What will school look like come the fall?
There’s a lot of uncertainty about if, how, and when students will return to school in the fall

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In the time of Covid, schools are one of the biggest questions about how society will function. Who watches the children of essential workers? As parents return to work, what will become of young children? There are a variety of options for schools, but no one knows which will be most successful in inspiring the pandemic and providing an education.

The option that probably the least favored is to remain entirely virtual. This has the benefit of continuing the practice of social distancing, making it the safest, but also requires technology and wifi, which are resources that low-income students may not have access to, especially in districts that don't provide ipads or laptops to all students, further exacerbating achievement inequalities. In many cases, their children will not gain educationally at home because parents will not able to teach them, or their households might lack access to the high-speed Internet that enables remote instruction, said Harvard professor of government and sociology Theda Skocpol. Another concern is for special education students, who don’t necessarily have access to the same resources at home as they do at school. According to OWL social worker Paige Beck, many students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are “struggling to maintain a structure in their routine and keep up with the workload. They become overwhelmed easily and don’t know where to start.”

However, continuing with remote learning wouldn’t look exactly as it does now. There have been mixed reactions to the change from students, teachers, and parents. Some students are able to work through efficiently, and some struggle to focus, which can be exacerbated by stress from working from home or from school in the fall.

The plant sale can’t be stopped by a pandemic
How Outward Bound was able to safely deliver plant orders

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Due to COVID-19, school closures and event cancellations have disappointed people everywhere. Luckily for Outward Bound students, the plant sale continued this year, in a safe, no-contact way.

Spanish teacher and one of Outward Bound’s coordinators Tim Leone-Getten received hundreds of plants at his house, processed about 200 orders and filled them with the help of his family. Math teacher Clara Raineri then delivered the orders to each student’s house. “We decided to have the plant sale because it’s a great fundraiser for Outward Bound, everyone wants to garden since they're home, and it would be the one thing that isn’t canceled at OWL this spring,” said Tim.

The process of the plant sale did have to be adapted to account for less workers. “We had the plants delivered a day earlier and worked on it for more days,” said Tim. His backyard was lined with two long rows of plants, under several tents borrowed from OWL families. Each specific kind and color was labeled with a letter, to make them easier to find.

The plant sale was supposed to last about a week, but due to an error in the amount of plants ordered, it ended up lasting about 2 weeks. “We never considered cancelling, we just had to work out a plan to make it happen. It was a lot of work, but we were able to get it done and have some fun,” said Tim.
Seniors will continue sports in college

Micah will play Division 3 soccer; Jedi and Tom will play ultimate

Lili Hobday
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May 1st was the day that most OWL students announced their commitment to their post-secondary choice. But senior Micah Gundale went through that process even before we left school. On February 28th Micah publicly announced during a signing that he will be attending Gustavus college as a soccer recruit.

“I always wanted to play collegiate soccer at the highest level possible and Gustavus has started to gain a great reputation,” said Micah.

Micah started to contact college coaches toward the end of 10th grade. In his junior and senior years he sent them stats and coaches came to see him play. He was asked to play soccer at six colleges but decided on Gustavus.

He said that honestly it came down to financial aid. He’s very happy with his decision. Gustavus won back to back MIAC championships and went to the NCAA national tournament in 2018 and 2019, making them the current best team in the MIAC.

Because of the team’s past success and competitive new recruits, Micah thinks that it’ll be a fight for every second of playing time. “That wasn’t necessarily the case in high school, although as a captain I did try to cultivate a competitive environment. It’s not the same as having some of the best club players from around the nation playing together while also fighting for a spot on the starting 11,” said Micah.

There is a concern that Covid-19 will cancel the first semester of the 2020 school year, and therefore the soccer season but despite that the players are staying prepared. "Gustavus soccer has a personal trainer who sends out training programs," Micah explained. "I’m mainly hoping I can see my team for tournaments. Owl is graduating many athletes other than these three Seniors Abby Davis, Lauren Mitchell, Malachi Raymond, Dubi O’Gorman, Connor Scott, Katie Styen, and many others, all plan on playing club frisbee. We wish them all good luck!"

Juniors Charlotte Marboe and Lilian Hennessy will be in the woods of northern Minnesota. Hiking outside is one of the activities that will not be cancelled this summer.

Summer vacation, pandemic-style

Charlotte Marboe
Staff Writer

Last year I spent a majority of my summer at the cabin with friends and family, swimming and boating and Games on the yard, having the time of my life. I spent the last eight months praying that summer 2020 would be no different, but Covid-19 could replace time with friends out in the sun, with more time quarantined in our houses, with the same people we have spent the last two months with.

A popular model suggests that there will be no more Corona related deaths come this summer, this model is cited by the White House, and experts do not agree. In fact, most experts say that is unlikely if not impossible. "Unfortunately, there is no way that amount of control could happen by the summer," says Harvard professor of epidemiology Bill Hanage, “Even in the best scenario, we assume there will be flare-ups, and we will have to remain extremely vigilant.” So contrary to the White House’s model, there will be deaths in the US after June 21st.

Lukas Malachy is keeping his expectations low, “Given the circumstances, I’m mainly hoping I can see some of my friends before we all move to colleges halfway across the country. But obviously I want to respect social distancing to maintain the idea of even going to college in the fall,” he said. This was a common theme with many seniors and even juniors, hoping they can see their senior friends before they disperse and praying they won’t lose their own last year of high school.

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Covid cancels MN State Fair

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The Minnesota State Fair, the highlight and many people’s summers and a staple of Minnesota. Unfortunately, the world is on lockdown due to the pandemic that is the Coronavirus. This means that Minnesota’s beloved state fair has been canceled.

Other state fairs across the US have been cancelled such as the State Fair in Dallas, South Dakota State Fair which was canceled on May 11th which unfortunately is the one I was planning on going to.

There was a lot of anticipation leading up to the decision to be canceled and it is clear that they didn’t want to cancel. On April 23rd the State Fair General Manager, Jerry Hammer released a statement saying how its their duty to end the pandemic and keep the fair going.

“I fully support this decision, I encourage everyone to support the fair. To buy tickets even if you can’t make it, to fulfill the restrictions and to support the fair,” said Hammer. It is keeping his expectations low, “Given the circumstances, I’m mainly hoping I can see some of my friends before we all move to colleges halfway across the country. But obviously I want to respect social distancing to maintain the idea of even going to college in the fall,” he said. This was a common theme with many seniors and even juniors, hoping they can see their senior friends before they disperse and praying they won’t lose their own last year of high school.

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The face mask debate

Masks help to prevent you spreading to others, but don’t necessarily protect the wearer

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Reports on face mask effectiveness have left scientists divided and the public wondering.

On April 28th, 2020, Vice President Mike Pence visited the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota without a mask gaining a lot of criticism from the public for ignoring the Mayo Clinic’s policies. After backlash from the public, Vice President Pence admitted that he should have worn a mask.

“I didn’t think it was necessary, but I should have worn a mask at the Mayo Clinic and I wore it when I visited the vent-

Assistant principal Elba Frazier wears a mask as she looks over graduation bags being prepared for seniors.

Elizabeth Dohler
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Recent studies have kept me busy and in shape,” said Micah.

Alternatively, senior Tom Hobday is headed to Saint John’s, but athletics did not factor into his choice. “I think that I chose Saint Johns for a lot of different reasons but sports might have actually negatively impacted it because Carleton (his other choice) is a lot better frisbee wise. I realize that there is more to college than just frisbee,” said Tom. Next year Tom plans on playing club frisbee with the ‘Bad Axe’ Monks, intramural basketball, and possibly club volleyball. He is excited to continue his athletic journey in college, hoping that he will be able to have more success and play in a national frisbee tournament.

Senior Jedi played Frisbee, basketball, and volleyball in high school and plans on continuing to play all three in college and join a spike ball club.

He is committed to Washington State University because of its really good science program, distance from home and beautiful campus. Frisbee on course will be his main sport and he is excited to play at a more competitive level of frisbee and hopefully travel with his team for tournaments. "Gustavus is graduating many athletes other than these three. Seniors Abby Davis, Lauren Mitchell, Malachi Raymond, Dubi O’Gorman, Connor Scott, Katie Styen, and many others, all plan on playing club frisbee. We wish them all good luck!"
What theater is like: college vs high school

A college production is more professional and takes less time to put on.

Why is Covid such a dangerous virus?

Maria Imholte

As COVID-19 is at large in our world today, scientists don’t know too much about it. As distance learning has started, and many businesses around the world are still closed, I’ve started to wonder, “What really makes COVID-19 so dangerous?”

COVID-19 has been frequently compared to another respiratory illness, the flu. COVID-19 is actually caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. According to Science Alert, COVID starts out in the lungs, but commonly then causes havoc with the immune system that can lead to lifelong lung damage or even death. This is the main thing that sets it apart from the flu.

Many people believe that COVID-19 would never get this big, causing this much change in our world. However, as COVID-19 has spread over the past couple months, it now has a higher death rate than the flu. COVID-19 now has over 5,000,000 cases worldwide as of mid-May, 2020. It is also now known that it spreads easier than the flu.

Doctors are still trying to figure out the “full picture” of the disease in terms of symptoms and severity. This is most likely because some people who get COVID-19 don’t show symptoms. Only 1/12 cases of COVID are documented. So if this is the case, the person who has COVID-19 would have no idea they’re contaminating others with their germs unless they randomly decided to get tested (which is unlikely because tests are hard to come by right now, due to how few there are.) If they don’t quarantine and/or social distance, they could accidentally and unknowingly spread their unhealthy germs to others. This is how many of the COVID-19 germs have been spread.

Between 50% and 80% of people infected are asymptomatic.

Dangers of Covid, 6

From Little Hawks to college athlete

Senior Micah Gundale’s journey to becoming a soccer player at Gustavus Adolphus College

Anja Gundale

Senior Micah Gundale, pictured as a youth player, dribbles the ball past an opponent (left). Micah’s team gathers at the airport before a trip to Germany (right).

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When senior Micah Gundale was little, he always dreamed about playing in the premier league with his idols, like Ronaldo and Kaka, so everyday Micah would go outside and practice his touches and his shot in our backyard for hours on end.

Micah Gundale started his soccer career when he was five years old playing for a team called St. Paul Blackhawks Little Hawks. Then, when Micah started elementary school, he played with a recreational organization called Joy of the Premier (JOTP). In 5th grade he would take a bus from his school to JOTP everyday for free play which later on really helped with his soccer career.

Over the years he has had the opportunity to play against amazing places like Colomba and Sweden. In July 2016, Mi- chah traveled abroad with U19 (United States Youth Futsal) to Medellin, Colombia where he played a total of six games and represented the United States Youth Futsal Initiative.

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Will the NFL be back by the fall?

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There has been much speculation around the return for the 2020-2021 NFL season. As of now the season is still set to debut on September 10, 2020 with the Houston Texans playing the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium. A repeat game from the 2019-2020 playoffs.

There have been many ideas about what would happen, along with the NBA an option going to be played with half or empty stadiums. But at the moment nothing has been decided. The NFL would lose hundreds of millions of dollars if no tickets were sold.

Schedule release just happened and due to the coronavirus two major international games have been canceled, One in Mexico one in London.

NFL facilities were opened on May 18, although one team is taking a stand in not leaving players susceptible to the virus. The 49ers will not start

practicing when the facility re-opens.

As the new president of The NFL players Association and center for the Cleveland Browns said in an interview, “You have to focus on free...
Senior Spotlight
Kou Vang

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My plan is to attend the U of M Twin Cities.

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Mischief switched to online ordering and curbside pickup, and has now partially reopened.

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That One Little Kid
Marge Moe

How tall are you?
I'm 5'11"

What's your favorite class so far and why?
English

Who's your favorite senior? Jeki

Where do you think you're going to go for college?
I'm not sure

What's your favorite book, movie, TV show or video game?
There's too many

What is the weirdest thing about OWL?
Everything
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“A hybrid model could help the social interaction piece but would rely on a consistent, dependable schedule so families can plan accordingly," said Dave.

One of the biggest debates over how this might play out is how to equitably serve students. Dr. Dimitri Christakis, a pediatrician at the Seattle Children's Hospital who argued that "play," and the need to "connect with other children," is immensely important for young children in particular.

Another option is a mixture of virtual and in-person learning. This could take a number of forms, including every student being assigned certain of virtual and in-person learning. In some ways distance learning is, "the videos explain with school material. Science teacher Rebecca Palmer said, "It is hard to tell if students are learning or engaged. It is hard to know if students are struggling or that they do not understand it." And students are saying it’s a lot easier to get distracted than at school with teachers making a decision about next fall. It doesn’t apply to the 2020-21 school year. According to

Dr. Timothy Sly, Epidemiologist and Professor Emeritus, School of Public Health, of Paul Wellstone’s famous saying, “When we all do better, we all do better.” When we all care for each other’s safety and wellness, we are all safer and healthier.”

The pros are, masks help prevent you from spreading the disease if you have the virus, brings meaningful reduction if students can plan accordingly, said Dave. According to

"When we all care for each other’s safety and wellness, we are all safer and healthier.”

warranted by the public not to use masks, probably driven by the predicted shortage of masks for medical staff. This is changing now that we include the perspective that while the mask is not even close to 100% effective, in emergency situations even a small reduction in risk is better than no reduction at all--many stores are suggesting the use of face masks are a few are requiring shoppers to wear masks. With this rule in place, we have seen pushes back and some have led to extreme confrontation between workers and customers. A Family Dollar store security guard was fatally shot in Flint, Michigan, on May 1 after telling a customer her child had to wear a face mask to enter the store. Another event took place on Tuesday, May 19 when a Costco worker asked a shopper to leave the store for not wearing a mask, this resulted in the customer posting a video that he took during the altercation claiming that he was not going to put on a mask because he, "woke up in a free country." After words were exchanged the customer post-
Reviews ‘n’ stuff

Which states will determine the election?

A guide to the states that Biden and Trump will be fighting to win.

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With the 2020 election coming up in less than half a year, it is highly encouraged as well as necessary to be aware of what some of the main swing estados are. If you don’t know what a swing state is, it is a state that can lean towards either the Democrats or the Republicans, depending on how it votes. This swing state concept is used when predicting the outcomes of the upcoming election.

The electoral prediction community is based around analyzing trends and inserting opinions to try and figure out who will win the electoral college in November. Ever important to these predictions are the infamous American “swing states,” states that could very much go for either of the major two candidates, and therefore determine the results of US elections. For many years, there have been a relatively widely accepted group of swing states in elections that repeatedly determine the winners, but as with many things in politics, these have changed as of late, and as we begin a new political era, there is a new set of swing states that will decide the results of future elections. Today, I’m going to walk you through how things have changed, using a mix of trends and my own experience in this community.

First off, let’s talk about some older swing states, believed to be swing states for the remaining of the 2020 election. Surprisingly enough, Colorado has gone three times for democrats, but is widely considered a likely red state for Biden in 2020. Similarly, Ohio has a three for three record, but in their case, they are currently trending against.

Today I will be looking at some new swing states that have been consistent shifting Blue ever since Obama won there in 2008. Most predict it will end up in Biden’s column in the end. There’s also Iowa, a state that has gone 4-2 for democrats, but is widely considered a reliable red state for 2020. Iowa’s case is fairly similar to that of Ohio, with Trump having a big, trend-shifting performance there in 2016. Nevada has historically been considered a swing state, but has been consistently blue for the past four elections, and to see it as unlikely that Trump would be able to flip it Republican.

So what are the newer swing states? Well, there are three that everyone’s really gonna be talking about during this cycle, being the former “blue wall” of rust-belt states that propelled Trump to victory in 2016. First, Wisconsin. Often considered the most likely to stay with Trump in 2020, Wisconsin expected standings based on its Blue History when it shifted towards Trump. Many consider it to have experienced a similar effect to Iowa and Ohio, and predict that it is a new set of swing states in this cycle that we need to pay attention to.

Political tensions rise during the coronavirus lockdown in the United States

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As the weather grows warmer, about three months after the Coronavirus pandemic reached America, reopening the country has become a controversial topic. It seems that the initial panic has died down. Citizens are leaving their NYC apartments, relaxing in their backyard, and going about their normal lives. It seems that people have adjusted to the new normal. But all of this could change.

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To reopen or not to reopen

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Best Wes Anderson movies

Which movies to start exploring the director’s unique style, incorporating beautiful characters, sets, and techniques

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I’m sure many of you have heard of Wes Anderson, one of the few auteurs of the past few decades, he certainly makes some of the most unique films. With his distinct style, he’s one of the most unique directors ever and his movies are instantly recognizable as his own.

Speaking of style, I’ll try to explain the best way I know how to just watch one of his movies. He uses many filmmaking techniques like slow motion, long pans out, and moving camera but, he’s not just for his technical innovations that leaves viewers confused and angry.

Instant Influencer is a new show that was released April 24th of this year and is hosted by a well-known makeup artist across the world, Charles. Six kids that want to make it big in the beauty world are chosen to compete in this show, to test their make-up skills and their marketing tactics in order to win the grand prize of $50,000.

“So far the show seems really interesting. I haven’t really gotten that far but the show looks intense,” said 12th grader Emi Alperin.

But even though the show has produced only four episodes so far, two controversies have already arisen in the first one.

The first one is about the elimination element of the show. Like other shows where they bring the participants on stage together and announce which one has been eliminated, James decided to have everyone in their own private “lab pod” and he will be the one to take them off. “They’re safe, if they’ve been eliminated. But the way the contestants are told they’re eliminated is what’s not sitting well with viewers.”

At the end of the first episode, contestant Brittany Renner, was eliminated from the show. James walked into her lab pod, sat next to her, and told her the sad news. She was emotional and shed a few tears because they tried to encourage her to keep practicing her skills. The atmosphere was relaxed and very comfortable with viewers and became more awkward when James made Brittany promote her channel as she was crying. This caused many viewers to flood social media with their opinions and resulted in James having to explain the process on a vlog he uploaded after the first episode.

“I want to respond to the thing that’s probably been most controversial or commented about since episode one. And that is the elimination. No matter what really you say you’re watching, the eliminations are always a little bit controversial because of course everybody has, you know, their different favorites. Everybody has different beliefs as to who did best in which challenges, who should’ve gone home, who should’ve stayed, etcetera etcetera. Orig-}

The second controversy

Some of the things it’s best out of all of Anderson’s movies are characters and cinematography. Mr. Gustave is just one of the most unique characters. From the sweet and courageous Agatha to the menacing lodge, the supporting cast excels in their roles and playing the plot and elevating every scene. This also has the best cinematography out of any movie on this list. It has these huge landscapes with beautiful cars to painted backgrounds and animated sequences, all complemented with perfect colors and lighting. Everything needs to watch this perfect movie as soon as possible: 10/10.

Mr. Fox: Fantastic Mr. Fox is an adaptation of the Roald Dahl book and is about a group of animals trying to steal an English countryside. It focuses specifically on Mr. Fox and his family, Mr. Fox, his wife, Ash, and Kristopher the fox’s niece. Mr. Fox is a retired hunter and wants to pull off a good job on the three mean- est farmers in town: Bogus, Bunce, and Bean. He ropes other animals into it and needs to outwit the farmers to sur-

Before I talk about this I have to say I have a lot of bias for this movie. It was one of the first movies I remember watching in theaters and it’s remained a favorite of mine since I saw it. I even own the soundtrack. With that out of the way I can still safely say that this is the best Wes Anderson movie and arguably the best animated movie ever.

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The third thing that needs to happen is rapid response. Many researchers say that all necessary medical equipment should be replenished and should have the protective equipment that they need such as masks and ventilators. It is necessary for them to have so that they can quickly isolate new outbreaks and hopefully prevent them from getting too big so we don’t end up where we started.

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Ian Rosenberg-Scholl

Staff Writer

Wes Anderson movies have done a lot to make money and buy food. So what should we not replace the economy and the country?

According to the Nation- al Governors Association the country’s testing capacity is still not enough to start re- opening. And if it’s not just the na- tional governors association that says most of the pro- posals out there say that there needs to be more testing.

A study Harvard says that the amount of testing in the US has been slow so far.

According to a study Duke University says that the economy should be kept closed.

The second thing that needs to happen is tracking. Mean- ing that we should be tested for COVID and the test says positive states should try to contact trace it to people who recently been in contact with that person so they can go into self quarantine. However, if we would require an additional 300,000 people to track the and contact people who recently come in contact with the per-
The game lets you choose a class and make a team with other players

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Imagine the following: you’re a bratty Russian man, working as a mercenary to defend some vital intelligence that the American military is trying to take from you. In your boredom, you begin firing your minigun at the corner. Suddenly, you hear a scream from one of the corners you were shooting at. A spy! But before you can alert your team to the devilish rogue attempting to take your intel, he’s already nabbed you in the back and ran off with the intel. That’s just a typical day in Team Fortress 2. Team Fortress 2, or TF2, is a first-person shooter released October 10th 2007 developed by Valve. In TF2 you play as one of 9 classes, we should probably talk about the more technical aspects of the game like the graphics and sound. When you minigun is by no means something you’d see in a modern release, the art style is stylized in such a way that it doesn’t really affect gameplay at all that much, and adds a bit of fun and an extra layer of depth to the game. In addition to this, most weapons have a distinct sound linked with them in particular, which is a very nice touch.

Now we can move onto the classes, the first category of which is offense. This is where you’ll find the Scout, Soldier, and Pyro classes. The Scout is the class for people who want to go fast, harass the enemy team, doing as much damage as possible, and being a bit of a scumbag while doing it. Now we can move on to the Soldier. Soldier is the character for the patriotistic American who wants to deal consistent rocket-based damage while also having some fun movement options. You’ll find the Demoman, Engineer, and the game’s mascot, the Heavy. The Demoman is a good class for people who want a more defensive-minded Soldier style of gameplay, enjoying the thrill of taking on all the enemies through a drunken cyclops haircut. Engineer is the most laid-back of the three, giving great support despite lacking in the damage department. He can repair or destroy structures, and is a good class for people who want to revitalize the game. Engineer and the game’s mascot, the Heavy, is the class for people who want to deal as much damage as possible, and being a bit of a scumbag while doing it. Now we can move on to the Soldier. Soldier is the character for the patriotistic American who wants to deal consistent rocket-based damage while also having some fun movement options.

On the support side of the equation, we have the most self-explanatory classes of the game. These classes include Spy, Sniper, and Medic. The Spy is a class that specializes in infiltrating enemy lines through deception, then murdering your targets, and/or all of the enemies’ buildings, all despite his unfortunate disability of being French. Medic is pretty self-explanatory, he heals the team, but he can also provide some pretty serious buffs like Ubercharge, which makes himself, and whoever he’s healing, invincible for a short time.

Finally, there’s the swingi-est category of the game. There are 20 teams that compete with each other around the world. They had the first world championship in 2016 in the United Kingdom. They had 10 teams compete in this world championship, and 10 teams compete in the next round as well. The tournament is on the 2nd of June at 3 PM EST. The tournament has garnered a lot of interest around the world, with the events over 350 million views online. They have been shown on many TV networks such as ESPN, NBC and FOX sports. Some of the athletes that play consist of some of the biggest names in parkour and American Ninja Warrior. They have said that the people that excel in the sport have very good agility, speed, and the ability to navigate obstacles. The players train year round in their own versions of the quadrant, either in their teams or their own gym.

If you are interested in watching this sport all of their world championships and highlights are on their You- Tube. There are tons of tournaments to watch and they are all very exciting. I find it’s a very enjoyable sport to watch be- cause the rounds are very short but can be very intense.

Team Fortress 2 is a both casual and competitive video game

Pro tag is fun and intense

The classic playground game is revamped for a fun and interac- tionally competitive viewing experience

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Are you looking for something to watch during quarantine? Something thrilling, competitive and intense. Look no further than World Chase Tag, a professional version of the game you know and love. This sport takes tag and gives it a twist. It’s a bit on a small arena with lots of obstacles. There aren’t any sports to watch right now, it’s the perfect alternative. World Chase Tag is a professional sport played by teams all over the world. There are vari- ous ways to play, but by far the most popular is called chase tag. This is played by two teams and each team has a maximum of five athletes. Each match consists of 16 rounds where they take turns having a 1v1 game of tag. However, the stage design is like a single gym with there being many obsta- cles in the way such as bars and platforms that the players must maneuver. There is one chaser and one is the chased.

The chased gets 20 seconds to try and tag the chaser in order to win. If the chase lasts 20 seconds without being tagged their team gets a point. The winner of the round stays and becomes the chased in the next round. Whichever team at the end of 16 rounds has the most points wins. The chaser must tag with their hands and not any other part of their body. If the chased steps out of the arena they forfeit the point.

This sport was formed in 2011 when two broth- ers, Christian and Damien Devaux, played a game of tag in their back garden. They loved the idea of tag but in a new way. They created an arena called the Quad. The players train year round in their own gyms. They have the most self-explanatory classes of the game. These classes include Spy, Sniper, and Medic. The Spy is a class that specializes in infiltrating enemy lines through deception, then murdering your targets, and/or all of the enemies’ buildings, all despite his unfortunate disability of being French. Medic is pretty self-explanatory, he heals the team, but he can also provide some pretty serious buffs like Ubercharge, which makes himself, and whoever he’s healing, invincible for a short time.

Finally, there’s the Michigan, which also has a blue history, but contrary to Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, Trump’s victory in Michigan is often consid- ered somewhat of a fluke, and it seems to be the most likely to flip back to Democrats this election. But the new swing states aren’t just former Dem- ocrats stronghold, there are 2 out of the former Republican columns as well. Arizona is the title of these, and it’s a bit of a toss up in 2020. Many pre- dict that it will be the closest state this year, and it could very well determine the election. Next is North Carolina, a state which was won by somewhat of a fluke by Obama in 2008. However, many Democrats are saying that things will be different this year, and it does seem as if North Carolina will end up be- ing a pretty tight race, though an uphill climb.

Regardless of how you vote in this election, one thing is for sure, 2020 is the most important state of all to the re- sults. It’s become almost a part of their identity, and it’s always a hot topic for predictions to see who’s going to win. For 2020, the result will likely be very exciting to watch, with many on one side believing that the President will win it. Unfortunate- ly for the people on the other side of the aisle believing they can win it. Unfortunately for the Democrats, an unusually consequen- tial one, so as usual, I want to remind your parents to vote. And if you can’t, I hope you’ll find the time to vote for incumbents, but that doesn’t mean Biden can’t win, since he has a steeper uphill climb.

So with these massive shifts in what states candidates have to target in their campaigns, the 2020 campaign is sure to be an interesting one, unlike any before it. And the trends established in this cycle will continue to define those of future ones. That’s what’s tru- ly fascinating about this field. It’s so much more than just this election, because the trends that the Arizona will flip this election and begin becoming a democratic stronghold, while a Wisconsin will be the first rust belt state to be secured by the Republican party. Regardless of how you think it will end, it can’t be denied that 2020 is both an unusually close election and an unusually consequen- tial one, as so usual, I want to remind your parents to vote. And if you can’t, I hope you’ll find the time to vote for your parents to vote.
The Half of It has unique relationships

The movie is a diverse and LGBTQ-inclusive coming-of-age story

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Ellie and Aster begin hanging out in a lake, Ellie and Paul go to a party together, Aster has been hanging out with a boy that her religious family has been conditioning her to marry, more weird things like that happen and then finally all of these characters being in the same room having a very awkward interaction together because everyone is confused about their feelings. Those are some of the events that complicate the story further in The Half of It.

The Half of It is a new Netflix movie that came out May 1st, 2020. It is written and directed by vedere drinking or occasional or inappropriate themes, the movie is not mature but it doesn't have mature content appropriate for the whole family. The movie is a different kind of romantic comedy, it is like Smash Bros where you and your opponent are on opposite sides of the screen trying to score off the screen In order to win. The movie has a nice balance of being a super fun high school romantic comedy and also being real. I enjoyed how it was an LGBTQ-friendly storyline that is hinted from the beginning and then it really puts out towards the end. The ending could have been better, it was still good and could put a smile on your face. I think that it did work perfectly, I would give The Half of It 4 out of 5 stars.

I highly recommend this special to all Parks and Recreation fans as long as they set their expectations appropriately.

Parks & Rec’s Covid special

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"Leslie, I’ve been practicing social distancing over 4 years ago." - Ron Swanson

The Parks and Recreation special opens with Bob’s Burgers Nepolti at his family’s fox hunting ranch (he hasn't caught any, they're too fast) and then it was through a few of the scenes' dialogue being a lit- terally slow or boring at some points. Other than that, the pacing was good and they spent a good amount of time on every scene and got through the simple and genuinely cute plot in 1 hour and 45 minutes. For the most part, the dialogue was smart and I bet there are some beautiful quotes that you could take out of this movie.

In my opinion it could be- come a popular coming of age movie for this generation. It was a different kind of romance, I haven’t seen one with characters or heartwarming, realistic plot quite like it. I had a good time with it and would love to watch it again with a group of friends. The mov- ie does talk about real things sometimes as mentioned before but it doesn't have mature or inappropriate themes, the only thing that could be con- sidered would be some un- derage drinking or occasional non-passionate kisses between opposite and same sex teens. It's rated PG-13.

I really like the actors and the characters they portray. I thought they were fun, I en- joyed watching them and fol- lowing along with their stories. I think the movie has a nice story line that at least my dog enjoyed. Made sure to watch them somewhere. it has. You don't want them getting to the bottle.

Our second toy will be a tug toy. It's really simple. Step 1: Cut your fabric to a bit longer than the plas- tic bottle and triple the width. Also cut two smaller long piec- es of fabric. Step 2: Wrap the plastic bot- tle in your fabric and tie it with your smaller pieces. Trust me, your dog will love this toy. It makes a crinkly sound that at least my dog enjoyed. Made sure to watch them somewhere. it has. You don't want them getting to the bottle.

Our second toy will be a tug toy. It's really simple. Step 1: Cut three long strips of fabric, maybe an inch across. Step 2: Tie the end and braid it tightly, then tie it off. It's an easy and fun toy for your dog and you to enjoy playing tug of war to his or her heart's content.

Crafts for your furry friends

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We're all stuck at home so why not devote some time and creativity to make a nice toy for your pet.

Cats are easy to craft for, so let's make a feather on a stick - pretty easy.

Step 1: Gather materials (A stick, a string, and a feather). If you can't get one of these, just use the one you don't have and it will probably not care.

Step 2: Put it together. Tie the string to the stick and the other side to a feather. Make sure it's tied well or it won't last long.

Step 3: Play! This toy is fairly simple but your cats will enjoy chasing after it. It will be a good hour of fun for your cats and for you.

Dogs also are easy to craft for. I actually have two crafts for you to make. For the first you will need some or an old blanket with a moderate thickness and an empty plas- tic water bottle. For the second you will just need felt or an old blanket.

Our first craft will be a chew toy. Step 1: Cut your fabric to a bit longer than the plastic bottle and triple the width. Also cut two smaller long piec- es of fabric. Step 2: Wrap the plastic bot- tle in your fabric and tie it with your smaller pieces.

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Check out Brawlhalla if you’re bored

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Fighting is a big part of games and has revolutionized throughout decades of gaming. The first fighting game made was Heavyweight champ. Heavyweight champ was made in 1976 and was the build- ing block for all fighting games. Through the decades, the gaming industry has made more and different kinds of fighting games like Mortal Kombat, Street Fighter Five, and Super Smash Bros. There are so many big fighting games people sometimes forget about the small fighting games like Brawlhalla.

Brawlhalla is a 2D plat- former fighting game made by Blue Mammoth Games in 2015. The game can be played on computer, PS4, Xbox, and Nintendo switch.

In Brawlhalla the objective is like Smash Bros where you have to knock the opponent off the screen In order to win. Unlike Smash Bros where your characters already have their weapons and powers in Brawlhalla your characters have two weapons that are se- lected for them. At the begin- ning of a match you don't start with weapons and you have to wait for them to fall from the sky. In this game you can make your own combos and combo strings or you can look them up. Characters in this game can be unbalanced which can affect if you win or lose. The reason for this is because some characters are op while other characters are complete trash. Some characters have pow- ers that are better than others whether it be due to having a lot of damage or range. Be- cause of this when you go up against someone who has an op char- acter he will win.

Combat in the game is good, you won't ex- perience any bugs or bugs, maybe some lagging if you have bad internet. The gameplay is fast and can end re- ally quickly if you're up against good players. You move really fast in the game and to make it even faster you can use the dash button. You can also double jump and jump higher by using the dash button.

Graphics are also really good so you don't have to turn them down even if you have a bad audio. The audio is alright, if you don't like the music you can turn it off in the settings.

This game is really good and I have had a lot of fun playing it because of its wide variety of characters that you can play or get bored of an- other character and get bored of different kinds of game modes if you get bored of free for all. In conclusion I think this game is worth playing because it has lots of content to ex- plore and is free to play. I rec- ommend this to anyone who would want to play a free 2D platform fighting game.

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President Donald Trump urged governors to push back against protestors with force, which many governors chose not to do. Trump, however, followed through on his words when on Monday June 1, he used tear gas on peaceful protestors by a church in Washington, DC, in a move that was criticized by both democrats and republicans.

The memorial service for George Floyd took place in Minneapolis on Thursday, June 4. It was a celebration of Floyd's life that was broadcast to a group of supporters outside the worship hall. Some of Floyd's family members spoke, talking about his kind and welcoming demeanor. Reverend Al Sharpton gave the eulogy, and said that Floyd "changed the world."

The protests calling for police reform come during the coronavirus pandemic that has disproportionately affected communities of color that are also disproportionately affected by police violence. One idea that has been gaining more mainstream traction is that of eliminating police entirely, relying on community-led efforts to keep the community safe.

Store owners in Minneapolis board up windows Friday afternoon in preparation for continued unrest throughout the city (top left). The MN National Guard prepares for riots in Minneapolis (above left). Someone pauses in front of a burnt-down Speedway in Minneapolis (above).