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## THE BEST OF THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR



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Reporter

From tree lightings to an early morning hike, everyone's holiday season is a little different. This time of year is filled with maybe a dozen different celebrations and countless unique holiday traditions. The variety of these holiday traditions and quirks make up the unique magic of December.

Even Dayton for example has a variety of events and traditions that shine on throughout the holiday season. The Carillon bell tower lights up in a display of nearly 20,000 bulbs and claims it's right as the tallest Christmas tree around.

The floor of Riverscape Metropark

turns to ice and will be home to an outdoor skating rink for months to come. And the Dayton Ballet will put on their annual performances of the The Nutcracker every weekend in December starting on the 15.

These are just a few traditions the Dayton area has. But what about the smaller ones? The family dinners and odd traditions that start on a whim and keep going through the years.

Talking to Sinclair students about their favorite holiday traditions gives light to a variety of unique and more common ways to celebrate the season. Many holiday traditions involve gift giving. Several students talked about how they receive new pajamas every Christmas Eve, or buy presents for all the kids in the family.

One student told a story about a

gift that has been circulating in her family for years. When she was a kid she constructed a large clay bust of herself and gave it as a gift to a family member. She said it was very large and just creepy looking.

The family named the bust Bertha, and It's now become a unique tradition to re-gift Bertha to a different relative every year. The new owner keeps Bertha in their house until next Christmas when it is re-gifted.

A different student told a similar story about a Christmas tradition among her friends. Every year her group of close friends has a nice dinner at one of their houses and then does a white elephant gift exchange. However this evening is far from average.

The dinner always ends with two

brothers in the group sword fighting in the basement, one year with pool noodles instead of toy swords. And the gift exchange is completely made of nonsense jokes.

Her friends have exchanged presents like a DVD of Barbie Nutcracker, a box full of potatoes, an egg, a bottle of poo pourri, even a giant inflatable and a plastic sting ray the has been re-gifted every year since the beginning.

Another gift tradition is stockings. One staff member's family throws a can of tuna in her father's stocking every year because he always complains they are out.

This same family has always had gag gifts. Her aunt mails them cans of weird food, like seaweed or octopus. As a child she and her siblings would run out of different

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# Volleyball season report

Daniel Riley

Reporter

Sinclair's women's volleyball team ended their season on Nov. 3 after qualifying for the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Regional Volleyball tournament held in Port Huron, Mich.

The Tartan Pride finished third in the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) with an overall record of 23-12.

They had a rocky start to the season, only winning two of their first nine matches. Their first game of the season was a hard fought loss at home against conference rivals Lakeland Community College.

Despite this, they were able to come together and win 21 out of the next 24 matches, including a 3-0 win in the rematch against Lakeland.

They qualified for the District Tournament on Nov. 1 when they beat Lansing Community College 3-2.

The team excelled despite the fact

that Shayna Bierlein, one of the team captains, had to sit out for a good part of the season due to a torn ACL.

After Bierlein's injury many of the players were forced into new positions, but they stepped up and really showed their flexibility. Two players who specifically stood out were sophomores Caroline Smith and team captain Sarah Bettinger, who both placed 1st team all conference.

"[The injury] pushed us as a team to start playing better not only for us, but for Shayna too since she couldn't play," Bettinger said.

The tournament run for the team ended after two losses in the district qualifiers. One of those losses was to Muskegon Community College, who was ranked 19th in the division.

This was a big year not just for the players, but for the volleyball program itself as they earned their 800th win and Coach Gan earned his 350th win.

With the season now over the team is looking ahead to next season.

Bettinger finished her career with the



Daniel Riley

team, but she will still be attending Sinclair and looks forward to contributing from the sidelines.

Those who are returning next year have high expectations for the upcoming season. Carly Barhorst, a freshman middle back on the team, said that she's excited for next year.

"After seeing the improvements we made this year we're going to add to that and we'll be able to lead the incoming freshman," Barhorst said.

Coach Gan is also looking forward

to next year, which will be his 20th season. He already has four new recruits committed to the team. Gan's goal is to make it to Nationals next season. He says he has the talent, with six players currently set to return next year.

He is very happy to continue coaching this team. "They are very respectful," Gan said. "They love the sport so they play their heart out every game."

# Net neutrality faces repeal vote

Kali Macklin

Reporter

Net neutrality preserves our right to freely communicate and view content online. It allows people to be in control of their internet experience and enables free speech.

After years of battle over the future of the internet, strong net neutrality rules were put in place by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in February of 2015. The Trump administration is seeking to reverse those policies.

Ajit Pai is the chairman of the FCC and a former Verizon lawyer. He is

the biggest advocate for this change. Net neutrality treats the internet as a utility service, and Pai wants to classify it as an information service, making it free of regulation.

Pai believes that regulation of the internet hinders innovation and investment in the expansion of broadband infrastructure. Congress will be voting on whether to repeal net neutrality on Dec. 14.

Net neutrality means that big corporate internet providers such as Verizon and AT&T cannot govern any public access to online content. It means the internet moves at the same pace regardless of where you

are or what provider you use.

The corporate internet providers stand to gain the most from net neutrality rules being repealed.

If net neutrality laws are repealed,

internet providers will be allowed to have a "slow" and a "fast" paced internet. This means that people will have to pay more money if they want faster internet.

As it stands, everyone has equal rights to the internet.

"Our Internet economy is the envy of the world because it is open to all," FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel said in a statement.

Without net neutrality the country would encounter paid prioritization which means that providers collect money from corporate websites such as Amazon or Netflix for faster access to their consumers.

This could lead to consumers paying for access to certain areas of the internet on top of the monthly subscriptions they already purchase. This will make it more difficult for online companies and streaming services to flourish because their consumers will have to pay more for access to their sites.

Internet users will not have control over where their data usages are going. Online research will be a whole different story if internet providers and big companies regulate the content users see online. Users will not be able to gain perspective on a topic or story because certain views will be blocked. The content

we see online will be based on who pays more.

"I think the whole point of the internet is that everyone is able to access the same content at the same kind of speed," Brianne Armstrong, a communication major at Sinclair said, "Especially for political things, all of America needs to know the same kind of information."

One major concern of the reversal of net neutrality laws is that minority groups such as African Americans and LGBT+ will not be able to organize social movements and voice their personal stories as easily as they can now.

There are ample examples of people that have gained their fame through the world wide web such as Justin Bieber, and people use the internet to run small businesses which is beneficial and helps to stimulate local economies.

"I like what I call an...explorer spirit," Myra Bozeman, Professor of Communication at Sinclair said. "I like that people are doing their own thing, and starting businesses and inventing things and putting it on the internet. I could see that being stifled if this happens with net neutrality."

The internet is a vessel for the public to communicate, generate events and gatherings and spread ideas. The repeal of net neutrality would drastically change how we use the internet in our day to day lives.



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# Turkey Trot

Kelsey Fitzpatrick  
Reporter

On Nov. 23 the Turkey Trot, a 5k run or one mile run/walk, had their 39th annual race. The event was held in Miamisburg, with over 9,000 people registered to run.

The event was so big it required over 300 volunteers to help set up, monitor, hand out refreshments, and tear down the venue.

The 5k run cost \$35 to enter, or \$25 for the mile run/walk, which paid for a bib and Turkey Trot shirt. Volunteers were given a free Turkey Trot hoodie.

The Trot brought in people dressed up in costumes or colorful attire, and even one man in flippers and a dive suit. There were many turkey hats, pie hats and full turkey costumes.

Jackson Morgan-Elliott, a student at Wayne High School said, "My favorite part was waking up and doing [the one mile] with my family and friends. I would encourage people to do it in the future. It is a great way to start your Thanksgiving Day."

Kenneth Sullivan came in first in the 5K with a time of thirteen minutes and fifty seven seconds. For more race results, visit <http://orrrc.onlineraceresults.com/search.php>.

After the race, runners were offered free bananas, chocolate milk, donuts, water, apples and

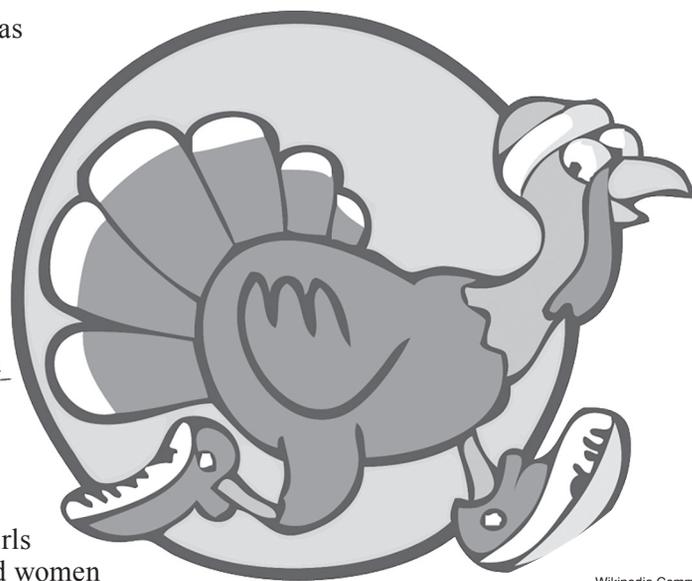
cookies.

The event has been held on Thanksgiving Day as part of a tradition. Some participants have been running it since the very beginning in 1978.

The event welcomes participants of all ages. Girls boys, men and women are all welcome to run the 5k or mile. Some children were so young they participated in a stroller.

The event was organized by the Ohio River Road Runners Club. The Turkey Trot is one of their biggest events of the year. Ohio River Road Runners Club is a non-profit organization that promotes running in the Dayton Area.

The club provides races at mostly inexpensive prices. Members of the club can get discounted prices or free entry. They have races of all distances with anything from 1 mile courses all the way to 50 kilometer courses. People of all



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ability are able to find races to participate in.

The club is one of the largest in the area and is 50 years old. It is the 16th largest runners club in the United States and was founded in 1966.

Ohio River Runners Club's next race is the Gift Exchange 5k on December 16. The entry fee is a wrapped gift valued at \$5-\$7 dollars. The race will be at the Kettering Recreation Complex.



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# College football coaching changes

Paul Helmers  
Reporter

It's the end of the college football season for most teams, and the yearly head coaching changes have started.

In all, there have been 14 coaching changes since the start of the season, but the SEC has been at the forefront with four coaches being fired and one coach leaving to replace another. The PAC 12 has three changes, and the Big Ten has one.

Perhaps the biggest story so far is the firing of Butch Jones at the University of Tennessee. Fans have been calling for his head for a while now, and after his 34-27 record including a 14-24 conference performance the school saw eye to eye with the fans.

Jones was 0-6 in conference this year and they fired him before the season was over, placing Brady Hoke as the interim head coach in the meantime.

Sunday of last week, Tennessee announced that Greg Schiano, currently the defensive coordinator for Ohio State, would be hired as the next head coach. However, due

to campus wide protests and state public officials getting involved, they backed out of the deal on the same day.

The backlash was based on Schiano's days as an assistant at Penn State working under Joe Paterno and Jerry Sandusky. Another assistant from the staff, Mike McQueary, mentioned in a deposition that he heard from Tom Bradley that Schiano had told Bradley he saw Sandusky "doing something" with a boy in a shower. However, no charges were brought against Schiano and him and Bradley both denied the allegations.

"The head football coach at the University of Tennessee is the highest-paid state employee," said Jeremy Faison, a state representative. "They're the face of our state. We don't need a man who has that type of potential reproach in their life as the highest-paid state employee. It's egregious to the people and it's wrong to the taxpayers."

UCLA has also fired their head coach, Jim Mora. Mora accrued an overall record of 47-30 with a conference record of 29-26 in his six years with the team. Taking his place is former Oregon Ducks, Philadelphia

Eagles and San Francisco 49ers head coach Chip Kelly.

"Conference championships are great, but I want us to compete for national championships," said Troy Aikman, a former UCLA quarterback and NFL Hall of Famer. Aikman was a leading voice on the search committee.

Kelly made sure to hedge his bets, and made no outrageous guarantees for the year.

"We're going to open up next year and we're not going to say, 'In two or three years when we get our guys in here...'" Kelly said. "I met with my guys today and I'm excited about those guys that are currently part of this program."

Kelly was signed to a five year, \$23.3 million contract. This puts him near the top of the list in highest paid college coaches.

Other fired coaches include Sean Kegler from UTEP, Gary Anderson from Oregon State, Tyson Summers from Georgia Southern, Jim McElwain from Florida, Joey Jones from South Alabama, Paul Haynes from Kent State, Bret Bielema from Arkansas, Mike Riley from Nebraska, Todd Graham from Arizona State, Kevin Sumlin from Texas A&M and David Bailiff from Rice. Dan Mullen has also left Mississippi State in order to take over the position at Florida.



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# The Day After: A Frightful Journey

Justin A. Baker  
Staff Writer

**Disclaimer:** This is a work of fiction.

I remember it was a cool fall night. I was anxious for the next day because it was the talent show, and I was dreaming of the dance routine that my best friend Katie and I were going to perform, when I was awoken from the dream by the gentle, manicured hands of my father.

He and my mother were in my bedroom with suitcases packed. My mother's face wore a mixture of fear, dread and worry. Instead of carefully folded, her hijab was

sloppily tightened as if she scrambled to fix it in the dark. Tears were gently streaming down her cheeks.

My father - who seemed to always have a smile on his face that was replaced by a determined stoic glare - picked me up into his arms, and we all quickly left our rustic one-level town house to the attached garage.

That's when I heard the shouts and yells of those who didn't want us there. They were going to kill us for what we did. I was confused and even more frightened than I already was. I turned to my father to ask what was going on, but before the words could escape my mouth, he put his fingers to his lips and shook his head left to right. I remained silent.

We all loaded up into the family minivan, and quickly - but quietly backed out and began driving toward the dark open sky. The light was just beginning to peak over the mountain ranges. The large fields of livestock were beginning to reanimate from the night's slumber.

I looked toward the front of the minivan to where my mother and father were sitting and holding hands. I found that weird since my father barely showed affection outside of our home.

My father drove for what seemed like hours, while I slipped in and out of reality, dozing off here and there, only awaking at a pit stop. I was rushed to use the bathroom and leave by the urgency of my mother. I finally gathered up the courage to speak after our second pit stop.

"Father why did we leave in the night? Why were those people yelling? Is everything ok?" While still driving, my father took a deep breath. He looked at my mother, and my mother looked deeply back at him and nodded.

"Emani," my father began in a very smooth neutral-toned voice. Something very bad happened yesterday. People that looked like us hurt a lot of people and because they are not around to be punished, they are looking for other people to punish. "People that look like us. Were those people bad people?" I asked. My father seemed uneasy by



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that question. He rubbed his chin like he does when trying to answer a question that he couldn't really answer. My mother was his saving grace and answered for him. She turned in her seat and looked at me. She then stated, "It is not that they were good or bad, but their actions for what they believed hurt a lot of innocent people."

"Oh", I said as I sat back, not really understanding. "Well where are we going now?" I asked. Once again my mother spoke, "We are going to a place that will be safe for us, a place where we have family and will hopefully not be run out or hurt by angry people."

An hour later, we drove into a long line of cars all heading to a big blue bridge hanging high in the sky. Over a vast amount of water overhead was a digital sign that read 7:30 p.m., Wednesday Sept. 12, 2001. Welcome to Canada.



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# The Best of the Most Wonderful time of the year

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school supplies and take more out of their mothers desk. Her mother got tired of this and began putting scotch tape and glue in their stockings every Christmas.

She says these quirky traditions, along with the giving and good natured spirit surrounding the season, that make the holidays so special.

Another tradition many students talked about was going to see holiday lights. One student said her family goes to a nearby church that sync dancing lights to music.

A faculty member in the campus ministry office talked about how one of her favorite things is driving around and looking at all the lights people decorate with.

Some students talked about decorating the tree in early or

mid Dec. One student said they once had a decorating tradition that the first two ornaments on the tree were to be thrown on. This tradition did not last long due to the rapid loss of ornaments.

Another student talked about how one year they didn't have a tree topper, so he made one of paper and tin foil. The family still used the make shift topper for several years.

Christmas dinners are a big part of many family celebrations as well. A common tradition is turkey or ham. However one of these unique traditions takes a new spin on Christmas dinner, where hand made lasagna is the main dish. From



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noodles to the sauce everything is made from scratch for the family dinner.

No matter which holiday you celebrate it's these unique traditions: the gag gifts, the family dinners, church services and holiday lights some people drive hours for. It's little things like this that can make the holiday season so unique.

# Have a rough semester? Don't let it kill your dream.

Will Drawing  
Managing Editor

The semester is coming to an end. It's reflection time for those of us who messed up royally. Self criticism, self doubt, worry, or all of the above. I'm here to tell you it's ok, don't beat yourself up too bad about it.

I understand what you're thinking, because I'm right along with you in this boat. Self dialog say's "Am I going to graduate on time? Why did I let this happen? Am I good enough? Why am I doing this anyway? Should I just go back to work or join the military? I'm letting people down."

"Chin up buttercup, c'est la vie, bootstraps," say's Bob your uncle. He's kinda right. But Uncle Bob, it's not always that simple. I'm not lazy. Some subconscious condition caused me to fail/withdraw my classes. "Well there you have it," he replies.

Analyze and interpret. Maybe like George Jung you had the wrong dream, but you're on the right path. Education develops skills and abilities that can assist in achieving independence, success, and dreams. Don't let a bad semester kill those dreams. Quit digging the grave and look around.

What do you see? You might have slacked, but you learned something since August. You've gotten a small taste of what you want to do in your future.

You surely don't want to go back to that dead end job or



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continue the one you have now. Will you come back at it next semester with a renewed fire under your ass, or is it time for a change?

For those whose failure stoked their booty flames, great! Learn from your failures as well as your successes, and come back this spring ready to knock the ball out of the park. Get over your



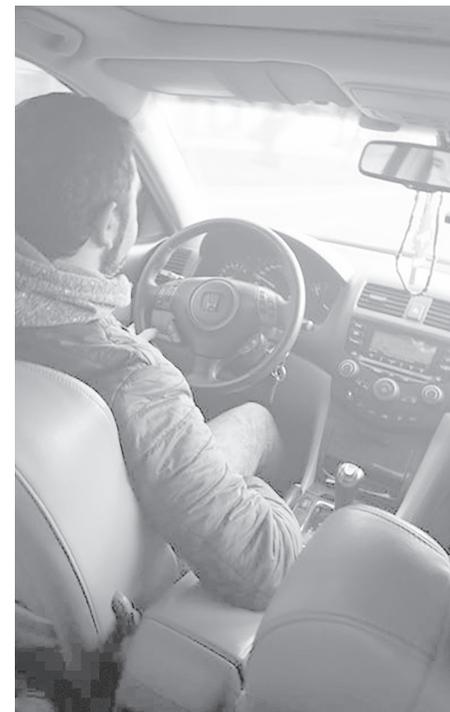
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hickup, for this too shall pass. You'll "Join Us" at graduation eventually and be a better person for it.

You might be like me and crave change, reflecting on your subconscious self sabotage and what to make of it. A break from academia might be in order, or even mandatory because your messy semester landed you on academic probation.

I urge that person planning to take a break to get out of town. Most people who take a break from college don't come back. You'll find comfort in your entry-level job and next thing you know you're telling your grown kids to buckle down and earn their degree because you worked yourself to death to provide them that opportunity.

So get out of Dayton, leave Ohio, go on an adventure. Join the reserves if you feel you need the discipline. Try a Workaway program or get a job on a cruise ship or ski resort. Drive out west and follow the harvest south. Gain new experiences and perspectives



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then come home to Dayton, register at Sinclair, and carry on with a fresh mind.

You want a better situation than you have, that's why you came to Sinclair in the first place. You dream of bigger things. And though memory of those dreams might be foggy and incomplete, you need to know they will come into focus over the course of your journey.

Go talk to your advisor and register for the spring semester, or down to the library to read Jack Kerouac. Pass this kidney stone and move on. Whatever you do, keep spiraling up and out.

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# BUTTERFLY SOUP



Erika Brandenburg  
Reporter

On May 29, 2017, Brianna Lei released the visual novel "Butterfly Soup" and is currently hosting it on her personal itch.io. However, this is not Lei's first time dabbling into

The premise of "Butterfly Soup," at a base level, is a coming-of-age story about high school girls that play baseball and fall in love. However, the more accurate description is that it's about LGBT+ Asian-American high school girls that fall in love with each other and play baseball.

The game lasts around 3-4 hours total for a short, yet impactful ride.

Lei's inspiration, as stated in her interview with the blog Tomorrowed, came from various sports anime as well as teen dramas. These settings are mundane and due to this, Lei wanted to pull people in with her characters as such a setting usually relies "on the sheer force of the characters' personalities to make the ride entertaining."

The creator also speaks on issues in terms of the gaming community in this interview. Her main consistent philosophy for her games is that they are catered specifically towards her.

As a minority group that might not be considered in other games - and unfortunately is the secondary demographic in many cases, Lei takes it upon herself to be the person that makes a game for what it is. "Butterfly Soup" consists of

four main characters. The central character that connects the whole cast is the baseball prodigy Diya, a 5'10" girl with anxiety. Her childhood best friend / current crush is Min-seo, a knife-wielding shortstack with a penchant for threatening people and being rather violent. Her rival is Noelle, another

of the United States. The story picks back up in high school when a baseball club is announced and with it, a familiar face returns to her small town.

However, as lighthearted and fun as the game is, personal issues arise among the girls and is shown through treatment of them outside the group.

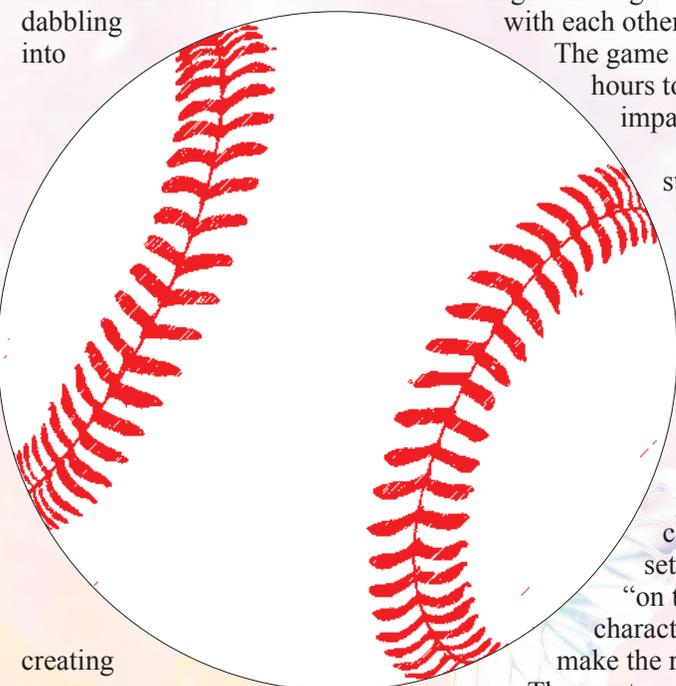


one of Diya's childhood best friends who is stern and studious under harsh teachings from her parents. Finally, the cast is rounded off by the colorful Akarsha, the only bi girl of the quartet who enjoys pranks and getting on Noelle's nerves while simultaneously using humor to fight off her own issues.

The game begins with Min-seo and Diya as children at a baseball game, lining up exposition for their relationship before it's revealed to Diya that Min-seo will soon be moving away to the opposite side

The game warns for parental abuse of the emotional and physical variety (no visuals) as well as ableist slurs.

As a final note, Lei gives out words to live by: "remember, [if] an alligator attacks you, go for the eyes!"



creating games. Lei's first game was "Pom Gets Wi-fi", a "self-indulgent mess of a first game, starring an entire cast of dogs!" Itch.io is an open website with a focus on independent video games. It's a designated place where digital content creators can upload their work and set everything themselves, including the price, sales, and how their page for their work appears.



# PITCH PERFECT 3



Paige Rogers  
Reporter

It has been over two years since "Pitch Perfect 2" was released. The ending of the movie left off with most of the main characters graduating, leaving Emily (Hailee Steinfeld) in charge of the Bellas.

The third and final installment of Pitch Perfect will take place some time after the ending of the second film. All of the Bellas have moved on and started their careers. For most of the Bellas,

performance, and the graduated Bellas thought that they were going to sing with them. However, Emily just invited them to watch the performance. There is a scene of them all at a bar, obviously upset about how their lives are going.

In a final attempt for one last performance, Aubrey (Anna Camp) gets everyone together to perform for the USO tour in Europe.

There are other bands on this tour with the Bellas, and

other.

In the trailers it shows a possible side plot involving Fat Amy, Beca and a boat that's on fire. Since they are in the USO tour, there are several scenes of the Bellas with soldiers. There is also a scene of Fat Amy fighting with someone, so maybe they get involved in some sort of mission.

It also appears that a scout for a music company wants Beca to work with them, but just her. This

Matt Lanter plays "Chicago," one of the soldiers the Bellas meet.

The third installment of the trilogy was confirmed shortly after the release of the second film. However, filming of "Pitch Perfect 3" did not begin until the beginning of this year. Kay Cannon returned to write the script of the film, and fans will most likely be blessed with more hilarious one liners and "aca-awkward" situations.



it seems that they are unhappy with how their life is going. In the extended trailer for the movie, it shows Beca (Anna Kendrick) talking with Fat Amy (Rebel Wilson) about how she quit her job.

Emily invited them to a

they are in competition against each other. The Bellas are an A cappella group, and this will be the first time that the Bellas will sing against instrumental performances. This tour will be the last time that the graduated Bellas will get to sing with each



seems like another side plot as Beca will have to decide if she wants to start her music career or be with the Bellas.

The movie also features DJ Khaled, Ruby Rose, and Matt Lanter. It is not confirmed what DJ Khaled's role is yet in the film. Ruby Rose plays a band member competing against the Bellas, and

Elizabeth Banks returns as a cast member and fellow producer along with Paul Brooks and Max Handelman. Although there is no confirmation that the characters "Jesse," "Bumper," or "Benji" will be in this film, all of the original cast is returning for the final film. The movie is directed by Trish Sie and will be in theatres on Dec. 22.

# The Clarion Survey

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## Ombuddy Corner

This week, the Ombuddy wants to share a secret to success – good organization! It might seem old-fashioned and time-consuming, but taking the time to write things down in a planner or agenda can be very helpful. Consider writing down your goals too, as the more you see them, the more likely you are to achieve them! Organizing things, both for school and at home, will help you to be less stressed, AND you will spend less time worrying and fretting and more time getting things done!



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# Your Voice

## What attributes should a good cook have?



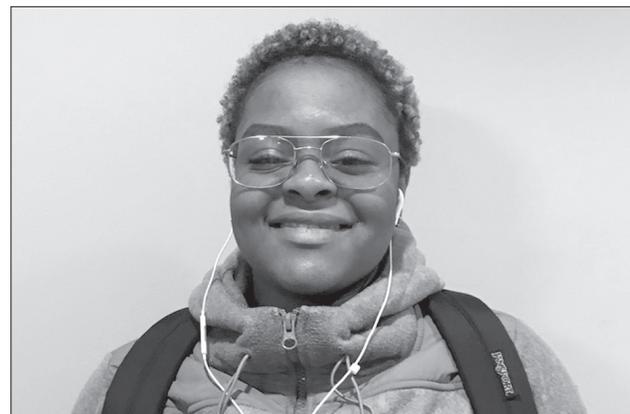
Reese Franklin

“ I believe a cook should have passion for what he is making in the kitchen, a will to make the best he or she can. ”

- Rose Jordan  
Physics

“ The attributes that make a good cook are their cleanliness, passion, the way they prep/season the food, and how the display looks. ”

- Cire Cepelanel  
Photography



Reese Franklin



Juan Encarnacion

“ I believe that access to quality ingredients, the willingness to experiment, and patience are the makings of a good cook. One does not need a degree to be a good cook. ”

- Sara Rice  
Theatre Technology

“ Every good cook I know has tricks during the cooking process that help make the meal better than anything. ”

- Valkyrie Williams  
Theatre Performance



Juan Encarnacion

# Clarion Cartoons



**Dad Jokes**

**Created by:  
Noah Kihn**

## My Voice To prepare food...

Jake Conger  
Reporter

It was a rather busy day at Target, taking place right before the Christmas holiday. The checkout lanes were full, and the small Starbucks inside was hopping.

The cashier in the lane I was in turned off his light when I got to him, signaling I was his last customer. I pondered in line what he was going to do, maybe go eat lunch or go home. I was appalled shortly afterward to watch him put on a green apron and start preparing drinks at the Starbucks counter.

If you have ever had the chance to speak with me, chances are I have talked about coffee. At the time of this story I had been a barista for a year, and am now proud to say I have been a barista for a little over two years.

Coffee is very important to me, and when I get the chance I am constantly working to improve my skills ranging from tasks such as, "Does the espresso taste right," or "How can I improve my rosetta?" I was insulted to think that they would just let anyone behind the counter to

do a job I cared so much about.

However, why is this story relevant that Starbucks would let anyone assist behind the counter? Simply put, it is for quality and consistency.

Building up a customer base within the food industry can be hard. First impressions are incredibly important, as no one will come back if the quality of what they had was terrible. The next most important thing though is the return trip. If a customer had something they liked, they will want to have it again, if they come back and that product has changed they may not



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return. A barista is not a cashier, one has to learn how to perform the task. There are a number of complicated processes that must be mastered in order to achieve a good tasting drink. The espresso must be at the right temperature, the milk must be steamed to perfection, and

the flavor must be added in just the right amount. Someone who has never been exposed to these things cannot replicate this process, even with a recipe card.

So what happens? Well, the first thing thrown out is consistency. One day at that same Starbucks I might get an employee who has been there for three years, the next day might have only been there for three weeks. How can those two people possibly make the same cafe mocha I love so much?

This lack of experience does not end with coffee though.

I am sure if you were to ask the people around you about McDonald's they would tell you which one to go to and which one to avoid. In theory they serve the same food, the same recipe crafted at the top and passed down the chain.

But this doesn't mean they'll be the same quality of food at every location. For example, perhaps one day you go to the McDonalds at the mall and they serve you a tasty, abiet unhealthy, sandwich.

Then, on a later day you might go to a different McDonalds and order the same sandwich, but it will taste completely different. Maybe someone forgot to put something on the burger due to it being their first day, or someone was in a hurry and didn't leave it in the oven long enough.



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This isn't always the fault of the worker, since they're being thrown into a job that puts them in the driver's seat immediately. The requirements to be a cook at McDonald's though demand you to be quick on your feet and to learn, nothing about previous experience.

For most people that work in food service, there are little nuances and small touches that make the product stand out that take [insert an amount of time here] to learn and perfect.

After all is said, we will probably continue to go back to Starbucks. Instead of going elsewhere to get our caffeine requirement, we make a point of avoiding certain baristas or even whole restaurants.

We have developed this culture to work around fast food, but isn't it time fast food started catering to us instead?

I urge you during this holiday season to attempt to visit one of the many great local coffee shops in Dayton, and ask the barista how long they have been doing what they do. You just might be shocked.



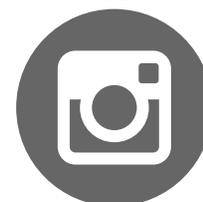
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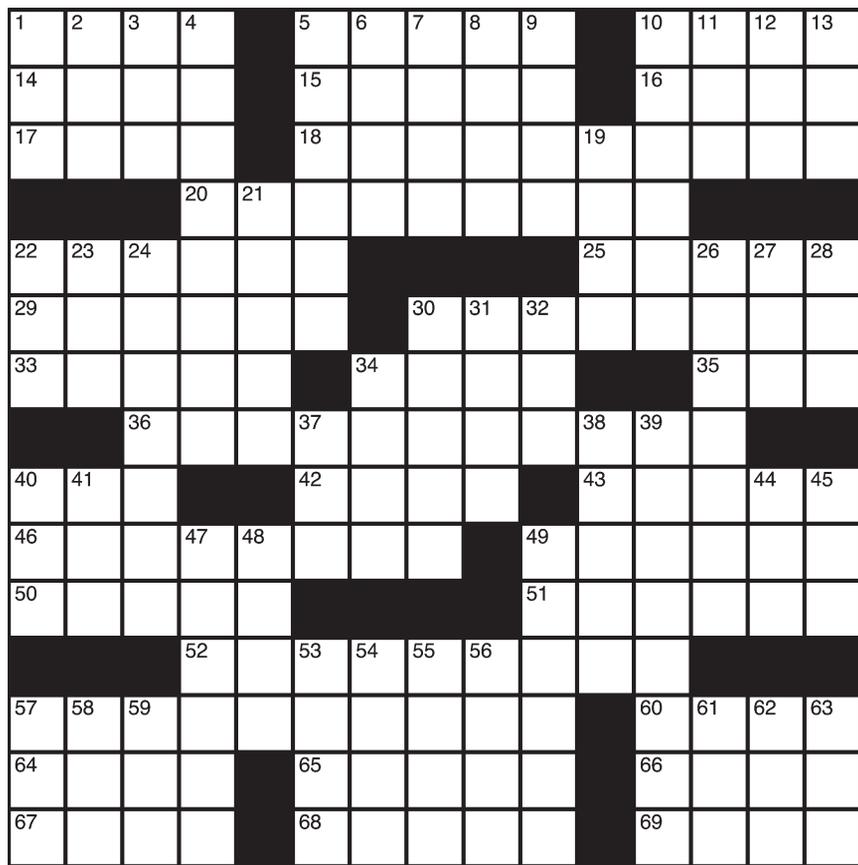


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# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

- 1 Place that can precede the starts of 20-, 30-, 36-, 46- and 52-Across
- 5 Spanish red wine
- 10 Office fill-in
- 14 Yours, in Tours
- 15 Sign up, in Sussex
- 16 Jai \_\_\_
- 17 The Volunteer St.
- 18 Putting the squeeze on
- 20 \*Company that maintains network messages
- 22 Bygone Toyotas
- 25 Lets up
- 29 '60s United Nations secretary general
- 30 \*Apple music player
- 33 Beauty at a ball
- 34 Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- 35 Crime family leader
- 36 \*Springsteen's ensemble
- 40 "Mazel \_\_\_!"
- 42 Take a chance
- 43 Soft leather
- 46 \*\*\*"My stars!"
- 49 Counterbalance
- 50 Instruments for Yo-Yo Ma
- 51 Traveled like Huck Finn
- 52 \*Willa Cather novel set in Nebraska
- 57 Arms-around-knees swimming pool jump

- 60 Gillette brand
- 64 Curved molding
- 65 Written reminders
- 66 Worker finishing an éclair
- 67 Invasive plant
- 68 Terse summons from the boss
- 69 Bird that can precede the starts of 20-, 30-, 36-, 46- and 52-Across
- Down**
- 1 \_\_\_ Tuesday: Mardi Gras
- 2 Chowd down
- 3 Potter pal Weasley Hershiser
- 8 Kid around
- 9 "Not to mention ... "
- 10 Kilt pattern
- 11 Inventor Whitney
- 12 Superhero suffix
- 13 Animal that can precede the starts of 20-, 30-, 36-, 46- and 52-Across
- 19 Employed
- 21 Painter ...douard
- 22 Long sandwich
- 23 Versatile vehicle, for short
- 24 Soil acidity measure
- 26 Most mournful
- 27 Eclectic musician

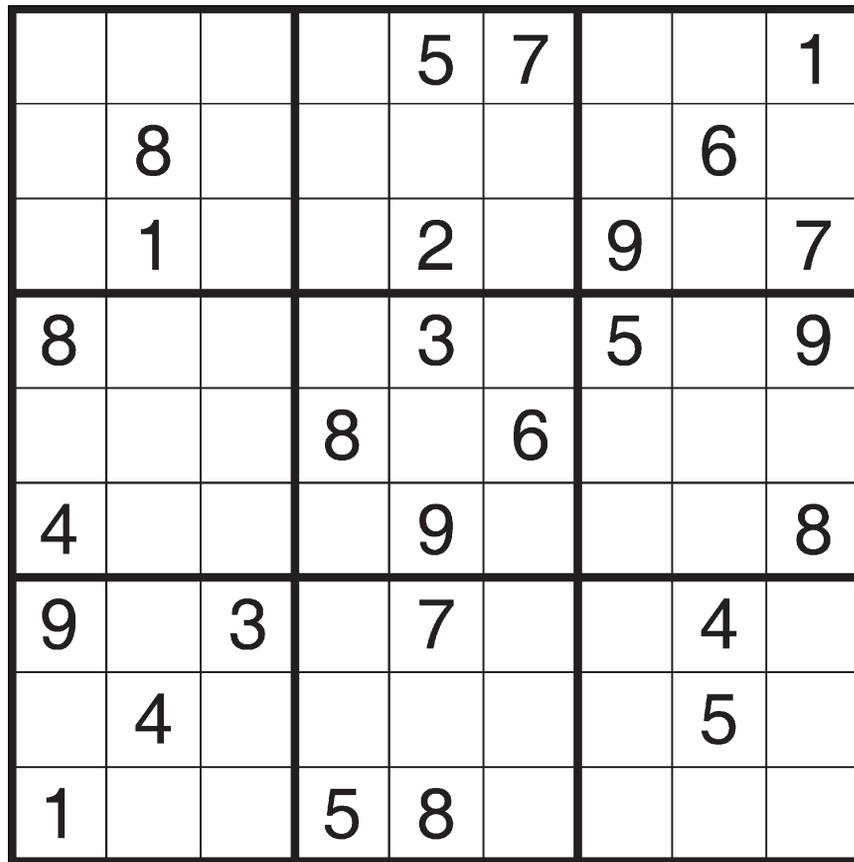
- Brian
- 28 Prince, to a king
- 30 Grenoble's river
- 31 Liver spread
- 32 Heavenly body
- 34 Drop of sadness
- 37 Old cereal box no.
- 38 To the same extent
- 39 Informal "No more talk"
- 40 Twitch
- 41 Poetic tribute
- 44 Low grade
- 45 Itinerary approx.
- 47 Copied genetically
- 48 Fat-reducing procedure, briefly
- 49 Words ending a threat
- 53 Quaint lodgings
- 54 Bassoon kin
- 55 Basketball Hall of Famer Archibald
- 56 Grade sch. level
- 57 Animal that can precede the starts of 20-, 30-, 36-, 46- and 52-Across
- 58 Single-malt datum
- 59 Family tree word
- 61 Longhorn State sch.
- 62 DVR button
- 63 Genesis craft

# Poetry Pick

Diamonds and Pearls  
Samone Milner

Will you rise up before the volcano erupts  
Just like how society is erupting but hardly would you do much  
Will you break free and arrive at heaven's gate  
You broke free but the pain will be captured or would you leave your loved ones for the sake  
Will you link this change for the peace of unitement  
Or choose to stay out of it at hopes that unitement will once again be leased  
Are you in it for you, do you want to impact the world  
Life's fast and not sweet just like it and diamonds and pearls

# Sudoku Puzzle



**Last Edition's Solution**

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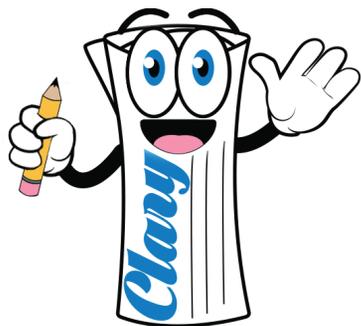
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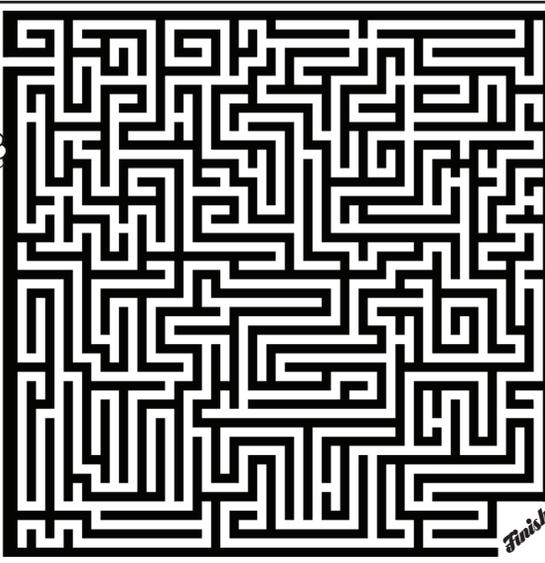
### Anamark Weekly Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Guest</b>	Qdoba Mexican Grill	Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken	Panda Express	Gyro Palace	Fusian Sushi
<b>Simmer</b>	Chili Con Carne/ Italian Wedding Soup	Chili Con Carne/ Vegetable Barley Soup	Chili Con Carne/ Chicken Double Noodle Soup	Chili Con Carne/ Minestrone Soup	Chili Con Carne/ New England Clam Chowder
<b>Sizzle</b>	Autumn Crunch Monte Cristo/ Cheesy Sun-Dried Tomato Panini	Autumn Crunch Monte Cristo/ Buffalo Blue Cheese Chicken Sandwich	Autumn Crunch Monte Cristo/ Grilled Four Cheese Sandwich	Autumn Crunch Monte Cristo/ Chicken Tender Special	Autumn Crunch Monte Cristo/ Beer-Battered Cod Sandwich
<b>Pizzazone</b>	Philly Cheesesteak Mini Rolletto	Chicken Bacon Ranch	Italian Deli Stromboli	Angry Pepperoni Pizza	Mushroom Pizza
<b>Deli</b>	Classic Italian Sub/Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Classic Italian Sub/Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Classic Italian Sub/Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Classic Italian Sub/Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap	Classic Italian Sub/Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap
<b>Main St. Cafe</b>	Grilled Reuben	Turkey & Swiss Sandwich	Bbq Turkey & Cheddar Melt	Pepperoni Calzone	Chicken Tenders

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The holiday season has begun, which for many is an exciting and happy time. However, sometimes the holidays can bring about feelings of loneliness, sadness, and depression. For individuals who may be single, in recovery, under a lot of stress, or who have lost someone recently, the holidays can be a challenge to get through. Here are some tips to help with the "holiday blues":

**Acknowledge your feelings:** If you have lost someone within the year or at any time in the past, the holidays can bring a lot of sadness and reflection. Don't try to push those feelings aside. It is normal to feel sadness, grief, and to express your emotions.

**Reach out:** If you are feeling lonely, consider volunteering for a good cause. Usually when are doing something that helps others in need, it can make us feel better as well! Also, be on the lookout for community, church, or social events that could be fun to attend.

**Learn to say no:** Holidays can be a time when many feel rushed and over plan to make sure they see all their friends and family. It is OK to say no to certain things so that you can enjoy the holidays and not feel tired all the time.

**Lastly, take care of you.** Find ways to nurture yourself. If it is treating yourself to something, just having quiet time without any disturbances, or planning a babysitter to go shopping without kids, just make sure you find ways to rejuvenate and nurture yourself.

If you need ideas on good self-care, call our office at 512-3032, or stop by at 10-424.

Contributed by Eric Henderson

## Horoscopes

### Sagittarius: Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Focus on short-term financial objectives. Make sure your family has what's needed. Think outside the box. Stay in communication. Share, barter and trade.

### Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Listen closely to your partner. Avoid automatic reactions, and allow time to cool irritations. Avoid time-sucking arguments, and handle what's happening now. Work together.

### Aquarius: Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

There's plenty of work. Postpone what you can to focus on immediate priorities. Guard your health and well-being while keeping (or changing) your promises.

### Pisces: Feb. 19 – March 20

Relax, and take it easy. Don't give up if what you try doesn't work. Anticipate obstacles. Exceptional patience may be required. Family comes first.

### Aries: March 21 – April 19

Domestic comforts draw you in. Focus on immediate goals, and leave long-term concerns for later. Clean and organize your space, and settle into it.

### Taurus: April 20 – May 20

Engage in private conversations to refine public statements. Writing projects provide satisfying results, although distractions could slow progress. Focus on fundamentals.

### Gemini: May 21 – June 21

Focus on short-term financial goals. Strategize and plan. Share resources within your networks. Figure out how to get what you need with what you have.

### Cancer: June 22 – July 22

Focus on personal projects close to home. Clean up a mess. Take extra care of yourself. A new haircut or style polishes your presentation.

### Leo: July 23 – Aug. 22

Relax and enjoy peaceful moments in privacy. Meditate on where you've been and where you're going. Do what seems right, even if nobody else knows.

### Virgo: Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Collaborate with friends to go further. Focus on community efforts for benefit now. Handle urgencies and leave long-term planning for later. Sidestep obstacles.

### Libra: Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

Professional puzzles have your attention. Slow to avoid roadblocks and barriers; sidestep them or wait. Handle urgent deadlines, and postpone the rest.

### Scorpio: Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

You may encounter blocked roads in your exploration. Slow down and look around to discover alternate routes. Sometimes deviations can provide hidden treasure.

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# STAR WARS: The Last Theories

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In storytelling, be it classical, medieval or modern day, all characters (protagonists and antagonists) use their special attributes to continue the plot movement of a good story.

One of the oldest and most well known examples of this is the story of Camelot from the fifth and sixth centuries A.D. In these stories there are four pivotal roles given to the characters in the legend of King Arthur.

There is a hero, a heroine, a sidekick and a wise counsel. This became a formula for many forms of storytelling following these stories.

King Arthur is the hero, the heroine is Arthur's wife Guinevere, and as a later addition Lancelot would be considered his sidekick. Oddly enough, Lancelot would also be known to have seduced Guinevere, thus making him a sort of a scoundrel.

Lastly, Merlin the Magician would serve as Arthur's wise counsel in his quest to defeat the notorious traitor, Sir Mordred.

These stories have all been debated for their reality, to include the fabled sword Excalibur. Stow this information to the side for a little bit, we'll use them later.

Flash forward to 1977, when an avant-garde filmmaker came up with the idea to create a space opera that would lead to a revolution of not only how movies are made, but set in motion a cultural iconology that has affected every generation it has been presented to.

Be it young or old, most of the last four generations can say that "Star Wars" has affected them in one way or another.

Though this article isn't about singing the praises of this multi-billion dollar story, it is a genuine guide for the original movies, the new ones and (dare I say it) the prequels.

This story is made from a recipe that some might consider reductive and insulting by being predictable, but it IS a story for children after all. This is merely food for thought. I don't

work for Disney or Lucasfilm, but I would like to offer my humble idea on how these next two movies may play out using observation and the presented information.

Each character in the saga has a mirror, one in the prequels, one in the originals, and one in the 2015 and 2017 movies. Humor me to abbreviate each movie to help keep track of them. "The Phantom Menace" ("TPM"), "Attack of the Clones" ("AOTC"), "Revenge of the Sith" ("ROTS"), "A New Hope" ("ANH"), "Empire Strikes Back" ("ESB"), "Return of the Jedi" ("ROTJ"), "The Force Awakens" ("TFA") and "The Last Jedi" ("TLJ"). Let's start with "TPM," young Anakin Skywalker leaves his desert world for adventure. "ANH," young Luke Skywalker leaves his desert world for adventure. "TFA," young Rey leaves her desert world for adventure.

Though the characters and their mirrors aren't pure reflections and the character roles can be interchangeable... e.g. Anakin and Luke take a starfighter and blow up a circular style base ship with torpedoes and Rey does not. StarKiller base was still destroyed at the hands of Poe. Again, duties can be interchangeable.

Now, let's revisit Camelot. Obi-Wan is designated as the hero, Padme is the heroine, and Anakin would be the sidekick. He and Anakin could easily be interchangeable in that role.

Logically, who would the Merlin be in this? That's right, Qui-Gon Jin served the role of the wise sage. Now, Luke is to Anakin as Leia is to Padme and Han is to Obi-Wan.

Let's try that with "TFA." Rey is to Luke as Poe is to Leia, and Finn is to Han. How do I substantiate that? Finn rescued Poe

like Luke rescued Leia. Again, roles are interchangeable, but the actions still occur. By the logic presented, there should be love interest...

however, my money is on Finn and Rose, played by Kelly Marie Tran.

Let's step back for a minute. What happened to Qui Gon Jin at the end of "TPM" and Obi-Wan Kenobi at the end of "ANH?" Using that logic, Han Solo would be the "merlin" in "TFA" because he met the same fate.

As you watch the movies before the next one comes out, I ask you to try this logic and compare the prequels to the originals. This can also help you determine the recipe in the new films. In "AOTC," Obi-Wan battles it out with Jango Fett in an asteroid field. In "ESB," Han and crew escapes the Empire in an asteroid field. If I was a betting man, I would say that someone (either the hero or the sidekick) will battle it out with the enemy in nothing less than... you guessed it, an asteroid field.

I'll also bet that the hero (or heroine in this case) will lose an appendage. There will be a platform like Cloud City in "ESB" and Kamino in "AOTC." And finally, most shocking of all, someone will be kidnapped like Han was in "ESB" and Obi-Wan was in "AOTC."

Though Disney bought the rights to the saga, I know in my heart of hearts that they will not veer away from this "recipe."

"Rogue One" is the exception as the recipe doesn't work on this. However it does serve as a nod to one of George Lucas' inspirations, Akira Kurosawa's "Seven Samurai." This film helped Lucas create the idea of the Jedi and their selfless quest for justice.

I'm sure everyone will binge all seven movies in preparation for "TLJ." As you watch them, take special note to "ESB." Remember a reluctant Yoda not wanting to train Luke as he thought he was too old and set in his ways. Flash forward to "TLJ" where Luke appears adamant about teaching Rey.

I leave you with one last morsel: In "ROTS" Chancellor Palpatine, after being defeated by Mace Windu, pleads with Anakin to help him. Anakin takes the bait and Windu gets his hand cut off and thrown out the Windu (pun intended).

In "ROTJ" (one of ROTJ's mirror), Luke pleads to Anakin (Vader) for help. Anakin (Vader) takes the bait and Palpatine also falls to his death. Could Luke dressing like a Sith and mirroring Palpatine indicate he's a bad guy now?

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