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Tom for senate 2018

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Instead of taking a test to evaluate their skills on scatter plots and graphs, students in math teacher Tom Tushek's algebra one class will go to the capitol building and argue with state senators. It's called the Senate Expedition, and it's getting an upgrade.

The Senate Expedition is a group project where students study the question "does the Minnesota state budget reflect the values of the state of Minnesota?" Writing is often supported with evidence from the text, but in this project students support their writing with mathematical evidence. The evidence includes scatterplots and lines of best fit to find trends in state budgets, and students "argue a position for the future of state funding based on their analysis," said Tom. Projects must also include an engaging

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A Grant ole time

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A classroom with no tables, no notebooks, and no English. Grant Boulanger, OWL's new Spanish teacher, has classes unlike other classes at our school. Grant uses a mix of storytelling with humor, and a bit of singing, to create an environment that is ideal for acquiring language.

Students put their backpacks on tables in the corner, and sit in chairs facing the center. When Grant moves, the students move so they are always facing them. Students speak only in Spanish, unless given permission. When students seem out of it, they take a walking break which helps students to be more focused after.

Grant has been a teacher since 1997. This school year will be his 18th year teaching at public schools, 21

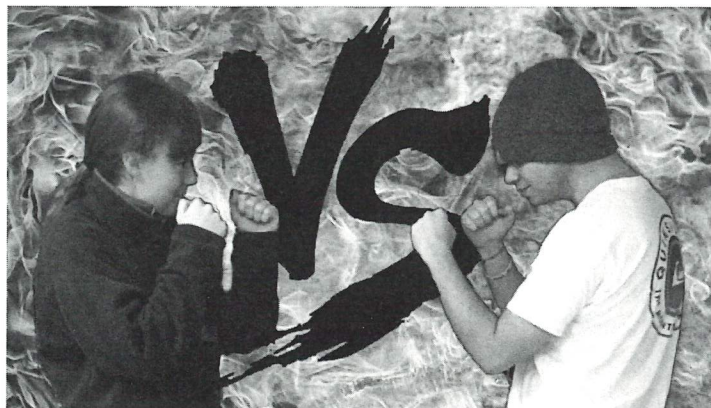
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Who was REALLY first???

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In issue one *The Purple Press* ran a story naming Klara the first exchange student at OWL. In issue two we contradicted that statement, calling Tomas the first exchange student in OWL history. This brings up the question, WHO WAS THE FIRST ONE?

The Purple Press has decided to settle this conflict for good. The exchange student that will be considered first is the one who entered the front doors of our school first. I've compiled a series of in-



The face off between the two first exchange students

interviews with both students and their students in order to find the truth, here's the evidence:

I took it upon myself to interview some of their friends and see if they knew anything. "I've heard of an ancient blood feud between their two families that dates back to the 1800s, but clearly Tomas made it to the door first," says Theo

Leifheit an 11th grader. Although this seems this statement is blatantly false we needed to find other views on this topic
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Leona goes to national tryout

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Ultimate frisbee has an international tournament referred to as "Worlds" every two years in Canada, and it hosts players all the way from Colombia to Japan. And potentially one from Saint Paul, Minnesota.

This February senior Leona DeRango will be in California at the west coast tryout for the United States U20 Women's Worlds Ultimate frisbee team. From 400 scouted applicants for both the men's and women's teams 100 of each gender are selected to tryout at one of the two coasts. The 50 women at each tryout compete for only 20 positions on the team with four alternates.

To apply Leona had to participate in the National Youth Club Championships (YCC), attend a "Talent ID Camp" and get two written recommendations from coaches.

She has relentlessly pursued more and more challenging levels of Ultimate, her team taking



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What is Net Neutrality?

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If you have been on the internet for the past year you've probably seen outcries for "saving net neutrality" and "stopping the FCC". Why should you care? You're just a broke teenager who is reading this article because you can't use your phone right now without getting yelled at. I'm here to give you both sides of the argument and how it matters to you.

Net Neutrality refers to the fact that the internet is "open." You can go to any website and your internet provider gives you the same download speed no matter where you are downloading from. Currently this is the way it has always been since the Obama administration, however the Federal Communication Commis-

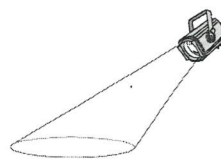
sions or FCC wants to release restrictions on what companies can do or as their Chairman Ajit Pai, who is the leader of the repeal group, said "fire up the weed wacker" and remove numerous regulations currently in place.

Supporters argue that soon internet providers will be allowed to control and block certain websites from view permanently or until you pay a premium. Supporters fear in a near dystopian future you may have to ask yourself these questions. Want YouTube videos? Just pay an extra price to get our video streaming! Make sure you buy our extra social media package for only an extra \$9.99 a month! Those opposing net neutrality, believe repealing net neutrality would allow for greater freedom for customizing

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Emma Syers

Senior Spotlight



How many years have you been at OWL?

This is my 4th year here

What are your plans for next year?

My plans are to go to college, and if I fail out of college then we'll see

What was your favorite class in high school?

Umm I'd say probably AP Environmental Science. That class was pretty lit, nature lit, not like forest fire lit

What extracurriculars are you involved in?

I'm involved in Outward Bound, Yearbook, Volleyball and Frisbee.

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

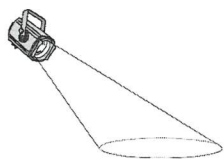
I would say the Outward Bound trips were pretty fun.

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

I can't read, soooooo I'd say *Grey's Anatomy*. It's a jam.

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

Nicki Minaj's verse from the Dance (Remix) by Big Sean



That One Little Kid

Mira Iwaszek

What's your name?

Mira Iwaszek

How tall are you?

Last time I went to the doctor I was 4 feet and like 8 inches

What's your favorite class so far and why?

I like Spanish because of the teacher he's pretty great

Who's your favorite senior?

Ohh uhh its a tough call between Simon and Doua Ci

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

Ohh i really want to go to the u of m it where my mom went

What's the weirdest thing about OWL?

The people-- *Zander butts in* "you know they write whatever you say..." --and um Zander

What's your favorite school lunch?

Oh I really like meatball subs and mashed potatoes

What is your favorite movie or TV Show?

I really like *Stranger Things*

What school organization are you most excited to get involved in?

I really want to get involved in design crew.



A closer look: is winning important?

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The buzzer sounds and the players hunch over in exhaustion. They look up at the scoreboard. It reads

66-65. The game had gone back and forth the entire time and was a great game but in the end Harding had won. The Humboldt players hung their heads as the Harding players high five and their crowd goes wild. Another loss for a Humboldt sports team.

Humboldt athletics hasn't won a lot of games over the past few years. According to Dave Mergens their athletic director they've won a little more than 50% of their games (All teams). But out of the varsity teams that open students play on only boys soccer has had a winning record.

But is winning that important? According to a study done by Michal A. Clark from the institute of youth sports its not for kids. When kids 10-18 years old were asked why they participate in athletics "To win" was not in the top ten reasons. But parents and coaches are a different story. When asked how important winning is to their child's success many of them voice a strong "VERY!"

Some coaches coach with an "Everyone's a winner" attitude while others coach with a "Winning everything!" attitude.

At Humboldt where losing games is a regular thing, coaches have to adapt. English teacher and the varsity volleyball coach at Humboldt Theresa Behnke for example doesn't think winnings very important. When asked how her team did this year her response was not about their record but their spirit. "In terms of spirit, in terms of love, in terms of life they did a great job coming together as a team."

Humboldt as athletic director Dave Mergens echoed Theresa saying "I don't think (Winning) is important at all. Actually that's probably at the bottom of the criteria list for what I feel middle school participation should be about."

10th grade varsity soccer player Micah Gundale has a different view. In an interview he said "Winning is very important. We could do a really good job on the field but if we don't get that dub then it doesn't really matter." Micah has thought about leaving in the past because of Humboldt losing record but has decided to stay. "This is going to be my team for the next two years, I might as well build them up rather than leave."

10th grade varsity basketball player and Ultimate frisbee player Tom Hobday has a mixed view on the topic. " (Winning) is definitely important but it's not the only thing that matters. Whenever I play sports I play to win." He also says being part of a team and staying healthy are important parts of his athletic experience. Tom thought about going to De La salle his freshman year but decided to stay after

considering their lack of a frisbee team, and the fact that he wouldn't play very much on their very competitive basketball team.

10th grader Grace swims for the Humwow team. Their team is pretty small and doesn't win many meets. To her it's more important to have fun, come together as a team and exercise. She says "It feels good to win obviously. When we find out we win it's such a rare occurrence that it's a big



The Humboldt-Owl volleyball team

deal for our team but I don't really care personally. It's not my number goal for our team."

Senior Charlie Dehoyos plays JV Varsity basketball for Humboldt. To her winning is fun but it's not the most important thing. To her it's important to have team chemistry and good attitudes. "If we get down or mad at each other then the whole team just crashes." She admits that her team is down after a hard loss but they talk about what they've done wrong, how to fix it and try to just let it go.

What other than winning is important when it comes to youth athletics? When asked most kids and coaches say having fun, being part of a team and developing in that sport. Theresa Behnke feels strongly that there is more to youth sports than winning and losing. She believes that coming together as a team is very important because it prepares you for the future when you will have to work with other people from different places and backgrounds to achieve a goal, even if you may not like them. Another great part of being on a team that she talked about is that someone always has your back and you always have someone

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Snapchat rules the roost at OWL

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It's a Friday in early January.

Eighth grader, Lili Hobday is with her friends at the mall. She posts a selfie with two of her friends on her Snapchat story. Both of those friends screenshot the picture and three other friends reply to it. Lili, like a lot of students at OWL, uses social media as a regular part of her routine.



An Instagram feed

Data from a recent survey from statista.com said that 73% of responding people ages 13-24 use Instagram and 76% use Facebook. However, teens of the average age of 16 said that they felt that Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter are more important than Facebook. This data seems relatively similar to social media habits at OWL.

Snapchat, released in September 2011, seems to be the

most popular social media among OWL students. It was originally centered on one-on-one temporary photo sharing. For example, people could send pictures that lasted up to 10 seconds. Since its release, new features have been added including sending videos, stories, discover, memories, stickers, geofilters, snap maps and much more. "I like that I can talk to my friends or find friends from my elementary school. It's a nice way to reconnect with old friends or talk with new friends," said 8th grader Mallory Garofalo. From the surveyed students, about 40% have snapchat streaks and 64% feel they send snapchats often. "I like to watch those stories. You know, stay caught up. See who's together. Look at snap maps," said 11th grader Sawyer Neske.

Instagram is also popular at OWL. Sixty-six percent of responding students have made an account. Instagram is a picture-sharing app released in October 2010. It allows for users to share pictures privately or publicly. In 2015, Instagram was named no. 1 by Mashable on its list of "The 100 Best iPhone Apps of All Time" saying it's "one of the most influential networks in the world." In March 2016, Instagram started displaying its content in a new, algorithm-based feed, instead of chronological order. "It's confusing because now you have to check when it was posted, instead of just assuming it was posted before another photo," said Lili.

In May 2016, Instagram released a new update, revamping its design to a more modern look with lots of

black and white, but a colorful icon. "I also heard they're gonna start doing re-grams, where you can retweet a photo. Not into that. So if they start doing that, then I might be a little bit mad with them, but I do like Instagram," said Sawyer. "I don't go on the explore page because its horrifying. I don't like it there. I love to stalk people. It's my favorite pastime. I love Instagram. Instagram is probably my fave because I'm very artsy and I like to post pictures." Twitter and Facebook were less popular, especially among middle school students. Only 20% of students said they had twitter. Twitter is a news and social network, where users can post tweets. "I use twitter, but not that much. I usually look at people on twitter, I don't post that much," said Sawyer. However, other students are huge fans of twitter. "It's like a community where you and a bunch of others with the same interests can interact with each other," said 11th grader Stella Cannon. "Not only do you meet people who like the same things as you, but you can also track celebrities and end up making friends across the world from you." In April 2017, a poll released by statista.com showed that Twitter is the tenth most used social media.

Facebook was founded on February 4th, 2004.

Overall, Facebook is very popular. As of June 2017, it had more than 2 billion active users. However, according to statista.com, 94.4% of active users are ages 18 and older. This means that not many teenagers are using facebook.

"There's like a weird group of people who use Facebook a lot and I don't get them because I don't like Facebook at all," said Sawyer. "I never use Facebook.

It's for my mom to tag me in stuff." Lili doesn't use Facebook either, but for another reason.

"The reason I don't like facebook is because I don't like seeing what everyone has reacted to or commented on, because it there's so much to scroll through, that I spend too much time on social media," said Lili.

However, there are social medias that have started to become more and more alike. Snapchat originally had stories, and now Instagram and Facebook do too. "They're all sort of becoming the same thing. That's what I've no-



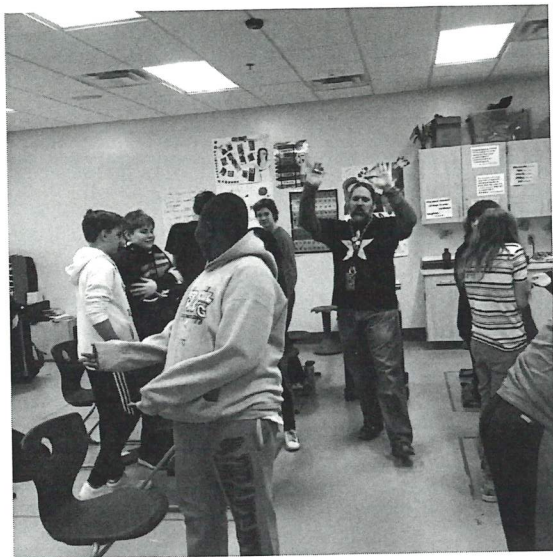
A student browsing Twitter

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Grant from page 1

years teaching total. His last school was Skyview Middle School in Oakdale, where he had been teaching at since 2010.

Language learning is a special kind of learning, according to Grant. The way language is acquired is that the brain



Grant teaches without tables in his classroom

is exposed to the context of a word repeatedly over a long period of time. In other subjects, like math and science, the students can learn a rule and apply it to finish an assignment, but this does not work very well in Spanish. That's not how people learn their first language and it's not going to be as useful to learn a new language in that way. "Learning rules doesn't lead to being able to speak spontaneously," Grant said.

Exchange students from page 1

so I asked Leona DeRango a senior and a close friend of Klara's about her opinion "I watched Klara come into school that day and she was WAY ahead of Tomas, I honestly don't even know why this is an argument"

The time that either of them could have reached the door relies heavily on the time that their bus arrived at school. Klara's bus arrives regularly at about 7:15 in the morning and Tomas' usually gets to school around 7:17. When asked about what time their bus arrived on the first day neither of them were particularly sure about when exactly they got to school. Tomas replied "I got here at 7:18", on the other hand Klara was fairly certain that she got here a little late. "The bus driver was late that day so probably 7:20".

After extensive research we were able to get a hold of security camera footage of that iconic morning, it shows Klara and Tomas entering the building at the exact same time. This is slightly disappointing for me but it does settle the beef between the two.

"We talk instead of doing worksheets" Griffin Sawyer.

"At first I thought it was kind of weird, because we have no desks, but then I realized that it's super engaging and good because I laugh a lot," said Leena Abdulla

"When we learn new words we make a story out of it, it's lit," said Hope Strickler.

Grant was named Regional Language Teacher of the year (out of 15 states) in 2017 and was one of five finalists to compete for the recondition at the national level.

The climate and student culture are his favorite parts of OWL so far. Our block scheduling is a change for Grant, as he is used to shorter, everyday classes. "I think that's still a better situation for language learning because language learning is slow. If I can give students a little bit of Spanish everyday, that's going to ultimately be better for their language development than giving them a little bit more Spanish every other day." In the last 15 years, Grant has focused on teaching beginning Spanish classes, but this year has been tasked with year two and three Spanish students.

So how are Grant's classes going? "Great! They're a lot of fun," he said. The environment is engaging and almost everyday the class laughs together. He believes all of his classes are beginning to understand the type of environment that his classroom needs to have the full potential for language learning.

Grant is a part-time professional potter and has a small pottery studio in his garage. "I've snuck into Brie's pottery studio every once and a while when kids were making pots on my prep time and made a pot or two in there."

Net Neutrality from page 2

your internet package. If you don't use certain websites you can get a cheaper bundle that only has the things you want. The removal of regulations will give more benefits to the providers making it easier for them to change the speed of information. As of now the repeal still has to get through congress, but has already went through the FCC the hardest part of its travel.

Personally I feel that losing the restrictions are something to be worried for even the most non-internet user. The term slippery slope is very applicable to this situation. In the very worst case scenario you could be restricted from your freedom of speech after a website is shut down. At the very least you can bet your britches that a price increase will be on the horizon, with providers starting to have a more "premium" option for faster speeds.

Ew! Slime! It's everywhere!

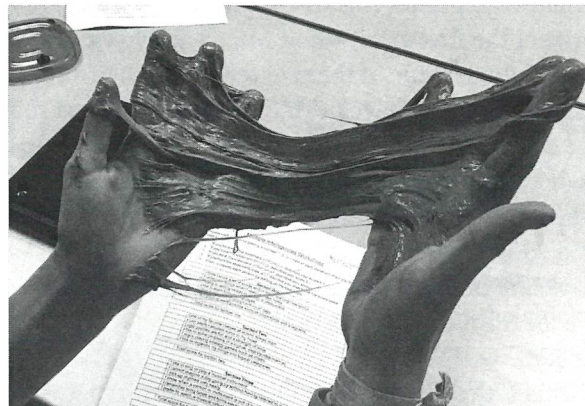
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"Where's all my glue!" screams
OWL's art teacher Brie. We all know
where it went..into making slime!

Slime is everywhere. If you're in OWLs building, you either make it or have it. Stores can't keep any bottled glue on shelves, essential to making slime. Nor can art teacher at owl, Brie. A simple recipe, a bottle of elmer's glue, some borax, cup of water, and any little color, confetti, or glitter gets you the gloopy sticky mess of slime. A stress relief object and entertainment for hours. As for slime in school many teachers are neutral. For OWL teacher Kevin, he believes slime can be beneficial for kinesthetic learners but can also be distracting to the rest of the class. "I realized early on in teaching that learning looks very different for different people. Sometimes slime helps, sometimes it hurts. I can't say whether slime is a mostly positive or negative influence on the class". On the flip side OWL history teacher Katie is ready for the slime to be gone "I HATE slime. It is distracting to students using it, but more so to students who aren't. They are distracted by their classmates who

are using it. Slime should not be allowed in class."

The Internet has been overrun with video tutorials and how-tos on slime. By now, more than 4 million Instagram posts have the hashtag "#slime." The tags "#slimerecipe" and "#slimetutorial" have each been invoked another 400,000-



The infamous substance has dirtied many student's hands

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else's she compares this to a family "That doesn't mean you agree, doesn't mean you even like each other but it means no matter what you have that person's back when you're together."

Theresa gave a great example of what being a team meant to her. Theresa describes a scene when the team has a pre season meeting. The OWL girls enter the cafeteria and all of the girls who played last year stand up and walkover to the OWL girls to greet them and give them hugs. "That is a win. That's a bigger win then any other win you could have. Having people from to seemingly different places come together, learn how to work together and to be amazing together. That is the best part," she said.

Social Media from page 5

ticed. They all have stories, posts and likes," said Sawyer. "If Instagram turns into Facebook because Facebook owns it now..." All of the most popular social media platforms have some sort of one on one messaging. Instagram and Twitter have DMs, Snapchat has chats and Facebook has Messenger.

This trend of social media platforms becoming more alike will likely keep growing. As each of these platforms becomes bigger, more of them may be purchased by others. Not many students use Facebook actively at OWL. If Instagram becomes similar to Facebook, it could see a decline in its active teenage users, just like Facebook. If Snapchat is purchased by another platform, the same could happen to it too. However, in the foreseeable future, Snapchat and Instagram aren't going anywhere.

Worlds from page 2

third in the national YCC Mixed division, and attending the prestigious Competitive Ultimate Training "CUT" camp in Chicago. "I just want to raise my level of play to the next, and the next, level," she said.

The invitation to compete at the next level elicited miited a mix of emtions for Leona. "I went from super excited to oh, s***, I'm gonna get roasted," she said. She began a rigorous training schedule to prepare. She has been doing sprints with local Worlds team candidates, training with local coaches, going to the gym, and even doing yoga to improve flexibility.

To "take it to the next level," she has been practicing with the University of Minnesota Ninjas and going to their tournaments to play with the highly experienced players. "They all know I have this tryout," she said, "so put challenging people on me on purpose."

If she makes the team they will practice in the summer in Seattle and prepare for the tournament by playing against local club teams. Then, at the end of the summer, they will travel Canada for the worldwide competition. At the last Worlds the U20 Women took second to Canada. "The US and Canada are the two best teams," said Leona,

At the tryout, Leona will be representing our school, our state, and then possibly our country in the Ultimate Frisbee world. "This is the highest level I can go at my age. In the weeks leading up to it, it's going to be all about mental preparation."

Senate expedition from page 1

story, to hit ethos, pathos, and logos in their arguments to the state senators. "There is something about the story of a single person that is more powerful than data," explained Tom.

When talking to senators, students use the writing and mathematical evidence to argue their stances. "It's really great for [the senators] to respond and actually listen to you," said 10th grader Micah Gundale, who was part of the project the first year. When Micah and his group talked to senators, some of them agreed with their project, saying that's what they have been finding as well, and that those are changes they want to make. 9th grader Yomaris Flores, who did the project the year after Micah, disagreed with him, saying that it didn't seem like the senators were interested. However, "it helped me to recognize the reasons why people are homeless," said Yomaris. Micah said that he learned a lot from the project, and that he was "constantly learning stuff."

This is the third year of the Senate Expedition, and the third year of Tom teaching algebra one. Going into it, he had a blank slate with designing the curriculum. He wanted to push kids to their limits, "in terms of what they're going to learn, what they're going to have to produce, and who they're going to have to show." Tom wanted to use resources that were available in the Twin Cities, and the Capitol building came to mind. Originally, the students presented their projects at the senate build it reopened over the summer.

Over the summer, Tom was made aware of a grant called the Better World grant. It's made to document all aspects of high-quality work so that it can be replicated in other places. "The idea is that I show how this works, at

Open World Learning, and then other schools can do it in their capitol building [or city budgeting]," said Tom.

Much of the work on the grant was done at Camp Du Nord over Fall Fieldwork. "[The kids] are literally sledgehammering a cabin to pieces, while I'm sitting here writing the grant," said Tom. "It was kind of surreal." OWL's EL school designer Dale Bergerhofer thought that this expedition would be a good candidate for the grant. Tom worked with Dale to revise the grant, and after submitting it, the deadline was extended. At the EL Education national conference, Tom ran into the "spiritual head of EL," Ron Berger. "He looked at me in the eyes, looked at my nametag, looked at me again, said 'loved your Better World project proposal,' and I was like 'Oh! I got it!'" said Tom. He received the official news that he had been chosen for the grant about a week later.

Most of the grant will be used to hire a professional videographer, who came in last week. Other people that will be hired to help in the project include lobbyists to help students better their writing. He also used money to help English teacher Kevin Hansen buy the final parts of a new camera that Kevin previously received a grant to help pay for. Some of the money from the grant was also used to finish the mini-theater in Idea Lab, where much of the final video will be filmed.

Although the process is daunting, "I really think that it won't be a failure," said Tom. The prospect of doing this project is "a little nerve-wracking." While he is not afraid of failing, "when it's just a class, it's not that big of a deal," explained Tom. "Now I'm doing something for OWL at the national level."

Slime from page 7

plus times. There are at least 50 accounts on the social media platform with the word "slime" right there in the handle.

I had experienced the slime craze in my own house, making a huge mess, dumping copious amounts of glue into a bowl followed by some borax, or laundry detergent and a bit of water and mix together with hands. Sometimes not adding enough borax makes it stick to your hands, in which case it's not very fun to play with. I'm too lazy to do this but when someone else makes it I'll play with it. My 11 year old sister, meanwhile, has gotten into the craze. All you'd hear out of her is "I NEED MORE GLUE". Pretty soon they found a different way to make slime. Now she needed shaving cream, then contact solution, then laundry soap. The combinations were endless. The amount of solutions and products wasted was astonishing. I remember my mom coming back from target saying "they were completely out of all bottled glue". This wasn't shocking though, every 9-13 year old I've come across was obsessed with slime. Not to

say I hate slime but I've never really understood the whole craze.

There's also a not so fun side to this homemade slime. Borax is highly alkaline, which is why it's a great household cleaner and laundry detergent booster. But it's also a known eye, nose and respiratory tract irritant. This was causing some kids to become slightly ill when playing with homemade slime. Prolonged exposure to the borax caused some to get burns on their hands. Luckily there are recipes on the internet for making safer glue slime that use either liquid starch, or a mixture of baking soda and contact lens solution.

For now slime is still fairly popular. I see it slowly becoming a thing of the past. 2018 will most likely bring another craze or challenge. With all these kids obsessed with Music.ly and Jake Paul, slime is bound to see the end of its glory days.



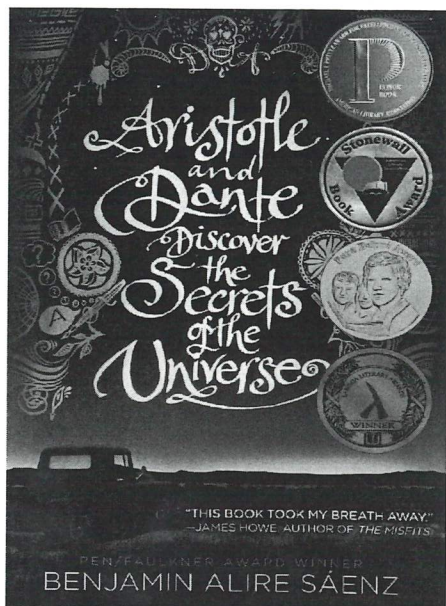
Reviews 'n' stuff



Read Brave tackles love

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Guess what? I'm gonna review a love story, and at the end of all this, some of you will even consider reading it. Wack. I know. This year's Read Brave book is Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe, by Benjamin Alire Sáenz. If a book has a title that long, you know it kicks ass.



Aristotle and Dante is not perfect for everyone. But for some people, its only flaw is not having enough pages.

Not only is it an awesome book, but it's this year's Read Brave selection, which means that you can get it while you get it, and copies of the book will be available for free.

It's a book. A really good book. I'm saying this now because

I know some of you will hate me for saying what comes next. Yup, this book is mostly about love. I honestly thought that I hated books with any love stories in them before this. Maybe that's because a lot of people writing books think romance is as follows:

Step 1. Average Boy kidnaps Hot Babe.

Step 2. Hot Babe decided she hates Average Boy.

Also, she's real hot.

Step 3. This is the part where we have to feel bad for Average Boy.

Step 4. Average Boy loses Hot Babe. Oh no.

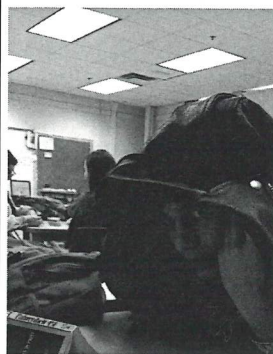
Step 5. They get back together.

Step 6. Hot Babe realizes that Average Boy kidnapped her because he loved her. She now knows that this is true love, and that anyone who says differently is trying to sell you something.

The conclusions you should get from this? Straight people aren't allowed to write books anymore. But, really though. I thought I hated all love stories in books, but really

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Conspiracy of the month: LUNCH CHICKEN



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Greetings once again my faithful and ever vigilant audience. It has come to my attention via an anonymous tip that the chicken that we see so often in our lunchrooms may not be as innocent as it appears. But respected journalist Sam Osborne, I hear you protesting, what on earth could be wrong with the school chicken? It's just chicken, and frankly my favorite part of the day!

Well, dear reader, as much as it pains me to defame our beloved lunch option, I've been informed that none of us are safe. Have you ever wondered what happens to students who seemingly disappear without a word? We're all told that they "transferred schools." We're told that "they wanted to look for opportunities elsewhere." What about the seniors that seem to drop off the face of the Earth after graduation? The answer to your inquiries is more sinister than even I suspected. The raw, unfiltered truth of the matter is that this surplus of "chicken" is made of former Open World students.

Administration will deny it, they'll say that I'm insane, or they'll try to alienate me, but I'm on to them. I'm wise to their tricks. They think they can hide the fact that they're using our school as a slaughterhouse, but knowledge is power dear readers, they can't keep all of us quiet. I don't have much time. As I write, the powers that be are getting ever closer to finding a way to silence the truth that I'm spreading.

Someone's upstairs. I hear footsteps. May whatever befalls me be merciful. They're by the basement door. Spread the word, I cannot assure you that I'll be able to continue writing, but as always, stay vigilcxghksehtyhbgb vb vb veil.l,ki mhjnubfydczasaqSWEDRCYHUBJOL,KP

Equity in Ultimate

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Last year at the Ultimate Frisbee College Championship, the powerhouse of college ultimate, Carleton College took home two national titles. The division III women's team Eclipse and the Division I men's team CUT. The difference? Carleton College tweeted out live updates and congratulations to their men's team (CUT), but not the women's team (Eclipse) who won the same title in division three. Eclipse proceeded to write a letter to the school addressing their concerns and perspective of inequitable action on Carleton's end. For such an highly developed program this was a huge deal.

"I think that equity is talked about and acknowledged a lot more in college." OWL alumnus and current freshman at Carleton, Siena Leone-Getten says "I can't speak for all college programs, but at Carleton at least there is a focus on ensuring that there is more equity in the sport."

The budding sport of Ultimate Frisbee still has a long way to go in terms of equality. Currently in the sport of Ultimate Frisbee, gender equality is a hot topic of discussion. According to USAU--the governing body of Ultimate Frisbee in the US--in 2017, 70% of the population playing frisbee were males and only 30% were women.

Historically women athletes are viewed as weak, unathletic, and non-competitive, while men hold the attributes of strength, competitiveness, and athleticism making them "more fun to watch."

At the youth level there aren't as many systems or set guidelines for how to approach gender equity. The youth scene has just begun to grow within the past 6 years, creating a space where there's room for change, for better or for worse. Many prominent players in the ultimate community feel it is important to work to counteract, shift, and break away from these stereotypes embedded in our society. "I think coaches have a lot of power in the youth scene, so if they can nip sexist behavior in the bud, it will really help our sport progress," said Anna Clements, a senior at Great River School and on the board of Girls Ultimate Player Initiative, GUPI.

GUPI is a local organization focused on creating positive change in gender equality in the youth scene. Currently they are working to raise awareness about inequality happening in the sport. They have held workshops with youth lead discussions to educate people within the community on how to talk about inequality and how to work against it. "One of the biggest problems with sexism (or racism, or homophobia, or transphobia) in our sport is that it is often insidious, very much built into our culture and how we

Playerunknown's Battlegrounds

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Pitting people against each other in a last-man-standing battle to the death is a pretty good way to ramp up the tension in any situation. Stuck in line at the DMV? Hand the next person in line a battleaxe, and watch years of pent-up aggression work wonders! Boring office party? Make Stacy from Human Resources and Jeff from Accounting fight to the death over the last couple sandwiches in the fridge!

If you haven't been literally living under a rock for the past five years or so, you've probably heard of The Hunger Games, the book that popularized this semi-genre. If you know your trivia, you know that the Hunger Games series was based on a novel (and later, a film) called Battle Royale. Now, there's a (relatively) new kid on the block: a little game called PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds, or PUBG if you're impatient.

The long and short of it is that, for whatever reason, you and around ninety-nine other people have been rounded up to fight it out on a deserted island somewhere off the coast of Eastern Europe. But this isn't the Gary Larson Standard Deserted Island, that has nothing but four hundred square feet of sand and a single palm tree to break the mind-numbing monotony. When I say "deserted island", I mean twenty-five square miles of abandoned towns, open fields, and flourishing forests.

Of course, given that the average population density of a single game of PUBG is around four people per square mile, it's pretty easy to see that the average game could quickly become a maddening game of hide-and-go-postal. But PUBG sidesteps this in essentially the same way that the Hunger Games did: ramping up tension by making the map smaller and smaller until the players have no choice to fight



Godzilla deserves love, says Angelo

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Do you ever think, “Man, it’s so nice being alive on Earth. I love how all my things are still intact and everyone I love hasn’t been terribly killed.” Isn’t that peachy? Well there’s one big boy you can thank for all those wonderful things. And his name is Godzilla.

Ok I know that sounds pretty crazy. “But Angelo,” you’re thinking, “don’t Godzilla do opposite?” Well, my illiterate friend, I don’t fault you for thinking that. Because society totally doofed up your perspective on cool things, and now you don’t know what to think anymore. But in reality, he’s been quite the opposite of a jerk. This scaly friend has saved the world from fire breathing lizard birds, bug monsters, robot Godzillas, space Godzillas, armadillo fire dinosaurs, giant robots with martial arts skills, robots made by martians, space dragons, three headed space dragons, celestial lion dog combinations, gorillas, giant lobsters, and the worst monster of all... Moths. And every time he’s pulled it together and managed to throw them into the ocean or punch them or whatever he’s feeling that day.. Nobody appreciates Godzilla anymore.

Now this is a subject I’ve been meaning to touch on for a while now, cause it’s important to me. I gotta back up my boy. But I’d seem pretty wack if I just started handing

out pamphlets on our lord and savior Godzilla so I decided to write about it. He’s been working double shifts for the past 60 years, he deserves this. I’ve combined my thoughts into four main points, which I will go over now.

First off, let’s try and think about what it’d be like if we didn’t have Godzilla here. Oh wait you can’t because we would all be dead. Like that’s kinda it. What if we didn’t have Godzilla when Ebirah the giant lobster started snipping people into pieces? Can you imagine if nobody was there to protect us? There’s a real big chance our entire species would just be skeletons. And that’s a terrible scenario, mostly because if that did happen it would’ve been like 50 years ago. Think about everything we’ve done as a species in the past 50 years. And now take it all away. Imagine a world without the best most classic with three c’s (pronounced classicc) show ever Friends. Imagine a world without The Muppet Show. Imagine a world without the Nintendo Gameboy. I don’t wanna think about it anymore, this is too much for me. My point is, you have a lot to be grateful for in your life. You have people that care about you, and great things you’re going to do and be in this world. And the reason all that’s possible is because Godzilla’s really good at beating up red clampy boys.

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each other.

But while the Hunger Games did this using remotely triggered traps and genetically engineered monsters that are activated as needed, Battlegrounds does it in much more impersonal ways, with a giant dome of blue energy that slowly constricts the playing field, random mortar strikes to keep players on their toes, and publically accessible airdrops of rare, high-tier gear to act as a tempting reward



The game is very similar to the Hunger Games for whoever can survive to claim it. Combine that with fast-paced, high-risk gunplay that rewards clever tactics and resourceful scavenging and a tense atmosphere comparable to multiplayer sandbox survival games like DayZ or Rust,

and you’ve got a 10/10 game.

Unfortunately, this is somewhat stifled by the fact that the gameplay is extremely hit-or-miss starting out, with some play sessions lasting less than a minute thanks to somebody landing a lucky swing with the frying pan they just found, and others where I go half an hour without any human contact and then get taken out by somebody who got an M24 sniper rifle from a supply drop. Also, the game looks a little basic at times, with high-performance settings emphasized over fancy graphics.

8.8/10

- + Literally the Hunger Games with more guns
- + Literally the Hunger Games with less love triangles and teenage drama
- Literally the Hunger Games with a much higher chance of death

PlayerUnknown’s Battlegrounds is a multiplayer Battle Royale-style third person shooter developed and published by PUBG Corporation and available for \$30 on Steam and the Xbox One.

My second point is how cool this scaly boys gotten in like a year. Lemme explain. Whenever people think of Godzilla they always think he's a villain smashing stuff up. But I'm gonna educate your wrong mind with a lil' smidge of history so prepare yourselves. In 1954, Godzilla got woken up by this big ol' bomb that went into the ocean he was sleeping in. Then he got hella angry and ended up attacking Tokyo, killing probably some amount of people before he went off back into the ocean. So that was definitely pretty rude of him, BUT LISTEN, THIS PART'S IMPORTANT! In 1955, another monster named Gigantis started running around Japan setting things on fire and whatever. And once Godzilla saw this, instead of teaming up with the bad guy so they could destroy plac-together, he had a total change of heart. So he threw the fire dinosaur upside down into a building and used his atomic rays to disintegrate him. You guys that was awesome. And ever since then he's always been fighting for good, because he doesn't wanna go back to who he used to be. He's learned from his mistakes. In my opinion, the best thing anyone can do.

Third point let's go. Not only does he fight for good, but Godzilla's got style. I've discussed before how he can punch so hard his victims fly into the ocean. Or in my last paragraph, when I referenced the time he threw a fire dinosaur into a building and disintegrated him completely. Which is my main point. Nobody seems to recognize that we have a 164 ft 6 in tall dinosaur mutated from an atomic bomb that shoots gamma rays out of its face and fights dragons from space. Nobody acknowledges that he's saved all of our lives by squaring up with an alien cyborg and straight up throwing a boulder into its face. That's the literal definition of cool in the dictionary. I'm so upset I'm about to use the B word. It boggles my hecking mind how people don't instantly fall in love with this guy just from knowing that he exists. How is Godzilla not the most popular kid in the third grade just from showing up? Just makes you think how messed up our society really is.

Here it is, the final point. The one we've all been waiting for. Let's do it. If I had to choose an employee of the month out of everyone ever, you know it'd be the

G-Dog. But there's something important I've left out of his resume, possibly the most important part of what makes him great. The main thing people don't seem to realize is how good Godzilla is at collaboration. It's like his favorite thing. Lemme explain. Throughout most of his career, he's been recruiting new boys to help him out saving the world. But again, let's think about this. He's been convincing the biggest, most evil monsters to come to his side and fight for good. Can you imagine trying to team up with an infinitely growing cyborg and not being terrified? He's actually convinced a moth to come to the light side (hahah cause moths) to fight for good instead of being a dumbbo floating around my second favorite lamp. What I'm trying to say is, he's being the most rational lizard he possibly can. And considering he's trying to reason with bug monsters with drills for hands, he's not doing bad in terms of persuasion.

Before I go into my last paragraph, I'd like to apologize for any brain cells you may have lost while experiencing the ramblings of yours truly. Back to the action.

In conclusion, here's my thesis statement: People know the basics of Godzilla. He's a big lizard boy that runs around fighting other boys, that's good information to have. But when you realize that's all the information they have on him, you realize people don't appreciate him the way he should be appreciated. So here's the standpoint I've reached. One day off from school for Godzilla Day. And you get all your friends together on/near a couch, and you make everyone sandwiches, and you watch all his fights and what for the world, and then

he's done you'll go "Wow, that idiot's article was kinda right." And, my now slightly more literate friend, you'll be happier knowing we're safe. Because Godzilla is probably terrified every moment of his life, but he still fights. And he's still out there fighting every kind of monster and alien for the good of people in all of everywhere. Dog bless you for your punches and kicks Godzilla, may you live a full and happy life. Amen. Let's eat.



how 2 b kool

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Greetings fellow kids!

Do you have trouble fitting in :(do you often cry yourself to sleep at night because you can't take an ~ A E S T H E T I C ~ picture for instagram? Are these pressures leading you to an endless pit of sadness and depression? If your answer was "yes" then keep reading. I'm sure you're wondering, as we all have at one time or another, how to be considered "cool" and "hep" among your peers. I hope this short guide can be of assistance during this difficult time that every young person must go through.

1. Respect the flag, stand for the pledge!
2. Make sure you wear clean slacks, nothing gets you respect like good hygiene!

3. Be modest, don't show your slip.
 4. Don't waste your youth worrying about politics or other silly things, adult politicians have everything under control.
 5. Be careful to avoid deviants.
 6. It's okay to think about who you are, but be careful not to do this too much or it could lead to getting "majorly bummed out." If you ever feel confused, look to your more popular, acceptable peers, since they definitely have it figured out!
 7. Remember that age leads to experience in all areas. You and your peers are equally unknowledgeable compared to those older than you and you should keep this in mind when something an adult says doesn't make sense to you.
 8. Similarly to number seven, help kids younger than you to understand that the adults in their life are infallible and are always to be trusted.
 9. Always remember the importance in protecting and serving your country! After all, it always does the same for you and all your peers!
 10. Finally, it's very "square" to care about anyone or anything, this is very important to remember for all you "hip" youths out there.
 11. Don't be a weenie.
- Just following these eleven easy steps is sure to help you become popular and well liked among your peers.

Minnesota Mild on thin ice

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The Minnesota Wild are struggling. As of press time they are sixth in the super stacked Central division, a point outside of the playoffs, and have a negative one goal differential. Add that to a weak prospect pool, and things do not look good.

So why are we bad?

It all starts in the front office with GM Chuck Fletcher. Personally I'm not a fan. In 2012-13 he signed the two biggest free agents on the market to matching 13 year contracts for \$98 million in total, aka about \$7.5 million per season against the salary cap, Zach Parise from New Jersey Devils, and Ryan Suter from fellow Central Division foe Nashville Predators.. The Wild have less than \$400K in cap space, meaning we can't even sign a player to the league minimum. Now they are two aging veterans in Ryan

Suter and Zach Parise (who might I add just returned from back surgery, hadn't played since the playoff of the previous season, made season debut Jan. 5, 2018) signed for 6 more years for 7+ million dollars per season. Next is 34 year old Mikko Koivu (he's finish/awesome), he doesn't score as much as we all want but he can play amazing defense, but he was just signed a new contract which will be a 35+, meaning if he decides to stop playing anytime during that contract, it still counts against our salary cap, and it's for \$6 million per season for 2 years, the point of the 35+ contracts are meant to make GM's use younger players, the biggest "surprises" this season are young teams with 2-3 veterans over 30 and the rest young and speedy players, this model has worked very well in the league, as evidence of Toronto Maple Leafs, Vancouver Canucks, Vegas Golden Knights, Tampa Bay Lightning (who are #1 in the league right

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now) and Winnipeg Jets. Were getting older, we need to be getting younger, faster, and getting better hockey hair.

The Minnesota Wild also keep making bad trades and that is killing us. In 2010 the Wild traded former first round pick(16th overall) and Kim Johnson to Chicago for Cam Barker who left us after one season for Vancouver. Nick Leddy has won 2 Stanley Cups, both with Chicago and is one of the most underrated defenseman in the NHL. But the trade that angers me the most is the trade for Jason Pominville, not the fact that we traded for him, but what we had to give up to get him. We gave up a first round pick(it didn't really pan out for Buffalo, but they traded him away), we then signed him to a massive contract, for \$5.6 million per year, which is too much for a past his prime player.

But it might not be completely Chuck Fletcher's fault, Cam Barker was considered a game changer. And Jason Pominville who the season prior had 30 goals, a requirement to be in the "yeah looking back he wasn't so bad" conversation. But that doesn't excuse the most recent blockbuster

for Martin Hanzal, were we gave up a first round pick and others for a third line player. It's like trading a first round pick for a sixth man in basketball, or a first for a backup QB.

The Wild also keep passing on better players, these last two drafts have been pretty obvious too. Joel(Yule) Eriksson Ek was expected to be the best prospect we have but has struggled to score the way we've wanted, 4 picks after him Travis Konecny was drafted by the Philadelphia Flyers(bae), he made his rookie debut a season earlier and has had a better impact than Ek has. Okay then Luke Kanin, he's not doing too terribly, he has 11 points in 20 games, a 0.55 point per game, if he were to remain in the AHL for the remaining 48 games and scored at his current pace he would be score 37 points, and the player taken right after him Jakob Chychrun has more assists(20) than Kanin has games in the NHL(17), overall Chychrun has 85 games in the NHL, 28 points(8 goals and 20 assists) and was supposed to be a top-5 pick but wasn't in the World Junior tournament.

And sadly there's not much to look forward to, as we have struggled to identify top talent in the draft and have failed to improve our team through major trades, we do what all of Cleveland does, we look to the future...Okay so in a short summary of what the Central division is going to look like in 5 years, okay so Nashville just proved there

one of the best teams in the league and in 5 years the only things that are likely to be different is the fact that superstars Roman(Not hard) Josi(Yo-see) and P.K Subban will be on new contracts and Pekka(Peck-a) Rinne(Ree-nae) will have retired. Chicago is next, Jonathan Toews(Taves) and Patrick Kane will both be past their prime or close to the end of it, and Brent Seabrook and Corey Crawford like will have retired meaning they're bottom feeders in the NHL. Dallas is an injury away from falling off a cliff but with Riley Tufte and Jake Oettinger(from Lakeville North, was drafted out of college though) will likely shine as I pointed out. Last is

Winnipeg, all I can say is... run away as fast as you can! Winnipeg scares me so much that when they come to play the Wild I hide under a rock(so what I normally do) and wait for them to leave.

Going back to the Wild's prospects, it's not looking too good, outside of the two I mentioned, we have Carson Saucy(Souce-e)(who is Kaizer Soze?) who is a bruising defenseman. We have Kirill(Ka-rill) Kaprizov(Cap-re-sov) a super Russian who is an amazing scorer

who is signed in the KHL until after their 2019-20, which runs until April, if he were to miraculously come over and play for us, he is instantly the best player on the team, and the best scorer we will have(we also drafted his best friend to entice him to come over as well). We have a decent goalie prospect in Kaapo(Kap-pu) Kähkönen(Kak-o-nen). But we don't really have depth prospects.

Okay, I've talked the talk. But what would I do?I would look to move on from all players over the age of 32. I would trade Zach Parise(at an all time low sadly) ASAP, it would be difficult because he has a no-movement clause and can say "No" to any trade, so that rules out Arizona, but what about the new kid on the block, the Vegas Golden Knights. They have tons and tons of cap space, approximately \$17 million and are the second best team in the NHL. We would ask for some conditional picks in return, a conditional second that could become a first if Parise scores a lot, and a conditional fifth that can become third if he remains healthy. Next up is to move on from Ryan Suter... after the end of the season, a team like the Ottawa Senators. In return we would get Colin White, and Logan Brown(or Thomas Chabot, either makes us better) and a conditional 7th round pick with the chance to become a fifth. Carolina also works for Suter but it would be harder to pull off because of the salary cap.



Joel Erickson Ek was the Wild's 2015 first round draft pick

talk about and treat people. So until we name the hurtful behaviors that we see, it's impossible to move forward," says Anna.

This 2017 high school fall league season there was a big shift that was apparent to few. In the past, fall league has been run as a "mixed" division, but to be considered mixed you only needed one girl. This made playing less appealing for girls, and it showed on the field. To try to change this male dominated environment, mixed fall league is now 6v6 (instead of 7v7), exactly 3 of each gender so there was equal representation of males and females on the field.

However, lots of teams still struggled to retain a healthy amount of female players. In addition lots of teams felt that changing the rules about the amount of players on the field took away from the game and proceed to continue playing 7v7 anyways. While this might not seem like a issue, to some people and teams it is. When half of your team is female, you are forced to include these players, but when you jump up to 7 and likely add another male, all of a sudden you don't HAVE to throw to the girls because you have three other male players that you can favor and still be able to score. This small change in regards to a single player makes the difference in creating an equitable and inviting space for women playing mixed at the high school level.

At the Youth Club Championship (YCC) level of mixed, teams competing in the national tournament who use their women win the tournament. That's a fact.

Ultimate Frisbee is not yet considered a mainstream sport yet, but is growing at a rapid pace. This past summer the US Open Mixed Final was broadcasted on ESPN. For many this was a momentous moment, but others were not as pleased. "It was a safe choice, but it was the wrong choice," said Charlie Eisenhood, an author and editor at Ultiworld--a media platform for the sport of ultimate. The choice to stream a mixed game was a deliberate action to include women at one of the highest levels of ultimate. Eisenhood disagreed with this decision because he believes "you have to find every edge to maximize the ratings for your first shot at a big time cable TV broadcast, and that means showing the Men's final."

Overall Ultimate Frisbee is one of the more equitable sports out there, but the concern in the Ultimate community right now is that as the sport progresses into the mainstream, that women will not have a large enough role in making it what it can be. Because Ultimate Frisbee is still a relatively new sport, there is a unique opportunity here to make it into an equitable community right out of the gate before mainstream gender stereotypes set into the sport forever.

Rivals of Ixalan Set Review

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Do you like pirates? How about dinosaurs? How about battles to the death over who gets an ancient artifact that will grant whoever has it godlike power? What if I told you that you could have all that and more? Well you can, with the newest Magic: The Gathering set: Rivals of Ixalan!



So the setting is pretty cool. It takes place on the plane of Ixalan, which is modeled after Mesoamérica, with the Merfolk representing the Mayans, the Empire of the Sun (the people with the dinosaurs) represent the Mexica (commonly referred to as the Aztecs), the vampires represent the Spanish Conquistadors, and the pirates... well they're pirates. All of these factions are fighting in the golden city of Orazca over an artifact called "The Immortal Sun."

Now that we've covered lore, let's move onto the cards. Is this set worth buying? How will it affect the current meta across formats? Well the answer to the first question is yes. We're given loads of great uncommons like Ravenous Chupacabra(2/2), Daring Buccaneer(2/2), and Swift Warden(3/3) [see pictures], which makes playing in the Limited format all the more fun. Commander gets a huge boost in the way of nine new legendary creatures to build your deck around. We're even given a new potential Commander staple in the form of "The Immortal Sun" which is six colorless mana for an artifact that lets you draw an extra card at the beginning of your turn, gives all your creatures a +1/+1 boost, makes all spells you cast cost one less colorless mana, and makes it so that Planeswalkers can't activate their abilities. Wow. Talk about busted.

In standard, the recent banning of a few key cards in the Temur Energy and Ramunap Red decks has led to a more diverse standard. U/G Merfolk has become a serious competitor across standard with the addition of cards that give your Merfolk +1/+1, buff them with counters, or let

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The grass is dead on my side of the fence

Chapter Three: "Surprises"

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I wasn't surprised at all. Thinking back on our conversation, he hinted at it once or twice. Of course I blew it off considering we were on a FRIGGIN DATE!

Flash back to coffee shop date...

"So what was your upbringing like?"

I was always considered different. My parents didn't accept me, my deafness of course, and for other reasons.

Clue #1

I was made fun of in school, the other boys thought I was a freak.

Clue #2

Because of the way I was raised I felt awful for dating people I thought I was meant to be with.

Clue #104,217

So there were a lot of hints, and I honestly should have known. But when you think you've scored a cute guy, "Oh gosh he's probably gay" doesn't run through your mind.

But no matter how much I thought we were on a third date, it was still rude of me to try and kiss him. So I apologized:

I'm sorry

For trying to kiss you I mean, not cause you're gay!

Oh god, this is going badly.

And then he replies:

It's okay

I guess I just thought you knew

I honestly should've known, and I kind of did. I'd like you all to imagine me in a canoe, bailing water out of the bottom, balling, attempting to row with a stick, floating down The Nile. Yes, I was in de-nile. I decided then if this man wouldn't marry me, he would be my best friend. So I inquire on his situation:

How long have you known you were gay?

uh...what is it like?

Great...I sound like someone who has never met a gay person. But nonetheless he replies:

It's kind of the same as being straight, you think the guy is super awesome, you want to be together, you think they're super cute...idk i guess. dating is basically the same.

And then I thought about it...and something didn't make sense to me. So I ask:

It's that how you feel about your friends? Like sometimes your girl-friend stacey is looking kind of fine and you can see your whole life together... right?

And then another not surprise:

I think you're bi...

To be continued...



TURNT or Burnt?



Suede

"Suede is one of those things that like only some people can pull off. Like me... wait that's rude."

- Klara

"Looks good but ya gotta be careful!" - Henry

"Gets dirty. Gets dusty." - John

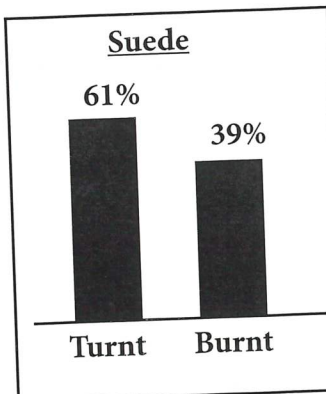
"I'm not gonna do pants with suede but for shoes? Yes." - Dave

"Turnt in the summer and burnt in the winter." - Kim

"Suede and winter: no bueno."

- Emma

"It's a good song by Anderson Paak." - Leena



TURNT

Love

"Love is burnt. 3 months ago I would have said turnt." -

Anonymous

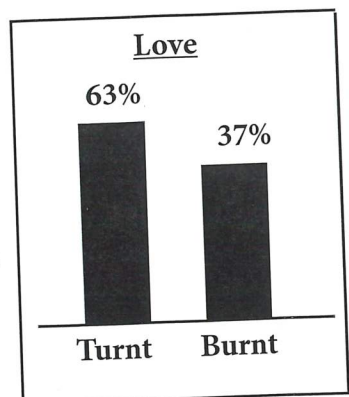
"You know what? Love is so burnt and no one realizes.

It's not even, I don't believe in love. I don't believe in love after love." - Klara

"If it's the right person it's worth it but if it's not **** them." - Tomas

"Love is turnt until you get your heart broke. Then?

You're burnt." - Kim



TURNT

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what I hated was bad writing and characters I couldn't relate to. Aristotle and Dante has none of this.

Instead, this book is about two Chicano boys realizing they love each other in El Paso, Texas, in the 1980s. A lot of people would call this a diverse tale. Diversity just means that you have a lot of different things in there. It doesn't mean a whole lot beyond that. The word we're looking for is inclusion. Aristotle and Dante is an inclusive book because it is a coming of age story about LGBT characters of color, written by a gay man of color speaking about authentic experience.

This doesn't mean that only Latino people can read this book. It doesn't mean that only LGBT people can read it either. Anyone, of any gender, can read this, and I'd encourage you to do so. Heck, you don't even have to know a lot of big words to read this. The author tells the story so that anyone can appreciate and make sense of it.

Aristotle and Dante starts out when the boys are 15, and it's swelteringly hot in the El Paso summer. Aristotle is 15, sad, and angry, and he doesn't know why. He knows he's supposed to have an older brother, but he's in prison and Ari's never met him. But then he meets Dante. They think that they're best friends for ages, and Ari even saves Dante from a car accident, but are they really just friends? Really? Do best friends think about each other all the time when they're separated for a while? Do best friends have dreams about each other? Over time, as the pages flew by, Ari's voice matures, and his perspective on the universe broadens. The way the story is told grows up along with him.

Something I really liked about Aristotle and Dante

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you draw cards. It's a little insane. Hopefully Mono Green Stompy can catch a break soon with the help of cards like Wayward Swordtooth and Ghalta, Primal Hunger. Ghalta, Primal Hunger is ten colorless mana and two green for a 12/12 with trample. While that doesn't sound good at all, it also costs one colorless mana less for each power on your side of the field. This makes it possible and probable to have a 12/12 with trample on turn four.

I don't think there's a whole lot to say about modern here apart from the addition of Blood Sun. Although it might have a home in R/B control decks, It doesn't seem like there are any cards that will replace key components in competitive modern decks.

One thing that could have been better in the new set is the commons. Some of them are interesting but don't really do anything for everyone's favorite format, Pauper. There aren't really any commons that add a whole lot to Pauper, at least not in any way that'll birth new decks and change up the meta. But who knows, maybe I'm missing something that someone else will be inspired by.

All in all, I really like this set, it's my favorite aside from original Innistrad and Lorwyn. Though, if I'm being unbiased, I'd give this set a solid 8.2/10. That last missing 1.8 is mainly because of the lack of any really interesting commons, although they're not horrible. I think, like with any new set, at least the commons are something to experiment with. Other than that, Rivals of Ixalan is a really friendly set for both new and returning players that has access to cards that let players give their decks some personality, and I'm excited to see what comes out of it. On that note, thank god Temur Energy is gone.



TURNT or Burnt?



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Egg Nog

"Egg nog is so turnt I love egg nog" -Athena

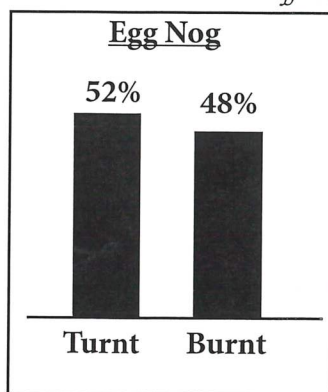
"It's too rich of a drink. It's overhyped." - Henry

"Disgusting." - Elijah

"I had it once in 3rd grade and I wasn't a fan. But I'm down to try it again."

- Grace

"Low key sorta busted, you only pull it out during the holly days, when you pull it out it's busted." - Sawyer



TURNT

Sneezing

"Sneezing is like your nose exploding so it's definitely burnt."

-Ian

"Turnt, cuz it's like the forces of evil are leaving my body."

- Oliver

"Oh my god sneezing? I only have to do it after I apply mascara."

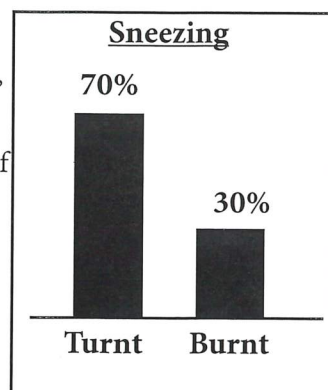
- Leena

"Sneezing is good. Sneezing is great."

- Katie

"I love sneezing it's like a breath of fresh air."

- Mia



TURNT

How long will the Lynx dynasty last?

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On October 4th 2017 the Minnesota Lynx defeated the Los Angeles Sparks 85-76. The Lynx held a ten point lead with 30 seconds left in the game. Players jumped up and down, screaming and shouting as the Lynx walked away with another championship for the 4th time in seven years. As the Lynx took the win this year, they are now tied with the Houston Comets for the most championship titles. The real question is how long does this "dynasty" last?

A big factor for this team is age. The whole starting five are in their early and mid 30's besides Maya Moore. Their oldest players are Lindsay Whalen and Rebekkah Brunson, who are both 35. Their youngest player is Maya

Moore and she's 28, but she's getting there. How long will the players stay? The reason age is has a big impact on the WNBA teams is because based on research, people say that women in the WNBA tend to be have shorter careers than the players in the NBA. A lot of NBA players tend to continue to play into their 40's, while the women usually stop playing sometime in their 30's. There's not much data about why women's careers are shorter, but it could be that many of them might have kids or would like to start a family before they're "too old." If the starters ever decide they want to start a family, it's going to be a long time before they are able to come back. Obstetricians and gynecologist say that "Women should be conservative about movement to avoid bringing up their heart rates especially when pregnant."

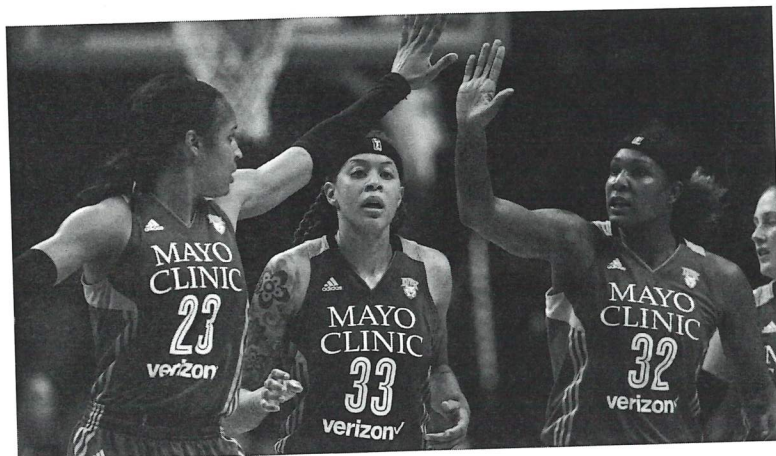
As of right now the other GOOD teams in the WNBA besides the Lynx (#1) are the Los Angeles Sparks (#2), the New York Liberty (#3), the Connecticut Suns (#4) and the Phoenix Mercury (#5). Although all these teams have also made it to the championships, the only team that has won most of their championships are the Mercury and the Sparks. The Mercury has been to four championship and has won three to be the fifth best team of all time, but their record was 18-16 so I guess it makes sense. The Los Angeles Sparks are the second best team in the league.

They've made it to five championships and won three and there record 26-8, which seems to indicate that they've earned the spot to be the second best team in the league. The New York Liberty has been to four championships but hasn't won any of them, but is the is the third best team because their record was 22-12 and a BIG plus is that their players are still young. Their youngest players is 23 and their oldest just turned 30. The Suns have been to two championships and didn't won any either and their record was 21-13. So the real question is who is the next best in the league? Since the Sparks and the Mercury both have three championship titles, they could be the best, but the Sparks record

is way better. The Sparks were 26-8 and the Mercury were 18-16. Whose stats look better? By the looks of things it looks like the Sparks are up next.

The Lynx starting five has four women in their 30's already which means they could retire any time soon. Not only their starting five but their other players are also on their way to there 30's,

besides Cecilia Zandalasini, who is 21. Since they're getting close to their 30's and the women tend to leave early before their 40's, the



The Minnesota Lynx are currently the top team in the WNBA.

Lynx will soon have a new team that will have to learn to play together and build a base like these players have, they have what people call "great chemistry" with each other. Compared to the Sparks they have A LOT more younger players and their good #2 in team standings. Their starting five only have two players that are in their 30's. They only have five players in their 30's compared to the Lynx they have 7 or 8. The New York Liberty players are young also.

With the Sparks having three titles, a record of 26-8, and many young players, I give the Lynx maybe three to five more years before they lose their best players and their dynasty. That being said, I tend to believe that the Los Angeles Sparks are up next and will take over the title of number one.

Grey's Anatomy diagnosis: Great

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"It's a beautiful day to save lives," says Derek Shepherd.

Shepherd is the fictional surgeon on Grey's Anatomy, an amazing show. The show is very realistic, teaching you what an actual surgeon goes through. Also, you get background information on how they deal with patients deaths, clinical trials, and even unsuccessful surgeries. It not just hours of surgery though, there is also drama, romance, and some comedy. There is a good chance you'll end up crying, even if you don't want to, you will. Trust me.

The show premiered March 25, 2005. A group of doctors in Washington work in a teaching hospital called Seattle Grace Hospital. It has 14 seasons and 301 episodes as of September 28, 2017. It's won the People's Choice Award for favorite network TV drama and a Golden Globe Award for best television series - Drama.

The main character is Meredith Grey. She is the daughter of a famous surgeon that works at the hospital. Meredith has a dark and twisted personality because she had a rough childhood. She witnessed her mother cut her own veins right in front of her and she didn't have a father figure when she was growing up. When her mother was alive, she had an affair with the chief of surgery at the hospital. Meredith doesn't find out until her intern year when she started working in the hospital.

Grey's Anatomy has crazy plot twists. In season eight, spoiler alert, there is a plane crash that effects Derek, Meredith, Mark, Arizona, Christina Lexi, all of whom are important characters. Mark and Lexi passed away because they were in critical condition. Arizona had to get her leg amputated and Derek injured his hand. The rest recovered fully. Another wild plot twist is that Meredith almost

drowned and her heart stopped, but then comes back to life 20 minutes later after CPR.

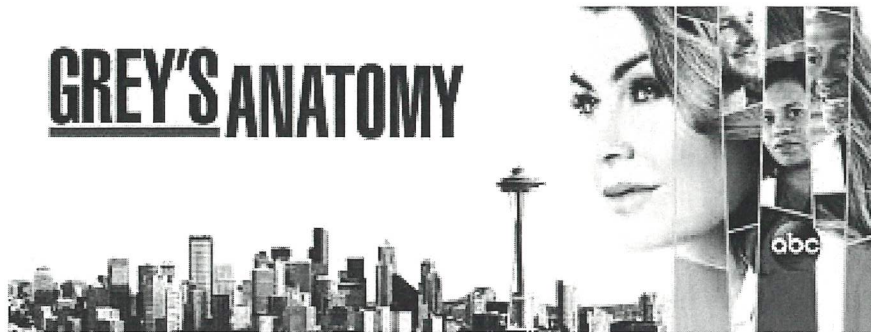
There's also a shooting in the hospital. The shooter was a man who lost his wife after the hospital pulled the plug because she was brain dead. He shot up the hospital because he believed that the hospital didn't do all they could to save her. He was aiming for Derek, one of the doctors responsible. Derek ended up getting shot and Christina is called to operate on him immediately. As the shooter finds out she is operating on Derek, he looks for them and he finds them, holds a gun to Christina's head. Owen, another doctor, comes into the scene and tries to get the shooter to give it up. Owen ends up getting shot. Meredith tries to

remove a bullet from Owen and he survives.

The first part of a typical episode starts off with a recap of the previous episodes. Sometimes, new characters come in, mostly patients that are ill. Next, we learn

background information about the patients for example like if they had a heart attack in the past or medications they might be on, and then we are told what kind of treatment they need. Some type of drama happens in every episode and gets resolved usually by the end of the episode.

Overall this is one of my favorite shows because it never ends. It currently has 14 seasons and two new seasons are being made. I want to get into the medical field when I finish high school so this show is very interesting. I'm taking a nursing assistant class this semester, and Grey's Anatomy actually touched some things we have been doing during our class. I already have some background information and I hope to learn more about the show and real life in the future.



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was that it wasn't so much a love story between Ari, and, well, Dante, but it was about a caring relationship between two families. Ari's parents love him. Dante's parents love Ari, too. I felt a little strange reading about parents accepting their children unconditionally, but it was a pleasant kind of strange, and a welcome one at that.

One of the best (and worst) parts of this book was seeing Ari and Dante truly love each other, like best friends but so

much more, but both of them are too scared to admit it. It hurt to read, but in a good way, like too-warm hot chocolate on a -10 degree day.

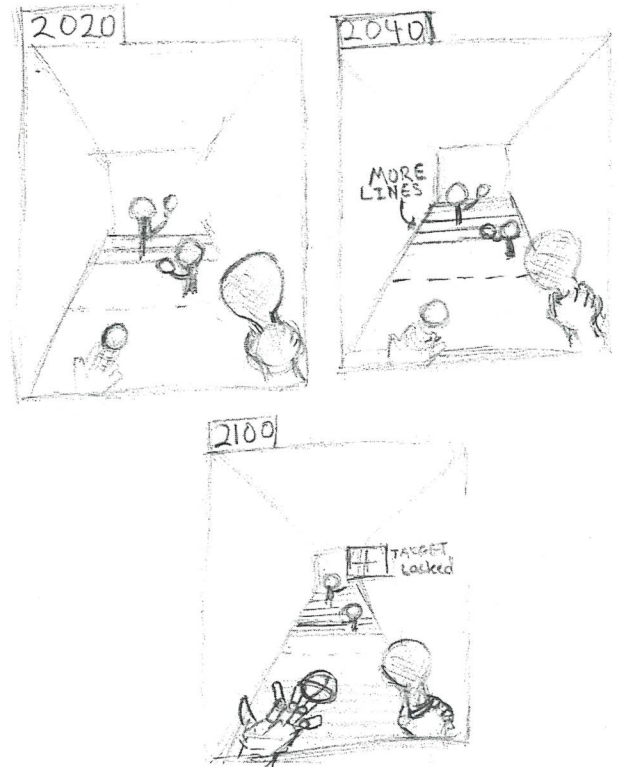
I give Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe a score of uuuuh a lot, out of ten, cause it deserves it, and I'm not too good at math and y'all can deal with it. xdorf out.

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FUTURE OF FRAQUET-BALL



Why No one Invites Me to Parties by Leena Abdulla

