

OPINIONS

The Raider Reader recently won 25 Interscholastic League Press Conference Achievement Awards

6

first places

3

second places

9

third places

7

honorable mentions

LENDING a helping hand


The best of the most under-appreciated apps



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We make the joke all the time, “there’s an app for that,” but in this day and age it’s some-times hard

to find the *right* app. All kinds of apps can be found far and wide, but some of today’s gems are concealed under miles of more popular apps such as Clash of Clans and Mr. Jump. So here are the best of the unknown produc-tivity-lifestyle apps, the hidden jewels.

 Available on the App Store



Plant Nanny
by Fourdesire

Free
Available on the App Store, Google play and the Windows Phone.

Description

For those who don’t drink enough wa-ter or are looking to get better about the healthy habit, this app is for you. Adorably beneficial, the app provides its user with a plant to take care of, or “nanny”, and every time you water yourself, you water it, too! If you don’t water your plant, it will get sad and sick and eventually pass away, so you’re given the responsibility of a vir-tual life. Surprisingly, it actually seems to help improve daily water intake, because with time the user can unlock new plants and pots to put them in and then watch the plants grow. And no one wants to watch a cute little plant slowly wither away.



Zombies, Run!
by Six to Start

\$3.99
Available on the App Store and Google play.

Description

You’re running, collecting supplies and following along to the story in your headphones when all of a sudden you hear the snarling of zombies behind you and a voice in your ear telling you to run. Zombies, Run! is a fitness app with a plotline in which you play the hero who sets out to complete missions and survive the zombie apocalypse. While running, users follow along with the episode and do as instructed to get ahead and escape zombies. If they survive the episode, they are rewarded with the supplies they picked up along the way to help support their home base. Overall, the app provides a fun twist to the some-times tedious act of running and helps push users past their limits.



CARROT
by Grailr LLC

\$2.99
Available on the App Store.

Description

Consisting of the apps CARROT To-Do, CARROT Alarm, CARROT Weather, CARROT Hunger and CARROT Fit, the CARROT series makes up a lot of the best productivity apps hidden in the App store. All of the apps provide users with a unique way to keep their life in order and stay on task. They’re not just apps, but apps with a personality, and CARROT won’t let you get away with procrasti-nation or laziness. Although extremely judgmental and somewhat annoying, users often report the best results of productivity from using the series. All of the apps make fun of the user when they can and push when they need to for optimal results.

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from the Editor

With only a few short months follow-ing our publication of The Raid and awards season, the Blue Print staff had to switch from magazine design to online writing to newspaper in a blink of an eye. During the Interscholastic League Press Conference and Dallas Morning News student journalism competitions, we walked away with a total of 26 awards not including our Silver Star Award for the online publication. A Star Award is given to the best of the best in student publica-tions and we were one of 10 schools in the entire state to receive it. Above all, this was our first time to ever achieve

this high of an award. The staff has worked so hard this year and it shows through the recognition we’ve re-ceived from state competitions, teachers and students. I’ve walked down the hall-way and teachers have stopped me just to talk about how much progress as a staff we’ve made this year. It feels great to finally be recognized for our achieve-ments. I’m definitely ending my senior year on a high note and I can’t wait to see what Blue Print does next year.



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