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Red Notice Is Bad For Hollywood A Review of the Recent Netflix Movie Reveals Problems

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Red Notice should work on paper. It's got a great cast set in beautiful places and its characters go on a treasure hunt. The adventure feels like Indiana Jones. So why isn't it an immediate hit?

This movie starts off as a fun heist movie with a comedic side coming mainly from Ryan Reynolds. Most of the movie is enjoyable and humorous. But the ending is what completely ruined the film for me. This movie was hyped up with the trailer blowing up on social media. This movie was extremely cliché with plot twists we expected. The CGI effects were terribly done and just made this movie seem cheap.

In the film, Nolan Booth (Ryan Reynolds) is an art thief who is attempting to steal all 3 of Cleopatra's golden eggs to sell for 300 million dollars. However his competitor, The Bishop (Gal Gadot) is always one step ahead of him. Things get worse when FBI agent, John Hartley (Dwayne Johnson) is onto him but both he and Booth end up in jail.

While Hartley and Booth are in jail, they become closer and open up about their terrible fathers and how they ended up where they are today. This is a bonding moment between both characters but the dialogue and cheesy jokes ruin it. After the two escape prison, they truly become a "team". When they go to steal the second egg, the Bishop has already beaten them again. Here we see how powerful she is and her ability to mislead and manipulate people. After Hartley and Booth escape from the Bishop and go to steal the third egg, is when the two really bond and it's nice to watch.

You can see both the characters and the actors have a human moment. The bishop eventually finds them but all 3 of them work together to escape from the cops. After they escape and have all

3 eggs between them, this is when the film really takes a turn for the worse. After Nolan has the 3rd egg, he is overjoyed because he has a friend who he is willing to sacrifice a lot of money for, and he gets to see his nemesis fail. However, he finds out that the Bishop and Hartley are actually working together



Red Notice Movie Poster featuring it's stars, Dwayne Johnson, Ryan Reynolds, and Gal Gadot (Picture From Dove.org).

er against him. This is where the plot takes a turn. When Nolan finally decides to trust someone and risk the 3rd egg to save someone else's life, it becomes all for nothing. John ends up to be working for the Bishop against Nolan. The whole ending ruins the theme of the movie and destroys any message the director wants to send.

Red Notice takes inspiration from *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *National Treasure*. The movie doesn't feel like a normal movie. It has attempts to feel like *Jungle Cruise* and *Jumanji*. The actors feel wooden and robotic. Thurber seems to give the main actors as much screen time as possible and lets them carry the story.

The cast was great, although Ryan Reynolds hasn't had a serious role so they just use him for cheap jokes and makes his talent not worth this film. With a terrible ending, no character growth and a pointless storyline, this movie is not recommended. There were so many bad scenes that just made me confused. For anyone who wants to watch the movie, it is available on Netflix.

Opinion: Harmful Effects The Dangers to Banning Abortion

By Sofia Savino, Staff Writer

Pro-choice and pro-life parties have been going head to head about the harmful effects and harmful choices getting an abortion can have. What some fail to realize is how unethical it is to make abortions inaccessible for women. But putting a ban to abortions will not stop them. Drastic measures to get one will be used by some women, which could lead to the mother's death. Women are told what they are allowed to do with their own bodies by society, and this is not fair. A woman should have the ability to get an abortion whether it be because of rape or for not being ready to raise a child in a proper and healthy environment. Banning abortions will only lead to more harmful acts that can easily be avoided by proper treatment that can be accessed when needed.

The article by the *New York Times*, "Her heart was beating too": The Women Who Died After Abortion" bans, by Sarah Wildman, goes into detail about a story of a woman whose life was ended

because of the strict abortion laws. Savita Halappanvar, a 31-year-old dentist, arrived at the Ireland's University Hospital Galway in excruciating pain in 2012. Halappanvar was experiencing a miscarriage after 17 weeks of pregnancy.

Even with the conclusion of the miscarriage the hospital staff refused to intervene or access the situation at hand because the fetus had a heartbeat, her only option was to wait. According to Savita's husband, the doctors said there was no chance of saving the baby. Halappanvar suffered organ damage during the process of waiting for her baby's heartbeat to diminish; she died two and a half days later. Three decades prior to this incident, Ireland's leaders assembled one of the world's strictest abortion laws connected to an amendment of their nations constitution. Women who did not have access to this procedure would have to leave the country to get it done or appeal to the highest court. Women forced upon a pregnancy due to rape still had to abide by this law. Savita Halappanvar's story became a distinguished point in the women's activist movement in Ireland and helped repeal the country's



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Opinion: Friday Early Release & Why we should go back

By Colin Pearson
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For the last few years, Fridays have been the go-to for half days. However, this year the school committee decided to change that. Now instead of once-a-month Friday half days, we have Monday early releases every other week. The change from Friday to Monday is the most irritating thing about this change.

Having early releases on Fridays would benefit most, if not all, of the students at Triton. By doing this the school extends students' weekends, allowing for more family time, time to decompress from the weekly stress, as well as more time to do homework.

Having early releases on Mondays is the least beneficial day for an early release. Having to go to school between the weekend and the extra time gained by an early release immediately negates any possible extra homework completion time that could be gained because few teachers assign homework that's due on Tuesday. However, many teachers assign work to be due on Fridays or Monday morning.

By being on Fridays, early releases would help with many students' mental health. After a long week of school, having a day where all your classes are short-

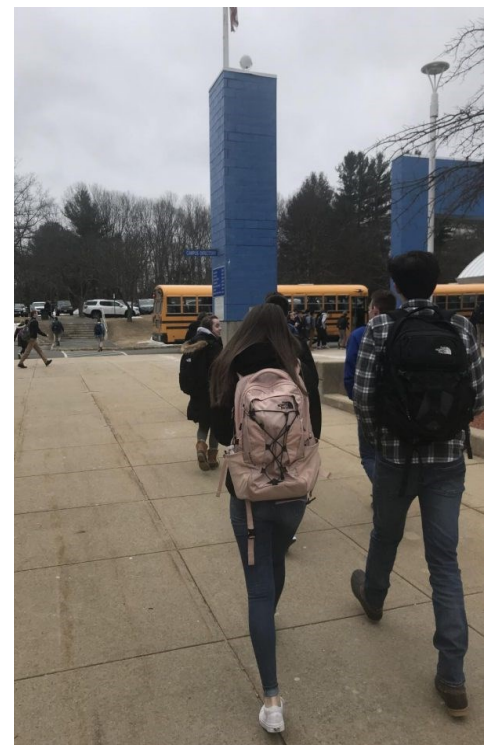
er allows you to get out of school nearly two hours earlier. The school could even say that they are making the change back to Fridays for students' mental health.

The *New York Times* article "Teens Are Advocating for Mental Health Days Off School," explains how many schools are allowing students to take mental health days off from school. While this may not be something that Triton would be willing to do, moving the early releases to a Friday and labelling it as a mental health day would be the next best thing. This would make the school seem empathetic towards students as well as making early releases an event to look forward to rather than one most people are indifferent towards. However, early releases as they are right now only makes Mondays harder for students. Teachers go through half of their normal class knowing that we will finish the rest tomorrow or rather giving extra homework because you have a whole extra hour to finish it.

The Superintendent Brian Forget explained how the reason the day was changed was because early release days are used for teacher development. The school committee believed that rather than having teachers participate in this course at the end of the week when they

were tired, they would benefit from it being at the beginning of the week. If this is the main reason for the switch then I have concerns. First, if teachers are tired and unable to pay attention or focus wouldn't it be better that this happens at a training then in a classroom teaching their students? This teacher development is not done after school, it is being done during the regular work day. Second, what about how these early releases affect students and parents. Students get out early and parents need to deal with the inconvenience of getting them back at 2:30 p.m. for sports and other after school activities. Since these Monday early releases are shorter and more often, this is more of an inconvenience, hard to plan for and complicated. For students, it is more a disruption than something to look forward to. Third, if teachers are tired by the end of the week, what about the students?

The payoff of a few extra hours added to your weekend may be small right now. However this is something that will affect the rest of the school year. The fact that this could potentially benefit students' mental health and the overall mental health benefits from this change alone are reason enough to change it.



Students leave school 90 minutes early during an early-release day (Grace Poster/archive photo).

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Bagels are EVERYTHING.

A Review of the best in the Greater-Triton area

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Bagels are arguably one of the most delicious breakfast foods around. Whether you enjoy the carb-loaded, grab-and-go treat smothered with cream cheese, butter, or stuffed with fried eggs, cheese, and breakfast meat, no matter how you slice it, bagels aren't necessarily the best choice but a treat to kick-start the day. Around the Newburyport and Georgetown area, there are plenty of shops to choose from.

With all the bagel shops that are around on Yelp, locally, these are reviewed as some of the best to the worst.

Abraham's Bagels, Best Bagel, and Dunkin's are surrounding bagel shops that we taste-tested and rated. First, we tried Abe's, which is located at 11 Liberty Street downtown Newburyport. The bagel was prepared within

minutes after ordering. When you arrive at Abe's you first have the opportunity to park in their parking lot which doesn't cost anything, unlike some parking lots that are located downtown. As you walk into Abe's your order is taken by a worker who is standing behind the counter and from there, your bagel is being made even before you pay. The bagel with cream cheese costs \$3.50 in all and took 2 minutes to come out, even with a line.

We tried Best Bagel next in Georgetown, which was located 2 minutes past the Georgetown square. The little shop at 7 West Main St., Georgetown doesn't seem like much compared to Abe's. There was a very short line and the workers here also took our order before we paid and started to make our bagel right away to allow a quicker experience. There were 20 bagel flavors to choose from which left us overwhelmed with what to choose from.

Dunkin's didn't have that same welcoming effect as the others as it is always busy since they have more to offer than just bagels. Their options were slim and only displayed four different kinds of bagels. All the bagels were made the same way. Fast. There weren't many complaints when it came to how long we needed to wait before we were able to bite into our bagel. Abe's and Best Bagel's lines and how they took your order were more effi-

cient because they started preparing it before you paid, allowing you to not have to wait as long in a line. Dunkin's because they serve more than just bagels, made our experience a tad bit longer than we wanted but nothing that was terrible. The preparedness of our bagels at Abe's and Best Bagels felt fresher as the Dunkin's bagel felt thrown together. We went inside for the experience to see how each of them was made and were pleased with the making of the bagels. The amount of cream cheese was slathered onto the bagels. The over usage had us scraping off enough to spread onto a whole other bagel. If you love cream cheese this could be the bagel for you.

We both preferred Abe's and Best Bagel over Dunkin's thin tasteless bagel. The tasteless Dunkin bagel lacked the doughy, fluffy middle and brought a rubbery feeling to the first bite. With the clear



Olivia and Channing enjoying fun filled bagel reviewing. (Marengi Photo).

difference in taste, both Best Bagel and Abe's had a fluffier and crisper bagel. The taste of these bagels with the cream cheese left our mouth delighted and wanted to continue to eat more. The cream cheese at Abe's and Best bagel was a lot smoother and lighter than Dunkin's whose cream cheese was waxier than the others. The bagels at these places were a lot bigger than Dunkin's and filled us up quickly. As there are more than just those three bagel shops around. We loved being able to compare and contrast their strengths and weaknesses. As we both agreed that Best Bagel and Abe's was better than Dunkin's, we disagreed in our opinions on which one is our top choice.

Best Bagels has a 4 and a half rating out of 5 stars. Dunkin' had 3 out of 5, and Abrahams had 4 out of 5 stars.

COOKIES are Everything.

A Review of Crumbl Cookies

By: Emma Campbell & Haleigh Harris, Staff Writers

As we opened the tall glass door, we were engulfed by the smell of freshly baked cookies. The chef called out our name and presented us with a Crumbl box.

Opening it, we saw four beautifully decorated cookies from Crumbl Cookie, a new, fast-growing cookie store that originated in Logan, Utah in 2017. Each week, the cookie masterminds choose 3-4 gourmet cookies to release. Some are brand new, and some have been done previously. Crumbl follows a weekly theme, like candy or dessert. This week was holiday-themed. Individually, each cookie is \$4, but we got a box of 4 for \$13. We rated each cookie presentation, frosting, the cookie itself, and temperature.

Cookie: Gingerbread Cake

Haleigh: The first cookie we tried was 'Gingerbread Cake'. It is caramel in color with a bright white frosting, topped with gingerbread men sprinkles. The gingerbread sprinkles topping it were slightly cheesy, but still cute. At first bite, you could tell it was along the lines of a cream cheese frosting due to its mild but noticeable bite. The frosting almost made me dislike the cookie, but as it worked its way around our mouths, it became sweeter. The gingerbread taste of the cookie was pretty spot on. Not only do we get the smell of the aromatics that are in a gingerbread cake, you get that classic, holiday taste. That being said, the only noticeable negative lies at the base of the cookie. There was a rather unappetizing "crust" around the edge, though the middle is chewy and warm. The cookie was also very large, definitely too big to eat in one serving, but you definitely get what you pay for. I would give this cookie a 7/10.

Cookie: Sugar ft. Reindeer Games

Emma: In the visual aspect of things, I thought that Sugar ft. Mother's Reindeer Games was charming. The decorators really went all out for this cookie, adding sprinkles inside the batter, which made the cookie itself have red and green accents. In addition, they added white icing, more red and green sprinkles, plus an adorable little reindeer cookie on top. Honestly, I was quite nervous that this cookie would be too much for my taste buds. To my

surprise, this cookie quickly became my second favorite with just one bite. The sweet, chewy taste filled my mouth. I had the same problem with this cookie as the first. The middle of the cookie was soft and chewy (how I like it) but I thought that the edges were a little too crunchy for my liking. I would rate this cookie an 8/10.

Cookie: Eggnog

Haleigh: Our third cookie was Eggnog. This cookie was the largest of them all, and had a sugar cookie color with thick frosting and specs of cinnamon. The frosting was incredibly sweet, too sweet for my liking, as if my mouth was swimming in sugar. The base of the cookie was not very sweet, and when combined with the frosting, the cookie was spot on to the classic eggnog taste. If I didn't know better, I would think that it was frozen eggnog. This cookie would be better in moderation, much like eggnog itself. It was cold, dense, and so sweet it will make the hairs on your arms stand up. I will give credit where credit is due: the taste was spot on. I think I would give it a 4/10.

Cookie: Chocolate ft. York



The authors are ready to open their Crumbl Cookies box.

Emma: The York cookie was out of this world! This cookie was everything you could imagine it to be and more. With a chocolate base, mint chocolate center and chocolate ganache on top, this cookie was a chocolate masterpiece. It was presented nicely and topped with mini York chocolates. The taste was immaculate and created a delicious combination. The mint in the middle was a fabulous touch with the chocolate cookie. Overall, I have absolutely no complaints about this cookie and I would buy it over and over again. I hope they have it again in the future. I would rate this a 10/10, we definitely saved the best for last.

After trying all of the cookies, we think that this week was a 3 out of 5 stars. We think that Crumbl has had better weeks, but they have definitely had worse weeks.

A Review of *Mistborn*: Turning the Page to a New Era of Fantasy

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A thousand years ago, the Hero of Ages went up against the Dark Lord in an ultimate final battle that would decide the fate of the world.

He lost.

Now, a millennium later, the Lord Ruler towers over Scadriel as an immortal emperor. As ash rains from the sky, a young Mistborn, a mage who uses metal-based magic, is brought under the wing of the Survivor of Hathsins to bring the Lord Ruler down.

Mistborn by Brandon Sanderson is one of the most, if not the most, influential fantasy trilogies of the last two decades. It essentially rewrote the genre for the modern age. While it uses old tropes and cliches, such as a young prodigy trained by a legendary mage or thief (in this case both), it adds spins to the tropes, too. For example, the mentor, while charismatic and genuine in his goals and feelings, is largely driven by a compulsive need to fill his ego. The magic system, which changed fantasy forever, is detailed and complex as opposed to the vague powers of the past.

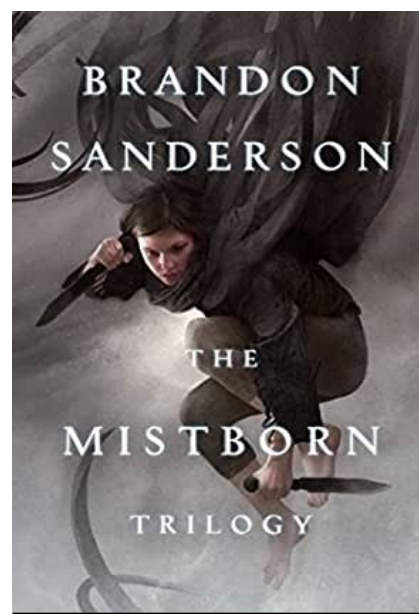
The *Mistborn* trilogy stars Vin, a young thief on the streets of Luthadel, the capital of the Final Empire. Soon, she finds herself noticed by Kelsier, the Survivor of Hathsins, who trains her to unlock her potential as a *Mistborn*. Together with their crew, they plan to incite a revolution among the peasantry and eliminate the Lord Ruler.

The world of Scadriel is haunted at night by the mists, a deadly fog that seems to have a life of its own. The mists harbor Mistwraiths, servants of the Lord Ruler. Among the Mistwraiths hide the Mistborn, mages of noble descent who can swallow and burn different metals to unlock different powers, ranging from telekinesis to enhancing the senses.

The *Mistborn* trilogy is one of Brandon Sanderson's earliest works. While it may be the most influential, it is not his best-selling, or in my opinion, his best (most would argue his *Mistborn* trilogy has been eclipsed by his ongoing *Stormlight Archive* series). Written from 2006 to 2008, the trilogy averages 750-800 pages per book. *Mistborn* was the first step in Sanderson's plans for a larger, connected fantasy universe.

Mistborn is a very exciting read. It's relatively short, spanning only 800 pages per novel, and it has great development for all characters involved. The trilogy is also accompanied by the novella *Mistborn: Secret History*, which adds an extra layer of story to the original novels. Every single question that you will have will be answered, as plot twists and reveals are sprinkled throughout the series. Story threads tie together in the best ways I have personally seen in a fantasy book before.

There are few downsides I would give the series. The first one is most prevalent in the first novel, but Sanderson was still figuring out his writing style and how he wanted to conduct his books. But that smooths out over the course of the trilogy. The second is that the second book, the *Well of Ascension*, is a



Mistborn Trilogy cover art (Courtesy Amazon, Art by Chris McGrath)

bit slower than the others. It's commonplace for the second entry in a trilogy to be either the best installment or the worst, and in this case it's the latter. Overall, I would give the trilogy an 8.5/10 rating.

Mistborn's reimagining of fantasy magic systems revolutionized them from a vague collection of powers into a detailed structure. *Mistborn* is a must-read for any fantasy fan, although don't be expecting a typical *Lord of the Rings*-style adventure. For these reasons *Mistborn* will be remembered in literary circles for generations to come.

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harsh amendment. Even though they stated they could not save the baby they still made Halappanvar suffer, her heart was beating too.

Another article "Legal or Not, Abortion Rates Compare" from *The New York Times*, by Elisabeth Rosenthal, shared that abortions are responsible for 13 percent of women's deaths during pregnancy and childbirth. There are 31 abortions for every 100 live births globally. Meanwhile, 20 million abortions that are considered unsafe are accounted each year concluding at least 67,000 women died as a result of complications from those abortions. This happens most in countries where abortion is illegal. This information was also shared by Elisabeth Rosenthal in the *New York Times*. While it is fought that having an abortion is and should be considered murder, the question becomes: to what extent is it ok to provoke a women's right to her own body and choice?

Being able to raise and support a child while supporting yourself takes a lot of effort and money. If a woman is not ready to take on a child into the world knowing that she can care for and afford the needs of a child it can cause greater harm to both the child and parent in the situation. Child neglect and poverty are very serious issues that would come out of not being able to get an abortion. Instead of banning abortions there are other alternatives to this matter. Banning abortions is not going to lower the percentage of women who get them, it is only going to support harmful alternatives to the matter.