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Who Put Trump in a Peach?

By: Elijah Arzadon

Introduction

On December 18, 2019, President Donald Trump was officially impeached. Many people expected Trump to be out of office quickly after the House voted in favor of his impeachment without realizing it isn't that easy to remove the president from office. So to understand what effect the impeachment has on Donald Trump, we must first understand what impeachment is and the steps that come before an impeachment to remove is finished.



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To Impeach a President

To impeach a president, you must first get a majority vote from the House of Representatives based off the various Articles of Impeachment. If the House of Representatives considers these articles to be a reasonable basis for impeachment, and the majority of the House votes in favor of impeachment, the president is considered impeached. This means that the impeachment will need to be brought against the Senate to vote on the removal for the president.



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ident. The Senate is in charge of convicting a president. The Senate must meet to consider the Articles of Impeachment, and if two thirds of the senate vote for the removal of the president, he will officially be removed.

Results and Symptoms of the Impeachment

For those who wanted to remove Trump, he will be staying in office for the remainder of his term. Though he has been officially impeached by the House, Republicans hold the majority of the Senate. Currently, the Senate has 53 Republicans, 45 Democrats, and 2 Independents. Donald Trump is a Republican, and almost all of the Republican Senators voted to keep him in office.



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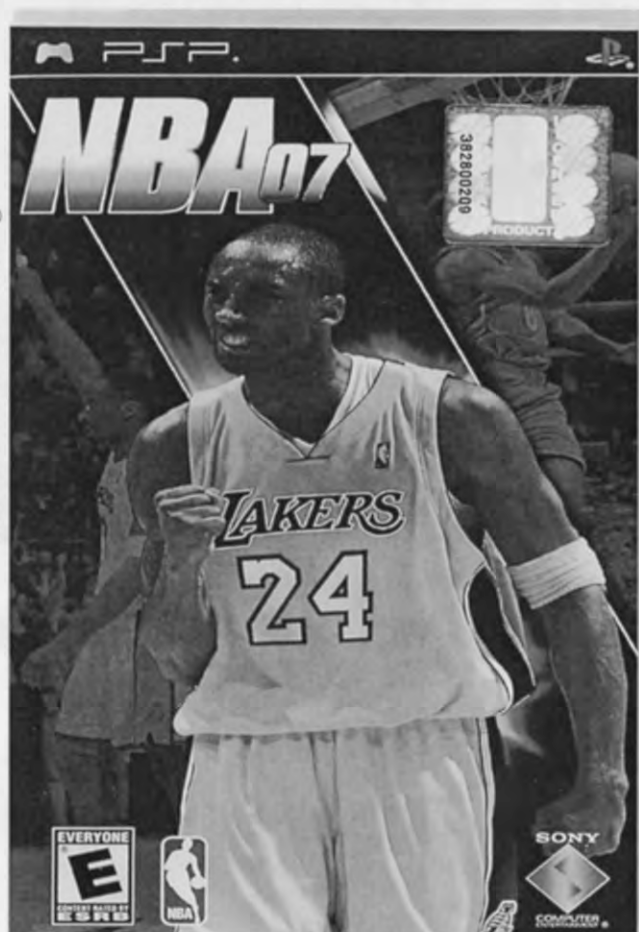
Conclusion

The Impeachment did not result in the removal of Donald Trump. There are too many Republicans in the Senate for Donald Trump to be kicked out of office. Though this is probably the case, Trump's upcoming presidential election isn't going to be an easy win.

Legends Never Die

By: Leo Zheng

Photo Credit: Leo Zheng



The cover of NBA 07, a game that brings back a lot of nostalgic memories.

When I was younger, I remember playing NBA '07, made for PSP. It was the first game my brother got for his PSP, and also had one of my favorite games on it. It was 2006, I just came back to the states, I was still illiterate in English, which caused me to not be able to read any of the text in the game, but was thrilled to play it. On the cover was a man I didn't know, but would soon find out to be one of the greatest player.

I still remember watching free basketball stream in order to watch the game between the NY Knicks and the LA Lakers in 2012, when Linsanity just started to catch some heat. The game was exciting,

especially for me. Not only was I watching Jeremy Lin go against one of the greatest of all time, but it was the first time I started to follow basketball heavily.

Growing up in Brooklyn, and in upstate New York, the influence of basketball in everyday life is staggering compared to football, or any other major American sports. Everyone wanted to make it in basketball in order to move out of the projects. You would see basketball courts on every block. Basketball courts would be so common that even if you can't play on one court, another court is a five minute walk-away ready to take players in.

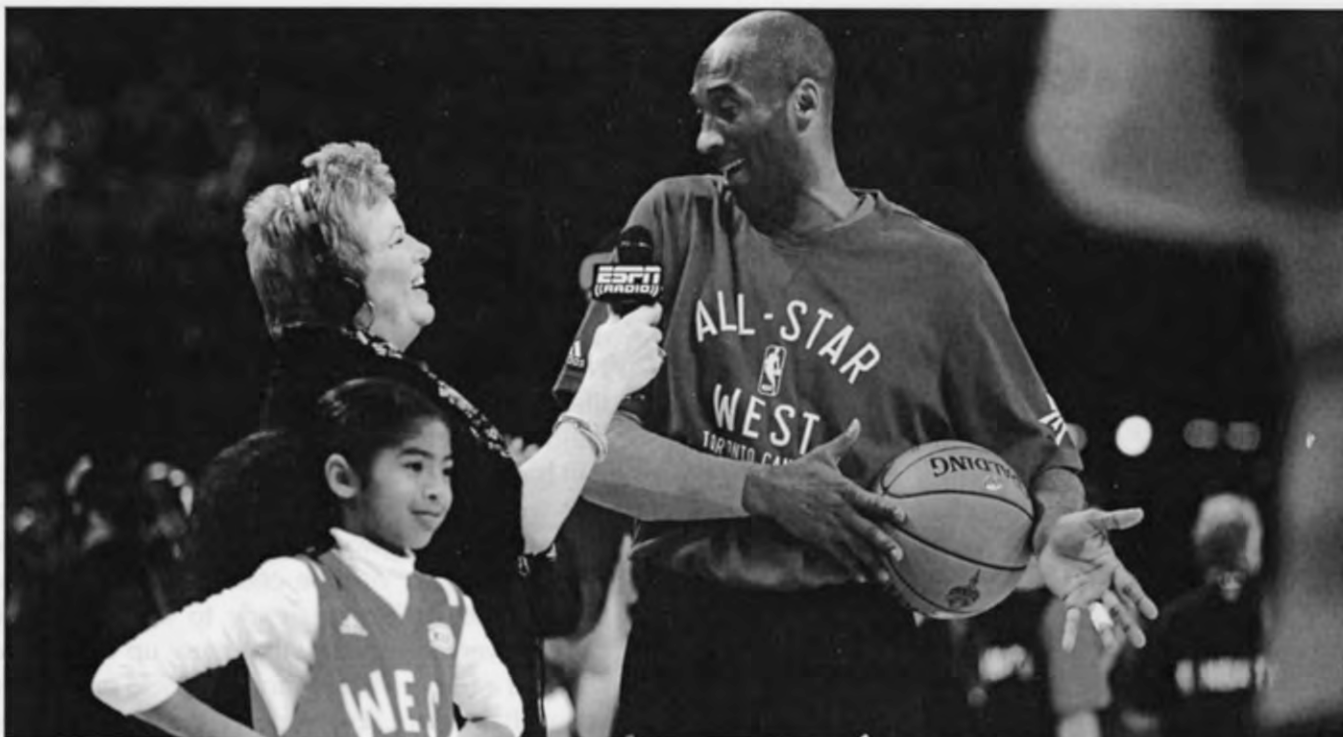
Everyone I know that grew up in the projects had a Kobe, MJ, LeBron, or a Melo poster hung up in their room. Everyone of the kids that grew up in the 2010s said, "KOBE!" as they chucked out their paper into the plastic trash bin. But on January 26, 2020, this fond childhood memory took on a different meaning---one that will forever be carved into all basketball fans' minds.

Kobe in his game against New Jersey Nets, January 1, 2001, at the Staple Center.



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Kobe, at the 2016 All Star games, with his daughter Gianna.

Rest in peace to Kobe Bryant and to his daughter Gianna Bryant. Not only was today meant to be a happy and victorious travel game for Gianna's basketball team, but it was meant to be a happy time with his family for Kobe.

Who would have thought, a typical day in the retired star's life, would turn lethal this quick? But as we know now, all nine passengers onboard, died instantly.

I found out the news from my brother, who has watched Bryant play since 2002. All he felt was shock, as he told me, "Why out of all the people, it has to be Kobe? I just don't get it."

No matter what walks of life we come from, there are enough people inspired to play basketball because of Bryant

to overwhelm the entire city of South Bend.

No matter if you've watched (or have not watched) the games Bryant played, we can all agree this man was an inspiration to all, a man who has given his all to basketball, who has dedicated two decades of life from 1996 to 2016 to basketball, for all these achievements, he should be honored.

"Kobe was the prime example of a Pro Athlete. He represented basketball players from across the globe on how as basketball players we should continue to work harder than the next man, in order to be successful or be considered the best," said Varsity Basketball Coach Andre Owens.



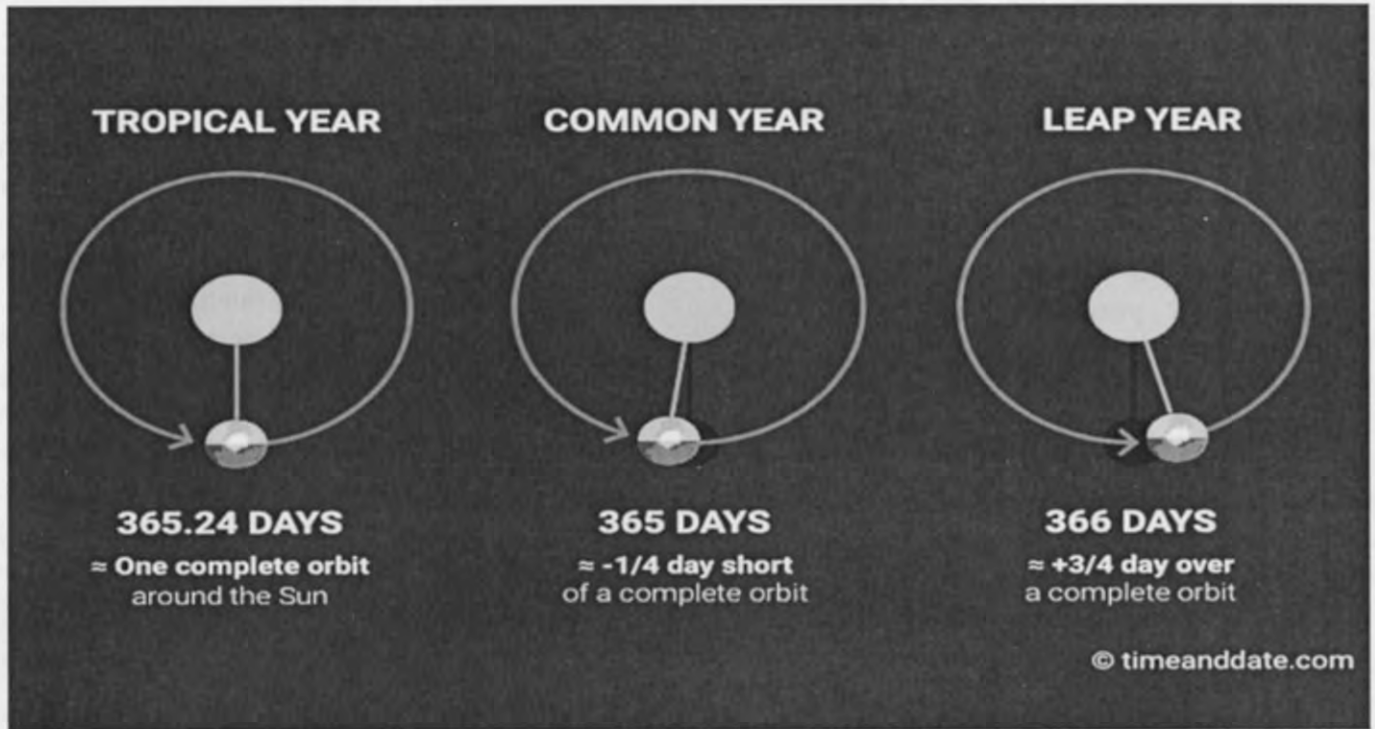
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Kobe, in his final game, scoring 60 points against the Jazz.

The 2020 Leap

By: Leo Zheng

Photo Credit: timeanddate



The left portrays the total amount of time it takes to revolve around the sun completely. The middle shows how we commonly know a year as. The right shows how long we officially know Leap Year as.

Many people probably don't know but this year is a leap year. Scientifically speaking, leap year happens because Earth takes around 365.2422 days to revolve around the sun. As a result every four years, there will be enough time to form an entire day. This is the reason why February 29th only exists every four years.

In my family my uncle was born 1964 on Leap Year, and my cousin who was born in 1992 on Leap Year. At Riley however, I only found two kids that have family members born on a Leap Day. Junior, Kanisha Spann's uncle, and Senior, Reina Castro's mom, are all born on a Leap Day.

Based on statistics, around one in every 1,414 people are born on a Leap Day. We can't really compare this to a Powerball lottery chance, but still it is interesting to have the ability to truly celebrate your real birthday only once every four years.

Like many people my cousin and uncle have birthdays on February 28th on all their legal documents, because Leap Day doesn't show up on any online calendar, unless it hits one of the years.

Imagine spending months trying to get your birthday fixed on all your legal documents.? Couldn't be me honestly. I remember hearing about the sto-

ries of getting dates changed, as well as contesting to have the date fixed, but most of the time they just move it to the 28th day.

It was said that Julius Caesar was the first person to introduce a Leap year.



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Keeping Track of the Field

By: Braden Allison

Photo credit: Riley Sports

In defiance of the ever-more divided political, religious, and clique-based environment, a certain spring sport comes around to remind us of the importance in unity: Track and Field. The students involved in the over 12 events that build up this rigorous sport are increasingly passionate when the season comes around - most of them maintaining multiple different events while also dealing with school pressures and work. Yet regardless of these immense responsibilities, the students continually pour in their time and effort with complete devotion to their coaches.



Emmanuel Ndegwa (Senior) participating in the 300m Hurdles event.

Juel Wiseman (senior) says, "We are a team, we try and stay as involved with everyone else as possible. If we are in the middle of our event



Luis Bravo (Senior) participating in the Long Jump event.

the 4x4 we will stop and start cheering each other on." Wiseman's participates in Discus and Shot Put. "Both of the events are Field events, we lift weights and work on our explosions inside the ring." In simplistic terms she, "throws heavy things".

Marissa Kenney (senior) participates in the 800, 1600, 4x4, and 4x8 running events. When discussing specific challenges distance runners like her go through, Kenney states, "One specific challenge for me is being confident when I run. It is something I have struggled with in the past so this year I am going to believe in myself more." Kenney and other distance runners like Kevin Liddell (junior) claim they look forward to run

ning for the meets. "This season I look forward to getting faster with my comrades and winning city for 3 years in a row. I also look forward to meeting new people and competing every week." explains Liddell.

In the same vein of this sentiment by Liddell, The Riley High School Athletic department has added a new official sport: Unified Track. Though it hasn't been heavily publicized, "Unified track is an IH-SAA sanctioned sport with sectionals, regionals, etc. It is a combination of athletes (special ed students) and partners (non special ed students).



Sarah Cimoch (Junior) participating in the 800m Running event.

The scores of each partnership will be combined in a race for a final score." explains Allison Pflugner (junior) - who is organizing a Spring pep rally for this exciting new endeavor. While the specifics are still yet to be uncovered, it is the perfect time to celebrate Track/Field as the most diverse sports in High School.

COMMENTS ON COACHES:

Coach Lidell adds more focus and leadership to the group because he keeps everybody on track to keep practice going and is a great person to listen to for advice.

- Emmanuel Ndegwa

Coach Miguel, for me at least, is funny and care free for the most part.

- Juel Wiseman

Coach Elias actually holds the school record for discus and is definitely one of my mentors for sure.

- Silas Kubicki

Coach Wetzel adds responsibility to the group because he holds us to making the right choices and tells us that if the distance people don't work hard in the off-season it will show greatly when the races come this year.

- Marissa Kenney



Juel Wiseman (Senior) participating in the Shot Put event.



Leo Zheng (Senior) participating in the Pole Vault event.

The Race to Senior Season

Emmanuel
Ndegwa

Knowing that it is my last season I'm gonna give it my all and try to do the best that I've ever done for my team.

Marissa Kenney

Knowing that this is my last year makes me want to succeed even more, not only for myself but as a team too.

Silas Kubicki

There's a lot more responsibility when you're a senior in your event. You have the most experience and have to help pass that on while also working on your own progression throughout the season.

The 'Pin'-nacle Route

Wrestlers advance to Semi-State...

By: Simeon Norton,
Leo Zheng

Photo Credit: Emilie Mast



Wrestlers Droshawn Lewis, senior, on the left, Simeon Norton, junior, second to the left, Jessiah Marsh, senior, right of Simeon, Alejandro Ortiz, senior, on the right.

Riley Wrestling ended the season this year at Semi-State. They fought hard and were neck and neck in scores with their opponents. The team this year had star lineups of three seniors, and one junior, who are Droshawn Lewis(138), Simeon Norton(145), Jessiah Marsh(152), and Alejandro Fuentes-Ortiz(220). This is the first year in Riley history that the school has had three N.I.C champs, and the team also secured another consecutive win over Penn High School earlier in the season, who are a top 20 team in the state.

The three stars advanced from the NIC championship(Lewis, Norton, and Marsh). Into regionals where they then ad-

vanced into the semi-state. The semi-states were filled with state, and nation-wide ranked wrestlers who you'd expect to compete at D1 NCAA, and national levels.

Head coach of the wrestling team, Coach William Flatt, had some very high expectations for these wrestlers. Flatt put in tons of work on and off the mat to help these four with their goals. In an interview, Flatt tells us, "To accomplish their goals they need to continue bettering mat awareness, and mental preparation," before adding a key point, "you've got to win every period." Coach Flatt.

Fuentes-Ortiz, Riley's 220, knows the work put in outside of the season is where you really become the best you can

be. He states, "Over the summer wrestling really impacted my life, and the off-season really pushed me to my full potential, and showed me how to be more adaptive as the wrestler I am." With his time and effort he's spent wrestling at the national level, he's ready to take on the post season. He states his goals are to, "Focus on one match at a time, and then put in the overtime necessary to achieve my goals."

Droshawn Lewis, who is one of Riley's most exciting wrestlers, wrestles 138 and is about 5'0 tall. Lewis never let his height diminish his wrestling, being ranked top 10 in the state now. "I started wrestling in 7th grade because, I wanted to find a sport

Photo Credit: Coach Flatt



Alejandro Ortiz, right, and Simeon Norton, left, at the beginning of the season.

Photo Credit: SouthBendTribune



Droshawn Lewis completely disabling Mishawaka wrestler during his sectional's meet.

that I could dominate in, always being too little for football and basketball." Lewis, recently having broken former takedown records at Riley, also wants to achieve being top four in the state at his weight class. He states, "Wrestling impacted me, and all-around just made me confident with my body, and myself. Wrestling brings me peace."

Next, Simeon Norton(145), the accomplished junior, is also looking for his shot at the state podium. Norton lost in the first round of Semi-State last year, and also had

to undergo surgery for his meniscus in his right knee. He is now back and better looking to finish what he started a year ago. When explaining his goals, he said, "Wrestling has always been my thing since a young age, wrestling for me is a family tradition with my oldest brother being a state runner-up, and my other brother a state qualifier. Wrestling is my blood, and I'm just looking to carry on the family name." He will have one more shot to make it to state.



Simeon Norton praises the lord for his victory, helping him advance to regionals.

Last but not least, is Jessiah Marsh, the dominant 152 at Riley. He is the best up there in the Riley wrestling room. Like Fuentes-Ortiz, Marsh learned his true potential, and passion through wrestling in the off-season. Being a multi-time placewinner at the Folkstyle State tournament, he has a lot of confidence going into the postseason. When asked about his goals, he said, "My goals are to push myself, until I can't go no more." He goes on to say, "It's my last shot."



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Jessiah Marsh kissing to the Mishawaka crowd as he comes out victorious against a Mishawaka wrestler, at sectionals.

Although short of being at state, Riley wrestling team put up a real show. They have defined themselves as the most dominant wrestling team in this conference. Not only that, but they take our 'Southside pride' to regionals and pin it all over the mat. Droshawn Lewis made it to the round to state, and put up a fight till the last but came off short by 2 points, his final score was 9-7. Simeon Norton also made it into the round to state, but came off short by one point, his final score was 6-5. Jessiah Marsh fought for every point but was also short by one point, 5-4, in his first round in semi-state. Lastly, Alejandro Ortiz, was at the round to state, but was facing off one of the top 10 wrestlers of our state, and ran short, having the final score of 9-1.

These Wildcats are the ones who put the shine in our school. They put in sweat, they've fought through surgeries to help give us pride. From the bottom of my heart I congratulate them on their success this year, and hope for an amazing season next year for Simeon.

What Women Want

By: William Alerding

Having trouble finding that perfect date or gift idea for your girl for Valentine's day? Well, lucky for you, I've sent out a survey to all of the females at Riley. In the survey, I listed quite a few ideas. I simply asked if they would select up to 2 ideas for both a good date and a good gift. The top 2 were as follows.

Best Date Ideas

3) Roses, such a classic. It's very fitting for the holiday and is a great gift for your significant other. The rose is mostly symbolizes love and romance, which is what makes them such great gifts.

2) Most girls would love to have a projector setup in the living room. I think this would be a fun idea that would be great even when it's not Valentine's day. It would be fun to set up outside if the weather is cooperating.

1) A make your own pizza night. Much like the froyo date, it would be fun to make a pizza for your girlfriend using a heart shaped dough maybe. Make a pizza for each other with toppings like, pepperoni, sausage, green peppers, black olives, onions, banana peppers, and many more.



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Best Gift Ideas

3) Getting froyo or ice cream. Everyone loves sweets! A great location is "Sweet Frog" just off of Ireland road. They have several different flavors and toppings. Personally, I love chocolate froyo with cherries, sprinkles, and crunched oreos on top.

2) Teddy bears. Teddy bears make great gifts because there are plenty of Valentine's day themed bears and they can be kept around for a really long time. Some will have messages attached, and if not, you can attach your own.

1) Oversized hoodies and blankets. These are by far the most perfect gifts for your significant other. It would make it even better if it was a hoodie that you owned. Just know that you probably won't be getting the hoodie back if you give it to her.



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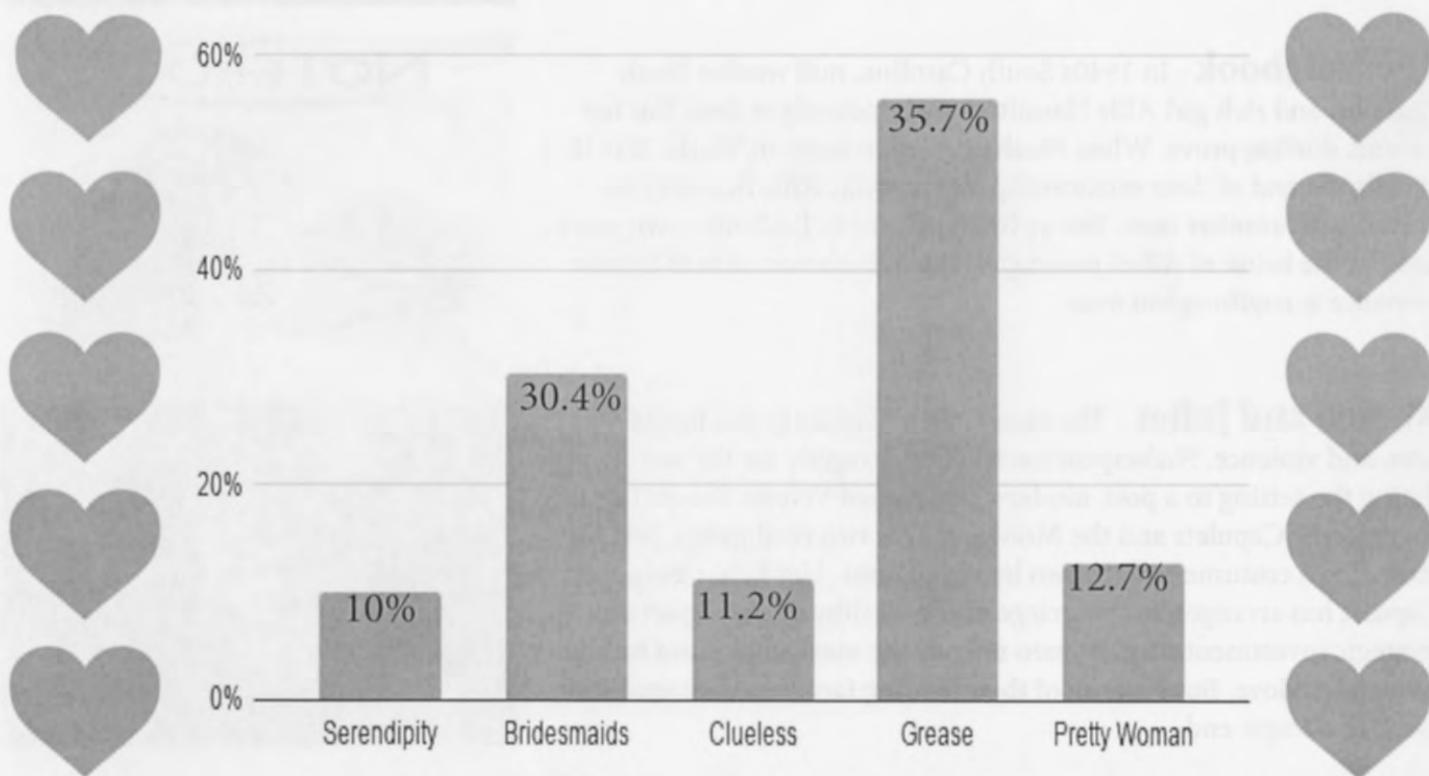
Month of Love

By: Sole' Bobo
Photo Credit: Google



It's that time for romantic dates, candy, flowers, huge teddy bears, rom-com binges, and gift shopping. Valentine's Day has arrived and you'll start seeing couples shopping for each other and showing PDA. While most people hate this holiday, others will probably be at home watching romantic comedies and happily stuffing their face with chocolate. On the subject of romantic comedies and how most people dislike this holiday, we're gonna take a look at the most popular movies to watch on Valentine's Day.

The information in the graph was conducted from a survey of Riley students. I've probably missed a few popular movies, but here are the top five movies to watch on Valentine's Day. Below is a list of honorable mentions.



Pride and Prejudice - This aspiring movie is about a woman named Elizabeth Bennet who lives in the countryside with her sisters, her mother, and her father. Her parents constantly pressure her into marriage and she is not ready to marry anyone. But one day she meets the wealthy Mr. Darcy, and she begins to fall in love and so does Mr. Darcy. But as they begin to fall for each other complications arise which could threaten their relationship.



Keira Knightley
PRIDE & PREJUDICE

Before Sunrise - During an unlikely encounter at a train station in Austria, a romance brews between Jesse, a man who has traveled from America and Celine, A French student who plans to return to her home in France. Jesse convinces Celine to come on an adventurous trip with him instead, which will surely be filled with romance along the way.



La La Land - Sebastian and Mia are pulled together by their similar aspiration to do what they love. But as success mounts, they are faced with challenges that begin to weaken the fragile fabric of their love affair, and the dreams they worked so hard to maintain in each other threaten to rip them apart.



The Notebook - In 1940s South Carolina, mill worker Noah Calhoun and rich girl Allie Hamilton are hopelessly in love. But her parents don't approve. When Noah goes off to serve in World War II, it signals the end of their relationship. Meanwhile, Allie becomes involved with another man. But as Noah returns to his hometown years later, at the brink of Allie's marriage, it soon becomes clear that their romance is anything but over.



Romeo and Juliet - The classic tale of family feuds, forbidden love, and violence. Shakespearean romantic tragedy for the screen, updating the setting to a post-modern city named Verona Beach. In this version, the Capulets and the Montagues are two rival gangs. Juliet is attending a costume ball thrown by her parents. Her father Fulgencio Capulet has arranged her marriage to the wealthy Paris, as part of a strategic investment plan. Romeo attends the masked ball and he and Juliet fall in love. But because of their feuding families, their love story came to a tragic end.



Iran Conflict With U.S.

By: ShaQuan Logan

Photo Credit: The Infographics Show



Social media is booming right now with WW3 memes, but why is this becoming such a big topic? President Donald Trump ordered a drone air strike on Iranian General Qasem Soleimani eliminating him on January 3. President Trump thinks ending his life was for the greater good, but his actions caused an uprising. Iran supporters of Soleimani are upset that Donald Trump killed a leader of their nation. In fact Iranian citizens said that they will take great revenge on America for what they have done; this was the spark of the WW3 memes and speculations. After people heard about the certain events they went straight to social media making speculations on WW3 and after the speculations the memes and videos started.

With the speculations of WW3 going around people believe that there are some possibilities of this war happening. Iran has denied to regulate the nuclear weapons law which states that each nation with nuclear weapons shall not construct them and use them on other nations. This is why we have so much conflict with North Korea because they keep making weapons and firing them. Now, Iran is disobeying these laws and they don't care. Because they see this as a threat to their way of living. President Trump ordered a press conference stating that "I did the airstrike on Soleimani to prevent war. I was only doing what I thought was right." Claimed Donald Trump, on CNN live for the world to see. However, when the Iranian leaders had a meeting about the death of Soleimani, they were very upset and they expressed that by burning the American flag and chanting "death to America." This could lead to another war with the middle east, who we've had problems with before.

Iran launched missiles at a U.S base on December 31, but they missed the target. It was extremely scary to know that our U.S soldiers lives were in danger not too long ago. President Trump made another announcement saying, "Iran launched missiles at a U.S base and missed no soldiers were harmed in that attack." He stated this Live on CNN. The funeral for Soleimani was the biggest funeral in Iran, and his daughter, Zeinab Soleimani, spoke at her father's funeral stating "dark days are ahead for the U.S." This was started on Fox news web



Qasem Soleimani the General of Islamic revolutionary Corps and fellow soldier in background.

Photo Credit: National Review



President Donald Trump making a speech on the Iran Incident.

Photo Credit: CNN.com

site not on live Tv. The start of an uprising has begun and President Trump wasn't ready for it.

Speculations of Russia and China joining the fight have gone around, but there isn't a full confirmation on that news. However, news from CNN and Fox News say Russia has sided with Iran in this situation, because they see what America has done wrong. Which is something we didn't see coming. China and the U.S have conflict already because of money issues, if Iran can appeal

Is it Happening?

The United States looked to the United Kingdom for assistance but resources say the United Kingdom said no to helping America because they don't want to be involved in these conflicts. With all we know about the past world wars, it's clear we are falling right back into that cycle, and it won't stop. First it was Japan, then it was Germany. Now we might as well qualify the U.S for starting the next world war.

Iran shot down a Ukrainian plane killing 125 people on January 8 2020, and this angered the Ukrainians. They are allies of the U.S causing us to get even more involved with this situation. The U.S leaders are soon meeting up for a debate on recent events and I am positive that the Iran and U.S conflict will be addressed. Some of the U.S leaders agreed with Trump but others were very upset with this decision. Iran is really angry with what Trump has done and they want his head. Iran has put a bounty on Donald Trump for 80 million dollars. People haven't taken this offer yet but I can see people trying to assassinate him in the near future.

The UK spoke more on not joining in on the conflict between America and Iran they said "The US made their own decisions and shouldn't try to get other countries involved, the Russians or Chinese don't have to get involved. Let the two countries settle their differences".

Donald Trump said he was doing this for peace, but people in the United States are scared because of all the propaganda for WW3 and it's causing people to think that draft laws are coming back. The possibility of a draft is very low the army is very packed we have enough soldiers to fight for us and if the war gets out of hand then expect a potential draft if our army forces go down.

The WW3 thing is a propaganda hoax. We won't be going back into a world war. Many countries already know what happens in these acts and don't want to go through these things again. War is avoidable if the countries could all sit down and talk about this situation. However, President Trump has to appeal to Iran about what happened. This has to be stopped because this could go further. This little debacle can lead into WW3 and it will be a nuclear war. So WW3 is a propaganda hoax that made its way to the internet but in due time it can escalate to something way more serious.



Photo Credit: Twitter.com

Example of WW3 meme booming on Twitter and Other Social Media platforms such as Facebook and Snapchat.



Photo Credit: Stars and Stripes.com

U.S. Soldiers that have been Deployed to Iran because of the Missile Crisis between America armed force and Iran Armed forces.



Photo Credit: Bloomberg.com

Iran Soldiers marching for Qasem Soleimani's death to honor him at his funeral before they buried him.

Who has Spirit? We do!

By: Edgar Percastre

Photo Credit: Shawn Henderson (Twitter)



The Student section with proud principal Shawn Henderson during the Homecoming Game.

Photo Credit: Jane Kimani



Hall Decorating

The homecoming season was exciting and went off without a hitch. The theme for hall decorations was retro games. Seniors got the theme Mario, Juniors got the theme Pokémon, Sophomores got the theme Pacman, and the freshmen had Space Invaders. The Sophomores ended up winning the hall decorating competition.

The Basketball Game

This year the Riley boys' basketball team went against Jimtown and they seemed very confident. The game ended with Riley victorious against Jimtown (Riley 58-Jimtown-50).

Homecoming Court

The homecoming court was comprised of a handful of Riley's loved and celebrated senior boys. Braden Allison, Quincy Smith, Ethan Knight, Kevin Rankin, Damon Woods, Dieter Ruszkowski, Nasir Wells and Gabriel Falcone. Homecoming king was announced to be The Riley Review's very own, Braden Allison.

Braden Allison victorious in his Homecoming Crown alongside his escort, senior, Brooke Schwing.

Midwinter 2020

By: Brodie Budzinski

Everyone always looks forward to Prom; after all it is one of the most magical nights of the year. However, many people become impatient. So, it's a good thing that Riley throws an annual Winter Formal.

RILEY HIGH SCHOOL'S 2020 MIDWINTER

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THE BRICK



This year Riley switched up the location of Midwinter. For years it has been located at The Doubletree By Hilton. This year, it took place at The Brick. Kids seemed to be enthused about this. In fact, for the first time in years, Riley sold out on ticket sales. Nearly 300 students attended! And of course, there were plenty of great adult chaperones.



The enormous amount of students participating on the dance floor.

Photo Credits: Ms. Emkow



Principal Henderson enjoying watching his kids have fun!

We also had a new DJ this year. DJ Debbie Cakes did a great job on playing the music requested, while also playing the top hits.



DJ Debbie Cakes taking requests from the student body.

Finally, the juniors created an amazing photo area titled "The Paparazzi Plaza". Lacey Hammett, Justice White, Brodie Budinski, and Kevin Liddell took lead on the photo area. This area was practically packed full the whole night!



Sofia Rodriguez (2nd from Left), and Alonso Moses (Far Right), tangled up in the Paparazzi Plaza with their hidden, mysterious friends.



Asia Ray (Left), Cenisha Sanders (middle), and Cameron Hooten (Top Right) enjoying The Paparazzi Plaza.

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Midwinter was planned by the class of 2021. The juniors were successful with a great night, especially while trying to balance planning midwinter and homecoming hall decorating at the same time!



Kevin Liddell (Left), Kevin Alcaraz (Middle), and Luis Martinez (Right) enjoying their time at the winter formal.

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Leonard Robinson (Taking Picture), Aya Saleh (Left), and Asurim Plata (Right) using the props for their picture.

Little Shop Sprouts into Riley

By: Parker Dabney

Seymour Krelborn is a poor man who works at Mushnik's Flower Shop in Skid Row, California. He finds a strange plant that he dubs Audrey II, or Twoey for short. He names the plant after his coworker and crush, Audrey. Seymour wants to be with Audrey, but her boyfriend Orin, better known as the Dentist, won't give her up. While he abuses her (and many others), Audrey loves Orin all the same, so Seymour has no chance of getting with her until that strange little plant helps him out, and fame soon follows!

Photo Credit: Parker Dabney



From left to right, Azaria Gutierrez (Senior), Justice White (Junior), Kailah Brown (Senior), and Kerowyn Ferguson (Junior) rehearsing a scene in Little Shop of Horrors.

Seymour Krelborn is played by Braden Allison who has done several plays here and many more outside of Riley. When asked about what he feels being Seymour, Allison said, "This has been a dream role for years. I remember distinctly singing songs from the show when I discovered the show in 6th grade, and I am so excited to end my high school drama experience with this role." His character's life goes through many changes within the play, and he mentions that, "It is a balance that is like walking a tightrope." The voice of Audrey II is Blake Allison, Braden's brother. He notes "I am most excited for any of the scenes with the plant, Audrey II, because I love working off of my brother. We work well together and have plenty of fun ideas for the show."

To prepare for his role, Braden researched all that he was not given about Seymour in the script, things similar to how his character would move, talk, and react to his surroundings. Trying out new ideas for his character and backing them up through the script, are both actions he chooses to do along with many of the other things he does.

Orin Scrivello is played by Derek Brubaker. He is a recurring actor in many of Riley's plays, this being his second year of being on stage here. "My character is a jerk, but he's a lovable jerk. He's your typical bike gang member," says Brubaker, not to mention his indecent love of pain. Brubaker mentions that "Almost immediately, I was able to get into character which is a huge first step. He's extremely over the top, which is so much more exciting to play than a shy character." Orin is one of those characters that everyone's eyes are drawn to. Having played villains before, this role reminds Derek of how much he loves being the bad guy. "If I keep playing these crazy lunatic characters people are gonna think I am one. I mean, I am one, but not THAT much." He says jokingly.

The directors Jane Voorde, David Case, and Amy Jojo have been working diligently on making sure the rehearsal process is run as smoothly as possible. They only want the best for the show and hope audiences enjoy it as much as they do. "I want the audiences to see a fun fast-paced enjoyable show," says Mr. Case, "My vision is to show that little shop is a love story but also a warning..." Case claims the show is a cautionary tale on "... what can happen if you do anything to get what you want. Seymour is in love with Audrey that he goes to limit to get her love." Amy Jojo, the choreographer, notes "So far, I think the cast members are doing such a phenomenally good job!" Little Shop marks Case's return to Riley after many years. All the directors and the whole cast hope that everyone enjoys the performance! Riley High School's spring musical Little Shop of Horrors, springs into action in the school's auditorium Mar. 12th-14th.

I'm Joining the Military!

By: William Alerding

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Name: Luis Garcia
Branch: National Guard
MOS: 74D



Name: William Alerding
Branch: United States Army
MOS: 13J



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Name: Timothy Tucker
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Joining the military was a terrifying and grueling decision for me. For others, it can be the very thing that they have been wishing for, for the entirety of their lives. Many join because they want to better themselves, maybe pay for college, or because it's their passion.

Ever since I swore into the army, I've felt a bigger purpose in life. I feel like there is a lot of weight on my shoulders and that's not necessarily always the best feeling to have, but it's a challenge. It's a challenge I'm willing to take on. I joined

because I knew it would pay for my college, give me plenty of discipline, and help me better my future in general.

Most say that they don't want to join because they don't want to be injured or killed. However, the chances of that are extremely low and that's what most don't understand.

Others say they don't want to move away from their family and loved ones. Many people that I have attempted to talk to about it have blown me off. This is slightly upsetting because they are missing out on a great opportunity.

You get to learn team building skills, discipline, how to stay healthy, and how to accomplish the most you can.

I've also heard from many ex-military personnel that you will make the best friends in your life in the military. I'm hoping this is true.

The most important thing that we are fortunate to have, is the chance to learn and experience. If we never try, why are we judging the entire organization by our own perception of it? If you are at all curious, and willing, hear what others have to say.



What made you want to join the military?

I joined the military because of the college tuition and also the chance to be part of a team bigger than myself.



How long did you sign for?

I signed up for 6 years active and 2 years reserves.



What do you think is going to be the biggest challenge you face in the military?

The most challenging thing in the military for me would probably be the adjustment to the lifestyle, just how fast paced and official it will be will be different.



Do you think you are prepared for training?

I think I will be physically prepared for training but I don't know about mentally prepared and I won't know till I get through basic training.



What will your MOS be (job in the military)?

My MOS will be 74D which is a C.B.R.N/chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist.





What made you want to join the military?

What made me join was the love for freedom and wanting to protect my friends and family from any threats.



How long did you sign for?

I signed up for a total of eight years. Four active and four reserves.



What do you think is going to be the biggest challenge you face in the military?

I think the most challenging time will be when I am away from the people I've known for a long time.



Do you think you are prepared for training?

Yea I feel that I am very prepared I've kept myself in shape and I've taken the JROTC program at Riley for four years to help me become disciplined.



What will your MOS be (job in the military)?

My MOS is 89 bravo, I'm an ammunition specialist.



Advice Column

**r/AskBrodie**

Posted by U/Anonymous

Situation: I want to hangout with my friends and make great memories but I'm broke.



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Posted by U/Brodie101

Advice: You don't have to be rich to hangout!! 1.If you and your friends want to have a good time, you're gonna have a good time, no matter what you're doing. 2. There are plenty of free/ low priced things to do. You can walk downtown, have a photoshoot, play board games, play card games, play video games, have a pizza party, visit the zoo, go on a bike ride, roller skate, go bowling, or go sledding!



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Situation: I want to become an Instagram model. I want beautiful pictures of myself like you do. Howeverrrrrrr.... I'm broke.



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Advice: First off, awwww thank you :) But, you don't need to be rich to be an Instagram model. If you want cool, trendy clothes, go to Goodwill or any thrift shop. You'll find vintage clothes and they'll usually have a great price. If you don't have a professional camera, THAT'S OK. Phone cameras can take great pictures too. It's all in the lighting, angles, and editing!



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Posted by U/Anonymous

Situation: How do you get a girl to like you?



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Advice: Honestly, I suggest you just be yourself. This way, if you guys end up becoming serious, you don't have to fake being someone you're not, just for her to like you. The only thing you can really do in YOUR control, is to tell her straight up how you feel. Like I said before, you only live once :)



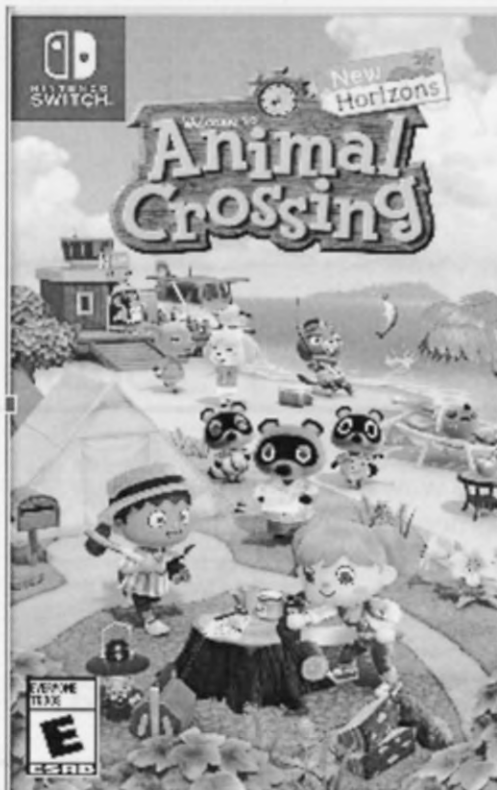
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New Games 2020

By: Jose Bermudez & Edgar Percastre


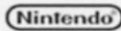
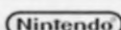
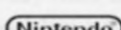
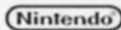
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Box art of the New Animal Crossing game coming out in March.

As 2020 rolls in there are an assortment of new games that have been released or will be coming out soon. Many companies have announced sequels for games. These games could be flops or best selling titles. Many people are ready to buy on release date and jump right in.






Nintendo

-  Animal Crossing New Horizons
-  Byleth in Smash Bros Ultimate
-  Sword and Shield expansion pass
-  Rescue Team Dx
-  Breath of the Wild 2

Playstation

-  The last of us part 2
-  Dbz Kakarot(For both Xbox and Ps4)
-  Playstation 5
-  Persona 5 the Royal
-  Persona 5 Scramble(for both Switch and Playstation)

X b o x

-  Halo Infinite
-  Xbox series X
-  CyberPunkII (for both Xbox and Playstation)
-  Kingdom Hearts 3 DLC (for both Xbox and Playstation)
-  Doom Eternal



The logo of Bethesda's new installment in the Doom franchise.

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Video Games in School

By: Elijah Arzadon & Evan Kamrowski

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Riley students Josh Ike and Jose Contreras play competitive Super Smash Brothers Ultimate at a coffee shop known as the Well.

Video games are a widely used pastime for many in Generation Z and Millennials. They create various social events in which friends can come together to improve social skills and sharpen their competitive play. One example can be seen at a coffee shop in South Bend, known as the Well, where on Tuesdays and Fridays, they play Super Smash Bros Ultimate. It serves as a form of relaxation from the dilemmas people face in their day to day life. Sometimes however, this pastime can pose an issue with students' attention spans.

Many students at James Whitcomb Riley High School play a recent next-gen console during their lunch period called "The Nintendo Switch", a portable gaming tablet. This portability allows easy access and easy play for anyone wanting to participate, bringing many of our students together socially that may not have happened without video games being a part of our lives. Overall, the Switch is a progressive way to get teenagers to be more social with each other as the goal of the Switch is to get people to play video games together.

It distracts students

during class occasionally when they are supposed to be doing work, but this issue could be resolved (or at least mitigated) with adding just a pinch of diversity to our school clubs. By adding a Fighting Game Club, or an ESports club, this can allow students involved in these clubs to participate in civil society, rather than going home.

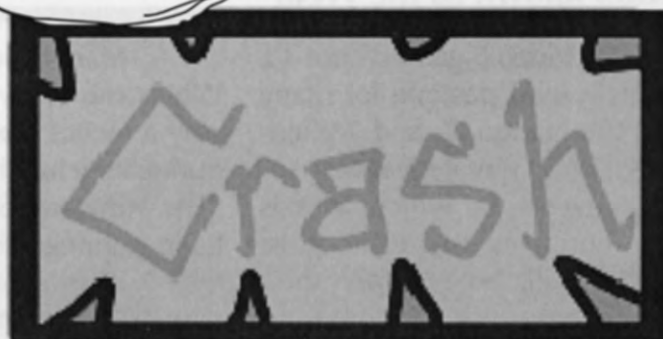
Senior William Alerding and Sophomore Jose Bermudez play Mario Kart 8 on the Switch much to the discontent of Leo Zheng.



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