

# Episode 277

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Valve are being sued by everyone, for different reasons, some reasonable and some not so reasonable. Let's hope the reasonable cases get applied to the entire industry.

Stars might be making it hard to hear ET phoning home because of their effect on deep space radio waves. I guess SETI will have to start looking again.

Samurai Champloo is becoming a live action show. Only time will tell if it succeeds or joins the pile of terrible adaptations.

We enjoyed a nice drink of rez which you can get a 10% discount when you type NERDS at the checkout from the Rez website at [www.drinkrez.com](http://www.drinkrez.com)

Valve vs The World

- [Games with loot boxes will be rated PEGI 16 from June, as part of sweeping changes to the age-rating system | GamesIndustry.biz](#)
- [Valve sued by The Performing Right Society for allegedly using its members' musical works "without permission" | GamesIndustry.biz](#)

Lost in Space Weather

- [Stormy space weather may be garbling messages from aliens, new research suggests](#)

Coming soon a live action Samurai Champloo

- [‘One Piece’ Producers Tomorrow Studios to Adapt ‘Samurai Champloo’ With Creator Shinichirō Watanabe \(EXCLUSIVE\)](#)

## Other topics discussed

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Steam Machine (a series of [small form factor gaming computers](#) by [Valve](#), designed to operate [SteamOS](#) to provide a [home game console](#)-like experience.)

- [Steam Machine - Wikipedia](#)

Need for Speed: Most Wanted (2005 video game) (a 2005 [racing video game](#), and the ninth installment in the [Need for Speed](#) series following [Underground 2](#). Developed and published by [Electronic Arts](#) (EA), it was released in November 2005 for [GameCube](#), [PlayStation 2](#), [Windows](#), [Xbox](#), and [Xbox 360](#) alongside two distinct versions for [Nintendo DS](#) and [Game Boy Advance](#).)

- [Need for Speed: Most Wanted \(2005 video game\) - Wikipedia](#)

Emulator (an **emulator** is [hardware](#) or [software](#) that enables one [computer system](#) (called the *host*) to behave like another computer system (called the *guest*). An emulator typically enables the host system to run software or use peripheral devices designed for the guest system.)

– [Emulator - Wikipedia](#)

Extraterrestrial life (is [life](#) that originates from another world rather than on [Earth](#). No extraterrestrial life has yet been scientifically or conclusively detected. Such life might range from simple forms such as [prokaryotes](#) to [intelligent beings](#), possibly bringing forth [civilizations](#) that might be [far more, or far less, advanced](#) than humans.)

– [Extraterrestrial life - Wikipedia](#)

Fermi Paradox (the discrepancy between the lack of conclusive evidence of advanced [extraterrestrial life](#) and the apparently high likelihood of its existence.)

– [Fermi paradox - Wikipedia](#)

Search for extraterrestrial intelligence ((usually shortened as **SETI**) is the diverse efforts and scientific projects intended to detect extraterrestrial signals, or any evidence of intelligent life beyond Earth.)

– [Search for extraterrestrial intelligence - Wikipedia](#)

Great Filter (the idea that, in the development of life from the earliest stages of [abiogenesis](#) to reaching the highest levels of development on the [Kardashev scale](#), there is a barrier to development that makes detectable extraterrestrial life exceedingly rare.)

– [Great Filter - Wikipedia](#)

Nuclear fallout (residual [radioisotope](#) material that is created by the reactions producing a [nuclear explosion](#) or [nuclear accident](#). In explosions, it is initially present in the [radioactive cloud](#) created by the explosion, and "falls out" of the cloud as it is moved by the atmosphere in the minutes, hours, and days after the explosion. The amount of fallout and its distribution is dependent on several factors, including the overall yield of the weapon, the fission yield of the weapon, the height of burst of the weapon, and meteorological conditions.)

– [Nuclear fallout - Wikipedia](#)

Radioactivity still shows up in Switzerland

– [Radioactivity still shows up in Switzerland - SWI swissinfo.ch](#)

They're Made Out of Meat (a short story by American writer [Terry Bisson](#). It was originally published in [OMNI](#). It consists entirely of [dialogue](#) between two characters.)

– [They're Made Out of Meat - Wikipedia](#)

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (film) (a 2005 [science fiction comedy](#) film directed by [Garth Jennings](#), based upon the [Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#) series created by [Douglas Adams](#).)

– [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy \(film\) - Wikipedia](#)

So long and thanks for all the fish - Hitchhiker's Guide

–  So long and thanks for all the fish - Hitchhiker's Guide (HD)

Dark forest hypothesis (the idea that [extraterrestrial civilizations](#) may exist in abundance across the universe, but remain silent and hidden out of fear that revealing themselves would lead to destruction by a more technologically advanced and hostile civilization.)

– [Dark forest hypothesis - Wikipedia](#)

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Samurai Champloo (**Samurai Champloo** ([Japanese](#): サムライチャンプルー, [Hepburn](#): *Samurai Chanpurū*) is a 2004 Japanese [historical adventure anime](#) television series. The debut television production of studio [Manglobe](#), the 26-episode series aired from May 2004 to March 2005.)

– [Samurai Champloo - Wikipedia](#)

Cowboy Bebop (2021 TV series) (an American [space Western](#) television series. It is a [live action](#) series based on the 1998 Japanese [anime](#) television series [Cowboy Bebop](#) and the 2001 anime film [Cowboy Bebop: The Movie](#). Set in the year 2071, it charts the adventures of a [ragtag group of bounty hunters](#) chasing down criminals across the [Solar System](#) on the *Bebop* spaceship.)

– [Cowboy Bebop \(2021 TV series\) - Wikipedia](#)

Mugen vs Sara

–  Mugen's Best Scene

Music of Samurai Champloo (The music of the 2004 anime series [Samurai Champloo](#), created by the studio [Manglobe](#), was produced by a team of five composers drawn from the [hip hop musical](#) scene. They were Shinji "Tsutchie" Tsuchida of [Shakkazombie](#), [Fat Jon](#), [Nujabes](#) and [Force of Nature](#). The musical direction was chosen by series creator and director [Shinichirō Watanabe](#) as part of his planned blending of hip hop culture with the anime's setting in the [Edo period](#), additionally incorporating contributions from guest artists.)

– [Music of Samurai Champloo - Wikipedia](#)

Nujabes (a Japanese music producer best known for his atmospheric instrumental mixes sampling from [hip-hop](#), [soul](#), and [jazz](#), as well as incorporating elements of [trip hop](#), [breakbeat](#), [downtempo](#), and [ambient music](#). )

– [Nujabes - Wikipedia](#)

Lofi Girl (Youtuber)

– [Lofi Girl - YouTube](#)

The YouTube channel "ChilledCow" was created by Dimitri Somoguy<sup>[20][21]</sup> on 18 March 2015.<sup>[22]</sup> ChilledCow began streaming lo-fi hip hop music, branding it as relaxation music for those who are working or studying on 25 February 2017.

– [Lofi Girl - Wikipedia](#)

## Shout Outs

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9th March 2026 – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 300

-- [300 \(film\) - Wikipedia](#)

-- [300 \(2006\) - IMDb](#)

Messed up moments in Nerddom : The Bystander effect

– [Bystander effect - Wikipedia](#)

The **bystander effect** (also called **bystander apathy** or the **Genovese effect**) is a [social psychological](#) theory that states that individuals are less likely to offer help to a victim in the presence of other people.

The theory was first proposed in 1964 after the [murder of Kitty Genovese](#), in which a newspaper had reported (erroneously) that 37 bystanders saw or heard the attack without coming to her assistance or calling the police. Much research, mostly in psychology research laboratories, has focused on increasingly varied factors, such as the number of bystanders, [ambiguity](#), [group cohesiveness](#), and [diffusion of responsibility](#) that reinforces mutual [denial](#). If a single individual is asked to complete a task alone, the sense of responsibility will be strong, and there will be a positive response; however, if a group is required to complete a task together, each individual in the group will have a weak sense of responsibility, and will often shrink back in the face of difficulties or responsibilities.

## Wacky movie

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13<sup>th</sup> March 1962 – Attack Of The Giant Leeches (aka The Giant Leeches) premiered in Mexico

- [Attack of the Giant Leeches - Wikipedia](#)

- [Attack of the Giant Leeches \(1959\) - IMDb](#)

*You'll be afraid to go back in the water! On this day in 1962 (in Mexico), **Attack Of The Giant Leeches** (aka **The Giant Leeches**) sunk its teeth into the box office. Directed by Bernard L. Kowalski, the SciFi/Horror film starred Ken Clark, Jan Shepard, Yvette Vickers, and others. Here's the plot summary :*

*"A backwoods game warden and a local doctor discover that giant leeches are responsible for disappearances and deaths in a local swamp, but the local police don't believe them."*

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