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The Man Behind the Mural

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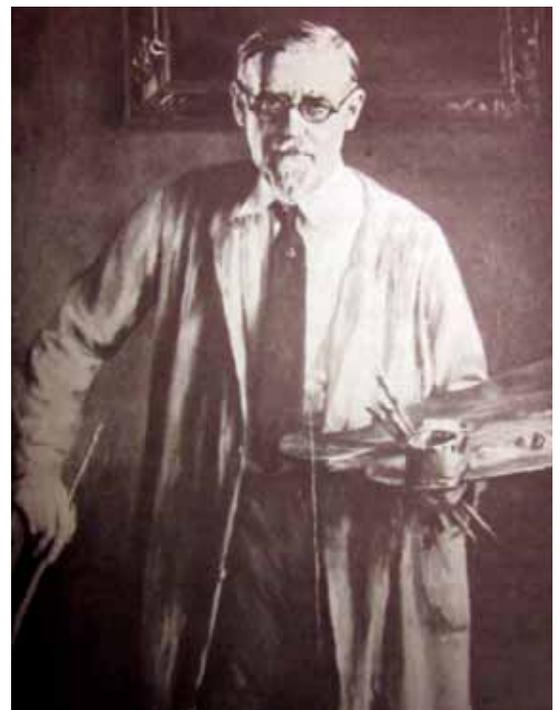
This undated photo shows Robert Wadsworth Grafton's mural in the Elston High School study hall.

Treasures of Michigan City's past are carefully, lovingly and thoughtfully preserved at the Old Lighthouse Museum. Among them are works by one of Michigan City's famous residents, Robert Wadsworth Grafton.

Calling our city home for most of his life, Grafton built his art studio here and created some of his more noteworthy works here, sometimes using neighbors as subjects. At the time of his death in 1936, he was the only Michigan City person mentioned in *Who's Who In America*, a biographical dictionary of notable men and women.

Grafton is buried alongside his wife, Elinda, at Greenwood Cemetery. During his lifetime, he created many portraits and landscapes that reflected his impression of the world. Perhaps none is so dear to so many here as the mural that hung for more than 50 years in the Elston High School study hall.

The late, revered journalist Henry Lange wrote in a *News-Dispatch* column dated March 31, 1979, "As a member of the Elston Senior High School class of 1957, I spent many hours in the study hall. Students couldn't help but look up from their work to study the panorama of the city's lakefront with fishermen bringing in



An undated photo of Robert Grafton.

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their catch, Hoosier Slide – the famous giant sand dune, as well as townspeople and Indians.”

Jim Retseck, Michigan City Historical Society's president, remembers aiming many a spitball at the now revered canvas back when he spent time in the third floor study hall. How many a young boy's or girl's mind must have wandered and dreamed as they studied the colorful figures depicted on the mural: scenes along our harbor, and how it must have appeared in the 1840s?

Actually, daydreaming was encouraged back in the day when it was decided such a magnificent work would be commissioned.

An old, yellowed, undated copy of an early newspaper, presumably from the late 1920s, found in the Michigan City Historical Society archives relates the words of then superintendent of schools, L.W. Keeler, *“During the course of erection of a senior high school building in Michigan City, Indiana, the local Rotary Club became interested in the question of starting a program of suitable decoration for the interior of the building. To carry out the intent of the club a committee of Rotarians was appointed and after considering all possibilities it was decided to approach Robert Grafton, the well-known artist,*

with the purpose of interesting him in the project.”

On July 13, 1987, Lange wrote, *“According to the national Rotary magazine, when the local club commissioned the painting 62 years ago, it was the first time such an art work had ever been placed in a public school building in the United States.”*

This mural was to be something new and different. Grafton, who it was said was interested “heart and soul” in the project, hoped this “suitable decoration” would build up *“in coming generations of his fellow townsmen, an appreciation of and love for art. Seeing the opportunity offered to accomplish this end through a suitable mural study placed before the students of the high school, Mr. Grafton generously offered to execute such a painting without charge for his services,”* Superintendent Keeler was quoted as saying.

Keeler continued.

“In Cooperation with the school authorities and the Rotary committee, Mr. Grafton selected the front wall of the study hall as the space best suited to the work. This wall expanse, being broken by two doors, lent itself well to an arrangement of one center panel 10'x 34', with two side panels 10'x 4'-6" separated from the main panel by the doors opening through the wall.”

Thus, the project that would have such a profound influence on so many students was begun.



Robert's portrait of Indiana Gov.
Warren McCray.



Robert's portrait of Indiana Gov.
Harry Leslie.



Robert's painting of President
Calvin Coolidge.

An undated, unidentified newspaper source, again found in the Historical Society archives, shares the following insight: *“Not only has Mr. Grafton kept close to historical accuracy, but his treatment of the subject has been such as to lend to the study hall an atmosphere of perpetual sunshine. It is the hope and belief of all who have seen the painting that its silent influence on the boys and girls who will be brought in contact with it in the years to come will be potent in developing in our young people an unconscious love for such art and will stimulate their desire to bring into their lives more of such beauty.”*

Another newspaper article from the time of the mural’s unveiling reveals, *“The scene depicted is that of the local harbor about the year 1840. Here are portrayed the everyday activities of the harbor at that time, centering around the harbor entrance with its Warf and warehouses. Indians watching these activities with their characteristic stoicism heighten the contrast between harbor activities then and now.”*

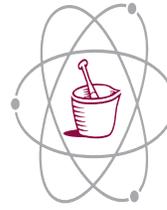


Robert's 1915 work depicting the Battle of Tippecanoe.

Grafton was born in Chicago in 1876, the son of George and Delia Grafton. He was educated at The Art Institute of Chicago and attended Académie Julian in Paris, France. He also studied art in Holland and England. Later in life, he became director of fine arts at Kansas Wesleyan University in 1933. As he traveled, he painted scenes of rustic country life.

Sometime early in his life, he made Michigan City his home and the location of the studio from which so many of his most famous works emanated. We will never know what drew him from Chicago to our duneland community. Perhaps it was small

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community life far away from the hustle and bustle of the big city. Perhaps it was the landscape, or the climate, but here, he met his future wife, Elinda Oppermann. They were married July 27, 1908, settling in Michigan City. Here, one child was born, Elinda Patricia, and here Grafton set up his studio behind their home at Coolspring and Tilden avenues.

As a working artist, Grafton exhibited his works often, winning many awards. He also was a member of many artist organizations, including the Chicago Artist Guild. He traveled to New Orleans during several winters, helping organize the first art classes in the French Quarter.

While in New Orleans, he painted several murals along with his friend, Oscar Griffin, one of which was featured in the St. Charles Hotel. While in New Orleans, he painted many landscapes and completed portraits of notable men of the city — professional men and public officials.

He painted many murals in his lifetime. Besides

gan City Historical Society archive, Grafton was “a generous man with an artistic temperament.” He liked to walk about and gesticulate while talking. Perhaps this is how he spilled the paint thinner at the White House. He spoke usually in a “bombastic style.” He also was known to use salty language as he pontificated upon his favorite subject: politics. He knew many famous politicians and called them by their first names.

Lange writes in *The News-Dispatch* on March 31, 1979, “Mrs. Thomas recalls how her father painted the portrait of Cardinal and Archbishop of Chicago George William Mundelein.

“Many times people sent pieces of clothing which were used by my father to block in area of a portrait before the actual picture of the individual was painted. The Cardinal sent his robes, lace decorations, jewels of office and ermine cape.”

Grafton often would use friends and neighbors as models for his portraits. They would sit dressed perhaps in the bishop’s robes while Grafton would rough in his sketches. Later in a live sitting, he would detail in the actual subject. Sometimes, he



Grafton’s work, “Amsterdam,” which can be seen at Old Lighthouse Museum.

the Elston mural, he painted those for the Bell Telephone office and Rumely Hotel in LaPorte.

He was a portrait artist of some note, thought of by at least one source as the greatest portrait painter of the time. He painted portraits of Indiana governors Warren McCray (1921-1924), Edward Jackson (1925-1929) and Harry Leslie (1929-1933). He also painted portraits of presidents Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover.

An interesting anecdote told after his death by his daughter, Patty Thomas, was that during the sitting for Calvin Coolidge, her father nervously spilled a can of paint thinner on carpet in the White House. Grafton offered to have the carpet cleaned, but Coolidge reportedly said, “Leave it alone, there’s a new man coming here soon.” He was referring to Herbert Hoover. Apparently, the spilled thinner did not bother anyone because Grafton was soon back at the White House for Hoover’s portrait.

According to a newspaper clipping in the Michi-

would repay these neighbors by giving them small original paintings that today would be worth thousands of dollars.

It was said Grafton lived up to the “artistic temperament” of most great artists. He must have been quite the sight as he strolled down the street of his neighborhood. At 6 feet, sporting a mustache and goatee, he was every bit the picture of a successful artist.

When he worked in his studio, he used both knife and brush. Often, he would begin a painting at his Chicago studio with several live sittings, then bring the canvas back to the Michigan City studio to complete it. The portrait of Indiana Gov. Harry Leslie, which was painted in 1929, is described in artistic circles as having a “deliberate and painstaking technique,” the dark colors are “relieved by a deep red necktie and rosy flesh tints.” “Shadows are heavy and the transition of forms from shadow into light is startling...It unquestionably presents the sitter with

exactitude.”

A newspaper article dated Dec. 18, 1936, said the Grafton home was “a Showplace...following the death of his wife, he was often seen down on his knees weeding or planting. He was the kind of gardener who loved to feel the dirt on his hands.

“Lights burned in the Grafton house at any time of the night. While he worked tirelessly all day long, his nervous, erratic nature kept him up many times until early morning hours.”

Grafton was known to support many civic projects. No doubt one reason painting the Elston mural was such an important project to him.

In 1979, it was decided to remodel the old Elston High School, turning the old study hall into classrooms. What would become of Grafton’s mural?

A message to alumni written by the committee to save the mural read: “From the class of ’26 to ’79, who can forget the historic...study hall? Perhaps you even remember where you sat and spent that hour

dreaming as you stared at Grafton’s Michigan City Harbor and Hoosier Slide. Elston High School needs help from all her alumni to save the historic study hall mural. The current study hall will have to be converted into four classrooms during renovation of the 1925 structure, but we feel it important that the mural be removed, restored, and remounted in Elston High School.”

The message continued: “Just a dollar from alumni would save and preserve this Elston treasure.”

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Robert’s rendering of the Battle of Vincennes.



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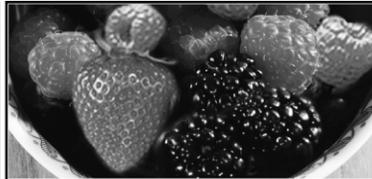
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Edna Kitchell, city historian at the time, told a *News-Dispatch* reporter, "The mural is a treasure, it should be saved and remain within our school system."

In June 1979, *News-Dispatch* reporter Tim Zorn wrote, "After more than 50 years, the historic Elston High School study hall mural was removed from its wall yesterday and was pronounced to be excellent health."

South Bend gallery owner Roman Radecki, who supervised the mural removal, said at the time, "The canvas is unbelievably well-preserved. Usually canvas will begin deteriorating after 50 years, but this seems to be very healthy. The oil paint on canvas is still 'live,' and pliable some 54 years after local Grafton painted the mural."

"There was little difficulty in taking the mural off the walls. The canvas had been attached with wall-paper paste, and Grafton evidently painted on the canvas after it was attached to the walls."

Because so many students sat and dreamed in front of that canvas for so many generations, today, the entire mural is preserved and proudly displayed above the interior north entrance of the Performing Arts Building.



The gravesites in Greenwood Cemetery for Robert Grafton and his wife, Elinda.

Five Grafton murals that once hung in the Rumely Hotel are now on display at LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave.

Four additional cartoons or color studies by Grafton for Culver (Ind.) Military Academy are at the Old Lighthouse Museum. They depict the Battle of Vincennes, Battle of Tippecanoe, George Rogers Clark leaving Vincennes and an untitled sketch with George Rogers Clark. The original color sketch of the Elston mural is on display at the museum, as well as a finished painting titled "Amsterdam" donated to the museum by the Kirk and Linda Rogers family.

Michigan City is home to numerous writers, artists and composers. Some made their marks on the world's art scene. Many who are just beginning to spread their wings and explore their talents. How many were inspired by hours of studious contemplation in front Grafton's Elston mural, we will never know. But the mural still exists, inspiring those who bear witness to it to gaze with wonder at the colorful story told so many years ago with passion and heart.

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Reins of Life Team Reaches Out to Riders Online

by Andrew Tallackson



Riders who frequent Reins of Life have turned to online offerings to stay in contact with the organization.

When Gov. Eric Holcomb back in March issued a stay-at-home order in response to COVID-19, the Reins of Life team wasted no time planning their next move.

Temporary shuttering their Michigan City and South Bend locations was a given. At the same time, they couldn't abandon their riders — children and adults with disabilities who benefit from the organization's equine-assisted therapy. So, the ROL team took to the Internet, posting on their website free sensory craft projects, relaxation and breathing coping lessons, interviews with experts, social online challenges, interactive games, horsey birthday and "shout-outs."

Making it all possible? A ROL supporter who donated \$25,000.

"Right away, we knew we needed to extend our outreach to them and to others for emotional support at this time," ROL Executive Director Dorota Janik told *The Beacher*. "Any changes for our riders affects their well-being. They like routine, they like to have the constant support. Sometimes, we are the key sup-

port system for them."

ROL serves about 300 riders, Janik said, with an estimated 200 coming from the Michigan City site, 9375 W. County Road 300 North. Ranging in age from 2 to 93, their diagnoses range from Down syndrome, autism and brain injuries to ADHD, PTSD, anxiety and depression.

After the stay-at-home order, as the ROL team turned to virtual offerings, they continually fine-tuned them, Janik said, making sure they were responding to the needs of their riders. That included not only online resources, but also frequent emails and cards.

"We want to make sure they know we are here, we are waiting for them, we are waiting for the time to restore everything to normalcy," she said. "That gives them hope."

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, crews have finished trimmings to improvements at the South Bend location, all while practicing social distancing and cleanliness to stay healthy. The ROL team also launched its Happy Horses Charita-





For children who benefit from the sensory experience of Reins of Life, staff have provided riders with sensory crafts online.

ble Drive through www.reinsoflife.org. The purpose is to make sure the horses receive the same care, grain, vaccinations, hay, training, dentals and other necessary services. The annual cost of care, according to a press release, is \$120,000. The charitable drive's goal is \$60,000.

Are plans in the works for ROL to reopen? Yes, Janik says, but no firm date is in place.

"We are in the process of devising a plan, but we are not there yet," she said. "There is a lot to take into consideration. Extra precautions need to be taken to provide our services. We need volunteers who are in close contact with the riders. We need to consider safety for them, too.

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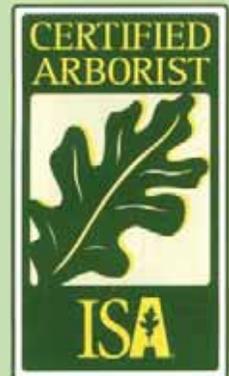
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Give “The Rise of Skywalker” a Second Chance

by Andrew Tallackson



One smart move of “Star Wars Episode IX: The Rise of Skywalker” is keeping the cast together, rather than scatter them into separate storylines.

Hype is a dangerous tease. It crams entertainment down our collective throats, then ditches the crime scene when expectations aren’t met.

“Star Wars Episode IX: The Rise of Skywalker” arrived at the tail end of a gonzo year for Disney. In addition to profitable live-action reboots of “Aladdin” and “The Lion King,” “Avengers: Endgame” capped off 11 years of tethered storytelling to achieve a once-in-a-lifetime crowd-pleaser. “The Mandalorian,” streaming through freshly minted Disney+, introduced the world to Baby Yoda.

“The Rise of Skywalker,” then, would be Disney’s 2019 crowning achievement. The epic conclusion to more than 40 years of the highest of highs and the gnarliest of lows. J.J. Abrams, back in the director’s chair after rebooting the franchise with “The Force Awakens” (2015), would not, *could not*, fail.

For many, “The Rise of Skywalker” is considered the first billion-grossing flop. Financially success-

ful, but creatively unsatisfying. Certified “rotten” on Rotten Tomatoes at 52 percent out of 483 reviews. Fan consensus: muddled storytelling, utter lack of imagination. In an interview, co-editor Maryann Brandon confessed she felt rushed by Disney to complete an edit of the film. Abrams, himself, pleaded with Disney to release the original three-hour cut.

Disney+ decided to stream “The Rise of Skywalker” two months ahead of schedule, appropriately enough, on May 4, now considered “Star Wars Day” — the day in 1977 when “A New Hope” debuted in theaters. My original review of “The Rise of Skywalker” was cognizant of its flaws, but resigned to the fact that, as a grand finale, it got the job done.

With the film now on Disney+, it was time for a rewatch. And you know what? I enjoyed it better a second time. Hype, as mentioned earlier, clouds the mind. Time is an effective healer. It offers context. Perspective.

The flaws still exist. That can’t be ignored, especially the return of Emperor Palpatine (Ian McDiarmid). When last seen, Darth Vader sent him tumbling into a fiery explosion within the besieged Death Star. But in “The Rise of Skywalker,” he’s back, and with no explanation as to how or why. Apparently, a novelization of the book indicates Palpatine “transferred his consciousness into a clone body following his death.”

Whatever.

It’s lame lip service to fans: a flimsy stab at nostalgia for the older pictures. This new trilogy effectively established Adam Driver’s Kyle Ren as the conflicted heavy: the son of Han Solo and Princess Leia, seduced by the dark side of the Force into



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Bringing back Emperor Palpatine (Ian McDiarmid, left) remains a mistake. The film should have let Adam Driver's Kylo Ren remain the rebooted franchise's conflicted heavy.

joining The First Order. If "Return of the Jedi" was about redemption for Vader, then let "The Rise of Skywalker" do the same for Kylo Ren by restoring the family name. We don't need Palpatine.

Other quibbles.

Kelly Marie Tran as Rose Tico and Lupita Nyong'o as Maz Kanata are woefully underused, and the revelation of the rebel mole within The First Order is a rushed, sloppy attempt at a feel-good twist.

These are offenses, fair to say, in which we can agree.

What cannot be dismissed, particularly the second time around, is that the spirit of the saga remains potent and its affection for the characters unmistakable. Abrams, as director and co-writer, maintains the innocence of the franchise's holy trinity — "A New Hope," "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi" — the gee-whiz optimism amid impossible odds. There is no bloodletting, no profanity. And by keeping the core characters together — Ren, Finn, Poe, Chewbacca and the droids — they emerge ever more the tight-knit family.

The special effects may not rewrite the Industrial Light & Magic playbook, but the blend of technical wizardry and actual locations achieves a more seamless vision than the sterile, digital backgrounds of the prequels. These worlds in "The Rise

of Skywalker" pop with color, especially the images, right before the speeder chase, that are the "Star Wars" equivalent of a Bollywood dance number.

You appreciate the subtle touches, too, the winks to past films. Dennis Lawson, who played fighter pilot Wedge in the early films, makes a cameo. Carrie Fisher's daughter, Billie Lourd, has a small role. When Ren summons the courage to resume fighting Palpatine, we hear the voices of Jedi before her, including actors Ewan McGregor, the late Alec Guinness, Hayden Christensen, Frank Oz, Liam Neeson and Samuel L. Jackson.

And that closing scene with Ren on Tatooine? It moved me more the second time. Of all the places Abrams could have chosen for the last shot, none are more appropriate than the home of Luke Skywalker, who dreamed of greater worlds and grander adventures. That Ren chooses to take the Skywalker name is a tribute to the Jedi before her, a fitting means to honor their legacy.

So, for those who poo-poo "The Rise of Skywalker," who say Disney trashed the franchise, think again. Give the film another shot. Is it perfect? Of course not. Is it satisfying? Yes. Yes, it is.

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Even With All the Changes, “Westworld” Needs a Reboot

by Andrew Tallackson

For the past eight weeks, when all is quiet at *The Beacher*, before many of our colleagues arrive, a lopsided conversational dance of sorts commences between myself and co-owner Tom Montgomery.

I call it “The ‘Westworld’ Conundrum.” The latest episode of the HBO series has aired and Tom, assuming as a pop-culture geek the answers rest at my fingertips, hits me with a barrage of questions.

“Charlotte is Dolores, right?”

“How many versions of Dolores are there?”

“Why is this Charlotte so mousey?”

“When Dolores pushed that button, why did they collapse?”

To frequent disappointment, Tom discovers he’s asked the wrong person. The intellectually barren responses extracted from me range from “I think so” to “I don’t know.” The “why bother” reaction on Tom’s face suggests he’s broached the conversation with an ill-suited subject.

Hence the problem with HBO’s “Westworld.”

Too. Darn. Confusing.

Remember when “Westworld” was fun? When co-creator Jonathan Nolan — brother and frequent collaborator with brother Christopher (“Memento,” “Interstellar”) — turned that old Michael Crichton movie inside and out, creating something fresh and invigorating?

Yeah, well, those days are largely over. “Westworld” isn’t fun. At times, it is the enemy of fun. Season 3, which wrapped May 3, slightly bested the incoherent mess that was Season 2. Still, Nolan and “Westworld” collaborator Lisa Joy are too content to leave you befuddled.

When “Westworld” first aired in 2016, I revisited Crichton’s 1973 film, struck by how thin it is. There isn’t much meat to it. Guests arrive at a futuristic theme park populated by androids, the androids malfunction and start killing people. End of story. No brainy discussions about what constitutes humanity. Just Richard Benjamin scrambling to stay alive as Yul Brenner’s gunslinger unleashes a can of robotic whupass.

(Crichton revisited the same concept — a theme park sunk by its own creations — with far more appeal in “Jurassic Park.”)

With the HBO series, the concept is the same. By the mid 21st century, a company called Delos Inc. operates several parks, among them the Old West-themed Westworld, where the “hosts” are human-like androids. Open exclusively to the ridiculously wealthy, guests delve into their darker instincts, behaving in violent, sexual manners toward the hosts, which have been programmed not to retaliate. Each day, the hosts engage in story narratives



Aaron Paul joins the cast of Season 3 as a former soldier working in construction.

written specifically for them, their memories wiped afterward so each guest experiences a fresh take on the same narrative.

When the park institutes a program update among the hosts, two become self-aware, the seeds of revolt planted. Dolores (Evan Rachel Wood) is the park’s oldest host, a beautiful rancher’s daughter who, in a brilliantly symbolic image, is referred to as so docile she wouldn’t “hurt a fly”...but at the close of the first episode does

just that: swats a fly buzzing around her neck. The other host is Maeve (Thandie Newton), the Sweetwater madam. She’s like a cat bored by toying with mice, her sights set on more desirable prey.

Many a science-fiction tale has explored the human potential with machines, specifically, can they achieve what makes us human: the ability to feel, to embrace emotion? Alex Garland’s Oscar-winning “Ex Machina” (2014) argued the answer is “no.” Robots are programmed wires and metal. What “West-



Evan Rachel Wood’s Dolores is now a cold machine often dressed like a dominatrix.

world” suggests is that machines, as artificial intelligence, or A.I., *can* evolve, that they *can* become sentient.

So, during the first season of “Westworld,” as Dolores and Maeve embark on journeys of discovery and rebellion, other elements of intrigue arrive, like: Ed Harris, chilling as The Man in Black, who is trying to discover “the maze” within the park; Jeffrey Wright as Bernard, Westworld’s head of programming, grieving the loss of his son; and James Marsden’s Teddy, a host in love with Dolores. By the season’s end, the show not only conceived a brainier vision of Crichton’s work, it also yanked the rug out from beneath us with crafty twists: characters we believed to be human that are actually robots, along with alternate timelines, where two characters are one and the same, their stories told at varying points in time.

A killer first season. Enough mind candy, snappy performances, lush visuals and gratuitous HBO nudity to satisfy a broad spectrum of audiences.

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Nolan and Joy, however, got too ambitious. Normally, that would be cause for celebration. But in trying to create a mind-bending experience for Season 2, they forgot to package the twists in an easily digestible format.

Season 2 threw me, and apparently millions of others, for a migraine-inducing loop. Most of it is a blur. A violent massacre at the park, but beyond that, a hodgepodge of characters, alternate timeliness and crazed twists that drained all the fun out of the experience. It is one thing to challenge viewers with missing pieces of a puzzle. It is another to force viewers to do all the math, but deny them the tools to do so. Season 2 of "Westworld" is an incomprehensible mess, with no "a-ha" revelations to dissolve the uncertainty.

Ratings for the show dipped. Trying to counteract the negative reaction, HBO defended itself, saying the show is not for "casual viewers." But the reality of the situation was clear: Nolan and Joy's show, like its characters, required a reboot.

And that's what emerges as Season 3 opens. The theme part, for the most part, is out of the picture. Same for the alternate timelines. Instead, we get Dolores out in the real world, apparently hellbent on revenge. Specifically, to cause society's breakdown by having humans turn on each other. In



Thandie Newton's Maeve is no longer a fun character.

close pursuit are Bernard, as well as Maeve, who's been hired by the theme park's new owner, Serac (Vincent Cassel), to kill her. Dolores teams up with Caleb Nichols, a former soldier now working as a construction worker. Together, they uncover a plot that involves "adjusting" humans to make them easily manipulated. At least, I think that's the plan. Caleb is played by a good actor, Aaron Paul of "Breaking Bad" fame, but he's relegated to looking confused and speaking in the raspy tones of McGruff the Crime Dog. Back too is Ed Harris' Man in Black, now a woe-full dull and distracting individual.

The visual style of Season 3 is sleek, with a few clever chases and nifty vehicles twisted into circular shapes. Cool robots emerge, although their designs appear lifted from "Robocop" and "Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace."

But by dropping most of the likable characters from the previous seasons, and by taking a tunnel vision approach to Dolores and Maeve, the show is stripped of all heart and soul. There is no one to root for, to champion. The show feels cold. Hollow. Empty.

Newton, as Maeve, was the show's secret weapon. Even when she wasn't saying anything, you could see from her expressions, her eyes, that she was plotting her next move. Now, she's just a female Terminator. And Dolores, previously decked out in softer, western garb, is reduced to speaking in dreary monotone, decked out like a dominatrix in search of a "50 Shades" sequel.

A scene near the end of Season 3's final episode, where Dolores shares with Maeve her vision for the future, is unexpectedly moving, a reminder of what the show once was. Then, a post-credits sequence arrives that infuses more head-scratching, WTH possibilities for Season 4.

Some shows peak early. The energy, the burst of inspiration, they wither into dust by the next season. Maybe that's the case with "Westworld." I give Season 4 two episodes. Two. If it's still a confusing mess, then it's time to call it quits.

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Garden Reveals Area for Love and Hope to Shine

Submitted by staff at Friendship Botanic Gardens

One of the most exquisite, panoramic views at Friendship Botanic Gardens can be seen from the peninsula known as the Cancer Survivors' Garden of Love and Hope.

Stuart Franzen, FBG board secretary and local landscape architect, developed the planting scheme in July of 2016. Horizon Bank partially funded it, H&S Services installing it that fall. It serves as one of the premier locations for contemplation, prayer and meditation on the 105 acres of meadows, wooded trails and cultivated garden areas. It also is one of several venues for wedding ceremonies.

The peninsula is home to a snow-white gazebo and colorful plants ranging from chokeberries, fragrant sumac and geraniums to cardinal flowers and catmint. It branches out into the gentle waters of Lake Lucerne, a spring-fed lake where muskrats, turtles and geese can be found.

"The plants were specified for their compact growth habit and extended period of seasonal interest," Franzen said. "They were also selected for their ability to tolerate some inundation, as Lake Lucerne water levels fluctuate during wet periods."



This garden is the former site of the "Theatre of Nations" stage, where performers entertained thousands in the mid-20th century with Shakespeare productions and opera performances. Majestic weeping willows envelope the adjacent shore.

Visitors may sit in the gazebo and admire the Persian Rose Garden from across the lake or take in the 26-foot fountain that illuminates an array of colors throughout evening events, courtesy of the Barker Welfare Foundation.

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First-place winner Amelia Jimenez.

First-place winner Amelia Jimenez, 11, is a student at Westchester Intermediate School. Her winning entry depicting downtown Chesterton has been made into yard signs. Produced by Zeno Companies, they can be purchased for a donation of \$20 or more. Signs can be purchased through the “Visit Chesterton” Facebook page, or in person at Hopkins’ Ace Hardware or Duneland Chamber of Commerce. Call ahead for curbside pickup. Send an email to visitchesterton@gmail.com with an address to request a home delivery for any digital purchases.

Funds raised from sales will help promote Chesterton and its businesses. The Chesterton Branding Leadership Team, which sponsors the visitchesterton.com website, is spearheading the effort. The goal is to raise \$10,000 to market and support downtown Chesterton businesses.

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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.



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"We want to encourage our students as much as possible to succeed," Christensen said in a press release. "We miss them and hope they are all staying safe and well."



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Camino Winds by John Grisham (*hardcover, \$28.95 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook. 292 pages*)

We head this week into the warm waters off the Florida coast for a lighter legal thriller than Grisham typically delivers. In the interest of full disclosure, yes, I'm a Grisham Groupie. Don't get me wrong, his writing may be lighter, but his storytelling abilities have not diminished.

In his long, illustrious career, Grisham has given us many stories featuring different aspects of the law. Just when I thought he'd exhausted every corner, he comes up with one more — a very current one, it turns out.

The story involves murder for hire, cheating the government and a very angry Mother Nature. This book could be subtitled "Murder in the Time of Hurricane." Here's the lowdown...

Grisham's last book introduced us to the fictional Camino Island off the northeast coast of Florida, and the quirky people who live there. Bruce Cable owns the Bay Book Store, the meeting place for all bibliophiles and the authors they support. Bruce is one of the biggest independent book-sellers in the country, and that makes him important to publishers and authors alike.

He's in an open marriage to Noelle, who buys and sells antiques. He also has sort of a shady past involving his love of rare and first-edition books: very expensive and desired by those who can afford them. Some believe Bruce is not always legal in these matters...but he always manages to come out on top. Case closed.

Nick Sutton, whose grandparents own a house on the island, is a college student who spends his summers working for Bruce in the bookstore. He reads a lot of crime books and sees himself as a modern-day Sherlock Holmes — there might be something there, wait and see.

Then there are Leigh and Myra. They have been a couple for the past 30 years, generating nice income by writing soft porn romance novels.

Bob Cobb is an ex-con who — surprise, surprise — writes graphic crime novels. Amy Slater, the youngest of the group, makes the most money of them all writing about vampires — there's even a movie coming out based on one of her books.

Other characters who inhabit Camino Island are Andy Adam, writer/alcoholic, Jay Arklrood, the brooding poet, and Nelson Kerr, former lawyer-

turned writer. He has had three solid hits in the past, and a fourth book is about to be revealed.

Then there's Mercer Mann. She was introduced in the last book and now has written *Tessa*, a best-seller about her grandmother who had a home on the island for many years. She's there for a book party hosted by Bruce, ending her 35-stop tour.

The story opens with Mother Nature bearing down on the Florida coast. The storm heads straight for Camino Island as a Category 5 hurricane named Leo.

Bruce, Nick and Bob decide to ride out the storm at Bruce's house, while Nelson opts to stay at his condo — bad idea.

After a harrowing night, the three men go out to survey the extensive damage and see how Nelson fared. They find him on his balcony, quite dead. Hit by flying debris? Nope. Nelson has suspicious head wounds that look man-made, not nature-made.

The island's small police force is now too overworked to pay much attention to Nelson's death which, to them, seems nature-made. A coroner determines Nelson was, indeed, killed by a blunt instrument.

Where do they go from here?

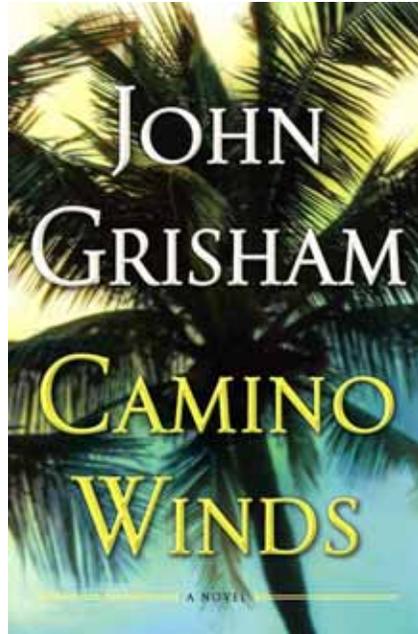
They compare notes, trying to come up with someone who might have wanted Nelson dead. The state police are called in to investigate, but they don't seem too interested.

Bruce and company realize they have to call Nelson's sister, Polly, in California to give her and his parents the sad news.

Polly comes to Camino Island. Soon, she and Bruce are on a mission to determine the truth. Bruce is not a happy camper having to play detective, but he feels a certain obligation to his friend to find out the truth. Nelson was a lawyer — could there be something in his past? He was writing a new book, the hard drive that contained his manuscript seems to be missing — is that a place to start? Turns out Bruce sent Polly a copy of his new manuscript just before he died. And what they find there starts them on a wild ride that finally gets the FBI's interest. There will be another death and a lot of traveling before the climax, but in true Grisham style, it will keep you wondering where this leads.

Camino Winds may be lighter fare than the early Grisham novels, but it lacks nothing in his writing style, quirky characters or the smooth flow of action that leads to a most unusual conclusion.

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