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New iPhone 17: it texts for you

New model with smart chat boasts “ground breaking performance”

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Staff Writer

With a focus on new Apple Intelligence features like AI assisted messaging, Apple announced their new iPhone 17 at an Apple Event last Friday.

The iPhone 17's two launch models: the iPhone 17, and iPhone 17 Pro will launch

May 1st at a price of \$1,499 and \$1,999 respectively. The phones will include Apple's newest A19 AI & A19 AI Pro chips, which Apple says will “provide ground breaking performance and revolutionize mobile computing.”

By far the biggest feature coming to the iPhone 17, thanks to the new Apple Intelligence chip, is a feature

that Apple has dubbed Apple Smart Chat. Apple Smart Chat will use Apple's newest AI, to text for you. It will send messages to your contacts based on what it thinks you would want it to say, and its own judgement. Other people will have no indication the Apple Smart Chat is messaging them, and Apple Smart Chat will adapt to your messaging

style to be as authentic as possible. Apple says that Apple Smart Chat will entirely replace iMessage on the new iPhones, and old iMessage will no longer be available on phones with Apple Smart Chat.

Another major change coming with the iPhone 17 is the removal of the USB-C port on the bottom of the

phone. iPhones will no longer be able to be plugged in to charge, and will now receive power from Apple's new \$199 wireless charging stand. The room where the USB-C port used to be will be replaced by a new Apple Intelligence button exclusive to the iPhone 17 Pro. This button will trigger Apple's new and improved Siri+ chatbot, which will allow

conversations like previous versions of Siri, but unlike earlier iterations, it will have full location and camera access, and will remember all of your conversations and use them to change how it interacts with you. Siri+ will also be able to read all conversations with Apple Smart Chat, and will be able to summarize them for

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Math class on hiatus during Clara tangent



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Precalc students Joe Schwartz and Jae Lind relax during the week long tangent.

Entertained students find ways to spend time while waiting for end of tangent

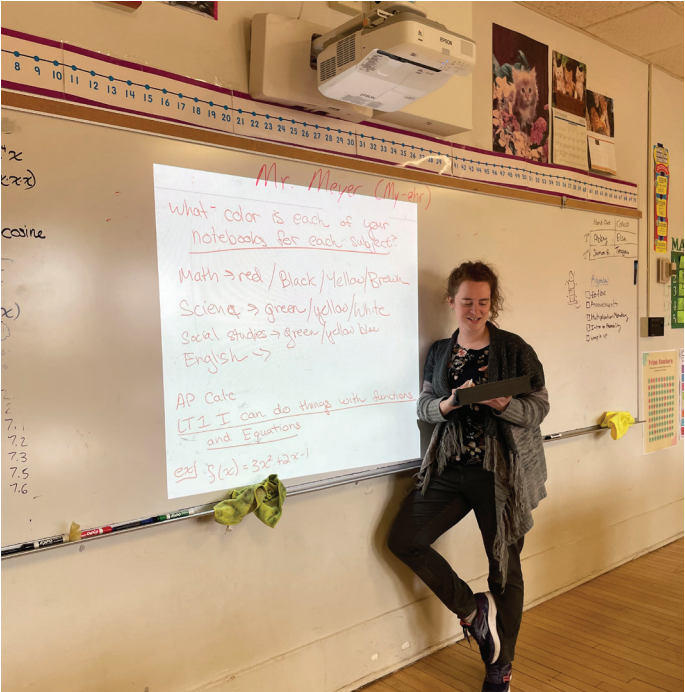
Aria Kulseth
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On Wednesday during her 4th hour A-day class, math teacher Clara Raineri had a startling realization, and much to her Precalc students' disappointment, she began to teach trigonometry to them again.

It had been exactly a week since 10th grader Claire Ales asked Clara about her sixth grade class, and upon being asked the question, she immediately stopped going through homework problems and began a long tangent about teaching 6th grade. “Honestly I just wanted to know about what they were learning, I

didn't expect it to get this out of hand,” said Claire.

At first, it seemed as if she would eventually stop and continue to go through the homework like usual, but as the clock ticked towards 3:00, there was no end in sight. Clara's distraction didn't end during that class period. In fact, as the Precalc students



Purple Press Staff Photo

Clara begins a tangent that will last for a week.

came back two days later, she was fully prepared to share more of her thoughts on the sixth graders, this time focusing on their iPad use.

During her week-long tangent, Clara covered a variety of topics, originally starting with the 6th graders, but by day three she had run out of things to say about

them, and moved on to telling a long story about Camp Wapsie, where she has worked for numerous summers as a cook.

“I can't say I didn't see this coming,” said Principal Dave Gundale, “she's been known to get ‘minorly distracted’ during

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Solution found for hot classroom

Tim relieves overheated students by revealing a secret window that allows fresh air to circulate

Atlas Schultz
Staff Writer

After several years of students suffering, Spanish teacher Tim Leone-Getten has finally found a solution to the strangely high temperature in his classroom.

“One of my crew kids suggested I open the window,” Tim said. “I couldn't believe that I hadn't thought of it.”

After the window was opened, students noticed a significant drop in temperature in the room.

“I didn't know Tim's room had a window,” said 8th grader Sam Oseguera. “Apparently, it was hidden behind the giant Guatemala flag.”

A survey sent out on Monday revealed that 93% of OWL students had bought into a rumor stating that

Tim's room was an interior space and lacked any outside windows. Now, that rumor has been debunked, and students have moved on to speculating about where Tim goes during first hour.

Since the window was opened, the overall grades of Tim's students have improved, seemingly influenced by the fresh air and sunlight. Tim was

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Atlas Schultz

Tim reveals the previously concealed window in his room.

Purple Press is sold off

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Staff Writer

Due to the decreasing number of students reading the Purple Press, on April 1st the publication formerly known as “The Purple Press” will be taken over by a new CEO, who, among other changes, will be changing the publication name to “The Green Gazette.” “Well, at least the new CEO is someone qualified,” said 9th grader Jae Lind, “But I will definitely miss having Leo around.”

The publication formerly known as “The Purple Press” was founded in 1996 to provide news to OWL students. However, in more recent years the publication has been getting less and less popular with students in favor of getting their news from the newfound Oracle of Delphi; Tim's butterflies. As such, the lack of subscription payments has led to 73% of the 50 members of the publication staff being laid off due to tremendous budget cuts.

Eventually on February 30th, due to the lack of funding and rapidly decreasing student interest, the publication had to sell itself to the highest bidder at an auction in the OWL pottery room, run by art teacher Kent Miller. The winner of the auction, 10th grader Joey T. Schwartz, bought the publication for \$6.5 trillion, and renamed it to “The Green Gazette” before officially passing all ownership to current CEO, 10th grader Kayden Namara. “I didn't exactly ask for all this responsibility,” said Kayden,

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The Purple Press

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8th graders need seatbelts

Disruptions become too much for their teachers

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In an effort to decrease classroom disruption, eighth grade teachers have teamed up to create a policy that will force all eighth graders to put on a seatbelt in class. The policy will begin after spring break. The seat belts will be able to lock on a timer and beep if they are not buckled by the start of class. Eighth graders will be encouraged to fill water bottles and use the bathroom during passing time, but in the case of an emergency, students will use the Campus Digital Hall Pass to ask the teacher, who will then unlock the students seatbelt until they return.

Students will receive only one hall pass per day, in order to cut down on the amount of eighth graders in the hallways. "We take a whole class to get through something that should take only 15 minutes, because they are never in their seats," said science teacher Rebecca Palmer. "I would have liked to strap them down sooner, but

the seat belts we ordered won't come until the week of spring break," said Leo. The eighth grade has had mixed reactions to the new policy. Some are against this new rule, believing this is a violation of their rights. According to eighth grader Oskar Helle-Morrissey, "This policy is stupid. It violates our rights. We should be allowed to go wherever we want in class." However, some are in support of the policy, believing

it will assist learning. "I really think it will really help me stay in my seat," said eighth grader Atlas Schultz. At press time, the seatbelts have been ordered, and are on track to arrive after spring break. Teachers have tested a prototype of the seatbelts and are happy with the results. The policy will go into full effect on April 7th.



Purple Press staff photo
Eighth graders had the opportunity to beta test the new seat belts that will be implemented after spring break.

CRISP raffle is not random

The extent of corruption is yet to be determined

Oscar Mons
Staff Writer

Due to a long standing history of questionable inconsistencies, a recent investigation backed by the FBI seeks to investigate OWL's monthly CRISP ticket raffle under suspicion of corruption and bribery. The honorary raffle, currently run by English teacher Alysha Lundquist's crew, takes place during community meetings and consists of multiple drawings from a bucket of names. There's potential to win

various prizes, oftentimes gift cards of up to \$20 and medium sized snacks. However in recent news, reports about the raffle have surfaced regarding possible counts of bribery and corruption. "I've gone to OWL for five years and put my name on more CRISP tickets than I can count, yet never won anything," OWL 10th grader Owen Mikesh says, "How can that be? I mean, it's got to be rigged!" Thus far in the investigation, officials have unveiled an under-wraps operation in which cash is exchanged for

additional tickets. Corruption in the raffle has escalated even further to the point that larger payments can even result in a guaranteed win. Reports also claim that as an additional form of payment, students in Alysha's crew have also taken academic bribes, promises of tutoring sessions and homework help in return for more tickets into the raffle. These back-door bribes have been estimated to completely mitigate any chance of winning the raffle legitimately. Since the raffle has

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Preston is not a fan of dragons

In a stunning reversal, Preston hates the mythological creatures

Savannah Yang
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From being a huge fan to hating everything about it, English teacher Preston West suddenly hates dragons and has banned everything related to them from his room. Several sixth graders were yelled at when they asked what happened to the dragon mascots. "These kids need to stop asking me about dragons and accept that I don't like them anymore," said Preston. "I just wanted to know what happened to Timmy," said sixth grader Teagan Glasco. The sixth graders sat

down in class two weeks ago, waiting for ELA to start. They usually grab their dragon mascot, Timmy, to play with, but realized he was missing. When the bell rang, Preston walked to his computer to do attendance. As he was calling out names, multiple students asked about the mascot. Preston became irritated and told the sixth graders to never ask about Timmy again. "But Timmy's my child! What the sigma happened to him?!" demanded sixth grader Daryl Burgerson. The sixth graders looked around the room and realized that all of Preston, 8



Purple Press staff photo
Preston uses the "talk to the hand" gesture to a dragon brought in by one of his students.

Students addicted to BlockBlast

School nurse Colleen is doing her best to inform OWL teachers

Amelia Keenan
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Colleen Richardson, the OWL school nurse, diagnosed over 80% of the student body with a serious addiction to the mobile game 'BlockBlast' this past year. Since the beginning of the 24-25 school year, BlockBlast has taken the OWL student body by storm. The game is popular for its bright colors and riveting gameplay of placing blocks and trying to complete sequences. But recently, Colleen noticed students being unable to put down their phones after opening the app, and even having vivid dreams playing the game at night. "You can't even walk into

the lunchroom without seeing at least 20 students playing BlockBlast," said Colleen. She decided to collect some data, and found that 86% of students at OWL admit to having an addiction to BlockBlast, and 54% of them say that they need professional help. "Whenever I close my eyes, I only see BlockBlast," said 10th grader Alva Healy, "I think I have a problem." After Colleen informed teachers about the epidemic, they all have implanted their own strategies on how to help into their classrooms. Some teachers, like ELA teacher Alysha Lundquist, have completely banned BlockBlast,

Block blast, 4



Purple Press Staff Photo
BlockBlast looks fun, but is also a teensy bit concerning

Joe accused of fake commuting

Teacher drives car within blocks before mounting bicycle

Tait Vossen-Nelson
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In security footage from Open World Learning, bike tech teacher Joe Blegen was caught faking his morning biking commute to OWL last Tuesday. "Joe was seen exiting a 2013 Ford F-350 at 9:48 AM on Humboldt Avenue and East King Street, which is one block north of OWL's north entrance," a spokesperson for the OWL Security Bureau reported, "then dousing himself with water and getting on his bike, which was in the back of the truck, and entering the building at 9:53 AM." The spokesperson spoke on the condition of anonymity, as they were not authorized to discuss the topic. Joe declined a request for comment; however, he was reportedly heard talking to his crew about it. According to many sources who wish to remain anonymous and have previously been confirmed to be reliable, Joe told his crew; "it's a deepfake designed with

malicious intent to undermine my honor." Joe has been "riding" his bike to school for years, and students in his class felt it helped build a relationship with him, as he wasn't as aloof as teachers with cars. Because of this, students are outraged at this gross breach of trust. Ninth grader James Hietala, a current Bicycle Technology One student, said, "He has exploited us with his charming nature, which has allowed him

to stay under the radar about these scandalous lies for so long. As an avid bike tech student and bike enthusiast, I have started a support group for any other students who feel as though they have been betrayed." The affinity group will be meeting in the cafeteria on Wednesdays during crew. According to a One Year Estimate American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2022, nationally, only 0.5%

of people ride their bicycle to work; contrastingly, 4.1% of people in the Twin Cities ride to work. The Twin Cities has invested a lot of money in bicycle infrastructure and, in spite of the challenging weather, has some of the highest bicycle commuting rates in the country. There are many avid cyclists in the area, apparently Joe may not be one of these avid cyclists and this may bring the area's average down. Principal Dave Gundale said the staff have confronted Joe on the issue, and he denied everything, saying, "I'm not guilty of anything, I deny these blatantly false accusations." At press time, OWL is conducting an investigation about the incident and is discussing possible next steps.



Purple Press staff photo
Joe is denying allegations that he faked his bike commute.

Have you seen Tim???

New app set to debut regarding the whereabouts of OWL teacher

Sam Oseguera
Staff Writer

In response to multiple complaints from students, Open World Learning administrators have decided to implant a tracking device in Spanish teacher Timothy Leone-Getten.

The procedure to implant the tracker took place on the afternoon of March 4th, in science teacher Rebecca Palmer’s classroom. She was the only one who Tim said he trusted to complete the procedure.

The tracker will help address common complaints, similar to this one held by 8th grader Atlas Shultz: “I remember a time when I needed to drop off some stuff with Tim for a crew potluck and I looked in all the usual places; his room,

his office, the front office. He wasn’t anywhere!”

Starting on April 1st, an app called Tracking Tim will come online, connecting straight to the tracker in Tim. This app will only be available to students and faculty, active everyday from 8am to 8pm. It is not possible to track Tim after school hours. The app will be available in Self Service for both school iPads and Macbooks.

“Tim is one of the hardest people to find in the morning, it’s like he’s playing hide and seek,” said 8th grader Matteo Alejandro-Provenzano.

Tracking Tim is the latest app developed for the school, and is predicted to be very useful based on the success rates of similar apps at other schools.



Jae Lind

The “Find Tim” app has proven to be very useful.

School store to accept crypto

Bitcoin and other currencies will bring OWL to the 21st century

Olli Liimatta
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On April 1st, the OWL school store said it will start accepting numerous cryptocurrencies including Bitcoin, Ethereum, and Dogecoin in exchange for items from the school store. School store lead Bridget Leba said, “To keep high school students interested, we have decided to take crypto as a form of payment!” For example, a package of fruit snacks will cost 1.5 Dogecoin, and a new OWL x Doge sweatshirt will be sold for 200 Dogecoins, or an equal amount of the other accepted cryptos.

Bridget made this announcement because of many high school teachers’ decisions to not hand CRISP tickets out to high school students. This has led to dwindling interest from high schoolers. Another issue is that many teachers hand out other things instead of CRISP tickets, such as Jolly Ranchers, or not hand them out in the

first place. Bridget also expects that this move will make OWL “more with the times.”

In the future, Bridget plans to roll out a crypto called OWLCoin, made exclusively for the school store, which will be deposited into your new crypto wallet. This wallet will be supplied by the school solely to store OWLCoin which can be bought, traded for NFTs, and/or used at the school store.

Many students are excited about this change, including 9th grader Calvin Hoenisch who said, “I’m frankly surprised they haven’t done this sooner, and I think that this will be a big hit.” Some groups are opposed to this new currency, like 9th grader member of Alysha’s crew Grady Smith, who said that “This new currency accepted at the school store will financially ruin our crew because fewer people will want CRISP tickets but instead want OWLCoin.”

New cat army tackles school mice

The felines have proven to be an effective solution at OWL

Remy Short
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After countless mice sightings interrupting classes, administrators responded by deploying a brand new army consisting of cuddly yet deadly cat soldiers. The team is complete with 12 cats, four to defend each floor of the school from the rodents.

The army has already proved to be effective in the quarrel between humans and their unwanted guests, as cats are natural predators of mice and inclined to dispatch the rodents.

Each cat patrols a particular area on each floor, and has been trained in the situation where a mouse lockdown needs to take place. Tenth grader Annabelle Wilson weighed in, saying, “The cat army is a great benefit to our school, increasing happiness as well as handling the mice

problem. I hope that they stay around forever,” in support of the army.

Though the feline team is helping with the rodent problem, students have become easily distracted by the cats. Science teacher Megan Hall said, “These cats are so helpful, but my classes are so distracted by them,” while petting Fuzzy, the leader of

the operation. Countless other teachers have also testified, sharing similar opinions and experiences. The problem most often arises when cats interrupt class to chase down a mouse they’ve been hunting, or when they are enticed to a nice break on a students lap, completely distracting the student to their work. To combat the situation, the cats

have been retrained to refrain from socializing with students until the end of the school day.

After a long day of taking out mice and protecting OWL, the cats return to their quarters hidden in a secluded part of the school in case of any surprise mouse invasions. The army is provided with filling meals each day, usually consisting of tuna, salmon, cod, and other fish.

It’s safe to say that the assembly is a powerful addition to OWL, and that mice populations in the school will continue to dwindle.



Purple Press staff photo

A member of the cat army preparing for a shift.

Plague puts OWL play on hold

The Black Death is exclusively infecting theatre members

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Last week, director Rebekah Rentzel was forced to cancel the spring play, Upstream, due to an unexpected outbreak of the Bubonic Plague.

The Black Death has come to OWL, and it’s exclusively infecting cast and crew members of the spring play Upstream with a vengeance. Theatre teacher and director Rebekah Rentzel first became suspicious when students began showing up with black fingernails and swellings the size of eggs (known as

buboes). Her worst fears were confirmed when the paramedics she called for the situation ran away screaming after glancing through the doorway to the auditorium.

Despite the disease’s reputation, no one has died as of press time. However, all those involved are quarantined, with low chances of recovery. “I really thought we could leave the plague seven centuries behind us, but no,” stated Sets designer Onyx Oberheide, who fortunately quit the play prior to the outbreak.

Last week, Rebekah emailed every member of the production, cancelling the play indefinitely. Upstream only lasted for a few weeks, devastating actors and designers alike. “I’m immensely grateful for the opportunities that this play offered, and I wish it was possible to continue. However, seeing as the entire cast and crew has the plague, I believe it is in everyone’s best interest if we stop rehearsals. As of now, Upstream is cancelled, with no planned dates for restarting,” Rebekah stated in her message,

which brought many to tears.

“I wish we could’ve done at least one performance,” said Sound Head Joe Schwartz, who was the first to contract the plague. The future of Upstream is unclear, but Rebekah remains confident that the plague epidemic will have run its course before next fall’s production.

Gilbert set to graduate this June

Sorcha’s fish reminisces about their cherished time at OWL

Jae Lind
Staff Writer

After five years of studying, Gilbert the Goldfish is officially graduating Open World Learning this June with the class of 2025.

“I didn’t even know Gilbert was registered as a student,” admitted Biology teacher and Gilbert’s owner, Sorcha Nix. “Apparently he’s been a senior for five years.”

Gilbert transferred to OWL from central in 2020, as a senior, with only eight credits remaining. However, he struggled to get his remaining credits over the years. “I couldn’t get most of them while remaining in my tank in Sorcha’s room,” Gilbert told Joe Schwartz, an aspiring goldfish

translator. Sorcha ended up hiring various students to bring Gilbert with them to their classes, beginning this year.

Though many teachers

didn’t mind the goldfish’s presence, some were very against it. “It was too distracting,” claimed math teacher Daimon Liberatore. Gilbert was not allowed to

attend the rest of Financial Literacy, and transferred into a math class Tom Totushek was teaching. “I find Physics interesting anyways,” claimed Gilbert.

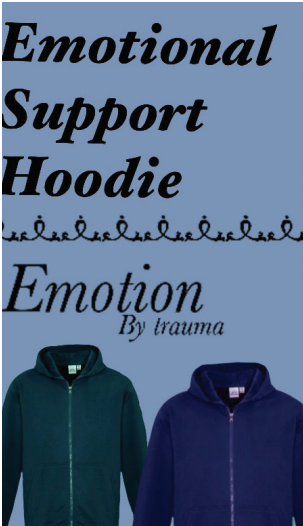
When asked about his post-graduation plans, Gilbert stated that he would be attending the University of Minnesota for a four-year Biology degree. “It’s the only thing I really learned over the past five years,” he explained.

He will be carried across the stage by Sorcha on June 4th and plans to give a speech at graduation detailing his time and struggles at OWL.



Purple Press staff photo

Gilbert plans to pursue biology after graduation.



Senior Spotlight

Tim Leone-Getten



What pronouns do you use?
What is a pronoun?

How long have you been at OWL?
Seven years

What are your plans for next year?
Carleton College

What’s been your favorite class in high school?
¡Español!

What extracurriculars are you involved in?
Cross Country, Nordic Skiing, AV Club

Favorite field work experience or school trip and why?
Fort Snelling because we could get that Rock Candy

If you had a walk up song, what would it be?
Here Comes A Regular by the Replacements

That One Little Kid

Clara Raineri



How tall are you?
4’ 10”

What pronouns do you use?
She/her

What’s your favorite book, movie, or TV show?
Dealing with Dragons

Who’s your favorite senior?
Tim

What is your favorite thing about OWL so far?
The science fair

What extra curriculars do you plan on getting involved in at OWL?
Soccer and violin

Subscription service for math lovers

Features inclúde a major expansion of the coordinate plane

Anson Lind
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In a controversial move, mathematics announced yesterday evening that they will be launching a new subscription service, Math+. The service, reported to include benefits for mathematicians, will launch alongside the subject’s 1.2 update, which promises bug fixes and new features.

Most prominent among the new features reserved for subscribers is the addition of a new number, named “mork”, located between five and six. This feature has inspired a host of worries from casual users and experienced mathematicians alike. When asked about the transition to counting in base 11, the representative from mathematics stated, “subscribers will continue using base ten— it’s just that ten is one more than it was before.” Math teacher Tom Totushek expressed concern: “If half the class is counting in base ten like normal, and half the class is using base eleven with the new number... nothing is going to work.”

Additional features include a major expansion to the coordinate plane. While Quadrants I through IV will remain open to non-subscribers, paying customers will gain access to Quadrants V through XXVII. Additionally,

following the incredible success of squaring numbers, subscribers will be able to start equilateral-triangling numbers as well.

Controversy arose over the reservation of all points located within the rectangular shape marked by the points (-125, 125), (-125, 350), (-350, 350), and (-350, 125), as a “VIP Lounge” for Math+ subscribers. According to last night’s announcement, non-paying users will be unable to plot points or run graphs through this area. This has caused much frustration, particularly among math teachers. “Now if I don’t want to spend even more money on this service, I’ll have to rewrite half of my example problems for AP Calc,” said math teacher

Clara Raineri in frustration.

Another common source of controversy is the fact that Math+ has listed “ad-free” among its benefits, signaling mathematics’ turn to corporate sponsorships and advertisements. The new update will include the addition of advertisements for non-paying users. For many, this was the most unacceptable announcement. As Tom expressed angrily, “How am I supposed to teach a math class if I have to sit through an ad every few minutes?”

The subscription service will launch alongside a long-awaited free update to mathematics. The update will reportedly fix many prominent bugs, including division by zero and the square roots

of negative numbers. These apparent flaws in mathematics have long resulted in “imaginary” glitched numbers and “undefined” error functions. Support for these equations has been met with overwhelming approval, with a statement from NASA calling it “the most important advance in science and mathematics since the distributive property”.

In light of these announcements, many corporations are quickly making changes to adjust to the new mathematics. Desmos reported that it will be shutting down its graphing calculator for the month of April in order to accommodate the updates, and the College Board is well under way revising its mathematics AP course curriculums for the 2025 testing season.

Despite these impactful changes to the mathematics landscape, SPPS district policy has announced no changes. Lacking the funds to purchase the service for every SPPS student, the district is planning to let students decide for themselves whether or not to purchase Math+, with administrators saying that “dealing consequences is for the teachers, not us.”

The service is said to cost \$60 per month, and will launch alongside the free update in mork weeks.

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class, so it was only a matter of time before she brought it to the extreme.”

While she was going off, her high school class found many ways to entertain themselves; a group of seniors took up playing chess in the back, another table started a knitting group, and an underground BrawlStars tournament was in the works. Some students even took the class time to relax, “I was really surprised that Clara stayed on that tangent. I mean, it was interesting, but it went on a bit longer than I thought it would,” said 10th grader Anya Robertson.

Like all good things, Clara’s tangent eventually had to come to an end, and by the seventh day, right as Clara was about to talk about her struggles as a 9th grader at Central High School, she suddenly snapped out of her tangent and asked the class what they were learning. “I will always have fond memories of that week, but now she’s saying that we still have our test on Friday, so time to focus again,” said Claire.

Rigged raffle, 2

been first exposed, immediate pushback from staff and students has been evident. A fixed raffle ticket means that the value of the CRISP ticket significantly decreases, meaning that students are less likely to work to earn them, taking a toll on the school’s community.

Looking forward, the FBI looks to individually interview each member of Alysha’s crew this following week to assess the extent of corruption. “It’s still unknown how long these events have been taking place for, however if one thing can be certain it is that this corruption will be cleansed and cut at the root as it is currently the FBI’s top priority, no further comments,” said FBI Director Kash Patel in a statement provided to the Purple Press. Regardless of whether the claims of corruption are found to be valid or not, principal Dave Gundale has decided to temporarily remove the raffle from the following community meetings and replace it with an extended Dave Time.

Block blast, 2

and any student caught playing during class will get an immediate N. Others, like science teacher Sorcha Nix, have offered a space for group discussion for those struggling with a BlockBlast addiction.

“They need to realize how bad their addiction is before they can get better,” stated Sorcha.

English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt has fallen victim

to the epidemic, and was seen playing the game while teaching in his eighth grade class. Leo has denied the claims made against him, stating that he was simply using his phone to check the weather.

More information on the crisis is being discovered everyday, and many researchers have been hired to find out why BlockBlast is so addictive. For now, resources are being provided for those struggling.

Lip Sync battle bribery

Tom Totushek has been caught accepting bribes from crews

Matteo Alejandro-Provenzano
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In a scandalous revelation, Math Teacher Tom Totushek has been terminated from his post as Open World Learning Lip Sync Battle Referee after he was found to have been accepting bribes.

“I always thought there was something fishy about the judging, but I didn’t think there were bribes in play,” said 10th grader Joseph Thomas Schwartz. A student saw Tom accepting money from an unknown person, and when questioned, he broke down and confessed, but did not give up the accomplice.

After a thorough search of his classroom, administrators found nothing but a note saying, “make sure Tim loses,”

though they currently aren’t sure who wrote it. “So this is why we always lose. I don’t believe in curses anyway,” said 8th grader Atlas Schultz. Despite their valiant efforts, the Administration has not yet been able to uncover the identity of Tom’s accomplice. “We don’t know yet, but we’ll find them and punish them for their transgressions to our fullest extent,” said Principal Dave Gundale, the head of the investigative team. The team hasn’t been able to find anything else as of now.

At press time, the OWL Admin has installed Science Teacher Rebecca Palmer as the Referee, and are planning to call in the FBI for more clues and further investigation so they can close the case.

Upcoming Events

March 29th - April 6th: Spring break

March 8th: ACT second round

April 9th: Precalc midterm exam

April 10th: Not much happening really

April 11th: Leo to wear a new soccer jersey



Moss Windingstad

Surveillance footage captures a picture of a drone hovering above the field before the Manatee begin their practice.

Spying to gain an advantage

Central ultimate team caught using drones to spy on Manatee

Oskar Helle-Morrissey
Staff Writer

In a scandal that is causing outrage through the ultimate community, OWL security has caught drones circling over the field where the Manatee ultimate frisbee team practices. Further investigations have left all suspicions pointed toward Central High School. “Central has been our rival for years, but I never thought they would stoop this low to beat us,” said 8th grader Sam Oseguera.

OWL security apprehended one of the drones using a potato gun from a science experiment in Rebecca Palmer’s room. The frisbee team inspected the drone just to find it stamped with Central’s symbol! The security team then reviewed the drone’s footage to find hours upon hours of the Manatee practicing new strategies and formations. “It’s crazy to think that some of the plays that I came up with are now in

Central’s hands,” commented Manatee varsity coach Joe Ling. OWL plans to set up new anti-drone defenses to combat the drones and prevent future events like this one.

The OWL legal team are trying to pursue legal action against Central’s ultimate team, but with limited results. While there have been many attempts to question the coach of Central’s team, they have insisted that they had zero knowledge over the drones, and that they would never cheat.

At press time the Central coach, when asked about the drones, turned bright red and said “drones? I don’t know about no drones.” No further questions have been answered. OWL plans to call in the FBI to get this resolved for good.

News writers gone missing

Mysterious handprints are sparking concerns with students

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Staff Writer

Many schools have school newspapers, and Open World Learning is no exception. The Purple Press is a staple of the OWL school life, but it - along with possibly OWL’s students - is in jeopardy.

It was Tuesday, March 5th, when the first student - a writer on the Purple Press - went missing. Originally, there was no connection between the disappearance and the newspaper, but then seven other students - all also Purple Press writers - disappeared as well.

What’s most concerning, however, is the fact that most people at OWL do not seem to remember their missing students. Pictures of those who disappeared have vanished from yearbooks, and there’s no record of them anywhere. Even the student’s parents do not seem to have any memory

of their children.

Since the first disappearance, students in Leo’s classes have grown increasingly concerned about the appearance of strange handprints on the wall. “I almost didn’t see them at first,” commented ninth grader Ara Stender in a conversation with a friend. “They were like, almost perfectly hidden behind the whiteboard, and I swear I heard someone whispering.”

Other students have corroborated Ara’s claims, saying that they too have noticed handprints in increasingly more obvious places, and claiming to hear the same faint whispering.

Have you?
Do you hear us?
Do you remember?

RedBull to sponsor Womanatee

The energy drink will give the team an advantage on the field

Rahnia Droogsma
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In an effort to increase energy levels after early morning practices, the Womanatee Ultimate Team has acquired a sponsorship from Red Bull.

Red Bull chose to sponsor the Womanatee team due to the astonishing size of its fanbase. “I went to a game last season, and there were so many people they didn’t have enough space for everyone to have a chair!” said Red Bull merchandising manager, Reese Thatcher.

Womanatee captains Gabby Govrik and Mylie Peterson-Antin are convinced that drinking Red Bull before games will have numerous benefits for the team. First, it

will help the team jump higher, since drinking Red Bull gives you wings. Second, studies have been conducted by Superfly, the ultimate frisbee team at Stanford University, that test the effects of Red

Bull on speed, reaction time, and vertical jump height. The Superfly team captain said, “Ever since we started drinking Red Bull before games and practice, we have noticed significant improvements in

our speed, endurance, reaction times, and especially how high we can jump.”

Finally, Red Bull has also had a positive effect on the academic strength of the Womanatee team. The Womanatees now have enough energy to get through practice as well as a six hour long school day. The Manatee team, however, has been struggling with attendance recently, “It’s too much! Waking up at the crack of dawn to go to practice and then having to go to school. If I’m being completely honest, I often miss my first period to get coffee. I wish we were sponsored by Red Bull too,” said captain Joe Lodahl.

In the words of 9th grader Beatrice Cosgrove, “Red Bull helps us get hype!”



Weekly community meetings begin

Students of the week, Solitude and Reflection sitcom, and more!

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Staff Writer

Principal Dave Gundale has announced that OWL’s monthly community meeting schedule will be replaced with a weekly community meeting schedule, effective April 1st. The community meetings will be held every Friday, with exceptions for weeks when students have Friday off, in which case the weekly meeting will be on Thursday.

This new schedule will drastically change the community meeting format, with Students of the Month becoming Students of the

Week, and Solitude and Reflection changing from an action movie series to a weekly sitcom, similar to the Friends-inspired episode from last January. Due to a lack of crews willing to participate in lip-sync battles with such short time to prepare, the battles will now be selected by a random drawing. “Participation is required,” said science teacher Rebecca Palmer, the lip-sync battle organizer. “We know it’s not the most convenient, but we hope that this will encourage creativity and resourcefulness in a short time frame.”

“I’ve had a lot on my mind lately, and I want to get things off my chest and let students get to know me better. Dave Time will be a minimum 30 minutes every weekly meeting,” said Dave when asked why he has changed the community meeting schedule. “I know some students will find it slow, which is why the lip sync battle will happen during Dave Time. Instead of songs, the participants will lip sync to my speeches,” he announced. “I hope this will help ease the burden of preparing a lip sync battle performance in just a week’s time.”

“I love to hear Dave talk about all the exciting things happening at our school,” said ninth grader Grayden Smith. “His voice is so soothing,” said ninth grader Gabe Zupfer. “It’s smooth like butter. It just puts me at ease.”

It seems like the majority of students approve of this change. Dave was met with cheers and eager arms extending paper for autographs when he left his office Thursday. “I’m so glad everybody is embracing this change,” said Dave. “Perhaps next year, we could give daily meetings a try?”

Hardest AP class to arrive at OWL

AP Gym features a collaboration between Joe Bradner and Kim K

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For all my fellow gym lovers out there, today is your lucky day. Open World Learning is proud to be introducing an AP Gym course for the 2025-2026 school year. In collaboration with Kim Kardarshian’s new fitness brand Kimcersize, OWL will act as a model for Kim’s new invention, AP Gym. Kim K told the Purple Press that “as a kid, I always loved gym class. It was really the only class I was good at, besides intro to plastic cosmetic surgery class. Plus, as everyone knows, I am completely natural, and you have to work for my figure!” OWL’s gym teacher Joe Brander is completely on board. During a TV interview, he said Kim K is one of his

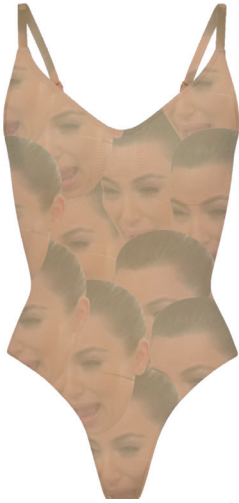
biggest role models, and was overjoyed to be working with such a brilliant woman.

OWL’s Principal Dave Gundale has agreed to let all students currently taking gym classes be on the next season of The Kardashians to promote AP Gym and Kimcersize. OWL PTO will be responsible for booking and paying for all flights and hotel rooms. Joe Brander has repeatedly stated that he hates the sun, so Kent Miller, the art teacher, graciously stepped in to accompany students to LA.

As for the actual course, AP Gym is a very rigorous program, and most colleges and universities only accept the credit if you score a five on the exam. The exam itself is very daunting, with five different sections that will

judge your athletic ability. First, you must run a five minute mile marathon, and if you don’t succeed, the max you can get is a four on the AP test. Every event you fail knocks down the score out of five you can get. Next is weightlifting. Students must bench 350 lbs for five reps without leaving a bench press position. For the third task, students need to shoot five baskets while being marked by an entire NBA team. The fourth event is the Kim Mil, which must be a four minute mile. Finally, once all other sections have been completed, students will hold a side plank while taking a standardized test about the history of sports and gym, which you have to get a 100% on in order for your AP test to be eligible. If anyone does

pass this exam, they will earn a lifelong subscription to Skims, including special spandex with Kim’s face on them. Who’s pumped for AP Gym? I know I am!



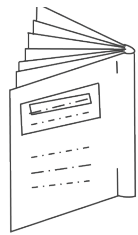
Zania Hierlmaier

Kim K bodysuit is a reward for passing the AP test.





Reviews ‘n’ stuff



Purple Press Staff Photo

11th grader Kate Houle loves phones and encourages use.

Phones are A-OK with me!

Smart phones make for extra smart education if you ask me

Kate Houle
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Nowadays, smartphones are a daily part of our lives. Some people may try to tell you that technology is hurting younger generations, as they spend every waking hour glued to a screen. But I'm here to tell you how the seemingly negative consequences of this everyday device are actually huge academic benefits.

First off, attention spans. A common rhetoric is that apps such as TikTok are ruining attention spans, making teens unable to focus on anything for more than a few seconds. But in our changing world, if you can't understand something right away, you're never going to be able to move on to more interesting information. This is incredibly relevant when it comes to school, since students don't have all that much time to be learning all this required content. Would you rather

spend five more years in school or be able to quickly move from subject to subject? Even if you might be missing a few details, who cares?

Secondly, the theory that phones "take away" from "learning". Like I just said, the way humans process information is changing, so why not the way we get the information itself? A study earlier this year by Dr. Heinz Doofenshmirtz proved that schools who allow kids access to technology have higher rates of content understanding.

Multiple students were quoted in the study, saying things like "Yeah sure, whatever. Go away, I'm playing Brawl Stars," when asked if they thought their phones helped them with school.

Lastly, social media and communication. Every generation has their version

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Looking for a new sound?

Grayden sifts the music scene to find an up and coming band

Grayden Smith
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I've found a hidden gem of a band from Las Vegas, Nevada. They're a pop rock band with bouncy riffs and groovy drums. The vocals are smooth and silky, yet they get you excited and pumped when you hear them. Their lyrics move you to near tears with complicated structures like "lightning, then the thunder (thunder)." Then once the tears shed from your eyes, the bass will make you feel warm inside and cleanse you of bad feelings. This music moves you to a different plane.

These moving vocals and emotional writing is provided by the great Dan Reynolds, and the rhythm is provided by the guitarist Wayne Sermon that is quite pleasing to the ear. Don't even get me started on

the breathtaking bass played by Ben McKee. Together, all of these outstanding musicians collaborate to make some of the greatest music ever.

They've somehow gone seven albums without being recognized for their talent and each one is peak music. For example, their debut album Night Visions is 12 tracks long, totaling to 48 minutes. Every single song on the album sounds unique and different, yet they still fit and transition into the next with such ease. It's just so great. One of the best songs off the albums is definitely "Demons". When he says "when you feel my heat, look into my eyes, it's where my demons hide, it's where my demons hide," I feel it in my soul it hits so hard. And then,

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Movies awesome, books not so much

In the case of Percy Jackson, the movies are totally where it's at

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When I was in elementary school, one of my friends mentioned a book series they enjoyed that piqued my interest: Percy Jackson and the Olympians. They told me a story of a young boy finding his place in a fantastical world filled with gods and monsters of Greek Myth. I was enraptured by the concept, my mind whirled with the possibilities of such a story. But I only asked one question: "Is there a movie?"

Reluctantly, though I'm not quite sure why, they told me about the two movies based on the books. They pleaded with me to read the books first, however, and I relented. The first book, The Lightning Thief, introduces the main

character Percy Jackson as he struggles in school, constantly being kicked out and moved around because of unexplainable events he swears he had nothing to do with. Then, during a confrontation with his math teacher, Mrs. Dodds, he's forced to come to terms with a new world when she transforms into a monster and attacks him. Percy is thrust forward into a world of demigods and monsters, and sent on a quest to find a lightning bolt of Zeus that he himself is accused of stealing.

Overall, I will say, I wasn't impressed. The plot seemed to take forever to advance and I feel there were points where entire chapters could have been completely reduced down to a couple sentences. The main character, Percy Jackson,

appeared entirely clueless and incompetent throughout the whole novel, which frustrated me greatly. He acted as if he didn't know anything about the world, when he's supposed to be a demigod. Apparently, this kid is one of the most powerful people born in the last several decades and he can't figure out a complex interwoven world of mythological heroes, monsters, gods, and demigods in 11 days? Honestly, it frustrated me so much I couldn't read the next novel, let alone the whole series.

I was disappointed by the book, but I still had one last hope: Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (2010). While the book series had five books (not including the sequel series and spin-off, which I'm sure

are just as inconsistent and tedious) there were only two movies.

When I first sat down and began watching the movie, it immediately gained my favor. The first thing you notice is how much older Percy Jackson is compared to the book (16 instead of 11), and that felt much more natural to me. What kind of idiot would try to get an 11 year old to save the world? It just doesn't make sense. But a 16 year old? That's just sensible. And, another thing I enjoyed was just how much the directors changed from the book in general. In the book, a lot of the characters follow lines of character development and grow as people, which I didn't

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Rainbow Six Seige is totally rad bro!

From glitter bombing to unicorns, this game has got it going on

Zania Hierlmaier
Staff Writer

Dear editor of the Purple Press,

As my wings flap in the harsh winds, I grasp onto my pistol, equip enough rainbow bullets to slay an entire army, and fly towards the battlefield. I breathe in deeply, close my eyes, and suddenly, my view is covered in shimmer. I've been glitter bombed. I hear a stampede coming from the distance, the sharp vibrations of hooves beating dust fills my ears, but all that comes to mind is that I am so utterly screwed.

Rainbow Six Siege is a first person shooter developed by my company, Costco Gaming Inc. We collabed with Roblox to create an incredibly designed game with over 500k monthly players, one being

science teacher and mother of two, Megan Hall. "When I get home from a long day at work, I immediately jump on the game. It's become a routine in my family, and I recently got my son, Dylan, playing. He might even love it more than me!"

We first released Rainbow Six Siege in October, 2018,



Purple Press staff photo

Megan and Dylan wind down by playing Rainbow Six Siege.

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No need to worry, everything is fine

Global warming, attacks on education; nothing to worry about

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During these "turbulent" political times, many people proclaim that this is not normal, or that our country is becoming oligarchical or fascist. This limited view of politics espoused by hippies and the coastal elite does not take into account the fact that things are normal. There is nothing to worry about. Now since this is OWL (a school for communists, liberals, and hippies alike) I guess I'll have to explain these claims.

One of the main issues that these people like to whine about is "climate change." Now you've probably been taught that this is a scary thing, but in reality, the climate has been changing for millennia, and a change in global climate of one to two degrees

over a couple of decades is a minor inconvenience at worst, although it mostly comes across as a nice warm spring (which apparently is something to complain about). The "abnormality" that people claim cutting regulations is, is simply just a way for these people to stop corporations from their god-given mission to increase profits for shareholders.

Speaking of profit, another issue that these people like to go on and on about is oligarchy. According to some, people making money is the worst crime of all and completely out of the ordinary. This attack on the free market would have been devastating for the many humble multi-billionaires of the world such as Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk. Do you want these people to lose their wealth? How will

they survive? How will they be able to afford their basic necessities such as yachts and multibillion dollar real-estate portfolios? Luckily we are now going back to historical norms of a hierarchical society where the wealthy can have the freedom to live their lives as they wish and the non-wealthy... well, we don't have to talk about that.

"Attacks" on education have been all over the news as the Trump administration plans to cut the Department of Education and leave all funding and programs up to the states. This, of course, cuts out unnecessary government bureaucracy and allows states to make their own decisions about funding and programs. While some people claim that this will cut anti-discrimination initiatives and programs that help students

with disabilities, this is simply a necessary sacrifice for government efficiency. In addition, public education is filled to the brim with liberal indoctrination so getting rid of the public sector and promoting private education will get rid of these issues anyway. It's a win-win.

So, no need to worry about things becoming irregular, or going beyond what is normal, because these changes will simply improve or have no effect on your day-to-day life. Yes, you might be detained and thrown in jail for expressing your constitutional rights, or denied basic healthcare based on your financial status, or maybe even pay more for any number of goods and services due to new economic policies. But at the end of the day this is all just normal...right?



Purple Press Staff Photo

Security footage shows Akira brandishing a chair in anger.

Akira Mally is not a chill guy

Students witness Akira “crash out” over the lack of pencils

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Science teacher Akira Mally was seen yelling and almost throwing a chair across the room in his 7th grade class, according to witnesses.

A student forgot their pencil, and Akira just lost it. An anonymous witness claims “I never thought I’d see Akira tweak out like that, I mean... I thought he was a chill guy.”

Akira hasn’t shown up to school in days, rumor has it the student is pressing charges. After picking up the chair, and almost throwing it across the room, he ended up snapping everyone’s pencils.

“NOW YOU HAVE TO BUY YOUR OWN!” A student

recalled him shouting. Seventh grader Finnley Frolek said, “ I didn’t think I would ever witness such a thing, especially from Akira.” Many students say his face turned redder than JoJo Siwa singing Traitor by Olivia Rodrigo. At one point he even broke his glasses. Students say it reminds them of the no pomegranate lady. (Look it up) “You don’t want that kind of reputation,” 7th grader and witness Lydia Manfred said.

Maybe Akira didn’t get enough coffee that day, maybe he didn’t get enough sleep that night, or maybe he was just tired of his nonchalant aura, I guess we’ll never know. But one thing we do know is... Akira is not a chill guy. At least not anymore.

Changes coming to school lunch

Medium rare chicken and bear burgers to be on the menu soon

Scott Sand
Staff Writer

Due to the recent governmental shift, the OWL school lunch menu will be changed to meet standards set by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Future school lunch menu options will include medium rare chicken and bear burgers, Central Park style.

When asked about the fear of Salmonella in the medium rare chicken, Secretary of the DHHS Robert F. Kennedy Jr. stated, “I have done my own research and have discovered that cooking the chicken above 375 Fahrenheit uses far too much energy, which goes against our new DOGE policy.”

When asked about how they could get all the bear meat for the bear burgers, Secretary Kennedy replied “I can confirm that there is enough. I am an expert bear hunter and I have killed bears myself in Central Park and they are delicious.” Secretary Kennedy left abruptly for no

apparent reason after making this statement.

This recent change has not been approved of by everyone. One such critic is celebrity chef Jamie Oliver, who said “The fact that he [Kennedy] thinks that Salmonella is a joke is stupendous and horrible. I can’t believe that he was hired!” This has started a debate about food safety and many students have not been informed or don’t care about the changes. 10th grader Joseph T. Schwartz said “I don’t usually eat school lunches, but this seems pretty interesting. Maybe I will actually try these new menu options.”

The changes will not take place until the start of the next school year. Many parents and scientists are protesting these changes to the menu, which has resulted in many intense moments at school board meetings, but many students have said that it wouldn’t really change anything and Salmonella is not that bad.

New passport restrictions announced

Women not allowed to obtain passports beginning April 1st

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As of April 1, 2025, women are no longer allowed a passport in the United States. A new Trump executive order, enacted last week, prevents women from getting access to a passport, stating in a speech Tuesday evening, “women no longer need to worry about travel; we have made it so they only need to worry about their home.”

At the start of Trump’s presidency, in January 2025, he began to limit access to passports from anyone who did not fall under the U.S gender norms. Transgender, nonbinary, and intersex identifying people had difficulty acquiring a passport. This pattern continued into late March, when he fully banned the traveling of all

persons who did not have male on their birth certificate. Today, only American men are being offered access to passports.

The drive behind this new executive order is the American ideal home. The U.S Department of Social Correction, a federal agency created by Congress in February 2025, with their main job being correcting the, “woke mindset of Americans,” has an infographic of the ideal American home on their website. Their infographic has a slogan, “Men make money to provide for their honey,” naming American men as the sole breadwinners in the home. This means that men reserve the right to work, own property, and most importantly, travel.

The Department of Social

Correction refused to create a slogan for American women, stating, “literary skills are not necessary in the kitchen.” Women, as per the new expectations of America, are no longer allowed to travel in an effort to give them more time to work in the kitchen and be homemakers.

The only down side of this newlaw,ascitizenshavealready complained, is that full-family international vacations have been fully abolished. Women can no longer travel out of the country, so an epidemic of men travelling solo has begun in light of this new executive order.

“I mean, I’m all for restricting women’s rights,” says local man Kurtis Joe, “But why does it have to affect my vacation?” A similar sentiment has been seen throughout the

American male population.

Despite this slight unrest, the executive order has been predicted to move forward without opposition. In his speech on Tuesday, President Trump stated, “I am ushering in a new golden age for America; an age where women’s roles as homemakers will be prioritized.” It can be said for sure that, as Trump’s presidency rolls out these next four years, America is going to



Cafeteria of America coming soon!

“a pivotal role in the security and economic prosperity of OWL”

Andrea Wegley
Staff Writer

In a formal letter titled “Restoring Names that Honor OWL Greatness”, principal Dave Gundale stated that starting April 1st, 2025, the OWL cafeteria will be renamed the “Cafeteria of America” in an effort to increase school spirit and pride.

“The gulf, I mean Cafeteria, plays a pivotal role in the security and economic prosperity of OWL and should therefore be named after the country that we live in. Look at the number one country in the world, look at our economy, our jobs!” said Dave. “The Cafeteria will continue to play

a pivotal role in shaping OWL’s future and the global economy, and in recognition of this flourishing economic resource and its critical importance to our school’s economy and its people, I am directing that it officially be renamed the Cafeteria of America.”

The name will go into effect on April 1st, and the new name will be plastered on the south wall, covering up what were last year’s prom photos. “I’m sad that Duncan’s and my photo will be covered up; I love that photo,” said senior Elzo Van Genderen. All students and staff will be required to call the cafeteria by its new name, and all that don’t will

be immediately sent to Ms. Ma’lene for reeducation.

Along with the addition of the name, Dave stated in the letter that the National Anthem will be played at the start of each lunch over the loudspeakers, requiring all students and staff to participate to encourage nationalism. The anthem will be recorded by the jazz choir and will have a solo from Dave himself.

Additionally, every Wednesday will be “America lunch day”, with lunches being only red white and blue foods. Some dishes include: Cherries served on a bed of rice with a bomb pop on the side, frozen blueberry sandwiches on

white bread, with ketchup or roasted cauliflower with blue raspberry jolly ranchers and cranberry sauce. “I’d be perfectly fine with blue jolly ranchers for lunch, but I draw the line at cranberry sauce,” said 9th grader Zania Hierlmaier when informed of the recent changes to the lunch menu.

As of press time, Dave has sifted through 20 out of the 153 total complaints from students and staff. Dave has been sheltered in his office for a total of three days, and has stated that he will not come out until he responds to every last one. He is expected to remain in his office for the next week.

In other very important news...

Minnesota Vikings contemplate playing with no quarterback

Calvin Hoenisch
Staff Writer

Rumors are surfacing at the Vikings training facility that the team has made the decision to play without a quarterback this year. This news is coming to us from an anonymous source with them saying that after Sam Darnold’s abysmal performance in last year’s playoffs and the risk of JJ McCarthy re-injuring his meniscus, many of the staff at the facility have been talking about this prospect. The rationale for this decision, according to our source, is that they just don’t want to “take the risk.”

So of course this means they would have to run an offense with no one to throw to their star receiver, Justin Jefferson. This means they would have to find a new way to get the ball downfield. One idea they discussed was to try to trade Justin for the best running back in the league and some extra draft picks.

In an interview, coach O’Connell was quoted saying “with all of these rumors circulating. I just want everyone to know that we

have not made a decision yet regarding the quarterback situation.” Left tackle Christian Darrisaw said, “it would be weird to not be protecting a quarterback, I don’t know, maybe my job would be easier.”

After all of this the Vikings are not expected to have a very productive offensive year, with many analysts thinking that they will focus solely on defense and scoring defensive points such as safeties, pick sixes, and scoop and scores. Ninth grader and huge Vikings fan Erik Imholte was quoted saying, “they were already a questionable team last year, I don’t see this helping them whatsoever.” Overall it could be an interesting year for the Vikings and we will see how it progresses. This will be the first time in NFL history a team will have done this without injuries.

Gym teacher Joe Bradner to copyright his infamous phrase

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In order to raise money for his retirement, OWL health and gym teacher Joe Bradner has copyrighted his infamous phrase, “D for developing.”

According to the new copyright rules, any member of the OWL staff and any students will be charged a certain amount of money based on a tiered payment system. If you say it normally in context, you will likely only be charged a meager fee of \$100. Depending on how audible the phrase is, if the person uttering the phrase is trying to sound anything like Joe, or trying to mock him, and if the person using the phrase is using it out of context, an extra \$50 will be added on to the fee for each of these factors.

“I need money to get out of here, Venmo, PayPal, cash, credit, I’ll take anything.” Joe said after being asked why he copyrighted the phrase.

The famous phrase was pioneered by Bradner himself, and was used to instill fear in the hearts of students under him. Ninth grader Grady Smith recalls a traumatic

experience from his 7th grade year, “I remember turning in a summative late in health, he took one glance at it and yelled that phrase... that awful, awful phrase. I’ve never been so scared in my life,” Grady said shakily, as he hyperventilated violently into a paper bag.

Along with Grady, students are now often seen with scared looks on their faces as they exit the health room, as well as not having any money they maybe had gone in with. Allegedly, some students have seen Joe sneaking around school with a clipboard, totaling up the money, saying, “it’s for retirement,” while walking away quickly. Joe has even been spotted looking through security camera footage, listening for any students that may have used the dreaded phrase.

Looking forward, it is highly advised by staff and students to never use the phrase in school, unless you don’t care about your money and sanity. “It’s helpful for me to kinda treat it like a Voldemort situation, the less it’s said, the happier everyone will be,” said ninth grader Calvin Hoenisch.

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appreciate in the slightest. If I like a character when I first meet them, why would I want them to change? And who has time to track that? Not me, which is exactly why I love the movie. The main characters are pretty much entirely different people, and I never had to track any changes, because there weren't any! In all honesty, it was the best movie I've watched in a long time. Or, it would be.

Now, some may find this hard to believe, but the second movie is somehow infinitely better than the first. If The Lighting Thief is a masterpiece, Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) is a miracle from above. The movie follows my favorite trend from the prior movie, distinguishing itself from the plot, to the utter extreme. This movie, in a stunning move which left me absolutely gobsmacked with

joy, managed to fit the entire final four books in the series into one, perfect film. Now, I haven't read the last four books, but since the movies end here, I can only assume that it has plot points from all four books. It would be silly for them to, say, for example, completely remove the plot points from the majority of the last three books and just skip to the end. But they would never do that.

The second movie appeals to my dwindling attention span in ways no other film has been able to do in my entire life. It concisely fits a wrap-up to the series in no more than an hour and 50 minutes where Rick Riordan did it in 222,050 words.

In summary, the books, while widely revered by the public, honestly cannot rise to the hype. The books are far too complicated for something with such a flawed execution. The movies, on the other hand, take the premise to new and

exciting heights in ways which absolutely knock me off my feet. It presents the story in such an uncomplicated and compressed way that it could only ever be called a work of genius.

Thank you, directors Chris Columbus and Thor Freudenthal, you've taken something subpar and created two great pieces of art which shall be cherished forevermore. Nobody in their right mind would, for example, refuse to acknowledge how the directors took a series of complex novels written to appeal to ADHD and neurodivergent teens who feel they have no place in the world and created a pair of unrecognizable films which spit on the main themes of the novels.

iPhone 17, 1

you. Siri+ will cost \$19.99 a month.

In an interview with The Verge after the event, Apple CEO Tim Cook shared his thoughts on the iPhone 17's release. "We believe that AI is the future. I have said before that the initial introduction of Apple Intelligence last year was the beginning of a new era for iPhone, but this latest version of Apple Intelligence will bring Apple Intelligence out of its early years and become what Apple Intelligence was always meant to be: a tool that makes things that used to take a lot of time, take less time. We don't want people to spend all of their lives on their devices, and Smart Chat will help you talk face to face to people and spend more time in reality. We've reached the point with Apple Intelligence where we don't just provide conveniences for people, but improve people's lives and save them time."

Rainbow six seige, 6

prize, the Rainbow Unicorn Award. When you win this, you get a free limited edition rainbow Cyber Truck!

Another key part of our game is the in-game currency known as Costco Coin, which is purchased with Robux; half of the profits go towards one of my companies, SpaceX. Costco Coin gets you advantages in the game, such as the glitter bomb, which blocks your opponents view, and the golden unicorn, a special avatar that gives players all powers. But wait, it gets even better; Costco Coin is also crypto currency, and can be used to buy any Costco products!

Over the years, Rainbow Six Siege has broken barriers in the video game industry, reaching into all aspects of players' lives and teaching them that it's not just a battle, it's the start of a revolution. However, under America's new leadership, Rainbow Six Siege

is being attacked, and needs all of you to help save it from the real opponent, Donald Trump. Since rainbow is in its name, Rainbow Six Siege is being tried in court for promoting radical propaganda, and I could be given the death sentence. In addition, Costco memberships will become unauthorized, and anyone who has played Rainbow Six Siege will be denied from entering Costco Business Centers and a restraining order will be issued immediately. From the bottom of my heart, I believe Rainbow Six Siege is innocent, and hope that every reasonable person with any self morals uses their voice to speak up for this excellent game.

Sincerely,
Elon Musk, CEO of Costco Gaming Inc.

Preston, 2

the other dragon mascots were gone, as well as some fantasy books from the library. They started freaking out about the lack of dragons in the room. Preston yelled at them to calm down and to just accept his new hatred for dragons.

"They make me unhappy. Fire breathing is unnecessary and they're not even real!" Exclaimed Preston. He angrily stormed out of the class, leaving the sixth graders speechless.

At press time, various students refused to mention dragons in ELA class for fear of being dismissed from class or sent to Vice Principal Ms. Ma'lene Walker's office.

New band, 6

the drums crashing and the heavenly vocal harmonies in the background makes me feel pure bliss.

Their most popular song, "Believer" has a mere 3,345,528,276 streams on Spotify, while also being one of their best. The song has an eerie feeling while also being motivating for some unknown reason. It just makes me feel powerful and like I can do anything. The lyrics are about many things, one of them being how Dan went through a rough time and how he's coming out of that into a good life. Another being that the song is about one of Dan's childhood friends who

committed suicide because of bullying.

Several people around the school I've put on the band have been converted to devoted listeners. "They're literally my favorite band ever, I don't understand how they only have 34,447,849,209 streams!" said 9th grader Gabe Zupfer. "I followed them around the world while they were on tour. I used every last penny I had for that and I don't regret it," said 9th grader Fintan Glasco.

The band also has ten other songs with at least 1,000,000,000 streams. It's unbelievable how this band hasn't gotten more recognition than they have. But I hope this article will bring greater

attention to this band. If you can, spread the word, tell everyone you know to tell everyone they know about this band. If they became big the world would be a better place, they could possibly make a national anthem with the amount of talent they have. Remember the name, Imagine Dragons.

phones, 6

of slang, and phones make this generation's lexicon more accessible. Social media helps familiarize kids with the future of the English language! When textbooks start talking about how much Thomas Jefferson slayed, you're going to wish you'd spent more time in that Instagram comments section.

So yeah, phones might be addictive. But have you considered they might be addictive for a good reason? It's time to accept that there's a silver lining to everything, and that if someone tells you you're a "screenager," all you have to do is remind them that phones are the future of our education system.

Tim's room, 1

heard saying that he planned on leaving the window open all year long. At press time, students are eagerly awaiting hearing the first spring birdsong through the window.

Green Gazette, 1

"But you can hunt me down yourself if I let it fail."

As the publication changes to its more student run format, many of its staff are eager to see where it takes them, and if this new approach will get students reading their work again.

OWL holds annual transgression assembly



Rebecca Palmer

Fellow classmates look on in shock as Ani admits to leaving several candy wrappers in the commons last Tuesday.



Rebecca Palmer

Dave calls the assembly to order, encouraging students to step to the microphone and admit their transgressions.



Rebecca Palmer

Galadrial (far right) is upset to learn that Duncan wore the same shirt for two days in a row.



Rebecca Palmer

Nick becomes emotional as he confesses to shooting spit wads in the middle of a trigonometry lecture last week.



Rebecca Palmer

Under direction from Dave, Emilia admits to having cheated on her last three spelling tests.



Rebecca Palmer

Gasps are heard throughout the auditorium as Ruby Kate admits to faking her last book report.