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DerMensch24 - October 17, 2017, 4:32 pm

Hey peeps! Apologize for the delay, here's the latest edition from the Baka News Team, hope you enjoy!

The Internet's Beloved Humboldt Penguin "Grape-kun" Has Died

Quote:After falling in love with a standee of Hululu, the penguin character featured in sleeper hit Kemono Friends, the Humboldt Penguin known to us as Grape-kun has passed away according to tweets from the official account of the Tobu Zoo, one of the zoos that participated in the initial Kemono Friends collaboration events run while the series aired earlier this year. [>>Source](#)

Genocidal Organ's Geno Studio to Announce 3 TV Anime Projects

Quote:The official website for anime studio Geno Studio announced on Tuesday that it is working on three new television anime projects. The studio shared a visual (pictured below) for one of the three projects, but it has not yet revealed any titles. More information will be revealed on Monday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. JST. [>>Source](#)

Manga Creator Enaga Takabatake Passes Away

Quote:The Japan Cartoonists Association revealed on Thursday that manga creator Enaga Takabatake passed away due to a stroke on August 21. Takabatake was 29.

The family held a funeral on August 24 and a Buddhist memorial service on October 7. [>>Source](#)

Servamp Manga Has 'Big Announcement' in November

Quote:The November issue of Kadokawa's Monthly Comic Gene magazine revealed on Friday that Strike Tanaka's Servamp manga would have a "big announcement" in the magazine's next issue on November 15.

Seven Seas Entertainment publishes the manga in North America, and it describes the manga:

When a stray black cat named Kuro crosses Mahiru Shirota's path, the high school freshman's life will never be the same again. Kuro is, in fact, no ordinary feline, but a servamp: a servant vampire. While Mahiru's philosophy is one of non-intervention, he soon becomes embroiled in an ancient,

altogether surreal conflict between vampires and humans. [>>Source](#)

Thor: Ragnarok Film Director Waititi Wants to Adapt Akira Manga With Asian Actors

Quote:Director Taika Waititi (Thor: Ragnarok, Boy, Hunt for the Wilderpeople) commented in an interview with media news website IGN on Tuesday about reports of him negotiating to direct Warner Brothers' live-action Akira film project. Waititi did not confirm if he has signed on to direct the project but said that he was "very passionate" about Akira.

He said that he would not be interested in remaking the 1988 Katsuhiro Otomo film, but would be interested in "do[ing] an adaptation of the books," referring to Otomo's original six-volume manga. Regarding casting, he said, "Actually Asian teenagers would be the way to do it for me and probably no, not, like no name, I mean sort of unfound, untapped talent." [>>Source](#)

Little Busters! Visual Novel's English Release Slated for November 1

The official Twitter account for visual novel publisher Visual Art's revealed on September 21 that its English release of its Little Busters! visual novel is slated for November 1 on Steam for \$35 USD.

The game will have touchscreen support, support for switchable text language between English and Japanese, will be entirely HD with 1280x720 resolution, and will support a feature to zoom out for the original 4:3 aspect ratio.

The game will include content from the Little Busters! EX Perfect Edition, an updated version of the original game. [>> Source](#)

Chaos;Child PS4/PS Vita Game's Launch Trailer Streamed

PQube began streaming a launch trailer for its English-language release of "Chaos;Child" for PlayStation 4 and PlayStation Vita game on 10/13/17 (Friday the 13th Spooky xD). The game shipped in Europe on Friday and PQube will release the game in North America on October 24.

The game is available physically and digitally on both platforms. A "Gigalomaniac Edition" for both platforms is available exclusively through retailer Rice Digital, and it includes a selected soundtrack, art book, and badge set.

The game's story takes place after a magnitude-7.8 earthquake hit Tokyo's Shibuya ward on November 6, 2009. A black fire spreads and causes mass panic on the day of the earthquake. The sudden disaster that becomes known as the "Shibuya Earthquake" kills 3,851 people and injures 30,927 more.

The "delusional science adventure" game was set in a reconstructed Shibuya district in October 2015. A string of mysterious deaths occurs in Shibuya amidst the reconstruction. People begin to take notice as the strange events start on the same day that chaos broke out in Shibuya with a certain incident five years earlier. The events are called the "Return of the New Generation Madness." [>> Source](#)

Tokyo Xanadu eX+ Ships on December 8 in N. America

Aksys Games announced on 10/13/17 (Friday the 13th Sp00ky xD) that it will release the PlayStation 4 game, "Tokyo Xanadu eX+", in North America on December 8.

Tokyo Xanadu EX+ will also get a PC release, but Aksys Games has not yet announced the release date.

The limited edition release for PlayStation 4 includes a White Shroud statue, a Blade card game deck, a 60-page art book, a CD soundtrack, and a collector's box.

The "urban legend action RPG" takes place in Tokyo after a 7.5 magnitude earthquake cause fires, tsunamis, toxic gas leaks, and other calamities to hit the city, leaving 20,200 dead and 7,000 missing. The story will follow high schoolers Ko and Asuka in a post-earthquake Tokyo, as well as the spirit world labyrinth "Xanadu." [>> Source](#)

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[Classroom Of The Elite](#) - [Realest.](#)

The official thread for Classroom Of The Elite! Be sure to contribute if you're watching it!

[Made in Abyss 10/10](#) - [-F0rsak3n-](#)

What were your thoughts on the hit anime Made in Abyss from last season? Be sure to post!

[Anime Recommendations \(Not in Order\)](#) - [Mastor](#)

A new member has decided to post their own list of anime to watch, be sure to take a look!

[Which Anime are you watching currently?](#) - [actionman007](#)

What anime have you been watching this season? Be sure to contribute!

[What was the first Anime show you watched?](#) - [Ytube](#)

What anime brought your into the medium? Be sure to contribute!

Unfortunately, our team's Youtuber is still busy, however he has made it known that he is planning on more content very soon! For now, if you are unaware of his channel, here is the channel trailer:

Oreki was unable to give new insight into the world of culture, but he sends his regards ;)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

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Sakigake!! Cromartie Koukou

Synopsis (Courtesy of MAL):

Quote:Takashi Kamiyama is your typical mild-mannered high school student—polite, aloof, and pacifistic, with a slightly above-average IQ. But would your average high school student really enroll himself at the infamous Cromartie High School, known as a breeding ground for the toughest delinquents out there?

Apparently so, as that is exactly what Takashi does, though for reasons he'd rather leave unmentioned. However, one thing is for sure: the "hard-boiled rabbit in a den full of hungry lions" is never going to have another dull day. And how could he, now that he's surrounded by mohawked punks, obnoxious robots, and... gorillas? And was that Freddie Mercury riding a horse down the corridor? Follow Takashi as he earnestly dedicates his new high school life to better his school's reputation while his classmates are hellbent on wreaking havoc.

Eps: 26

Studio: Production I.G

Genre(s): Comedy, School, Shounen

Aired: Oct 3, 2003 - Mar 26, 2004

Sub/Dub: Both decent and done well

Similar anime: Danshi Koukousei no Nichijou, Detroit Metal City, Gintama, Sakamoto desu ga?

[MAL](#)

What does Freddie Mercury, a gorilla, a robot, a horse, and a hoodlum of 16 year-olds have in common? They apparently are all in the same high school.

Cromartie High School takes us on a comedic "slice-of-life?" journey through the lens of its delinquent students. The anime performs well with its witty humor, references to other anime/culture, and a fresh take on the school genre. The story is moment by moment/day by day and entirely impromptu. The animation is relatively decent with some changes in style depending on context, and the sound is nice with a catchy but relaxing OP and overall good VAs. The characters are well done with such a large cast, having a good amount of screen time and maintaining quality traits and relationship dynamics with each other. Even better, each episode is 12 minutes long which makes binging this anime an easy task for those with a few hours to spare

Overall, if you're looking for a nice comedic anime full of absurdity and randomness but a wonderful cast then I recommend this anime to you. ;)

[Be sure to use our Anime Discussion Hub for any previous threads regarding anime or if you are ever looking for new anime to add to your lists!](#)

20th Century Boys

Synopsis (Courtesy of MAL):

Quote:As the 20th century approaches its end, people all over the world are anxious that the world is changing. And probably not for the better.

Kenji Endo is a normal convenience store manager who's just trying to get by. But when he learns that one of his old friends going by the name "Donkey" has suddenly committed suicide, and that a new cult led by a figure known as "Friend" is becoming more notorious, Kenji starts to feel that something isn't right. With a few key clues left behind by his deceased friend, Kenji realizes that this cult is much more than he ever thought it would be—not only is this mysterious organization directly targeting him and his childhood friends, but the whole world also faces a grave danger that only the friends have the key to stop.

Kenji's simple life of barely making ends meet is flipped upside down when he reunites with his childhood friends, and together they must figure out the truth of how their past is connected to the cult, as the turn of the century could mean the possible end of the world.

Chapters: 249

Volumes: 22

Author(s): Naoki Urasawa

Published: Sep 27, 1999 - Apr 24, 2006

Genre(s): Mystery, Drama, Historical, Sci-Fi, Psychological, Seinen

Similar Manga: Monster, Oyasumi Punpun, Billy Bat, Pluto

[MAL](#)

As children, we tend to expand our imaginative horizons far beyond the limits of practicality for the sake of novelty within our youthful selves. Secrets, forts, adventures, and friendship follow fondly on this innocent path that slowly deteriorates as the crushing weight of reality sinks in. The past becomes nothing more than a faded memory; monotony is your only friend in the cruel working world of dead-end jobs in the big city. Yet this all changes for our main character upon the death of his friend and the rise in the cult with symbolism only relevant to himself and his group of childhood friends.

20th Century Boys, written and drawn by Monster's Naoki Urasawa, takes us into a layered story full of mystique, intelligence, and full throttle into the belly of the beast. Characteristic of an Urasawa story, every move, character, and plot point is precisely calculated to deliver a fascinating thriller with well drawn pages. Key to the overall effect of the manga is the character development, which is done very well and I do give Urasawa credit for being one of the few mangaka capable of repeatedly doing so.

If you're looking for a nice thriller manga, with wonderful attention to detail and an exciting plot, then I recommend this for you. ;)

Hibike! Euphonium

{Synopsis}

After swearing off music due to an incident at the middle school regional brass band competition, euphonist Kumiko Oumae enters high school hoping for a fresh start. As fate would have it, she ends up being surrounded by people with interest in the high school brass band. Kumiko finds the motivation she needs to make music once more with the help of her bandmates, some of whom are new like novice tubist Hazuki Katou; veteran contrabassist Sapphire Kawashima; and band vice president and fellow euphonist Asuka Tanaka. Others are old friends, like Kumiko's childhood friend and hornist-turned-trombonist Shuuichi Tsukamoto, and trumpeter and bandmate from middle

school, Reina Kousaka.

However, in the band itself, chaos reigns supreme. Despite their intention to qualify for the national band competition, as they currently are, just competing in the local festival will be a challenge—unless the new band advisor Noboru Taki does something about it.

From the studio that animated Suzumiya Haruhi no Yuuutsu, Kyoto Animation's Hibike! Euphonium is a fresh and musical take on the slice-of-life staple that is the high school student's struggle to deal with their past, find romance, and realize their dreams and aspirations.

Source: [MAL](#)

{Personal Opinion}

Oh my god. This show was amazing. The combined elements of music and romance, arguably the 2 most beautiful things in the world, allowed the show to capture the heart of all its viewers.

{The Story}

As a Slice of Life anime, Hibike! Euphonium places us in the shoes of Kimiko Oumae, the first year at Kitauji High School. Kimiko Oumae joins Kitauji High School's Wind Ensemble, which had a terrible falling out the previous year. There she met her childhood friends Shuichi, and her bandmate from middle school Reina. Through hardship and dramas, they worked to assert Reina's dream of becoming special and won Gold as their first step towards the Nationals.

{The Characters}

Kimiko is not your typical anime protagonist. She was very average, she wasn't particularly good at the Euphonium compared to others (like Asuka-senpai), nor is she particularly motivated. Her sentiments rarely come out, and her voice almost always dripped with disinterest.

Reina is different. Quiet but intense, she and her beautiful trumpet transcend all others. Her self-interest wasn't something one would be repulsed by; it was a form of beauty by itself. Her delightful personality and look are shown in every single scene where she is, and she is the embodiment of perfection.

{Soundtrack}

As an anime focused around music, the soundtrack is certainly amazing. From the inexperience of a beginning player to the passion and skills of someone whose dream is to reach the Nationals and become someone special, the music shown is never dry and is always beautiful, quivering with emotions. Although I would've preferred if the OP and ED were a bit more classical, as the anime revolves around an orchestra after all.

{Visual appeal}

I usually don't have this section, but I just need to add it because the art of the show is soooooo beautiful and heart moving. From the [moments of tear](#) to the [moments of love](#) and even the [awkward moments](#), the animation itself is enough to move you.

{Overall}

Amazing anime. 10/10 for art, character development, soundtrack, and story. A slice-of-life anime meant for everyone.

Anime OP of the Week

This week, I decided to choose my favorite OP from my favorite show. My choice is Eureka 7 OP 4, "Sakura" by NIRGILIS

Anime ED of the Week

The ED this week is from a show that a lot of people seem to miss or not recommend nowadays. Ending for a show called NANA, ED 2, song named "Kuroi Namida" by Anna inspi' Nana.

Honorary Mention

The anime FLCL has amazing music. Within that music, there includes a band called The Pillows. Formed in 1989, as of 2017 they have 20 studio albums. Even with their track record, they are still relatively unknown. Here is their song "Patricia".

by Elayne, friend

[by masternadii](#)

[by arsfantasia](#)

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Thank you all once again for reading, have a great week and see you for the next issue! And as always, if you have any suggestions or ideas feel free to comment them, you will be credited if we

accept them!

[We still have spots open on our recruitment thread! If you are interested in joining any of the open positions on the team, click here and post on the thread, I will be sure to be in contact with you.](#)

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Octavia - *October 18, 2017, 12:39 am*

Rest in peace the legend Grape-Kun. ?

DerMensch24 - *October 18, 2017, 1:53 pm*

(Oct 18, 2017 12:39 AM)Octavia Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Rest in peace the legend Grape-Kun. ?
Yes :(he shall be missed indeed

Nevieth - *October 18, 2017, 1:54 pm*

Great edition! Should ping me on Discord whenever this comes out, I keep missing its upload.

Deany - *October 18, 2017, 2:00 pm*

RIP penguin you will be missed

DerMensch24 - *October 18, 2017, 6:59 pm*

(Oct 18, 2017 01:54 PM)Nevieth Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great edition! Should ping me on Discord whenever this comes out, I keep missing its upload.

Lol I would but you've been dead on discord for almost a month. RIP your laptop lol