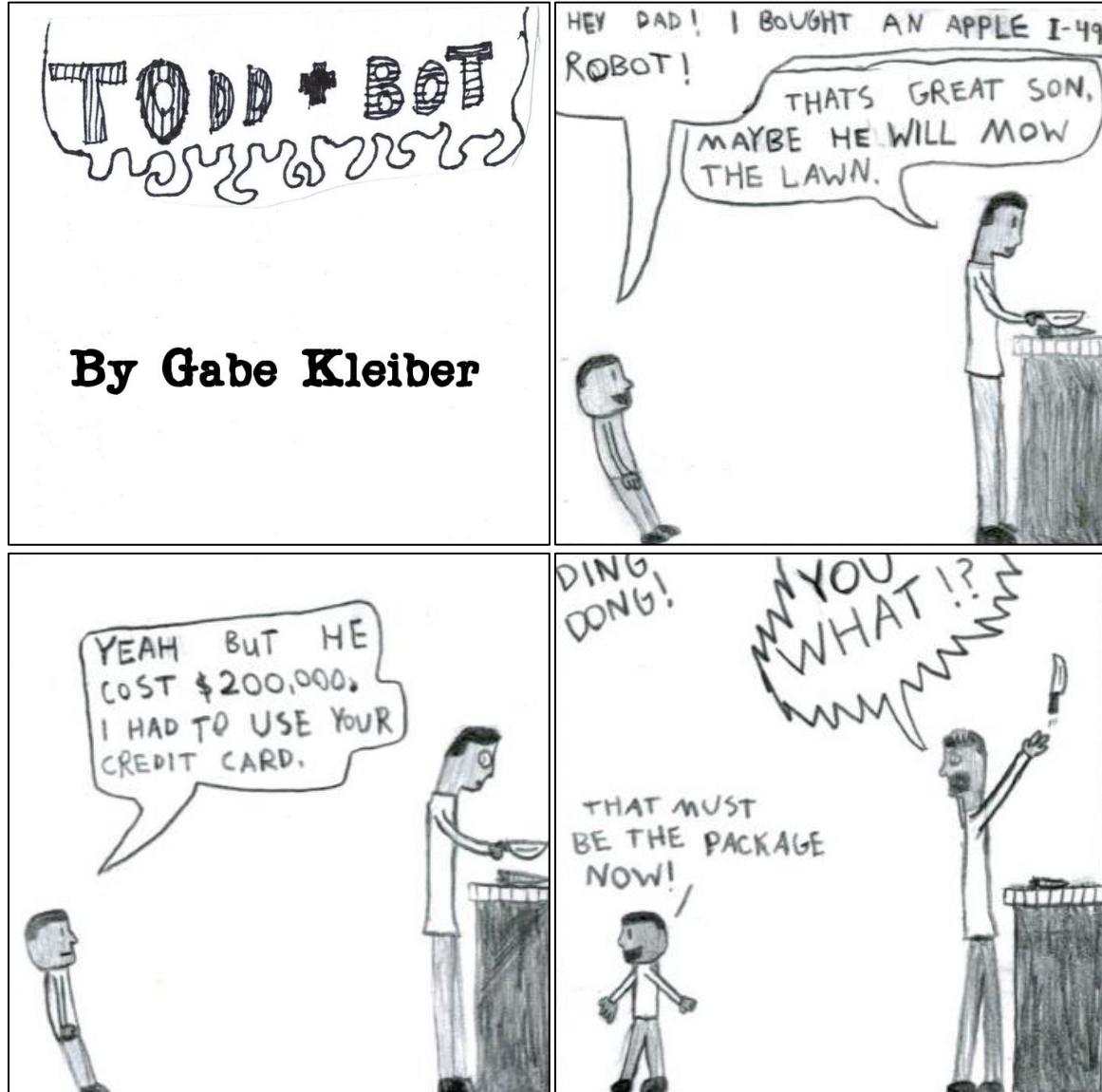


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SAINT PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL

By Gabe Kleiber and Noel Varco



The SPWC Grand Day Parade continues down West 7th to mark the 133rd anniversary of the Carnival. (Photo by Theo Miller)

The Saint Paul Winter Carnival has always had a variety of events going on no matter what the time. They have experience; this year marks the 133rd anniversary of the Carnival.

We met a woman and a set of twins who had been coming to the carnival since 1952. "We

love all the people we meet and making people smile," one of them said.

A police car led the way for the biggest parade of the Saint Paul winter carnival. Next came people holding poles with cardboard snowflakes decorated with glitter. People holding American flags marched along the street. A small police band came after the flags. Quite a few hot air balloon baskets rode past

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on a car. People turned it on and flames shot into the sky. Joe Mauer rode by in one of the baskets. Old fire trucks rode by along with the Vulcan ambassadors.

At Kellogg Mall Park, the amateur snow sculpting competition was taking place. People used chainsaws and chisels to make statues that depicted mythical creatures, and, in one case, the Green Giant. There was

a variety of food trucks lined on the street. One food truck that attracted our attention was Raclette, which is a French-Swiss dish with melted cheese on top of potatoes. The vendor heated up the end of a huge block of cheese to make it.

As we walked into the Saintly City Cat Show, there were tons of cats being displayed and in cages with lots of ribbons from past competitions. Susan Vande Sande was one of the competitors. She has been raising cats for more than 30 years. "It's a lot of work," she says. Vande Sande raises Abyssinian cats. They are a unique breed of cats. They only have one coat of fur, they retrieve like a dog, and they like to play in the water.

Nancy Curtis has been raising cats for about 20 years. Her cat's name is Crusher. She also has a cat named Bubba. She likes to dress him in a hunting hat. Bubba has won several competitions wearing his hunting hat.

The Winter Carnival is a true gem of St. Paul. We hope it continues!



Nancy Curtis and her cat Crusher. Crusher is an Exotic Shorthair. (Photo by Theo Miller)

How to know what's in your fridge without having to open it for \$8,000

By Gabe Kleiber

The LG SIGNATURE FRIDGE is the best invention since the universe. Let me ask you a question. Do you get unnoticeably cold when you open up the fridge and don't grab something right away? If you do, you need the LG SIGNATURE FRIDGE. This allows you to check what's in your fridge without the discomfort of opening it. Tap on the front of the fridge and it lights up inside. The glass port shows you what's in the fridge. This makes it so that you only have to tap instead of a horrible pull. Plus, it only costs about six times as much as a normal fridge. Buy this now!

Letter From the Editor

By Noel Varco

Thank you for reading the first issue of The Highland Caller. We hope you enjoyed it. If your door was knocked on by a couple of kids in October or November, then that was us. This is our first issue, and we know we can always improve, so please give us your feedback. Send an email to **thehighlandcaller@gmail.com** and we'll try to the best of our ability to make this better than it is already. Thanks!

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REVIEW - Fortnite: Not a game to spend your day on

By Adam McHie

Adam's rating: ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



Fortnite is a very popular video game that was released in 2017. It is a battle royale game, which means a certain number of players (in Fortnite it is a 100) are released onto a map, and they fight until there is only one player left.

One of the reasons I don't like Fortnite is because of the graphics. The colors are too bright and when characters move it looks unnatural because everytime they move it is exactly the same. It's also not very realistic because it includes things that would not happen in real life. For example, there is a bomb called the boogie bomb, which makes people dance when it explodes. Games that are fictional are good, but Fortnite tries really hard to make it seem real.

There are also different skins (clothes that your character wears) and emotes (dances your character does) that have no impact on the gameplay but Fortnite advertises them to make them look cool and soon enough people buy them. There are no upgrades that can give you better weapons or powers so it is difficult for most people that just want to have some fun.

It is also a very addictive game even to adults. For example, there is a YouTuber named Ali-A who is an adult and all he does is play Fortnite. Fortnite sucks people in because games are very short and you can die very quickly so it seems like you are not spending that much time.

The only positive thing about Fortnite is that players can connect with other players that might be their friends. If they live far away from each other, they can talk with each other and also do something together. But overall, Fortnite is not a game I would take time out of my day to play.



In Other News

By Theo Miller and Noel Varco

The Ford plant went out of business not too long ago. There are 135 acres of land on the Ford Plant site. Ryan Companies, a local construction business, is going to redevelop the area.

The city government mostly thinks that there should be affordable housing so it can accommodate the city's growth. Lots of people can't afford houses so building apartments would help that. But some people want more green space, such as baseball and soccer fields or recreational areas. They think that it is a one in a lifetime chance to get green space that will be reserved in the future.

Highland Park Elementary News

By Theo Miller

One of the upcoming events at HPE is Disco Bingo. If any of you are new to Disco Bingo, it is a fun night when kids and adults meet up together and have fun either playing Bingo or dancing in the gym or eating in the cafeteria. The date of Disco Bingo is January 31st, 2019. There will also be concessions such as lollipops, AirHeads and fruit snacks.

An event that happened at the school was the Spelling Bee. 4th and 5th graders were able to enter. The top three were Wes, in 1st place, Valeria, in 2nd, and Luke, in 3rd. There were 30 contestants and they all did very well.

A past event was Movie Night. The movie was Coco. The Student Council was selling concessions and made 320 dollars. The money from Movie Night and Disco Bingo is going to the California wildfire repairs, Feed My Starving Children, and Habitat For Humanity in El Salvador.

National Spotlight

By Theo Miller

If you do not already know, a partial government shutdown just ended. On Friday, President Trump signed a bill to reopen the government for three weeks. Because of the shutdown, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi delayed the State of the Union speech.



The reason the government was shutdown was because people disagreed about funding for a 5.7-billion-dollar wall on the U.S.-Mexico border. The purpose of this wall is to keep illegal immigrants out, but some people think that it is not necessary. Because of the shutdown, 800,000 employees who work for the Federal Government, including security workers at the airport, did not get paid for the month that the government was closed.

Housepets flock to church in Madrid

By Grant Sherwood

Dogs and cats were blessed in a church in Madrid. They expected 15,000 pets at the church for the feast of St. Anthony last Thursday. This church gives lots of focus on abandoned animals and their health. Some families have brought their pets to bless them for up to 35 years. People have been adopting pets from this church and bringing them back for multiple years. Lots of people love this church and the support they give to animals. And now their pet is blessed for the whole year.

SUPER BOWL LIII: Who will win?

By Grant Sherwood

AFC + NFC Championship Scores: Rams def. Saints 26-23 in OT, Pats def. Chiefs 37-31 in OT



The New Orleans Saints were the favorite to win the game after their 13-3 season (best in the NFC) and were winning the game 13-0 at the end of the first quarter. The Rams tied it up by the end of the game and finished it off with a 57 yard field goal in overtime. Greg Zuerlein made a 46 yard field goal with 19 seconds left to go into OT.

The Patriots have made the Super Bowl for the ninth time with Tom Brady, who led the Patriots to a touchdown at the end of the



Rex Burkhead, a running back for the New England Patriots.

game to win in overtime 37-31. Rex Burkhead scored the touchdown. The Patriots are favored to win the game because they have played very well in the Super Bowl. For example, in Super Bowl LI, the Patriots were losing



Greg Zuerlein, a kicker for the Los Angeles Rams.

FUN FACT: The 2018 World Series was the Los Angeles Dodgers vs the Boston Red Sox, which are the same two areas the Super Bowl teams are from. The Boston Red Sox won the Series.