

THE HOWLING TIMES



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Congratulations to our football team for making the Playoffs. We are very proud of you!

The Great Debate

- Eric Diaz

Within these last months we have been in the midst of a presidential election. This November people from all over the United States of America gathered together to voice their opinions on whom they felt will be the best candidate to be President of the United States of America. The two candidates were President Barack Obama representing the Democratic Party and Governor Mitt Romney representing the Republican Party.

After months of intense campaigning and long speeches, America spoke; The President of the United States is Barack Obama. He will serve our country for four more years as President.



A Special Message from our Newspaper Team

The Newspaper is not a place in which we only display news; it is a place in which we express a piece of ourselves. We display our talents, our thoughts, our experiences and our challenges through the newspaper we have created. It is a medium in which we have made ourselves known. We would like to thank you for reading our newspaper and supporting our school. More importantly, by reading this newspaper we thank you for giving us a voice. It has been said that wisdom

comes in a soft and whispered voice, not in a loud roar. Treat this newspaper as a whisper from the Newspaper Team.



"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other.

-Walter Eliot



We would like to acknowledge our band for performing so beautifully at the Autism Speaks Gala

Autism and the Media: My POV

- Maricarmen Suarez

Autism, the word can make every person in the room clench their behinds. Most especially if it is used when telling people, "What seems to be up with that weird cousin who can't manage to say two words to you without it seeming off." With time though, more and more of these cousins have started appearing in families across America and the rest of the world. Why has it been popping up more? Well, back in "ye olden times," people with autism were just considered crazy and got themselves shipped off to institutions while their families never mentioned them again. Now, because people today are much more willing to accept and learn about the differences in our society, autism has now become a hot topic for doctors and therapists. For one thing, no one knows what causes it (although I suspect it's my family's personality that made me abnormal) and no one knows exactly what to expect from it. Due to this though, things said about autism are often wrong or misleading, even from some people who have known a person with autism can spread the wrong information.

When that information reaches news stations, we are doomed. If news stations at times can't get somebody's name right, well imagine what it could do with such a tough topic like autism. Every kid is different, but in the eyes of the ever powerful news lords; people need to be warned about 20 year olds who act like their five years or old or little girls who scream for everything like an alarm. Not to say that those cases don't exist but, that's not what autism is. Every case of autism I've seen at my school has been a bit different, I go to class with people who have all types of personalities; some like to scream, some



dance, some enjoy anime, but, that's not all there is to them. I mean there are kids with speech impediments, others with short attention spans, and then there are the Aspie's (Asperger's syndrome) who seem completely normal until they accidentally insult you and annoy you with one constant subject (like animals, historical figures, video games, anime).

Honestly, the world needs to figure that out by now, since we're not going to get any better unless you address us by what we really are; individuals instead of a group of equally sick people. Every one of us has a different personality, and different likes and dislikes... well basically what I'm saying is that we're all like a bag of assorted candies, you never know what you're exactly going to get. I mean you can look at a piece of hard candy and know somewhat what it is but, you'll never know the intensity of the flavor unless you try it for yourself.

Although my principal has now tried to lift that image from people by putting me (a mostly well-spoken person) in front of a bunch of cameras, I can't help but feel that I'm also leading people on by saying that people with autism don't need help (which definitely isn't true). That we are all well-spoken but the truth is we're not. Sure I can be well spoken but at the same time I've been told that my case is somewhat mild compared to others, and I can be a big handful when away from the cameras. Also, I've hit plenty of bumps in the road before getting to where I am now (which is still pretty far from where I want to be; heck I'm writing this the night before it's due at 12:30, which definitely isn't how I want to be spending it).

Anyways, if you ask me news stations should be spreading more news about the diversity of autism instead of always focusing on one child or person that has their one specific autism and printing out stories of autism on that one person, but hey it's just my point of view.

Autism
is
not
a
Problem

It's
a
Journey



Temple Grandin

Always
Unique
Totally
INTERESTING
Sometimes
Mysterious



Miami Herald Bound

On October 4th 2012, the students of the Newspaper and Debate classes attended a fieldtrip at the Miami Herald Plaza, the local newspaper. These brilliant and intelligent minds visited the Miami Herald to improve their writing, researching and communication skills. They were there to deepen their understanding of the importance of mass-media communications. The students toured the facilities and engaged in a question and answer session with the head of human resources. All in all, the fieldtrip was a success, the students and faculty gained a better understanding of the Miami Herald's purpose and role in our local news.

Winter Formal

Join us for our first Winter Formal!

Date: Friday December 14,

Time: 7:00 P.M. till Midnight.

Location: Schoolhouse Prep Terrace

Attire for this event: Evening Attire

Cost: \$20 if purchased in advance or \$25 if purchased at the door. Includes dinner, refreshments, and dancing.

Please see Ms. Vega to purchase your tickets. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Wise Man's Wisdom:

A young man asked an old successful man, "Old man teach me how to be successful." The old man grabbed the young man and tossed him in the ocean. He began to drown him. The young man finally broke free and gasped for air, the old man said, "Young man the trick to success is desiring it as much as you desire to breathe."



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A Blast from the Past – Julien Yanes

On July 20th, 1969 Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first men to ever walk on the Moon. This act completed a dream first spoken by President John F. Kennedy 8 years earlier. It began with an appeal President John Kennedy made to a special joint session of Congress on May 25, 1961: "I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth." The reason had been because at the time, United States was in a cold war with the Soviet Union. The main point being the Space Race: the quest to reach and walk on the moon first.

Taking a total of eight years, and much hard work, it was one of the most important moments in human history and the 20th century. It was also a

televised event seen by more than a hundred million people. It showed both the power of human achievement and the mind. Never before or since have humans ever experienced such an integral moment.

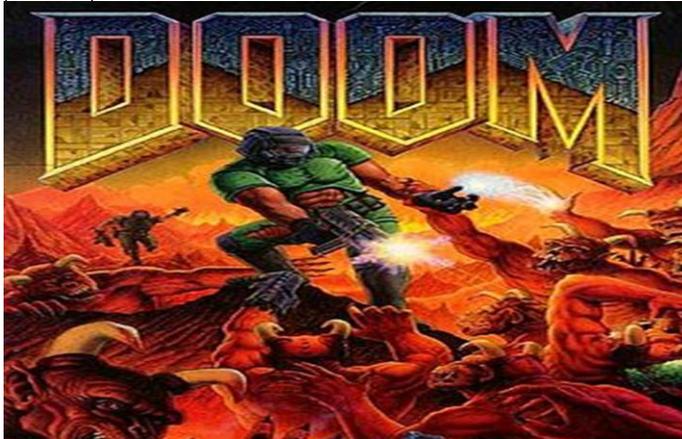
Its effects still resonate today. It affected both popular culture and technology. The landing created a boom in the Science Fiction movie genre that allowed such films as Star Wars to exist. Because of the moon landing, we now have such things as HD TV and Dish TV. Why? Most of these gadgets come from the technology created by NASA in order to televise the landing. Also, because of the landing on the moon we have been able to go further in space than ever before. No other moment in human history has had such significance and consequences as the landing on the moon.

Michael's Corner – Michael Bocanegra

The Games that Gave Us the Rating System We Use Today

As you know today we have six types of ratings for video games. There was a time though when games had barely any ratings that would specify which games were appropriate for specific ages. The games that started this were: DOOM, Night Trap, Mortal Kombat.

DOOM is one of the first FPS'S or first person shooters. The game takes place on mars. You play as a space marine who has attacked his squad leader after being told to fire at civilians. He is sent to mars. His mission is to help in an experiment on the two moons of mars which most marines claim is boring, but, the experiment goes horribly wrong and the equipment malfunctions. Some strange creatures appear and start killing or possessing the other space marines. After a while your character is the last man standing. As I forgot to mention above, the experiment was a teleportation project but when it goes horribly wrong Deimos (one of the moons of mars the other being Phobos) disappears completely. So your character must fight for his survival and to prevent the creatures from getting to earth. The game is put into three sections called episodes with eight levels in each one. The first level is a military base on Phobos, the second being Deimos with strange architecture and a demonic field. After defeating the episode boss you land in hell only to discover that Deimos is floating above hell. The next episode begins with you fighting the demons of hell and after defeating Spiderdemon (the mastermind of the invasion), a portal to earth appears. After your character goes through the portal he appears in a lush meadow with flowers and rabbits only to see that a city is burning. A rabbits head is impaled on a stake leading to DOOM II: Hell on Earth. So what caused the rating controversy over this game? It had tons of blood and gore with graphic scenes, young kids could buy it when it was released in 1993. Though it and three other games caused the controversy it was a good game the graphics of an FPS at the time compared to today were horrible but, at the time they were good. The gameplay was pretty good, and the plot was okay. So here is my rating of DOOM: graphics: 7/10, gameplay: 9/10, and plot/story: 6/10 total score: 8/10.



Night Trap is the only one of the three to not have at least one sequel. The story is simple, a group of girls go over to their friend's house and you are part of a SCAT or Sega control attack team in the Sega version of the game. So one of the agents is a girl who is going to the party and the reason she is there is to investigate because a group of girls went there a few days before but never came back out. So, strange creatures known as Augers appear and try to take the girls away to suck their blood, but you stop them with traps that you see and activate through cameras in different rooms that you cycle from. Your character is referred to as control and you later find out that the family that lives in the house are vampires and that Augers need a lot of blood to become vampires. Depending on how you play and how many Augers you catch depends on the ending you get. So what was so controversial about it? Well, people claimed that it was inspiring children to hurt and kill real women, and there was a nightgown scene that was slightly transparent. So what is my rating, well the graphics I can't rate, it used real people because it was on the Sega CD but here is what I can rate: gameplay 3/10, story/plot 2/10, total score 2/10.



Mortal Kombat is a classic fighting game. There is not much to talk about in regards to the game, but it was released in 1992 and it was released for two separate consoles the Super Nintendo and the Sega Genesis. The Super Nintendo version was child friendly and so was the Sega Genesis version but, the Sega Genesis version had a secret password to type in and you could see all the blood and gore of it such as heads being kicked off, spines being ripped out, etc. So the game was not very child friendly when the code was put in, but, when the sequel came out Sega decided not to hide anything and show all the blood and gore. So that is how it helped start the rating controversy: graphics: 6/10 for Sega 7/10 for Nintendo, gameplay 8/10 for both, moves 9/10 for both. Total score 9/10 for Nintendo, 8.5/10 for Sega.

Comic Strip

Through the Lens of Carlos Anato

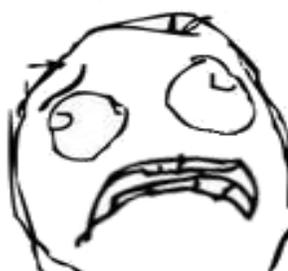
Me playing Slender late at night...

Me: this is scary
I better stop playing.

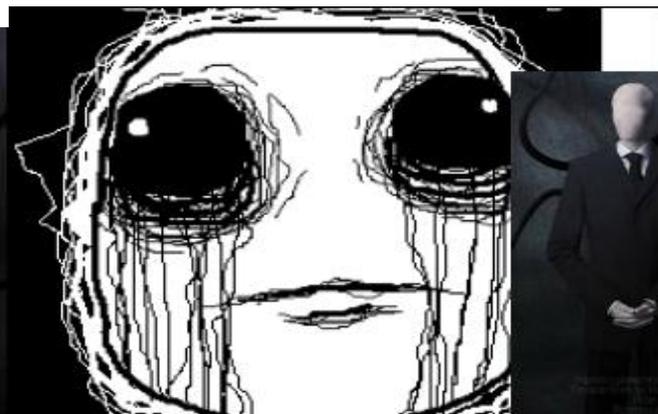


Me seeing Slender Man wallpaper

Me: Gaah! Better get rid of it or I' ll get nightmares!



Me putting my hand on the paper. But that' s not paper! It feels like Air- !



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