



Big Screen, Small Screen Two Must-See Favorites Reborn and Reviewed Deep Freeze

How *Frozen* Matches Up Against its Long-Awaited Sequel

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Elsa and Anna discover that their parents have a surprising backstory in the second installment of the *Frozen* series.

Frozen 2 officially hit theaters on November 22. This release has been long anticipated by *Frozen* fans everywhere as it finally came out six long years after the first movie. The new movie follows Elsa (Idina Menzel), Anna (Kristen Bell), Kristoff (Johnathan Groff), and Olaf (Josh Gad) in an adventure with just as many twists and turns as the first.

Both movies received outstanding ratings from viewers, the Rotten Tomatoes viewer rating for the first movie being an 85 percent and the second movie with an even loftier rating of 92 percent.

The first movie follows Anna and Elsa as they try to handle their lives as the rulers of their kingdom, Arendelle. Elsa, who has been hiding her ice powers from the people for her whole life finally cannot conceal them any longer. She is fought by enemies who try to take over her kingdom but in the end, she is able to return to her kingdom and rule happily.

Frozen 2 is the ideal movie to follow up *Frozen*. I admire that the writers did not try to mimic the first movie by tiring out old themes from the first. Instead, they created a whole new storyline that tied in details from the first movie and expanded upon them more. I won't give any spoilers because the movie is still fairly new, but one of the best aspects of the movie was how they gave more of a backstory to Elsa's parents. All we knew in the first movie was that they tragically died in a shipwreck. In *Frozen 2*, we learn more about their death and backstory. In *Frozen*, Elsa becomes truer to



Frozen 1 on DVD is still being sold all over the country (photo by Creative Commons).

herself by revealing her ice powers to the world. In *Frozen 2* she discovers more about herself than she believed possible.

Both films include an incredible selection of original music written for the movie by composers Kristen Anderson-Lopez, Christophe Beck, and Robert Lopez. In both movies, the hit song is sung by Elsa at a moment when she makes a revelation or big decision in her life. In *Frozen* this moment happens when Elsa reveals her magical ice powers and escapes her restrictive life in her kingdom, creating an extraordinary ice castle in the mountains

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The One Where It Leaves Netflix

Revisiting *Friends*, One of the Most Popular Sitcoms of the Past Two Decades

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The shot opens with a view of the New York City skyline. Cut to the outside of a coffee shop, the name of which, "The Central Perk," labels the window. Inside, six friends lounge on an iconic orange couch, talking and laughing.

Gen X'ers and familiar fans will recognize this scene as the opening to the sitcom portraying "good times, and sharing about life," explained *Friends* fanatic David Flodman. "It's a family without being related."

Friends, an NBC sitcom released in 1994, is being pulled off the streaming service Netflix at



The cast of the iconic 90's sitcom, Friends (Getty Images).

the end of 2019. NBC's new streaming service "Peacock" will provide shows such as *Friends*, *The Office*, and *Parks and Recreation* instead. *Friends* is the oldest of the comedies previously listed and is a favorite of young and old.

Each *Friends* episode begins with a mini storyline that introduces the conflict of the show and then launches into the iconic theme song. The introduction usually ends with a "zinger" that leaves viewers chuckling as the catchy theme song plays.

The characters are also introduced in the theme song. Courtney Cox is the first introduced. She plays Monica Geller, who is the clean freak of the group and the younger sister of Ross Geller, who is played by David Schwimmer. Throughout the seasons, Ross has an on-and-off relationship with his high school crush, Rachel Green, who is Monica's best friend. Rachel, played by Jennifer Aniston, is currently a well-known Jergens commercial actor, and a film actress. Rachel and Monica's other girl friend is the "ditz" Phoebe Buffay, who is played by Lisa Kudrow. The other two members of the crew are best friends Chandler Bing and Joey Tribbiani, played by Matthew Perry and Matt LeBlanc.

Together the group of six encounter the realistic twists and turns of life while adding deadpanned lines for a humorous view. From getting fired to finding a new job, apartment hunting, marriage, and putting an uncooked Thanksgiving turkey over one of their heads, *Friends* has covered the many situations life throws at them. Whatever the situation, they always end up at their favorite coffee house at the end of the day.

The comedy in the show is what truly brings it together. Each character has their own unique sense of humor, so viewers are not listening to the same kind of jokes in each episode. Chandler is well known for his quote "I'm not great at advice."

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Supermarket Battle: MB vs. Shaw's Home Town Hero or Super Store?

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When you think of supermarkets, many think of Market Basket with its infamous "More for your Dollar" slogan and the pleasant greetings as you walk through the door. Others might think of Shaw's as their first option for its modern atmosphere and delivery service.

Both stores were assessed recently by the *Triton Voice*, and strengths were found with both supermarkets. While Shaw's proved to be a better atmosphere, Market Basket proved to have better price and customer service. Both were found to be the same in terms of cleanliness and prepared food quality.

For decades, Market Basket and Shaw's have been the supermarkets that dominate parts of central New England, and are still growing at a rapid rate. With the friendly Market Basket employees giving you a "welcome



Images courtesy Market Basket, Shaw's/Star Markets

to Market Basket" greeting as you walk through the door, to the wide variety of products as well as modern atmosphere offered at Shaw's, both supermarkets are battling to stay on top in terms of relevance.

In 1917, a family of Greek immigrants opened Market Basket (formally Demoulas) in Lowell, Massachusetts, with a dream of providing groceries to the community. Now, over 100 years later, business is booming with over 80 supermarket locations across the Northeast in states such as Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. The Demoulas family still runs the chain to this day. Their eye toward providing for the community and building customer satisfaction over profits makes them distinct from other supermarket chains.

Shaw's is a company that operates on a larger scale with over 133 store locations that span New England, such as Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Competing with Market Basket, it almost makes you wonder, how they stay in business, due to the lower numbers of people that seem to be shopping in the Shaw's supermarkets.

Walking into Shaw's, it was instantly noticed that the prices of items are clearly a little bit more than products sold at Market Basket. It was \$7 for 1 pound of chicken tenders at Shaw's as opposed to \$6 for 1 pound at Market Basket. It was most apparent that prices at Market Basket for an abundance of items were purposely made 10 cents cheaper than Shaw's, in a way of competing, but not competing to the point of profit damage. Other comparisons made, were the donuts in both bakeries of the supermarkets, which were 69 cents per donut at Market Basket versus 79 cents at Shaw's. Organic and regular bananas were also compared, with the same price for regular bananas but 10 cents cheaper per pound for organic bananas at Market Basket.

Shaw's does an overall better job with store presentation and atmosphere. Items on the shelves were well illuminated by the brighter lights on the ceiling as well as additional lights within the modern wooden and metal shelves holding the food. Lighting at Market Basket was only fair due to the lack of aisle lighting, such as modern interior shelf lighting, which could have made certain products pop out to the eye. The shelves at Shaw's also seemed to be at a more accessible height, which makes reaching for food on the top shelf easier for all.

The designated organic section at Shaw's, its wood floors, and wood shelving, sets a tone of being "one with nature" when shopping in this aisle. There is also a noticeably reduced amount of plastic used in packaging compared to Market Basket. Paper checkout bags, paper pre-made food bags, thinner plastic bags in the bakery section all show Shaw's advertised commitment to a healthier environment.

Price tags at Market Basket are not guaranteed to be as evident as Shaw's as well. At Shaw's, a shopper is greeted with all the products brought to the edge of the shelf, with the price tag directly under each item with a spacing of about 6 inches until another price tag appears.

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Misunderstood Presidents

Examining U.S. Leaders Who Are Often Misrepresented

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With historical evidence, newspaper articles, and posthumous views, we can determine our own judgement of United States presidents. Many of these judgements become mainstream and commonplace, leading to people following them without using the evidence at their hands to form their opinion. Because of this, there are some presidents who are automatically disregarded as good or bad without much of a thought.

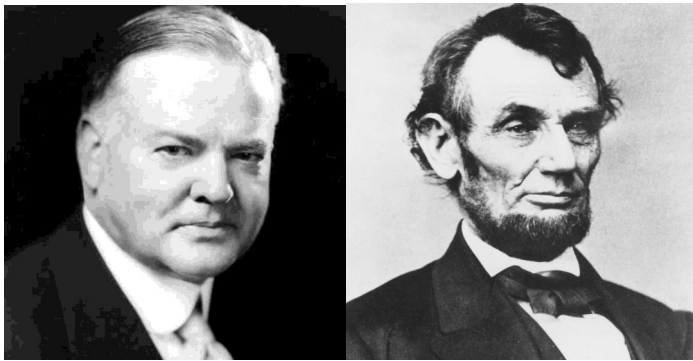
A student here at Triton, Hunter Parrott, told me about a president who he finds to be misrepresented in a more favorable way. He said that President Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865) was one of those presidents who is often just looked at through the common and possibly misleading lens. I found it interesting that Parrott chose Lincoln, who is often expressed as one of the greatest presidents in United States history and a symbol for freedom.

When asked for an explanation, Parrott said, "people always assume he was really gung-ho about freeing the slave when he really was not planning on it until the attack of Fort Sumter."

While listening to this, I realized that this helped to illustrate what I mean when I talk about a blind following of opinions. Lincoln achieved so much of the important legislature to promote racial equality in the latter end of his career, but he was originally against such laws in his earlier years. As a member of the Whig Party, he did not necessarily think slavery was immoral, but that it impeded future economic development. After the Dred Scott Decision, in which the Supreme Court decided that African Americans had no rights, Lincoln decided that while blacks were not equal to whites, they still deserved certain inalienable rights. In my mind, he is still one of the greatest presidents, but it is always important to look past the common view and question mainstream opinions.

One president who I personally like but came to find is disliked by the majority of

students at Triton and news sites alike is the 31st President Herbert Hoover (1928-1932). Sources portray Hoover as one who purposefully worsened the Great Depression, and as Parrott said, "he did not help the American people and really



Portraits of President Herbert Hoover (left) and Abraham Lincoln (Respectively, images courtesy Biography.com and Britannica.com).

flopped in a time of need."

However, the AP United States History textbook, *American Pageant*, stated that "although continued suffering seemed to mock the effectiveness of Hoover's measures, his efforts probably prevented a more serious collapse than did occur. And his expenditures for relief, revolutionary for that day..."

The book uses "revolutionary" to describe Hoover's actions, and one can see this clearly in his Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC), which gave half a billion dollars to companies and banks in order to create a trickle-down effect of money and jobs. In addition to this, the RFC had a revolutionary and "strong New Deal-ish flavor." While he led through the Depression, too many refuse to look at the extraordinary efforts Hoover made to alleviate the burden.

It is especially important in our current socio-political climate to have a logical discourse. I implore every one of us to be more disagreeable in life and more questioning of the opinions we hear. This does not mean acting purposefully rude or confrontational; it means to break down arguments and analyze them using logic. If we as a people choose to blindly follow statements, misrepresentations will become more and more common.

Review of Summer Jobs

Which Pays, Who Plays, and What's Realistic?

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When the school year ends and summer begins many students at Triton spend time working at a part time job.

When selecting a summer job it's important to make the right choice because you don't want to spend long summer days doing something you hate.

Market Basket is a local grocery vendor that's been selling food and employing people in New England area for a little over a hundred years. Being one of the cheapest and most abundant grocery stores in the area visiting a Market Basket in its prime hours of the day will reveal a busy community of shoppers searching up and down the aisles and waiting to check out. Within a Market Basket there is a wide variety of jobs and roles based on skill sets and desires: checkout, bagger, cart coraller, customer service consultant, meat packer, restocker, and more.

Overall working at Market Basket is a great gig, the starting pay is minimum wage but can be raised to up to \$15 an hour, workers consistently get Christmas bonuses and the management really goes above and beyond to care for workers.

After talking to dozens of Market Basket workers it's clear that they all have a comfortable schedule tailored to their activities and hobbies. If you have to take a shift off because of sports or extracurricular activities and give a proper warning, you can get the time off. Some negative occupational reviews for Market Basket make claims that it is only a good starter job. Its an easy job where your given a simple task and you do it, growing older and looking to expand yourself as a worker however you might want to look at a new job. A management position is achievable but only so many people can be the cream of the crop and rise to that position.

Barry Nangle has been a bagger and cart coraller at Market Basket for two years and claims it is a great place for him. "Market Basket has been a good job to me, it may get

boring some days but you can't beat the benefits and time and a half on Sunday."

Although it's a busy job around this time of the year companies like UPS and Fedex are always looking for an extra hand delivering packages. Among the



Image by NBC4 Washington

many rolls at UPS are package handler, delivery driver, loader, and warehouse workers. Working at UPS is a unique job because it involves a lot of independent work and if you're a delivery truck driver lots of traveling. Everything about UPS is timed and recorded to make sure every stop is as fast and efficient as possible. Fortunately the salary at UPS makes up for the constant state of pressure a deliverer endures. The average salary is \$15 an hour.

One of the most common first jobs for any teenager is working at a restaurant. I personally have experienced working in a restaurant firsthand in middle school. I worked at the Plum Island Beachcoma a small restaurant/ bar right on the Plumisland boulevard. I started there as a dishwasher and some days washing dishes got to be the most boring task in the world while other days I enjoyed the mindlessness of throwing dishes through the washer and putting them in the kitchen. After washing dishes for about a year I tried out bussing tables and later got to work easily my favorite position available there, pizza cook. Making pizza was fun, and the hours were good. The pay starts at \$12.75 but if you pick up extra shifts and really put your nose to the grindstone the raises will follow. One of my fellow co workers, James Corneau, said "It's a great starter job., there is a nice friendly community with all the regulars

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But can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?" His humor counters Joey and Phoebe's. Joey's lack of comprehension and passion for being an actor make up for his missing brain cells. His lateness on understanding a situation and over-exaggerated facial expressions add to his humor. "He makes you laugh, and he's so funny. You know, he's goofy, and not that smart but he's kind and gentle and does funny things," said Flodman.

Friends is also viewed as a controversial show. There are several homophobic comments, such as Chandler constantly being made fun of for being "gay" or liking more feminine things. One of the most controversial episodes, however, is "The One with the Male Nanny" when Ross is hesitant to hire a nanny for his new baby because he is a guy and eventually fires him because he is too "uncomfortable" having a man care for his child.

Years after its final episode *Friends* remains loved by all, and it is clear to see why. The comedy, characters and plot reach the heart of the viewers, making its departure from Netflix a sad goodbye.

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above Arendelle. During this scene, she sings "Let it Go" which became the incredibly popular and favorite song of the movie. In *Frozen 2* Elsa sings "Into the Unknown" in which she is essentially singing to a mysterious voice which has been calling out to her since the beginning of the movie.

The character of Olaf is beloved by everyone who saw *Frozen* and his role as the light-hearted optimist is certainly not at all lessened in *Frozen 2*. In both movies, Olaf doesn't fail to lighten the mood with a funny joke. However, I believe Olaf's character in *Frozen 2* is worked into the plot a bit more gracefully. In the first movie, some of his comments seem out of place and redundant. In the second, his part is lessened just a little which makes his dynamic in the film much more important.

So which movie is better? Both have unique plots in their own ways, maintaining details such as Anna and Kristoff's relationship, and of course Olaf. When it comes down to it, however, I think that while *Frozen* was more of an introduction to the storyline, *Frozen 2* has a plot that engages the viewer a bit more with many twists and turns and a faster pace that keeps them engaged.



The front entrances of Shaw's and Market Basket (Nick Pagliarulo photo).

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At Market Basket, there are times when you won't see another price tag for a few feet, and the products above might be totally different from what the price tag says it is right below. It was also really nice to see labels on each tag at Shaw's if a certain product was a vegan product, gluten free product, etc.

As much as it seems like the atmosphere at Shaw's totally outweighs Market Basket, do not be fooled, it's simply not. The combination of Christmas decorations and music playing throughout Market Basket set a tone for how a true old time supermarket really functions. Families talking to friends, relatives, and even workers that tend to start up a conversation with customers they have known for years was noticed often. Market Basket takes up true hospitality, and you know your in good hands when shopping within this supermarket to get "More for your Dollar."

Shaw's did have sections not apparent at Market Basket, such as an organic section, and a salad bar. Giving the customer the option to make a desired product the way they want it within a supermarket, such as a salad, makes the customer remember the supermarket due to this feature being pretty notable.

Other than the vegetable skins on the ground in the produce section at Market Basket, both supermarkets seemed to be spotless. Shaw's was more noticeably clean with the salad bar wiped down to the checkout

lane conveyor belts not having a stain on them. Market Basket gets more of a break on cleanliness and was not judged as hard due to their crowded stores that appear to cycle more customers in and out each day. Shaw's appears to have fewer customers and more space to clean.

Customer service was substantially better at Market Basket, and is another of its strengths. Walking through the entrance of the store, be prepared to get greeted by at least one worker welcoming you to the store, as well as the famous, "more for your dollar" sign that contains a whole story in itself. At Shaw's, you will not get that. Every worker seemed to keep to themselves and not want to be bothered. When chicken tenders were ordered for this review at Shaw's, the worker simply did not listen, and gave a half pound of chicken tenders rather than what was asked for which was a quarter pound. At Market Basket, it was heartwarming to see that almost every worker interacted with customers to make sure they get the best experience before leaving the store.

At the end of the day, after I made my purchases of the same products from both stores, my total at Shaw's came to \$6.52 and my total for Market Basket came to \$4.39. If customer service and pricing of products is important to you, and you're shopping for a family, I would personally choose Market Basket almost any time of the week. For the group that has a little bit of extra money to spend, and is greatly enthused by a better store atmosphere, Shaw's might be the way to go.