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A brief history of impeachment

Who's been impeached and how it worked out

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In the past week, it's been hard to turn on the TV or radio and not hear about President Donald Trump's impeachment. But what is impeachment exactly? How many presidents were impeached? Were any removed from office? Many common misconceptions exist about impeachment.

The current impeachment inquiry was announced on September 24th. President Trump has been accused of a plot to interfere with the 2020 election with assistance from Ukraine. So far testimonies and accounts have kept the inquiry going, but as more news arises, information about the history of impeachment could be interesting and useful.

Impeachment is a congress-

sional process and power that can remove the president or other officials from office. Impeachment is mostly thought of as just removal from office, but in fact it is just the and filing of charges. Sometimes impeachment is proposed to the House of Representatives but it is denied.

A person or group of people in the House propose an impeachment inquiry involving an official. If the House agrees to the proposal, investigations, research and trials begin. The House of Representatives will then bring the inquiry to the

Senate. The Senate will hold trials and votes regarding the impeachment articles.

Many people don't know that, in actuality, no presidents have ever been removed from office through impeachment, and only two presidents have actually been impeached.

Our first contender, one many people don't know about, is Andrew Johnson, the 17th president, who was impeached in 1868 for "High Crimes and Misdemeanors" detailed in 11 articles. He vetoed multiple important bills, but more prominently, because he vio-

lated the Tenure of Office Act. The Tenure of Office Act was an act made by the U.S government to restrict the President from removing certain members of the office without Senate approval. The charge was pushed due to Johnson removing Edwin Stanton (Secretary of War) from office. Ultimately in May 1868 Andrew Johnson was impeached, however escaped removal from office by just one vote.

A common misconception was that Richard Nixon, the 37th president, was removed



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The 45th president of the United States

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The 2019-20 Fraquetball commissioners, senior Malachi Raymond and 11th graders Ella Pratt and Isabella Graziani (left) and 10th grader attempt a shot as seniors and last years champs, Tom Hobday and Jedi Casas prepare to defend (right).

Fraquetball forges onward

The classic game has new commissioners, ideas

Lili Hobday and Paloma Le-one-Getten
Staff Writers

Fraquetball is back with new and exciting ideas, such as Fraquetball February, a spin on March Madness. It is being led by senior Malachi Raymond and 11th graders Isabella Graziani and Ella Pratt.

Malachi has played Fraquetball for six years. This is his second year as a commissioner and he is currently

playing with 11th grader Joe Deutch on a team called Mr. Clean. "I became a commissioner because I wanted to step into a leadership role and become a role model for the younger kids like Joshua, Derrick, Sawyer and others were for me," said Malachi.

This is Ella and Isabella's first year being commissioners. Ella has played since 6th grade and is currently on a team named Curly Fries with

Helena Squires Mosher. Isabella is playing her first season with 11th grader Lily Hennessee on their team called All Intensive Purposes. "I've never played Fraquetball before this year, but I'm enjoying it a lot, I think it's really fun, it's a great sport," said Isabella.

Last year Tom Hobday and Jedi Casas won the championship as "Sunnyside Up." This year they're back as "All Gravy" and are hoping to win another

championship in their senior season, with 10 years of experience combined. They're currently 1-1 after losing to 12th grader Jaydon Gilkes and 11th grader Max Muench. "We've lost every game in which Jedi has played. But we'll beat them in the playoffs. They can have this little, small victory. We're the champs, we know everyone is coming for us, but we like the underdog mentality so we had to get that loss in," said

Tom.

Several other teams are looking to compete with Tom and Jedi this year. "Jaydon and Max are looking really good this year. Tim and Leo, Tom and Damon, the classic teams you know. They're mostly second lunch teams," said Isabella. However, Fraquetball is a 6-12 sport and it's up to middle schoolers to hold their own against teachers and upperclassmen. "The middle schoolers are looking good. They're starting to understand

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Fortnite for money

Ninth grader Dean Abdulla competes for real live cash

Eddison Vang
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Most people play Fortnite just for fun, but some people are good enough to play in the Fortnite tournaments. The most well known and recent fortnite tournament are Twitch Rivals TwitchCon Fortnite Showdown with the prize money being 2 million dollars and the Fortnite World Cup with the prize money being 3 million dollars. While 9th grader Dean Abdulla has not qualified to play in the World Cup or the Twitch Rivals TwitchCon Fortnite Showdown, he has won money on competing in the tournaments.

Fortnite launched in July 12, 2017. When it was first released 30 million players made a Fortnite account, eager to play. Now, in 2019 going into 2020, around 250 Million players have logged into Fortnite. In tournaments, players compete for a certain amount of time, gaining kills and placement. They earn points to move on, if they do not meet the required points they need to proceed forwards they are disqualified. If they do have the required points, they move on towards the prize money. The number of rounds depends on the tournament.

Dean has been playing vid-

Fortnite, 4



OWL Staff Photo

OWL students have had to break out their winter coats early this year.

Pick up your darn leaves!

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There is truly nothing like a November in Minnesota. While not as wet as April or May, nor as cold as February, it's an interesting mess of the two. This year especially has been interesting, as not only did we experience a late autumn, but also an early winter.

This nightmare scenario is increasingly looking like the new norm; unfortunately it has disastrous effects for the water we rely so heavily on here.

Minnesota is full of water; afterall, it is the state of "ten-thousand" lakes. But a majority of that water is contaminated or has poor water quality. There are many causes

behind both the poor quality and the climate shift, but there is one main culprit behind each, one that is so evil and corrupt that no one is willing to tackle it head on.

Leaves.

Leaves are pure evil. Not only do they get stuck in people's hair, vehicles, and roofs, they kill our lakes and rivers.

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the game and improving a lot," said Isabella.

This season, Fraquetball is more serious than ever. With 42 teams, line judges, and stats being taken every game, it will all lead up to Fraquetball February and the playoffs. "We're going to have brackets that everybody in the school can fill out, it'll be like March Madness," said Ella. "It's going to be a lot of fun, and hopefully a new tradition for the future."



Senior Spotlight

Annet Chautla



How many years have you been at OWL?

I started here freshman year.

What are your plans for next year?

I'm planning to go to Saint Kate's or Augsburg to study elementary education.

What's been your favorite class in high school?

CIS Chemistry or English with Leo.

What extracurriculars are you involved in?

I planned Día De Los Muertos and I did Dare to be Real.

Favorite field work trip and why?

Du Nord, because you don't really do anything and you get to do a lot of fun things.

Fav book, movie or TV show?

I hate this question... my favorite cartoons are *Gravity Falls*, *Star vs the Forces of Evil*, and *Danny Phantom*

That One Little Kid

Ian Oberheide



How tall are you?

4'11

What's your favorite class so far and why?

Probably math because I like the rewards and I like math in general.

Who's your favorite senior?

I like Victoria.

Where do you think you're going to college?

No idea, I'm not thinking about that right now.

What's the weirdest thing about OWL?

How we use our teachers first names and how teachers teach multiple classes.

What's your favorite school lunch?

Probably the nachos.

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

Roblox or Minecraft.

Time Crunch: a series

Elena Davis and Tess Campion

Staff Writers

At OWL many high school students are invested in their activities. From theater or synchronized swimming to year-round soccer. Eleventh grader Sam Keller-Long put his time into being a part of Circus Juventas.

Don't get the wrong idea—it's not a circus with clowns, lions, and elephants. Circus Juventas is a circus dedicated to artistry and self-confidence

through a multicultural circus arts. It is an all youth circus with many different acts, from Trapeze acts to Vault. Students can explore different acts and perform in the end of season show.

There are many age groups in Circus Juventas, usually based on skill and age level. The lowest age group is the toddlers and the highest goes to age 21.

Sam is in the most advanced level. He performs at the spring show, and in the sum-

mer show, a show you need to be selected for. "I do a variety of acts, but I do more gymnastics and tumbling so my I think my favorite thing to do is handstands," Sam said.

On average, Sam spends 20 hours a week outside of school practicing and working at Circus Juventas. For many people, this may be a lot of time to invest after school, but Sam enjoys it. "It's difficult, but doing it has gotten me to have better time management," said Sam.



Comradery on the shooting range

Four OWL students are participating in trap shooting this year

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Oliver Plaman walked up to the firing line with a box of shells and his Pump action shotgun. He loaded a shell and called "Pull!" The clay bird zipped out of the trap house. Oliver swung his shotgun and pulled the trigger: BANG! The clay bird was leveled to dust.

Trap shooting is the fastest growing sport in Minnesota, according to Lakeland PBS. There are around 324 schools in Minnesota that have a trap shooting team, which involves thousands of students. Humboldt High School is one of those schools and with only four athletes our team is like a family.

A lot of students and teachers don't know what trap

shooting is, but it is more interesting than you might think. Up to five athletes walk up to the range with their shotgun. Then the Team leader (the person on the left most side of the line) loads a shell and call the clay bird by saying pull, hopefully they level the bird to dust. This would repeat down the line until everybody has shot five times, then they would move down the line once. This system will repeat until fifty rounds are shot by each athlete.

Because each box of shotgun shells contains 25 shots we count our scores out of 25 for example 18/25, then 21/25. Our team has never gotten a 25/25. Across the league, the average score for all shooters runs between 15 and 17 busted

targets for every 25 clays. Novice shooters average up to 14.9, while more experienced team members average 19.0 and up.

The team practices on Wednesdays at South Saint Paul Rod and Gun Club (not in the winter). On the last day of the fall and spring seasons the team has a day when they do sporting clays (A simulation of hunting ducks, geese and rabbits!)

"Trap shooting is the fastest growing sport in Minnesota"

They usually vote on either sporting clays or a competition with the Saint Paul Police Department. "It's a great way to collaborate with friends, and it

helps prepare us for hunting," said Oliver, one of four OWL students who participate on the team.

Firearm safety is the first priority on the range. Every athlete is required to pass firearm safety, a course that educates and trains future hunters and athletes to handle firearms and travel with them safely. You can't handle a firearm, hunting or trap shooting if you don't pass this course! "I feel comfortable around live firearms and ammo because in trap-shooting there is a strong emphasis on safety," said Oliver.

"What I like most about trap shooting is student improvement. It makes them happy it makes me happy," said coach and Humboldt teacher T.J Austin.



Three OWL students are participating in trap shooting (above), Henry Plaman taking a shot (below).

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from office through impeachment. This is not true. On October 30th, 1973 the House Judiciary Committee built an impeachment inquiry staff to investigate possible offenses that could entail impeachment. Not until February 6th did the process formally initiate. Investigation primarily focused on the Watergate scandal, a scandal in which five men broke into the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate office complex in Washington D.C.

The men were reportedly attempting to wire-tap phones, and were stealing documents. In the following events the Nixon Administration attempted to cover up all involvement. Then in July 1974 the Judiciary Committee approved and proceed three articles against Nixon to the House of Representatives. They include Obstruction of Justice, Abuse of Power and Contempt of Congress.

In August 1974 the House was going to make an impeachment decision, however, Nixon released statements confirming his involvement in the Watergate incident. Days later Nixon resigned from office, ending his presidency and the impeachment process.

The second instance of a presidential impeachment was when the House of Representatives agreed to commence charges and proceedings against Bill Clinton. Clinton was charged with lying under oath and obstruction of justice, after lying about an affair with a White House employee. The House forwarded articles of impeachment to the Senate. On February 12th both articles didn't acquire the necessary two-thirds vote in the Senate, meaning Clinton stayed in office for the remainder of his term.

For those eager to see Trump leave office, history tells us that we shouldn't hold our breath. If he is removed from office through impeachment, he would be the first. How do you think the current impeachment with Trump will play out? Hopefully this brief history lesson has left you more informed.



Reviews 'n' stuff



Lakes versus Oceans

The fun and not-so-fun parts of living near a body of water

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Question: Which state has more shoreline, Minnesota or California?

If you said California, you may be surprised to learn that Minnesota actually has more total shoreline than the entire state of California. Obviously, Minnesota's shores are comprised of lakes, while California's are mainly from the coast of the Pacific Ocean. Now, the question begs to be asked: is it better to live near a lake or near the ocean?

Flex Factor

At first glance, it would seem obvious that living by the ocean would be way cooler than living around lakes. I mean, there's about a billion movies about teens living by the ocean, going surfing, and going for sunrise runs on the beach before school. In comparison, there's way fewer movies set in cabins or lakes, with most of them being horror movies.

Now I'll admit, I do see why oceanside living is so appealing. Coastal cities like Huntington Beach or Santa Monica market themselves as super chill and laid back, which does seem really nice. However, let's not forget about annoying tourists. Living in one of these towns, it's inevitable that you're gonna have



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Lily swimming in the ocean.

to deal with a ton of tourists, all the time. However, when it comes to lakes, they really just aren't that "cool." I mean, maybe they are for us Minnesotans, but not really to anybody else, at least that I know of. Honestly, when it comes to cool as oceans. It's not like you can go on Snapchat and flex that you're at a lake.

Recreational Opportunities

Regardless of the popularity of lakes vs oceans, there's no questioning that both oceans and lakes provide various things to do for fun on the water. In the ocean, you can do really cool things like surfing, boogie boarding, and parasailing. All of these seem super fun and thrilling, and it's definitely a huge part of the culture of these oceanside towns. However, the thing about all of these activities is that they take a lot of practice to even be able to do successfully.

Additionally, things like surfing can be especially dangerous with the massive waves and wind that the ocean produces. Even swimming in the ocean can be dangerous: sharks, undercurrents sweeping you out to sea, jellyfish stings, etcetera! On a lake, however, many of the activities are much more accessible and a lot safer. In fact, the main advantage of lakes, in my opinion, is that you can do lots of things in the water that would be pretty dangerous in the ocean. For example, tubing. Tubing is super fun, and lakes are the perfect environment for this. Another plus about lakes is that they have different uses year round. In the summer, you can swim and soak up the sun, but in the winter you can walk across the ice and skate when the lake freezes over.

Weather

While living near the ocean does seem super cool, there are also many cons to living near the ocean, some of them being legitimately dangerous. Although rare, tsunamis are still a threat year round, and if one were to materialize, so many people living in coastal cities would be absolutely screwed. However, regardless of the risk of natural disaster, the constantly warm and sunny weather is a huge plus. This



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Lily lounging on a lake.

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Superstore reminds us of Parks and Rec

The show has developed into something funny, but not exceptional

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As fans of Parks and Rec will understand, you can't always judge a show by its first season. Superstore is one of those shows. Superstore has

father figure to all of the main characters, particularly Amy. Glenn is a devout Christian which repeatedly leads to him getting in trouble for bringing religion into the workplace. His consistent positivity gets

great acting and an accurate thoughtful take on real-life issues. However, at the beginning of the show's run, it was simply too similar to better shows to recommend. Superstore wasn't as funny as Brooklyn Nine-Nine. It wasn't as memorable as Parks and Rec. It wasn't as original as The Office. And it wasn't as good as The Good Place. So why watch Superstore? The characters were also thin and unmemorable.

However, as Superstore went on it evolved. The turning point for me was the season one finale "Labor", which revolves around trying to get maternity leave for a teen mom employee. The characters begin to evolve from archetypes to interesting characters that the viewer cares for. The plots became more interesting and original. It was funnier and more confident. But most importantly it became something unique to separate it from the crowd of workplace sitcoms.

An important note is that Superstore has a lot of cringe comedy. If that's your thing you will like this show. For me personally, the second-hand embarrassment can be too much for me.

If we are doing letter grades Superstore started at a C+ and by the fourth season is in the B+ range. Superstore isn't one of the best TV shows of all time. It's not even one of the best sitcoms. But it's funny and enjoyable and sometimes that's exactly what you want to watch. Although depending on your patience you might want to skip the first season or two. Superstore is available on NBC or Hulu. It is currently 8 episodes into its 5th season.



evolved more than any other sitcom I've seen and every season is better than the one before it.

Superstore is created by Justin Spitzer, a former writer for The Office and Mulaney. It is produced by America Ferrera, Ben Feldman, Harry J. Lange Jr, Eric Ledgin, and Sierra Teller Ornelas. It stars America Ferrera and Ben Feldman. Superstore first aired November 30th, 2015.

The show follows the employees of a fictional superstore called Cloud 9. The show stars America Ferrera as Amy Sosa and Ben Feldman as Jonah Simms. The supporting cast includes Lauren Ash as Dina, the intense assistant manager with a soft side, and Colton Dunn as Garret, a cynical Cloud 9 employee with a love for video games.

Mark McKinnon plays Glenn, the lovable and well-meaning store manager. Glenn thinks of himself as a

on the nerves of more jaded employees like Garret and Dina. For me, Glenn is the heart and soul of this show.

Superstore generally begins during the break room meeting where the employees often drift off-topic. Then Amy and Jonah attempt to keep the other employees from making bad decisions, such as riding shopping carts or playing laser tag with the store scanners, and keep the store running smoothly. In the end, they usually get screwed over by corporate. Many episodes follow the employee's attempts to unionize and protest after being treated poorly. The whole time mocking poor Sandra, a character who plays a similar role to Jerry from Parks & Rec or Toby from the office (Shut up Sandra).

If I'd stopped watching Superstore after season one this would have been a mixed review. Superstore has always had endearing characters,

The Lighthouse is a "modern masterpiece"

John Cheatham
Staff Writer

Waves breaking against the shore with a destructive crashing noise. The salty smell of the sea engulfs the air. The loud honk of the lighthouse is cut by the clambering of gulls. From beginning to end, this is what I felt, heard and smelt when watching The Lighthouse.

The Lighthouse stars Robert Pattinson and Willem Dafoe, and is directed by Robert Eggers. The film was released limitedly October 18, 2019 and got a wide release on October 25, 2019. It was shot in Nova Scotia, Canada in black and white on 35 mm film.

The Lighthouse is about two wickies, lighthouse keepers, who watch over a lighthouse in New England in the

1890's. Winslow is a new wickie who is just looking for work and Thomas is an old sea dog who's watched the lighthouse for many years. The lighthouse is on an old rock in the middle of nowhere and the wickies only have each other.

At the start of the film Winslow is a quiet person who minds his own work but Thomas gets him to start talking. Winslow does jobs around the house like cleaning the floors and stocking fire for the lighthouse while Thomas watches over the light itself. The only time they spend together is at dinner, which is where most of the dialogue takes place.

Over the course of the film, Winslow starts to go mad and sees visions, particularly

involving a mermaid. These visions start to blur the line between reality and fiction, between lies and truth. The movie goes to 11 once the boat to pick them up doesn't come. The visions increase in number and intensity and blows the film into complete madness.

I loved this movie. I think it's safe to say it's a modern masterpiece. So much works in this movie it's hard to believe. By watching the first few minutes the first thing you'll realize is it's excellent cinematography. It's shot in bleak black and white which perfectly complements the grey skies of New England. Every shot feels meaningful and beautifully dark. It's also only shot with natural light and lanterns

which adds an element of realism not found in most movies.

The next standout feature is the performances. I've only seen Pattinson in Harry Potter and Twilight and this performance couldn't be more different. He nails every element of Winslow, from his quiet personality to his haunting visions. While Pattinson was great, he was nothing compared to Dafoe. He brings a powerhouse performance in what was a very difficult role. His character Thomas the opposite of Winslow, with the louder personality of a drunken sea dog. Through multiple monologues and tense scenes of psychological warfare he proves he's an actor to be reckoned with.

The storytelling is flawless.

The first half of the film focuses on building the setting and setting the stage for what's to come. It shows the characters and how they can survive with each other. The second half is much more insanity driven. You can't trust anything that's happening and makes the character much more developed and interesting. It all culminates in an insane finale that I won't spoil but if you see it, you'll know what I'm talking about.

I only have one big complaint with this and its length. Even though this wasn't an insanely long movie it felt like one. I thought it was about 2 and a half hours when it was just 1 hour and 50 minutes. Also there were a lot of fart jokes that were unnec-



essary.

I think this will go down as one of the greatest psychological thrillers of all time and is one of the best movies in the past few years. This is one masterpiece that I can recommend to most people and should be essential viewing to fans of the genre. I give it 9/10 seagulls.

Harry Potter: overrated?

Poor character development, among other things, causes the series loses its magical appeal

Micah GebbenGreen
Staff Writer

I recently looked over the Harry Potter series again. Upon reflection, I have concluded that it's not terrible, but it has no right being as popular as it is. It's a bad and poorly written book for 12-year-olds that tries to have deep themes to make adults feel justified in reading it.

In the Harry Potter series, a boy gets many abnormal advantages because of something that he didn't do after arriving at a magical school. In school, he makes friends and learns to swing a stick in special ways to do magic, then proceeds to save the world multiple times from an evil wizard named Voldemort.

When you read it as a kid, you think "Woah, this is so

cool, they're doing super cool magic!" But if you were to zoom out on the scene there would be two people swinging sticks at each other. This wouldn't be as much of a problem if the books didn't take themselves so seriously. They act like it's some epic battle of immense proportions, but it's really just stick swinging. The magic system is also not explained very well, if at all.

The characters seem decent but there are like five people that have development and a decent amount with development, and everyone else just exists. Character-wise, we get told a decent amount about the main three apes, there are some other degenerates like Neville, who has like two personality traits, and he has a wee bit of development in terms of

"I'm special because I didn't die"



not being a coward like once, and Luna who doesn't have much more than "quirky LOL" personality. Obviously, there are others like Ron's older brothers who are funny haha pranksters, but that's still just ten students we know about in the whole school.

The house system is also a sack of moldy apples. I have many reasons as to why I dislike it. I don't really want to get into them here, but I dislike

how there are only four houses. I dislike how people only fit into one house, how those people fit into a house, and how the houses are so poorly defined amongst other things.

There are other things like how the story arc of each book fits perfectly with a school year. But in conclusion, it's a pool of saliva that's not very good. Three/ten, would not recommend.

Leaves, 1

A single leaf alone isn't going to cause too much trouble, but with Minnesota's massive forests, the number of leaves enters the billions. While major metropolitan areas such as the Twin Cities have tons of trees to maintain a livable environment, those trees certainly don't help the carefully built ecosystem around the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers.

"How do leaves ruin water?" you may ask. Well, leaves, even dead ones, are full of nutrients, including sulphur, nitrogen, and phosphorus. While only in small abundance per leaf, those three nutrients are key factors in Eutrophication, which is the excess of minerals that induce the rapid growth of algae. This causes the acidity of the water to rapidly increase over time, with sometimes as much as 300%, as well as the phosphate concentration to rise on average 60% or higher.

Two of the most important aspects to look into while determining water quality are acidity and the concentration of phosphates and DO (dissolved oxygen). All three of those components rise exponentially with the introduction of leaf litter.

The rapid seasonal shift from Summer into Winter heavily affects how much leaf litter is present at a time. This year has been especially bad, as we went from summer temps of +20°C (+68°F) to below freezing temps hovering around -3°C (27°F). This dramatic shift in temperature causes havoc on trees, forcing them to deposit their leaves much quicker than anticipated. On a typical year, the twin cities experience a temperature swing in late September and early October. This allows for all of the leaves to be deposited before it first snows. This year

was different; as the temperature swing did not occur until late October. With leaf build up just before the first snowfall, those leaves are typically left unattended to. Causing Minnesota's lakes and rivers to decrease in water quality over the winter.

How can we prevent this, how do we prevent this growing problem?

There are a few ways, one is to PICK UP YOUR GOSH DARN LEAVES. This cannot be stressed enough. Many storm drains have spray-painted warning signs pleading against dumping, as those storm drains lead straight to the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers.

They ARE NOT sewage drains. Please, rake your leaves or if you rent out your place to live, tell the management to PICK UP THE LEAVES. If you wish to go a step further

and help to protect the water's quality even more, use less fertilizer and rock salt. Fertilizer contributes to the growing phosphate concentration even more than leaves do, therefore it's extremely important to use a little as possible to prevent fertilizer-filled runoff from reaching those storm drains. Rock Salt is pure evil alongside leaves. Switching to a dirt or gravel based alternative for de-icing helps protect both the water and other species who may be trotting along that sidewalk or road.

One final method of improving everyone's lives is to keep impervious surfaces clean like roads and pavement. This also includes PICKING UP YOUR SMELLY EVIL LEAVES. Even if they look pretty, they are pure evil and must be disposed of correctly at a compost center where they belong.

Fortnite, 1

eo games since he was around three or four years old, but started playing Fortnite a week after its launch when his cousin told him about it. Little did he know at the time that this game would eventually make him thousands of dollars. His first encounter with playing for money was the Scallywag Cup.

He had been putting a lot of time into the game and felt like he was ready to compete at a higher level. Since it was his first competitive experience he did not place well. He played sloppy and he didn't really know what to expect. He also didn't do too well performing for the World Cup. He did, however, get 18th place in the Contenders Cup out of all of North America winning \$200.

So far he has competed in around 30-40 tournaments, most of which were offering prize money. To compete in a tournament, he needs to sign up and then play on his computer during a certain window. The better he plays the more points he gets; the more points he gets the more money he gets. He has now made around

5,500 dollars playing Fortnite.

When Dean first started competing for prize money he would get nervous and it would affect his play. "At first I was definitely a lot more nervous than I usually get now," said Dean. He still gets nervous with big tournaments, but his anxiety has definitely toned down. Dean says that when he gets nervous it takes a toll on his aim and mechanics. He gets jittery and it makes him less accurate and he can't play as well, which makes it harder for him to place well.

When he practices he views it more as work, but when he is playing in a tournament it's still fun for him. When he under performs in a tournament he doesn't let that get him down, he just focuses on the next game or tournament.

When Dean was asked if he sees himself playing video games for a living, he said, "Possibly but I have to try to balance my school and gaming." He says that he needs to be well balanced so he has options in the future. He says he needs to have a fall back and still be able to go to college.

On a weekday Dean plays between four and six hours a day and on weekends he plays between four and ten. Playing extensive amounts of fortnite definitely eats up his social life. "I have to sacrifice a lot of my social life," said Dean. He still visits with his friends and hangs out with them and occasionally will play a couple rounds of Fortnite with them.

This school year is already

off to a promising start. Dean has already competed in a tournament that has earned him 2,500. He placed third and competed for three hours. He is always looking towards the next tournament and training with his team. Dean has saved most of his earnings but he has spent some of it in a new monitor which should hopefully help improve his play.



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Dean Abdulla competes regularly in Fortnite competitions.

Blade Runner: good 80's sci-fi

Otis King
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Runner runs from reality in gritty sci-fi detective flick.

In 1982, fresh off of Alien, director Ridley Scott surprised audiences with a strong follow up to boost his superstar status. Although well received by critics and audiences alike, Blade Runner made only 6 million in its opening weekend. It was released at the same time as E.T. Extra Terrestrial and Star Trek 2 Wrath of Khan, which played a big part in its small commercial success.

Blade Runner is a well acted, beautifully shot Sci-Fi thriller set in 2019. Flying cars, giant pyramids, and crazy air pollution make up Los Angeles in this dark era. In this futuristic time, robots known as replicants were created for slave labor. They exactly resemble humans, but are built physically perfect to be able to do hard labor.

The replicants turn against humankind as they Blade-start to develop emotions, and feelings; replicants only have a lifespan of four years, and due to this they have to learn everything we learn over a lifetime in just two years. This overwhelms them. New replicants are being made with programmed memories now, and the old ones no longer serve a purpose.

Blade runners are specialized cops trained to hunt them down. Harrison Ford plays a blade runner, the best in the biz. He is hired to track down a group of replicants that es-

aped their workplace and murdered their supervisor.

Harrison Ford showcases A list acting, highlighting the undeniable coolness of an action hero, while keeping in touch with the difficult emotions of a hard boiled detective. It's one of his best performances. Rutger Haur plays the confused and violent replicant, leader of the group. Haur brings a certain human emotion to the cold character, causing you to pity him despite his horrible acts of violence.

The cinematography is flawless. Beautiful lighting and staging brought the gritty feel to life, especially the scenes shot on the city streets. A beautiful mix of smog and neon captures a dysfunctional future perfectly.

There is a lot to unpack in this movie so I will not be able to do it justice with this review. I will recommend this movie to anyone who wants an entertaining action movie with a beautiful human story underneath.

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is drastically different from lakes, especially in Minnesota, where there are four clear seasons. While the summer is typically super nice, the winter environment can create brutal conditions, as we've all experienced.

Overall, after examining the many differences between ocean living and lake living, I sadly cannot make a definitive statement about which is "better". While oceans are objectively way cooler, they seem like a pain to live around. With lakes, they provide more opportunities for fun in the water, but they are a lot less action packed.

The final verdict

My final conclusion is that while the ocean is "cooler" and more of a flex, lakes actually provide a more enjoyable experience. Think about it: oceans are practically meant for tourism, while lakes provide a much more livable environment free of tourists and overpriced food. Now, obviously I would have to actually live in a coastal town to know for sure if lakes are better overall (if anyone wants to fund me moving to the ocean hit me up), but I know for a fact that I've enjoyed growing up in Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes.



Jedi tries out for national ultimate team

Senior Jedi Casas was invited to try out for the national boys' ultimate team that will compete in the World Championships in Sweden in the summer of 2020. The tryouts were November 23 and 24, for seven hours each day. He joined 100 athletes from across the US, along with six others from Minnesota.