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## THE NEGATIVE SIDE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Caroline Warner  
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In today's world, social media is everywhere. Almost every teen has some form of it. Although it is fun and it connects us to our friends and favorite celebrities, it can have many negative effects that we may not even realize.

First of all, social media makes it easy for people to focus on things that don't really matter. Some people spend hours focusing on the amount of "likes" they get on a recent post and comparing themselves to others on the Internet.

Sabrina Barr, a writer from [independent.co](http://independent.co), says, "Comparing yourself to others on social media by stalking their aesthetically perfect Instagram photos or staying up to date with their relationship status on Facebook could do little to assuage your feelings of self-doubt."

The platforms also expose kids to a world of cyberbullying. As if bullying in the school environment wasn't enough—now, the torment can follow kids to their own homes.

One website that specializes in kids and the Internet, Teensafe.com, says that "87 percent of today's youth have witnessed cyberbullying. Close to 34% of students acknowledge that they have experienced cyberbullying. 15% of surveyed



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in popularity of smartphones.

One such expert, Caroline Miller from [childmind.org](http://childmind.org), stated that "A 2017 study of over half a million eighth through twelfth graders found that the number exhibiting high levels of depressive symptoms increased by 33% between 2010 and 2015. In the same period, the suicide rate for girls in that age group increased by 65%."

Miller goes on to say that "many girls are bombarded with their friends posting the most perfect pictures of themselves or they're following celebrities and influencers who do a lot of PhotoShopping and have makeup and hair teams [... and if] that's their model for what is normal, it can be very hard on their self-confidence."

This is saying that the images we see online can negatively affect our mental health.

So, how do we combat this? According to Miller, "If teens decrease their use of social media and spend more time interacting face to face with their peers, their mental health and sleep habits could improve and their risk of becoming depressed could decrease."

All that being said, a little detox from social media would do us all some good.

Are you up for the challenge?



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## Guess Who?

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Hey, Warriors! "Guess Who" is a fun guessing game where you read the answers to the following questions and guess which teacher or staff member it is. Here is this edition's installment:

**Where is your dream vacation?**

Answer: The Caribbean

**What is your favorite sports team?**

Answer: Atlanta Braves

**What is your favorite color?**

Answer: It changes with the seasons of life. Right now its Earth tones.

**What is your favorite food?**

Answer: Grouper Fish (Cajun-grilled) and Oysters

**What is your favorite movie?**

Answer: *Slingblade*

**What is your favorite book?**

Answer: *Chronicles of Narnia*



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**What is a fact that most people don't know about you?**

Answer: I used to manage a cattle farm before I started teaching in Southeast Alabama.



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*Which teacher—  
or staff member—do you  
think it is?*

## Kishan on a Mission: To Find the Perfect Laptop

Kishan Patel

Most people want to follow the latest trends and have the newest technology. In this manner, I'm going to help you choose a reliable laptop.

While companies like Dell and HP make mostly reliable computers, some companies like Apple are much more reliable—and, even though they might be more expensive, it's worth the price not to have to have to buy another computer sooner. For many people, however, Apple might not always be the best answer.

That said, one of the best non-Apple laptops to buy is a Lenovo. They are durable, reliable and have many features to protect them from spills—such as a plate under the keyboard that will prevent inner mechanics from getting wet and ruined.

Ask Mrs. McKenzie if it really works!

Because of this, any Lenovo computer is good; however, touchscreen and YOGA full bending models can cost over \$1000. Even so, you can still get great, reliable Lenovo computers for under \$350—for example, the Lenovo 300e. This small lap-



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top is convenient in both size and compatibility. This is also one of the few full bending and touchscreen models under \$450.

What's more, this laptop is designed specifically for students.

According to the 300e's webpage, "Its rugged build means it can withstand the rigors of the school day."

That means it probably won't be able to withstand getting dropped down the W&R stairs, but it can be thrown around in your backpack without a problem.

This laptop is perfect for school use—for a middle or high schooler—and is even found in Lenovo's student laptop section!

However, if the 300e isn't for you and you're willing to splurge, then go all out with a MacBook Pro. Even though this laptop cashes in at around \$1,300, you won't spend money on another one for a long time because of the durability.



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On the other hand, a new MacBook Pro starts at \$1,299—but you can easily add options cashing in at over \$3,000 with Touch ID recognition and the TouchBar. Fantastic laptop, but if this isn't in your price range, then you can buy less expensive MacBooks, which are still great.

My final suggestion is another Lenovo—the Lenovo N42 Chromebook. This computer is also perfect for students; and, though it doesn't operate Windows, it is a reliable computer. And inexpensive!

It can be bought with or without a touchscreen, and its body is made from strong materials. Again, you wouldn't be able to drop it down the stairs, but if your backpack were to be trampled, your computer would be just fine.

\*If you browse the Lenovo® site, make sure to avoid all laptops with Halo Keyboards. The computer I use has a Halo Keyboard and, even though it seems cool, it makes typing very hard and inconvenient. The Halo Keyboard is the concept of hav-

ing a screen with a keyboard projected onto it. It is very sensitive, and you cannot rest your hands on the keyboard or you will be pressing keys. Take my advice: avoid it altogether.

All in all, I hope this helped you get some ideas for a new laptop if you're looking.

Looking forward to my next mission!

*Do you need advice on anything? E-mail me at [kpatel@williamandreed.com](mailto:kpatel@williamandreed.com), and maybe YOU will be in my next mission!*

## Four New Inventions That Will Make Life Better

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The world is changing at a rapid pace. The overall human civilization and society is constantly reshaping, redeveloping and reconfiguring itself. We change the way we live, the way we communicate, the way we travel, the way we speak, the way we entertain ourselves and so on. Life is like a never-ending track of advancement with one invention after another revolutionizing the way we live forever. In order to adapt to this never-ending developing world, we must keep ourselves up to speed and adapt with it.

These four recent inventions are advertised to make our lives easier:

### Light-Weight Electric Skateboard

New light-weight skateboards are now flooding the market. Weighing in at only 15 pounds, Boosted's skateboards are proving to be more efficient than their competitors. This new revolutionary skateboard is lighter than ever and still capable of reaching the same 20 mph standard speed as other motorized skateboards.

In an article from Time.com, writer Alex Fitzpatrick states, "Boosted CEO Jeff Russakow maintains that the Mini is an important step toward a less car-dependent future: it's 'a Tesla you can throw in your backpack.'"

This new skateboard proves to be a more efficient option for any skater.

### 3-D Printer Capable of Printing a House

A new 3-D printer called Vulcan has completely rebuilt the concept of 3-D printing technology and has recently swept the market. It has the ability to print a 350-square-



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foot house in 48 hours.

This groundbreaking machine is reshaping the purpose of a 3-D printer. Not only does it build houses at record speeds, but it can also produce them at a fraction of the typical price.

ICON, the creator of this device is aiming to be able to create a 2000-square-foot house in only 24 hours.

On Time.com, writer Eli Meixler states, "ICON is also working with New Story, a housing nonprofit focused on Latin America and the Caribbean, to bring Vulcan to regions in need of cheap, durable housing solutions."

This new 3-D printing model also has intentions of providing much-needed shelter in areas of great need.

### A Vacuum Cleaner That Empties Itself

The newly invented Roomba i7+ has made vacuuming a self-sustained process that gives the user a revolutionary cleaning

experience. This new vacuum not only cleans the floors on its own, but it can also empty the dirt, dust and particles into a trash container by itself as well.

This trash can is capable of storing a month's worth of dirt and dust from the floors, and is almost completely self-operating.

### Bad-Habit-Breaking Bracelets

A new company called HabitAware founded by Aneela Idnani is fighting bad habits everywhere. They have created a bracelet that can be programmed by its users to pick up repetitive movements that have become bad habits the user has developed.

For instance, whenever the users bite their nails or pull their hair, the bracelet can recognize it and give the user a vibration to remind the user to stop.

All in all, Idnani seeks to help people all over the world to break their bad habits and live better lives.



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## Let the Madness Begin

Payton Usher & Drew Yuhas  
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It's that time of year again—March Madness is here.

March Madness is a tournament held every year that includes NCAA college teams. Taking place mostly during the month of March and ending in April, a total of 68 Division 1 basketball teams are chosen to compete.

It is a single elimination tournament. Part of the fun for spectators is that people make brackets to predict what teams will win or lose.

### So, how does it work?

The teams that make it are chosen by the Division 1 committee, and teams that make it to the tournament are the ones on top.

This year, these include Duke, Tennessee, Gonzaga, Virginia and Michigan State.

The Regions on the tournament bracket are split into East, West, Midwest and South. If a team makes it through the first rounds then they get to the Sweet 16, which consists of as many teams. The winners of that game go to the Elite 8—and, from there, they can go on to the Final 4. The last game in is called the NCAA championship, and the school who wins it all wins \$1.6 million dollars.

### How are teams chosen?

The Division 1 committee chooses teams developed through observations, discussions with coaches, directors of athletics and commissioners and they review and comparison of data ultimately determines selections, seeding and bracketing.

The criteria includes selecting the 36 best-at-large teams, seeding the field of 68 teams and place those teams chosen into the championship bracket.

The committee then selects the 36 best



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teams not otherwise considered automatic qualifiers for their conference to fill the at-large berths.

There is no limit on the number of at-large teams the committee may select from one conference.

The committee then endeavors to achieve reasonable competitive balance in each region of the bracket.

### What are some past outcomes?

Here are the most notable winners over the past 10 years:

North Carolina won in 1993 in the tournament led by Chris Webber.

In 1994, Arkansas won the championship under Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman.

In 1996, Rick Pitino led Kentucky to the overall win.

In 1999, Connecticut won the championship led by Wendell Carter.

In 2001, Duke won the state championship with Jason Williams, Shane Battier, Mike Dunleavy and Chris Duhon.

Maryland won in 2002 led by Juan Dixon, and, in 2005, North Carolina won under Sean May, Raymond Felton and Rashad McCants.

In 2008, Darrell Arthur, Mario Chalmers, Darnell Jackson and Sherron Collins led Kansas to the win.

Four years later, Kentucky won the championship led by Anthony Davis.

Villanova won in the championship in 2016 when Marcus Paige hit a clutch 3-pointer with 4.7 seconds left.

Last year, in 2018, Villanova won the championship with a record of 36-4.

### Who will win this year?

March Madness is a very crazy event that many people enjoy to watch. The outcome of any game can be unpredictable, and the game is never over until you hear that magic buzzer. That said, our Final Four predictions include Duke, Michigan State, Virginia and Tennessee. Then, we think Michigan State and Tennessee will play to decide the ultimate winner.

While we have our future-vision hats on, we think Michigan will take it all in a buzzer beater shot over Tennessee leaving the final score 84-83.



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## A C A D E M Y

# Drew Does: The Warrior Who Plays (Almost) Every Sport

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Not a lot of students play all the sports offered here at William and Reed Academy, but finding someone who played every sport in the first *semester* was easy for me—because that student is in my class: Sixth grader Drew Yuhas took advantage of every athletic opportunity he could in his first semester at our school as a member of the swim, basketball and cross country teams. What's

**DY:** I am inspired mostly by [Olympic swimmer] Michael Phelps.

**RAAI:**

**Do you want to take do any of these sports seriously as an adult?**

**DY:** I plan to keep on swimming and playing golf because I can do them non-competitively. If I do want to keep playing a sport seriously, it would really depend on how I perform during the years to come.

**RAAI: Do you plan to continue playing sports for the rest of your time at W&R?**

**DY:** Yep, definitely. I always need something to do.

**RAAI: Do you play any sports outside of school?**

**DY:** I swim for the Alpharetta YMCA and for the Alpharetta Sharks outside of school. I also have played other lacrosse, baseball, track... This could go on forever...

**RAAI: When did you start competing in sports?**

**DY:** I started competing in sports around the age of two. I played soccer, and I have not stopped since then.

**RAAI: You decided not to play tennis. Why not?**

**DY:** Because I'm already swimming and playing golf, and a third sport would take up too much time.



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more, he plans to play golf this semester.

**Reed All About It:**

**Why did you choose to compete in all of the sports last semester?**

**Drew Yuhas:** Because I like all the sports that I do. These sports are something for me to do when I am bored, and also when I want to have fun.

**RAAI:**

**Are you inspired by anyone to compete in these sports?**

If you have any more questions for the new age Bo Jackson, find Yuhas during break where he will most likely be in Mr. Brothers's room.



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## Throw Like a Girl: Women on the Football Field

Sydney Rowen  
STAFF WRITER

This year, Super Bowl LIII featured many memorable advertisements, including one particular Toyota promotion. In it, Toni Harris, the first woman in history to be offered a college football scholarship. Not only is she the first female to play a non-kicker position on any collegiate football team, but she dreams of being part of the NFL one day.

So, what's the story behind this amazing athlete?

One day after practice, Harris was in her locker room when she got a call. It was from the popular car brand, Toyota. They wanted her and her story to represent the 2020 Toyota Supra, one of the most anticipated cars coming out next year.

According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, student athletes who choose to participate in any promotion/advertisement may do so, but they are not allowed to make any profit from it. Most millennials would turn down the offer, but not Harris. She wanted to inspire young girls.

"A message that I would like to send to younger girls is to keep your dream alive. Nothing's impossible," she told InsideEdition.com. "[It's n]ot every day everybody can stand up and be a role model for other

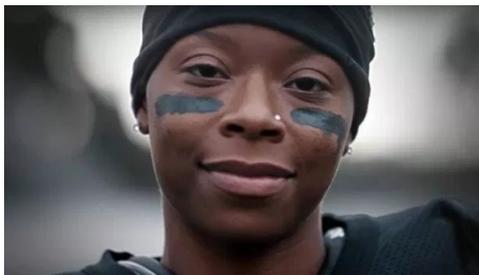


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people, and it's kind of hard. It's a lot of pressure, but I mean, I'm just paving the way for the next little girl that's going to come along and be a role model as well."

But Harris wasn't the only female football player featured in Super Bowl LIII's set of advertisements. The NFL had a commercial promoting their upcoming 100th season. "The 100-Year Game," as it was called, featured 15-year-old Sam Gorden, founder of the Utah Girls Tackle Football League—which was also the first of its kind.

This past year, Gorden won the NFL's very first "Game Changer Award" so she

was highlighted as well.

What does this mean for the future? Who knows! It might eventually become a co-ed sport. Maybe you'll see Gorden or Harris tackle their way across your very own television.

Or maybe YOU might be the one on the field.

If these legendary ladies have taught us anything, it's that anything is possible.



## The Five Stripe "Freakwent": Atlanta United Recap

Dominic Yeremian  
STAFF WRITER

The transfer market window closed on Jan. 31, and Atlanta United got a few players and a new manager to add to the roster. The club has lost many players to the expansion draft for the new expansion team, Cincinnati FC and some left to bigger clubs in Europe.

That said, Atlanta United has gotten a new manager after Tata Martino left for the Mexico Men's National Team—Frank De Boer. De Boer has coached many big clubs such as Ajax in the Eredivisie and Crystal Palace in the Premier League.

Greg Garza has also left the club through the expansion draft. Atlanta United received \$450,000 in allocation money. At the time of his announcement Garza made a post on



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Instagram with a caption showing his appreciation for the club and its fans.

"You gave me the opportunity to do what I love most in front of one of the most amazing crowds I have ever seen," Garza said. "Atlanta...Thank you. For we will always be grateful for our time spent, our

lessons learned, and our blessings received within your city."

He received many thankful good-byes from fans and players of the club.

In addition, Newcastle United, a team from England in the Premier League, has bought Atlanta's favorite attacking midfielder Miguel Almiron for a price tag of \$27 million dollars.



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He was linked with the club since the season ended and was stating that he would want to leave the club after his second season.

In addition, Almiron's agent explained his irritation toward the club during the negotiations Newcastle. He said that they were taking too long in, but he understands that Atlanta had some trouble with, setting a price for Miguel.

According to his agent, his weekly salary was lower than what he wanted due to the time complications.

"...he lost a significant amount of money, that should've never happened. This has absolutely nothing to do with NUFC" he

stated on Twitter, Feb. 3.

Almiron made his club debut against Wolverhampton on Feb. 11, in which the teams drew 1-1.

On the brighter side of soccer news, Atlanta has brought in many new players from transfer deals and the MLS Draft, including Dane (Brek) Brekken Shea, a left back from the Vancouver Whitecaps; Anderson Asiedu from UCLA; and Amir Bashti from Stanford University.

Frank De Boer has also brought in some big names from out of the country, like Gonzalo "Pity" Martinez and Florian Pogba.

Martinez is an attacking midfielder from the club River Plate in Argentina. According to Dirty South Soccer, the transfer would cost around \$14 million dollars.

"I'm very excited to come to Major League Soccer and to join Atlanta United," said Martinez.

Another heavy hitter, Pogba, is a defender from Genclerbirligi in the Turkish League.

He seems to be excited about the move.

"Thank God a new adventure begins," he posted on his Instagram account.

He is clearly happy to be here and the fans are excited to see his talent on the pitch.

Good luck to all on the rest of the season!



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## Review: Overwatch, A Heroes Game

**Devin Neveu**  
 STAFF WRITER

Next up in my video game review series is Overwatch.

In it, there are two teams of six, and there are many heroes that can complete the job. It also features different maps one can play in every match.

In addition, the game has five different modes: Quickplay (for when you just want to play a standard game on a random server), Arcade (for several other versions of the Quickplay game mode), 3 vs 3 Mystery Hero (where your hero is chosen for you), 1 vs 1 Elimination (which is like the normal game but you don't respawn) and Competitive Play (which is just like Quickplay but you move up ranks the more you win games).

There are 29 heroes to choose from, and each has its own special abilities that make it

unique. Some heroes have healing abilities to help their teammates survive, and some have combat abilities to kill the other team.

These heroes are split into two groups: Damage heroes and Supply heroes. Each hero also has a different mode of transportation and different health levels. Some can crawl across the ground and up high ledges; some can just sprint. But every hero has a unique ability that makes him a helpful part



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of his team.

Another cool feature is that you can switch heroes mid-game. Before you come back to life each time, you have the choice to pick another hero to play with if you want to change characters. There are also different appearances and phrases you can unlock for your different characters by playing.

I own Overwatch, but have only scratched the surface in terms of what I do with it. It's been a really fun game and, in my opinion, it is better than the more popular Call of Duty: Black Ops.

## Unpopular Opinion Corner | AirPods: Wireless Ignorance?

Jackson Pelot  
STAFF WRITER

Apple AirPods were released in December of 2016 and, since then, they have slowly risen in popularity. They certainly were a very big Christmas item this past year.

But are they really worth buying and defending?

One should expect the price point to be pretty reasonable; however, at around \$150, that doesn't seem to be the case.

For one, AirPods use Bluetooth technology for their connection, which has already established itself as having low quality audio and being buggy and generally unreliable. I talked to a William & Reed student who wished to remain anonymous, who said that AirPods are "overpriced and underperforming in ear monitors that are outclassed by just about every other monitor in the price range in both performance and clarity, especially when it comes to the sound stage. They are tinny sounding and are too cramped to deliver good bass."

AirPods also don't come with any sort of



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replaceable rubber tip, so if you have an ear that is too large or too small, the buds could fall out easily or be painful to wear for extended periods of time.

Ninth grader Isa Taiana has had some issues with hers.

"You can lose them easier [than other earbuds]," Taiana says. "They are too light. So when you go to the gym like I usually do, they fall out."

Why, then, has this piece of average tech been rising in popularity? The answer, may lie not in their actual quality, but in their price—and perhaps their "statement," as it seems some people are under the delusion that wearing AirPods will make them feel validated in the eyes of their peers.

Of course I am not saying that everyone who wears AirPods, or any other overpriced embodiment of mediocrity are like them, does this, but people like this do exist. If you look in any social setting and can't find one, it just might be you.

## Album Review: Jon Bellion's *Glory Sound Prep*

Dominic Yeremian  
STAFF WRITER

Visionary Music Group artist Jon Bellion's latest album, *Glory Sound Prep*, features ten tracks with unique sounds. The album was released Nov. 9, 2018, and varies between different moods in all the right ways—and at the right times. This is an album everyone should give a listen to, but the best way to experience this review is to follow along with the album.

Here is my take on the first five tracks.

### Track 01: "Conversations with My Wife"

Bellion has said many times that he is married to his music. In this first song, he explains in his lyrics about how music has always been by his side, and he will always do what he wants with his art—even if it means people stop listening. He says he will never sell out for fame, no matter what.

The beat to this song goes well with the meaning. It has a graceful and serious tone, but it brings in an '80s-sounding keyboard at the end. It has the feeling of the moment of the guy finally "gets the girl" at the end of a movie.

Overall, I give the song a 7.5/10. Although the song repeats the pre-chorus and chorus, it does well as an intro to the album.



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### Track 02: "JT"

In this song, Bellion talks about his overwhelming thoughts. He says God gave him his talent, but he could always say in interviews that his talent comes from himself alone. Even though those thoughts enter his mind, he still has time to think about all the good things that music has done for him and his family.

The beat here has a happy tone. Back-

ground samples of a choir chirping in the pre-chorus to connect the chorus and the songs lyrics give it a holy feel. He preaches that he his dreams are always far away, but nothing will stop him from reaching them.

I rate this one 8/10. It is a song that makes one feel happy, and if one is a fan of Bellion's, one will be happier for him.

### Track 03: "Let's Begin," feat. Roc Marciano, RZA, Black Keyz and Travis Mendes

This is the first rap song on the album, and Bellion pursues it perfectly. He fires shots at many other artists who try to be famous instead of improving their craft.

The beat is smooth, jazzy and something you can bob your head to. The intro of violins and Roc Marciano's lyrics set the tone for the song—that it's one to be taken seriously.

After the intro and Roc Marciano's last line, "Now let's begin," it transitions into a simple, yet great jazz guitar with drums and a piano sample. The chorus switches the sound with what can only be described as Bellion's own techno R&B style with the RZA shouting "Now let's begin!"

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This song deserves a rating of 9/10. The flow and the lyrics of all the artists fit well with the tempo of the song. It's one to always come back to because of the way it sounds and the deep meaning behind it.

(I would give this one a 10/10 if RZA had a bigger part than just three words in the chorus.)

### Track 04: "Stupid Deep"

This song touches upon how Bellion looked for love and appreciation from people with his music but he now realizes that the love was always in front of him no matter what.

When he says "cause the love I really need is stupid cheap," he is stating that the amount of money he spends to produce his music which makes people love him is much more expensive than the love from his family and friends, which is what he really needs.

The sound of this song is truly beautiful. Piano melodies, techno drums, an outstanding flute and background vocals from Travis Mendes and Bellion's own sister

make this record sound amazing.

Therefore, this song gets a rating of 10/10. If you can relate to this song, you will cry. The lyrics are short and simple, but the meaning behind them is absolutely mind blowing. Even if you don't like the whole album, this is the song that should be added to anyone's playlist.

### Track 05: "The Internet"

Bellion makes it very clear in this song, that the Internet changes and shapes people for the worse—that it is where people can put up a facade and act completely differently than they do in person.

Although it is a serious topic, Bellion decided to produce the song with a bouncy tempo and happy/groovy-sounding instruments.

This song makes him a genius. Much like its meaning of people covering up their facades on the Internet, the song does the same thing. It uses peppy-sounding instruments and sounds that make your shoulders move.

This song rightfully deserves a rating of 10/10. The deep lyrics and meaning mixed in with the glorious sounds brings the song together perfectly. This song is fun and is always great to come back to.

All in all, the first half is very strong. Stay tuned for the next edition of *Reed All About It* for my take on the second half!



## Spring into Deliciousness: Cake-Pops

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March is now here, which means Spring is just around the corner. What better way to get into the spirit of the season than to bake some festive cake pops. Pastel frosting and sprinkles are the perfect way to kick off Spring 2019—and now you don't need to drive to a Starbucks and spend ten dollars to get it. You can make some at your house with this simple recipe!

"They taste better than they look," says seventh grader Deven Neveu.

All you need is:

- ~1 cup of brown sugar
- ~¼ cup regular granulated sugar
- ~1 cup unsalted softened butter
- ~2 ½ cups vanilla extract
- ~1 teaspoon of salt
- ~2 cups all purpose flour
- ~2 tablespoons milk (more later as needed)
- ~1 cut mini chocolate chips
- ~Plastic sticks

Directions:

1. First, heat the flour in a microwave safe bowl for one minute to get it ready.
2. Use a hand mixer or electric mixer to mix the brown sugar, the regular sugar and the soft butter until it's light in color and fluffy in texture.
3. Then, mix in the salt and vanilla extract. Mix in the flour next (small bits at a time to prevent mess). Add milk in one tablespoon at a time.
4. Next, use a spatula to stir in the chocolate chips.
5. Lastly, roll the dough into small balls and place on top of the sticks!

Freeze for 15 minutes if you want them chilled. Decorating is optional—but to decorate, you must freeze the pops, melt colorful chocolate, and dip. Sprinkles optional.

That's all, so what are you waiting for? Get to popping, and enjoy!



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## Opinions About Cupcakes: Gigi's or Smallcakes?

Devin Neveu  
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This was a grueling experiment, but I took one for the team in order to bring you the results!

I bought four cupcakes from Smallcakes of Alpharetta and four from Gigi's Cupcakes so I could tell you, dear readers, which tasted better—and which are the better deal in terms of prices, the stores' services and other options.

First, I went to Gigi's Cupcakes. The shop was very bright and colorful.

When I walked in, one of the employees welcomed my family and me to the store. She was nice and seemed happy to be there.

The service was respectable. The cupcake display was well laid out. The four cupcakes I ordered from Gigi's were Banana Split, Cheesecake, Orange Sherbet and Cherry.

After sampling them, I determined these cupcakes were true to their flavors. I liked all but the Cheesecake (but I don't like cheesecake anyway). The banana also had some cream in the middle of it, and all the cupcakes had good-looking frosting. Some had sprinkles and some had fudge and cherries on top.

At Gigi's, each cupcake was \$3.95, which seemed a bit expensive for my tastes (pun intended), but they were very delicious cupcakes and worth it in the end.

Other features of the Gigi's experience, they also had big packs of mini cupcakes. It is open at 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays; 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; and 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Sundays.

The second bakery I visited was called Smallcakes of Alpharetta.

The shop looked very similar to Gigi's—pink, bright and colorful. The employee working there that afternoon seemed more enthusiastic than the worker at Gigi's. She asked us about our day and asked how we found



Gigi's.  
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their shop.

We told her we found it on the Internet at the recommendation of a friend, and then she recommended some cupcake flavors we should try.

Both of the workers at Gigi's and Smallcakes were very patient while we picked our cupcakes from each shop—though I think the service was better at Smallcakes.

The display was better at Gigi's because there were little circular racks with the cup-



Smallcakes.  
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Devin Neveu

cakes and the labels were on top; whereas, at Smallcakes, I could also tell which flavor was which but I had to look a little harder.

The four cupcake types I got from Smallcakes were Cookies and Creme, Peanut Butter, Red Velvet and Boston Cream.

I only tasted two of the four cupcakes, Cookies and Cream and Peanut Butter. The

former tasted like a really good vanilla cupcake but didn't really taste like cookies and cream. The Peanut Butter one tasted just like it should have.

My sister had the other two, and she said the frosting was less decorated—probably because there was a lot less frosting on it overall than Gigi's.

This wasn't necessarily a problem, though, as the Gigi's cupcakes tasted great but they had too much frosting that was sometimes too sweet. We even had to scrape some of the frosting off them.

Unlike Gigi's, cupcakes were the only items at Smallcakes, and there were a lot fewer options to choose from there. At Gigi's, they had more of a variety of flavors, including Cotton Candy, Banana Split, Strawberry Shortcake and Orange and about 20 others. Smallcakes was more chocolate oriented.

In terms of price, the Smallcakes cupcakes were only \$3.50 each, which is slightly cheaper than at Gigi's.

Smallcakes hours of operation are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Mondays - Thursdays; 10a.m. - 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays—and it is closed on Sundays.

The hours at Gigi's are more flexible, and it is open one more day of the week than Smallcakes, which makes it more accessible.

After this delicious experiment, I decided I prefer Gigi's over Smallcakes because the cupcakes have more flavor.

(My sister prefers Smallcakes, though, because she thinks that

the cupcakes  
tasted better  
there.)



# Neveu #NailedIt: Bunny Crafts!

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With the spring holiday of Easter on its way, it's come to our attention that it is a very under-decorated holiday.

There are lots of simple DIY crafts and decorations you can make. The one I found to be the most festive was Flower Pot Bunnies on [practicallyfunctional.com](http://practicallyfunctional.com).

According to W&R junior, Peyton Dakota, these are: "The cutest thing I've seen in my life! [They are] super cute and easy to make!"

All you need to make this simple craft is:

- ~Small, fake flowers
- ~A large white, brown, black, or grey pom pom
- ~A small white, brown, black, or grey pom pom
- ~A small flower pot
- ~A hot glue gun



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Kailin Neveu*

~Felt to match the large pom pom

~Pink felt for the toes

~Dirt, soil, marbles or whatever you want to fill the pot. (I used marbles.)

All you need to do to bring this cute creation to life is cut your flowers to the appropriate size, and glue them into the pot.

Then, take whatever you are using to fill the pots and pour it almost to the rim (leave about 2 centimeters empty).

Next, glue the large pom pom half inside and half outside the pot at a bit of an angle. Glue the small pom pom onto the large one to look like a bunny's tail.

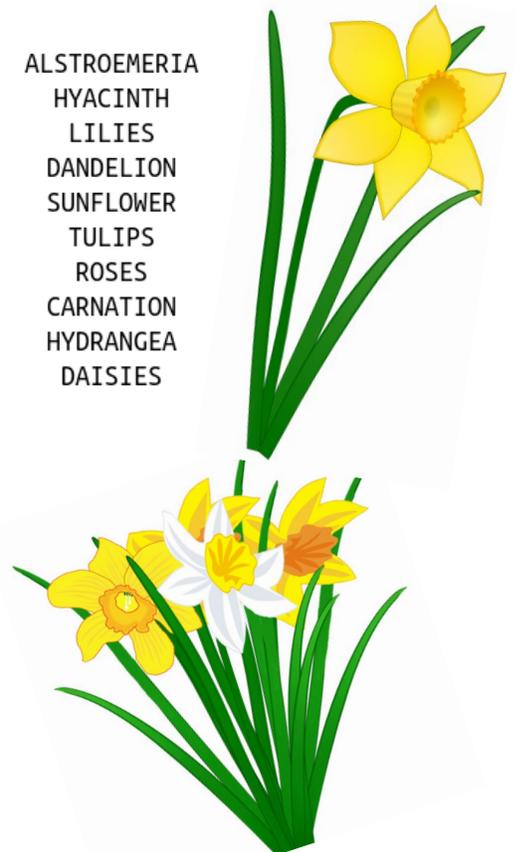
Last comes the most tedious part: Cut the feet in a sort of elongated egg shape out of the fur-colored felt. Cut three pink ovals for the toes and one pink circle for the heel. Then, glue the feet on and you're done!

Ready or not, Easter here we come!

## Spring Flowers!

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# March into Wacky Holidays

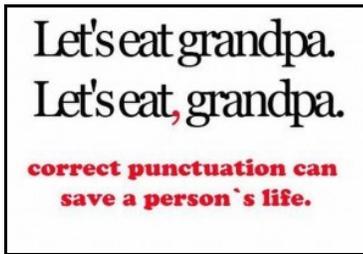
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## March 1—Employee Appreciation Day

This is a day for employers to thank their employees for all the hard work they've put in throughout the year.

## March 2—Texas Independence Day

## March 4—National Grammar Day



## March 6—National Oreo Day

National Oreo Day is a day where you eat Oreos. The more, the better!

## March 7—National Cereal Day

## March 8—International Women's Day

## March 9—National Meatball Day

## March 10—International Day of Awesomeness

## March 11—Napping Day

## March 12—Girl Scout Day

## March 13—K-9 Veterans Day

## March 14—Pi Day

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## March 15—National Peanut Lovers Day

## March 16—National Corndog Day

## March 17—St. Patrick's Day

St Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture. It particularly remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century.

## March 18—National Awkward Moments Day

## March 19—National Chocolate Caramel Day

## March 20—Alien Abduction Day



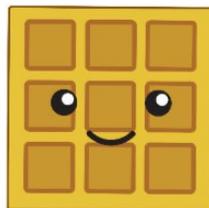
## March 21—World Poetry Day

## March 22—World Water Day

## March 23—World Meteorological Day

## March 24—National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day

## March 25—Waffle Day



## March 26—Purple Day

Mrs. Cardenas's favorite!

## March 27—National Joe Day

On this day ,people celebrate the name Joe; some people have even changed their name to Joe on this day.  
Will you?

## March 28—Children's Picture Book Day



## March 29—National Vietnam War Veterans Day

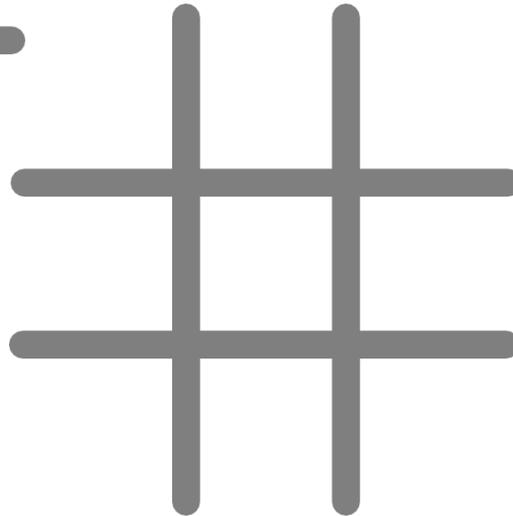
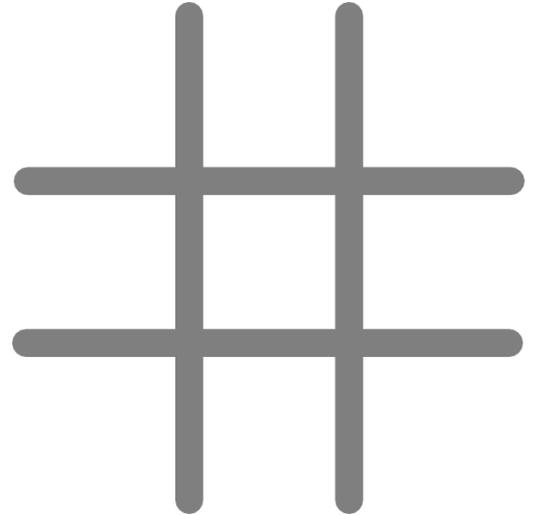
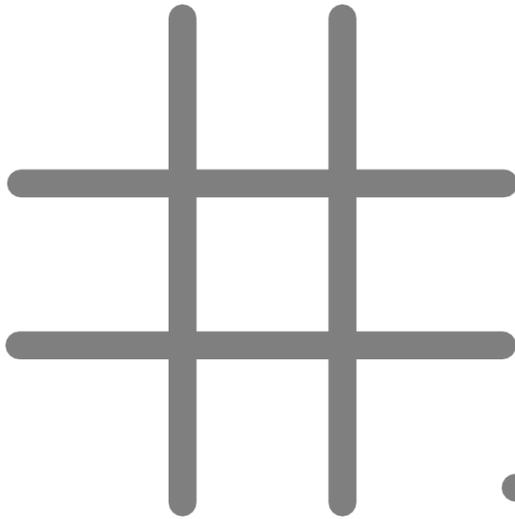
## March 30—National Doctors' Day

## March 31—National Crayon Day



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## Leprechaun LOLs

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**Q:** Why are leprechauns so concerned about global warming?

A: They're really into green living.

**Q:** Where can leprechauns always find gold on St. Paddy's Day?

A: In the dictionary.

**Q:** What did the leprechaun order to drink at the restaurant?

A: Green tea.

**Q:** Why are so many leprechauns florists?

A: They have green thumbs!

**Q:** What happens when a leprechaun falls into a pool?

A: He gets wet.

**Q:** How did the leprechaun beat the Irish man to the pot of gold?

A: He took a short cut.

**WHY CAN'T YOU BORROW MONEY FROM A LEPRECHAUN?**



**BECAUSE THEY'RE ALWAYS A LITTLE SHORT.**

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**Q:** How can you spot a jealous leprechaun?

A: He's green with envy.

**Q:** How can you tell if a leprechaun likes your joke?

A: He's Dublin over with laughter!

**Q:** What is nuahcerpel?

A: Leprechaun spelled backwards.

**Q:** What job did the leprechaun have at the restaurant?

A: A short-order cook.

**Q:** What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?

A: A rash of good luck.

**Q:** What's Irish and stays out all night?

A: Paddy O'furniture!

