on the production line, pull them out of line and have them stand under the hot sun for hours. In countries like Indonesia, which are located close to the equator, it's common for temperatures to reach over 100 degrees on a daily basis, which can cause health effects such as heat stroke.

I know how cool this brand but is not the only one. Every day at Nike a thousands of people are being punished by this cool brand. So maybe in the future you can think about all the pain some of the people carry in their souls by these big companies that look cool.



## The Simple But Hard Things In Life

By: Abbeigh Chapman and Conor MacManus

- Opening an envelope without tearing it
- Putting the straw in a juice box
- Opening a sealed water bottle
- Picking up a slice of pizza without tearing off the cheese
- Waking up early in the morning and trying to go back to sleep
- Playing video games and watching tv
- Eating a burger without dropping the toppings
- Eating ice cream without getting it on your moustache