

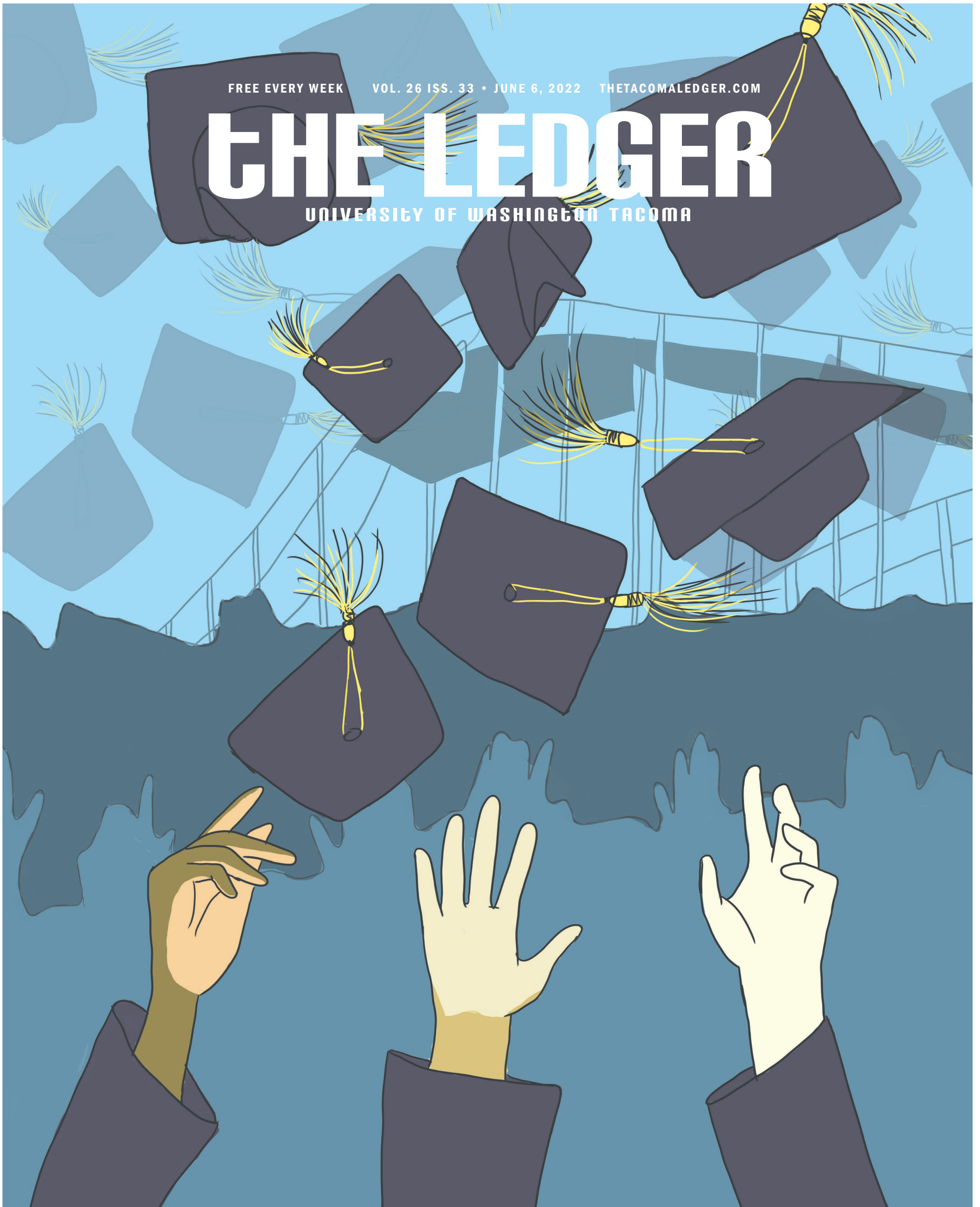
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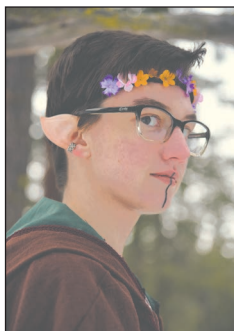
What a whirlwind of five years it has been since I started at UWT. I first was a student who just came and went from campus until I got an offer to work at The Ledger in 2019 and this choice changed my life. Never would I have thought that the people in this office would have such an impact on my life. Ella, who gave me the offer at the paper and pushed me to write even when it was hard and helped me through one of the worst experiences, and became my person and is now one of my cheerleaders from above. Aly, my fellow book nerd who along with Ella saw my potential and pushed me to go higher within the paper, and has been there for me through thick and thin from Cali. Madeline, Morgan, Trisha, Andrew, Nick and Koko who have made this year enjoyable and fun with stories and pictures of cats even when life got hard you all helped keep the office a happy place for me. UWT mentors (whether you know it or not) Daniel Nash, Kira King and LeAnne Laux-Bachand who have helped me in your own ways during my college experience and I would not be where I am today without the experiences I had with you.

The Ledger has been such a wonderful place to work and the learning experiences and relationships made will be remembered for life, and has made my college experience the best it could have been. To family who have been a support (even the cougars in the family) and backbone the last five years, thank you.

Even with a degree in Interdisciplinary Arts and Science and Psychology I am in that "what do I do now" phase of the college experience; hopefully that feeling does not last long. Fingers crossed for getting into the EdS degree program in School Psychology in 2023!

MORGAN MORGANS
WEB & LAYOUT MANAGER

I'm not good at writing these, so short and sweet. I've been with The Ledger for the last three years and have gone from News to Layout & Web Managing.



Thank you Ella for emailing me while I was in Disneyland on my high school grad trip and basically giving me this job (as a news reporter first, then letting me do layout and news, then just layout). Thank you layout for having my back this last year. Thank you Madeline and Madi for literally everything in between. In my time at UW Tacoma I have bounced around degrees and have landed on an art degree. In my own time I do costuming and lightsaber combat choreography. Recently, I have been costuming for Tacoma Little Theatre and hope I can keep doing costuming and graphic design on a professional level.

REMI FREDERICK
OPINION EDITOR

My time at The Ledger has been chaotic but also incredibly rewarding and fun. The Ledger office became a place for me to relax and enjoy the campus.

Huge thanks to Madi and Madeline, the Ledger's managing editor and editor-in-chief who helped me through a lot during this year. To the rest of The Ledger staff, I can't even begin to express how grateful I am for you guys and I cannot wait to see what such talented people do with their lives.

I've learned a lot from my time at The Ledger. I've learned how to pitch good story ideas, how to give edits and receive them which isn't as easy as you might think and most importantly I got so much help from everyone on my writing and I can see so much improvement since the beginning of the year.

Thank you to everyone who helped me this year. I will miss you all tremendously. UWT has been a great place and I have learned so much.

NITHISHA REDDY
AD MANAGER

My experience with UW, Milgard School of Business and The Tacoma Ledger has been amazing. They say that "Time flies over us but leaves its shadow behind." University has made such a huge impact in my professional and personal life. The MSBA program

has equipped me with an advanced analytical and data science skill set which has led to a huge progression in my career. This place has provided numerous opportunities to explore my strengths and weaknesses which eventually led to converting my weaknesses into my strengths. I'm forever grateful and thankful for the connections, opportunities, faculty, and everyone associated with the university for giving me these wonderful memories to cherish.

The Ledger team has brought the inner passion and my creative skills afloat. I learnt and explored the technicalities in publishing, content writing and advertising. Interaction with people from different backgrounds and making connections with them has made me a better person by learning from them.

NICK PATRASZEWSKI
PHOTOGRAPHER

It's been a long time coming for me to finally graduate, but these last few years would be nothing if it wasn't for my coworkers and friends at The Ledger.

Working for a school newspaper had always been a dream of mine since elementary school, and finally getting the chance to do so was a dream come true. It may not have been an easy start, I only had a few months camera experience when I came onboard, and our former photographer made sure I knew everything I needed in order to keep the quality high for the paper, but being able to grow, learn, and work alongside everyone made it the best experience of my college career.

Going into quarantine was rough, and coming out of it with a sparse handful of our previous staff was even rougher, but seeing our three M's at the head of it, rebuilding our staff bit-by-bit, it gives me the confidence that The Ledger will remain a wonderful newspaper, no matter how many of us graduate.

And to Ella Lucente, our dear former Editor in Chief, I wasn't lucky enough to spend a lot of time with you before you graduated, but thank you for giving me the chance to live my dream, and I

hope we and the staff to follow will keep making you proud. So long Ledger, keep reaching for the stars!

JAIDA NOBLE
ILLUSTRATOR

Working at The Ledger has allowed me to expand my artistic portfolio and shown me that a career in doing what I love is attainable. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to spend the school year giving an artistic flair to my talented colleagues' articles with my illustrations.

Thank you to The Ledger staff for making my one and only in-person year at UWT so much fun. I am forever grateful that I got to work with such a talented, funny and down-to-earth team. For those graduating with me, I am excited to see your next steps out in the post-college or post-undergrad world. For those of you staying for the next school year, keep doing what you're doing and I can't wait to see where The Ledger will head in the 2022-23 school year.

~~P.S. So sad that the M&M&M Monthly name change never happened.~~

TRISHA CARANDANG
PAGE DESIGNER

My time working for The Ledger in my senior year has been such a pleasure and it will feel weird not coming into the office to design anymore. Although I've only worked eight to nine months as a layout designer, The Ledger has never failed to make me feel welcomed and part of the group. Working here has left me with a lot of great memories to cherish as well as a sharpened skill that I can use as I'm off to a new adventure. This is all thanks to the amazing, talented and unique individuals that I got to work with and friends I've made along the way.

I'd like to thank my supervisor, Daniel Nash, for guiding me and giving me insights and words of wisdom when it comes to designing for the newspaper. I would also like to thank Madeline Hiller and Madi Williams for taking a chance and giving me the

opportunity to design for The Ledger. Also, thanks for laughing at my jokes no matter how dry and dark they got. Last but not the least is my gratitude to Morgan Morgans, my layout manager who trained me and is someone who has always been so patient, understanding and graceful with my never-ending questions. Thank you for guiding me, allowing me to explore my creativity and showing me great cat photos!

The Ledger has made my senior year so memorable that it will always hold a special place in my heart. It has shaped me to become someone who is more confident in my capabilities as an individual. I hope that everyone at UWT will get to experience this during their time here. For those who are graduating with me, I am excited for your chapter and where life will take you!

RYAN MANTLE
FILM CRITIC

Leaving UWT is bittersweet as I have met some truly wonderful people here. When I first got to UWT, I was extremely anxious about my writing, but Dr. Hanneman and Dr. Sundermann never let me get down on myself. Their feedback gave me the confidence to apply to The Ledger and succeed here, and for that I want to say thank you.

While I have only been at The Tacoma Ledger for the past five months, I have had so much fun writing here. Getting paid to watch movies is easily the best job I have ever had, or probably ever will have. More than that though, it helped me learn how to have fun while writing and provided a break from the doom and gloom of history essays. The staff, particularly Madeline Hiller, Madi Williams and Josie Trueblood, all were incredibly supportive and encouraging. Daniel Nash was a positive presence, checking in with me about life in general or just chatting about old comic books. With most of these people returning next year, The Ledger is in good hands.

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When is enough going to be enough?

Gun violence is an issue in our country, how many more innocent lives in schools need to be taken before action is taken?

By Madi Williams
MANAGING EDITOR

The month of May has been devastating around the country due to gun violence, the most recent case being in Texas at an elementary school where 19 innocent children and two teachers were shot because they were in the unlucky

Thurston High School. Columbine High School. Heritage High School. Deming Middle School. Fort Gibson Middle School. Buell Elementary School. Lake Worth Middle School. University of Arkansas. Junipero Serra High School. Santana High School. Bishop Neumann High School. Pacific Lutheran University. Granite Hills High School. Lew Wallace High School. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School. Appalachian School of Law. Washington High School. Conception Abbey. Benjamin Tasker Middle School. University of Arizona. Lincoln High School. John McDonogh High School. Red Lion Area Junior High School. Case Western Reserve University. Rocori High School. Ballou High School. Randallstown High School. Bowen High School. Red Lake Senior High School. Harlan Community Academy High School. Campbell County High School. Milwee Middle School. Roseburg High School. Pine Middle School. Essex Elementary School. Duquesne University. Platte Canyon High School. Weston High School. West Nickel Mines School. Joplin Memorial Middle School. Henry Foss High School. Compton Centennial High School. Virginia Tech. Success Tech Academy. Miami Carol City Senior High School. Hamilton High School. Louisiana Technical College. Mitchell High School. E.O. Green Junior High School. Northern Illinois University. Lakota Middle School. Knoxville Central High School. Willoughby South High School. Henry Ford High School. University of Central Arkansas. Dillard High School. Dunbar High School. Hampton University. Harvard College. Larose-Cut Off Middle School. International Studies Academy. Skyline College. Discovery Middle School. University of Alabama. DeKalb School. Deer Creek Middle School. Ohio State University. Mumford High School. University of Texas. Kelly Elementary School. Marinette High School. Aurora Central High School. Millard South High School. Martinsville West Middle School. Worthing High School. Millard South High School. Highlands Intermediate School. Cape Fear High School. Chardon High School.

classroom the gunman decided to open fire in. No student should have to go through survivor's guilt, PTSD, anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts because they were at school when someone decided to shoot up their school. No teacher should have to go from educator to protector of their students because someone decid-

Episcopal School of Jacksonville. Oikos University. Hamilton High School. Perry Hall School. Normal Community High School. University of South Alabama. Banner Academy South. University of Southern California. Sandy Hook Elementary School. Apostolic Revival Center Christian School. Taft Union High School. Osborn High School. Stevens Institute of Business and Arts. Hazard Community and Technical College. Chicago State University. Lone Star College-North. Cesar Chavez High School. Price Middle School. University of Central Florida. New River Community College. Grambling State University. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ossie Ware Mitchell Middle School. Ronald E. McNair Discovery Academy.

North Panna High School. Carver High School. Agape Christian Academy. Sparks Middle School. North Carolina A&T State University. Stephenson High School. Brashear

ed to shoot up their school. No parent should have to worry about their kids in school thinking today is going to be the day that their school is the one someone decided to shoot up. Change needs to happen in order to protect everyone that is within the educational system from elementary to universities. When are the people in

High School. West Orange High School. Arapahoe High School. Edison High School. Liberty Technology Magnet High School. Hillhouse High School. Berrendo Middle School. Purdue University. South Carolina

State University. Los Angeles Valley College. Charles F. Brush High School. University of Southern California. Georgia Regents Academy. Paine College. Georgia Gwinnett College. John F. Kennedy High School. Seattle Pacific University. Reynolds High School. Indiana State University. Albemarle High School. Fern Creek Traditional High School. Langston Hughes High School. Marysville Pilchuck High School. Florida State University. Miami Carol City High School. Rogers State University. Rosemary Anderson High School. Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Frederick High School. Tenaya Middle School. Bethune-Cookman University. Pershing Elementary School. Wayne Community College. J.B. Martin Middle School. Southwestern Classical Academy. Savannah State University. Harrisburg High School. Umpqua Community College. Northern Arizona University. Texas Southern University. Tennessee State University. Winston-Salem State University. Mojave High School. Lawrence Central High School. Franklin High School. Muskegon Heights High School. Independence High School. Madison High School. Antigo High School. University of California-Los Angeles. Jeremiah Burke High School. Alpine High School. Townville Elementary School. Vigor High School. Linden McKinley STEM Academy. June Jordan High School for Equity. Union Middle School. Mueller Park Junior High School. West Liberty High School. University of

charge of making laws and protecting its people and children going to say enough is enough? When is the list going to end? Students shouldn't be scared to go to school. Teachers shouldn't fear going to work. Future teachers shouldn't be scared of doing their dream job. When is the fear going to end?

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March For Our Lives is marching again on June 11, 2022. Check out their website
<https://marchforourlives.com/march22/>
with information about the march happening in your area.
If you are interested in seeing information about mass shootings in general in the U.S you can view this website:
<https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/>



Summer fun with the Belchers

"The Bob's Burgers Movie" is finally here, just in time to bring a smile to your face before finals. When a pipe bursts and creates a massive sinkhole, a family struggles to keep the restaurant open, all while solving a murder.

"Bob's Burgers" is a movie meant for fans of the show, with little inside jokes and bit characters appearing throughout. With the number of characters, it would be easy to fall into the trap of trying to give them each something funny to say, only for it to get nauseating by the end. Yet, it never feels out of focus. The cameos are largely there to establish continuity with the show rather than show off or distract from the core characters' story lines.

Some of those story lines certainly work better than others. The movie tries to give each Belcher a piece of the main plot, but it has a real difficulty working Tina and Gene in without it feeling forced. Both characters have their moments, but the focus is clearly on Bob (and by proxy, Linda) and Louise. They take the lead in almost every song, and deal with their anxieties, which make them lovable and reliable, in amusing ways.

Some of the side characters really shine as well. Teddy is his usual endearing self, while the Fischhoeder brothers, voiced by Kevin Kline and Zach Galifianakis, seize the spotlight every chance they get. Their knack for turning troubling statements about illegal activities into comedy gold is used frequently. Luckily, after 12 seasons and a movie, it still hasn't gotten old.

It would be impossible to make a "Bob's Burgers" movie without adding creative songs, but some work better than others. The opening song pairs optimism

and anxious poops together in a brilliant way, whereas the second to last song is a bit grating with its use of falsetto. The carnie song in the middle is peak "Bob's Burgers" songwriting, even if I'm upset that Bill Hader is no longer voicing Mickey, the bank robber turned carnie.

"Bob's Burgers" is not looking to do something truly bold and different. They stick to their strengths, which makes this feel like you're just watching several episodes of the show in a row. The stakes are raised a little bit with money problems threatening to close the restaurant, which is a frequent storyline in the show, and a murder that the kids get way too involved in. The only thing that really separates it from the show is the animation feels more digital than normal. The characters look mostly the same, but the background is distractingly clear. Every business name-pun in the city suddenly feels like it has a neon display that you can't miss, whereas the show tends to be a bit more subtle. It isn't necessarily a bad thing, but it does feel slightly off.

"The Bob's Burgers Movie" does not separate itself from the show in any meaningful way, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. The writers know what they do well and so they do just that. With fun songs, family bonding through hijinks, and a focused plot, "The Bob's Burgers Movie" is sure to make you smile without feeling at all taxing.

- Ryan Mantle, Film Critic

"THE BOB'S BURGERS MOVIE" IS AVAILABLE ONLY IN THEATERS.

4/5 Stars

Some great songs you can add to your playlist right now

2022 has been a great year for music with the releases of large studio albums like "Come Home the Kids Miss You" from Jack Harlow to Camila Cabello's "Familia." Most of us like to pick the song we like the best from an album and add it to our playlist. 2022 had many music releases, here are a couple songs you might have missed that should be added to your playlist.

"Piccolo" by bbno\$ has one of the catchiest beats they've ever published, and it does well to fit his image. Songs that come from bbno\$ don't have much meaning in its lyricism since it's in the sub-genre of mumble rap, but they do a great job being stuck in your ears for days at a time, and "Piccolo" is no exception.

"THAT THAT" by PSY, produced and featuring SUGA of BTS, has grown to be one of his most popular songs. With over half the lyrics being in Korean, the song is welcoming to foreign listeners with lyrics repeating throughout

the song such as "that that, I like that." The song keeps the energy loved from PSY with fun and energetic dances and beats from the music video.

"Enemy" by Imagine Dragons and J.I.D. is the opening song for the animated show "Arcane." The lyrics of this song have a huge meaning to one of the characters of the show, Jinx. With catchy singing from Imagine Dragons and a calm and collected rap intermission from J.I.D., there is much to like with "Enemy."

"United In Grief" is a song from Kendrick Lamar's latest album, "Mr. Morale & The Big Steppers." The song comes straight from the rapper himself. It shares the idea that even though Kendrick has met success, everyone experiences grief, nonetheless. It may not be one of the most popular songs from the album, although that does not take away from the song's value.

- Angelo Alegre, A&E Reporter

Easy Peasy Potato Curry

Scrolling on Facebook and I see a Tasty video for easy peasy potato curry.

Photo by Madi Williams



Ingredients:

2 tbsp vegetable oil
1 medium onion, diced
4 cloves garlic
4 tsp curry powder
1 ½ tsp paprika
1 tsp cayenne
2 tsp cumin
½ tsp allspice
2 tsp fresh ginger
½ tsp black pepper
2 lb potato, cubed
15 oz chickpeas, drained
1 cup vegetable broth
1 tbsp lemon juice
14 oz diced tomatoes
14 oz coconut milk
Rice

Directions:

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat, add onion and sauté.
Add garlic and sauté about 2 minutes.
Add curry powder, paprika, cayenne, cumin, allspice, salt and pepper. Stir and cook until the spices become fragrant.
Add potatoes and mix until well-coated in spices.
Add chickpeas and stir.
Add broth, lemon juice, tomatoes, stir and then add coconut milk and stir.
Increase heat to high until mixture simmers, once bubbling, reduce to medium and cook for 15-20 minutes.
Serve with cooked rice!
You can also add other vegetables like spinach and carrots! For a less spicy curry use half of the recommended cayenne.

- Madi Williams, Managing Editor

A little taste of Spain: Tortilla de Patatas

Last summer I had the incredible opportunity of traveling to Ibiza, home to amazing sunsets, great music festivals and the best people and nightlife.

While there I tried the most amazing dish: Tortilla de Patatas, and now you can make it in your own kitchen without having to take a 10-hour-plus flight from SeaTac to Ibiza.

Ingredients:

3 potatoes
1 onion
5 eggs
3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
Salt

Directions:

Begin by peeling the skin of your potatoes and cutting them into round slices, then cut the entire onion into slices.
Add extra virgin olive oil covering

the skillet, warm on medium. Once oil is warm add your potatoes and onions. As the potatoes cook add a pinch of salt. put a lid on the pan, occasionally stir the potatoes and start mashing them, taking care to not mash them completely.

Remove the skillet off the stove.

In a bowl crack the eggs, add a pinch of salt to every egg yolk, then stir.

To combine the two dishes, you'll need to use a spatula and remove the potatoes from the oil and add them into the egg bowl.

Then mash it all together.

Warm 2 tbsp of olive oil on another skillet, add your eggs and potato mixture onto the skillet and cook on medium heat. Avoid stirring it and gently shake the skillet to avoid it from sticking.

After 5 minutes, place a plate on top of the skillet and carefully flip the omelet onto the plate.

Before adding the omelet back to the skillet, add another tbsp of olive oil then place your omelet back in for another 5 minutes. For a third and final time, place a plate over the skillet and flip the omelet then place it back into the skillet for another 3 minutes.

Ta-da you're finally done! Enjoy this little taste of Spain.

- Leslie Gonzalez Cruz, News Reporter
@TadaBanri98 via Twitter

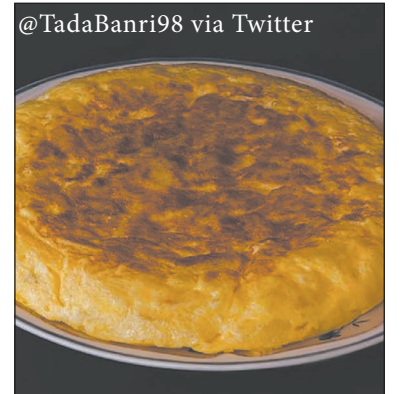
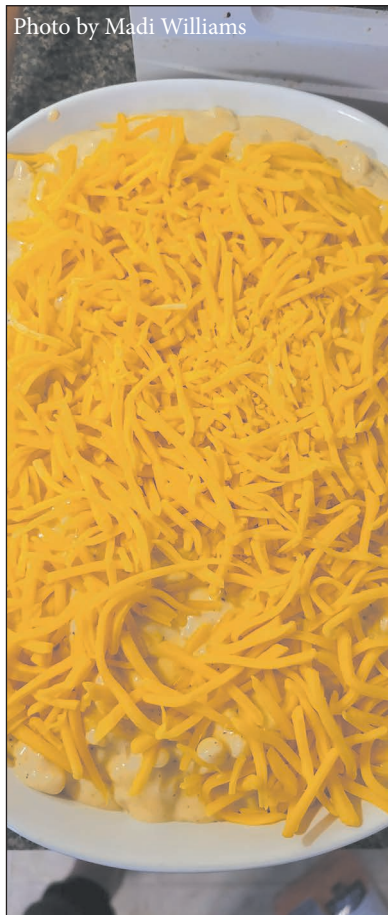


Photo courtesy of P Nation

The best mac and cheese recipe ever!

Photo by Madi Williams



While scrolling on TikTok one day I came across this mac and cheese recipe by TikTok user mxriyum and as someone who loves mac and cheese I just had to try this. It looked so smooth and creamy in the video I just had to give it a try!

If you love mac and cheese full of flavor and is velvety smooth without the Velveeta this is a recipe you have to try!

Ingredients:

4 cups heavy cream
4 oz cream cheese
2 tsp white pepper
2 tsp paprika
2 tsp garlic powder
2 tsp onion powder
8 Tbsp unsalted butter
Handful of minced garlic
1 minced shallot
3 tbsp all-purpose flour
1 ½ cup pasta water
8 oz freshly grated cheddar cheese
8 oz freshly grated white cheddar cheese
8 oz freshly grated gruyère
1 lb macaroni noodles

Directions:

In a pot add heavy cream, cream cheese, white pepper, paprika, garlic powder and onion powder to simmer on low and set aside.

Cook noodles according to package directions. Save 1 ½ cup pasta water and set aside. Drain noodles from the pot.

In the same pot you cooked the noodles in, add the butter, shallot and garlic and simmer for about 5 minutes or until fragrant.

Add in flour and simmer until golden brown.

Add in the sauce, pasta water and the cheese. Stir until fully combined.

Add pasta and stir until combined.

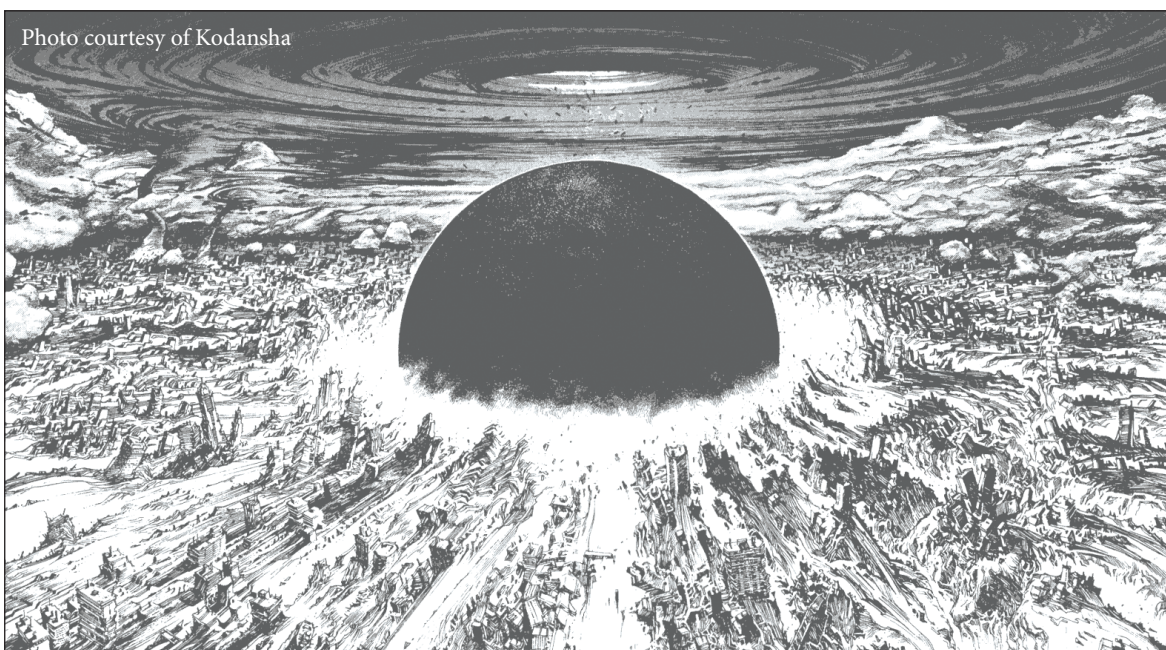
Layer pasta and shredded cheese until filled. Bake in oven at 350 F for 10 minutes.

Cool and serve!

- Madi Williams, Managing Editor

You Think "Akira" (1988) is Good? Read the Manga

Photo courtesy of Kodansha



In my years as a fan of Katsuhiro Otomo's work, "Akira," I've noticed that many who have watched the movie have not taken the time to read the manga series. So, as graduation approaches, I am using this last issue to advertise this classic.

One of the main reasons that I plug the manga series so much is because, while the film is an animated masterpiece that will forever be on my favorites list, it is essentially a Cliff Notes version of the manga. The film "Akira" (1988) roughly covers Volumes 1, 2, and a portion of 6, all crunched into a two-hour

film, making the events that occur in the story, of course, a bit rushed.

Reading the manga for the first time some years ago, I was shocked at how much more there was to the story.

Despite being over 2,000 pages in total, the series reads surprisingly fast as the pacing for the action speeds by, giving time to slow down for exposition and the more emotional parts of the story.

In regard to the characters, there are more of them. Otomo gives each character a substantial amount of attention and development, making it practically

impossible to choose just one favorite.

Lastly, and my favorite aspect of it is the art. Otomo's artistic talent is demonstrated in the 1988 film, but I would argue even more so in print. There are instances in the series where I am just blown away by Otomo's skill, especially in his drawings of architecture and cityscapes, some of which fill up two entire pages, and his unique spin on semi-realism in close-up shots.

If you enjoyed the 1988 film, why stop there? Get the full experience of this classic by reading the manga!

- Jaida Noble, Illustrator

Three alternatives to the "Harry Potter" series

The "Harry Potter" series by J. K. Rowling has faced a lot of controversy since its public release, and so here's a handful of alternatives to "Harry Potter" to read over the summer that follow a child, or children, as they explore magical worlds and often end up saving them.

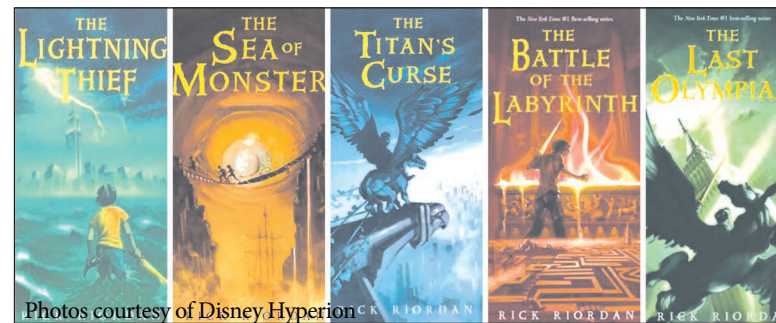
The first is "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C. S. Lewis. While the books carry with them an overt Christian overtone, the series has long since been established as a classic. It follows the story of the world of Narnia, a fantasy land filled with mythical creatures. Many of the books often focus on the adventures of the Pevensie children as they explore the world when first stumbling across it. Those wishing to read the series can find the complete works in a pdf file through Amazon Web Services.

Another alternative is "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" by Rick Riordan

dan. While this series has grown into many spin-offs over the years, the original series of five books follows the story of Percy Jackson, who is the son of the Greek god Poseidon, and his journey in becoming a demi-god hero. Those wishing to read the first book can do so on Freebie Books.

The last alternative is the "Skulduggery Pleasant" series by Derek Landy. The series focuses on the adventures of the fledgling detective Valkyrie Cain, first introduced as Stephanie Edgley, and her mentor Skulduggery Pleasant as we are introduced to a world of fantastical magic that faces the threat of ending. The first series of novels has nine books, the first three chapters of the first book able to be read online through the official "Skulduggery Pleasant" website.

- Andrew Anderson, News Editor



Photos courtesy of Disney Hyperion

Book series to read over the summer



Photo courtesy of Get Underlined

I came across the first book on TikTok last summer and loved the twist and turns it took you on, and I was so excited to learn that a prequel came out, and I freaked out when I saw it in the store. These books are definite reads if you like mystery and suspense.

WE WERE LIARS

Following the life of Cadence Sinclair and her childhood summer vacations at the family private island. When Summer Fifteen hits, an incident happens where the secrets, lies and flaws of the Sinclair family become reality.

FAMILY OF LIARS

Following the life of Carrie Sinclair (the aunt of Cadence) during her summers and on the family island. Learn more about the Sinclair family and how the secrets and lies started generations earlier.

If you want to read these books you have to read "We Were Liars" first, otherwise "Family of Liars" will spoil what happened in the other book.

- Madi Williams, Managing Editor

Top 3 Pokémon games to play over the summer

With summer around the corner, it's not a stretch to say that some days will simply have to be sacrificed to sit inside, hide behind a fan and play hours of games. With that said, here are the top three "Pokémon" games to play over the summer until the release of the latest game of "Pokémon Scarlet and Violet" in Nov. 2022.

Players looking for a bit of a fight need look no further than the fourth generation of games. Known as "Pokémon Diamond and Pearl," the game offered familiar fight mechanics that offered a bit of a challenge as well as improvements upon the contest system introduced in the third generation. This game expands upon the world that is Pokémon and has one of the more gripping plots when it comes to saving that world.

"Pokémon Black and White" from the fifth generation offers somewhat easier gameplay, but has some of the highest ratings among the series. While the

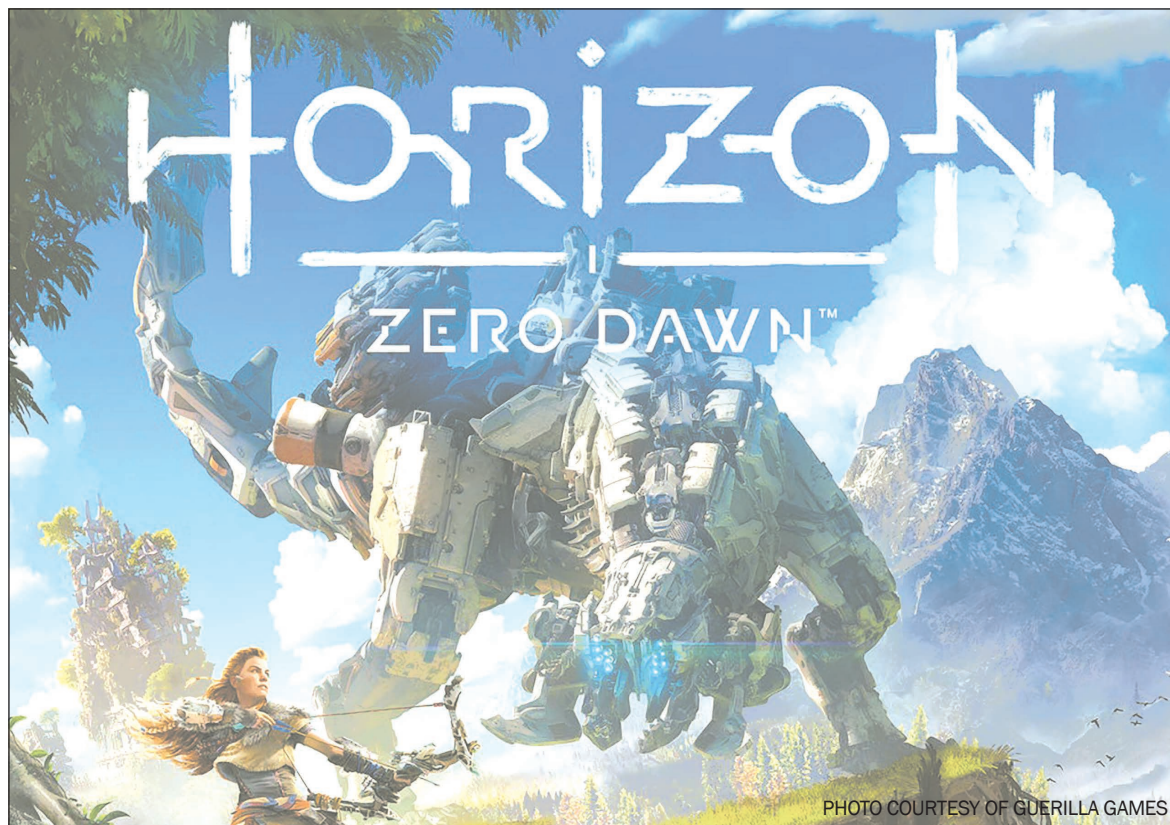
battles aren't as difficult as some of the previous games, there are new features such as Pokémon musicals, double and multi-battling and seasonal cycles. This was also the first game in the series to offer fully animated Pokémon sprites.

Players new and old alike, however, can find enjoyment out of the latest Pokémon game to the series known as "Pokémon Legends: Arceus." The game serves as a prequel to "Pokémon Diamond and Pearl," but offers never before seen gameplay. With an entirely new way to record Pokémon, the game is more open-world than ever before. The Pokémon themselves also act differently to past games, some attacking on sight similar to the wild areas in "Pokémon Sword and Shield." The newest feature? Players can be harmed by wild Pokémon, which offers an entire new twist to the series that easily earned the 12 million copies sold.

— Andrew Anderson, News Editor



It's summer, why not beat up robot dinosaurs?



With summer days, I highly encourage you to spend as much time outside as possible, but if you're looking for something low-key to do at night, I recommend checking out "Horizon: Zero Dawn" and "Horizon: Forbidden West."

These games are both open-world, so you get your money's worth, and you get to fight robot dinosaurs with a bow and arrow. The concept might seem a little whacky at first but the story is actually pretty good. The combat keeps you on your toes and can be downright unforgiving on higher difficulties. There is a

story difficulty mode too if you just want to dive into the story of Aloy, the protagonist, without worrying too much about a giant mechanical bird that shoots lightning out of its chest swooping in and wrecking you, which happens...a lot.

The "Horizon" games take place in the far future, after humanity built an AI that wiped out all life on Earth. It's a little bleak, but through some good old-fashioned human ingenuity, somehow life, including humans, returned. While most humans revere the old humans like gods, Aloy tries to figure out

what really happened.

Both games feature a story that is heavy on self-discovery and friendship, all while providing intense fights against robots shaped like all sorts of animals. My favorite is called a Tremortusk which looks like an Oliphaunt from "The Lord of the Rings," but has cannons mounted on its sides to add to its already destructive capabilities. The games are a lot of fun and will leave you wanting more.

— Ryan Mantle, Film Critic

My favorite video games to escape from reality

Since we have an entire summer to relax after this horrible, hectic year, here are my favorite video games to help pass the time.

STARDEW VALLEY

First up is "Stardew Valley" which is kind of a cross between "Farmville" and "Animal Crossing." You play as a person who has inherited a farm from their grandpa who sadly passed away. Over the course of the game, you get to know the villagers and even uncover secrets about the town and surrounding areas.

Though this game starts off a little slow, it makes up for it with cute little scenes scattered throughout the game and the relationships you cultivate with your fellow townspeople.

OVERWATCH

"Overwatch" is a first-person team shooter game with sci-fi elements and set in the near future. The game even has a timeline that we discover during special events. In addition to this, the

characters in "Overwatch" are all really diverse and all have complex and interesting backstories.

I enjoy playing with a team and have made really good friends, both online and offline, by playing this game.

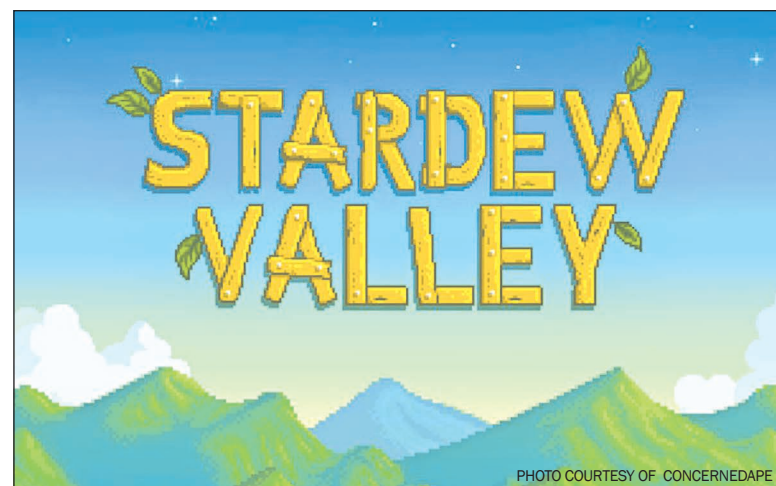
THE SIMS 4

"The Sims 4" is a good reality game so that you can control whatever you want, even if your real life is out of control. To be totally serious, the Sims is so incredibly customizable and to top that off there are so many different ways to play the game.

The Sims community is so helpful and makes the best custom content that can customize your game even more.

No matter what games you play or even if you don't play any at all, take some time this summer to relax. This year has been truly hard and we deserve a break from reality.

— Remi Frederick, Opinion Editor



Early 2000's throwback movies to watch this summer



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With seemingly no good movies on the horizon, kick it old school and watch some classic childhood throwback movies.

"THE LIZZIE MCGUIRE MOVIE"

The Citizen Kane of "unrealistically-young-people-going-to-a-foreign-country" movies, "The Lizzie McGuire Movie" undoubtedly shaped Generation Z with the absurd adventure stories, the revolutionary red Vespa ride and "What Dreams Are Made Of." Great footage of Rome, the adorable (and evil) Paolo Valisari, the ridiculous fashion designer scene and themes of friendship, The Lizzie McGuire movie is a classic sleepover movie that will make you wish you had a little cartoon narrating your inner thoughts.

"JOSIE AND THE PUSSYCATS"

The excellent fashion, the '60s-meets-'00s mod set design, the underlying anti-capitalist themes and Parker Posey? What more could you want from a classic early 2000s chick flick? "Josie and the Pussycats" surprisingly stands

the test of time, telling the story of three girls' complex navigation of the music business and boy band-era culture through a relatively inclusive lens. With an earworm soundtrack featuring hits like "3 Small Words" and the iconic boy band DuJour, this modern interpretation of the classic comic is a must-see to bring back all the '00s chic nostalgia.

"THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA"

Anne Hathaway, Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt and Meryl Streep: "The Devil Wears Prada" has an all-star cast and ridiculously memorable lines. Based on a true story, the movie focuses on themes of balancing life and work while struggling to adapt to a bizarre work environment. Andy, played by Hathaway, is charming and relatable, with Tucci as a sharp mentor and Streep playing the infamous Miranda Priestly. Serving all of the early 2000s designer looks, "The Devil Wears Prada" is genuinely a well-done movie, just be ready to hate Hathaway's whiny boyfriend.

— Josephine Trueblood, A&E Editor

Anime recommendations for the summer

As we draw closer to the end of the spring quarter at UWT, many of us wonder what we should do with our abundance of free time over the summer. With that much extra time, you should binge an anime or two. The big question is what should you watch?

"RELIFE"

An anime about experiencing the essence of youth once again. In this show, we follow Arata Kaizaki, a 27-year-old man who has achieved almost nothing after becoming an adult. He is given the chance to redo a part of his life when he is approached by a man

named Ryou Yoake. If you want to find out how this story goes and what happens to Kaizaki, you can watch the full 17 episodes on Crunchyroll.

"SOUND! EUPHONIUM"

An animated series that follows Kumi Oumae, a high school euphonium player in a band club that is aiming for nationals. We are introduced to the band club as a mess of students who are in the club for fun, but when a new and serious instructor comes along, that all changes as they start to take things seriously. Will they achieve their goal and make it to nationals? Binge watch

the 27-episode animated series on Crunchyroll, and if that's not enough for you, there are two animated films on Amazon Prime Video.

"ONE PIECE"

A pirate story that has everything you could think of and more; romance, action, comedy, and of course longevity. With the series boasting over 1000 episodes alongside many movies, it's a challenge to catch up to, but very rewarding and will leave you wanting for more when you do. You can find everything related to "One Piece" on Crunchyroll.

— Angelo Alegre, A&E Reporter



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Why is "The West Wing" such a good show?



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My favorite TV show, "The West Wing", is about politicians, but not the dramatic things they get up to: simply the policies they craft and how they create them. Here's why the show is so amazing to me.

"The West Wing" focuses on the West Wing of the White House. If you're unaware, the West Wing is where all the governing is done, where the Oval Office sits and for most Americans, it is off-limits. But "The West Wing" gives a (fictional) look into the daily lives of those who work in its halls. Though this show is an older one, the politics featured in it are still incredibly relevant and I can honestly say that I've learned

so much from watching it.

Though the show is a little fast-paced and has often four or five storylines going at once, it is perfect for my brain speed and they are able to clarify confusing things without making the audience feel stupid.

"The West Wing" was and is my refuge in a world that cares so very little about changing for the better and is filled with hate. The show focuses on government officials who actually fight hard to help the citizens they represent. These officials lose and win and we watch it all.

But truly, the thing I love the most about the show is how much they care. They desperately want to make the world a

better place and they believe the same things as me ideologically, but even if you don't you can still enjoy this show. It isn't horribly partisan and it shows both sides working together (or trying) to improve the country, though sometimes they disagree on how to do so.

I leave you with my favorite quote from "The West Wing" and a plea to watch this amazing show, you won't regret it. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed citizens can change the world. Do you know why? It's the only thing that ever has."

— Remi Frederick, Opinion Editor

"The Owl House" is a must-watch

With new shows constantly being created and put into the public, it can be hard to find a show that really captures the attention of an audience and leaves them constantly craving more while also entertaining multiple age groups. "The Owl House" created by Dana Terrace, is a show that easily fits the bill.

The show follows the adventures of Luz Noceda, Dominican-American teenager who accidentally ends up in a place known as the Boiling Isles in the Demon Realm, which is full of demons and witches. While unable to do magic like the witches there, Luz studies to perform her own kind of magic, making friends and finding a new family in the dangerous world. When her new family is threatened, she's quick to step up and fight to save them.

Whether an audience member is a child, a teen or an adult, "The Owl House," aired and produced by Disney, is a show that entertains all. Receiving universal acclaim by both critics and audiences, and notable for its positive LGBTQ+ representation among the

characters, "The Owl House" is a must-watch over the summer. The second season has just finished with a third and final season having been confirmed to wrap the series up.

Whether watching it episode by episode with the family during dinner or binging it all in one frantic night, "The Owl House" offers a fun, heartwarming show with some shocking twists to focus on over the summer.

— Andrew Anderson, News Editor

[*"The Owl House" is now available for streaming on Disney+.*]



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In loving memory of Ella Lucente

"It means 'the urge to be, to count for something, and , if death must come, to die valiantly, with acclamation-in short, to remain a memory.'" quote from the movie "All the Bright Places"



On January 25, 2022 the Tacoma, UWT and Ledger communities lost a wonderful soul, Ella Lucente. She graduated from UWT in 2020 with a BA in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics: Politics and Philosophy and a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies. She then attended Pepperdine to get a master's in law. She was a part of The Ledger family from 2018 until she graduated starting as a reporter and working her way up to editor-in-chief. Her senior year she started the UWT ACLU chapter on campus hosting events like Transday of Remembrance on campus.

Lucente's goal was to be able to help those who were in domestic and sexual violence and get them the help to get out of and heal from the situation. She dipped her toes into this by interning at The Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, being a paralegal intern and working with RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) by being a part of

the victim services training team. She was an advocate for those who didn't have a voice.

Lucente kept herself busy with her volunteer work, interning and doing research. Her own personal research that she wanted to do was looking at the ideology of sexual assault within colleges in the U.S. and the U.K., comparing the differences of the east and west coast of the U.S. but also how the U.K. and the U.S. view sexual assault. This was something that she was very excited about; being able to do research about a topic that was close to her and sharing this experience of doing research and traveling with me as her trusted sidekick.

Lucente also was doing psychological research and acting as a teaching assistant at UWT with her mentor Dr. Caroline West. We asked Dr. West to answer a few questions about Lucente and these were her responses.

What was Ella's personality like when you taught her?

West: "She was very outgoing and eager to learn. She was definitely the life of the party. She was generally the first person to arrive. Ella was inquisitive and had lots of questions. She had a great sense of humor and was so excited to participate in class discussions and activities."

Could you tell she was doing what she loved or if she was on track for what she wanted to do in life?

West: "She was on track. She always took chances and challenged herself to take on new professional goals. We were in the middle of preparing her ap-

plications for graduate school when she passed. She was also planning a big trip to Europe to study abroad for a year. Travel was her passion and she wanted to see the world. I think that is why the loss has been so heavy on my heart. She had so much potential to help others, especially abuse survivors and former foster children. It hurts that those dreams won't happen for Ella. However, I know her life has impacted so many."

Did you take anything away from your relationship with her? If so, what?

West: "She made me a better person and professor. Despite all of her life challenges, she was so passionate and positive. Ella really inspired me."

We also reached out to Tarah Wagner who Lucente was a paralegal for, and this is what she had to say about her time with Lucente.

How did you meet Ella?

Wagner: "I met Ella when she applied to my paralegal position in May of 2020. We met on Zoom for the interview and spent most of the interview talking about Disney and I knew instantly that we would get along."

What work did Ella do for you? Could you tell from her work that she was on the right track for what she wanted to do in life?

Wagner: "Ella was my paralegal. She handled all of my cases and was more than just an employee. She handled the office, she was my office manager, my paralegal, my assistant and my friend. We became very fast friends. Working

for me was a great stepping stone for her moving forward with the goals that she was working towards. It showed her she wanted to be more of a supporting advocate for individuals."

What was her personality like during the time she worked with you?

Wagner: "She was so positive and very upbeat and friendly to everyone she talked to. The clients loved her and she and I got along very well. She was so encouraging and pushed me to try new avenues in my career and apply to things I would not have thought to."

What is one thing that you took away from your relationship with Ella?

Wagner: "Ella was an amazing person. She was such a wonderful loving and caring person. All she wanted to do was help others. And I felt that from her. She and I became very close and it is a very sad loss not only for me losing her, but for those who never got to meet her or cross paths with her. She will stick with me for the rest of my life. I feel very honored to have been able to have met her, and been friends with such an amazing person."

Within the Ledger office Lucente was a loud bubble of joy bringing smiles to even the most serious staff members. She could find common ground with anyone whether that be about music or TV shows. She would find a way to have a personal connection with everyone she came in contact with. She also helped those who were in distress. I personally have had this experience with her and if it wasn't for her dragging

me up to the counseling center on campus during a panic attack, I might not have gotten through the unexpected death of a family member. If you were someone who needed support she was the one to go to because she would give you the clothes off her back in order to help you through a rough time.

Madeline Hiller is the current editor-in-chief (EIC) of The Ledger and thoroughly admired Lucente's work ethic.

"Ella was one of those people you didn't know was a role model for you until she was gone. I was terrified to step into this position, thinking I wasn't going to be good enough. On that first day as EIC, I tried to imagine what Ella would say to begin the year and every day since I have thought 'What would Ella do?' Without knowing it, she told me everything I needed to know about being a leader. I did my best this year and will continue next year to be half as good of a leader—and person—that Ella was."

Even though the community and the world has lost a bright bubbly light, she is within every person she came into contact with. The people who were close in her life will continue to do their little part to keep her spirit alive. She will be deeply missed by everyone, especially those closest to her. If you ever feel the need to feel closer to her, pick up a Colleen Hoover or a classic book or watch "Alice in Wonderland" or "Peter Pan." To close this off I will end it with a quote that touched Lucente from the movie "All the Bright Places" and that is "In search of the great Manifesto."

-Madi Williams, Managing Editor