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Don't Pick on the Little Paper

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I would like to begin by apologizing to any club or university service or program or faculty or department or non-math student I may have unintentionally insulted in this article (though I doubt I did). Then I would like to apologize to my friends in mathNEWS. (However, I don't think I have any friends in mathNEWS... they would've mentioned it if they were. Or not. Maybe they're too embarrassed to admit they're part of a cult.)

Before university, I didn't know anything about newspaper clubs, besides that they existed. I especially did not expect to find newspaper clubs in a university like UW. But when I read about Iron Warrior in the O-Week 2024 Book, I figured: "Why not join?" It's only later in the term that I found out there were other newspapers like Imprint, mathNEWS...Ok, so I don't know all of the newspapers on campus (that's an issue to be resolved for next time, actually).

When I found out about mathNEWS, I thought: "Hmmmm... If I had been in math ('cause I was close to being a Math student rather than an Engineering student), I would've probably ended up joining mathNEWS..." And you know what... I'm glad to be in Iron Warrior.

Life in UW supposed to be fun in the summer, besides midterms creeping up faster than they're supposed to. Newspaper clubs should get along! Maybe get CONSENT to mock another

newspaper (though I don't know if mathNEWS has the kindness to be able to do that)? I don't even know how all this nonsense started. Is it just to be funny? My sense of humour - and a lot of other people's - doesn't catch on. Is it fear that one day, Iron Warrior will surpass mathNEWS? That's just low self-esteem. It is jealousy, because you know you're falling off and Iron Warrior is making a comeback?

We may be small, but we're tough. We're getting back up from the pandemic. We're getting new members. We're going steady with our issues. I don't know how long it will take us to reach mathNEWS' size. I don't even know if we will. But we're gonna keep being us, we're gonna keep having fun making these issues, and if mathNEWS wants to try and take away that fun, they get the honour of honking in the wrong echo chamber, 'cause the Iron Warrior echo chamber is just going to bounce those nasty honks, right back at them. e.g.:

- Production Nights? I thought Engineering was a cult, but as soon as I heard about those, I got suspicious.
- Scary thing? mathNEWS thinking they can be funny
- Spending 4 hours in the RCH basement, mathNEWS, failing a course
 - MARRY failing a course, cuz if you fail your favourite course, you get to take it again.
 - KISS spending 4 hours in the RCH basement: the more it happens, the more you start accepting it.
 - KILL mathNEWS, it's getting what it deserves.

- Wordplays on mathNEWS: mathGOOS, mathPuuu-ews, mathSNOOZE, mathOLDS, mathNOSE, mathNOOOOs, mathKNEW(they've lost their marbles), mathKNOWS(they're terrified of Iron Warrior, and should be).
- >>>not mathNEWS == 'Amazing'
 - True
- mathNEWS, aka quantity over quality
- mathNEWS \equiv a lot of stuff \equiv a lot of stuff people don't have time to read \equiv a lot of stuff people won't read
- mathNEWS \equiv a goose \equiv an unloved grey bird that must attack innocent people to get attention
- mathNEWS + $e^{(i*\pi)} + 1 = 0$ (solve for mathNEWS, and realise that it could be someone's rating of it on a 5 star scale)
- Those who've played Super Mario 64 or Super Mario 64 DS have heard the "DROOL" sound Mario makes when he falls and takes damage -- that same sound plays whenever someone opens a mathNEWS issue.
- %urban mathNEWS
 - a secret organisation, that must be infiltrated through secretive events to be joined. Chances are, you'll probably (who am I kidding? you will) have to sell your soul and your name to have a chance at 30s-2 min of fame. Keep in mind, readers will love (pseudonym), not you.

- What's more oblivious than a goose crossing the street (and believe me, I've seen A LOT of those in the past few weeks)?
 - mathNEWS, not realising messing with Iron Warrior was going to lead to retaliation
- Why did the chicken cross the road?
 - It's running away from a mathNEWS production night - and is too traumatized to cluck about it...
- What are three things a goose is afraid of?
 - Coyotes, losing a gosling, mathNEWS HQ (Have you ever seen a goose stay near MC?)
- mathNEWS: (Select all that apply)
 - a. unknown to a lot of students
 - b. papers full of random content
 - c. weird?
 - d. unable to be nice to smaller newspaper clubs
 - e. need to have a common dedicated time to write their articles otherwise they won't get anything done
 - f. written by students who admitted they don't know what they're doing
 - g. hidden in a tiny section of MC that you would never be able to find unless you were actively looking for it
 - h. mid
 - Answer: i. and All of the above

N.B: Isn't it funny how we ended on i? It's almost as if fate also wants to say mathNEWS is all of the above AND imaginary...

If we're ever going to resolve this issue of a goose and an iron wall just honking at each other with no clear goal, we need to start by realizing this entire situation is senseless. In mocking Iron Warrior, mathNEWS creates a perception of IW that simply doesn't hold us justice. In mocking mathNEWS, I've been throwing a bunch of darts at a target hoping at least one of them gets jammed in the bull's eye so it can sting a little. Is there a LOGICAL REASON to any of this? Is there an actual USEFUL PURPOSE for all this?

With all this retaliation out of the way, the first step I will take towards reconciliation is to admit that I don't actually hate mathNEWS. I've read some really funny things in mathNEWS issues, some articles really are heartwarming and well thought out, and production nights sound interesting (I would attend one, but I don't want to betray IW). Hopefully IW and mathNEWS can come to some kind of truce. Maybe we can even learn from each other! But I've been told I'm naive, so I'm not going to get my hopes up.

My second step is a warning for mathNEWS: don't pick on the little paper. It's only covering the entrance to a pitch black den.

I was told to destroy mathNEWS, but I'm too nice. If we get mocked/insulted again, the next person to write about mathNEWS might not be so nice... Geese are tough, but can they handle the fury of a dragon?



Photo Credits: Jeremy Bijoux (2025, May 21).
A goose family crossing Hagey Boulevard, near CIF.
[Photograph]

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The Hockey Playoff Roundup: In Memes

Julia Suljak, 3T Chemical

Okay, I'll be honest. I was really trying to write an article about the Leafs' yearly playoff demise. I wanted to write about the Core Four era of the Leafs (finally) ending, and how the way Mitch Marner is currently being treated reminded me quite a bit of the treatment Phil Kessel got towards the end of his tenure in Toronto back in the mid-2010s. But the article wasn't working out, and it probably would've gotten way too long if I had finished it. So instead, I present to you a visual "scrapbook" of what's been happening in playoff hockey over the last few weeks. Humorously, of course. Special thanks to my brother Adam for the help.

First, on a serious note, I want to give a shoutout to the Winnipeg Jets. Their Game 7 in the first round against St. Louis was one of the craziest things I've ever seen. Even though they lost in the second round, they put up a great fight in these playoffs. Kitchener native Mark Scheifele (pictured above) playing in Game 6 against Dallas hours after losing his father the night before was a true act of team dedication, and seeing him open the scoring was a perfect moment. Even though the Jets lost that in overtime and were eliminated, seeing the team rally around him as he was noticeably emotional afterwards showed how important he is to the team. He played a great game, and him and the Jets have so much to be proud of for their season. I also want to mention the outpouring of support for Scheifele from hockey fans, specifically Dallas Stars fans, through donating to various charities in Winnipeg and KW that Scheifele is involved with.

Hot take: This game was, by far, the best game of the first round until Winnipeg/St. Louis Game 7. Game 3 between the Montreal Canadiens and Washington Capitals, the first playoff game in Montreal with a full Bell Centre since 2017, would've been eventful enough with a 6-3 win for Montreal, but a full on bench brawl at the end of the second period made it the highlight of the night in the playoffs. If you haven't seen the full video, you really should just watch it to see everything. Notice Josh Anderson (circled) on the Washington bench fighting Tom Wilson. Although the Capitals won this series in 5 games, it really was a lot closer than that, and showed glimpses of the bright future in Montreal.

There are already enough memes about both the Leafs and that Triumph song (for those unaware, Rogers used it in a commercial that

plays during every single break during a playoff game). The Leafs did win their first round series against Ottawa, but that was expected. Their second round series against the Florida Panthers was the true test, especially since it went to Game 7...and we all know how the Leafs have historically done in those. When the Panthers scored to make it 4-1, restoring their 3-goal lead just 47 seconds after Max Domi had cut it to two, everyone I was watching the game with claimed it was likely over now, despite it only being three minutes into the third period. When Brad Marchand (still weird seeing him in a non-Bruins jersey) scored the empty netter to make it 6-1, no one was even surprised. The NHL's soap opera wraps up another season, and with Mitch Marner and John Tavares both at the end of their contracts, this era of the Toronto Maple Leafs is officially over.



Photo Credits: Sportsnet (Sportsnet. (2025, April 15). Tom Wilson and Josh Anderson Fight On Capitals Bench [Video]. Youtube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVL09Vcc_fm)

they in fact did not "Lay It On The Line"



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For teams who didn't make the playoffs, the only thing fans were excited about recently was the NHL Draft Lottery. In an extremely unlikely turn of events, the New York Islanders won the lottery for the first overall pick, which they only had a 3.5% chance of doing. This leaves the San Jose Sharks and the Chicago Blackhawks - two young teams who had similar seasons but very different vibes (shown to the right) - selecting second and third overall respectively. Here's hoping some help comes for Connor Bedard soon.

In the PWHL, the Minnesota Frost won the Walter Cup for the second year in a row, beating the Ottawa Charge in Game 4 of the best-of-five final. With two new teams coming to the league this year, they are the only team to win the Walter Cup in "The Inaugural Six" era. Personally, I can't wait to see the new teams next season. So I know this isn't really a satirical post, but I just wanted to mention it.

The IIHF Men's World Championship happens every year during the NHL playoffs, so no one really pays much attention to it. NHL players on teams that don't make the playoffs or get eliminated in round one make up the North American teams (and part of most European rosters). But this year Team Canada had more big names than usual: Sidney Crosby, Nathan Mackinnon, Macklin Celebrini, Marc-Andre Fleury, and more I won't even list. So, naturally, after winning all their round robin games and finishing first in their group, they lost 2-1 to Denmark in the quarterfinal, with the winning goal coming in the final minute. I don't want to talk about it. But it was fun to watch while it lasted.

Seeing Crosby and Fleury reunite to play for Canada together one last time was so wholesome. It makes us

all wish Fleury never left Pittsburgh in the Vegas expansion draft. It's hard to think of anyone in the NHL who has been so well-liked and as much of a fan favourite as Marc-Andre Fleury, and he will be missed next year. Happy retirement, Flower!

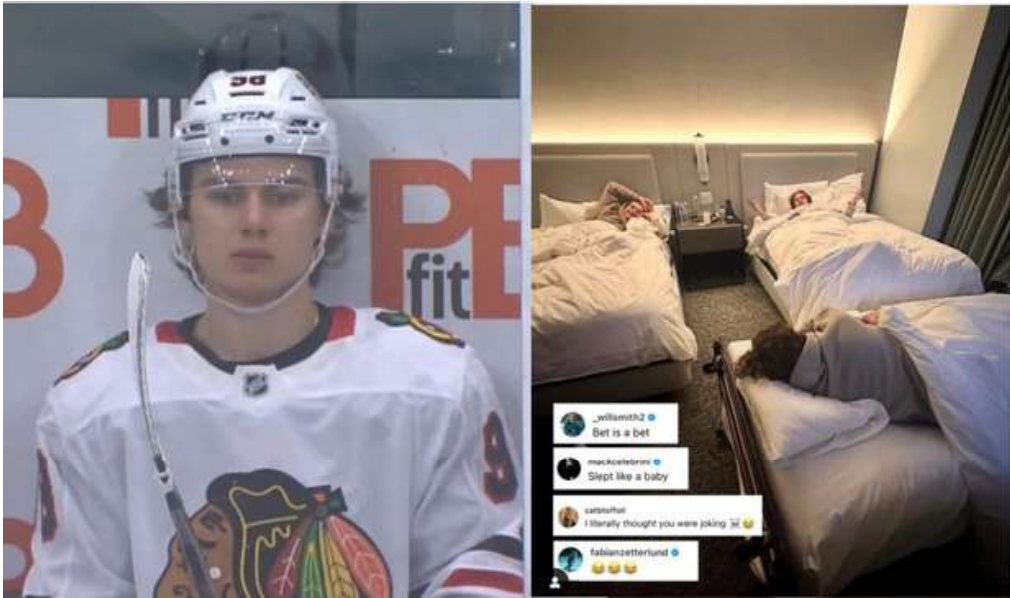


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crosby and fleury back together at worlds made me cry more than midterms 🥹



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Well then.

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St. Jeromes's Library Defusion Sets

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At the St. Jerome's Library a few months ago, I was able to try out the in-library defusion game sets. I recommend the sets for students and faculty, particularly of St. Jerome's University. After trying out one, I highly recommend St. Jerome's for having the world's most entertaining defusion game sets.

I tried several of the sets, including one of the more accessible for group sets of word puzzles, and one of the group manual dexterity sets.

The word puzzles game is accessible to a maximum of four players or teams, per session. Players collaborate on words including adding suffix endings (such as -S) or compound prefixes (one of my favourites is E-) to words. Ooze would become Oozes, Invite would become E Invite. Punctuation is an assumption, is E Oozes a word?

As well, players may add portmanteau words, to previous players' words. The organizers of the word game set provide the players with several play options: some include choosing your own tally score method.

The organizers also provide options for players to design a portion of their own game experience, as well, and are

clearly explained to avoid confusion. Do you accept spaces in the middle of words? Do you allow blank tiles to be replaced with letter tiles and return the bank tiles to circulation? When the tiles remaining are below seven, how are the tiles distributed between players? (Do three get two each? Who gets one? Does this person get to reclaim the blank tile?)

One of the most important game design options for players is including multiple ways to determine a winner. Another popular option is one turn per player, only. I chose multiple moves per player or team. There is also an option for early finish, although I did not choose this option.

The manual dexterity sets I tried include scoring options for the defusion game sets. You may only add points for your player if the pieces are not moved or disturbed.

I recommend identifying the higher points moves more quickly in the game. For example, where is the multicoloured bar? Are you able to attempt removing the bar yourself? Should you go for the bar quickly or after several turns? An expanded form of these games would be welcome!

The games include several sets in both groups, and are intended for students at the University of Waterloo.



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Learning About Science: The International Year of the Periodic Table Event at UW

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Last week, I visited the International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT) Event. New elements and periodic table updates are published every year, so I visit the event at least once every year.

I highly recommend the event to students at the University of Waterloo! I especially encourage students who are interested in Chemistry to visit. The event is great! I suggest the event for two groups of curious viewers (adults only):

1. One is for brushing up on skills. Quick: what is the newest element in the periodic table? Is it radioactive? What is the element being used for?
2. The second is for an introduction to Chemistry. Wait, there is an element named after Alfred Nobel, called Nobelium? Should this be the element Dr. Nobel is most known for? Why is this element so important?

I earlier visited the event with several undergraduate students. In this group repeat visit, I learned about the Historical Periodic Table with students in Year 3 of a Bachelor's of Science program at the University of Waterloo.

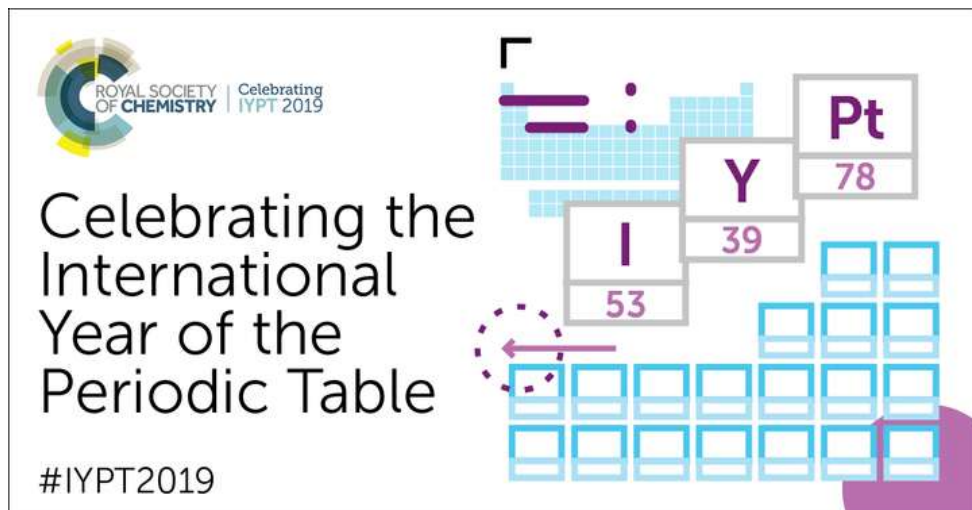


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Uniquely, the event is local to the University of Waterloo, one of a kind. The multi-display event is including new elements in the IYPT.

In an ongoing celebration for the International Year of the Periodic Table, IYP, as explained on the IYPT event website, the event favours long-session visits of several hours to multiple celebration sites.

The mission of the Historical Periodic Table is to celebrate “5000 years of human discovery” with an event visit that is as innovative as it may be “skimmable”, according to pop standards of design. The visit can take as little as under 5 minutes!

Strong in heritage value, and easily self-guided for individual visitors, the IYPT is one of the most transformative learning experiences at the University of Waterloo. Student and faculty membership at the University is required to attend.



Where to?

Yasmin Abu-Narr, 1T Mechatronics

“Where to?”

“I don’t know.”

“What do you mean you don’t know?
I need to stamp your ticket.”

“Back.”

“Sorry?”

“Back into the same routine.”

“That’s not... a location.”

“Oh, I’m sorry. Well then, I don’t
know.”

“Where are you coming from?”

“My childhood.”

“A place, I’m talking about a place.”

“Well isn’t a person’s childhood a
place? Somewhere you visit in the
back of your mind? Something you
reminisce about in moments of
hardship?”

“I guess.”



“I’m sorry... I’m confusing you. I’m
confusing myself too actually. I’ll be
honest, I don’t know where I’m going. I
was told I needed to go somewhere... so
I can be something.”

The man doesn’t reply.

“I’m going where everyone else is
going.”

The man pauses for a minute. He then
pulls out a stamp and quickly stamps
the card, shoving it back to the
traveller.

“Here,” he grunts. “You’re good to go.”

“Thanks,” the traveller whispers.

The traveller looks down at the card.
The stamp is bright red.

It reads, “Nowhere”.

Eng Prof Quotes

"Business students have no IQ, Science students have the most, engineering students are in the middle. Salary is inversely proportional to IQ."

Ayman El-Hag, ENVE 123

"I don't remember what the high school curriculum teaches... but it isn't enough."

Owen Sharpe, MATH 118

"[Severus Snape impression] I guess you're all too young for Harry Potter."

Owen Sharpe, MATH 118

"[discussing the final project] It's not a very difficult project, even I can do it."

Yverick Rangom, CHE 181

"We still have enough budget to have mental health [services]."

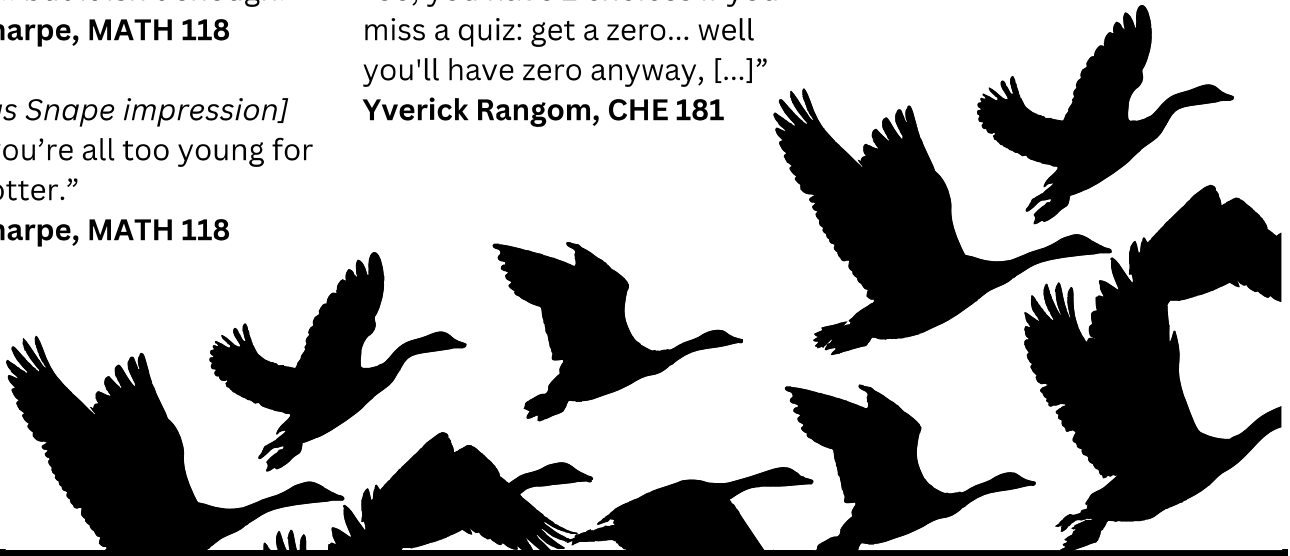
Yverick Rangom, CHE 181

"So, you have 2 choices if you miss a quiz: get a zero... well you'll have zero anyway, [...]"

Yverick Rangom, CHE 181



Submit your prof's quotes here!



"Your Response to a Goose Attack?"



"I would cry"

JESSICA, 3N BME



"Ask chat what to do"

GABRIELLA, CHE 1B



"I'll reverse honk"

ANU, CHE 3A



"Throw Garv at them"

IMMANUEL, BME 2B



"Freeze and get beat up"

AMNA, ENVE 1B



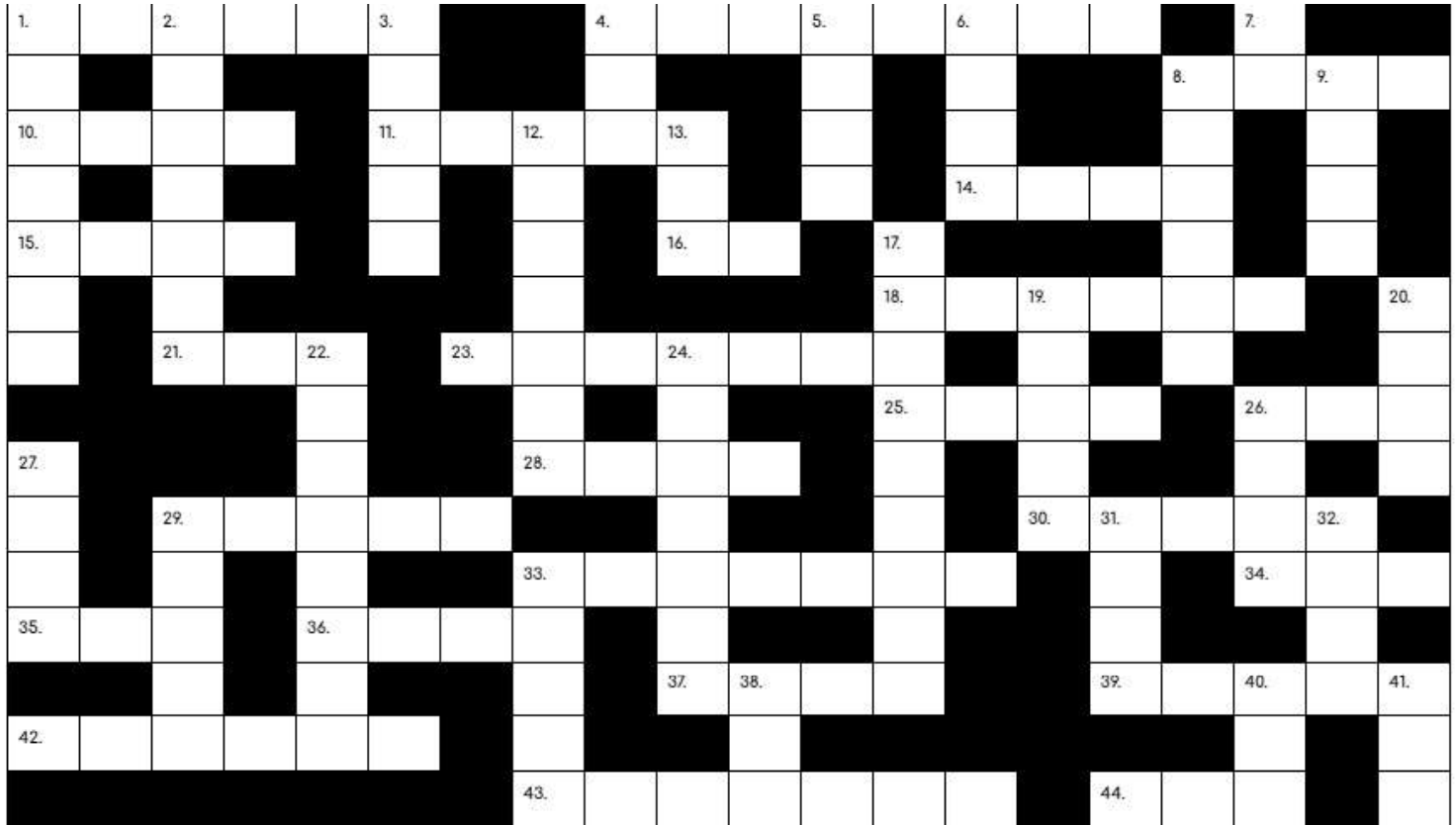
"Anything more than two and I'm running for my life"

IRINA, TRON 3A

THE IRON INQUISITION

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S2511 Crossword



Across

1. A legal document protecting an invention.
4. 24 hour period to celebrate the day someone came into the world.
8. A delicious confection that'll sometimes have candles.
10. Is it green? Is it blue?
11. Two headed muscles located on the front of the upper arm.
14. To mess-up/destroy something.
15. The direction of a vector with negative velocity towards the right.
16. The dreaded response when asking for an extension.
18. Power tool with a rapidly spinning motor tip used for grinding, sanding, honing, polishing etc.
21. Feline pet.
23. Connecting your larynx to the bronchi.
25. Between the midbrain and medulla oblongata.
26. A common mode of terrestrial transportation.
28. Brought on by a four-leafed clover.
29. A common mode of aerial transportation.
30. Area of the head where hair grows.
33. Muscle located on the outside of the shoulder.
34. Creative expression.
35. A friend.
36. A rotating wheel with teeth.
37. An expression of dismay, grief or concern.
39. Stomach or abdomen.
42. A large sphere of matter orbiting a star.
43. Leafy greens.
44. 86,400 seconds.

Down

1. Largest sesamoid bone in the human body.
2. Caused by constructions, collisions, bad drivers etc.
3. Larger of the two bones in the lower leg.
4. Honeymakers.
5. To defrost.
6. Opens to a hole in the wall for people to walk through.
7. Bachelor of arts.
8. The middle or focal point. In British English, of course.
9. Leaf cabbage.
12. There are two parts of the nervous systems, peripheral and _____.
13. Rapunzel's weapon of choice.
17. Large triangular muscle on posterior.
19. Two arms joined at one end that allow one to pick up and hold things.
20. Sour.
22. Three sided.
24. Fluid-filled spiral cavity of the inner ear.
26. A sweet, carbonated soft drink.
27. You'll put them out to catch critters.
29. The upper of two bracts that encloses the flower in grasses.
31. Used to immobilize and support a limb after surgery.
32. A formal dance held for highschool grads.
33. Power tool with a rotating cutting tip used for making holes.
38. To allow.
40. The fifth month of the year.
41. The answer everyone hopes for when they're down on one knee.





Goodbye.

