

The Saint Anne Star



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TRENDING FEATURES

By Benjamin Vedantham

The movie is a transcendental form of art. It merges classical art with literature and not onembodies serene expression, but also pure beauty. Where words failed, so cinematography rose, and where art failed, so literature rose. As Jean Cocteau said, “A film is a petrified fountain of thought.” To paraphrase, film evokes a sense of wonder, a so to say “fountain of thought” within a short space of time, bringing with it not only meaning, but also mystery; not only joy, but sorrow. Each film evokes a different sense, and a good film whisks you off your feet, without moving you an inch. As such, the film has been widely popularized around the world. To me, the true beauty of movies is that no one film is the same. Through film, the director transmits feelings, which can be found at the depth of the movie. In *Vertigo*, widely known as one of Hitchcock’s greatest movies, the story, though suspenseful and winding, has a shadow. This shadow trails back, a mirror image of the movie but smoothed out, expressing the true meaning behind it. In the end, Scotti conquers his *Vertigo*, after attaining depression when his true love turns out to be a hired actor, and seeing her fall to her death. As well as this, in a way, he is conquering himself, eventually letting loose his ties to midge, his one-sided lover, and finding his own life. A good movie has some sort of depth to it that runs deeper than the story itself. Such movies are truly changing, from satirical spaghetti westerns to emotionally deep romances.

One movie that has recently seen its debut is “*The Wild Robot*,” a movie based off of the book by Peter Brown. Rated a 98 on rotten tomatoes, it has certainly been incredibly successful in its recent years. After interviewing several local kids at St. Anne from grades k-8, I found that my interviewees commonly appreciated it for having a sort of wonder surrounding it, and an unhackneyed and unique plot,an inducing an emotional connection. I also found that a contributing factor to the movie was its music. As Lupita Nyong’O, who played Roz, said “The score on this is exquisite. It’s beautiful. It’s a music that really supports that sparse nature of the language.” The music has a sort of wild beauty to it, which perfectly advocates for the natural setting of the story. The story starts with a robot who is washed up on the shore of a deserted island. It has to learn to adapt to her new surroundings, fostering a duckling, and creating huts for the animals in the harsh winter. In the end, after being tracked and found by another group of robots, she heroically fights to protect the island and all of its inhabitants, eventually reigning victorious. To me the most piloting, and entrepreneurial aspect of the story is its sci-fi theme mixed with a natural setting. Though rated P-G, this film has been a big hit in modern cinematic history, and even without words, this film would maintain just as much depth, a telltale sign of a so-called, “Quality film.” After watching the film myself, I feel that it is one of my favorites and is undeserving of the P-G rating.

Another movie that recently came out in theaters was *Betelgeuse Betelgeuse*, based off of the original movie, which is very famous. Throughout America, probably 90% of the child population would at least recognize the name and tie it to the famous director, Tim Burton. His style, much like that of the previous film, evokes a lot of feeling without much dialogue and brings forth a feeling of fear without any of the petty jump scares that are cliché to horror movies. One of my favorite actors from the original movie is Winona Ryder, who also starred as Will's mom in the famous TV show, *Stranger Things*. Surprisingly, the new *Betelgeuse* received a higher Rotten Tomatoes rating than the original *Betelgeuse*, and at 86% it is pretty high up there. Winona Ryder again stars, this time as the mother, and of course Michael Keaton as the bio-exorcist that we know as *Beetlejuice*. The new storyline starts with a family tragedy, for which reason Lydia and her family move back to their old home, and after 36 years, *beetlejuice* comes back after Lydia's daughter is taken to the dead by a ghost. From there, the plotline, reminiscent of the original *beetlejuice*, twists to *betelgeuse* again, trying to get Lydia to marry him after involving her daughter in his twisted plans.

The ending portrays a creepy scene in which Astrid is in the hospital and births an ugly baby version of *beetlejuice*, an almost nightmarish scene. A very meaningful and unusual endscene later portrays Lydia waking up and seeing *beetlejuice* by her side. Revolted and questioning if she really did marry *Beetlejuice*, she wakes up a second time, and *Beetlejuice* disappears. Thus the screen darkens. This asks the audience to question themselves if all of *beetlejuice* was merely a dream. This ambiguous touch is what lends the movie its mystery and magic, and is a trademark movie style of Tim Burton. I would highly recommend watching this movie, not only because of the fond memories older adults might have from the pilot of the original *Beetlejuice*, but also because Tim Burton's style is very recognizable throughout his many films, and his use of visual metaphors lends to the overall tone and emotional depth of *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*.

It really is no surprise that movies have been so popularized in the modern world. Even during the wars, movies such as *Casablanca* gave people hope, and they are an enormous part of our global culture today. Thousands of movies are produced each year, each of which will last for a century. Filming itself is timeless, for many of our favorite movies today were produced half a century ago. Such fascinating and wonderful movies as *The Wild Robot* are certainly a show of beauty. To contrast, comedical horror films such as *Betelgeuse 1* and *2* are not only scary, but funny at the same time. The fact that such movies can reach out into your brain and strike up fear and awe just goes to show that movies and films in general have brought society where it is today.

The Discovery of Jesus' Blood

By: Alannah Burke

On January 6th 1982, an archaeologist named Ron Wyatt had made a huge discovery. Wyatt declared that he had found the Ark of Covenant, but that wasn't the only discovery that he had made. Above the ark, there was an immense crack in the cave that contained a unique dried black substance. Wyatt had returned to a lab in Israel and was tenacious on figuring out what the substance was. After examining the strange substance, the two people that were testing it had told Wyatt that it was found that there were only 24 chromosomes and was still able to live. "You see, everyone else has 46," said Ron. "23 from your mother, 23 from your father. This blood had 23 chromosomes from the mother's side, one Y chromosome only". And they said the blood is alive.

When Wyatt had returned to where the Ark of Covenant was found, he had also discovered that above the cave, it was known that this was where Jesus was crucified. There is evidence that there might have been a chance that the blood had dripped down through the crack. When the scientists testing the blood asked Wyatt who the blood belonged to he answered in tears, "It's the blood of your Messiah."

The Gothic Church

By Achita Seeto, Ronin Raj, and Alannah Burke

On the 21st of November, we 7th graders went to St. Dominic's Gothic Church for a field trip. We got there by certain volunteers who carpooled us. When we first arrived, the church was still under construction, but was still beautiful in its own way. Many of us were able to spot the different parts we learned about in history class. After a few minutes of waiting, the doser came to greet us. He brought us to the welcome room and was able to give us many valuable facts. He also gave us a short quiz and tour near the end of the church. After the doser gave us a tour and gave us a quiz, we were able to go and explore the church. The first thing everyone saw was the big rose window to the west. The rose window was a portrait of the crucifixion, and it was the centerpiece of the whole church. On the side of the church, arches held many tons of concrete and stone. The ceiling was built out of pointed arches, which is a theme in medieval architecture. On the outside of the church, flying buttresses help to support the large, thin walls and tall vaults. The flying buttresses are also necessary for the stained glass windows. The stained glass windows are art made from glass that usually depicts stories from the Bible. The church is built long because of symbolism and the way of worship. At the end of the church, the beautiful altar serves as the symbol of God.

Is Social Media Good or Bad?

By: Eloise Benjamin And Leila Wong

We asked some of the classes in our school if they think that social media is good or bad. We asked the 5th graders what they thought first. All of them said that it was good, and only one person in the class said that it was bad. The majority said that it was good because they could connect with others and know what is going on in the world. The fifth grader said that it was bad because there were bad people on it that can really hurt others.

The 6th graders had a different approach. Most of the kids said that it was good. And half of them said it was bad. We think they said this because a lot of people dig very deep into some of the good and bad things. One person said that the people who run it were not kind, so they said they didn't like it.

The seventh graders mostly said that it was bad, surprisingly. They said that it rotted your brain too much, but most of them used it a lot. Only 7 of the seventh graders voted for good. We were very surprised when we tallied up the scores, but they did have a great point.

The 8th graders were a really close count, and most of them said they were good. The counts were very close, so close I thought it would be a tie, but most kids were thinking about their experience. Most 8th graders have social media, so I would understand why the majority of the class thought it was good.

We also got the teacher's opinion about whether or not social media was good or bad. We asked all of the teachers we could, and 3 out of the 5 teachers said it was bad. So in all, the vote for good wins. Although social media can have some downsides, it helps us in many ways. For example, it helps us keep in contact with others and stay up to date with events going on.

Taking a Step Back:

By: Benjamin Vedantham

As a state of much variety regarding race and cultural background, many subjects are matters of great controversy across the United States. As well as this, because the U.S. is split into two main political parties, there are many different views on how these social issues can be addressed and fixed. Two presidential terms back, Donald Trump elected many conservative, and far right Republicans to high statuses, such as Supreme Court justice. Because of this, numerous new laws and customs have been enforced, such as putting more attention to preventing illegal immigrants. Immigrants most commonly come from areas to the south of America and often travel to America in order to earn money for their families, who are being mistreated under corrupt government agencies. Republicans widely hold a prejudice against illegal immigrants, and 79% of Republicans want to increase deportations of already existing illegal immigrants in America. In addition, 91% of Republicans want to increase security along the Mexican border. Some of the problems that illegal immigrants can pose are an increased amount of money spent on public transportation and a general increase in population, as well as an increase in unemployment for already living residents. On the other hand, illegal immigration also contributes to general diversity throughout America and discourages corrupt agencies in Mexico and Central America.

Next, climate change is also an incredibly controversial topic across the United States, because of its generally recent, and abrupt start. Climate change is essentially the opposite of the numerous ice ages of our distant past. There are various changes in temperature across the globe as a result of many harmful greenhouse gases, which are the results of human energy consumption, and nonrenewable resources. The main worry regarding how climate change will affect us is that because of climate change, glaciers, and snow in and around both of the Earth's poles will melt. This will result in extra water, which will lead to more floods, and slowly increase the sea level. However, many authoritarian governments are refusing to provide necessary assistance to prevent more climate change. Many people are also bewildered by its abruptness, leading them to believe that climate change is not significant. On the contrary, climate change is a very real problem that is rapidly changing modern society as we know it. The general temperature has raised a little over 2 Farenheit in the past 15 decades. Although this may seem like a considerably small amount, this measly increase has completely wiped out many coral reefs, and is destroying many natural habitats, and ecosystems. As well as this, at the rate we are going, climate change is soon to become much more of a major problem, as these increases in temperature add up. As well as this, many heat waves have been sweeping through America, and California just recently received a very major drought. Many authorities refuse to take action, because of the amount of money that would be involved. However, although in the short term, fighting climate change will cost a lot of money, long term it will be very rewarding, and will help to backtrack recent major overpollution. What's a bit of money for a long term better society? In conclusion, because of growing diversity across the globe, many topics are up for controversy, some of which majorly affect the outcome of our society. Regardless of whether or not we take action, time marches on.

The Different Musical Genres

By: Achita Seeto and Ronin Raj

Over the years, a myriad of songs have become hits, most of which are pop and hip-hop. Many of the artists who have created these songs include Billie Eilish, Sabrina Carpenter, Taylor Swift, and Bruno Mars. These singers and musicians have all had a massive influence on pop culture over the past decade, although another pattern among them is how they have all released hits this Summer and Fall. A notable one of these songs is Sabrina Carpenter's song "Espresso." Its catchy tune and rhyming lyrics sent it to the Billboard Hot 100™ within less than a week of its release. According to critics, the empowering, yet chill lyrics let fans "feel like the main character." Although it is often overplayed, the sheer greatness of the song will keep it well loved for years to come.

Sabrina Carpenter isn't the only songwriter who has had immense success recently. Another artist who is notable is Taylor Swift. Taylor has been often called a "veteran" in music, having been immensely popular for more than a decade. Recently, she made her album "Tortured Poet's Department," an album which earned more Spotify listens in one day than any other album ever. In conclusion, many artists who have become popular have shown that it is not as easy as it seems to create a hit song or album.

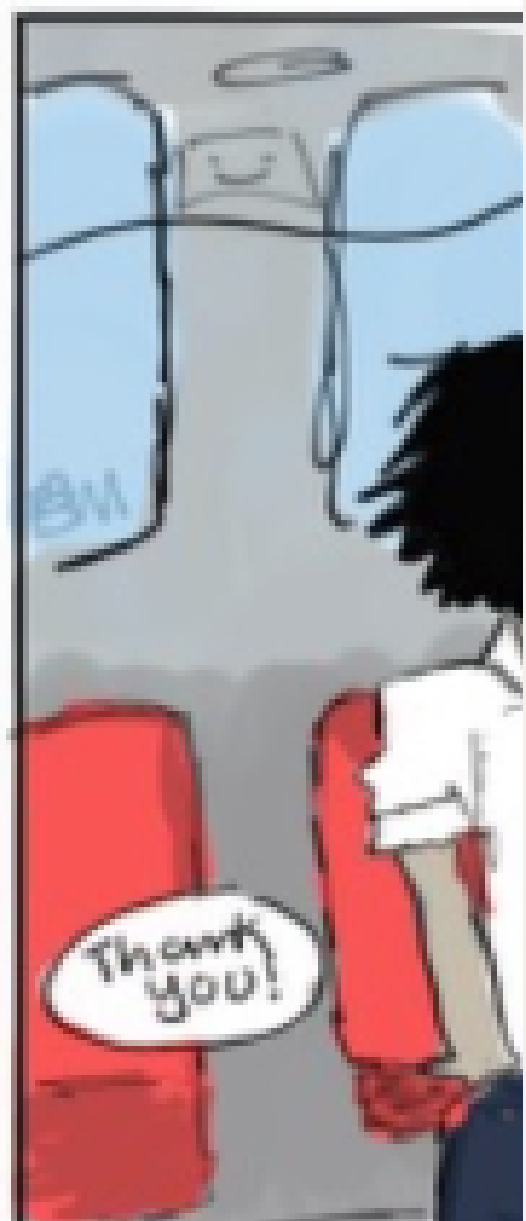
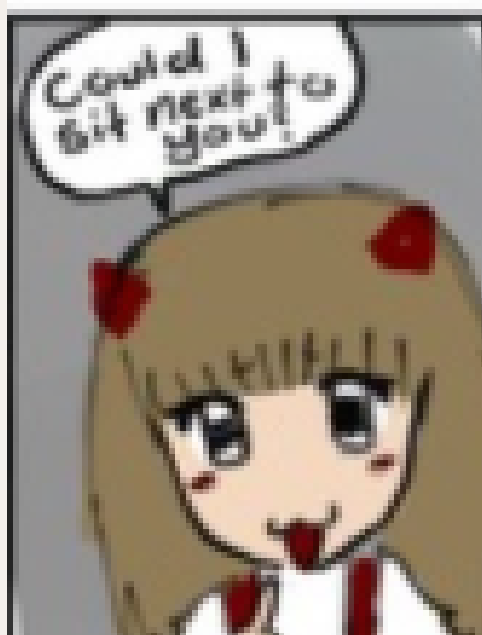
Astrology

By Leila and Eloise

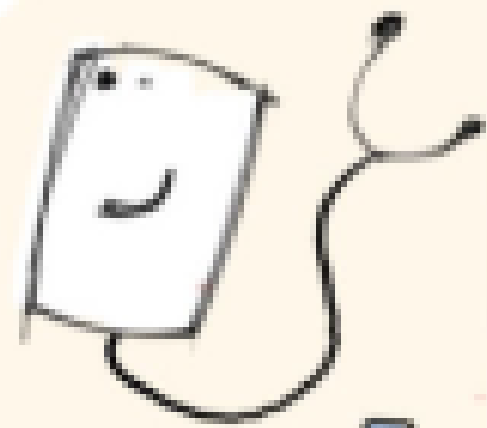
There are 12 zodiac signs in all. There are Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Gemini, Aquarius, Libra, Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces, Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn. Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius are in the fire element. Gemini, Aquarius, and Libra are in the wind element. Scorpio, Pisces, and Cancer are in the water element.

Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn are in the earth element. The fire element signs are known to be bold, impulsive, ambitious, fiery, impatient, determined, innocent, motivated, honest, and passionate. Wind element signs are known to be versatile, original, charming, expressive, inspiring, vivacious, restless, enigmatic, playful, and curious. Water elements are known to be intuitive, sensitive, loyal, enigmatic, defensive, charming, nostalgic, moody, nurturer, and resilient. Earth elements are grounded, sensual, dependable, stubborn, resilient, enthusiastic, confident, brave, picky, and loyal. Your zodiac signs depend on the day you were born and the month that you were born. For example if you were born on April the 20th you would be an Aries. The year that you were born does not affect your zodiac sign at all. Water signs are known to go with the flow, and not care much about things that they are not driven to do. All of these signs have an important meaning behind them. Which sign are you?

Comic Strip



When on the train always make sure your items are with you at all times



Try not to be too loud and keep your voice and device sound level down



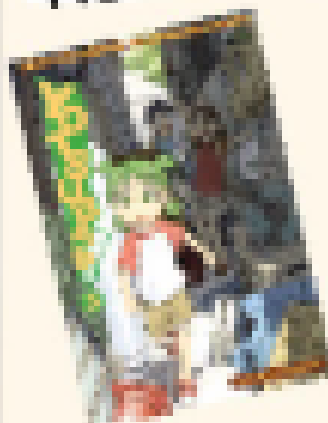
Watch out for strangers and always look for help when in dangerous situations



Be sure to always be alert and help elders and pregnant persons when needed, to ensure safety

Some quiet activities you could do:

Read



Listen to music



Draw

