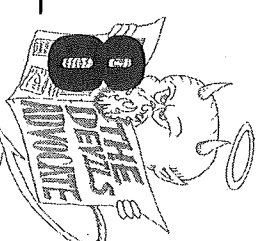


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Comic Corner

Who Watches The Watchmen?

The Founding Fathers of this country had a belief: a belief that no man was above the law. That all men are created equal. This belief, it pains me to say, has been corrupted.

Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the United States of America, once said, "No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it."

Roosevelt knew what he was talking about. He said this, however, during a simpler time. A time when society wasn't plagued by the insidious virus we are now. A time when there weren't mask-bearing vigilantes running around. A time when there weren't individuals that could control matter with merely their thoughts. A time when people couldn't get away with crime by merely hiding behind a mask.

At first, having these vigilantes wasn't an issue. It may even have been a good thing. This was back in the early 40's, but it is now the 80's and times are different. Sometime between then and now, the world became atomic, and now, if anything, we need less arms.

Dr. Manhattan is nothing more than a nuclear bomb. The only difference is that you can dismantle a nuclear bomb. Dr. Manhattan can control all forms of matter. A man with that kind of power is unstoppable. We can hope and we can pray, but in the end we are subservient to him. He may choose to wipe me off the face of this planet for his mere inclusion in this article. An inconsequential decision for him. All it would take is a snap of his fingers, I would be gone, and no one would challenge him. This is the world in which we now live.

Our first mistake (or should I say our parents, I had no part in this) was allowing the existence of the Minutemen. That original group of masks started an unstoppable chain reaction. Now, the children of these original masks are taking after their parents. These new masks emerged, and finally of these came Dr. Manhattan, and now the world is in constant peril. But, there is a more present danger to us civilians. And his name is Rorschach.

Rorschach is an enigma. A creature of the night. He harkens back to the boom towns of the gold rush, where vigilante justice was a regular occurrence, where one man served as the officer, the prosecutor, the judge, the jury, and the executioner.

Rorschach kills. He mutilates. He takes crime-fighting to a new level, a murderous level. This isn't okay or acceptable. The court system works, and to prove this to him I say we make him go through it and try him for his crimes. A mask is not an excuse. Rorschach is an extremist and must be stopped. He cannot keep committing these heinous acts against humanity. He is a civilian. He is not above the law. He is not a superhero; he is a super-villain.

Gobble Up Some Memories

By: Ana Kinkela
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving just flew by. Students and their families were excited to sit back, relax, watch the football game, and eat delicious food. Thanksgiving has always been the holiday of being thankful for what we have. It is also about giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year.

Sophomore Logan Doherty was happy to spend time with his family: watching the game and taking a nap. He was also excited for the food.

"My favorite food to eat for Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie" Doherty said.

A lot about the traditional feast has changed since 1621. The Native Americans ate wildfowl, corn and venison. Now we eat Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potato casserole and pumpkin pie.

But not everyone eats all of the traditional grub.

"I don't like cranberries; they taste weird to me," Doherty said.

Family is the very important when it comes to celebrating holidays like Thanksgiving, with everyone getting

together and spending time with one another.

"My uncle, my aunt, and my cousins usually come over and we hunt," Doherty said. "It gets quite loud when we are all together, but it doesn't bother me."

Doherty helps his family for Thanksgiving, by straightening up his house and helping them cook. He loves and cares for his family, and is thankful for them.

"My mom's career, all the things she provides me with, being alive" said Doherty about what he is thankful for.

Thanksgiving has always been about family and the celebrating being about the harvest, having Thanksgiving originally happened in autumn of 1621 celebrating the colony's first good

year. Abraham Lincoln officially declared the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving, beginning in 1863. It was during the Civil War, and Lincoln's proclamation advised people to make this holiday a special time for family, religion, and the community.

"This holiday is more relaxing and calm," sophomore Max Kemp said.

Being able to relax and spend time with your family after starting school is always a plus. "I'm looking forwards to eating with custard that has a chocolate frosting. It's really good," Kemp said.

Everyone looked forward to eating the delicious food their family made for them. They were not the only ones enjoying the food. "About 15 to 20 people come over my house for Thanksgiving," Kemp said.

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The Gilmore Girls Revival is Finally Here

By: Hailey Reed
Staff Writer

Get ready to binge watch all seven seasons of Gilmore Girls with your best friend and some take-out because the relatable mother and daughter duo are coming back on Netflix.

All seven seasons are already on Netflix, but that's not enough for the average Gilmore Girl's lover. The creator of the show, Amy Sherman-Palladino has decided to continue the show after its season finale in May, 2007.

The show for those who don't know is about the beloved single mom Lorelai Gilmore and her Ivy League born daughter Rory. Together they showcase the relationship between a single mother and daughter in a small town.

Throughout the show, Lorelai balances between being Rory's best friend and her mother.

The show was on WB from October 2000 to May 2007 airing for seven long seasons. Each episode ran for up to 40-minute episodes.

All the big characters from Lorelai (Lauren Graham), Rory (Alexis Bledel), Luke Danes (Scott Paterson), and Lorelai's mother, Emily played by Kelly Bishop will all be returning.

Emily's husband in the show Richard, played by the late Edward Herrmann, is one of the two main

character not returning. He unfortunately passed away last year.

Amber Render is a religious watcher of Gilmore Girls. She was upset to hear about Herrmann's passing.

"Sad, he was a part of their everyday life," Render said.

His character in the show was a big financial support to the girls. Lorelai was the manager of an inn until it burnt down. When she opened a new one it was even more costly. On a salary of working an inn, Lorelai's father was the one to pay for Rory's schooling.

Alyssa Maeder is a fanatic for the show. "Since Lorelai's doing fine the money issue isn't a problem, but more of a guilt for not hanging out with him," Maeder said.

Lorelai was a rebel child and not really close to her parents. Without her father, the guilt of not spending more time with him when he was here will be an interesting topic for the show.

Mrs. Thurne, the secretary in the main office, has been a very big fan of the show since it first came out. "I started watching it when it first came on and got hooked. I have all seasons on DVD," Mrs. Thurne said.

The show also started Melissa McCarthy, who is a star in other productions like the television show Mike and Molly.

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"That's where I fell in love with Melissa McCarthy! The show was so good. There were no bad characters," Mrs. Thurne said.

Gilmore Girls is where McCarthy started off her acting career. She played Sookie the Chef and was Lorelai's best friend. Unfortunately, McCarthy is too busy with other projects to star in the show.

Without Sookie, how will Lorelai stay down to earth?

"[Lorelai] is kind of unstable. She kept Lorelai's place. She was like a second mom to Rory," Render said.

Maeder agrees that McCarthy's character was important to the show's story line. Without her, who would be co-owning their inn? "She's her best friend. She co-owned the business [with Lorelai]. Would the business be gone?"

Maeder said.

These questions will be answered when the show comes back. Yet, until then, all the fans of the show are left wondering what direction the show will go in.

"I don't know what I'm expecting. It'd be weird if she came back with kids," Render said.

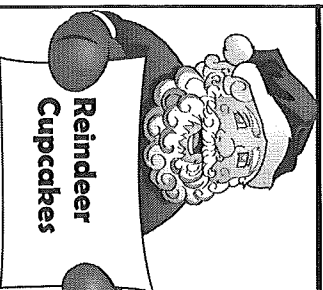
The show leaves off with Rory graduating college. She's a brand new adult and ready to take on the world. This is where the new show will take off from. With so many directions it could go and so many questions, all will be answered in the show's upcoming revival.

Ingredients

- 24 Pepperidge Farm® Milano® Cookies
- 24 red candy coated plain chocolate pieces
- 48 assorted mini candy coated plain chocolate pieces
- 2 to 3 containers vanilla and/or chocolate frosting
- 24 unfrosted homemade or store-bought cupcakes
- 24 each hard pretzels, broken in half and/or 48 mini pretzels and/or chocolate covered mini pretzels

How to make

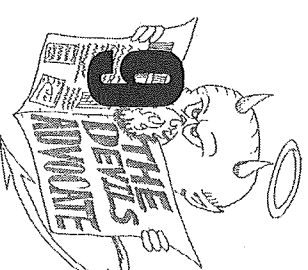
1. Create reindeer faces on the cookies using the red candies as noses and the mini candies as eyes. Glue the candies on with frosting or frost the cookies and press the candies into the frosting. Pipe thin lines of frosting to make eyelashes and eyebrows.
2. Frost the cupcakes with the remaining frosting.
3. Place 1 reindeer cookie onto each cupcake. Press the pretzels into the frosting behind the cookies to make antlers.



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Richmond Seniors Look to Future

By: Jacquelyn Loria
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Senior year: exciting, fun, year full of fasts, but most importantly, the year that you have to make “adult life” decisions that will affect your future. College is the biggest decision that seniors have to make for their future.

For some seniors, the decision for which college to go to is easy but for others, they have to make a decision if whether they want to go in state or out of state. College visits help these seniors decide what college they want to go to.

“I want to go to Alma for cheer and it’s a great community along with the student life and education,” said senior Jessica Hatcher who has toured Alma College and Oklahoma State. “I’m mostly looking for a good education, scholarships, and community near the college I chose.”

Hatcher went to Alma for her first time last February for a cheer competition. That was her first of over five visits to the college cheer clinics.

“I definitely see myself going to Alma next year because the cheer team is national runner ups and they offered me a spot on the team last year at states,” Hatcher said. “I plan on going to school for elementary education and athletic training while also cheering at Alma.”

Senior Max Fahney has visited University of Wisconsin. “I see myself going here because of the freedom of

being out of state and it’s an extremely nice campus.”

Fahney’s decision to go to Wisconsin has been a factor because a lot of his family lives there. Also, because it is a really nice campus, a good college with good atmosphere, football, and schooling. Scholarships are going to be the biggest factor in his decision to go to this university.

“I plan on going to school for engineering or computer networking which this university offers both so that doesn’t

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affect my decision,” Fahney said. “I usually visit the campus once a year usually for sporting events.”

Both these seniors face the problem of deciding to go out to state. When they decide if they want to go out of state, they must figure which state and college they want to attend in the fall 2016.

Senior Brendan Hart has toured many colleges in Florida, but does not know which one he wants to attend in the fall. “I liked University of Tampa the best. It was a big school, but it wasn’t that big. It wasn’t as big as MSU. It was cool,” Hart said. “But I for sure want to go to college

in Florida.”

Hart has toured the University of Tampa, the University of South Florida, Valencia College, and Keiser College all in Florida. He wants to go to school for sports management.

Sports management is a field of education and vocation concerning the business aspect of sport. Sports management involves any combination of skills related to planning, organizing, directing, controlling, budgeting, leading and evaluating. Sport managers carry out

these skills in a variety of organizational settings, for example, college sports and professional sports.

Not all of the schools has this interested in has this degree. Valencia College does not have sports management; however they have a opportunity called Direct Connect to UCF. With this, Hart can go to Valencia College for two years than automatically transfer to UCF where they have the sports management degree Hart wants.

Many different factors alter these three seniors’ decisions. “The best way to look at the college I want to go to would be the college visits,” Hatcher said. “When I went to cheer clinics at Alma, it helped make me think about what made me like the student life, food, and the opportunities and how well I could see myself going there.”

Shopping Under the Lights

By: Haleigh Beedon
Features Co-Editor

‘Tis the season for lights and lattes. Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Partridge Creek recently put up their famous light displays. Hundreds of people gathered around to watch the magic and take pictures of the beautiful lights.

One of these people was senior Dana Schornak. This year was Schornak’s first time going to the tree lighting “ceremony.”

“I went with my mom and it was a great bonding experience with her,” Schornak

said.

Despite the fact that she went to Partridge for the sales, Schornak enjoyed seeing all of the lights.

The first thing everyone did was gather around and watch the lighting of the Christmas spirit.

After the mall was lit up, the people who once gathered around to observe fled off to shop for gifts for their loved ones.

“The lines were crazy long and it was kind of a lot to take in,” Schornak said.

She was so astonished on how many people actually came out for this event. The

atmosphere was very loud and very crowded.

“There were so many people there,” Schornak said. “I felt like I was at a concert.”

Also, there were police officers everywhere. Schornak said Hall Road was chaotic that the only resort was for the police to direct the traffic. Being overwhelmed was the main emotion she felt.

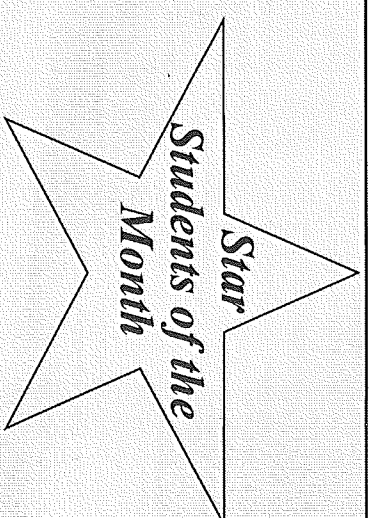
Schornak said, “One thing that would have made it better would have been if there was snow on the ground.”

Overall, that experience made her more excited for holiday shopping and all the Christmas spirit.

TOP 10 MOVIES ON NETFLIX

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| 1) A Cabin in the Woods | 6) Goon |
| 2) Fat Kid Rules the World | 7) Haywire |
| 3) Cosmopolis | 8) Do-Deca-Pentathlon |
| 4) Hunger Games | 9) The Imposter |
| 5) Safety not Guaranteed | 10) Lockout |

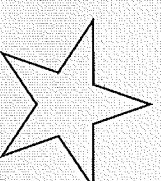
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Mikala Evans



1. **Role Model:** Amy Poehler
2. **Greatest Accomplishment in high school:** Getting honorable mention in Scholastics
3. **Favorite After School Activity:** Soccer and reading
4. **Favorite Year of high school:** Junior year because she made good friends that she can rely on and she’s doing good academically



Evan Quigley



1. **Role Model:** Ayrton Senna
2. **Greatest Accomplishment in high school:** Regional finals with the soccer team
3. **Favorite after school activity:** Playing with cars
4. **Favorite year of high school:** Junior year because he’s had more fun overall

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