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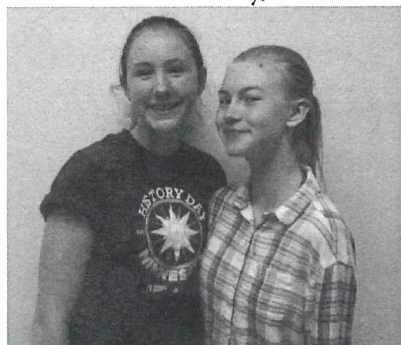
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H-Day Nats preview

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After a successful State History Day showing, two projects from OWL are moving onto National competition, which is June 10th to June 14th in Washington DC.

Ninth graders and History Day veterans Elsa Carlson and Zoe Champion are doing a senior group documentary on Plessy versus Ferguson. After doing a project dealing with African-American history two years ago, they wanted to learn more. "We wanted to do more about African-American history, but we also more research on civil rights," said Elsa.



Elsa and Zoe are moving onto Nationals

6th graders Aeriana Wright and Zander Sachs are doing a junior group exhibit on the Salt March in India. In their social studies class, they learn about the history inside the US, and they wanted to branch out. This was their first year doing a History Day

project, and they weren't very interested in it at first. "Once we moved onto Regionals and State we got more into the process," said Zander.

When Elsa and Zoe discovered they were moving onto Nationals, "We were shocked!" said Elsa, "We were obviously super excited." This is their second year moving onto the National competition, and last year they spent a lot of time watching National-qualifying senior group documentaries. "We knew the competition was going to be a lot harder this year, and we were just really surprised," said Elsa. Aeriana and Zander were really surprised when they moved onto Nationals. "We were really proud," said Aeriana.

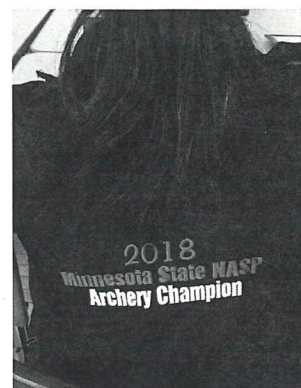
Social studies teacher Katie Craven said that it's

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Emily top 4% in USA

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Emily Yang, Minnesota state archery champion recently went to Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky. Her and her family drove 14 hours for the competition. "The pressure was really high for me personally. A lot of internal pressure, just from myself," said Emily.



Emily's state champ jacket

Emily shot a 287. "It was really good for how I've shot this season, not including state." She had a season average of 281 and shot a 293 at state. Emily was in the top 4% of the 2393 high school girls at Nationals.

Emily already has her eye on a bigger prize. "Next year if I made top 30 in my category, I will go to worlds. I guess that's my biggest goal, to go to worlds."

The wild, wily web

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Out of all the files and apps on your computer, how many of them, whether they had a price tag or not, did you actually pay for?

The Internet allows us to do things with a seemingly limitless level of convenience and freedom. However, much of this freedom is abused, as evidenced by the plethora of file sharing websites and "free" streaming services that are made available to all casual surfers of the Internet. You can find any type of file that your grubby thieving hands desire.

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Interim review

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For those of you who don't know what interim is, maybe because you're the new kid at school, or you're living under a rock, interim is the time where you either got lucky for getting exactly what you wanted or unlucky because you probably got your very last choice.

Although you might've gotten the one you least wanted, I'll assure you that in whatever interim you were in, you probably had quite an adventure, and maybe even learned some new things. There were various choices to choose from for an interim, there was Doggy Dog World, Girl Code, Sports and Design, and Urban



One of the Little Free Libraries created over interim
friends that you could earn community service hours, and I prefer to have community service hours than not have any." Although it wasn't Pang's first choice, she liked it and she even

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Outward Bound trips

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Outward Bound is a service learning/adventure program at OWL. This year, there were three separate Outward Bound trips, two to northern Minnesota and one to Colorado. Students came back with positive stories about their experiences.

Twenty two students went to Wolf Ridge this year. They did service work such as helping on the farm and in the greenhouse. They also moved logs and dug out areas for planting. "I really enjoyed the ropes course and seeing all the work we accomplished at the farm," said 9th grader Frankie Buettner. They also went canoeing, zip lining and played games.

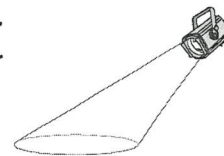


Wolf Ridge students working hard.

Another group of 25 students went to Camp Du Nord. They did service such as clearing off fields, cleaning up the beach to get if ready for summer camps and preparing the garden for

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ELLA King Senior Spotlight



How many years have you been at OWL?

Five, no six. Write down six.

What are your plans for next year?

I'm going to go to UMD to study environmental sciences.

What is your favorite class?

My favorite class was AP Environmental Studies. We went on bomb field trips.

What extracurriculars are you involved in?

Ultimate frisbee. D2 champs! Also robotics and year-book.

What was your favorite fieldwork trip you've been on?

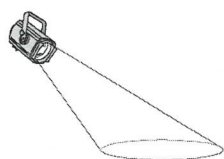
DuNord.

What's your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Well, TV show, I like *The Office*. I really like *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. For book, I don't know.

If you had a walk-up song, what would it be?

Famous by Mason Ramsey



That One Little Kid

Izzy Dohrer



What's your favorite class?

Gym

What elementary school did you come from?

River Falls Public Montessori

What's your name?

Izzy Dohrer

How tall are you?

Like 5ft

What's your favorite fruit?

Probably strawberries.

What's your favorite book?

So Be It.

Who's your favorite senior?

Kendall, because she's fun, nice, and she's a good director.

Where do you think you're going to go to college?

Harvard

What's the weirdest thing about OWL?

Probably the food.

What's your favorite school lunch?

None of them.

Manatee get 9th at state tournament

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This past weekend the Manatee boys took 9th place in division two at the National Sports Center in Blaine.

They started the tournament off by losing to Robbinsdale Cooper 7-10. Then The Manatees took on Edian JV 2 playing a close game, but lost on universe point 11-12. Their last pool play game was against Cretin Demin Hall a familiar opponent from earlier in the season. However, after two tough losses they were out of the running for the championship bracket and had trouble recovering mentally.

"After we lost our game against Cooper, we thought that we were out of the championship bracket. We were all sad and didn't want to play anymore," said sophomore captain Jedi Casas.

On day two The Manatee came back strong when they played Armstrong, winning 13-7. The boys continued their momentum from their last game and beat Blake 13-6. They then played St. Paul Academy for 9th place and won on universe point 13-12.

"I think we played really well despite the fact that we lost the first three games," said 9th grader Haakan Neske.

"We took some tight losses on Saturday in the severe weather conditions, but we played well the whole time, and had a ton o' fun. It was dope to finish the season on a tight win in the finals," said senior Sam Dale-Gau.



All-State player Jedi Casas jumps for the frisbee.



Sam Dale-Gau lays out for the frisbee during a team picture.

Wo-Manatee win D2 at state tournament

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The Wo-Manatee take a celebratory selfie after winning the State Tournament

This weekend the Wo-Manatee took on the D2 state tournament and won! They went 5-0 and left Blaine as champions.

On Saturday they played Roseville JV, Minneapolis South JV, and White Bear Lake, and won all the games easily.

On Sunday they played Como and Saint Louis. Their first game on Sunday was nail biting. "Everyone was really nervous," said 10th grader Abby Davis. They traded points till universe. The final point lasted 23 minutes and

was caught by senior Ella King.

The championship was fairly easy. They played Saint Louis and were always 2-3 points ahead.

The weather was pretty brutal. On Saturday, it poured and there was a one hour delay. On Sunday it was really windy. Abby even said it was "the worst ultimate wind experience ever." The weather was terrible but the Wo-Manatee pulled through and played some of the best ultimate they ever had.

After a hard weekend they got to walk away with a championship. "I feel proud. I'm proud of the whole team. It was a good accomplishment for our team and a step in the right direction. We hope to keep up the wins. This was our first year being really committed and I hope that continues," said Abby.

This was the last tournament for the many seniors on the team including the three captains. "I think that they've been with the team so long it'll be weird but they've coached us well," said Abby. Next year she predicts that they will be able to manage without them, though their spirit and skills will be missed.



A picture of the Wo-Manatee after the State Tournament on Sunday.

The Mini-tee

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The state tournament for middle school was two weeks ago at McMurray Field team one made division two and got 12th, and team two made division three and got 19th out of 39 teams. "Ya it was a pretty good season. Both teams did really well and improved so much. Once we got to state we just kept beating team after team. It was super fun this year, our spirit was really good and that's super important to the sport," said seventh grader Lars Neske.



The middle school Ultimate team

Overall, team one won four games and lost two games, while team two won three games and lost three games.

This year the team wasn't able to get enough female players to have three middle school teams.

Unlike the high school

league, the middle school league is coed, which means there needs to be a 2:3 ratio of female to male players for every team.

The middle school coaches this year were Dan Monfre, Grant Erickson, Hailey Erickson, Jen Asturias, Kyle Crawford, and Julius Williamson. The head coach, Dan, explained "The goal, number one, is to learn how to play the game, and two is to just have fun. The important part of ultimate frisbee is the spirit of the game. It's a lot different than most sports because it's self officiated, so just learning the basics of the spirit of the game is important for middle school ultimate." Having a middle school team allows players to enter high school with two to three years of ultimate experience.

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stated "I was looking forward to learn more about planting, and my favorite thing we did in Urban Farming was that I made rhubarb pie for the first time, I thought it was going to turn out bad but it was really good."

Another student who went to School of Rock interim, 8th grader Ingrid Ebbesen, also enjoyed her interim. She's one of the many who learned new things. "School of Rock was my second choice, I play the guitar so I wanted to get a little bit better at it. School of Rock seemed fun and I was looking forward to hanging out with people because I have some friends there. I did learn WonderWall."

Another student, Annet Chautla, 10th grader was placed in Girl Code as her interim. She was also one of many who enjoyed their interim. "Girl Code was one of

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always somewhat surprising when 6th and 9th graders move onto Nationals, because "they're the youngest in their division." However, Katie expects them to do well at Nationals. Elsa's and Zoe's documentary is in "the running to be shown at the National Museum of African American History and Culture," added Katie.



Aeriana and Zander qualified for Nationals.

There were some projects that History Day mentor Susanne Hollingsworth said she was surprised to see didn't make it into the top five at State. "But History Day judging is very subjective, even within the rubric, and I did not see the projects students were competing against," she said.

The biggest thing that both projects need to do to do well at Nationals is extensive revision. "[They] have gotten feedback from State judges, MN History Day staff," said Katie. Zander and Aeriana have been "jamming in a lot of work," said Zander. They started the process of gluing the papers to the board last week. The main things that Elsa and Zoe are doing to prepare for Nationals are improving visuals and preparing for the segment where judges ask them questions after seeing their documentary. They get a lot of ideas from seeing other people's projects - like new effects or visual techniques that they could use. But, "It's also about the questions that they ask you afterwards," said Elsa, adding that it's almost as much about the questions as it is the actual project.

my top three choices. I heard we were going to go to a self defense class and I thought that sounded fun, I was also able to meet people who are in different grades than me. I found the self defense class really great and I learned a lot when the guest speaker came and talked about violence within a relationship."

And last but not least, Sports and Design, 9th grader Gizelle Vasquez, got her very first choice for interim. "Sports and Design was my first choice. This is by far the third year I've had this interim. I wanted to be in this interim again because I enjoyed playing sports and designing the shoe. This interim allows me to play volleyball and ultimate frisbee and let me be with my friends which is why I really liked it."

planting. For fun, students went hiking, canoeing and did the polar plunge in the mornings. "Something fun I did was go on a hike or sit by the lake and just think about things," said senior Nael Guevara. "It was super fun to connect with people of all grades" said 11th grader Sawyer Neske. Only 16 students got to go on the Colorado trip. The students with the most amount of points had the opportunity to fly to Denver and then drive four hours to their final destination, the Marble base camp. They were there for about 8 days doing service work such as making fire pits, building a porch and painting.

"For fun, I got to hammock and enjoy the view of the mountain. We didn't have a lot to do up there so we

played a lot of Dalmuti and Speed. We went for walks to Crystal Lake and just kind of explored the wild out there," said senior Doua Ci Lor. "I liked getting to know the freshmen. They're all actually pretty fun to be around."

Ninth grader Linnea Campbell agreed. "My favorite part of the trip was kitchen duty and getting to know the people in my group." Another highlight for the group was solo night. Each student on the trip had the opportunity to participate in a solo night, where they spend the night camping alone. "It was a time for me to reflect about my senior year and what the next few months are going to be like for me. I definitely loved having my own space so it was just my thoughts and myself," said Doua Ci.

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Across the endless expanse of the digital world, there are websites that are dedicated to providing you, an "innocent" wanderer of the Interwebs, with illegally acquired content that may or may not have had an original price on it. A quick Google search for an illegal free copy of a movie, a song, or a video game will heed instantaneous results for streaming services such as 123 Movies (www.123movies.net), or video game file sites like IGG Games (www.igg-games.com).

One of the most infamous websites for obtaining illicit file copies is The Pirate Bay (www.piratebay.org), with an enormous inventory that makes available a wide variety of files like movies, video games, songs, and miscellaneous applications that will most likely contain malware. For the most part, the files kept on the server don't harbor any components that are harmful to your device, but it's always better to have some antivirus software handy. English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt lost use of the internet on his personal computer when he tried to watch a German soccer game and ended up with a bad case of malware.

As I'm providing you with all of these illegal websites that I may or may not use and subsequently endanger my own legal integrity as a citizen under the law of the U.S., it brings into question the ethics of the average consumer in America. Statistics of piracy show that 70% of consumers connected to the Internet have no problem with Internet pirating. This is mostly due to the fact that it's just too convenient and easy to steal something online, with little or no consequences. Stealing something online can be as simple as a single click of your mouse. Although it only takes a click to steal something, the myriad of people who click on links saying "Free Download" adds up in the way that a single snowflake can combine with many others to create a

blizzard.

With the convenience that the Internet gives us, it might be necessary to raise restrictions and establish guidelines for Internet use. The only problem with that is those rules would feel suffocating for something that is used so universally. Restrictions would most likely be determined differently for different countries. Overall it wouldn't be

very effective when you take into consideration VPNs and other IP address-switching services.

Speaking of regulations and restrictions that suck and probably wouldn't work, do you remember Ajit Pai? A.K.A. the man who has been charged with attempted murder... on free and fair Internet! Yeah, the net neu-

trality jerk. Let's take that as an example of how trying to contain the ravenous beast that is the world wide web can result in backlash from literally everybody and how it's just generally not a good idea. Most of the people who gave the backlash were young generation Z kids and millennials. 98% of people aged 18 to 29 use the web in 2018.

On the topic of restricting content, search engines like Google and Bing try to enforce safe web surfing with their algorithms that are designed to avoid pulling up inappropriate links. However, a quick search of "music torrents" or "free movie downloads" will yield plenty of results that will get you those exact things.

The problem with piracy isn't the fact that it exists, but the fact that it's just too accessible, convenient, and easy to do. The impact of piracy on the digital market remains the same, if not worse, and will most likely remain that way until a system of file integrity and verification is figured out. Until that day, I will continue to play expensive \$60 single player games for free without any foreseeable consequences.

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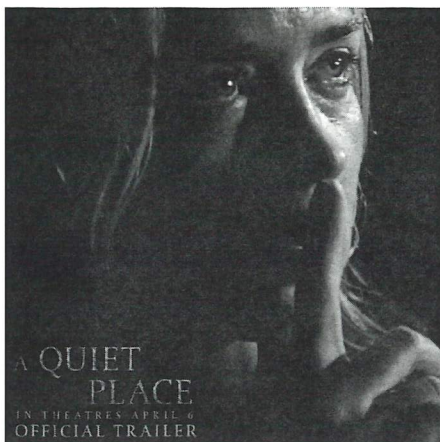
Reviews 'n' stuff



A quiet theater

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My heart raced as I watched the monster getting closer. I was anxious for the character, anxious what would happen next. I couldn't relax until I heard the loud smacking of someone eating popcorn behind me, someone's kid that isn't old enough to see the movie whining about being tired, the crinkle of candy bags, the whole shebang.



A Quiet Place is a thriller / horror movie that takes place in the near future, 2020. In a world where aliens invade earth, and kill anything that creates sound. The movie focuses on the Abbott family, and the struggles they go through. After the death of their youngest son Beau, the once close-knit family now struggles with conflict and communication problems which are made more difficult by the fact that talking out loud is dangerous.

The Abbotts have an advantage in a world where staying silent is important to staying alive, the knowledge of sign language, due to their deaf daughter Regan. Regan blames herself for Beau's death because she gave Beau a toy that made noise, resulting in one of the aliens killing him. This causes Regan to believe that her father doesn't love her anymore, which isn't true. Lee works endlessly to create a working hearing aid for her, which she is not aware of until later in the film. This damages their relationship.

About a year later, Evelyn becomes pregnant which opens up a whole new barrel of problems in a world where you can't make noise. Lee takes his son Marcus out to the woods to teach him hunting/survival skills, so Marcus will be able to fend for himself, his mother, and sister in case of his death. Marcus doesn't show interest in this, while Regan wants to help. Lee doesn't let her

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World Cup Preview

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World Cup qualifying started on the 12 of March 2015, with a Match between Timor-Leste and , in the Timor-leste national stadium, since then 210 national teams have played a combined 872 matches. The best of the best came out on top when it comes to national teams (not including the US) the 32 squads are set to face off in Russia this summer.

Looking at the groups, the first thing I notice is that there seems to be no real group of death, I think almost every team has a genuine chance to make it to the knockout round. The second thing is that group A makes me very suspicious, but that's not important.

In my opinion, Uruguay, Portugal, France, Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Belgium, and Colombia, are all going to finish First in their respective groups. I think Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Denmark, Croatia, Serbia, South Korea, Tunisia, and Senegal, are all finishing bottom of their groups.

The second place teams are a little harder to



pin down. It think there will be more upsets than usual this year.

I'm predicting that the semi finalists this year will be Belgium, France, Argentina, Germany.

Who are the teams to watch?

In 2014 Colombia and Costa Rica were the main dark horses. Costa Rica finished first in a group, that included England, Italy, and Uruguay, and made it to the quarter finals, where they took the Netherlands to a penalty shootout. Colombia beat every Team in their group easily and they also made the quarter finals,

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Casablanca

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As the 1942 film *Casablanca* gets older, it remains to be one of the most important and influential film in cinema history. The film still holds relevance throughout the ages, the jokes still land, the deaths are still shocking, and we still hold a personal connection to the characters, no matter how minor. Yet filmgoers are still faced with the question "what makes this film so special?" This essay will take a look at how the setting, storyline, characters, and themes of *Casablanca* makes it a film for the ages.

Casablanca is a film of refugees, it is about the men and women torn apart from the Second World War trying to flee



the injustice and oppression of the Nazis. And are left to the mercy of whoever can help them escape from Morocco to Portugal, two of the refugees are Ilsa and Victor Laszlo, who depend on embittered night club owner Rick Blaine to give them safe passage on the plane to safety after their original contact is executed by the Nazis. This conflict concerning those displaced from war and oppression and left in the hands of those with the ability to assist them has been a part of our culture for centuries. Whether it is the innocent people looking for a life out of Hitler's reach in the 1940s, the Vietnamese people fleeing from war torn Asia in the mid-1970s, or

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Donkey Kong: Tropical Freeze

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Donkey Kong and his crew are just kinda hanging out eating some banana cake when suddenly an army of angry arctic animals attack. They invade with their icy ships and with their giant war horn they send the Kongs flying to a far off island. Now Donkey Kong and his crew must make their way back to Kong island and reclaim their home.

This is the premise of *Tropical Freeze*, a game produced by Nintendo, first released on the Wii U in February of 2014. It was received well by critics and audiences, but sold relatively poorly due to the Wii U's low audience. So naturally, Nintendo decided to give it

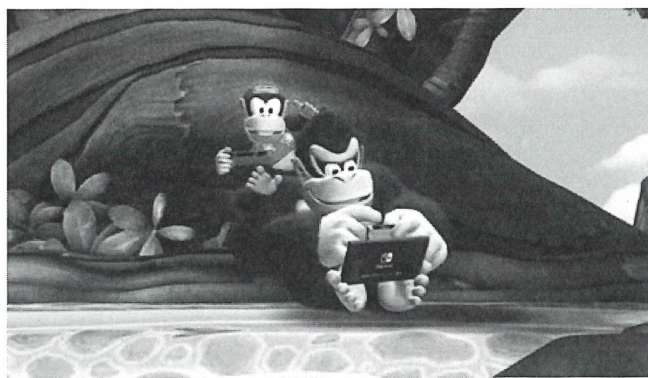
another chance by putting it on the much more successful Switch this month for \$60. My review is entirely based on my experience playing the Switch version.

The main gameplay of the newer *Donkey Kong Country* games remains intact for this entry. The game has you jumping, swinging, rolling, pounding, and barrel-blasting

your way through various gorgeous island locales stuffed with treacherous arctic enemies, shiny collectibles, and plenty of bananas. The other Kongs can also assist you with their abilities like Diddy Kong's jetpack or Cranky Kong's cane. The game also adds the new Funky mode, starring Funky Kong, which is basically easy mode. Funky Mode gives you various advantages like resistance to spikes and a hovering surfboard.

This game feels great to play, and being able to master the tight controls is incredibly satisfying. The stages are designed with multiple skill levels in mind, allowing a

simple romp for beginners, and a formidable challenge for those looking to find all the secrets. One thing I noticed and really liked in this game was the way the bosses are designed. They are decently challenging without being cheap or unfair, and actually took some genuine thought and effort to beat.



Donkey Kong and Diddy Kong play the Nintendo Switch, Unaware of the army of Ice monsters on their way

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the Syrian asylum-seekers of today, refugees have had a momentous place in our world. The story of *Casablanca* still holds relevance because it deals with an issue still present in our world today, it is the story of a man who puts aside his cynicism and moral code of "not sticking his neck out for anyone" to help two people in need of a hero, a story that filmgoers can identify with and gravitate towards.

Another aspect of *Casablanca* that makes it considered one of the greatest films of all time is the almost seamless blending of genres across the entire film. In just the first ten minutes of the film, we see *Casablanca* as a war film, with Allied rebels being hunted down and killed in the streets in Nazi-patrolled *Casablanca*, then, we see Rick's cynically humorous banter with his cafe patron Ugarte, making the audience laugh at Rick's dry wit and comedic timing. Other genres such as romance and thriller weave their way into this story through Rick's longing for the old days with Ilsa in Paris, to the Laszlos' harrowing escape from Morocco in the film's climax. There is something for everyone in *Casablanca*, which has undoubtedly cemented the film as a titan in cinema.

I believe one of the greatest reasons *Casablanca* is continually put on critics' top movies list is the characters. All of the people in this film, no matter which side they fall (or refuse to fall) on, have a classical archetype to play, specifically Rick, the tortured drunkard who had his heart broken around the time of the Fall of France. It is quite easy for audiences to see Rick simply as a witty drunk devoid of any emotion or allegiance throughout the film in its entirety, yet as the film progresses, we see Rick's true colours as well as the growth of his character. When he sees Ilsa for the first time in years, his façade of toughness is shattered as he reminisces with Sam on his misfortune, summing it up as, "Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine." And in the film's conclusion, after getting away with murder, Rick walks away from the airfield with Captain Renault, beginning both a new friendship and even the possibility of him joining the fight once more, something we would have never expected from him in the beginning of the film.

In short, some of the greatest films in history have had the ability to connect to their viewers, and *Casablanca* has certainly done so. Whether it's with the technical aspects such as the dazzling mise-en-scene of Rick's Cafe in a World War Two-era *Casablanca*, or with achievements in storytelling such as the growth and development of the characters, hero or villain, *Casablanca* has a place in everyone's heart as storytelling in its purest form.

It's the Muppets!

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It's time to play the music. It's time to light the lights. It's time to meet the muppets on *The Muppet Show* tonight.

I am back, ladies and gentlemen. And today, we got something real special, something near and dear to my heart. I am almost positive you can't say anything negative about today's topic; it's too magical and full of wonder for anyone to dislike. With talking frogs, creatures from outer space flying out of cannons, impressively choreographed chickens, and a bear with a stand up comedy career going nowhere.. it's *The Muppet Show*!

The Muppet Show started its weekly showings in the year of 1976, released to a tiny crowd of people in a broken theatre. And soon enough, with no one to credit but their pure pizzazz, these weirdos rose to stardom. Striking the best deal and getting their show on picture boxes throughout the whole nation. They got popular enough, in fact, to have a special celebrity guest on every single episode. And even on the episodes where the special guest wasn't mi amore Steve Martin, they still found a way to entertain.

But let's get into specifics, the ones on stage. There was Gonzo the Great, the alien creature/daredevil who loved all his pet chickens. There was Fozzie Bear, the stand

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Overall, I enjoyed my time with this game and will likely revisit it later on. It is a solid game with great gameplay, beautiful graphics, catchy tunes, and is just a fun time overall. If you are into platformers or collectathon gameplay, I highly recommend you pick up this game. The only exception is if you already own the Wii U version, then there isn't really any need to get the Switch version. Just do yourself a favor and try this game.

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up comedian whom no one thought was funny for some reason (?) but in reality made the pun popular. A staple of our society. There were a bunch of others, I can't super get into them cause Leo doesn't like my articles being so long. But hoooly buckets, there are a lotta Muppets.

What I'm trying to say is, one of the shows biggest strengths was its diversity in cast. They had different talents that showed up in every episode, because every character was different in their own special way. And if you were to actually describe the beautiful mess this show is, that's what a lot of it was based on -- unique individuals. And this show was the perfect way to utilize those personalities. Right in the middle of all the chaos was a little green frog called Kermit.

Kermit the Frog is the backbone of this show and just might be the best living being in this world. But what makes him so likable, you ask? Well, let's go over his defining qualities. He's small, nervous, shouty, and he has long wobbly arms. That's what people know him for and that's why we love him. Isn't that strange? If you've ever seen him in action, you know it's completely true. But I bring this up mostly because I think it's impressive he's so relatable. And I think he's impressive, if you think about his position and how much pressure he deals with. Just for a second, take into consideration how much everything goes wrong on ev-

ery episode of The Muppet Show. Now imagine that you're small, green, you have skinny wobbly arms and a tiny voice, and you just got put in charge of the entire thing.

Now think about how wonderfully he handles pretty much the entire thing. Because Kermit the Frog cares about the people and he doesn't stop until the people are happy. No matter what wacky shenanigans the people have gotten themselves into. If you think I'm going too deep into the psyche of a forty year old frog that makes funny faces and screams about oranges then you shouldn't have let me

become passionate about the things that really matter in the world. In conclusion, Kermit for President. Let's move on.

Now you may be thinking: Where are they all now? The Muppet Show hasn't been getting new episodes for a kinda long while. So if they're so great, what's happened to

them? Well, it's kinda tricky. The thing is, if the entire Muppet crew isn't working on the show together, they kind of immediately split up and start doing different things all around the world. They're very unpredict-

able and hard to track down sometimes. But at the same time, it kind of only makes sense they're all doing completely different wacky things. Again, that's what The Muppet Show was all about. Creatures and people and chickens and aliens getting together no matter their differences and putting on the best show they can. And that kind of adds a little magic to each show, if you ask me.



Kermit, the most relateable frog in human history.

Getting all of them together sounds like it might be the hardest possible job in the world, but if you do, you have a group of truly unremarkable beings that make something truly special. Like putting together all the pieces of a five thousand piece puzzle of lightning in a bottle in the eye of a hurricane. That's how rare and special it is.

And so, friends, this is the sad part of the article. The end of the school year. The last time I'll get to write to you until next fall. A whole

entire five months! Or some-

thing like that, counting is hard. But anyway, go do summer. I hope you kids enjoy all your hot weather and your cassette tapes and your rock and roll. Is that how you say it? I don't bother with this newfound music technology, you know I don't know what the youth people do. I'll wrap this up. Thanks for listening to my stupid guy words, it's been a real fun year with all of you. And I'm looking forward to the next one.

This is Angelo Carvale, signing off.

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because he's worried for her safety, which further damages their relationship.

Regan runs off after her father and brother leaves, leaving Evelyn alone. While the rest of the family is away, Evelyn drops something after stepping on a nail, luring the aliens to her. At this time she also goes into labor, which is obviously not a quiet activity. Without giving anything else away, the Abbotts are in a dire fight for survival throughout the rest of the film.

What I loved about this movie, regardless of it being quiet, is that it utilizes sound incredibly well. The first shot opens up on the Abbott family in an abandoned convenience store, it establishes the characters in the film, and is impressively soundless. You don't hear the first big sound in the film until about 20 minutes in, which was pretty startling.

Regardless of having 17 lines of dialogue, the acting was done extremely well. Noah Jupe (Marcus) was good until he started speaking, considering he's a kid, but thankfully it was minimal. Millicent Simmons (Regan) stole the show. She showed emotions well and really sold her character, along with showing the struggles of being deaf in a world where sound is life threatening. Emily Blunt (Evelyn) was pretty mundane in the first act, but once the second act began she stepped her game up and really expressed her character well.

The special effects were only used for the monsters. They weren't anything new or groundbreaking, but they didn't take away from the experience of the film. The monsters looked like they fit in to our world, and the interactions and the way they moved were believable. I like that the film used real fire and other pyrotechnics instead of CGI. One scene involving fire was completely improvised, so the actors reactions were genuine. I also really liked that all of the lighting in the film was natural, aside from lanterns and string lights they have around their farm.

My favorite thing about this movie was all of the little details. They show newspapers up on the walls, giving information about the monsters and a bit more on what happened in the rest of the world. The Abbott's only eating soft food, using big pieces of lettuce as plates (I mean lettuce is crunchy but whatever), the kids playing monopoly with cloth pieces instead of plastic ones, the family having tons of blankets and pillows to help absorb sound. I could go on, but this movie has tons of little details like that which really add to the experience.

Overall I would score this movie at a 3 out of 4. This film is great if you love horror or thriller movies. It's a fun movie, newer concept with a good cast. *A Quiet Place* will be in theaters till around late June / early July.

Kidz Bop not a bop

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Everyone knows about kidz bop and if you don't then you're one lucky person.

Everyone knows that every song those kids made make our ears bleed.

Kidz bop is a group of kids all different ages looking for fame by singing covers to pop songs you might hear on the radio. It's horrid and needs to be stopped. Yes the kids have good voices and dance moves, but they have to stop recreating people's music. They are ruining the music industry. Ever since 2000 they have been searching the world for kids who want to be famous and make them stars. The series was developed by Razor & Tie co-founders Cliff Chenfeld and Craig Balsa. The albums are composed of popular songs that chart high on the Billboard Hot 100



What's not to love?

and/or receive heavy airplay from contemporary hit radio stations several months ahead of each album's release.

The franchise has sold more than 16 million albums. Kidz Bop has expanded to include merchandise, music videos, a live touring division, and talent search competitions. There are 37 main albums as of 19 January 2018. Following the success of 2017's "Best Time Ever" tour, Kids Bop and Live Nation Entertainment announced the launch of the all-new North American Tour, "Kidz Bop Live 2018." They decided to release of Kidz Bop 37, the summer leg kicks off in Toronto on June 1, and will hit more than 50 cities including New York, Los Angeles and Boston. The Kidz Bop Kids perform live at each concert.

I asked choir teacher Alex Federer his thoughts on Kidz Bop. He told me "I know about Kidz Bop, but I will never play that in my choir room. it's awful."

They did a cover of Mariah Carey's famous hit song "we belong together" and it was awful. They ruined the whole song the background singers didn't help, because they can't hit any high notes. The music videos are also horrible. They consist of a group of kids in a public place

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The Shape of Water

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The Shape Of Water shows a amphibian man and a normal mute cleaning lady falling in love, but it's not the fairy tale you think of.

It's more like a beauty and the beast interpretation, but the amphibian man is not a monster, he's a god. When the amphibian man is touched by the woman his skin glows with light. The movie is about a young lady named Eliza Esposito, a mute girl played by Sally Hawkins, who falls for a strange amphibian man who's being kept for scientific research in a lab which Eliza cleans up after. She works as a maid with her friend and coworker Zelda, played by Octavia Spencer, which takes place in Boston 1964. Eliza lives on top of a beautiful movie theater and lives next door to her best friend Giles, a man who's a artist and a struggling



The Oscar winner featured a romance between a mute woman and a fish man.

advertisement illustrator played by Richard Jenkins, who communicates with her through sign language.

What makes this movie different than other movies is it's directed by one of the most famous Mexican film director, producer, screenwriter and novelist Guillermo Del Toro. He was also the director of the movie Pan's Labyrinth. The Shape Of Water won best picture at the Oscars this year.

The movie included great acting and the special effects were phenomenal. It took the whole crew about three hours tops to put on the Amphibian Man suit on actor Doug Jones, who is one of Del Toro's go-to actors to be in his movies. Although Eliza could not speak the actors connected so well that it was just normal not to have her talk in the movie. The dialogue in the movie was there and was made up by the other actors. The special effects in the movie were visually good, and my favorite scene was when the whole bathroom was full to the top of the ceiling with water and the glow from the creature's skin filled the light in the bathroom.

Overall the movie had parts when it felt like you were watching a painting on the big screen. I enjoyed the movie but I don't recommend to any middle schools because it is rated R.

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where they almost knocked out the host Brazil. I'm predicting Poland and possibly Peru will make decent runs in the competition.

Who could go all the way?

France have the best team on paper, or at least they have the most world class talent at their disposal. Manager Didier Deschamps has the pretty unique problem of figuring out which world class players to leave out of the 23 man roster. The French National Team is stacked with amazing players, even the bench has several world class players, whether or not they can all play well together is the question.

Germany are definitely a team that could go all the way. Although their squad isn't as good as France, Germany are organized and disciplined in a way that no other national team is, and it gets them results. Germany won the last World Cup and the 2017 Confederations Cup, however losing 2-0 to France in the 2016 Euros semi finals makes me wonder whether they can do it again.

Lionel Messi of Argentina is possibly the best player of all time. This is probably his last opportunity to win the the World Cup and go down as unquestionably the player to ever live, and he has a good chance. Argentina have a ridiculous amount of attacking firepower, but their defense is a bit underwhelming. Javier Mascherano took the paycheck and left Barça for a Chinese Super League team, and effectively ended his international career (although it's possible he could still make the World Cup squad) which is concerning since he was the main player of an airtight defense Argentina displayed at the 2014 tournament, but they could prove me wrong.

Brazil are going to have a chip on their shoulder heading into this tournament, after getting knocked out of the last World Cup on home soil in the worst way possible. They were the best team in South American qualifying, and were actually the first team in the world to qualify (other than the hosts Russia).

Belgium is a very strong squad, and overall I'd say it's the third best in the tournament. In 2014 the Belgian team, although talented, was young and somewhat undisciplined. It could be different this tournament. Kevin De Bruyne is, in my opinion, the Best player in the English Premier league, and his Manchester City Teammate Vincent Kompany is the leader of what could be a very strong Belgian defense.

Spain are still a team in transition. A few experienced players from their golden generation still remain, but I have the feeling they'll come to Russia with a newer side. Possession and passing based football has fallen off, and has been replaced at the top level by more physical and counter attacking styles. This was evident in 2014 when Spain came

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Red Queen: War Storm

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Mare Barrow, Silver but not, Red but not. The girl that comes from the Stilts turned into a princess named Mareena Titanos, known as the Little Lightning Girl to all of Norta. In a world where two kinds of blood exist, the Reds are treated poorly and the Silvers are royalty with their special abilities. Mare needs to learn who she can trust and who has the upper hand, because anyone can betray anyone in a game of power against the Silver Elites, gods who have come down from the stars. This is the world of Red Queen: War Storm, the novel by Author Victoria Aveyard.

Aveyard grew up in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts and went to the University of Southern California to become a screenwriter. She is well known for her first series, the Red Queen and has been working hard to produce the fourth and final book called War Storm. The newest book coming in this series picks up from where we last saw Mare in King's Cage. After trusting too much and exposing her heart to the wrong people, she now knows to hide her heart just like her closest ally used to tell her.

Throughout the Red Queen series, Red Queen, Glass Swords, and Kings Cage, Mare is known as a thief, a lowly Red just like the rest of her blood. She pickpockets and steals to try and provide for her family of seven, until she put her hand in the wrong pocket, a Silver's pocket, the prince of Norta and the rightful king of White Fire. What Mare doesn't know is that the prince, Tiberias (Cal) Calore VII could either be her greatest Allie or her biggest betrayal in this series after his younger brother, Maven.

Maven Calore is the shadow to his older brother Cal. Maven, the boy with innocent ice blue eyes and black curly locks, is the one who Mare believes is on her side, but things in the near future aren't what they appear to be in the games that he plays.

Fate will bring Mare into a twisted future where she must find who to trust as she stands before all of Norta as princess Mareena Titanos, the lost silver princess taken care of by reds. Mare will put on a show, with an engagement to the younger Silver shadow of the older Silver flame. Some may see Mare as a liar, a traitor, a friend, or a lover, but one thing is clear. She won't back down from a fight.

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Powers of the President

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What can the U.S. president really do? A lot of people may find themselves asking this question as controversy continues to swirl around our current administration. But to answer that question, we have to look at the executive branch as a whole.

The president controls this branch of the government which is officially charged with carrying out the laws that the legislative branch creates. In order to do this, the executive branch controls organizations like the FBI, which operates in America, and CIA, which operates abroad. It also controls organizations like the USDA and environmental protection agency.

However, most of these organizations are not directly controlled by the president. Instead, they appoint people to head these organizations, which is a major part of their powers. However, any appointee must be approved by congress. The president, through a similar process, is also able to appoint federal judges and judges to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is the final word on us law, so the president wields a lot of power this way. But what can they do directly? A couple things. The president can pardon somebody for any crime except impeachment, and they can veto any bill approved by congress. They also act as the diplomat in chief, representing our country abroad, and the commander in chief, administering the army.

Given this information, let's consider how much damage Donald Trump can do in one -- or, god forbid two -- terms? Starting with appointees, he has blazed through his cabinet, firing so many people that it's hard to keep track. But his hires are also concerning.

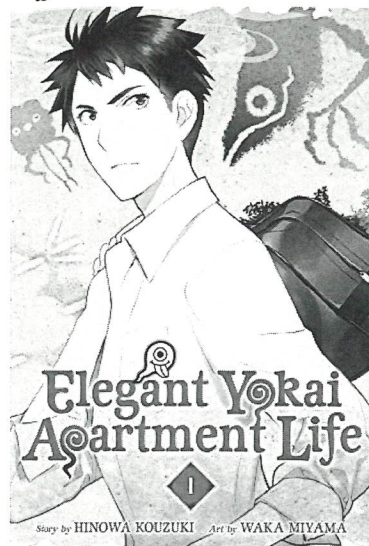
Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt does not believe in climate change. Betsy DeVos, the secretary of education, has no experience in the public school system. His foreign policy consists of attacking deals that Obama entered (Paris climate treaty, the Iran nuclear deal) and tweeting angrily. And this may be the most damaging thing of all -- according to the economist,

America lost the position of most respected country to germany in 2017. Trump wants a wall to keep out illegal immigrants. But will the walls he puts up block the U.S. from the respect and sight of the rest of the world? In 4-8 years, we will know for sure.



Anime Review

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A lodge for the living and the dead.

Yokai means ghosts and spirits, which means it's an apartment for the not living and the living. Yushi Inaba is a high school student who recently moved Elegant Yokai Apartment. What he didn't know is that human, yokai, and other supernatural creatures live there as one. What I personally found interesting is that the anime involved real life problems, along with a bit of magic here and there.

Yushi is was forced to look for a new place to live in after his high school dormitory burnt down. Having no parents and wanting to be independent from his uncle, Yushi eventually finds an apartment for only 25,00 yen (\$228.60 US dollars) called Kotobuki-so. The twist is that the apartment is occupied with human and supernatural creatures such as ghosts, yokai (monster, demon, and other creatures in Japanese folklore), and finally mononoke (living or dead spirits).

In the third episode of the anime Yushi takes a liking to Kuri and Shiro and meets their adoptive mother Akane, who is a spirit beast who guards the Shinto Shrine. Yushi found out that Kuri's mother was abandoned by her boyfriend when she found out that she was pregnant with Kuri, as Kuri grow up he was hated by his mother. The only love Kuri was able to receive was by Shiro who's a stray dog.

One day Kuri was strangled to death by his mother, but Shiro stepped in and cut her throat, before Shiro was beaten to death for being a mad dog. Kuri's mother's madness made a mark on Kuri, which prevented him from going to heaven so Akane took Kuri and Shiro under her arms also with the help of the Kotobuki-so apartment Kuri was

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In this world lurks creatures, spirits, and magic. But we humans can't see them with our naked eyes. What we can't see makes us afraid of the afterlife and what waits beyond the border of the afterlife and the living, but have you ever thought that ghosts and humans could live as one? This is the world of Elegant Yoki Apartment Life.

The Elegant Yokai

Apartment is not just a normal apartment. As you can see from the title

Plastic pollution

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There are around 19 billion pounds of plastic waste in our oceans right now. How did it get there? Well, most of it comes from poor waste management.

According to Jenna Jambeck, an environmental engineer, around 80% of plastic comes from land due to poor waste management infrastructure.

Two of the most common types of plastic waste in the ocean today are single use plastics like plastic bags and drink bottles, and microplastic particles, like the plastic microbeads found in beauty products. Out of all of the plastic we use, 9% of it is recycled, 12% is incinerated, and 79% ends up in landfills.

Plastic pollution is believed to threaten around 600 wildlife species and one in three leatherback sea turtles have been found with plastic bags in their bellies according to Ocean Conservatory.

Studies now show that humans are consuming plastic through the seafood we eat due to sea life mistaking plastic for normal food sources. Studies have also found microplastics pieces in the stomachs of lobsters, oysters, and mussels. Some Belgian researchers found that the average European seafood consumer consumed 11,000 microplastics every year. According to the Plastic Pollution Coronation, the oceans will contain more plastic than fish



There are now massive "Trash Islands" floating in the oceans

by weight by the year 2050.

Some people are trying to reduce their use of single use plastic by following the 4 Rs. Refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle. When you're out to eat, don't use a straw. Use plastic bags and containers more than once. Use reusable bags and water bottles. Make sure to recycle used plastic. Please help the ocean and the planet we live on because it's the only one we get.

to Brazil fresh off 2010 World Cup, and 2012 euro championships, and were then destroyed 5-1 by the Netherlands in their first game. Still, Spain have a very talented squad with players from a variety of leagues, and they could go far.

Good, but can't win.

England have the most underrated squad at the World Cup in my opinion, but the English fans and media have the habit of putting way too much pressure on the young talented players on the team to perform. Portugal upset the hosts (France) to win the 2016 European championship, which was a huge accomplishment, and finally put an international trophy in Cristiano Ronaldo's Cabinet, Uruguay were the second team out of South America to qualify, and looked strong overall, Luiz Suárez and Edinson Cavani are in the top ten for the European golden shoe, and both have the ability to single handedly, win games, and I think that will allow them to top their group.

Players to watch

Mohamed Salah

It's always fun to see a little known player come out of nowhere like Salah has, he was dropped by Chelsea after making 13 appearances and scoring 2 goals, he played one season and Roma, and then ended up at Liverpool, where he's scored 31 goals in 34 appearances, and could win the champions league. That's all great but the national team around him could be problematic, they have a good chance of making it out of their group but I doubt they could make it any farther than the round of 16, he's still a fun player to watch, I don't think he'll disappoint in Russia, but he there are lingering questions about his fitness after he suffered a

shoulder injury in the Champions league final in late May.

Lionel Messi

International football has been a tragic story for Lionel Messi -- 4 finals, 4 runners up medals. Argentina always seem to not want to win tournaments, and it seemed like they didn't even want to qualify this time, in fear that they might actually win it. Messi announced his retirement from international play in New Jersey in 2016, after a devastating third Copa América final loss, that announcement obviously didn't hold true, because he came back to score a hat trick vs Ecuador in 2017 and secure his nation a spot in Russia. I think Messi's going to be motivated this World Cup, more than ever before, he could take Argentina to the final again.

Raphael Varane

It's easy to Forget Raphael Varane is still only 24 years old, he's been in the minds of European football fans ever since his Clasico debut in 2013 where he was man of the match, heading in the equalizer from a corner, and shutting down several Barcelona attacks, he'll be the star defender for France, and possibly one of the best center backs in the tournament.

Regardless of who wins and which players shine, the World Cup is a time we can all forget what club team we support, come together, and experience the beautiful game. It's football/soccer in its purest form. All I ask is that once June is upon us, forget the Premier league, La Liga, Champions League, We only get this every four years; take in and enjoy every second.



TURNT or Burnt?



Bathing Suits

"Men's crochet swimsuits are in." -Leo

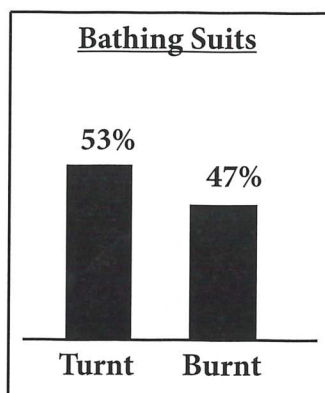
"We have clothes for a reason"

-Lucy

"People can wear like different bathing suits to express themselves in a different matter."

-Pedro

Bathing Suits



TURNT

Cake Cones

"Like 90% air to be honest, and they're also really small."

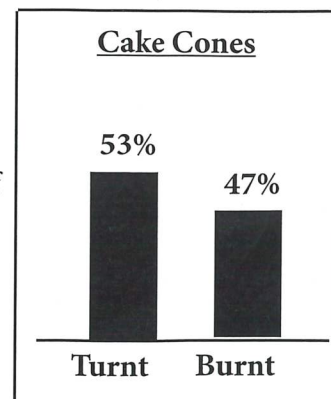
-Sawyer

"They're obviously the superior one. It's like a cream puff with ice cream" -Athena

"They're just good." -Ed

"They're kinda like plastic-y like styrofoam." -Kathryn

Cake Cones



TURNT

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saved from his mother. It was sad to know that a mother will hate her own child even in death she still blames him for destroying her life. This episode got me thinking that there are people out there who loved their child and there's those who abuse their child to death.

Overall, the show is entertaining and filled with mixed feelings. What I dislike about the show is that Yushi is a very kind person and he'll try everything to help solve the mess by himself, but it will come back and hurt him. In episodes 9 through 12, Yushi finds out that the way the new teacher looks at girls is very deadly, and so he finds out that the new teacher hated the female students. In hopes of helping the teacher with his hatred towards female Yushi try helping to change him but nothing work, and he even try to hurt Yushi as well as Yushi's female friend Tashiro.

This show is really about finding a place to call home.. From the begging, all Yushi want is to live by himself, but now he found a place to call home he wishes to be back to the where he felt at home. There's also another scene on the last episode of season two where Yushi, Kuri, Shiro and Hase encounter snow hut, which shows you the future and the past, but they get caught and are sent to a different dimension. All they want from then on is to return to their friends and find a way back home.

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I think the best part of this series is the character development from Mare. She goes from being a lowly red to a powerful electricity manipulator. Mare grows as a person in terms of finding herself and how to survive different deadly situations. Mare is a bittersweet character that is very likable yet sometimes you'll want her to take a step back from a situation.

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dancing and singing as if they were in high school musical, but not being nearly as talented.

Parents only choose to buy these Kidz Bop CD's because they're kid friendly and have no profanity. They show support by buying these CD's and promoting them to other parents and younger ages, so they aren't listening to any explicit music that might influence them to do bad things.

Kidz Bop is so bad that people often make videos of them roasting how bad these kids are singing and post it to Facebook. These posts get shared and retweeted, leaving people rolling on the floor, crying laughing over how bad they sing. The only good thing is that they dance sorta good and they are all in sync with the choreography. The main problem though, is that the way that the kids are singing isn't something anyone wants to listen to. Their voices aren't mature enough to hit certain notes and sound as good as a professional would.



TURN or Burnt?



The Woods

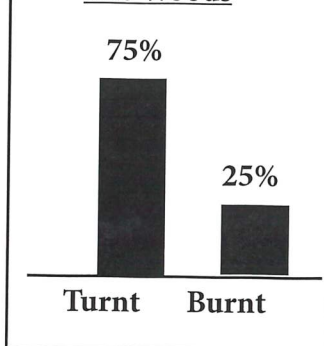
"Taylor Swift's album? Or the woods?One with nature."

-Abby

"I always be thinking it's twilight you know the woods and it's like super tall and the vampires are like shhshv-hssh" -Lucy

"Yes. My fantasy murder. I would love to get found in the woods." -Ed

The Woods



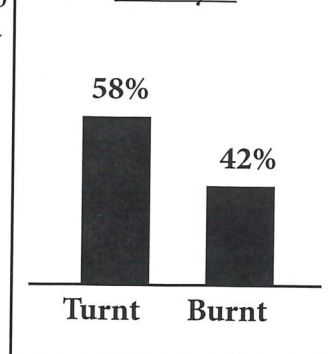
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The Gym

"I hate going to the gym, I don't go to the gym. The pool is the gym." - Kathryn

"I don't like that the OWL is crooked and I don't want to tell Tim because he painted it and the floor is slippery" -Anonymous
"Burnt burnt burnt burnt burnt cus first of all who likes chub rub not me second my legs feel like jelly for days and by the time they feel normal it's time to go to the gym again." -Ed

The Gym



TURN

Comics

MATTEO'S MEME OF THE MONTH
OUT OF YOUR
FRIENDS
WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

