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Welcome to the SCVi Scoop! This periodical has been created with the sole purpose of allowing the Learners at SCVi to have a greater understanding of the world around them, which they will receive both by working on and reading the Scoop. Most news in today's world is either exaggerated and depressing, or carefully selected by the internet to fit into each of our specific viewpoints, but the Scoop's aim is to hopefully break that pattern, by providing unbiased news chosen by our own Learner-Led staff!



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Exploring love from the platonic angle



THE *BEST* PINNOCCCHIO??

Hugo Turner

Left to right: Guillermo del Toro, Mark Gustafson, Roeban Katz, Alexandre Desplat,



Three Pinocchio movies were released this past year...*Three*. And the best one was Guillermo del Toro's stop-motion animated passion project. It just happened to coincide with a Disney live action remake and a low budget CGI kids movie where Pinocchio, a wooden puppet, has realistic human hair. But what truly sets del Toro's Pinocchio apart? Well, I found out at the exclusive pre-Oscar Awards Variety screening and panel with del Toro and the crew!

In December of 2021, acclaimed director Guillermo del Toro announced he was in the process of making an adaptation of the beloved children's story Pinocchio. While the director's demonstrated skill had already brought ample attention to the project, even more heads were turned when it was revealed that the movie would be animated in stop-motion. For those uninformed, the difference is that stop-motion animation involves the use of real life puppets, which are moved slightly for each frame of animation. This means that, for every second of animation, the animator had to re-pose the puppet 24 times, for 24 different pictures, all while painstakingly making sure that everything about the figure remains consistent. The difficulty and cost of stop-motion animation, as well as how time consuming it is, ensures that it is incredibly rare among modern animated movies, with very few studios still specializing in it. But what else makes this movie special, other than its unique animation?



First of all, Pinocchio is not just a kids movie. While rated PG, and being family friendly, the movie deals with incredibly mature topics such as war, death, and dealing with loss. Not to mention the movie is set during the rise of Fascism in Italy, with Pinocchio having to interact with Benito Mussolini. While the original book had dark themes, del Toro made multiple changes to the story for it to fit his vision. Director's vision, in fact, is incredibly important to the making of the film, with del Toro saying in the interview that he "made sure that there were no test screenings of the film", keeping his project safe from the opinions of "Soccer parents looking to use a movie as a babysitter". In final result, the film benefits immensely from keeping true to Del Toro's vision, telling the resonant and heartfelt tale of a father getting past the loss of his son, and learning to accept a new one. And it's a story told well enough to be one of the only films in the last 5 years that has actually moved me to tears.



Hugo Turner (article writer) interviewing Pinocchio Composer Alexandre Desplat

Second of all, Pinocchio shows an incredible amount of attention to detail. In the production design, sound design, and score, the crew of Pinocchio show incredible dedication in making the movie the best it could possibly be. For instance, Alexandre Desplat, the film's composer, shared an ingenious and creative way he found to add to the atmosphere of the film by making all the instruments in the score wood instruments, since Pinocchio is a wooden puppet. And it's true that no brass or electronic instruments are used in the score at all.

This attention to detail in the score is seldom seen in other animated movies, as it carries over to the film's meticulously researched world and setpieces, which add a sense of detail and realism to the stop-motion animation that will captivate viewers immediately.

While the movie itself is very good, it is the use of songs that make it special. While the lyrics sometimes miss the mark for me, composer Desplat's use of themes and leitmotifs (melodies specific to specific characters and locations) enhance the songs to make the emotions of the film feel real and massively complex, without ever being overbearing. Songs that stood out to this reporter were Everything Is New to Me, We Were a King Once, Ciao Papa.

All in all, Guillermo del Toro's PINOCCHIO is a triumph of animation, and one that uses the medium to tell an emotional and impactful story brought to life by the film's hand-crafted puppets, and especially Pinocchio himself.

American and Japanese Chocolate: What's the difference?

Soren O'Brien



It's Valentine's Day, and you know what that means? Love letters, hearts, and asking out your crush. And the ones who aren't doing that, are the people who are stuffing their faces with the number one Valentine treat: tons of chocolate. Milk, dark, caramel, chocolate covered strawberries, those little chocolates in a heart shaped box, you name it. But chocolate is not the same for other people in the world. With Japanese culture getting so much attention nowadays in the American mainstream, it's only fitting we take our comparison to chocolate! Buckle up because today we're looking at the difference between Japanese and American chocolate!

As an example, let's use plain milk chocolate. Pick up a US chocolate bar, such as a Hershey bar, Kiss, or Crunch bar, and you'll taste these ingredients: cocoa nibs, cocoa butter, milk solids, and sugar. Meanwhile, if you pick up any Japanese milk chocolate confection, you will taste: Sugar, cocoa mass, whole milk powder, cocoa butter, lecithin, and fragrance. Both have similar and different ingredients. With American milk chocolate, you taste the milk, and a bitter aftertaste. However, with Japanese milk chocolate, the taste is obviously different from the start: it definitely has a little bit of that milk-like taste, but it is much sweeter I'm pretty sure other countries have other chocolate that's much more different, and probably even better than American chocolate, but for now, pick up some Japanese or American chocolate for this Valentine's Day.

TREAT YOURSELF: FOODS FOR COUPLES AND SOLO ACTS + RECIPE

Gabe Olmos



Shrimp Fettuccine Alfredo

This pasta is the best I have ever tried, and it is super easy to make. This is a healthy dish for Valentine's day. The noodles are creamy, and the shrimp is, well, shrimpy! Having a plate of broccoli with this dish will make you yearn for more. You can also have it without the shrimp, and it will taste just as delicious. I would give this dish a 9/10 because it is super easy to make and it is very creamy.

1. **Ingredients**

2. **1 pound fettuccine pasta**
3. **1 tablespoon butter**
4. **1 pound cooked shrimp - peeled and deveined**
5. **4 cloves garlic, minced**
6. **1 cup half-and-half**
7. **6 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese**
8. **1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley**
9. **salt to taste**

1. **Fill** a large pot with lightly salted water and bring to a rolling boil. Cook fettuccine at a boil until tender yet firm to the bite, about 8 minutes. Drain.
2. **Heat** butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook and stir shrimp and garlic in butter for 1 minute. Pour in half-and-half; stir. Add Parmesan cheese, 1 tablespoon at a time, stirring constantly. Mix in parsley; season with salt. Simmer, stirring frequently, until sauce is thickened.
3. **Stir** fettuccine into sauce until evenly coated; serve hot.

Red Velvet Cupcakes

These cupcakes are delicious and moderately easy to make (if you find the right recipe). They are dry by themselves, but with the vanilla cream cheese frosting, they are the best cupcakes you will have ever tasted! These are a must-have for any Valentine's celebration due to the red color, and ease of baking. Even when you are alone on Valentine's day, these are a very tasty and sweet treat. I would give them an 8/10 because they are incredibly sweet, but without the frosting, they are too dry to be to my liking.



A Midsummer Night's Dream: High School Theater at SCVi

Ren Gildo

Recently, I had the pleasure of seeing one of William Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, performed beautifully by the learners of SCVi. The students and facilitators made this amazing scenery that looked like an alley. As soon as the actors walked on to the stage you just knew this play was so well put together. You could tell that the actors put in their hours of practice. Shakespeare used a unique way of telling stories that can be somewhat confusing to people, but the actors knew their lines perfectly, and they brought Shakespeare to life in present day. The costumes and lighting and music were all perfect. You can tell how much effort was put into this play. Overall I think the whole play was put together so beautifully, and with such a fresh perspective. I thank everyone who put in the work to bring this play to life and for making it an amazing live theater experience.



The Cast and Crew of SCVi's A Midsummer Night's Dream



Valentines Day: The Why?

Ramonn Navarro, Malayah Haynes, Nicole Diaz



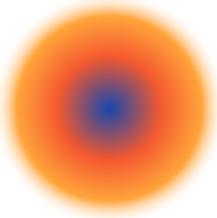
Valentine's Day is a holiday that is celebrated on February 14th. The origins of the holiday can be traced back to ancient Rome, where a festival called Lupercalia was held. The festival, which was celebrated in mid-February, was a time for fertility and the purification of the city. During the festival, men and women would pair off, either by matching names from a box or by being paired by the priests. These matches would often lead to romantic relationships, and some would even end in marriage.

The origins of Valentine's Day as a holiday for romantic love can be traced back to the Middle Ages. In the 14th and 15th centuries, the holiday began to be associated with courtly love and romantic poetry. The earliest Valentine's Day letters, called "valentines," were sent by noblemen and women to their loved ones. These letters were often written in verse and were filled with romantic messages.

The holiday of Valentine's Day began to be celebrated in the United States in the early 18th century. At this time, the holiday was primarily celebrated by the upper class, who exchanged gifts and wrote valentines to each other. However, it was not until the 19th century that the holiday began to be celebrated more widely. This was due in part to the growing popularity of Valentine's Day cards, which were becoming more affordable and widely available.

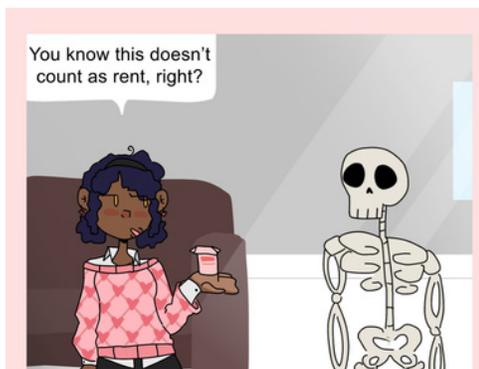
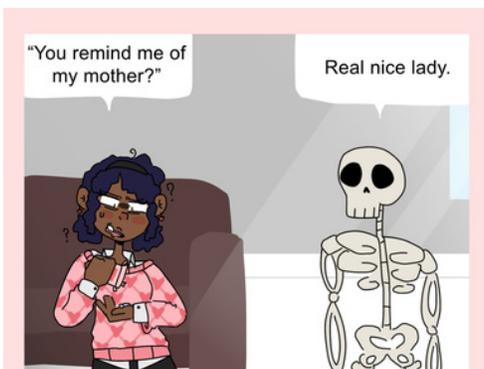
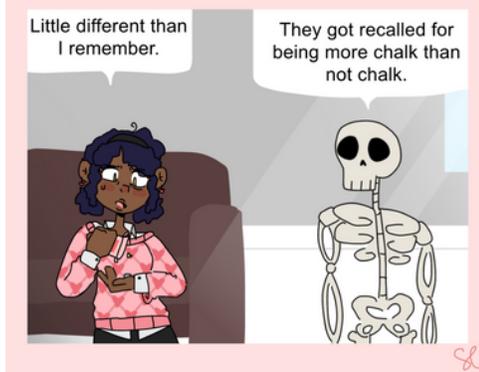
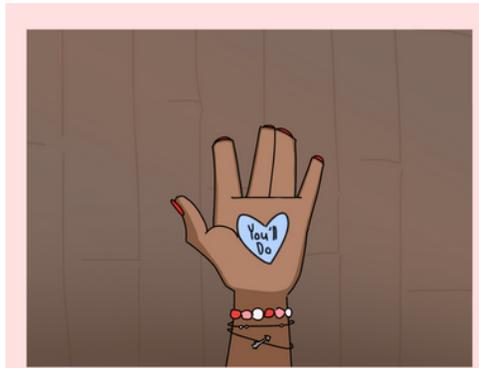
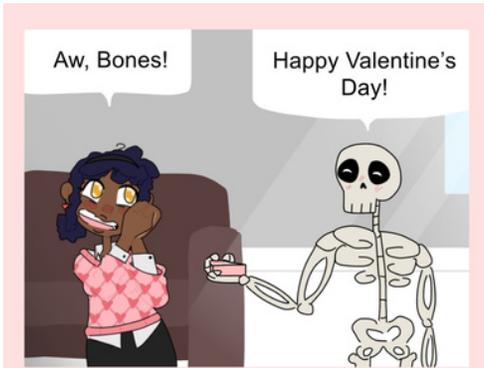
By the early 20th century, Valentine's Day had become a major commercial holiday. The holiday was now celebrated by people of all social classes, and the exchange of gifts and cards had become a major part of the holiday. In addition, the holiday had also become a major source of revenue for retailers, florists, and candy makers.

In conclusion, Valentine's Day has a long history dating back to ancient Rome and has evolved over the centuries to become a commercial holiday celebrating romantic love. Today, Valentine's Day is celebrated around the world and is a popular holiday for exchanging gifts, cards, and messages of love.



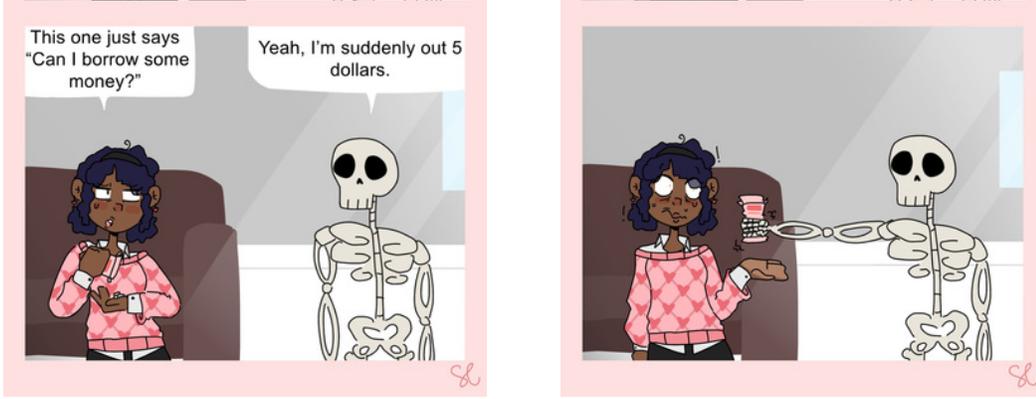
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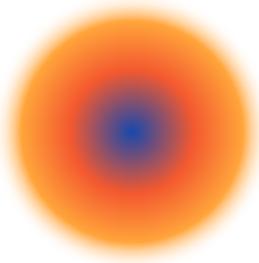
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