

SELF ADVOCACY SPEAKOUT

November 2020

Autumn

By Anja Calior

Autumn is upon us; crisp air, cool nights, and I love it! Leaves are changing color, pumpkins are all over, and squirrels are gathering acorns because it's that time of year. There are beautiful colors, every hue in the rainbow, on all the trees everywhere. It's nice just to walk outside and take a deep breath of chilly air, I mean, it just feels so zen.

Apple-Fest is awesome! I love the mulled apple cider, apple butter, apple dumplings, etc. Halloween is also in October. I usually look forward to seeing all the trick-or-treaters, but not this year, thanks to COVID (sniff!). It'll be alright though--after all, we're in this together. I'm trying to make the best of it.

The smell in the air is so crisp and cool. You can almost hear it, "Winter's Coming!"



Saving Our Home

By Pam Dennison

There's a lot of beauty in the world and to keep it that way, we all need to work together. People have to stop littering. Recycling is good for both people and animals. Instead of throwing trash in the ocean, we need to start getting serious about recycling. We need more volunteers to help clean up parks and beaches too. Other things you can do include not wasting paper, use less water, and use reusable stuff instead of plastic whenever you can. We need to treat our environment the way that we expect to be treated, with respect and dignity.

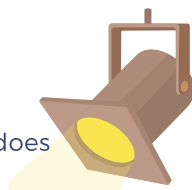


Speakout Spotlight

Justin Gets His Driver's License

Interviewer: Congratulations, Justin! How does it feel to finally have your license?

Justin: Thank you! I can honestly say I love it! I have more responsibility now as a driver and I really like that I don't have to wait on people to take me places.



Speakout Spotlight (continued)

Interviewer: I like that you said responsibility, can you explain why you said that?

Justin: I feel like all of the classes I took made me a more responsible driver. I know not to speed, that I need to use my rearview mirror, and not drive too close to other cars. Also, if something goes wrong with the car I know where to go to get it fixed.

Interviewer: Where have you driven to so far?

Justin: To work, Autozone, Good Year, and to Wendy's.

Interviewer: Are you nervous when you're driving?

Justin: Not at all. At first I was a little nervous. My mom and I did dry runs where she followed me from the house to work to see how I'd do.

Interviewer: Have you noticed anything new now that you're driving?

Justin: Some people are in a hurry and some people talk on their cell phones while they are driving. That makes me feel like they are not paying attention and they could cause an accident.

Interviewer: Do you talk on your cell phone when you're driving?

Justin: No. If my cell phone rings while I'm driving I let it go to voicemail.

Interviewer: Getting your drivers license is something you've wanted for a long time and at times it seemed impossible, but here you are. What advice do you have for someone going through something similar?

Justin: I would say don't give up, it's going to happen. You might get frustrated, but never give up. Just keep practicing. When I hear that I can't do something, I try harder. It may take me longer than other people, but I know I can do it.

Interviewer: Now that you have your license, what's next?

Justin: I want a full-time job at Accessible's main office because I like working for them.








Bethany and Sam Chill!





We're two friends who decided to make the best of quarantine so we watch movies together on Saturday afternoons (when our schedules allow). We call each other on duo, put Netflix on our TV's, and chill. Then we talk about the movies we watched and give them either a thumbs up or down. We would love for you to watch the movies and let us know your reviews. You can also let us know if you have a movie for us to watch.

 Let us tell you about 2018's **THE KISSING BOOTH 1** - We gladly give it 2 Thumbs Up and a BIG OL' KISS from both of us. This movie was so much fun to watch and it has a positive message. Directed by Vince Marcello, written by Mr. Marcello and Beth Reekles, this movie tell the story of best friends who show us they can get through anything if they stick together. Elle (Joey King) is funny, intelligent and shows a lot of compassion. She has a secret crush on bad boy Noah (Jacob Elordi), who is also the brother of her best friend, Lee (Joel Courtney). OMG! You know brothers are off limits. What will she do? Please grab some popcorn, put on Netflix, and chill with this movie.

 The first one was so great, we just had to chill and watch **THE KISSING BOOTH 2**. Again, 2 Thumbs up, a BIG OL' KISS and a hug. FUN, FUN, AND FUUUUNNY! Same great directors, writers, actresses, and actors. Hey, if it's not broke, don't fix it right? Elle, Noah, and Lee will have you glued to the couch. It's getting cold outside, so grab a blanket, some popcorn/chips, and your beverage of choice. After you watch the first one, you'll just have to watch the sequel. These two together will be great for a Netflix and Chill binging afternoon.

 An oldie but still one of the greatest musicals ever! **GREASE**. This 1978 movie was directed by Randal Kleiser and written by Jim Jacobs. This is a Classic good girl, Sandy (the beautiful Olivia Newton-John), meets bad boy, Danny (the handsome John Travolta) and fall in love story. This move has some of the best characters and scenes that will have you singing, dancing, and laughing. We honestly could not find one negative thing to say about this classic. We both give it a thumbs up and wish we had more thumbs to vote with. This movie is a must watch and if you've already seen it, watch it again. You will not be sorry.

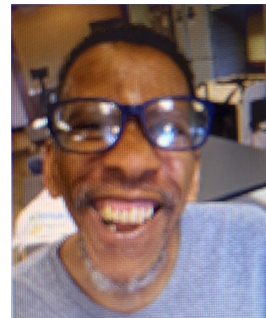
 Now let's talk about **THE OPEN HOUSE** Rated TV MA. Directed and written by Mat Angel and Suzanne Coote. We thought this 2018 horror movie would be great to add to our list because Halloween was approaching. We love horror movies and this seemed pretty promising while watching the trailer. It is about a widowed mother and her son moving into a new house. Then things start to happen to let them know they are not the only ones living there. We went from thinking "what is going to happen next" to "was that it?" It was honestly hard to watch and very disappointing. It was so promising in the beginning and right when you're really getting into it, it starts to just go downhill...and that ending, FORGET ABOUT IT!!!

 Christmas is coming so we decided to bring a little holiday cheer with us. **THE CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES** is rated PG and was released in 2018. It was directed by Clay Kaytis and written by Matt Lieberman. This movie stars the ever so handsome Kurt Russell, the adorable Darby Camp, and cutie pie Juda Lewis. This is definitely a feel good movie. We giggled a lot. Two siblings get into quite the adventure when they decide to try and get a picture of Santa. Treat yourself to an hour and forty-five minutes of entertainment. You will not be sorry.

Don't forget to let us know what you think. Did a movie make you laugh, scream, or wish you'd have skipped it all together? Which character do you like the most? You can reach us at bethany.samchill@gmail.com

Anja's Book Review

The last book I read is called "**Her Last Whisper**". It's one of a series of books by Karen Robards and it is a murder mystery until the very end. It is about a serial killer who gets killed by another inmate at Wallens State Prison. Charlie is a doctor who specializes in investigating serial killers - but there's a twist - she can see the spirits of the recently, and violently departed. She's asked by an FBI team to help them to find out who's been committing these crimes. I don't want to give too much away...you'll just have to read them for yourselves!!!



1. Which U.S. city has 446 bridges, more than any other city?
2. Which singer/actress played in the TV shows Good Times, Different Strokes and Fame (as Penny, as Charlene, and as Cleo)? She is also the youngest sister of the King of Pop?
3. In 1956, John J. Graham designed what famous bird for NBC?
4. Tyka Nelson is the youngest sister of what very famous Minneapolis singer/musician?
5. Besides playing in the Skag TV show, which actor played in the ABC-TV show The Streets of San Francisco with Michael Douglas?

Answers:

1. Pittsburgh.
2. Janet Jackson.
3. The peacock.
4. Prince.
5. Karl Malden.

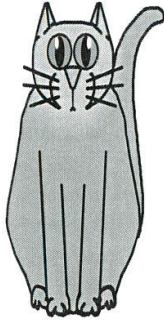


Did you know this little known fact? Michael Jackson, the King of Pop, has 2 sisters that were born on the same day 6 years apart? Rebbie Jackson was born May 29, 1950 and Latoya Jackson was born on May 29, 1956!

If you have a trivia question for Abe or you just want to share your thoughts, email him at askabelne@gmail.com

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Hello, My name is Anja, and I LOVE to Read. ♥

If you love to read too, I would like to invite you to a **VIRTUAL BOOKCLUB**

The Aristocats

We will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm and get our READ ON!!

OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE ON Wed 11/18/2020 when we will discuss what book we want to read first!!!!

Anja is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: THE ARISTOCATS

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Please feel free to email any ideas on great books for us to read. anja.calior@gmail.com



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