

# WHY NOT?!

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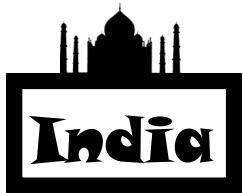
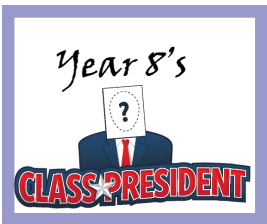
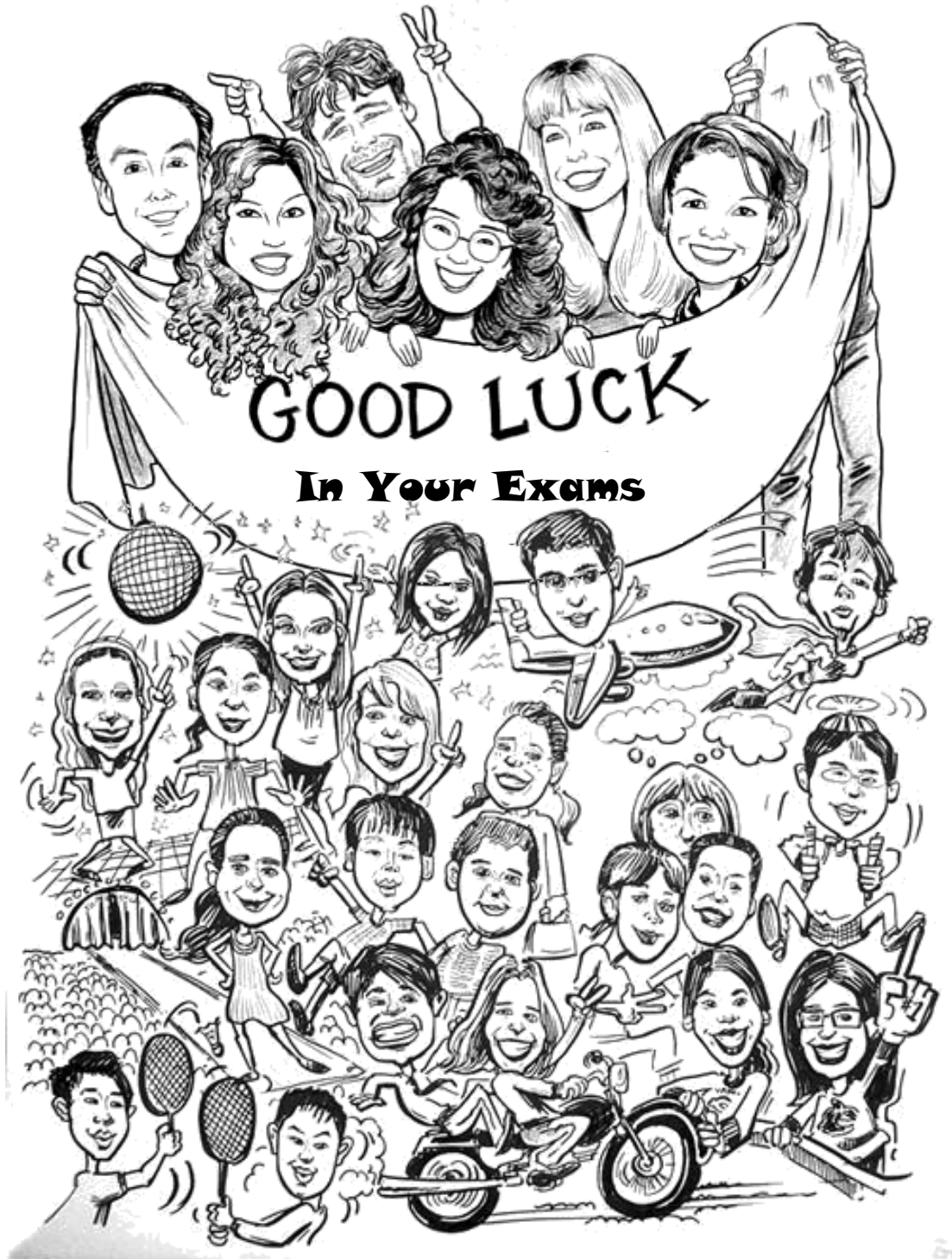
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**Stand  
Out of  
the  
Crowd**



## SURPRISE!!!



My dear readers,

With every issue we write topics become more interesting and so do the people reading, but this issue not only do we have new topics but we also have new writers and new members to welcome into the Why Not?! expanding family. I would like you all to welcome aboard the fresh blood! Our most recent writers that have joined us from among Grades 7 through 9.

It's an immense pleasure to have you aboard our growing ship. Always remember that every step you take forward into life you may lose someone or some people you may have grown attached to but you always make better friendships than those you've lost. I'd also like to extend a special

thank you to Ms. Nourhan (Journalism and Writing Teacher) for helping us add such extraordinary talents to our lovely magazine that we get to showcase to you every month. Keep reading, Keep loving.

With love,  
Nine

## Knock Knock!

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*And still growing....*

# Juke Box

Hassan Tarek  
Habiba Amr



- Berzerk- EMINEM
- Walking On Air - Katy Perry
- Roar – Katy Perry
- Wrecking Ball – Miley Cyrus
- Wake Me Up – Avicii
- Hold On We're Coming Home – Drake
- Royals – Lorde
- Applause – Lady Gaga
- Dark Horse – Katy Perry
- That's My Kind Of Night – The Fox (UK)
- Counting Stars – One Republic
- Skyscraper – Demi Lovato
- Count On Me – Chase & Status
- Can We Dance – The Vamps
- Same Love – Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
- I Won't Give Up – Jason Mraz
- Something I Need – OneRepublic
- The Horses – Taylor Henderson
- Dear Darlin' – Olly Murs



# AMERICANA PLAZA

**GAMILA ALI**



So our reporters or what we would like to call the 'Eyes' have been around the campus trying to find all about the new hip places where Narmarians can enjoy their evenings and the Thursday nights hangouts.

One of the top hits right now is Americana plaza. It is located in Sheikh Zayed behind hyper one market; you can reach there by car in 30 min. from Lebanon sq. Americana plaza has successfully assembled all of your favorite American restaurants in one place, alongside plaza cinemas, which has the first Imax theaters in Egypt, equipped with the latest In digital technology.





## Year 7 President

Talking to the three presidents of Year 7. Omar Ashraf, Mohammed Amr, and Logaine, I had a feeling that they were not in for the fun or the fame, but they were in to help their classes. They were



ready to satisfy their classes' needs and work on improving their behavior and academic levels. They told

us some of their plans that included organizing group projects, sports tournaments and fun activities. Their aim is to enhance the team spirit among the students. When I asked them about the first actions they'll take as presidents, Logaine said she started the treasure program, and she sat with her assistant to discuss the improvements to be done in the class. Meanwhile, Mohamed said that he set plans for a lot of fun-in-class activities. On the other hand Omar was



on the sports favor, so he is arranging for a football tournament across the grade along with the captains in the P.E department. Finally, I had to inquire about their ultimate goals, so Logaine made it clear that excelling in the academics and decent behavior, hand in hand, were what she was seeking. Mohamed promised that he has more plans up his sleeves, and Omar only wants to prove that his class had the skills to make them the best class in Year 7.

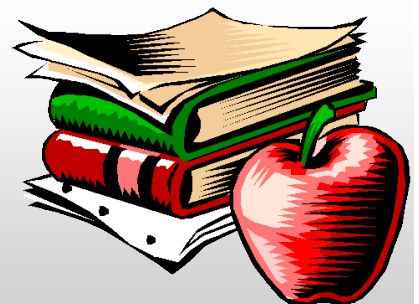


## Year 8 Class Presidents

*Omar Ziada*



Of course when any president elects himself to be one, popularity isn't the issue but helping others and fixing problems is. Mostafa El Kholy, Omar Khaled, and Manar Mostafa are the presidents for grade 8, perhaps you know them. When interviewed, they said that working with students to solve problems, and informing school leaders and the student council of ideas emanating from the class is something they often do. In addition, each one of them got his/ her plan for the class to look cleaner. Furthermore, they try to change the reputation of the class and the students' misbehaviour. They are the students' voice representatives. At the end of the day, being a president isn't about being known or having fun, it's about having responsibilities and getting the job done so it really isn't an easy job.



# Grand Theft Auto V

By Omar Osama



The Game that everyone was waiting for is finally here, which is the next chapter in the critically acclaimed GTA series that takes place in San Andreas!

## Story

Grand Theft Auto V took a different approach to narrate the story by following three different main protagonists: Michael, Trevor and Franklin. Michael, a retired bank-robber who made a deal with the FIB, is now going through his mid-life crisis. Also, not knowing his place in life anymore drives him nuts! Trevor is a psychopath. A lot of the game's funny moments include him doing something crazy or hilariously weird.

Franklin is a repo-man who wants to get out of the gangster life and do something bigger, but is dragged down by his friend, Lamar.

It is interesting to see Michael struggle to teach Franklin the ropes, and offer one of the best character relationships.

You do not feel that they are separate, since their stories integrate with each other and fit them on one screen. The characters really have depth and the story is written perfectly, the voice cast is the best GTA could have.

## Gameplay

The best things about GTA V's missions are the fully fleshed-out heists that you could do. These types of missions require careful planning and sharp execution; in most heists you choose an approach. These approaches vary, however, at times they allow you to go quiet and stealthy, or loud and dumb. The way you do these missions is completely up to you, as you also choose the crew for the heist. The bigger heists, sometimes require all of the three protagonists, which result into a celebration of awesomeness. Comparing to its predecessor (GTA VI), the mechanics in cars have been enhanced. Consequently, they drive smoothly and the handles are way better than GTA VI. The shooting and general combat has improved with

better AI that can communicate with each other and actually try and flank you! As you play with the three, you are able to switch between them. If you get bored of playing with Michael, you can switch to Trevor, who probably will be passed out on a beach somewhere! San Andreas is a colossal map (Biggest in the entire GTA series) that features deserts, mountains, forests and you can discover deep beneath the sea. There are a lot of leisure activities and other things to keep you busy when you are not playing the story. You can perform off races, strangers that you can meet and hunt. You can purchase vehicles online and customize them yourself.

### Graphics

GTA V's graphics push the boundaries of

this generation of consoles and looks better than some next generation titles. All of the environments that surround you are extremely detailed, whether you are parachuting off mountains or flying above the city with a jet, you will have a breathtaking view to gaze at.

### Verdict

GTA V is the pinnacle of open world games and video games in general. The people at Rockstar North definitely out-did themselves this time. The story was amazing packed with nail-biting missions.

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Favorite Quote: "You forget a thousand things every day, pal. Make sure this is one of them" - Michael



# Stand Out of The Crowd!

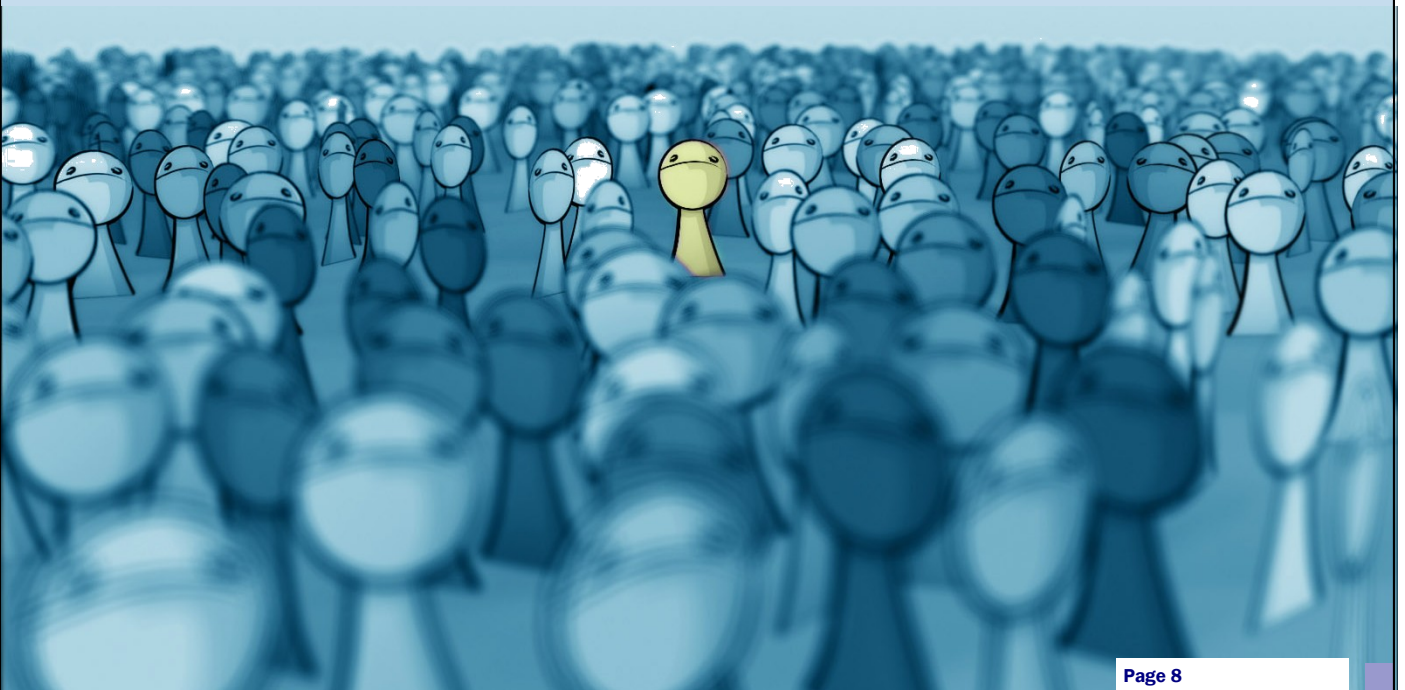
*Habiba Amr*

Sooo... word on the street, you want to become part of the crowd; the cool, hipster, gangster, or simply the most popular boy/girl, right?! Well let me tell you something, you have to have the initiative to stand out and be different. You'll never get noticed if you're like everybody else. Sure it may seem obvious, but it's surely something difficult to be done. People these days are just too afraid to be judged. Now those usually try to get 'the fame' out of jealousy, competition, for some crush, or even out of boredom... (Yes, people now days are that air-headed, compared to all the 'normal' people out there). Well here's what I say , Curse you, whoever invented the word popularity.

Popular kids usually seek attention to satisfy their insecurities by bullying and sometimes by creating drama out of no reason .All these things just to achieve popularity and to be part of the

so-called scene. Do you know what people say, you're either born with it , or you're not. Well that's the entire concept. They 'fake' their personalities just to fit in... I know people would say, who cares what others think... blah...blah...blah! Now that's a lie; they hide behind the façade of popularity to try and fit in, even though they might not enjoy it, yet they want to be socially accepted and they're intimidated by feeling superior and setting the standards for other non-popular ones to follow.

So listen up!! Being popular is over-rated. In order to be out going and loved...just Stand Out of the Crowd and be different, be out going, be dorky, be crazy (but not too crazy) be the kind of person that would make the 'popular kids' lose their cool and say "Guys they're a threat to us!" and you of course wouldn't care because you're cool like that.



# Cafeteria Exposé

*Farida Ayman  
Ali Ayman*



Cafeteria, the students' main source of food and beverages, are sometimes annoying. Our school cafeteria, despite the fact that it provides us with our daily meals, we realized that our fellow Narmarians never paid it a close enough personal visit.

So as your loyal news feeders, we thought we should do it for you. When we talked with our food providers, they were helpful and kind enough to give us a lot of insights. First of all, we asked the manager if they change the oil they use after frying. He was honest enough and told us that they do. Then we had to ask the one question we were sure the whole school was curious to know, "Do you add any artificial additives to your famous lemonade?" he answered: "No, we only provide fresh juices". We further asked: "Do you store your meat in freezers?" his reply was, "Yes, we surely do." These answers have put some rest into our heads, and we're sure it's going to be the same for you.

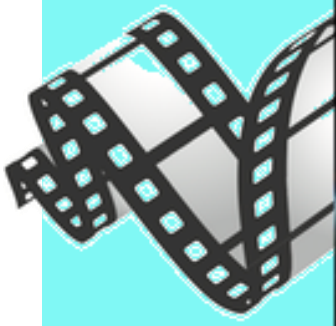
Generally, the cooks and workers were very polite with us as they invited us to their kitchen, and they made sure they gave us a good tour, which worked to our liking as we wanted to check the 'C' word for you.

By 'C', we meant cleanliness, and yes it was clean; we would recommend some more mopping though, but that could be forgiven since we did visit them while their work was cut out. But hey, that doesn't mean they are bad! They have a lot of good things going. They are very welcoming; they change the frying oil; they serve the food fast; with high quality and it is always delicious. We also told them that the students had some comments on their price list, and they were quite responsive and promised they will look it over.

By the end of the interview, we thanked the whole cafeteria team for their cooperation. We even took a photo together and emphasized that we are just seeking a better service for a better school environment.



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## 'Gravity' Tops The U.S Box Office Chart !!

*Hassan Tarek  
Youssef Alaa*

**Gravity, the 91 minute movie, is topping the U.S Box office chart for this week by collecting 122.3 million dollars and the counting is still on. Gravity is a fiction thriller and space drama film starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney as astronauts who shuttled into space, surviving the crisis, which was the blemish of their spaceship. The movie is the latest Warner Brothers big production. (WB)**

The top ten movies for this month

**Gravity**

**Captain Phillips**

**Carrie**

**ESCAPE**

**Cloudy With The Chance**

**Prisoners**

**Enough Said**

**The Fifth State**

**Runner Runner**

**Insidious: Chapter II**





## 10 Oldies you can't miss

*Adam Ashraf*

1. **Singin' in the rain** - You may have never heard of it but this movie was nominated for two Academy Awards, a BAFTA and actually won a Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture Actor in a musical (Donald O'Connor) in 1952. The songs will make you toss your popcorn around the room, jump up and start dancing. Ironically, *The Artist*, a mime, black-and-white movie with a similar plot won the Oscar for Best Picture in 2012.
2. **Breakfast at Tiffany's** - It tells the story of a young New York socialite who becomes interested in a young man who moved into her apartment building. This movie has quite literally made culture. Go to Fifth Avenue in New York any morning and you'll find women from all walks of life eating bagels in front of Tiffany's. What really made this movie what it is, is Audrey Hepburn with her girly charm and lady-like black dress. Just make sure you're not eating Cheese popcorn because the movie is cheesy enough. The movie was nominated for five Oscars and won two.
3. **Gone with the wind** - Some may not have watched it but you've DEFINITELY heard of it. *Gone with the wind* tells the story of a manipulative Southern belle who carries on a turbulent affair with a blockade runner during the American Civil War. The movie was nominated for thirteen Oscars and won eight in 1940, including Best Picture. Disclaimer: Get LOTS of popcorn since the movie is four-hours long so you'll definitely get hungry.
4. **Evita** - Some may debate that *Evita* doesn't count as an oldie since it was released in 1996 but the movie depicts the fashion and feel of the thirties and forties perfectly. The hit musical movie is based on the life of Evita Duarte, a B-picture Argentinean actress who eventually became the wife of Argentinean president Juan Perón, and the most beloved and hated woman in Argentina. Since Andrew Lloyd Webber was the one to write the libretto of the Broadway musical it was derived from, I could write volumes about the lyrics' perfection and the way Madonna and Antonio Banderas deliver as protagonist and narrator, respectively, is a definite plus.
5. **Cleopatra** - Debatably Elizabeth Taylor's very best picture, this 1963 production tells the story of the triumphs and tragedies of the Egyptian queen, Cleopatra. Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton's passionate love is evident on the screen since, surprisingly, he plays Mark Antony in the movie. The movie won four and was nominated for eight Oscars, which include Best Picture.



6. **The Sound of Music** - Your parents probably made you watch this one as a child. If they didn't, they owe you one because you missed a lot. Personally, I consider *The Sound of Music* Julie Andrews's masterpiece. She did better movies, but this is the one that will be etched in our minds forever. *The Sound of Music* tells the story of a woman who leaves an Austrian convent to become a governess to the children of a naval officer widower only to fall in love with him. The movie has an immense amount of humor. In 1965, *The Sound of Music* won the Oscar for best picture and five others.
7. **An Affair to Remember** - This movie has 'chick flick' written all over it. You know how girls always watch *The Notebook* in Girls Night in? This movie is what our parents used to watch in those night ins. When released in 1957, the movie wasn't a commercial success but I can guarantee you'll love it. The movie tells the story of a couple, from very different walks of life, who meet on a cruise to Europe, fall in love and agree to meet in six months at the Empire State Building after they've sorted out their issues only to find endless complications. The movie was nominated for four Oscars.
8. **The Age of Innocence** - Again, the 1993 film was not a commercial success and many wouldn't define it as interesting but to the tiny minority who understand that film is more about acting, emotion and subtle messages than cars crashing in the background and 3D robots, this film will forever stay etched in their minds forever. The movie tells the tale of 19th century New York high society in which a young lawyer falls in love with a woman separated from her husband, while he is engaged to the woman's cousin. The esoteric masterpiece, based on the book of the same name, yielded extraordinary critical response. The movie serves as the best period piece for late nineteenth century which is why it won the Oscar for Best Costume Design in 1994.
9. **Funny Girl** - Tons of theater ingénues played Fannie Brice on Broadway over the years. None was nearly as extraordinary as Barbra Streisand was in this 1968 movie though (Yes, the gorgeous woman with a big nose, tons of Oscars, Emmys, Grammys and Tonys). This movie serves as an autobiography of the life of comedienne Fannie Brice, from her early days to the height of her career with the Ziegfeld Follies. Streisand costars with Egypt's very own Omar Sharif in this movie.
10. **Some like it Hot** - Two words: Marilyn Monroe. The 1959 movie tells the story of two musicians who witness a mob hit flee the state in an all female band disguised as women and later face complications. Both commercial and critical response was astonishing despite the fact that Marilyn was facing alcoholism at the time. The movie was nominated for six Oscars and won one for Costume design.

# Dip dyes!

## What is a dip dye?

*Rawan Mahmoud*

It's the new hair coloring/ style that all the girls are either talking about it or doing it. To achieve the look, you basically 'dip' the bottom half of your hair in a different color from the top half. Although the results can turn out good when you do it at home, it is preferable if you went to a hairdresser to do it for you.

## How to dip dye your hair?

**First**, you'll need to decide whether you're going to bleach your hair. If you want really vibrant colors, you'll need to bleach your hair first. If you have very light hair or you only want a subtle tint then skip this step.



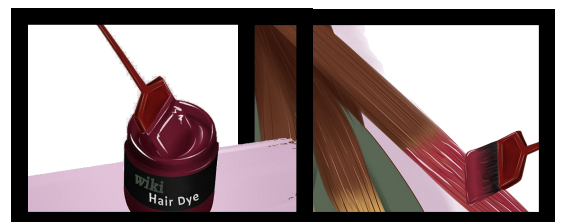
**Next**, put a hair band on your hair a few centimeters above where you want the dip dye. Begin by applying the bleach with a tint brush. If you fan your hair out and do one strand at a time, you'll get even more coverage.



**Then**, wash out the bleach with clean water and a little mild shampoo, don't use conditioner because it can prevent the dye from sticking properly.

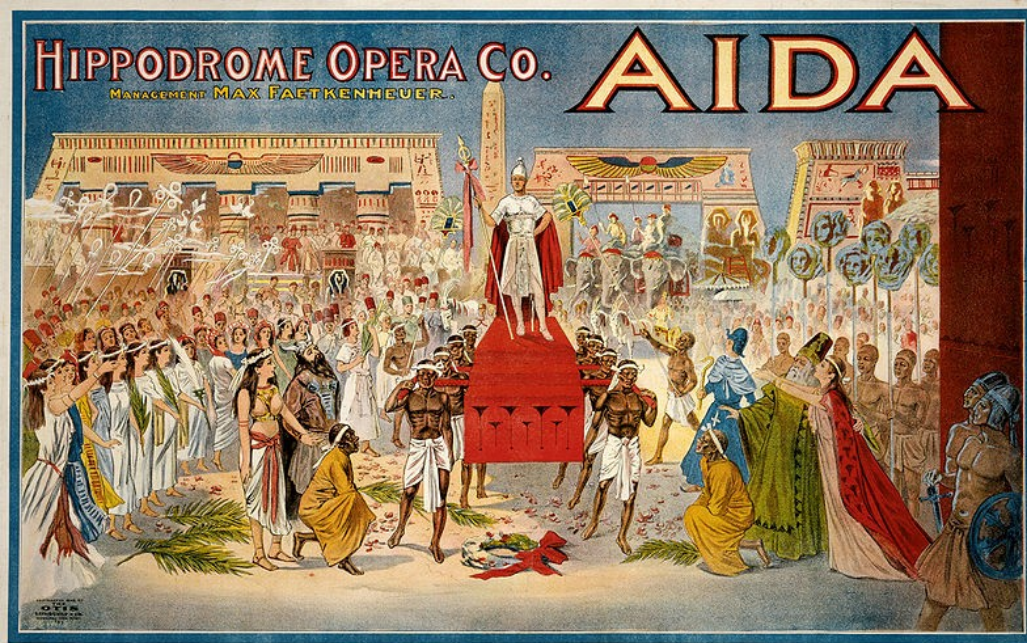


**Once** your hair is dry, you can add the dye. Again, put a hair band on your hair using a tint brush. Apply the dye everywhere that the bleach has lightened. It's best to go a little bit over the line and get some dye over the unbleached hair, to make sure the color blends in.



**If** you're going for more than one color, it's best to put the lighter colors on higher up and to apply them before you put the darker colors ; darker colors will go on over light colors but not the other way round. Now rinse out the dye, condition your hair and dry it.

# A Night At The Opera House



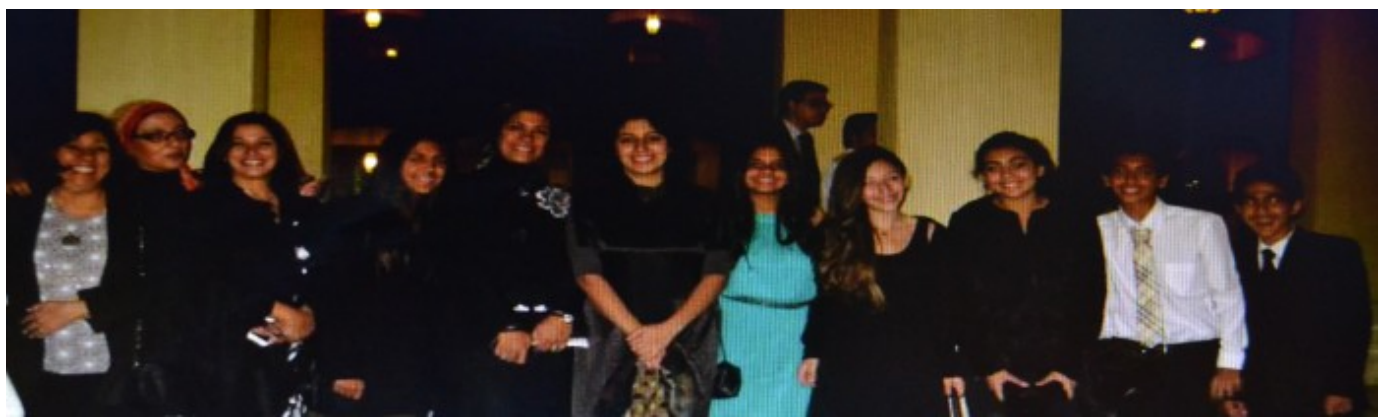
This month, determined students from grades 7 and 8 competed for a chance to watch the performance of one of the world's most famous operas, Opera Aida. For each class, only 5 students were chosen to attend the Opera event. The characters that performed in the play are: Aida (The main character), Amneris (Daughter

of the Egyptian king), Radames (Captain of guards), Amonsaro (King Of Ethiopia) and the king of Egypt. Unfortunately, some students may not have enjoyed the play while others loved it. Overall, everybody was proud that they were the school's select bunch to have the pleasure of enjoying a fancy night out with their respected teachers and principals.

Here is what one student said:

"I loved it! The scenes and costumes were amazing, but I bet that if I hadn't done that presentation about it, I wouldn't have understood anything."

Whether some have enjoyed it and others have not, it was a chance to prove to themselves that they can do the impossible to reach a goal.



# A Game of Computers

*Youssef Fahmy*



Computers, An-droids, Facebook! It's all here! Wel-come to the 21st century filled with technological won-ders and yet peo-ple still complain!

Computers have been connecting people all over the world since the day they were in-vented, staying in touch with loved ones and enemies if you want. The most im-portant thing is that - through computer - we are all connected together like muscle cells. Isn't this a miracle on its own.

Everyday jobs need computers. You know how almost impossible it is to get a job without being computer literate. The point is: you could do anything with computers, you could even store your life story if you want.

On the other hand, people who claim that computers ruin your "social life" or "health" do not really evaluate matters reasonably. That's called addiction, not just using a computer, which is a whole other story.

All points considered, computers beat anything in a heartbeat, and people who don't say so should be ashamed because I googled all my homework answers online!!

## Book Review

*Hassan Tarek*

1. Doctor Sleep – Stephen King
2. The Longest Ride – Nicholas Sparks
3. Deadline – Sandra Brown
4. The Husband's Secret – Liane Moriarty
5. The Lowland – Jhumpa Lahiri
6. The Quest – Nelson DeMille
7. Never Go Back – Lee Child
8. The Casual Vacancy – J.K. Rowling
9. The Round House – Louise Erdrich
10. Getting Rowdy – Lori Foster

**Doctor Sleep – Stephen King**

As many of you know the popular thriller writer, Steven King for his remarkable books. He once again strikes with his new book, Doctor Sleep, which is a sequel to his best-selling book, The Shining. Further details have not yet been given about 'Doctor Sleep', but we are sure that we are getting a movie probably soon. Doctor Sleep is now available in its hardcover, so make sure you are getting it soon and enjoy his exciting adventures.

# 10 Facts From Around The World !



## India

Mazen Dawoud

India has no National Language. There are currently 22 recognized languages .1 in India, with Standard Hindi and English being the standard languages.

2. India leads the world with the most murders (32,719), with Russia taking second at 28,904 murders per year.

3. It is illegal to take Indian currency (rupees) out of India

4. Cows can be found freely wandering the streets of India's cities. They are considered sacred and will often wear a tilak, a Hindu symbol of good fortune. Cows are considered one of humankind's seven mothers because they offer milk as does one's natural mother.

5. India experiences six seasons: summer, autumn, winter, spring, summer monsoon, and winter monsoon

6. India has never invaded any country. It was invaded by other countries and rulers, including Alexander the Great

7. The Pentium chip and Hotmail were created by Indians—Vinod Dahm and Sabeer Bhatia respectively. The Indian IT population is growing and is highly sought after all over the world.

8. The world's largest Montessori school is in India. It has over 26,000 students!

9. In the agriculture life , female Indian villagers use butter, ghee and animal fat instead of shampoo

10. The game of Snakes and Ladders also originated in India with the lesson being of virtue vs. vices.



# PHONEBLOKS

*Adham El Batanouny  
Amr Salah*



It's the one problem facing the world today, electronic wastes. Our regular time span for any electronic device can be estimated as a year or two then they get thrown away, mostly because one part of the device is broken while the other parts are working fine. Well, this problem has a solution. An invention called: Phonebloks.

Phonebloks is a phone that you customize the way you want to. It is similar to building blocks where you select the components that you want whether it's a fancy camera, big battery, gyroscope or other things (but with certain limitations of course). You would ask what is so special about that phone, well, when any component in the phone breaks or stops functioning, you simply replace it, no need to pay 2000+ LE every year anymore!

Of course Phonebloks haven't been released yet; it is just a concept and its creator (and the supporting community) are working hard to make Phonebloks famous, so that manufacturers would agree to produce it. In fact, Phonebloks have recently collaborated with Motorola to produce this phone. Progress is expected to be made soon, and the community (that's us!) will decide how everything will go. After all this is a phone for the people by the people.

In conclusion, I would like to add that Phonebloks isn't just a great phone or just environmentally friendly, it's an idea, an idea that will change the electronic industry forever (if mega-corporations have enough brains that is). Phonebloks is a phone worth keeping.

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## WEIRD WORLD

- Hippos secrete sweat that is pink and is sometimes called "blood sweat " that protect it from sun-burn.
- Humans start lying by the age of 4.
- Honey is the only food item which never rots. A jar of honey can remain edible for 3000 years.
- There is a mysterious hole in Nova Scotia. Excavation started in 1795, but to this day what is at the bottom of the pit remains unknown.
- Singapore has the world's highest percentage of millionaires, with one out of every six households having at least \$1,000,000 US dollars in disposable wealth.
- Chicken today contains 266% more fat and 33% less protein than it did 40 years ago.
- A Grizzly bear can run faster than a horse.
- Picasso burned most of his early work to keep his apartment warm because he was poor.
- Rattlesnake can bite even after its Dead. Rattlesnake heads have been known to make their striking motions for up to one minute after decapitation.
- We lose 6 seconds of visual information every minute from blinking - So, during a 150 minute movie, our eyes are shut for about 15 minutes.



2H , 3B and 704 Black Prisma detailed drawing of an eye .

By : Mazen Dawoud

## A Healing to the soul

*Malak Afifi*



"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page," said Saint Augustine. All I did is turn the page of all the hassle of city life

to the page of peacefulness; to Menaggio, the celestial village of Italy. The privilege of going to that spellbinding village was perhaps a bestowal from God in such a hectic world.

The page started with a cruise traveling against the Mediterranean winds. A week later, we finally arrived to Italy only to take a bus to Menaggio. So, I didn't really miss the shape of a city. Passing through Rome, I couldn't feel homesick, as both Italy and Egypt shared somehow a similarity in buildings, people's attitudes and the essence. Once at Menaggio, all I wanted was to stop time.

How perplexing the beauty of that village is! I was too lost in the grace of all the greenery and captivating incense of the flowers that danced with the wind.



At the edges of the village, all the huts sat peacefully viewing the stunning Lake Como. I could hear the habitants of these huts play mesmerizing music that rubs salt to your wounds. Yet, I could catch some of them guffaw with laughter.

Honestly, these few days I spent at Menaggio were a healing to my soul. To experience such perfection and meet those humble humans was an unforgettable gift.

