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OWL's 2015 graduating class!
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Open Budget Deficit 7th Grade Song

Eli Sage-Martinson
Staff Reporter

SPPS recently announced that they are facing a projected 20 million dollar budget shortfall for next year.

The Minnesota House and Senate are currently locked in debate over the state education budget for the 2015-2016 school year. The House GOP proposes to spend 156 million dollars on education, while the Senate plans to spend 350 million. Governor Dayton has released a plan that allocated 695 million dollars to the schools.

Saint Paul Public Schools has reacted to the projected budget cuts by reducing costs across the district. Most department budgets have been cut, which will translate to staff layoffs in most schools. SPPS central administration has been reduced by 14%, and funding for SLC and other after-school programs have been cut.

The current budget is based off of an estimated 1% increase in funding, which would not keep up with inflation. If more severe cuts are passed in the House, the SPPS budget may be further reduced.

The budget reductions are already affecting Open through staff layoffs. Two teachers have been cut so far.

These spending decreases come at a time when OWL is increasing in size by 20%. "The budget cuts have presented great challenges in terms of figuring out how to offer all the courses we are wanting and needing to offer and having the appropriate staffing to do so," Principal Dave Gundale said, "with continued growth at OWL and a budget reduction, we are being put

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Jude DeRango
Staff Reporter

The seventh grade floods into the music room, claiming seats next to their friends, thin paper booklets in hand. The room is buzzing with anticipation for their special guests to arrive. The seventh grade's latest mission? Creating four different songs based on four elders life experiences.

The seventh grade was given the project in the second quarter of the school year of creating four songs to be presented at the celebration of learning, with help from Larry Long, an american singer, songwriter, and activist. He is also the creator of the program Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song, which is a program that, "brings community elders into the classroom to share their life histories. Based on these stories, the children create songs and lyrical work that celebrate the diverse and often unsung history makers of their community" as said on his Wikipedia Page.

"Dave approached me with the idea and it fit with what we were planning to do, so even though we don't have a music department, we decided to do it because we're crazy," Said Nora Krings, 7th grade ELA teacher and icanthinkoftheword song person.

The project connects to the 7th grade theme; "what makes a community thrive and suffer?" The four elders selected largely contribute to their communities in Saint Paul, and for some, communities around the world in the past. The songs are all about the lives of the elders: Bridget Martin, an avid traveler who has contributed to

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OPEN NEWS

Gender-Sexuality Alliance

Tristan Anderson

Staff Reporter

GSA or gender sexuality alliance, is a student led after school program dedicated to helping students of the LGBTQA community and those who support them find a safe place to express themselves. The Open GSA has finally become independent and more active.

This past year The Open GSA went to Q-Quest, which is a yearly event for queer youth and allies to come and meet others like them and enjoy fun and interesting workshops from, "Queers making history," all the way to "trans health 101." Another event is Youth Summit which is like Q-Quest but shorter and has a lot of YOUTH, yes I said (mostly) youth led workshops and group talks. These are some of the fun, educational and supportive events where you meet new people and most likely make plenty of friends.

Since being connected to Humboldt and Creative arts, along with OutforEquity, we have come such a long ways and are making history before everyone's eyes. We were the first school Outward Bound came to to discuss what they can do to make their environment more safe, accepting and equalized for all. The GSA is hoping to start up button sales next year to help us go to cool events and bring in more great stuff for years to come.

iPads to return in the fall

Athena Bolton-Steiner and Logan Doran

Staff Reporters

All of the St. Paul public schools that received iPads in the school year 2014-2015, will be given iPads by the middle of October this coming year, according to Saint Paul Schools district officials.

In November of 2014, OWL students received district-issued iPads. Ever since, the district has been making changes and enforcing rules about how the iPads are to be used. First games were banned, but this did not prevent students from playing games and students still struggled to pay attention and pass their classes. Then the App Store was removed and games could no longer be downloaded. After all the craziness this year with the iPads, the question is, will we be getting them back next year, and what's going to be changed?

"My understanding is students will get their original ones back again, unless they are damaged or lost," said Technology Integration Specialist, Joel Ruthenbeck. When iPads were collected, students were instructed to keep their name tag inside of the case in order to be returned to the same student next year. The remaining Saint Paul Public School students that did not receive an iPad this year will be given an iPads by January 2016.

In the 2015-2016 school year, the district hopes that the teachers have more experience and time to rely more on the iPads for their curriculum. Also they hope the students will use the iPads next year as a resource instead of a gaming device. The iPads will have no App Store but students will still have access to educational apps though self service. "As of now, I believe they plan on using self service only, but will revisit the app store later this summer," said Joel. During this summer, classes will be provided for teachers about the use of iPads. This will give teachers different skills on how to use the iPads in the classroom and how to integrate different apps.

Acts of Kindness

Molly Baumgardner
Staff Reporter

What would you do if you saw a homeless woman sleeping on your street? Well, this L.A man built her a house.

Elvis Summers would often have conversations with a homeless 60 year old woman who calls herself 'Smokie'. He'd let her go through his recycling bin, and have conversations with her. Smokie would sleep on a patch of dirt on the block where Summer's apartment was.

"Being homeless is not a crime." Elvis Summers says.

Summers runs a company that supplies dancers for parties. He calculated his finances and calculated how much money it would take to build the house. It took \$500 and five days to build. The Los Angeles Police Department have been very helpful by saying that she can live in it as long as she moves to a different spot every 72 hours.

Summers made it portable for Smokie's situation. Smokie has been living on the streets for 10 years, this is the first livable shelter she's had in a decade. The house is portable, has sliding windows, includes a door with a key for Smokie so it's specifically hers. Many people have asked Summers to build them a house, so he did a wonderful thing. He put together a website to help raise money. He wants to raise \$50,000 and based on how much it cost to build Smokie her house, he could build 100 shelters for the homeless with the money.

So many people suffer, and this by far is the biggest act of kindness I've heard of. The fact that he spent his own money on building a cute tiny livable house is great. Compared to giving a person a few bucks on the side of the road, this is awesome. By doing this, you're stepping outside the box and even helping more than a dollar can.

Meanwhile at our school, we were participating in the ORAKA challenges. The ORAKA challenge is a school

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We are Karen

Ie Tha Mue
Staff Reporter

I am karen. Do you know what that means?

OKAY! Let me tell you. Karen means a group of

people that live in Thailand and Myanmar. In Saint Paul, Minnesota there are high population of Karen people. There is a low population of karen student in OWL, with three students, but a majority of the students in Humboldt are Karen.



Most of the time Karen people eat spicy food. In Saint Paul people are learning about Karen people and trying to eat their food. Some of the people can't eat Karen food because it is too spicy and too sour. Karen children like to eat lime or any other fruit that is sour and is dipped into the hot pepper, salt, and monosodium glutamate mix.

Most of the Karen people have a shy, quiet nature, but are very fun to hang out with. Karen students tend to be very shy at school and don't talk much at class, but they talk to their friends at school. Karen people tend to be shy because they don't want to speak up or they're just too scared to talk in class. Sometimes they only talk to the people that talk to them first. Karen people don't like to start a conversation, so if you want to talk to them you have to start the conversation. If you wait until they talk to you it will take a while. In class even if they talk they will talk very soft and

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Quinceañeras celebrate young adulthood

Atquetzali Quiroz
Staff Reporter

As the lights dim down, the spotlight focuses on two girls wearing elegant puffy dresses. Music starts to fill the room and everyone is shut into silence, staring as two boys join the girls. As the music finishes everyone is cheering. Do you remember this? This is the Quinceañera performance from the community meeting.

A Quinceañera is the celebration of a fifteen year-old girl. It is celebrated in many different parts of Latin America but not by all. It marks the transition of childhood to womanhood, although for many Latin American coun-

tries it is celebrated differently with some of the similar components. The Quinceañera (also the name for the girl who is turning fifteen) wears a ballgown that is usually puffy. Traditionally the celebration begins with a mass or a religious ceremony.

After, a reception is held where there is usually a choreographed waltz and surprise dance which include chambelanes (young men that participate in the dance) and damas (Young women that participate in the dance). Before the dances, the main course of food is served. After the

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The rise of the Wo-Manatee

Leona DeRango
Staff Reporter

The beloved sport of Ultimate Frisbee has come to an end with the girl's team, the Wo-Manatee, taking 3rd place in the second division overall at the state tournament.

The Wo-Manatee brought their A-game to the state tournament, winning 4 games and losing two. On Saturday they played St.

Louis Park and lost, but regained focus moving forward to the second game and won against the St. Paul Stars. Their final game they played on Saturday was against Southwest, and was a hard loss by two points.

The next day, the Wo-Manatee played Minneapolis South B team and Armstrong Gold, both wins for the Manatees. "I think that was the best ultimate we've ever played," said the girl's coach Jesse Peterson-Brent. This put them playing to take third place in the second division. The Wo-Manatee were supposed to play the Stars again, but the Stars had to forfeit due to lack of players, putting the Wo-Manatee in third.

Earlier this May, another Ultimate Frisbee tournament took place. Players woke up early to catch the bus to the Hopkins Hustle. Saturday, the girls had three scheduled games. The first game was against Edina, who was ranked 2nd in the state. The second game was against Armstrong, and the third game the Wo-Manatee beat St. Louis Park 13-4. The Wo-Manatee then played a fourth game against

Eagan and lost. Sunday morning was another early start in an attempt to beat the bad weather that was predicted. The girls played two games Sunday, the first one against Eden Prairie and the second against Cooper, both losses for the Wo-Manatee. Overall the team took 12th place out of 16

teams. "At least it wasn't last place," said 7th grader Lauren Mitchell.

The girls won three out of the six games they played during the regular season. The Wo-Manatees played close games each time. Compared to the previous season the girls have tripled their wins this season with the help of their coach Jesse. "I think the season went really well. We were able to

have bigger team with a lot of younger players which helped us score more points and win more games," said 10th grader Siena Leone-Getten.

Most players are pleased with the outcome, but many have things they hope to accomplish for the team next year. "I personally want to work on catching, throwing, speed, stamina, basically everything," said 7th grader Jude DeRango. 9th grader Ingrid Englheart also has goals for the team next year: "We started out good, but then we began to get tired so I think we need to do more conditioning." All the girls who were new to the team this year said that they are going to come back next year. "I felt very welcomed on the team and it was really fun," said 8th grader Athena Bolton-Steiner.



The Wo-Manatees gather after a home game



Paying Lor releases a flick



Siena Leone-Getten throws upfield

Manatees wrap up successful season

Chua Moua & Koua Yang
Staff Reporters

So far the boy's varsity ultimate frisbee team has been doing well this year. They've won 5 games and lost 3 this season.

They've beaten Cretin - a team that they've never been able to beat since the creation of the Manatee team - 12 to 9 in the conference semifinals. It was the game that made history.

The Hopkins Hustle tournament took place on May 9th & 10th. The Manatees didn't do so well in this tournament. They won 2 and lost 4. They beat Minnetonka A (13-7) and Saint Louis Park A (13-5), but lost to Apple Valley A (8-10), Nequa Valley A (6-13), Mahtomedi A (9-10), and Edina B (8-9). They COULD HAVE won more games, but a good portion of the team didn't SHOW UP.

On Friday, May 22nd the Manatee had their conference final game against Mounds View A, but unfortunately about half the team were gone on the Outward Bound trip as well. They weren't able to reschedule the game to a better date when the other players would be back so the game continued onward with whatever players were left. The conference finals ended with a score of 7-15, with the Manatees

there.

On Tuesday, May 26th the Manatee had their final game of the season against Eden Prairie to determine whether they will be in the first division or second division. Unfortunately the Manatee lost that game 10-15. They will be playing in the second division during the State Championships. As of May 30th and 31st, the Manatee had their state tournament in Blaine National Sports Center.

They did amazing on the first day of the tournament.

They won all three games on Saturday against Stillwater High School (14-9), St. Louis Park (10-5), and Cretin-Derham Hall (15-6). They advanced to the championship bracket and won their quarterfinal against Anoka High school (15-11). Unfortunately they lost to Eastview High school in the semifinals (5-15) and went on to play for 3rd or 4th place against Como Park High school and won that game (14-8) for 3rd place in second division. Overall the Manatee went 5-1 during the state tournament of 2015.

This will also be the last tournament and last season for the seniors that are on the team. Hopefully they will play more ultimate in their future as they pursue their careers.

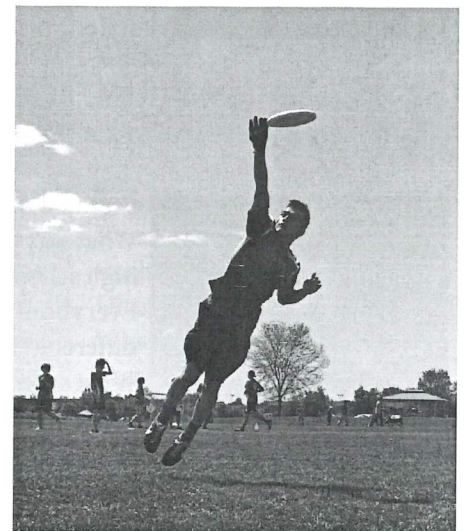
Special thanks to team captain Joshua Lor and the other senior team members Peter Moua, Mateo Hicks, Christopher Vang-Xiong, Marcus Schultz, and Collin Marone for all their hard work and efforts for the team.



The Manatees between games at the state tournament

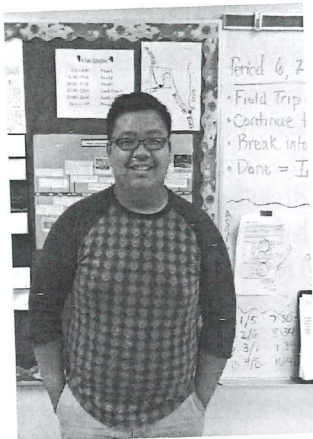


Danial Le-Tran goes high for the catch



Koua Yang stretches for the disk

CLASS OF 2015



Johnny Yang

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

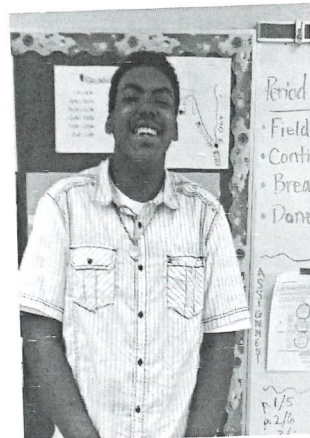
What I like most about high school are the opportunities.

What are you plans for next year?

I'm going to University of Minnesota Morris.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The teachers and friends.



Jeff Drayton

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

Meeting the different people and in general the whole high school experience.

What are you plans for next year?

I'm going to go to St. Paul College but I'm still thinking about what I'm going to major in.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The teachers and the students.



Erik Youngquist

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

The students.

What are you plans for next year?

I'm going to the University of Minnesota, twin cities campus and studying Asian languages, and literature.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The teachers and the learning-style.



Peter Moua

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

Ultimate frisbee.

What are you plans for next year?

I'm going to Hamline University.

What will you miss most about OWL?

My friends.



Collin Marrone

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

Everybody I got to meet and the different classes I've taken.

What are you plans for next year?

To go to the University of Wisconsin Stouts and Major in engineering and technology.

What will you miss most about OWL?

Robotics, it's been a big part of my life that's ending.



Chris Vang-Xiong

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

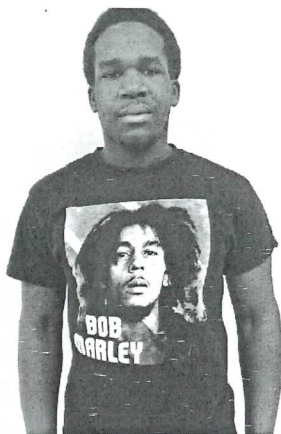
The teachers.

What are you plans for next year?

I'm going to University State Mankato.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The small school.



Mateo Hicks

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

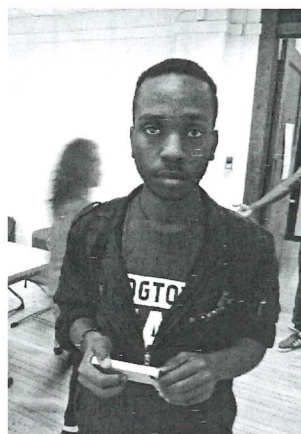
The experience with younger students.

What are you plans for next year?

I plan to go to Concordia College for Nursing.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The teachers.



Abdi Ali

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

Preparing for college.

What are you plans for next year?

I'm going to Itaska Community College.



Amanda Weiss

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

The friends I made.

What are you plans for next year?

I'm going to St. Paul College for my generals.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The community.



Jaymes Jackson

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

The girls .

What are you plans for next year?

I'm going to Ember Hills to get my associates in Visual Arts.

What will you miss most about OWL?

Just everybody, I'll miss you all



Dianna Gadea-Rodriguez

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

Being able to meet kids of all ages.

What are you plans for next year?

To go to Itaska Community College.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The diversity and the strong feeling of the community



Brandon Wolfe

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

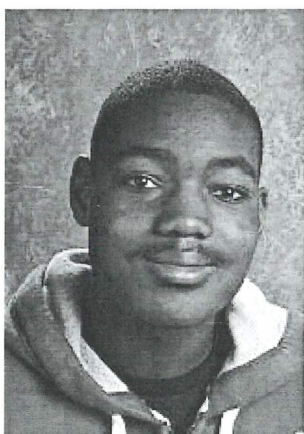
Being able to make friends.

What are you plans for next year?

Going to the art institute of Minneapolis For animation.

What will you miss most about OWL?

My friends.



Tavaris McIntyre

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

My friends.

What are you plans for next year?

Probably going to St. Paul College and working a lot

What will you miss most about OWL?

I guess the teachers, especially Leo



Joshua Lor

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

Ultimate Frisbee.

What are you plans for next year?

To go to Mankato and try and graduate there too .

What will you miss most about OWL?

The teachers and students.



Scott Chmura

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

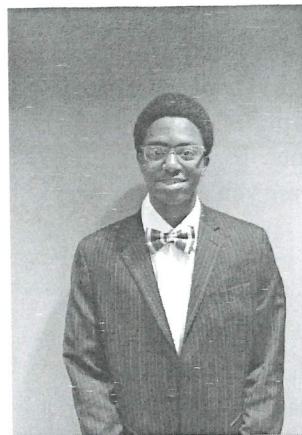
Interim.

What are you plans for next year?

Going to Century College, get my generals and hopefully become a teacher.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The community, I'm Polish.



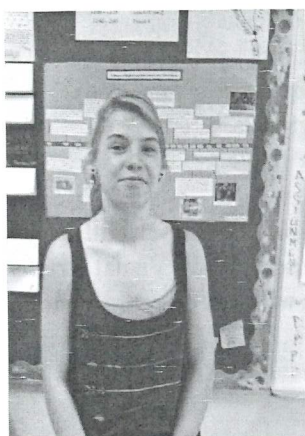
Marcus Schultz

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

Preparing for college .

What are you plans for next year?

I'm going to Itaska Community College.



Amanda Timm

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

All the different classes.

What are you plans for next year?

Attending St. Paul College.

What will you miss most about OWL?

My friends.



Tse "Amy" Vang

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

The teachers.

What are you plans for next year?

I am going to Century College.

What will you miss most about OWL?

Probably the teachers.



Evian Wilson

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

My friends.

What are you plans for next year?

Going to work and go to St. Paul College.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The teachers.



Yang Youa Xiong

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

My friends.

What are you plans for next year?

Go to Century College to become a nurse.

What will you miss most about OWL?

How diverse it is.



Laura Yang

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

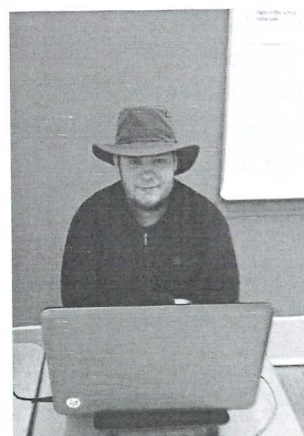
School activities like Outward Bound, Kids Against Hunger and Ultimate.

What are you plans for next year?

Going to Hamline University.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The teachers and environment.



Tyler Baerthel

What was your favorite part of the high school experience?

The classes

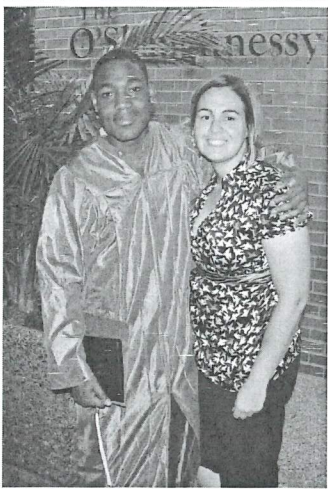
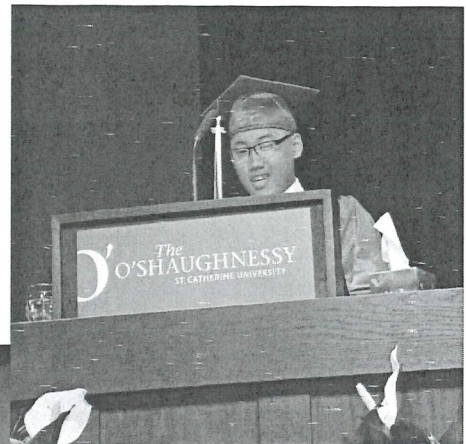
What are you plans for next year?

I'm going to Hamline University

What will you miss most about OWL?

My friends.

GRADUATION PHOTOS



Quinceañera from page 3
dances the desserts are served.

The Quinceañera receives her last doll, a tiara, cross or medal, bible and occasionally a scepter. Some families choose to do the ceremony where the Quinceañera changes her flats to high heels, representing the transition from girlhood to womanhood.

Many Quinceañeras are held in reception or ballroom halls. Popular places that they are held in St. Paul are Guardian Angels, Westside Armory, or Eastside Armory. A Quinceañera can cost from \$5,000-\$20,000 depending on the number of guests, the food offered, and venue. Although it seems like the Quinceañera's family pays for everything, many other people help out, mainly extended family and Godparents.

Sophomore Adrianna Cortes-Mendoza said "It means that I am growing up". Here at OWL many Latina students have had their Quinceañera or are going to have their Quinceañera. Freshman Kim Pérez-Salazar said "It's one of those times where your family comes together to celebrate your special day."

Kindness from page 3
wide competition to do team building and service. Some of the challenges include writing a positive note to a teacher or putting anonymous positive notes in people's lockers. Would our school be able to something like Summers?

"Yeah. I think we have to get the skills and abilities first. It's not an easy thing." Science teacher Megan Hall says.

In the future, we could possibly do something great like this. But what do we need to do? What we need are proper skills. To build these skills Megan says we would have to service for Habitat For Humanity to build those strengths. Habitat For Humanity is an organization that educates families about homeownership, build and remodel homes.

We might not be ready to do something like Summers, but if we keep practicing and preparing ourselves, we could eventually do something like that.

Budget from page 1
in a very challenging logistical spot. As you can imagine, students, parents, and staff alike are concerned about the cuts and possible reductions in course offerings."

"We have more kids and less money," Spanish teacher Tim Leone-Getten added.

A similar crisis occurred in 2011, when the district faced a 20 million dollar budget shortfall for the 2011-2012 school year. That shortfall led to the reduction of staff at magnet schools and a loss of funding for some early childhood screening and academic programs.



Kim Perez-Salazar (far left) poses in full quince regalia on the stone arch bridge.

Archery wrap-up

Erik Lee
Staff Reporter

The archery team ended its season at the state tournament on March 20th and the 21st. at Champlin Park High School. Over 1000 archers participated in the tournament.

At the tournament the high schoolers from OWL finished in 7th place with a total of 3,151 points and qualified to go on to the national tournament. The middle schoolers finished 13th with 2,769 points. The top archers were 9th grader, Marisol Adler-Espinosa, with 275 out of 300 points, 11th grader Theo Allen, with 273 points, 7th grader Jacob Rhode with 269, and 8th grader Emily Yang with 268.

"If you haven't been to an archery tournament before it is a cool thing, but the State Tournament is an awesome sight, with 50 targets set up and 100 archers (2 at each target) all shooting at once. It is a sight to see," said archery coach Mark Scioli.

Each archer shoots five arrows at the distance of 10 meters for the first four rounds, then shoots five arrows at a distance of 15 meters for four rounds, then each archer scores their arrows. The most perfect score or the score that you want to aim for is 50 points, also known as 5 tens.

"It's intense. The person you are trying to shoot against is right next to you. You want to beat that person no matter what," said 11th grader Tristan Anderson.

Women protest turf

Zhanna Dunagan
Staff Reporter

After Title IX was passed, women's and men's opportunities and costs for sports had to be the same. However 43 years later, we are still debating if this actually had come to pass. This summer the FIFA Women's World Cup will be hosted on turf, despite the men getting to play on grass in 2014, and at every other World Cup.

The Women's World Cup from June 6 to July 5 will be hosted in six different locations, all on turf. Part of the reason, FIFA explained, was because the regulations say that the practice surfaces they play on have to be the same consistent surface as what they play their games on. However, what is the other reason?

At the London 2012 Women's Olympic final, NBC Sports Network had over 4.35 million viewers across the world, breaking through to the network's most watched event. Men and women's players both agree that turf is more dangerous and that it affects the game. They tend not to play as hard, in fear of getting hurt. Increased ankle sprains, concussions, turf toe, and turf burn have increased. Overheating could also be a big health problem because temperatures are warmer on artificial grass. The ball also rolls and bounces differently on turf. Passes will roll faster and longer, which will result a lot of stopping for goal kicks, corners kicks, and throw ins. Also, players might not anticipate the bigger bounces, and the ball will go over their heads. It also won't be as competitive because no one will want to slide or go in for tough battles, thinking about the result of their challenges against the hot, rough, unforgiving turf.

So this summer, women players are being forced to play on this dangerous artificial grass, while last year at the 2014 World Cup, all training and playing surfaces were natural grass. So is this sex discrimination?

A few weeks ago Abby Wambach, U.S forward, announced to Fifa that there were offers to install natural grass FOR FREE, however Fifa turned it down responding "The contact [with the natural grass companies] was informal and didn't include any range of price for any service. The proposals were for the official stadiums only and not for the various training sites [18 in total] to allow the players to train on a consistent surface throughout the tournament." But different people offering to put in grass for free could split up and cover all 18 surfaces. Or Fifa could take some of the millions of dollars they made at the men's World Cup, and put it towards real grass.

Artificial grass for the tournament in total would cost around \$3 million. International women's players from all over the world (over 70 national team players from over 17 countries), lead by Abby Wambach, held and signed a

Fraquetball final set

Tou Xai Moua
Staff Reporter

Many teams, many games, many balls, but only one goal: TO BE CHAMPION!!!

After the defeat of last season's champion, Tom Totushek, a repeat of history dawns upon the Fraquetball hall of fame as Los Geezers once again face The Flying Pickles after two years to be champion.

First lunch finals were Los Geezers, Leo and Tim, versus Doppelgangers, Chris V-Xiong and Johnny Yang. Unfortunately the Geezers reigned victorious in first lunch and now faces The Flying Pickles, Chua Moua and Daniel Le-Tran the winners of 2nd lunch playoffs, to be crowned champion of this year's Fraquetball season.

"Since my team is better than Los Geezers and The Flying Pickles beat my team, then The Flying Pickles will win this year's season," said last season's Fraquetball champion Tom Totushek.

During an interview with one of the pickles, Daniel Le-Tran, we asked "Who do you think is gonna win Fraquetball this year?" and in response Daniel said "What the f***.... what kind of question is that!! Of course we're gonna win. Fraquetball? Yeah we're gonna win, even if you ask TIM we will win!"

"I don't know, I'm rooting for Chua and Daniel but Tim and Leo has more stamina so I don't know," says Joshua Lor, a senior and former Fraquetball player.

Will the Pickles pickle the Geezers or will the Geezers geez the Pickles?

petition for natural grass. They also protested to FIFA, and in October they filed a complaint in The Human Right Tribunal of Ontario.

Wambach said "On behalf of the players, I want to thank all who aided our fight for natural grass fields at the 2015 World Cup including our volunteer lawyers from Canada and the United States. Our legal action has ended. But I am hopeful that the players' willingness to contest the unequal playing fields – and the tremendous public support we received during the effort – marks the start of even greater activism to ensure fair treatment when it comes to women's sports."

Players started to threaten to file a legal action in August. However, FIFA secretary called the file for sex discrimination "nonsense". Hampton Dellinger, the attorney for the international players, provided a statement. Dellinger said that "the tactics of FIFA and CSA have included: threatening protesting players with suspension, doing everything possible to delay a final court ruling despite the players' need to know what surface the tournament will be held on so they can train accordingly" She concluded accordingly saying, "In the face

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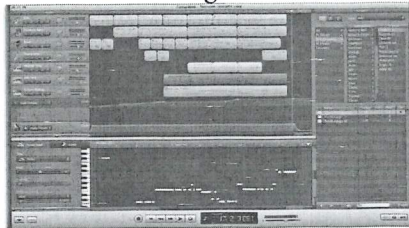
Got documentaries?

Simon Dungan-Seaver
Staff Reporter

"We have only three more class periods to do this, guys. The Do Now is: do your work."

These are the first words spoken in 7th period last Wednesday in Kevin's English class, setting the mood for the students.

This year's final product for the ninth and tenth grade English classes is an audio documentary made by each student. Students have had since May seventh and eighth as open work time on their documentary. The students are required to have at least two interviews, two to four minutes of length, and evidence of background research. The project is the main part of their grade, making up two out of the three learning targets. The projects will go on display at the Celebration of Learning.



To create his project the students had to use GarageBand on their iPads to edit their sound and interview clips together to create their documenta-

ries. Some students see it as fun and creative, while others see it as needlessly complicated and hard to use

Kevin Hansen, English teacher and the driving force behind these documentaries believes these projects are going to help the students in their future. "These documentaries will help them build the skills that will become necessary in the industry of the 21st century." Some of the students agree with Kevin's idea. "It's a great way to use the iPads, and it's fun to learn how to use them in different ways," said Mayme Nelson, a 9th grader from Nora's English class. "I like it because it is a fun challenge for people," said 10th grader Diego Luke from Kevin's English class.

There have also been some more negative reaction from the students of these classes. Some have just accepted it. "It is an assignment. I have to do it to pass the class," said Sam Dale-Gau, 9th grader. Others disagree with the project. "Just no. It's too much work," said Leona DeRango, a 9th grader in Kevin's English class. "I didn't think we would actually have to do them." "I would rather just be writing," said Ellen Ferry, 9th grader. "I think it is a terrible assignment, and if the teachers had an easy way it out they would take it," said Patrick Verner, 10th grader.

The students will present their projects at the Celebration of Learning in booths where people can come up and listen through headphones. Kevin has said that a representative from MPR will be at the celebration, and that if a project is good enough, the creator will be asked to revise it over the summer to present in MPR's "Young Reporters" series.

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the many communities she has been a part of; Melvin Giles, a man who works to create peace everyday; Youa Vang, who traveled here from Laos, and is an asset to the Hmong community; and Gilbert Da La O, Who was born and raised on the west side, and has been a longtime pillar and advocate for his community.

"I am absolutely proud of the work the seventh graders have done," Said Nora. "I'm excited, nervous, want to throw up a bit, all of those things that come with performances." The first stage were the actual stories. The seventh graders took notes on the different experiences of each of the elders. From there they were assigned groups where they began brainstorming. Later on, after many sessions in groups, each section took turns working on the creation of their songs with Larry long.

Each student is in a certain group that is assigned to write, revise, and perform one song. Some seventh graders said they would liked to have had more creative freedom when it came to the creation stage. After some discussion, Larry has agreed to take a step back from the project to give the students more voice.

Over the second half of the year, the students have been hard at work preparing their song. Some changed their songs, a few changed drastically, while others stayed almost the same, such as Bridget's song. The only changes made were that it was sped up and a few lyrics were changed. Youa's song was one of the more dramatic changes, "Our song wasn't exactly what we wanted it to be at first, it sounded like a bland country song, and it was too fast and happy for the circumstances of the song. We decided to make some changes to it, and with the help Doua Ci [Lor], we changed the song to something we liked that was more appropriate," Said 7th grader Lauren Mitchell.

Some students are more reluctant to present their songs than others.

"I do not want to sing in front of people! I have stage fright I just can't do it," said 7th grader Madeline Grey. Some share Madeline's views, while others think the songs are just plain embarrassing.

Over interim the seventh graders mysteriously disappeared from their interim to work with their group and Nora on the rehearsal of the songs. They stayed mostly in the auditorium the entire school day, working to make their performance ready for the Celebration of Learning. They spent most of the time continuously singing their song, with a handful of students from the interim, Jamming with Dan and Nora, playing different instruments to accompany them. Tonight, the Seventh graders will all be singing their songs for the celebration of learning. The work behind this project has been tremendous, but fun, and both teachers and students have put a great deal of effort into the process. Some are excited to sing, while others not as much.



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Outward Bound is the only one

Patrick Verner
Staff Reviewer

You all are probably now back from whatever 'hamster psychology' or 'lame theory' interim you had and are feverishly working on not failing your classes, but I am here to learn you something. There's no interim worth doing other than Outward Bound.

For example those who went on the Outward Bound trip, including yours truly, spent the week in the mountains of Colorado, working on everything from moving rock to breaking down trees. And what did you do? Played board games or made crayon pictures.

Some of the highlights of the non-Outward-Bound interims:

- Lame theory, y'know, getting demolished by Tom in every board game imaginable
- Dog. It's about dogs. That's it. They smell, all you need to know. Besides, cats are better.
- Girl Code. Don't let the name fool you, this weightlifting and bear-wrestling interim is only for the most macho and ripped men around.



-Theatre for the Weak. Learn the art of pitifully prancing about the stage while trying to get the attention that your parents don't give you, in sympathetic applause from the audience.

-Jam-making with Dan and Nora. This interim started you right on your way to being a grandma at the ripe age of 13. Yes, this interim spent the week learning the art of making preserves such as blueberry or week old roadkill.

Outward Bound is first and foremost a service trip. We spent the majority of the time doing any job that the staff needed done. We did things like coiling rope, clearing brush and other things. However, amid all the work there is a substantial amount of down time, which depending on the things offered by the Camp can be filled with a variety of activities such as hiking or hanging out with your friends. If you losers have any, that is.

Outward Bound Base camps are where expeditions begin and thus are likely to be in the middle of nowhere,

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AP tests invented by aliens?

Charon Mousseaux
Staff Reviewer

Only ice cream can make these tests bearable. These tests are timed, have difficult questions to answer, and sometimes have sometimes even kept students after school to complete. These are none other than... The AP tests.

AP tests are for students in advanced placement classes. They don't affect your grade, but colleges look at them to see if you are really good at a subject. Like, really good at a subject. Really.

Ap tests vary in amount of questions, and they tests vary in length too, usually being about 3 hours long. There is no apparent reason for this except for maybe they want to torture students from certain classes even more.

AP tests are scored on a scale from 0 to 5. This score is found by taking the score students got on their multiple choice and free response, doing some mathematical things to it, and then they get your score. The college people are really impressed if you get a 3 or higher unless they are picky, when they will only accept a 4 or higher. They don't

want any threes in their school, oh, no. You must be in the top percentage for their school.

Quite a few AP tests and classes are offered at OWL. These include AP Human Geo, AP statistics, APES, AP English lit and AP Bio. These are all known as very difficult classes, and for good reason. That is because they are.

AP tests are also set up so that every school takes them all at the same time, to prevent the very prevalent problem of students writing down the questions on their arms and texting them to their long-distance friends so that said friends can look up the answers on Google for when they take their test. This must have obviously happened many times, as students obviously have so much time to take this test, and enough patience to write all of the answers on their arm just so that their friend could get a better score.

You also aren't allowed any food or drink in the testing space, to prevent you from writing formulas and

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Ellen disassembles the Avengers

Ellen Ferry
Staff Reviewer

The first Avengers movie; the movie with a \$220 million budget, and racked in a domestic total gross of \$623,357,910. When it opened on May fourth in 2012, it took the world by storm, and for good reason. It was a fun, action packed, exciting movie. However, it did have its faults. Before we go any further, a quick disclaimer: prepare for spoilers and nitpicking. Enjoy!

Ten things that were wrong in the Avengers movie (in no particular order):

- 1) They aren't suspicious when Loki didn't run away when they left him on his own to fight each other. Isn't Tony supposed to be a genius?
- 2) They're talking to each other without earpieces or anything to hear each other (well, except for Stark) when they're fighting the Chitauri army. Yet they can hear each other just fine.
- 3) Bruce Banner is good enough at controlling the Hulk to change on command during the fight, yet he was hiding in the middle of nowhere, and he loses control.
- 4) The professor was himself enough to build a backdoor into the portal when under Loki's spell.
- 5) Electrocuting Iron Man brings his power up to 400%,



and the battery held all of that energy somehow.

6) SHIELD should have realized that they have been hacked by Stark.

7) Tony Stark is eating blueberries in a lab. As egotistical as

Stark is, he would not be willing to ruin electronics because he's hungry. I mean, seriously, Robert Downy Jr.?!

8) They weren't able to stop Loki the entire beginning of the movie, so how can the Hulk just grab him and smash him into the floor?! If some of the others can fight the Hulk on equal footing, then Hulk shouldn't be that overpowered compared to Loki. Loki is not that useless without his staff.

9) Hawkeye was allowed to just watch tests on the tesseract take place when it could kill everyone around.

10) Nick Fury was not told what the tesseract does. I mean, he's freaking NICK FURY, he should know!

Now before I piss any more fans off (please don't kill me), I am going to stop. This is not a complete list of everything, just a small section. "Why do this?", you might ask. Honestly, I just wanted to see your reaction.

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cheat sheets inside the wrapper of your snickers bar. This was also a very important problem that they needed to address, especially since the chip bag incident of '93.

Ice cream bars have been offered to students after they have taken the test, which is always good because free ice cream is good, but has anyone ever wondered where all this ice cream comes from? Well, I have my answer here: the school has found alien technology at Area 51 that they use to duplicate the ice cream bars multiple times. Remember, everything is a conspiracy.

In fact, on the topic of aliens, the AP tests are probably given to us from aliens as well! How could we all not see it before!? This is why we are not allowed to discuss the specific problems (anywhere, anytime, it doesn't matter. You can't discuss them with anyone.) unless they are released on the website - the aliens want to keep their secret messages that they have hidden within the problems to communicate to their species safe! Be careful, students, for we may have spies within our midst. This is why it is called the AP tests! It doesn't stand for Advanced Placement, oh, no. It stands for Alien Perpetrators!

But, what is their goal? Why send the messages via tests for high schoolers? Well, the answer is obvious. They want to take over our colleges by abducting all of the smart

people (those who score high on the tests) to work for them! They will use our own combined intellect to take over our planet so that they can use it to create discount washing machines from our plethora of water! Don your tinfoil hats, for we will not go down without a fight!

Coming back down to earth (like they are), students have mixed feelings on the test. Here are some quotes that accurately sum it up:

"The ice cream may help, but everyone still bears the scars of this incredibly long test." - Yaseen Hayward, 11th grade.
"Considering the possible outcomes, it is certainly a worthwhile experience, but it's still stressful." - Patrick Verner, 10th grade.

"[There is a] zero percent chance [that aliens are using the AP tests to communicate with their spies on earth]." - Simon Dungan-Seaver, 9th grade.

"Definitely, there are aliens on earth. Definitely." - Ellen Ferry, 9th grade. (I am not sure if that was sarcasm or not.)

"What do aliens have to do with the AP tests again?" - Leo Bicklehaupt, teacher.

"Look. I'm not saying that it's aliens, but it's definitely aliens." - Zoe Gale, 10th grade.

"Throw the cheese!" - Anonymous

Summer for nerds

Yaseen Hayward
Staff Scumbag

You know me, (nobody truly knows me, I don't need your handouts hotdog man) I love video games more than most humans should. It's a major problem and my home and social life suffer greatly from it.

In all seriousness, the summer is a great time for gaming: plenty of free time, no homework and the near apocalyptic Steam Summer Sale. Partway through summer the online game provider, Steam, has sales where big box \$60+ games go on sale for just a few bucks. Needless to say, my wallet fears those dreaded days of bad decisions and deals that are too good to be true.

Since you have all this free time, (assuming you aren't becoming a useful member of society and getting a job, who does that, ammirite?) you need some good, time consuming games. Some of my favorite time wasters are games I've reviewed this year, Fallout and Dark Souls. Dark Souls is one of those games that never plays the same way twice, I have over 260 hours in Dark Souls 1 and 2. I have a life, I just lost it between the cushions. You get to try out a ton of different builds and every time you find a new weapon you can't help trying it out on some enemies who are unfortunate enough to be within a five mile radius.

Then there's Fallout, I speak more of the newer ones, 3 and New Vegas, which have huge worlds that you can explore the entirety of. Not to mention the (roughly) hundreds of quests in the game with all kinds of different options for how you go about them. Don't particularly like admiral Floofypants? Blow him and his entire ship sky high instead of making a peace treaty between him and the Bunny-men of Glactar 7. That never happens but you get the point.

Aside from video games there's always YouTube. You can find all sorts of stuff on there, a majority of which you'd rather you never saw, but there's a good amount of fairly quality content. In particular a fellow by the name of Professional Scumbag makes great videos, and by that I mean he sucks and may be me. All I do is play video games badly and incoherently mumble. Although I do recommend trying YouTube yourself, it's a nice pastime. For gaming content, I don't watch a whole lot else because I'm boring, you may want to swing on over to AlChestBreach, an odd fellow who loves to weave stories out of random events in video games, such as a glitchy npc becoming his arch nemesis and realiz-

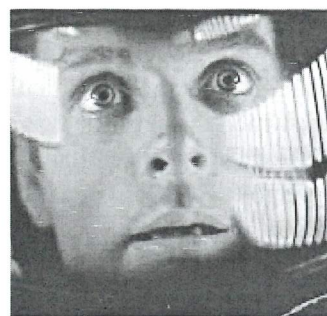
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Must-see classics

Nik Logue
Staff Reviewer

Film is a great pastime for many people, and some films are so great that you cannot live a great life without seeing them. These are a few of those movies that you must see before you die. Note that I will be excluding the "no brainer" movies that everyone has seen (Star Wars, The Rings, etc.) of Arabia



STANLEY KUBRICK'S
2001:
a space odyssey

the time this film has ences away impossible phy and the This movie exploits of during the WWI, as he of soldiers

Since of it's release, blown audi-with its nearly cinematogra-flawless acting. follows the T.E Lawrence desert revolt of leads his band into one of the greatest fights of the Great War. This movie's battle scenes are beautifully done in a then-impossible way, and seeing how great these people can act is a beautiful thing to witness. My personal favorite scene is the derailling of the train before the army charges, this also proves the abilities of filmmakers from a time as early as this.

2) 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)

This film is considered the greatest Sci-fi movie of all time. Stanley Kubrick's masterpiece first follows the primitive beings from millions of year ago to discover it's first tool, to the then futuristic year of 2001, where we perfect our greatest tools. In an age without CGI, we were introduced to the most visually stunning effects you could see at the time, and it still amazes us today. 2001 gives us a poetic portrayal of evolution, extraterrestrial life, and artificial intelligence. For this movie, my favorite character is HAL 9000, a talking computer who really demonstrates what we are capable of.

3) Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981)

As one of Steven Spielberg's finest films, Raiders of the Lost Ark is a real treat for the eyes. This film follows Harrison Ford as the title character who must search for the fabled Ark of the Covenant before a band of Nazis get it first. This is an action packed film that makes itself such a re-watchable movie. Harrison Ford kills it as Jones. He is probably one of the most iconic movie characters of all time, and no one hates a good fight on a car right? You especially

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ing that radios spew copyrighted music specifically to thwart him.

I also recommend Sips, a Canadian with a heart of gold and a slightly incoherent sense of humor. As well as NerdCubed, a brit with a dry sense of humor that I personally enjoy. Especially on his series where he plays the worst games he can find. There is also JonTron, he reviews games in funny ways. Never before have I seen someone vomit candy corn in reaction to a spooky ghost in an SNES game. Finally, Game Grumps. It's literally two guys playing games and just talking about whatever. It goes from ridiculous to heart-warming(on occasion) and back to ridiculous in the span of a ten minute video, which they release twice a day.

Oh yeah, you can also like, hang out with friends or something. Maybe go to a park with a pet of your choice or maybe like, read some good books, hang out with your family. I dunno, I don't have a life. Do whatever makes you happy, that's all I can recommend. Have a nice summer and don't do too many illegal things.

Sherlocked

Lauren Mitchell
Staff Reviewer

"We don't know a thing about each other. I don't know where we're meeting. I don't even know your name." Said Watson. "I know you're an army doctor and you've been invalidated home from Afghanistan. I know you've got a brother who's worried about you, but you won't go to him for help because you don't approve of him—possibly because he's an alcoholic, more likely because he recently walked out on his wife. And I know that your therapist thinks your limp's psychosomatic, quite correctly I'm afraid." said Sherlock to Watson, a potential roommate, and a man he just met. Sherlock has been having a conversation with Watson, and using his powers of deduction, and careful observation, telling Watson everything he knows about him. Watson is just as dumbfounded as the viewer, At the very end of this scene Sherlock's friend Stamford says to Watson, "Yeah, he's always like that."

Sherlock is a modern adaptation of the famous Sir Arthur Conan Doyle adventures. Sherlock Holmes lives in 21st century London, a city filled with mystery, crime and deception.

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Cheetah Girls gives Antonio trust issues



Antonio Carvale
Staff Columnist

Warning. The following review has many inconsiderate jokes relating to suicide, horrific and terroristic events in history. Inappropriate comparisons and strong language may also be involved in the following article. There are also many cat puns. If jokes such as these offend you, please reconsider your decision to read. Thank you.

The Cheetah Girls 2. Cheetah-licious edition. Movie review by Antonio aka Spartacus.

Do I have "growl power"? Apparently not on account I wanted to die throughout the entire runtime of this movie.

The Cheetah Girls 2, released 2006, is worse than the Holocaust, 9/11, and New Jersey put into a blender turned on chop and poured into a movie shaped smoothie of smog, cancer, and pain distributed into 1 hour and 36 minutes. This movie is more depressing than my entire life.

This movie opens with a choreographed dance number spanning about 3 minutes. If I had wanted to live prior to this movie, that feeling would have left my soulless body immediately and if I cared about my health or overall well being, I would have turned it off, but nope. This is what I do for you guys. I'm a man of my word, and I said I would

review it, so here I am. I thought about reviewing something good, like "Avengers: Age of Ultron", "Mad Max: Fury Road" or something else amazing, but I digress. Go ahead, you can laugh all you want, I've got my philosophy. And if my pain is as hilarious as other people's pain, this is about to be some damn comedic gold.

You see,

It's movies like this that give me trust issues. Cheetah girls. That sounds like a squad of cat/human hybrids with improved senses and agility that must live in the shadows to avoid unprecedented prejudice, and who chose to fight crime and protect the innocent people that cast them away, showing a true tail of forgiveness and selflessness and how even though dog may be man's best friend, cat is man's purr-fect protection against the unknown. Fin.

Now that I've thought of an absolutely badass idea for a movie about revenge and badass cat people warriors of the night, back to the pop/rap abomination known as Cheetah Girls 2.

The "story" starts in Manhattan where they are performing a grad party with the song "the party's just begun" which should have been called "the party is over and I just woke up blackout drunk in a motel bathtub filled with ice and my kidneys gone". The song is terrible. The lyrics are cookie cutter, the drum's timing is off, the record scratches are a spice girls ripoff, everyone's auto-tuned, and overall it's

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The back alleys are awake with robbers, blackmailers, smugglers and serial killers. When the police are frantic, they call upon Sherlock Holmes, their 'consulting detective' (a job he invented himself). His bizarre methods of deduction sheds light on the incident, and generally solves the case. He is assisted by Dr. John Watson, a recently returned Afghanistan veteran. Sherlock attempts to solve some of the country's most ambiguous puzzles. But is solving crimes enough to keep the boredom at bay? For Sherlock, solving crimes isn't just a hobby, He has to. The mysteries keep Sherlock occupied. "You know why he's here? He's not paid

or anything. He likes it. He gets off on it. The weirder the crime, the more he gets off. And you know what? One day we'll be standing around a body and Sherlock Holmes will be the one who put it there." said Sgt. Sally Donovan. "Why would he do that?" said Watson. "Because he's a psychopath, and psychopaths get bored." she replied.

Sherlock Holmes is played by Benedict Cumberbatch. Personally, I think that he fits the role considerably well. He's really good at the whole 'High IQ, Low EQ' If you don't get that reference, EQ is emotional quota, and Sherlock is not exactly what I would put as good with people. Sherlock is brutally honest, and often insults or looks down upon someone or something without even realizing he is. This affects his tolerance and other people's tolerance for him, and results in Sherlock only able to sustain one friend. Benedict understands how to play Sherlock the way the writers based him off of Arthur Conan Doyle's original character. Dr. Watson is played by Martin Freeman, Benedict and Martin have a great way of making it feel like you were standing there with them solving cases. It gets you sucked into the show, and the mysteries along with it.

A typical episode starts like this: Local Police are baffled with a new case, and consult Sherlock. Sherlock and sidekick Watson investigate, Sherlock says something brilliant yet somewhat offensive and they move on. He notices

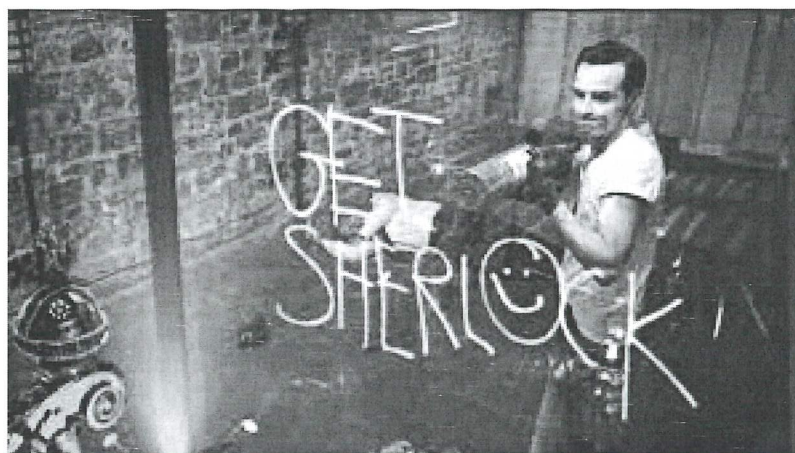
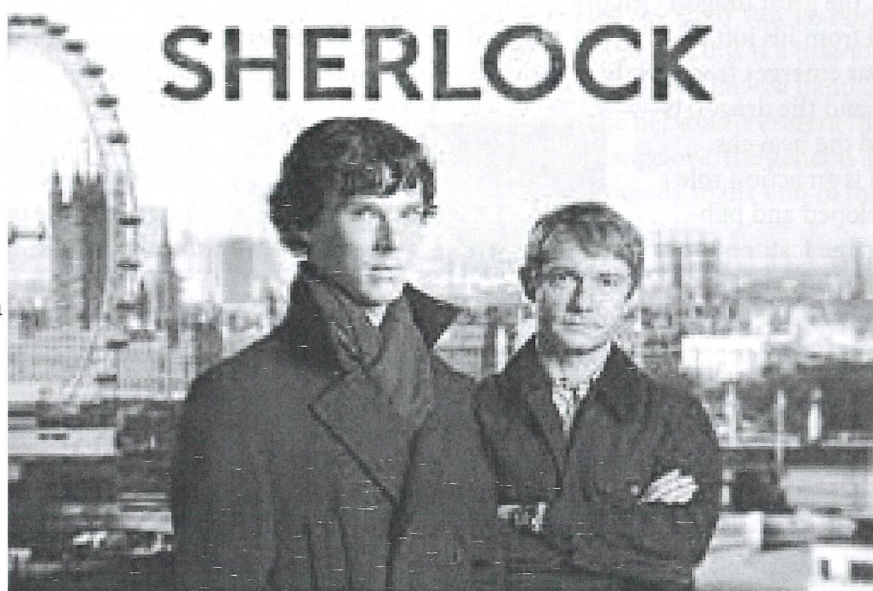
something nobody else has, and that usually amounts to something. In the middle, there is some sort of antagonist who does something unusual and leads Sherlock to them. Sherlock solves the case and the police take credit, and Sherlock and Watson talk about random Sherlock habits. The end. Then you go watch the following episode.

So why is Sherlock so popular? The overall mysteries are all so suspenseful, you are

always on the very edge of your seat trying to figure them out. They are also very well thought out, and they have many complex stages of mystery in themselves. London is quite pretty. All the sets and scenes are amazing. It looks as if it took them years to accomplish just the smallest schtick. The actors, Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman. What more do I need to say? They are flat out amazing actors. Not to mention Johnlock. And of course the one-liners. "Anderson, don't talk out loud. You lower the IQ of the

whole street." Come on, that's pretty great. His one-liners never stop, even when danger is present, or if it's staring him in the face. Plus, other really funny moments throughout each episode. The music is always quite enticing. From Sherlock playing the violin, to other pre-recorded soundtracks, it's wonderful. The mind

is a muscle. That is definitely one of the most interesting parts in the entire show. The fact that how in other shows, the superhero has some sort of weapon. But in Sherlock it shows that his only real weapon is his mind, and how he accomplishes so much with his pure brilliance.



Dragon's Dogma worth the price

Noah Peters
Staff Reviewer

The sky darkens as a giant portal appears out of nowhere and millions of creatures come pouring out. A beast forms from the the mist, the great dragon Grigori. In a deep slumber he begins to fall from his loft of mist. His deep red eyes open, and a loud roar emerges from his throat. The wings of the beast open, and the dragon is propelled upward toward the heavens.

Dragon's dogma is an action role playing video game developed and published by Capcom. The game features an open world fantasy setting. It was release on May 22 2012 for the Xbox 360 and Playstation 3. It costs \$19.99 U.S. Dollars preowned and \$29.99 new.

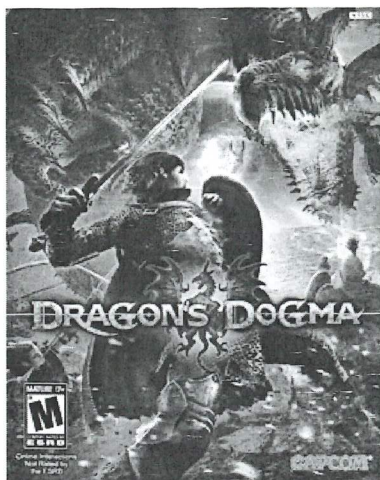
The player is able to select between various vocations: Fighter, Strider, Mage, Warrior, Mystic Knight, Ranger, Assassin, Sorcerer, and Magic Archer. Gender choice and appearance settings are also available. The vocation, or class system, changes gameplay and tactical options available to the player, as with the Fighter having abilities focused on hack and slash combat (with a move-set similar to Capcom's Devil May Cry) and the Strider being skilled at climbing large enemies (like in Shadow of the Colossus).

One of the game's main innovations is the "pawn" system. While the player's party is exploring the world, the three party members who accompany the main character are controlled by artificial intelligence, but the player can issue orders to them, including "Go," "Help" and "Come." One of the party members is a non-playable character (NPC) and belongs to the main character's world, while the other two party members are NPCs borrowed from other

players by connecting online or are locally generated by the game. The party members, referred to as pawns, can talk, seek the main character's help, and provide information about enemies. The player must work on strengthening the main character and the party members. The pawns are vocal, yelling out useful hints and strategies, which are often vitally important to surviving tough boss encounters and dungeons. The pawn system also features social networking features.

This game has its glitches, but the pawn system is super enjoyable with being able to switch with the environment. If the player is fighting a boss weak to dark magic the player can switch his or her weapons with the pawns skills, and use weapons to fit what they need. The class system as well helps a lot. It costs experience points to unlock the advanced classes, but the starter classes are still good. This game features a cool feature, "new game plus". The game resets itself, but you keep everything. Weapons, armor, money, skills, class, etc. The game starts over, and the player can play through the campaign again. I enjoy this game a lot.

In conclusion, I think it's worth buying pre-owned or new. It has a lot of playtime, and a whole lot of side quests. I recommend this game to people who enjoy "skyrim" and "dragon age 2", but at first it doesn't have the best tutorial. (You fight a chimera, a mythical beast with three heads, one of a goat, lion, and the tail is a snake. If you buy this game, take out the goat first, as it heals the the chimera.) But still, it is a really enjoyable game.



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of such irresponsible actions by FIFA and CSA, the players have elected to end their legal fight. The players are doing what FIFA and CSA have proven incapable of: putting the sport of soccer first."

It's not just turf that the players are calling discrimination for. The men's World Cup team winnings in total are \$576 million. However, the total women's team winnings are only \$15 million. The good news is in 2019 at the next Women's World Cup, the 2 countries fighting for the hosting spot (France and South Korea), both will have actual grass at all training and game facilities.

So is it sex discrimination? People have very biased opinions on the matter, but we can't argue that the Women's World Cup is not equal to the Men's World Cup. As time goes on, hopefully these issues won't even need to be addressed.

Outward Bound from page 13

so if you're the type of person that cares about things such as your fingernails or out for what your favorite celebrities are up to chances are you're not cut out for outward bound.

As awesome as Outward Bound is not everyone is cut out for it, believe me. We spent the majority of the week providing free labor, the likes of which haven't been seen since 1865. Our brutal taskmasters made us do things as heinous 'take breaks' and even had the audacity to suggest we "go on a hike rather than work". Joking aside, Outward Bound can be very rewarding for those who are hardworking, dedicated, and not afraid to work with their hands and muscles (or lack thereof).

Movies from page 15

cannot live a happy life without seeing this. In fact, you don't deserve a life until you have seen this.

4) Mad Max (1979)

While the sequel Mad Max: The Road Warrior is also a great film to consider seeing, it is the original that takes the cake. This movie follows a lone wanderer who fights for his revenge in the almost inhospitable post apocalyptic wasteland as the entire lawless world goes insane for gas and fuel. The unique vehicles and action sequences used in this movie makes this is an entirely different experience that gave light to Mel Gibson's acting career as the "Mad" Max Rockatansky.

5) Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and

Love the Bomb (1964)

Another Stanley Kubrick movie, this Cold War satire is about an insane general (named Jack D. Ripper) who sends out a nuclear bomb strike on the Soviet Union because he thought that Communists were poisoning his water. The U.S government scrambles to stop the plane from making the Cold War go hot. As probably the greatest comedy of all time, this is a hilariously absurd portrayal of the Cold War that follows a band of interesting characters, including the nervous president Merkin Muffley, the former Nazi Dr. Strangelove, the general Buck Turgidson who pilots this comedy to the end of the world.

Karen from page 3

if the teacher ask a question. They won't talk even though they know the answer to the question.

There are a lot of karen people in MN because in MN a lot of people help karen people a lot, like with their business, health care, etc. In Minnesota we have a lot of Karen translators because there are lot of Karen people that don't know english. In Saint Paul Public schools there are Karen in every school, and especially in Humboldt. Minnesota is becoming a Karen state because everyday more and more Karen people come here in Minnesota.

I came to Thailand when I was two or three months old. I grew up in Thailand and me and my family lived in Thailand for like eight or nine years. Before I came to U.S. I made a bunch of friends and after school we played rope games, swinging games, etc. In Thailand the school is very different from U.S. Here we eat school at lunch but in

Thailand we had to go back to our house and eat then come back to the school.

One of my memories is that there were a lot of mountains, trees, flowers, and a bumpy small street. The street was not as smooth as the U.S. street. If I wanted to go to the store I would have to walk even though it was far far away. But if we wanted to buy a lot of things we rode the motorcycle to the store because you can't carry a big bag and walk for an hour.

In Thailand there aren't a lot of cars but a lot of bicycles and motorcycles. I loved living there because I woke up happy because I got to play with my friends everyday because their houses were close to mine. Here my friends and I live far away from each other. One of the best thing in Thailand was the respect, food, friendliness, and love that you get from other people.

Cheetahs from page 16

just bad songwriting.

After that, one of them, I forgot her name, I'm just gonna call her mittens, decides she's gotta go to Barcelona for some dumb reason but noooooooooo. The other cheetah girls need her to stay so they can be friends or something. Oh but how will they ever stay together? One of the other cheetah girls sees no other way but to wish on a shooting star so they can stay together. Wishes aren't real. You want something good to happen, you gotta work it and hope for the best. Sometimes things just don't work out. So grow a pair and move on to the next issue in your pointless life. But because this movie is false advertisement and gives children the false idea that life is a fairy tale, it works and the cheetah girls stay together meaning the movie continues, and somehow my life just keeps getting worse.

Later they meet Marisol. A Spanish pop star beloved by all of Barcelona who appears nice to the Cheetah Girls, but secretly is planning a plan to break up the Cheetah Girls and take the remaining money for herself. Marisol,

though portrayed as evil, is actually the hero of the film. By breaking up the joke of a band, it means the movie can end sooner and my life can go back to it's terrible yet tolerable state of mind revolving around hot pockets, robocop, Bruce Campbell, the Beatles, motorcycles, and my ever living dream of becoming Brazil's next top model/popstar "El Whito"

Marisol is the true hero of the film. I don't care what you say because however you say it, you're still wrong.

The rest of the movie is weak dance numbers, bad acting, and jokes less funny than this article. Which is honestly so unfunny it's quite depressing.

Alright losers. I'm out. If I see any of you next year I hope I'm still hotter than you.

If I'm not here next year, 1.you're welcome. 2. check Brazil's tv/radio listings. You'll see me.

Later.

-Antonio aka Spartacus aka El Whito.

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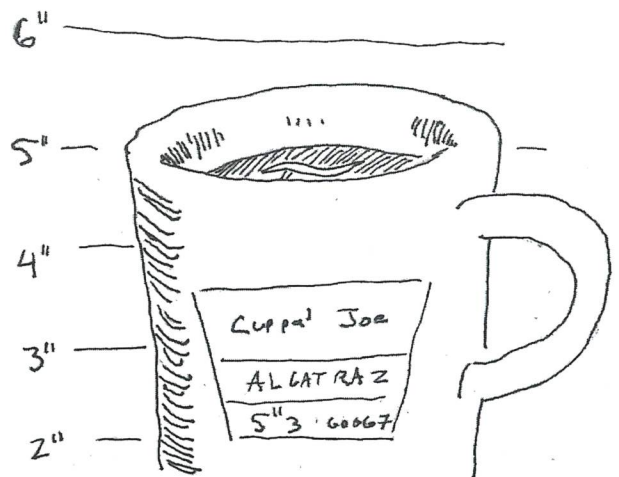
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