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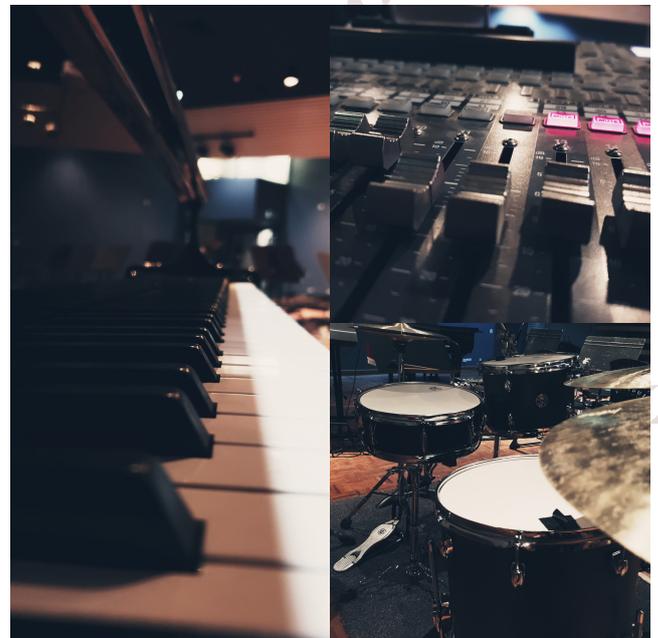
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SECRET PERFORMANCE KICKS OFF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Written By: Jasmin Lewis

On the last day of term three, a group from the music department held a small concert during lunch. They played four songs including "Wanted Dead or Alive" by Bon Jovi and "High Hopes" by Panic! At the Disco. It was a heat of the moment type concert that had been planned two lessons before it happened. There weren't many people watching but the young musicians played their hearts out, enjoying every moment of it. The performance was recorded, but we have no news if it will be uploaded for all to see.



PIC IS STILL READING

Written By: Yäeger Brown

Over the holidays the school's library was open for all to enjoy. Students could come in, find a book to read and just have time to themselves.

The library now has over 40 new books at SACE level. They have been reviewed by people who love reading. If you went during the holidays, read a book and entered a review of said book, you could be in the running for the Learning Hub Springtime Hamper Raffle. If you checked out one of the available books you also got a chance to win a special prize!

For those feeling bookish and want to read some new titles, when you walk into the learning hub, you can immediately see the books at the back wall and can check them out whenever you feel like it. Simple as that!



DISCOVERY OF ASBESTOS DELAYS ICT CENTRE'S KIOSK'S CONSTRUCTION

Written by Nirmala Bista and Chadani Sharma

The ICT Centre is currently working on building a kiosk for PIC students. "Instead of having to go inside and waiting, students will be able to come to the kiosk's window and get service." explains Daniel from IT. The idea of the kiosk came from Mr Nathan Cini and the building commenced during the term 3 holidays. The construction was delayed due to the discovery of Asbestos in the walls, a building material which has cancerous properties. Until the Asbestos is removed safely with precautions, the construction can't be continued. "We're hoping it will be completed in the next couple of weeks." says Daniel.



New Beginnings

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A new school mural!

The SAASTA connect and senior students have teamed up with upcoming indigenous artist, Shane Cooke, to create a beautiful new school mural.

There has been discussion after discussion between students on how to renew the school mural and update it to give it a more meaningful design for current Playford International College students and teachers. They first filled in the background of the mural with writing different types of messages and meanings that would only be known to the writers themselves. Secondly, the students painted the second layer of the mural with the Playford blue colour. Last, but not least, the circles were added. The inner parts of the circles represents the students, the outer parts represents the teachers, the next part represents support workers and the last part represents the families. The large circles are meant to encapture the journey in which our school is on and will be on. They will soon represent the junior, middle and senior school levels.

The two circles on the side are for the programs and services that students might need access to in their schooling; ALP, FLO, family services and any other types of support needed.

The artist, Shane Cooke, also called Mankitya, is a young Aboriginal artist who creates art that blends graffiti with traditional art styles. Shane's dream is to work with aspiring, young artists and teach them how they can express their individuality in projects and grow.

The new school mural is still a work in progress, but it should be put up for everyone to see by the end of this year. The SAASTA students have all stated how much they enjoyed working with an artist from the community and would love to work with him again on projects in the future.

Written by Mia Prosenica



THE GOLDEN EVENT OF
VIBRANCE

COLOUR RUN

Written by: Rhea Deepdas



On Wednesday 24th of October, Playford International College came together and took part in another exciting golden event; the colour run. Being the second time, many staff and students were looking forward to it in memory of last year's remarkable experience. The weather on the day was just perfect for the spectacular event, being sunny with a slight breeze Making the school oval the ideal destination. There were two main objectives out of this Golden event. one was to run laps to score points for the house teams and the other was to celebrate the achievement by being hidden and covered in the coloured chalk powders.

People had equally participated in the running as well as the final colour "covering". The running for the points began from the morning by having the Year levels go at each lesson. The year 8s went during first lesson, year 9s during second lesson, with a change the year 11s went during the third lesson and lastly the year 10s went last, during lesson 4. In spite of the event, lesson 4 (mentor meetings) and lesson 5 had been switched around, in order for students to get changed and get ready for the award presentations and the colour ceremony.

The top female and male runners in each year level were awarded at the award presentations. The winners were: Lisa Moeun and Joby Nishimwe (year 8), Sakhawat Qalandari and Soraya Mozaffari (year 9), Bressing Imani and Divya Adhikari (year 10), Dwight Raftery and Jemima Volcano Busasa (year 11). After the long waiting, the highlight moment of the day commenced, and all of the people who participated roared with laughter and joy. This year the colour throwing lasted longer and everyone had a spectacular time. The school day ended with happy and cheerful vibes that brought smiles to many, and we can patiently wait until next year for another round of this event.

STUDENT VOICE

"If there was one thing you could change about Playford International, what would it be?"

Written by: Chadani Sharma and Nirmala Bista

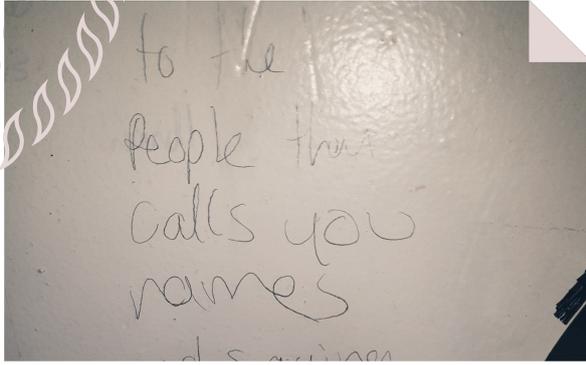
"I would get different teachers because it's hard to receive help from most of the teachers. There are very few teachers who are helpful" -Cameron Rundle, age 15

"There are a lot of things about this school that I'm not satisfied with. There should be more strict rules regarding the students. There are some students who actually want to learn but there is always a group who argue with the teacher and disrupt the class." - Anonymous

"More interesting classes like more sport lessons." -Anonymous

"I think we need more understanding teachers. Teachers who help and give good advice." -Ethan Healey, age 15

"The uniform policy. I hate the uniforms. Students should be allowed to wear what they want. People say that without the uniforms we wouldn't be able to tell who is in our school or not but we already have security measures to ensure that doesn't happen," - Chloe Galgey, aged 16



VANDALISM HARMS STUDENTS THE MOST

OPINION PIECE BY BROOKE BARNETT

To some degree we all should know about the vandalism at Playford, from plants being torn to shreds to toilets being closed due to repairs.

The school spends so much money repairing the school over upgrading it. But wouldn't it be nice to have comfy chairs or a mouse and keyboard that actually work?

Girls toilets especially, I know many students hate it when the toilets are closed and they end up late running around to some different one, it's the same for a lot of girls.

Students are mostly the ones that suffer from vandalism not the teachers. We are doing this to ourselves and we suffer from the consequences of our peer's actions.

The grounds men spend most of their hard work on repairing everything. We should respect them and not interfere. The grounds men John and Scott were extremely helpful when I asked them about vandalism at school.

"We can fix a door but we can't fix plants once they're dead that's it, it's a shame to see the plants get torn up."

Graffiti is all over the school and sometimes graffiti can be considered as art but not the insulting graffiti at our school. From insults to grotesque drawings it's wrong and no one should witness it.

Now the one that's the worst of the worst in my opinion is all the disrespect towards the memorial garden where a whole tree has been ripped to shreds, all that's left of the tree is a stump and another one barely standing tall. Plants have been stomped, the benches have been pulled from the ground and flipped over, it's awful to see. Obviously we aren't all running around destroying the school but even if your friend goes to draw on the wall pull them back and say "Nah we shouldn't do that, let's go to the oval." You can convince them not to do it or if confrontation is scary change the subject and suggest to do something else.

We destroy our own school for what? Just for some laughs with your mates, it doesn't solve anything and you shouldn't have to do that to impress anyone and it's honestly not funny.

This shouldn't be normal to constantly have plants chopped down and to have toilets closed. We need to make a change if any of us want Playford to improve, the change starts with us.

JOURNALIST MURDERED IN SAUDI CONSULATE

Written by: David Deex

Journalist Jamal Khashoggi was murdered recently in a Saudi Arabian Consulate in Istanbul. A Consulate is a place in one country where another country has a representative living, they help serve the interests of both countries.

The Saudi Government at first denied that he died in their consulate, but has now admitted he did die there, saying he died being strangled in a fight. Jamal Khashoggi was a Progressive Journalist who believed in Women's rights as well as LGBT, and Minority Rights, as well as believing extremist parts of religions are open to fair criticism. Jamal Khashoggi has also not only supported Women's and Minority rights, but has also campaigned for the Saudi Government to respect The U.N. Convention on Human Rights.

The Saudi Arabian Government has denied human rights and silenced even the most peaceful campaigners, and this could be just yet another case of silencing journalists.

Many countries have since decided to boycott an economic meeting with Saudi Arabia. It is a small, symbolic gesture condemning Saudi Arabia's actions.

THE PIC INFORMER TEAM CONDEMNS ALL VIOLENCE AIMED AT JOURNALISTS, AS WELL AS VIOLENCE IN GENERAL.



Another Wedding of the Year

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding was worldwide news, no matter where you were, it was the talk of the town and the town over too! The dress was unique and famous, the venue, the guests, everything was on the news for a good few weeks before it died down. Now, Princess Eugenie is also prosperously (meaning to be successful and wealthy) wedded to her new husband Jack Brooksbank, though it is not one of the most world wide wedding of the year, it was still a sight to see.

Princess Eugenie's dress had a low cut back, requested specifically by her, showing off a surgical scar that she had gotten at age 12 to correct scoliosis. The dress also featured symbols that meant specific things to her, such as a Thistle for Scotland, a Shamrock for Ireland, the York Rose, and ivy to represent the couple's home. This beautiful look was completed with the Greville Emerald Kokoshnik tiara, which was lent to her by the Queen. The wedding was still as amazing as you would think. Meanwhile Prince Harry and his newly wedded wife have fun and travel around Australia, news informs that Meghan Markle is pregnant! More news about the Royal family to come.



Written by: Yeager Brown

Fatal Multiple Smash at Orchard Hill

WRITTEN BY COOPER MAGUIRE

A horror head-on collision has killed two women and a set of unborn twins and left two men in a critical condition, something that sparked a tragic beginning to the October long weekend. The 17-year-old L-Plate driver and her 23-year-old rear passenger, who was heavily pregnant with twins, died at the scene after their hatchback collided with a car travelling north on a New South Wales highway. The Nissan was travelling north on Northern Road in Orchard Hills in Sydney's west when it collided with a Mazda travelling in the opposite direction at 7:40 pm on Friday. Emergency services attempted to revive the driver and her rear passenger but both women and the unborn babies died at the scene.



The 25-year-old male front passenger was rushed to West Mead Hospital in a critical condition. The 29-year-old driver of the Mazda was trapped for a short time and moved to West Mead Hospital in a critical condition with leg injuries, he is also under police guard. 9 News has reported that the male driver sped over the median strip and ploughed into the Nissan. A witness to the accident, Jarrad Sherlock said he noticed the Mazda driving erratically before it crashed into the Nissan. 'He came flying past me in the left hand lane, going about 100 km/h in a 60 km/h roadworks zone,' he said. Police are now investigating whether the man was speeding before the tragic accident.

POLITICIANS STRIKE AGAIN

By Jasmin Loewis

After all the commotion with our government, Malcolm Turnbull has left parliament, this has resulted in a by-election (which is like a smaller election in selected parts of the country) in Wentworth Sydney. This resorted in Liberals and Labor trying to win over the hearts of the voters of the area. The people of Wentworth aren't too fond of either parties and voted an independent in. Her name is Kerryn Phelps and she-as well as being a politician- is a doctor, a climate change activist and is part of the LGBTQ+ community. Unfortunately some people spread rumours about her having AIDS, which isn't true, in hopes to sabotage her but it didn't affect her at all because she still won.





Weather Watch

Are these weather events leading to something larger?

Written By: Katie Evers

The world has recently been hit with some massive weather events. From earthquakes to snow in the desert, the devastation has been immense. A couple of the most recent incidents in this chain of disasters, were Hurricane Michael and the Earthquakes in Indonesia, each of which have had very large death tolls and devastating effects on each country and those surrounding. Many have been left homeless and severely hungry with the shortages of food, water, power and warmth.

In January of this year, the usually sun-kissed sand dunes of the Sahara have been blanketed in a layer of snow for the third time in almost 40 years. With temperatures lowering to just 1 degree celsius, people of the Algerian town, Ain Sefra - known as the gateway to the Sahara - enjoyed sliding down the dunes, covered in 40 cm of snow which melted later in the afternoon. This was caused by high pressures over Europe which caused cold air to be pulled down into northern Africa and into the Sahara Desert, Ain Sefra has an average high of 99.7 degrees fahrenheit during the month of July, making locals much more accustomed to managing extreme heat rather than snow.

Hurricane Michael is the worst hurricane Florida has ever experienced, with the death toll just recently having been raised to 16, with bodies being found on Mexico Beach and is expected to rise as clean up continues. The hurricane has flattened many houses and left many stores without stock, wiping power to many. The hurricane has almost completely wiped the town of Mexico Beach off the map, which only has 1000 residents. Search and rescue are continuing in looking for lost people and identify people they have found already.

Indonesia and its surrounding islands have been hit with several enormous earthquakes over the development of this year with many resulting in tsunamis, which has left the people of Indonesia in a state of desperation. The latest earthquake and tsunami on the 20th of October left over 2,000 people dead and a lot more injured. The damage done by the earthquake will take an enormous amount of time to repair and rebuild, but it will also take a long time for the residents in the affected areas to feel at home and restored again. The government recently released a statement saying they were going to stop searching bodies on October 11th, and according to the Department of Education of Indonesia have said over 3,000 schools have either been damaged or completely destroyed. "I've been to many disasters as an emergency responder, but this one is definitely one of the worst. And this is just Palu. I can't even imagine the situation in other cities," An emergency responder told reporters.

Farmers from across New South Wales and Queensland are in a state of despair, with the drought bringing large losses of crops and livestock. The drought has just been named the largest drought in Australia's history, leaving some parts suffering with the drought for 1 year and others 7 years. Now the New South Wales Government is saying that 100% of the state is in drought, which is shown by figures gathered by The Department Of Primary Industries (DPI) with ¼ of the state being in an "Intense Drought", and 60% of Queensland affected by the drought, with this area expected to expand.

THE AMERICAN MUSIC AWARD: A SYNOPSIS

Written by: Mia Prosenica

It's that time of year again.

The time where worldwide superstars are recognised and awarded. The time where bizarre stage outfits are applauded and criticised. All at the same time! I am speaking, of course, of the annual American Music Awards. All eyes were wide in astonishment when artists such as Taylor Swift, Twenty One Pilots, Cardi B and Dua Lipa hit the stage with their impressive performances. Sadly, not all award winners could make it to the show, due to conflicting tour schedules. Yet, Panic! At the Disco did not fail to amaze with his incredible Queen tribute, performing Bohemian Rhapsody at his Sydney concert.

Artist of the year was awarded to the sensational Taylor Swift, along with three other awards. Camila Cabello tied with Taylor by also taking home four music awards. The two powerful women were seen sitting together, acting friendly and being very supportive of one another. During his performance of a Psycho/Better Now medley with Ty Dolla \$ign, Post Malone showed off his brand new hairstyle. Even with being listed as one of the worst dressed stars on the red carpet by Mirror Online, Malone was still his humble and confident self, walking the carpet with his turquoise suit and head held up high. Later in the night, Post Malone walked home with two awards. The AMA's were spectacular, and next year couldn't come sooner.

Anger Issues Lead to Post-match Brawl

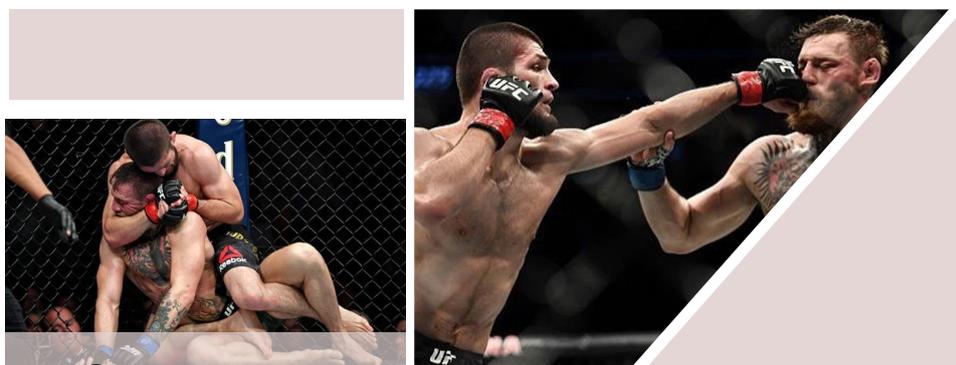
WRITTEN BY: CHADANI SHARMA

A recent match between two well known UFC fighters, Khabib Nurmagomedov and Conor McGregor has turned out to be more than a lightweight match. After the match ended in Khabib's favour with him ending the fourth match with a choke on McGregor, Khabib jumped the fence with two members of his entourage and attacked McGregor. Police and security guards were seen separating the fight and escorting both fighters out of the arena. It was a very dramatic and hectic night for these two.

"He (Conor McGregor) talked about my religion, he talked about my country, he talked about my father. He came to Brooklyn and he broke a bus, he almost killed a couple of people. This is a respectful sport, not a trash talking sport," said Khabib. He also apologised for his actions. UFC has suspended both Khabib and Conor for ten days and there are rumours about Khabib's dismissal from UFC.

Who do you think is at fault? Please let us know by emailing us at elisa.resce346@schools.sa.edu.au

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Christopher Robin

A movie for all the ages

From the director Marc Forster, “Christopher Robin” is an emotion stirring film bringing childhood memories back to life. Christopher Robin (Ewan McGregor) has grown older and is struggling with his career when he stumbles across an old friend, Winnie The Pooh, (voiced by Jim Cummings.) Winnie joins him on a journey of self growth and discovery.

I highly enjoyed watching this newest installment in the Christopher Robin story. You will definitely grab the tissue box while watching this film as its an emotional one. The story shows great examples of self growth in hard times and how to make the best of what you've got and to appreciate what you have.

I would definitely recommend this masterpiece of a film to anyone who hasn't seen this film to go see it. Even if you're unfamiliar to Christopher Robin and the story of Winnie the Pooh it can still be enjoyed by all audiences.

Written by: Katie Evers

Venom

Exploring good and evil

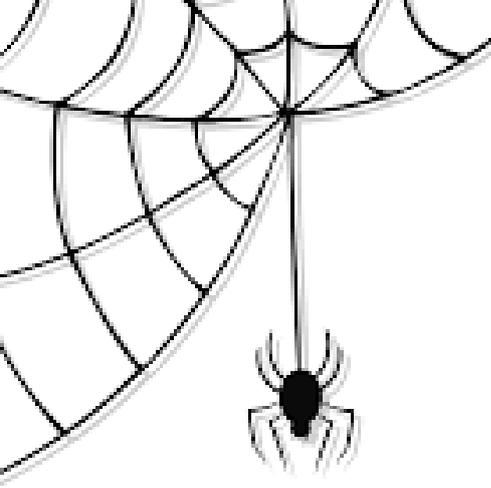
Released on the 4th of October this year, Venom stole many Marvel fans' hearts being one of the highest rated films in 2018 with 7.1/10 rating by the IMDb. Ruben Fleischer, Director of the movie, earned over \$US 35.7 million winning 2nd weekend box office in a row.

The movie left the audience astonished by how each scene was displayed. The main character, played by Tom Hardy, did an amazing job playing the roles of Eddie Brock and Venom. The climax left all viewers with goosebumps and chills. The last fight between Venom and the antagonist particularly thrilling.

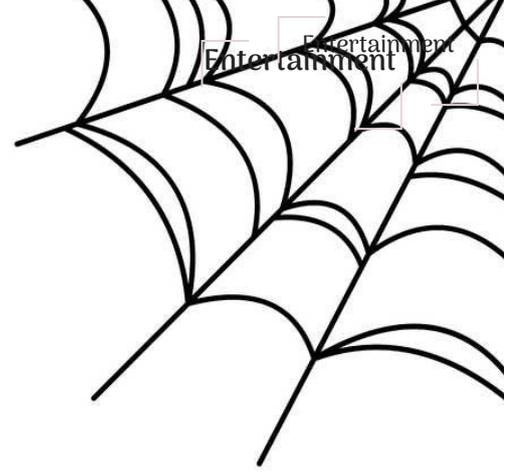
If you are looking for an action movie with extraordinary animation, then Venom is the right movie for you. It leaves viewers with many questions wanting a second movie.

Written by Nirmala Bista





New Marvel Spider Man Game



There have been Spider Man games in the past, but none of them compare to the latest release of the game. One thing the previous games have lacked is actually swinging around as Spider Man. The previous Spider Man games have been glitchy and not enjoyable in the past, but the new Spider Man game has nailed this one on the head. Going from one side of the city to the other stayed fun to the very end players have control of where Spider Man swings and the camera angles give the game a realistic feel as Spider Man swings around New York. You have tasks in the game, but it is relatively free roam.

You can do side quests when you like and can even climb to the highest building to see the enticing view. The combat is innovative and as you play the game you learn new moves and find different ways to defeat bosses making the play through consistently. The graphics are beautiful with occasional glitches but that's inevitable with games but they were easy to fix by changing the camera angle. The dialogue was fun and the characters were portrayed perfectly from Spider Man's witty lines to some perfect villain monologues. I highly recommend it if you are able to get it, but watching gameplay of it is still entertaining.

Written by Brooke Barnett

Battlefield 5: the beginning of the end

In 2002, Battlefield 1942 came out, a first of many legendary EA branded games which was a first in its field, a first person shooter that allowed the player to explore vast maps, a plethora of vehicles, weapons and even let the user play as the enemy, something that was a major step forward in gaming culture to most. But now fast forward to 2018, EA has taken a nosedive of which they may never recover. Battlefield V has recently come out, the latest of many fps's that EA have released and many consider it to be, in terms of gameplay, the best Battlefield game they have played. It still keeps to its old format of huge maps, endless weapons and the ability to play as both allied and axis, but there have been new features that have the gaming community up in arms. As we all know, the internet has played host to many culture wars ranging from religion to gender to race, but recently the political left have taken it to the new level, taking their agenda to EA demanding that their new game ascertain to new features, even going as far as camping out the front of EA's headquarters for 2 days until they listened to them. After these changes had been applied, battlefield v now has the ability for you to play as a female player with a prosthetic arm and as a black wehrmacht (german army) infantryman, which are both severely historically inaccurate despite EA's claim of complete historical accuracy.

Another feature which is landing the gaming company in severe trouble is the feature in chat and name generator which prevents you from typing the words: nazi, titanfall, white man and trump, but lets you use the phrases: black man, asian man, black power and better than whites, which is considered to be unprofessional, biased and out of place by a majority of people. But perhaps the biggest change made by EA is that they will forgo any Nazi symbols or symbols and objects which identify anything as German as well as completely changing the uniforms so that they look as less like the original Nazi soldiers of WW2 as possible, which has resulted in the German government potentially suing EA, dice and certain tumblr users for slandering German history and culture, which is in my opinion, fair game. in conclusion, the game itself is stunning mixture of masterful graphics and seamless gameplay with the ability to play with other people worldwide while the other features added by EA such as the word filter and gender and race inaccuracies perhaps need some work.

By: Cooper Maguir

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