



# The NOODLE

Open up and say AHHHH!!!



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**W**elcome to the July 2021 edition of *The Noodle*, written and published by the FYC. For this issue of *The Noodle*, members of the FYC were asked to write about their favorite TV when they were on lockdown. This topic allowed members to share their thoughts on what shows keep them entertained. We hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to learn about our experiences and enjoy our thoughts and opinions in this edition of *The Noodle!*

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## My Shows During Quarantine

During quarantine a lot of people had a lot of extra down-time due to being home more during the pandemic. Although I was home more myself, I didn't necessarily have more time to binge-watch shows because I was working from home. I still managed to find time to watch some shows I like, although some of them were delayed. One example of this is a show I like called *Big Brother*. It usually starts early-to-mid-summer, but it wound up not starting until August. I enjoyed watching it and I'm looking forward to the new season of it this summer. As for binging a show, I guess you could say I've been re-watching an old show this past year that's no longer in production. It's called *24*. It follows the life of a federal agent who works for a fictional agency of the government who has to save the day each season when disaster strikes. I love it! There's so much taking place that it keeps you wanting more. These are just a couple of shows that have kept me occupied during quarantine!

By Derek Carraway



## Entertainment: Pandemic Edition

I really don't watch much TV these days. Instead, I spend a lot of time on my iPad watching YouTube and playing games on a variety of apps. One of my most favorite things to do is playing an app called *Choice of Games*. It is basically a story-based app where you choose from a variety of stories and choose what the characters do. I really like this because there are no illustrations, you just read it and imagine the scenario in your head. Another thing I really like is watching *Dungeons and Dragons* and *World of Darkness* campaigns. I know I am a nerd (and proud of it)! I also found a variety of history-based RPGs (role playing games). These fascinate me because you can create your own alternative reality in which you control historical figures.

In terms of shows, I've been finding a lot of interesting documentaries on the prison system. It's something I've been interested in for a while, especially since I attended a lecture in college about this topic.

As far as actual television, I do watch a lot of news to keep up with current events because there is so much taking place in the world and I do like to know what is happening out there. For a while last year, I did watch *The Great British Bakeoff* because it was fun to see people from different walks of life creating art out of food. But I guess I got so full watching that I had to move on to something else!!

*By Serena Wetmore*



## Netflix Parties!

I learned about Netflix Parties, now called Teleparty, during a homeschool virtual get together, and it became my thing. And my close friends and I started watching different shows and movies.

Netflix Party, now Teleparty, allows a group of people to virtually get together and watch a movie and talk in a chat box. The chat box allows you to leave emojis and text. Talk to text is not available, at least not that I have found.

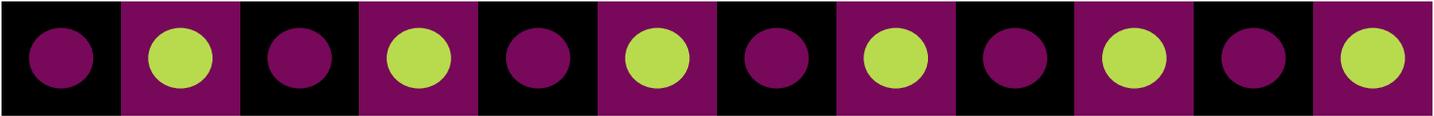
At first, this only allowed for viewing Netflix shows and movies. But when it became Teleparty, we could now watch Disney+, Netflix, and a few other platforms. But we only used it for Netflix and Disney+.

My friend and fellow actor, Maddie, and I started watching *Legacies*. We watched all of season one. We had fun chatting, laughing, and talking about anything under the sun in chat.

I also watched a show called *The Dark Crystal* with my friends Caedmon and Madison. We loved this show and often binge watched more than one episode. Lots of fun, laughter, and jokes in chat. And conversations about sweet tea vs unsweet tea, because I like sweet tea and Caedmon likes unsweet tea, which somehow led to talk about who's cuter: Baby Yoda or Groot? When we finished *The Dark Crystal*, we started watching *The Mandalorian*. We have two more episodes to go to finish season two. But rest assured, I have finished all the Mando shows on my own, lol.

Caedmon and I also watched a few movies together in between, such as *A Series of Unfortunate Events* movie and *Shrek The Musical*.

By JJ Humphrey



## My Watchlist List

We live in a new age of how we watch shows and series. With streaming services now on the rise, people can watch shows everywhere—even watching shows on the phone while sitting on the toilet. I watched a plethora of shows/series during quarantine on Disney+ or HBO Max. To be honest, I am more of a movie person, but if there is something that does pique my interest, I'll watch it. Nowadays, I don't need to channel surf or anything because I can watch whatever movie I want with so many streaming services. Unlike movies, sports will be the only time I don't use any streaming service because I would just use the basic cable box. When it comes down to binge-watching a series, one of the shows that I watched on Disney+ was *Falcon and the Winter Soldier*, which is based on the popular Marvel comics where the Falcon became Captain America. Another show I watched on Disney+ was *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* series. I have watched *Clones Wars* since the original run was aired on Cartoon Network. Unfortunately, the show was canceled for a while and I was left disappointed because the series was getting better. It was a while until last year when the show finally aired its final season. *The Mandalorian* is fantastic and I loved every minute of that show. Of course, Grogu (Baby Yoda) is the star of the show. I couldn't leave out the fact that I watched a crap-ton of Anime on HBO Max: series like *HunterxHunter* and *91 Days*, just to name a few. On Amazon Prime, there is a show called *The Boys*, an adult-rated show (without spoilers) about superheroes being very influential in society and what happens when the heroes go rogue and start abusing their powers. There are plenty of good shows out there that I will possibly watch in the future and maybe kill some time.

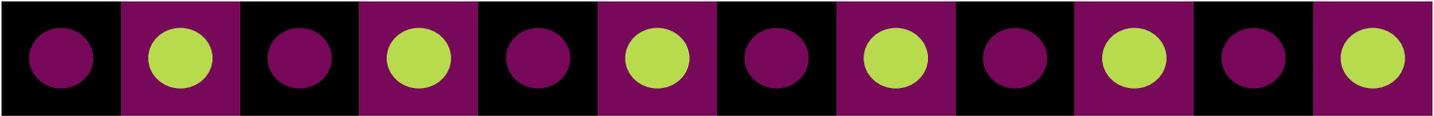
By Alex Gonzalez

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## No TV Series for Me

The topic for this month is the television series that kept me occupied during the pandemic. Well, this is a tough one for me because I do not watch a lot of television. Instead of TV, I usually spend my spare time outdoors working at a horse stable, volunteering at a museum, riding horses, swimming, trapping and releasing squirrels, going for walks and bike rides, and cleaning up the yard. I was lucky because I could do these things for most of the time we were isolated due to COVID-19.

If I was stuck inside the house because of rain, or during the evening hours, sometimes I turned on Netflix. I searched around for movies to watch and usually they were movies about horses or other animals. In the fall and winter, I switched to



ESPN to watch sports such as basketball and football. I also tuned in to see the New York Giants on the NFL Channel. The Giants didn't have a very good season. They won six games and lost ten, but if you are a true fan you still watch them!

I haven't seen any regular TV shows since I watched "Friends" and PBS Kids programs when I was young. They were good then, but I have grown out of them. Now, I watch the occasional documentary or special, but I would rather spend time away from the TV screen. I feel happiest when I am outside, and even during the pandemic, I found ways to enjoy myself out there alone or with family.

*By John Howard Baldino*

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## My Favorite Sci-Fi Movies

I am going to talk about three sci-fi movies that I love to watch. They keep me entertained. They are fun to watch and sometimes will make you tear up. So, grab a tissue box before you watch these movies.

The First Is *Star Trek: Voyager*. It is about Captain Catherine Janeway, how she teamed up with Commander Chakotay, and made their way through space, because they are lost. They meet people, good and bad, on a journey back to earth.

Next Comes *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. It is about Captain Jaen-Luc-Picard, Commander William Riker, Counselor Deanna Troi, Dr Beverly Crusher, Commander Geordi La Forge, and Commander Data. It follows them as they travel through space boldly exploring new worlds, finding life and new civilization that no person has seen before.

Last is *Stargate SG-1*. It is about how Samantha Carter, Jack O Neil, Daniel Jackson, and Teal'c travel through the stargate as they meet new friends on different planets, helping them to fight against the Jaffa.

My favorite actor in *Star Trek: Voyager*, is Commander Chakotay because he shows people how to use a spirit animal to guide them. In *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, my favorite character is Commander William Riker because he has good jokes and tries to help his friends. In *Stargate SG-1* it is Teal'c because he is sometimes serious but can be funny.

I like these movies because they bring happiness, action, and teach me how I can work with other people.

*By Chelle Sandiford*



## How Do I Become Part of The Florida Youth Council?

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth (between the ages of 15 and 17) and emerging leaders (between the ages of 18 and 30) with disabilities or special health care needs that live in Florida.

The Florida Youth Council is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self-advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to discuss those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to address them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please visit The Florida Youth Council website at [www.floridayouthcouncil.com](http://www.floridayouthcouncil.com). The program is open to application year round. We hope to hear from you soon!



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