Episode 228

Meet the new Nerd on the Block: Shane from ComX

Once an international brand, GAME is on the verge of shutting down. They've adapted to the changing market by not selling games anymore. We're not sure there's a way to survive as a physical games retailer with the domination of online marketplaces, but they're trying.

Hate might be a strong word but Denis Villeneuve really doesn't like Star Wars anymore. And his hatred goes a long way back. Still, Dune is the better movie so he has a point.

The HPV vaccine has nearly eradicated cervical cancer in young women. A great victory for science. We're excited to see even more cancers prevented by new vaccines.

GAME Shutting down

- <u>Inside the fall of GAME: "no games, no accessories - instead we received 136 Zendaya action figures" | Eurogamer.net</u>

Denis Villeneuve's disinterest in Star Wars

- Denis Villeneuve Explains His 'Star Wars' Disinterest: "It All Derailed in 1983"

Is there a cure for cervical cancer....the answer is yes

- Cervical cancer deaths are plummeting among young U.S. women

Other topics discussed

EB Games - The Legend of Zelda - Cosplay Hylian Shield

- The Legend of Zelda - Cosplay Hylian Shield - Toys and Collectibles - EB Games Australia

Dick Smith - The Legend of Zelda - Cosplay Hylian Shield

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https://www.dicksmith.com.au/da/buy/eb-games-australia-the-legend-of-zelda-cosplay-hylian-shield-291511/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=product_listing_ads&gad_source=1&gclid=Cjw_KCAiA0rW6BhAcEiwAQH28InozxrmK7QqBxdXzufWcow3JD9QWUCeGzsrCJJ3iclx_8Y4PAQtw_0BoCljoQAvD_BwE

Steam (service) (a video game <u>digital distribution</u> service and storefront managed by <u>Valve</u> Corporation.)

- Steam (service) - Wikipedia

EB Games Australia ((originally Electronics Boutique) is an Australian <u>video game</u>, consumer electronics, and gaming merchandise retailer.)

- EB Games Australia - Wikipedia

Zing Pop Culture

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Star Wars - Darth Vader Chest Panel Toaster

- Star Wars - Darth Vader Chest Panel Toaster - Loot - EB Games Australia

HelloFresh (a German <u>meal-kit</u> company based in <u>Berlin</u>. It is the largest meal-kit provider in the United States, and also has operations in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Europe (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, Italy, Ireland, Spain, <u>Scandinavia</u> and United Kingdom).)

- HelloFresh - Wikipedia

BBC - Australia approves social media ban on under-16s

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EU Cookie Law

- Cookie Law: A Primer Guide on Compliance

Star Wars: The Force Awakens (a 2015 American <u>epic space opera</u> film co-produced, co-written, and directed by J. J. Abrams.)

- Star Wars: The Force Awakens - Wikipedia

Caravan of Courage: An Ewok Adventure (a 1984 American <u>television film</u> based in the <u>Star Wars</u> universe. It takes place on the <u>moon of Endor</u>, and features the <u>Ewoks</u>, who help two young human siblings as they try to locate their parents.

- Caravan of Courage: An Ewok Adventure - Wikipedia

Midi-chlorian (**Midi-chlorians** were microscopic, <u>intelligent life forms</u> that originated from the <u>foundation of life</u> in the center of <u>the galaxy</u> and ultimately resided within the <u>cells</u> of all living organisms, thereby forming a <u>symbiotic</u> relationship with their hosts.)

- Midi-chlorian | Wookieepedia

Lightwhip (a heavily modified <u>lightsaber</u> variant with one or more <u>plasma</u> blades in flexible containment shields. Due to the blades' flexibility, they required more care of use than a regular lightsaber, and had less cutting power.)

- Lightwhip | Wookieepedia

Marcia Lucas (an American film editor. She is best known for her work editing the <u>Star Wars</u> trilogy (1977–1983) as well as other films by her then-husband <u>George Lucas</u>: <u>THX 1138</u> (1971))

- Marcia Lucas - Wikipedia

Forbes - Disney Reveals Star Wars Show 'The Acolyte' Was Over Budget At \$230 Million - Disney Reveals Star Wars Show 'The Acolyte' Was Over Budget At \$230 Million

Dune: Part Two (a 2024 American <u>epic science fiction film</u> directed and co-produced by <u>Denis Villeneuve</u>, who co-wrote the screenplay with <u>Jon Spaihts</u>. The sequel to <u>Dune</u> (2021), it is the second of a two-part adaptation of the 1965 novel <u>Dune</u> by <u>Frank Herbert</u>.)

– <u>Dune: Part Two - Wikipedia</u>

Dune: Prophecy (American <u>science fiction</u> television series developed by Diane Ademu-John and <u>Alison Schapker</u> for <u>HBO</u>. Set in <u>Frank Herbert</u>'s <u>Dune universe</u>, the series focuses on the origins of the <u>Bene Gesserit</u>, a powerful social, religious, and political force whose members possess <u>superhuman</u> powers and abilities after undergoing years of intense physical and <u>mental conditioning</u>.)

- Dune: Prophecy - Wikipedia

Maté (a traditional South American <u>caffeine</u>-rich infused <u>herbal drink</u>. It is also known as chimarrão^[a] or cimarrón,^[b] and ka'ay in <u>Guarani</u>. It is made by soaking dried <u>yerba-maté</u> (*Ilex paraguariensis*) leaves in hot water and is traditionally served with a metal straw (<u>bombilla</u>) in a container typically made from a <u>calabash gourd</u> (also called the *mate*), but also made from a cattle horn (*guampa*) in some areas.)

- Maté - Wikipedia

Traditional preparation of yerba-maté leaves involves <u>smoking</u> them and for this reason they contain a high number of <u>polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons</u> (PAHs), such as <u>benzo(a)pyrene</u>, which are <u>carcinogenic</u>. It has been suggested that this may explain cancers associated with maté consumption, such as <u>lung</u> and <u>bladder cancer</u>, that cannot be attributed to its hot temperature. Instead, the hot temperature of maté (above 65°C) is specifically linked to <u>oesophageal cancer</u>.

– Maté - Wikipedia

Resident Evil (a Japanese <u>horror game</u> series and <u>media franchise</u> created by <u>Capcom</u>. It consists of <u>survival horror</u>, <u>third-person shooter</u> and <u>first-person shooter</u> games, with players typically surviving in environments inhabited by <u>zombies</u> and other mutated creatures.)

— <u>Resident Evil - Wikipedia</u>

I Am Legend (a 2007 American <u>post-apocalyptic action thriller film</u>^{[4][5]} directed by <u>Francis</u> <u>Lawrence</u> from a screenplay by <u>Akiva Goldsman</u> and <u>Mark Protosevich</u> and starring <u>Will Smith</u> as <u>US Army virologist</u> Robert Neville.)

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I Am Legend (film)

The Transformers: The Movie (a 1986 animated <u>science fiction action film</u> based on the <u>Transformers television series</u>. It was released in North America on August 8, 1986, and in the United Kingdom on December 12, 1986.)

- The Transformers: The Movie - Wikipedia

Strontium-90 (a <u>radioactive isotope of strontium</u> produced by <u>nuclear fission</u>, with a <u>half-life</u> of 28.8 years. It undergoes <u>β-decay</u> into <u>yttrium-90</u>, with a <u>decay energy</u> of 0.546 MeV.) – <u>Strontium-90</u> - <u>Wikipedia</u>

Project SUNSHINE (a series of research studies that began in 1953 to ascertain the impact of radioactive fallout on the world's population.)

- Project SUNSHINE - Wikipedia

lan McKellen BROKE DOWN and cried on the Hobbit set

<u>lan McKellen BROKE DOWN and cried on the Hobbit set - YouTube</u>

They're Taking the Hobbits to Isengard (by Orlando Bloom) - Goodbye Orlando

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Transformers - My gosh Energon universe Starscream is a menace

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Website - Comics Network Australia

- ComX Studio

Youtube - ComX netAU - YouTube

Facebook - ComX Studio

Instagram - ComX Studio (@comxstudioau) • Instagram photos and videos

Shout Outs

November 2024 - 40th anniversary of 1942

- 1942 (video game) - Wikipedia

24th November 1969 – 25th anniversary of Toy Story 2

- Toy Story 2 Wikipedia
- Toy Story 2 (1999) IMDb

November 2024 – 45th anniversary of Asteroids the Game

- Asteroids (video game) - Wikipedia

Messed up moments in Nerddom #35: British nuclear tests at Maralinga & Project Sunshine

- British nuclear tests at Maralinga Wikipedia
- Project SUNSHINE Wikipedia

Wacky movie

28th November 2012 – The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

premiered

- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey Wikipedia
- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) IMDb

A star is born! On this day in 2012 (in New Zealand), the good people of Wellington were treated to an exclusive theatrical premiere engagement of The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. Written (in part) and directed by Peter Jackson, the Fantasy feature starred Martin Freeman, Ian McKellan, and Richard Armitage. Here's the plot summary:

"A reluctant Hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, sets out to the Lonely Mountain with a spirited group of dwarves to reclaim their mountain home, and the gold within it from the dragon Smaug."

It was almost nine years after the release of <u>The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King.[8]</u> The film received mixed reviews from critics and grossed \$1.017 billion at the box office, making it the <u>fourth highest-grossing film of 2012</u>. The film <u>received numerous accolades</u>; at the <u>85th Academy Awards</u>, it was nominated for <u>Best Production Design</u>, <u>Best Makeup and Hairstyling</u>, and <u>Best Visual Effects</u>.

Intro

Artist - Goblins from Mars

Song Title – Super Mario - Overworld Theme (GFM Trap Remix)

Song Link - Super Mario - Overworld Theme (GFM Trap Remix)

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