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i++) Greetings

i++) April's Famous Birthdays

- Aug 27
 - Alexa Pena Vega B 1988 - Spy Kids movies, Repo! The Genetic Opera, The Devil's Carnival, Sin City: A Dame to Kill for
- Aug 28
 - Amanda Tapping B: 1965 England - Stargate SG-1, Stargate: Continuum, Stargate: The Ark of Truth, Stargate: Atlantis (Samantha Carter), Supernatural (Naomi)
 - Billy Boyd: B: 1968 Scotland - LOTR as Peregrin Took (Pippin)
- Aug 29
 - Dante Basco B: 1975 - Hook as Rufio
- Aug 30
 - Jessica Henwick B: 1992 England - Nymeria Sand in Game of Thrones
- Aug 31
 - Zack Ward B: 1970 Canada A Christmas Story (Scut Farkus), Transformers (First Sergeant Donnelly), Titus (Dave Scouvel)
- Sept 1
 - Scott Speedman B: 1975 England - Underworld movies as Michael
 - Burn Gorman B: 1974 - The Dark Knight Rises (Stryver), Crimson Peak (Holly), Game of Thrones (Karl Tanner), Torchwood (Owen Harper)
- Sept 2
 - Keanu Reeves B: 1964 - Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure, Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey, Bram Stoker's Dracula (Jonathan Harker), The Matrix movies as Neo, Constantine (John Constantine), John Wick, John Wick Chapter 2

i++) Video Game News with Jason

- World of Warcraft
 - Patch 7.3 this upcoming Tuesday
 - Evil Fiend mount looks cool. Like a demon with an axe on its head made with fel fire.
 - New heirloom neck piece w/ crit + haste and has an on-use to sacrifice 10% of your health for a 10 second 40% speed boost.
 - New dungeon on Argus, Seat of the Triumvirate, feels very purple and have 4 new bosses. Looking forward to running this in heroic and mythic+. Opens 3rd week.
 - New Artifact Relic upgrading.
 - Cool looking Fel Reaver in preview that will just be roaming around like in Outlands?
 - New Argus world bosses with unique loot drops.

- Lots of class change specs for Death Knight's Frost, Druid's Feral, Paladin and Shaman's Elemental happening. Small changes for other classes.
 - Reveal Cinematic: <https://youtu.be/1oZs5108cv8>
 - There will also be some new magic combat cast animations for pre-cast, one-handed cast, blizzard and arcane missiles.
- Overwatch
 - Cinematic for Mei is cute till you have to deal with her in the game again.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMdm32nkTcY>
 - New Junkertown Map coming!
 - Map: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mcPDd16_9dl
 - Funny Cinematic with Roadhog and Junkrat: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_q0QGtk_AM0
 - Note the Cowboy Bebop like intro which got a chuckle.
 - Mercy is getting a major overhaul and is currently OP on the PTR.
 - Ultimate ability is no longer resurrect but rather has been moved to a secondary ability and is single target with a "relatively long cooldown".
 - Her new ultimate ability is called Valkyrie and lasts 20 seconds and has the following changes when in effect:
 - Caduceus Staff: Mercy's healing and damage boost beams now affect all allies near the targeted teammate, and the staff's effective range has been extended
 - Caduceus Blaster: Granted infinite ammo, while simultaneously increasing damage and fire rate
 - Guardian Angel: Increased range and movement speed
 - Resurrect: Cooldown is instantly reset when Valkyrie is activated and reduced to 10s after the initial cast
 - Hover: Mercy gains the ability to fly freely, at increased movement speed
 - Regeneration (Passive): No longer interrupted when Mercy takes damage
 - D.Va will also have changes coming to Defense Matrix but nothing much beyond just mention has been released.
- Microsoft is overhauling it's Xbox Live reputation system which will allow players to still join and play in multiplayer because of the abuse of temporary suspensions occurring. Communication bans will still happen however and bans can still occur in some instances. Also Xbox will be overhauling its avatar system in the next few months. Hopefully this means my costumes for 360 will be ported and shown on the Xbox One console.
- In more Microsoft news, Xbox One X sales are outselling the PS4 Pro sales on Amazon though I'm not very surprised by this. Those with 4K TVs will probably opt for the Xbox One X over the PS4 Pro because of the greater graphics processor in the One X.

- In super exciting news for me, Secret of Mana is being remastered in 3D! I loved this game back on the SNES and I hope they'll offer the 2nd player co-op for it. It'll be released on PS4, PS Vita and Steam February 15th, 2018. I may just buy this for PS4 if co-op works otherwise Steam.
- Destiny 2's Beta preload has been going starting Aug 25th for the August 28th kick-off pre-order access to Beta. I'm excited and will be playing the hell out of this Beta though expect issues. Reported bugs may include the need for you to launch the game from Blizzard's Battle.net launcher rather than the desktop icon.

i++) Chris Talks Entertainment News

- This weekend's box office: "Hitman's Bodyguard" guards first place with \$21.6 mil (budget \$29mil), "Annabelle: Creation" screams up second place (\$15.5mil, \$64mil total, 425% of its budget), "Logan Lucky" careens into third with \$8mil.
- Wonder Woman Watch: Now \$404mil domestic, \$800mil worldwide!! Highly impressive!! 80 days since release. How much longer will it go?? Physical disc release on September 19, Digital estimated for August 29.
- SPOOOOON!! This week has us the return of cult classic "The Tick" to Amazon Prime.
- The passing of a Legend: Jerry Lewis, actor and host of the MDA marathon for many years, passed away in his home of natural causes at age 91 on Sunday morning.
- April 20, 2018, be ready to avoid the state of Vermont!! "Super Troopers 2" hits theatres that day! (was crowdfunded, \$4.4mil raised in 30 days, \$2mil goal set in 26 hours)

i++) April's D&D News

- D&D at Pax West!
 - Next Acquisitions Inc. Live D&D game takes place Sunday evening, September 3rd, at 6:30 pm Pacific Time. Join Dungeon Master Chris Perkins and the players: Mike Krahulik as Jim Darkmagic, Jerry Holkins and Mon Dran, Patrick Rothfuss as Viari, and special Guest Holly Conrad as Strix, Tiefling Sorcerer.
 - A horrible Death curse has befallen Jim Darkmagic, and the key to ending the curse is hidden deep in the jungles of Chult. The heroes of Acquisitions Incorporated join forces with a member of the Waffle Crew (from D&D twitch show Dice, Camera, Action!) to face their most harrowing challenge yet.
 - Panels (I'm pretty sure live on twitch) will be "Streaming Your D&D Game: From basement to Broadcast Friday Sept. 1st 3- pm PT. Panelists: Chris Perkins, Satine Phoenix, Ruty Rutenberg, Christ Lindsay, and Bill Benham.
 - Friday Sept 1st 5-6 pm pt Ask the Waffle Crew anything!
 - Panelists: Chris Perkins, Anna Prosser Robinson, Holly Conrad, and Jared Knabenbauer.
- 8/15/17 : D&D Beyond officially released. Now fully available!
- Podcasts of Annihilation!!!

i++) Jason's Techy Talk

- General Mills tried to trademark the color yellow for Cheerio boxes because it believed consumers associated that color with their product however the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board decided that since other competitors have also used yellow boxes they rejected the request.
- Amazon looks to complete the \$13.7B Whole Foods deal this coming Monday which may lead to those with Amazon Prime getting discounts when shopping at the store. There was also talk of some stores getting free food delivery and the ability to send back items to Amazon from these locations.
- Bill Gates and Richard Branson are backing a startup that can grow “clean meat” from self-producing animal cells. This would lead to animals no longer being slaughtered for their meat while also keeping things organic. Science!
- You may soon be able to order items from Wal-Mart via your Google Assistant platform, like Google Home, as Wal-Mart tries to step up their game to compete against Amazon’s Alexa ordering. I don’t use this service on Alexa because I don’t have faith it’ll provide me with the best price for that product said, Mr. Froogle Pants (Me).
- Jamie Condliffe reports via MIT Technology Review that Seegrid, a provider of material-handling equipment, takes the kinds of forklifts that move 8,000-pound loads around warehouses and makes them autonomous. Using just 5 camera and image recognition software it controls the forklift around the facility. It can just use camera’s due to consistent lighting in warehouses. Please note that you should not wear clothes that would match the floor color for fear of being run-over by this machine.

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