

The one with the Reboots

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REBOOTS ARE THE BANE of my existence, and they should bother all of you. Sure, this might not seem like the most pressing topic at the moment, but it is a good one to complain about. Reboots have been popping up everywhere and for years: Hawaii 5-0, MacGuiver, Magnum PI, The Conners (Roxanne reboot). The film industry is no better with remakes and sequels of greats like Jumanji, Star Wars, and almost any Disney movie ever created.

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Reboots have a few stellar qualities. For one, it's fun to see where characters have ended up after thirty years. The reboots are also great for minority groups. With more representation for races, genders, and orientations, TV has never been more inclusive.

However, why can't they create new stories to address these? Frankly, Hollywood has lost much of its sense of originality. It's like they're plagiarizing against themselves and just adjusting characters to fit a new societal norm. Writers and producers quite easily could have made new shows following societal norms without bringing back plots and characters from fifty years ago.

Not only do the reboots showcase a certain lack of originality, they also show the manipulation of generations. Ultimately, I think that many of us, older or younger, find that we are in a place where we wish to be young again. I feel the television industry is trying to capitalize on these gems from our childhood. They are targeting our youth to sell us a happier present.

According to popculture.com, we can expect to see reboots of all the following shows within the next few years: Saved by the Bell, Punky Brewster, Sister, Sister, Walker, Texas Ranger, Nash Bridges, Clarissa Explains it All, Practical Magic, Daria & Jodie, Lizzie McGuire, Alf, Grease: Rydell High, Battlestar: Galactica, Gossip Girl, Animaniacs, Frasier, Bewitched, and many more.

Winter is on It's Way

BY KALYNA XIONG

MINNESOTA WEATHER IS absolutely bipolar. One week is perfect autumn weather; the next week is freezing cold. We never know what to expect. There are many jokes pertaining to our weather as we say our springs and falls are short, but our summers and winters are long. However, we aren't wrong about those statements. As the holiday season is coming, let's talk about winter.

Although it gets cold outside, winter is beautiful. If it wasn't, why would it be called a winter wonderland? There's beauty in fresh, falling snow that causes me to stop outside and watch it all float down. Everything looks pretty in whit, until it gets tainted by mud and dirt. With that, when should we expect winter to come?

When is winter supposed to start? Does it come when it starts to snow? When I see the white flakes fall from the sky in October or early November, my first thought is, "Oh, winter is already here?" It's not the best method, but I determine the season based on the condition outside. If there's snow on the ground, and the temperature is freezing I'd confidently say, "winter is here." If the snow melts shortly after, I may have to retract my statement. But then, the snow always came early in the past, so what difference would it make for this year? I don't think there will be much of one.

When people think of the snowy season, the month of December comes to mind. When I close my eyes and think of that month, I see the color white with snow angels and snowmen. People are wearing thick coats and the children playing outside are waddling around in their snow pants. The weather is cold and all the fun holiday festivities come out. However, I believe the snow will come a lot earlier than that. Although it melted the first time, snow made its appearance around mid-October this year. It's bound to come back eventually. As we get closer to December and Thanksgiving passes by, I think it's safe to assume snow will be on the ground by then. After all, Minnesota gets their four seasons even though half of them only happen for a split second.

According to my planner and Google, the "first day of winter" is December 21st. It's marked that way every year. This date comes from the winter solstice based on the earth's position as it orbits around the sun. As much as I would love to say "fall is going to be around for a while," I think we all know the truth: The winter snow comes earlier than that and it always will.



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