



The Titan Tribune



TITAN THRIFT Clothes For Kids



By Jack Conner

If you look around school, you will notice one thing that everyone has in common: everyone wears clothes. However, there may be some students who cannot afford to keep buying clothes to wear to school. As a Title I school, Kennedy has a larger number of students who are living in poorer economic conditions than students in most schools. This dilemma has led to an incredible new Kennedy institution that is being sponsored and developed by the school’s amazing and benevolent teachers, under the guidance of Ms. Anderson. This new institution is known as Titan Thrift.

The idea of Titan Thrift was developed through the combined hard work of numerous teachers, most notably Ms. Anderson, Ms. Dollard, Ms. Gray, Ms. Martinez, and Ms. Vega. When interviewed, Ms. Anderson said the idea behind Titan Thrift came from experiences she had over her course of being a teacher at Kennedy. Anderson said that she used to bring her teenage kid’s outgrown clothes into her classroom, and before she knew it, they would be gone. Because of this occurrence, and the fact that 40% of Kennedy is on free or reduced lunch, Ms. Anderson realized we have a desperate need for a free clothing site at our school.

This brings up the question of what Titan Thrift actually is. Well, Titan Thrift is a free thrift store open to all students for them to access both shoes and clothing, along with other accessories, such as toiletries. The goal of Titan Thrift is to provide needed clothing

empathy among the students on campus for those who are less privileged than them. Empathy is an extremely important trait in today’s society, so it is important for students to build it up, while they are still young.

Titan Thrift is supported



Jack Conner (’22)

Ms. Anderson, Ms. Vega, and Ms. Gray stand in of Titan Thrift, a new store for students

ing and other materials to every student on campus, as well as to help build a community of giving around the campus. In addition to just describing the goal of providing clothing to those who need it, Ms. Anderson wants to use Titan Thrift as an opportunity to build

by numerous people, including the ones mentioned earlier along with the Damewoods, Mr. Hunter, and the Domelles. Amazingly, even though all these teachers have dedicated so much time to the project, Titan Thrift hasn’t cost the school anything. The project was

built off donations from teachers, many of whom have donated old clothes and encouraged their students to donate clothing to the store. To help provide funding for Titan Thrift, Ms. Anderson set up an area to donate on a site called DonorsChoose, and our principal, Mr. Velez, donated three racks to help the project. To put it into just one phrase, Titan Thrift has involved almost every teacher on campus, and aims to help every student in need.

Through the hard work and unimaginable kindness from both teachers and students, Titan Thrift is now open and available for you to visit to obtain clothing and any other necessities that may have been donated. Titan Thrift will be open during lunch and brunch, and is located in the room to the left of the ASB room in the amphitheatre. Remember, Titan Thrift is not just for you to grab clothes from; if you have any extra clothes you haven’t worn in a while, or are feeling generous and want to buy new clothes to donate, then make sure to bring them by Titan Thrift. Hopefully, Titan Thrift helps to build the community of empathy and generosity that it was meant for, and, by doing so, Titan Thrift should help make John F. Kennedy High School, and the world, a better place.

The Future of the SAT

By Isaac Aguirre

The notorious Blue Varsity scandal last year echoed the myriad inequities of the College Board in higher education. The abstract of the issue remains in the College Board’s reluctance to assess the test’s footprint in the socioeconomic status of test-takers and the conscientious reliability of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) as a worthy requirement for college admission in California’s Universities. The SAT is one of the many factors that collectively contribute to the holistic review of applicants in prestigious colleges and public universities. The “big test” is an embraced indicator for holistic reviews that determine the eligibility for applicants and their desired colleges, but has this test evolved into a redundant mechanism for the wealthy in elite schools? Or is this test valid as an assessment for every individual despite their socioeconomic background?

The responses are vaguely consistent from the college board, since they are accredited for the format of the test, and yet the public’s ultimate dissension regarding the reliability of the SAT is rapidly becoming an apparent issue. According to a Stanford Education analysis of the SAT role in America’s higher education titled Admission Testing in America: “At selective colleges where there are far more academically capable applicants than can be admitted, the admission officers choose ap-

plicants who fall into one of four categories; applicants who are academically exceptional; those that have a diverse background, experience, or talent; students likely to contribute valuably to society or their profession; and applicants

Yet the SAT continues to serve as a requirement for California Universities and seems fortified with state-wide support; immune from existential threats and elevated by the College Board. However, the requirement has



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Standardized tests may soon no longer be required for UC’s

that have a strong loyalty to their institution.” The populist ideology behind the SAT has leaked into many arguments that the SAT is a “privileged test” and is heavily influenced by the socioeconomic background of the test-taker-such as high school education, communities, and household poverty. This is self-evident in the College Board’s appeal for an adversity score that would quantify the socioeconomic factors of a student’s environment.

come under fire from lawsuits filed on behalf of the Compton School District, by several plaintiffs last year. According to a reportive article titled “UC violates civil rights of disadvantaged students by requiring SAT for admission, lawsuits say” from the Los Angeles Times: “The lawsuits allege that UC’s testing requirement violates the California Constitution’s equal protection guarantees and bans on discrimination by state education and civil rights laws.” The plain-

tiffs argued that the contending requirement of the SAT as a distinctive and deciding factor for college admissions in University of California schools with more than 300,000 students and several campuses, violated the student’s right if they possessed a disability protected under a code of law in California’s constitution. However, this anticipated lawsuit is unparalleled to prior lawsuits, but substantially magnifies the “complex issue” of socioeconomic factors and its dramatic impact on this standardized test.

The architects of inter-collegiate admissions and its corollary factor of the SAT may not have envisioned the dilemmas that have sprouted from this single stratification in college admissions. This test is a universal tool for colleges in America to measure student’s academic preparation but this is not fairly taken by students because their socioeconomic status and academic resources are biased elements of this dilapidating test. Whether the elimination of the SAT is a legitimate option in holistic admissions in the States or a diverged approach by admission officers to apply other crucial components of the application processes other than this standardized test, the palpable issue of its place in higher education will contend in the courts and demand attention from all whom this academic creed includes.

Jameela Jamil & The Weight of A New Instagram Policy

By Nicolette Madonna

Have you seen any Instagram advertisements recently? Perhaps a plastic celeb promoting a “detox” tea or diet pills? Or is Instagram itself just an advertisement, promoting a certain type of appearance and lifestyle? Jameela Jamil certainly has. After years of being promoted weight loss products and struggling with anorexia in her teenage years, Jamil has had enough. On Twitter, Jamil is constantly berating celebrities who promote these types of products. Kim Kardashian recently posted an Instagram photo advertising an appetite suppressant lollipop, and Jamil was quick to call her out, writing “No. F*** off. No. You terrible and toxic influence on young girls.” She’s also called out Cardi B, Khloe Kardashian, and Amber Rose tweeting, “Give us the discount codes to your nutritionists, personal chefs, personal trainers, airbrushers and plastic surgeons you bloody liars.”

In addition to her Twitter call-outs and personal crusades, Jamil founded I Weigh, an activist organization promoting that people weigh themselves not in numbers, but in achievements. For example, someone would post #IWeigh and follow it with their talents, education, and career. I Weigh has also been making strides by petitioning Instagram officials; their work has paid off, since Instagram’s new policy on diet products is a win for Jamil’s cause. The new policy going into effect this year singles out any advertisements relating to diets or cosmetics and prevents anyone who is under 18 from viewing the post. The second part of the new policy will take down any promotion with a ‘miraculous claim’ for violating community guidelines. If an influencer posts a photo with a diet shake, claiming drinking that product alone helped them lose 12 pounds, the post will be taken down. The main purpose behind the policy is to keep impressionable young people from falling victim to a villainous advertiser’s claims. Instagram has also said they want to promote a more healthy platform. Afterall, an advertiser-dependant platform does not want to lose business: no surprise there.

Regardless of actual intent, Jamil believes “The issue is at its peak because, in my day, you’d have to search for ages to find this toxic information, but now it finds you because of algorithms that know your age, sex and what you’re into...it’s the worst it’s ever

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been. Teenage suicides, eating disorder rates, the amount having cosmetic surgery and committing self-harm - they are all at the highest they've ever been. There's no way this isn't a correlation with what they're being exposed to online." So Jamil suggests, to keep yourself from falling into the trap

of comparing yourself to others, that you "curate your space." She says "I don't follow models, people who sell weight loss products, or anyone who makes me feel bad about the way I look, live my life or if I have enough money." Jamil wants people to apply the same ideas they use to pick their group

of friends to who they follow on social media. "Anyone who makes me feel bad about myself or my life I mute, block or delete. You have the power." So weigh yourself in your accomplishments, unfollow people who promote toxic products, and remember that you are the one in control.

New Year's Resolutions

Pictures and interviews by Britney Nguyen and Noah Macias



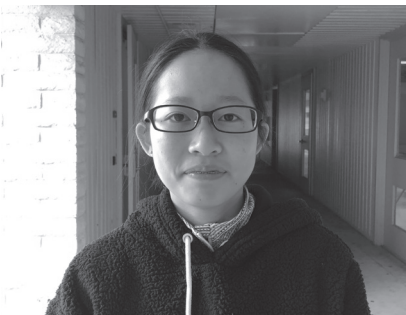
"I want to have better time management."
- Donovan Shoulders ('23)



"I want to focus in school and get better grades."
- Julian Brown ('23)



"I want to clean my room and work out more."
- Yen Luu ('22)



"Sleep more, try to be less stressed, take naps, paint, and read more books."
- Serena Chen ('22)



"My New Year's resolution is to get good grades and do as little as possible."
- John Espinosa ('21)



"To make new friends and try to get more out of my comfort zone."
- Kristin Banchieri ('20)



"My New Year's resolution was to make a college soccer team and I was able to accomplish it. I will be playing for West Valley College for JC soccer. It is very exciting that I achieved that resolution so early."
- Alexis Jade Coloma ('20)



"I don't make New Year's resolutions."
- Ms. Rodriguez (Staff)



"I'm circumventing the consumer system to up my civil disobedience game; my plan is to be more active for important issues. For the environment, I'm not going to buy any new clothes; instead, I'll thrift or barter with friends."
- Ms. Dollard (Staff)

Fatal Finals

By Andrea Medina

Final's season, the season of stress and study groups frantically trying to review a whole term's worth of knowledge in a week. Who couldn't possibly enjoy this? Students, students don't enjoy this, and for various reasons, from just making one feel stressed out to actual sickness, like nausea and headaches. Finals aren't exactly necessary, the goal isn't to relearn the material, but to simply pass the test. After asking a couple students what their opinions on finals was one can assume they don't really enjoy them.

- "I think finals are a good way to review what we have learned throughout the year, but they are really stressful. I also don't like that sometimes finals aren't on the designated last two days of the year, because it doesn't give me as much time to study and take the test." - Erin Martinez '21

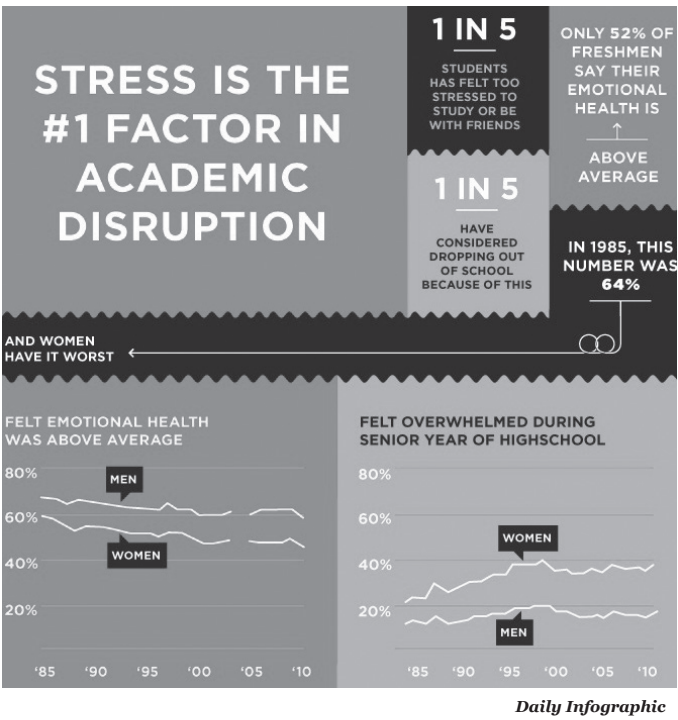
- "Finals brings a lot of stress and anxiety into students, and a lot of the time it can make or break your grade.

If finals were not implemented, students would be able to shift their focus on other things, and end off on a better note. Finals don't have to be the factor that reflects on what a student knows. The term can end on a better note, and a stressful test doesn't have to be the answer." -Mark Haddad '21

- In my opinion, I think that finals are stressful and they make people stress you out to the point where you just want to cry. Having to think about passing or not passing is also hard and it makes people

think that they can't do well on them. -Ana Domingo '21

Taking finals can be pretty stressful for many due to having to perform in high pressure environments. Studies support and show that we tend to perform badly in such situations. In an interview from "NewScientist" with Psychologist Sian Beilock it was revealed that under pressure our "the ability of working memory to direct attention to what's relevant is compromised. A computer is a good analogy. If you're running lots of programs at once, everything slows down. If you add worry to the mix, the attention needed to focus on the task can go awry." If a student has done their work and is passing the class, it shouldn't be necessary to test them on whether or not they remember everything that was taught to them. Mental health is an important factor in a students' school life, and feeling overwhelmed can lead to students just being completely uninterest-



Students today have the worst mental health of any student group studied

ed in school. All of this is sure to bring unhealthy stress to a student which is why we shouldn't take finals.

KENNEDY'S PEER ADVOCATES

By Andrea Valerio

Have you ever seen a student walking around with a pink badge? As a Peer Advocate, I noticed that not a lot of students are aware of what Peer Advocates are or do around campus. Because mental health is important and

Event Planning

This group is in charge of planning mental health-related events, fundraisers and creating posters of both. One recent event hosted by the Peer Advocates was Suicide Prevention Week before Thanks-

Public Relations (PR)

Is in charge of running the peers' Instagram (@jfkpeers) and posting mental health-related or positive messages.

As Peer Advocates, we take confidentiality seriously and

the program, I asked Jasmine Jordan, a senior at Kennedy, the President of Peers and a third year in the Peer Resource program, how the class made her feel? "It is welcoming with open arms, warm-hearted and I consider it my sec-

nedy, added, "When I enter the class, I feel very warm and welcomed. It's such a loving environment and you feel acknowledged and cared for."

If you or a friend are in need of a peer counselor, you can



Mr. Hunter

Kennedy's Peer Advocates form a close family bond

a top priority of ours, Peer Advocates strive to help make Kennedy a safe and accepting environment. As peers, we welcome all students with peer counseling, resolving conflicts and educating students about mental health. Peer Advocates are students who were trained through the Peer Resource program to deal with conflict mediation and peer (or counsel) students. Each Peer is in one of four committees in the program;

giving break, which included little events during brunch and lunch at the quad and amp.

Open Arms

Want somewhere to hang out during lunch to eat, play games, or watch a movie? Open arms is hosted every Tuesday and Thursday in room 222 and is open to everyone. It's a cozy room to meet new people, chat with friends, or take a short little nap.

Peer Pals

Are in charge of touring new students and informing them about upcoming events, sports, or clubs.

always keep things between the student being peered and ourselves. Unless it is a DTI, meaning it is our duty to inform any counselor or our teacher, Mrs. Castillo whether you plan to harm yourself, others are planning to harm themselves, or you or someone else is planning to harm others. Students who take the class meet and bond with people you never knew or would talk to around campus, which leads to unexpected bonds and friendships.

Wanting to receive a few Peer Advocates' perspective about

ond home, safe place, and my family." Lance Flores, a junior at Kennedy and second-year student in the program added, "In the beginning, it was sort of awkward because there was a bunch of people I didn't know, but as soon as we got into what the class was about, everyone was getting closer and in the end, we all became really close friends and it was super cool. It's also a good class to really get to know other people and learn about what matters the most, which is to help others." New to the program, Sydney Nguyen, a senior at Ken-

request a peer in room 222, by asking your teacher or privately messaging us on Instagram (@jfkpeers). Or if you or a friend are interested in becoming a Peer Advocate in the Fall for the 2020 school year. Join our Remind by texting @3k7362f to 810-10, interviews will be held in the Spring of 2020. Applicants must be a current freshman, sophomore, or junior to join!

Nationalism: An Epidemic

By Sricharan Guddanti
Nationalists. Conservatives. Republicans. What do these groups of people have in common? Well, they are more or less think the same way, and the world is moving toward the ideologies of these groups.



Foreign Policy
Nationalism is strongly represented by U.S. citizens

So what is their ideology? They often support free-market capitalism, consisting of free enterprise and business along with a strong national military investment and lower taxes. It is this ideology that is changing the world. With more and more goods being traded, many countries are becoming insecure about their economies. The reason for this is that when a certain country imports more items than they export, more companies outside the country are profiting, rather than the companies inside the country. This causes the economy to weaken and companies to lose authority over their market. This is exactly what is happening to America. The United States is importing so many goods from China that American companies are not able to compete in their

market. In 2018, the US imported \$557.9 billion worth of products from China whereas the US only exported \$179.3 billion, resulting in a staggering \$378.6 billion deficit with China. In other words, Chinese companies are taking

interacting with each other worldwide, whereas nationalization is the idea of keeping what a country has to itself. The world trend is going towards nationalization. Narendra Modi. Boris Johnson. Donald Trump. These leaders are just a few who have pushed for nationalization so that their countries can be self-sufficient and benefit from their work. Over the past years, globalization has been the dominant idea of many countries, but there are benefits and reasons as to why nationalization is increasing in popularity. One of the biggest reasons is jobs. In America, unemployment used to be nearly 10 percent. By restricting imports from other countries, Trump is pushing U.S. companies to manufacture here in the United States. This is what Trump wrote on Twitter, according to reuters.com: “Our great American companies are hereby ordered to immediately start looking for an alternative to China, including bringing your companies HOME and making your products in the USA,” Trump wrote on Twitter. “We don’t need China and, frankly, would be far better off without them.” According to Trump’s plan, the manufacturing sector of jobs previously filled by Chinese companies will now become a void for new job openings in America. However, this strategy has backfired on Trump: the unemployment rate of the U.S. has increased from 3.5% to 3.6% in a month. The industry that got hit the most was the manufacturing industry. It is hard to tell whether Trump’s actions are good or bad for the United States, but one thing is certain: he is trying to help the country, just not in a typical way.

over the American market, which boosts China’s economy, but diminishes the American economy. This effect already has caused the U.S. to become dependent on China for its manufacturing and products, making us vulnerable to other countries, especially China. Donald Trump. All the criticism aside, Trump is trying to fix this problem. He has made the bold decision to stand up against China, instead of depending on them like every President before him has. This course of action has led to an avalanche of tariffs and taxes on imports to America, spurring the China-America Trade War. This brings up the topic of globalization and nationalization. Both of these methodologies are opposites: globalization is the idea of people, companies, and countries

World War III: An Existential Crisis

By Taneesh Kondapally
World War III may be starting soon, and this time, the U.S. is to blame. On January 3rd, 2020, President Trump ordered an airstrike on a convoy in Baghdad, Iraq, where Major General Qassem Soleimani of Iran was getting off an airplane. This strike was called for Soleimani’s past actions and as a deterrent for any future actions that may cause harm to U.S. citizens. Soleimani controlled Iran’s terrorist proxies, and was responsible for the use of advanced weaponry that killed hundreds of American soldiers. The U.S. called the strike to prevent actions like these from happening again. Iran has promised retaliation for these attacks, which has prompted Trump to tweet out that he would target 52 Iranian sites if they retaliated. Just a few days later, on January 8, Iran sent a missile strike on a base in Iraq housing American troops. This missile strike reported no casualties, although it was later reported that the missile strike was sent with intention ‘to kill.’ This retaliation from Iran is a serious issue that can serve as reason for the U.S. to strike back, escalating conflict further, and potentially starting a serious war that could plague the countries for years to come. This strike has been met with serious controversy. Many critics argue that the costs of this airstrike, like starting a serious conflict with a country with a lot of geopolitical power, outweigh the benefits. More people argue that the possibility of a draft will strike fear into qualifying Americans. The decision has been supported publicly by Mike Pompeo, the Secretary of State: “We are confident that the Iraqi people want the United States to continue to be there to fight the

counterterror campaign, and we’ll continue to do all the things we need to do to keep America safe.” The retaliation from Iran has led

to speculation that a missile from the missile strike on the Iraqi base may have hit the plane, causing it to go down, further supported by




The Epoch Times
President Donald Trump killed Major General Qassem Soleimani in an air strike on January 3rd, 2020

many people to think retaliation from the U.S. could be coming for the missile strike. Such speculation has resulted in many rumors about many unrelated instances being related to the ongoing conflict between Iran and the U.S., such as a Boeing 737 going down shortly after takeoff from Tehran, killing 176 people on a Ukraine Airlines flight going to Kyiv, Ukraine. The Boeing 737 plane series has had a history of crashing, but this crash was special. At least one U.S. based aviation expert believes that the plane wasn’t intact before impact with the ground and video evidence shows the plane on fire before it hit the ground. This has led

the fact that the plane never called ‘mayday.’ People from other countries got harmed as a result of the conflict between the U.S. and Iran. This is an international issue that can lead to many other countries being involved and could eventually lead to another world war. The strike ordered by President Trump on Major General Qassem Soleimani has caused serious controversy in the minds of many Americans around the country, and has extended its ideas to people outside the U.S. This action could bring the U.S. toward a crash course to a world war crisis, and this crisis could be unavoidable.

A Deadly Tradition

By Tara Kavasseri
In Nepal, the government has struggled to end the use of ‘period huts,’ or small shacks, where women are sent to live when they are menstruating. According to



ABC

In Nepal, women are forced to stay in the tiny chhau hut when they are menstruating

HuffPost, this practice, known as Chhaupadi, was outlawed in 2005. Unfortunately, as of yet, the law has been unable to eliminate period huts, and until recently no one had ever been arrested for forcing a woman to use a period hut. Parwati Budha Rawat, a 21-year-old woman from the district of Accham, was found dead on December 2. She had been exiled to a period hut, and in an attempt to keep herself warm during the freezing night, she lit a fire and suffocated from the smoke. Her hut had been windowless and thus had allowed for little to no air ventilation. HuffPost states that her brother-in-law, Chhatra Rawat, was questioned and arrested to determine if he had forced her to stay in the hut. Chhatra may face a three-month prison stay and a fine of nearly 3,000 rupees

(26 dollars) if he is found guilty. While the police are being applauded for Chhatra Rawat’s arrest, many people believe that the Nepali government must enforce this law more strongly. According to CNN, despite the ban, at least 77 percent of women in Nepal practice Chhaupadi. These women face threats from not just the frigid weather and poor sanitation, but wildlife and other people. “The women and girls we spoke to were terrified of snakes and animals coming in at night, or of being attacked by strangers,” explains Dr. Jennifer Thomson, as reported by EurekAlert. On top of that, 40% of the girls surveyed by the University of Bath weren’t even aware that practicing Chhaupadi was illegal. This tradition is even deadlier for women who do not have a hut to sleep in. In an article by EurekAlert, Dr. Thompson also added that “...if they did not have access to a chhau hut, or if it had been damaged or destroyed, we heard anecdotal evidence that women were often forced to sleep outside, open to the elements, or with animals.” The Nepali government has attempted to confront this issue from a different angle by giving a woman “a financial incentive of 5,000 rupees,” if they refuse to enter a period hut, as stated by HuffPost. However, this monetary incentive is far from a solution. Many people believe that the government must be even harsher in its punishments for Chhaupadi crimes if the country is to eradicate the deeply ingrained practice soon.

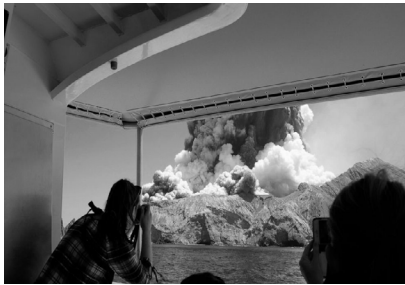
White Island Disaster

By Sonali Dhaliwal
Planet Earth is negatively affected each day by our actions. By the toxins that we put into the world using gasses and fires, we are limiting our time on Earth even more. Not only are these actions affecting humans, but animal life is also highly impacted. Along with being one of the most popular tourist attractions, White Island is also one of the most active volcanoes in New Zealand. Although it is unfortunate outcomes include deadly emissions of sulfur dioxide and steam, explosive eruptions, boiling mud, mudslides, and tsunamis, the chances of an eruption is quite rare. Authorities from New Zealand are opening up a criminal investigation into the deadly volcano eruption that left eight missing, including two children, and dozens injured. Currently, officials have reported 16 deaths. While 47 people were believed to be present on White Island during the eruption. This investigation will be centered on the safety of the tourists to be on White Island, during the time of the eruption. According to officials, hundreds of tourists were on or near the island during the eruption and had little to no warning. It was also very dangerous for rescuers!

The six bodies that were recovered Friday, were taken to Auckland where they had to undergo a detailed victim identification process. Many of the survivors were injured, with some suffering tragic burns, according to police. In recent updates, officials reported that 25 people are in critical condition. Ministry of Health officials officially confirmed 31 people were injured, including 25 victims which are now in regional burn units across New Zealand. The victims received burns covering more than 30% of their bodies. Military specialists went through a four-hour mission, wearing breathing apparatuses and hazmat masks due to the treatment of toxic gas. A high quantity of ash and other various types of fallout from the eruption contami-

nated the water, and professional investigation divers were searching with barely any visibility. The contamination is requiring divers to take extra precautions to ensure their safety. They are beginning to use special protective equipment. The divers reported seeing a high number of dead fish and other animals washed ashore or floating in the water. The water is now very toxic to the remaining plants and animals in the area!

The hazards which are



BBC
The aftermath of the White Island Eruption

expected from such steam-driven eruptions are considered violent ejections ash. This is along with the formation of “hurricane-like” currents of wet ash and other harmful particles that are let out during eruptions. These can be highly deadly in terms of the impact of trauma, respiratory problems, and burns. The eruptions are usually very short, but once one takes place, there is a high chance for generally smaller disasters, as the system re-equilibrates. Currently, the police are still undergoing further investigation. The main goal is for police to identify, find, and help more victims. So far, multiple people are still reported missing and search teams are on the hunt. Officials told the public not to go to the beach, or anywhere near the volcano, as it is still highly risky. Officials are asking for any sort of support the public may be able to offer. They are asking for assistance in searching, donations, and even just providing motivation. With this, a big difference can be made before it is too late. If actions are not taken, we and our future children may be very harmfully affected.

PROTESTS AROUND THE WORLD

By Andrea Valerio
Hong Kong: What started as peaceful rallies has turned into chaos. The protesters and the Hong Kong government, have different political views, and both sides have no sign of backing down. At first, the protests began because of the Extradition bill, which stated that anyone arrested in Hong Kong would be extradited to mainland China. This threatened Hong Kong because its laws are similar to the west and Hong

protesters’ demands expanded, including an investigation of the police, more democratic norms, and voting for the leadership of Hong Kong. Since the protests began, massive scenes of violence occurred between small groups and the police. More than six thousand arrests were made and sixteen thousand tear-gas rounds and ten thousand rubber balls were shot, causing more than 11 deaths. While a large group of protesters have

ers have turned to violence and destruction in an attempt to force the government’s hand. Recently, arrested protesters are “committing suicide” while in jail, although many people claim they are being killed by the government. On top of that, the Hong Kong Internet Service Providers Association has warned that internet access would be restricted for the region. This severely impacts other regions, such as Mainland China because Hong Kong is known to be a major telecommunication hub. Ultimately, no one knows how it will end. The Hong Kong government and police forces have done little to calm tensions in the city and protestors have shown few signs of backing down, despite thousands of arrests.

the use of tear gas and batons to disperse protests and the beating of unarmed students with wooden poles in New Delhi. In order to receive Indian citizenship, native-born citizens have to pass the citizenship test. According to the New York Times, the government had said the test was intended to

Jains. Although Government officials have said the law is intended to protect persecuted religious minorities in neighboring countries, despite the fact that it would not protect persecuted Muslims. This worries many Muslims because the citizenship test and law could be used to strip them from



The NY Times

Choas and protests in Hong Kong at their peaks in this scaling crisis

Kong is a democracy, while China is communist. Although the unpopular bill was withdrawn, the

been nonviolent by surrounding police stations and forming large marches. A minority of protest-

India: In December, the anger over a new citizenship law led to chaos in more than a dozen cities. In response to the chaos and unrest, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a conservative Hindu nationalist enacted a curfew, shut down the internet and deployed troops. This lead to violent police confrontations; fatally shooting several young men in Assam State,



CNN

Muslims in India protesting out of fear of being placed into detention camps

root out undocumented immigrants from Bangladesh. Those who could not provide documentary evidence risk being sent to detention camps. Many oppose the citizenship test because it discriminates against Muslims and only applies to Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsees, and

the rights they have had for decades and send them to detention camps. However, some non-Muslims are opposed because they believe that Prime Minister Modi is attempting to dismantle India’s secular traditions and turn the country into a religious state as a homeland for Hindus.

FIGHTING SEXUAL ASSAULT INSIDE INDIA

By Tara Kavasseri

Trigger warning for detailed descriptions of abuse, violence, and sexual assault/r*pe. The most graphic descriptions have been italicized.

India’s officials receive reports of around 100 cases of sexual assault every day, according to the National Crime Records Bureau. This is equivalent to over 30,000 cases a year. However, many incidents go unreported, as victims who speak up are often shamed and shunned. Recently, India has seen a renewed surge of anger over the lack of justice for victims of sexual assault. On December 1st, activists marched through New Delhi in a call for

each man raped her, one at a time. When they were done, they strangled her. According to CNN, her body was found 20 kilometers from the scene of the assault. *She was practically unrecognizable, as her attackers had soaked her body in fuel and set her on fire in an attempt to destroy the evidence of their crime.* CNN states that the four members of the gang were recently arrested for both her murder and rape. Such cases are not uncommon. *On November*

the government take action. According to CNN, Ranjana Kumari, the Social Research Director in New Delhi, said, “If law and order and enforcement is strong, then the law starts acting as a deterrent...The law is not acting as a deterrent.” A year ago, India’s rape laws were amended to increase prison time for rapists, and a death penalty was installed for cases in which the victim was twelve or younger. Despite the fact that there have been many such cases,



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Families in India speaking up about the rapes and sexual assaults they’ve witnessed or become victim to throughout the years, that were too scared to say anything up until now

justice for one particular victim. The unnamed girl was a 27-year-old veterinarian from Hyderabad. While getting on her scooter, she noticed that it had a flat tire. Allegedly, according to CNN, she was a targeted victim. A member of a gang had purposefully deflated her tire. Three men approached her in the guise of offering assistance. They then covered her mouth and forcibly relocated her to an isolated location. *Allegedly,*

26th in Jharkhand, India, 12 men gang-raped a 25-year-old woman. New Delhi Television Limited states that the law student was with her male friend. The armed gang beat up and incapacitated the man *before dragging the woman away, where they each raped her.* She reported them to the police and all twelve suspects have been detained. Incidents such as these are far too common in India, and many activists are demanding that

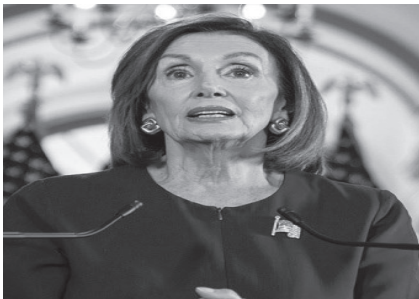
both reported and unreported, CNN claims that India has not yet executed any convicted rapists. CNN states that only 28,000 of 117,000 reported rape cases were brought to trial in 2017. Kumari, a women’s rights activist, declares to CNN, “The truth of the matter is that nobody gets punished.” A harsher crackdown and enforcement of rape laws would, hopefully, deter many would-be rapists and save countless people.

WHAT’S UP WITH TRUMP?

By Sricharan Guddanti

Two. That’s the number of U.S. presidents that have been impeached as of November 2019. Fast forward to now, January 2020, that number is now three. On December 18, 2019, President Trump was officially impeached, or charged (as holder of public office) with misconduct, on the imputation that he violated the Emoluments Clause twice, once domestic and once international. The Emoluments Clause states that no president can abuse and/or use his power to his/her own benefit whether that be promoting

of events infringed the Emoluments Clause. The six committees assigned to investigate Trump’s actions looked for any clear-cut evidence on whether what he’s done has violated the Emoluments Clause. But in reality, Trump has been breaking this constitutional rule since the moment he stepped into office, using the resorts and hotels he owns to host multiple events in the past three years. His most recent attempt was in proposing to host the G-7 summit at his very own resort in Dorul, Florida. On his announcement of the summit location, Democrats, some Republicans, and govern-



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House Speaker Pelosi will not let any injustice go unchecked

a law that would help the president’s bank account, or conducting a quid pro quo (an exchange) like Trump attempted to do with Ukraine from May 2019 to September 2019. Trump allegedly blocked Congressionally mandated military aid to Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden, a former Vice President and a potential, democratic presidential candidate. This action violated the Emoluments Clause and gave way for Democrats, who were looking for a reason to impeach Trump, to highlight these events and push the investigation. After all, this impeachment process is an important reminder to politicians and Americans that the government was broken into three branches to perform checks and balances on one another, making sure no one branch or person gets too powerful. To better understand the situation, let’s take a deeper look at what happened. President Trump temporarily blocked four-hundred million dollars in congressionally mandated military aid intended to go to Ukraine, in hopes that Ukraine would help Trump investigate Joe Biden and his son, and hinder Biden’s presidential campaign. Trump’s exchange with Ukraine culminated in a July 25, 2019 phone call with the Ukraine president, Volodymyr Zelensky. As mentioned before, these series

ment watchdogs, almost immediately attacked the president’s decision. Not too long after, Trump reversed his decision and claimed he was open to other options. It is unclear what Trump’s intentions are exactly, but actions have shown ignorance regarding national law, and Congress calling him out on this breach of law. The impeachment trial lasted nearly three months from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announcing the beginning of the investigation on September 24 to December 18, 2019 when the House deemed Trump guilty, making him the third president to be impeached in U.S. history. The investigation now continues in the Senate, where the articles of impeachment will be voted on to decide whether Trump will stay in office or be removed. So far, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has not confirmed a plan on how to conduct the trial. In addition, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said that she will not send the articles of impeachment to the Senate unless they have a clear plan for the trial. Despite all this drama, the impeachment trial is unlikely to pass in the Senate considering the Republican majority and two-thirds majority voting rule, which would allow Trump to continue his tenure in office without any major ramifications.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION PROBLEMS

By Alyssa Pulido

Remember that resolution question you were asked on the first day of the year? Perhaps you answered what you thought the correct answer was. Maybe you didn't answer at all. Every year, the phrase “New Year, New Me” appears on the internet and is heard coming out of people's mouths. Being constantly overwhelmed with such statements pushes people to make commitments they are not ready for, or simply ones they don't feel like making. In turn, New Year's resolutions often get canceled before change has a chance to develop.

While change is what gives humans the knowledge necessary for growth, it takes time and motivation. To remove qualities you feel need to be removed, you must go through a process that takes away your time and energy. With January 1st boosting up people's spirits, some think, how hard could it be? Thanks to Taylor Oakley, we are able to picture how hard it truly is. Oakley states, “But here's the truth about change: it's like remolding yourself. It's like melting down your substance so that it doesn't have a real shape anymore, and picking out a new shape for it to be. It's like trying to find where the right puzzle piece goes, but for a while, it was crammed in the wrong spot and now it's a little broken.” In an effort to truly transform, one must commit to ridding themselves of their negative aspects, even when it seems tough. Those who make it to the end are likely to find pleasing results. As long as you're pa-

tient with yourself, there is no reason to give up.

If the Fairy Godmother was real, her true form might be January 1st. When it comes to living life a new way, people tend to wait until the New Year comes around to start trying. There's something about the first day of

mice that worked hard to make her something as beautiful as the fairy's creation. So, maybe you don't have a magical fairy that can do things for you in an instant, but you do have the ability to work hard for the change you seek.

According to Jenny Marchal on lifehack.org, extrinsic goals focus on your outward influences such as wealth, popularity, and rank, while intrinsic goals involve your personal relationships and health. When people come up with resolutions, they normally consider the opinions of others instead of what they need to feel good. Changing according to what you think is required is not ideal. As New Year's resolutions are set to reflect “mistakes” from previous years, all you're doing is attempting to remove part of who you are. There's nothing wrong with changing to be a better person unless you're doing it to please others. That's when the lack of motivation starts to kick in, and you give up on your resolution.

Seeing that it's a time for new ideas, start considering your intrinsic goals (they have feelings too) when coming up with a resolution. Make a realistic plan to reach your goal and slowly increase the challenge. It doesn't matter that the month of January is almost over. There is no need to wait for 2021. Every second is giving you a chance to make a change. So take it. On that note, I wonder why the New Year hasn't made me able to fly yet.



Cartoon Bucket

The only difference between us and Cinerella is we can't solve problems with a bibbidi-bobbidi-boo

the year that brings motivation for people to get started working towards their goal. This is a problem because the illusion that things are different simply because it's the start of a new year eventually shatters when there's a lack of success. This shows how January 1st isn't a Fairy Godmother that can give you a new dress in an instant. Instead, the first day is there as a reminder that you don't have a Fairy Godmother. Unable to see this in a good way makes January the month of depression. Everyone focuses on the fact that they don't have a Fairy Godmother and refuse to see that they're really fortunate. Before her stepsisters ruined her dress, Cinderella had

TIPS FOR DISNEY IN WINTER

By Alyanna Davis

When traveling to “The Happiest Place on Earth,” it could be hectic booking tickets, finding somewhere to sleep or stay on budget. During the winter, it could be an extra hassle trying to accomplish everything. Millions of people travel to California each year for the chance to live the true Disney life. A handful of people agree that winter is one of the most stressful times to go to Disneyland because of crowds. The activities and festivals are worth it! Here are some tips to help guide your future visits to Mickey Mouse's home.

1. Check the Crowds

Crowds are one of the biggest stressors when it comes to Disneyland. Since it's one of the most well-known travel destinations in California, the theme park will most likely be busy, only during certain times. However, the parks crowds lessen during certain times of the year. Waiting in line for rides waste your time, meaning you won't get to explore or do everything on your list. Since it's mid January, it's easier to get photos with favorite characters with less crowds. With smaller mobs of people, you'll be able to ride favorite rides over and over again.

If you didn't know, Disneyland holds the authority to

block annual pass holders from

which results in smaller crowds.



Disney Parks

The magic of Disneyland in the Winter

entering during certain times; this cancels regulars from the normal crowd. These dates differ and depend on whether the park is busy or not.

Busiest

1. Mid-March and April
2. Late May to Mid-June
3. July to Mid-August

Least busiest

1. Early February
2. Mid to late January
3. Late April
4. Mid-June to early June
5. Early to Mid November

2. Seasonal Changes

Because of California's usually mild weather, visiting will most likely be delightful during any season. During the winter, temperatures decrease slightly, which means visits will be chillier. In Anaheim, there may be a slight chance of rain during the chilly season,

In addition to less crowded lines, the park offers free dinner plans during the winter. It's advisable to prepare by packing warmer clothes and umbrellas, or waterproof jackets if rain occurs. You can have an even more enjoyable week at the amusement park if prepared.

3. Prices

Going to Disneyland on a budget could be difficult depending on the season, which significantly affects the amount of crowding and ticket prices. Going during less crowded seasons or times of the year will lead to Disney prices dropping. During the off-season, visitors can save up to \$30 per person. Unlike during Christmas when park tickets skyrocket. Although, seasonal pass holders are less likely to run into money issues. In addition, airfare can be cheaper during the off-season. The combination of a cheap amusement park ticket, airfare, and hotel room is music to one's ears. Despite the crowds, high prices, a reasonable amount of people enjoy visiting Disneyland during its busiest time of year. Whether you choose to go during the summer or winter, remember that having fun is the main priority

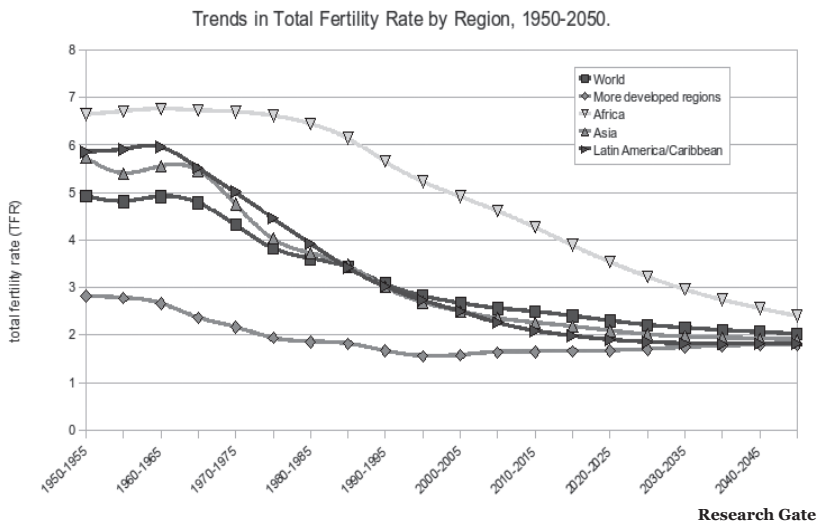
Birth Rates

By Keziah Arellano

Babies, what's going on? We have recently found out that since 2018, the rate of babies born has decreased 2%. Only 3.8 million babies were born last year. That is the lowest tally mark the world has seen since 1986. People have either chosen to not have babies or they simply cannot. Miscarriages and infertility have had

fully, teen pregnancy has dropped 7% from 2017-2018. Economics are starting to have an affect on the decision to have kids as well.

Income continues to stay the same, while prices for everything rises. Companies need more money to be able to thrive. This is affecting parents and their desires to have kids. Americans



Fertility rates have dropped significantly

a huge affect on this percentage. Some parents have addictions and are not capable of having a child and raising it. Income has gone down while prices have gone up. Some parents simply cannot take care of kids. They just do not have the money for a child. Many things can go wrong while being pregnant and since abortion is under threat of restriction of abolition, there is no way out. Many things affect childbirth, but only some have a drastic impact.

Many different things impact childbirth. Infertile couples, partaking in drugs or drinking before pregnancy or while, and miscarriages. 10% of women and 7% of men in the world are unable to fertilize or be fertilized. Those that may be able to get pregnant, sometimes end the pregnancy with abortion or because of miscarriage. 1 in 4 women have to experience the pain of losing a baby. The couples that do get “lucky,” if that's your choice in words, take good care of this growing fetus in their body. Alas, around 6% of women and 11% of men still continue with the struggle of addiction. These parents are typically teenagers who did not plan on getting pregnant at such a young age. Thank-

are predicted to have only around 1.73 children in their lifetime. Babies costs about \$12,000 per year to maintain good health and to be happy. Middle class in the U.S had \$17,867 less income than 2007 in 2015. The difference has only gotten larger. At this point, parents just do not have that kind of money required to build a healthy family.

Abortion has become a political hot button and women who get them are shamed and harassed by friends and family. Abortion has recently been outlawed in Georgia, Ohio and Mississippi. After six weeks, it is illegal for women to get an abortion, due to lawmakers claims that the fetus is a “human”. Because of this limited rights to family choice, couples are now scared to become pregnant.

Abortion, income, sicknesses, addiction, and infertility have all affected the birth rate. Only recently have we seen a drastic change in this rate. Overall, the amount of children that are born will continue to go down and down, all due to multiple situations in a person's life.

JANUARY HOROSCOPES

By Sricharan Guddanti and Tara Kavasseri



Aquarius
Jan 20 – Feb 18

Your crush will walk up and whisper “howdy brother” to you.



Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22

‘That’ friend will start inviting themselves over to your house.



Pisces
Feb 19 – Mar 20

A puppy will follow you home after school.



Virgo
Aug 23 - Sep 22

You will be voted as ‘most likely to be late’ by your third block class.



Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19

You will unwillingly become involved in a risky scheme.



Libra
Sep 23 - Oct 22

You will go viral for 4.5 hours.



Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20

You will discover your friend's secret talent.



Scorpio
Oct 23 - Nov 21

A string of bad luck followed by a moment of great fortune is coming.



Gemini
May 21 – June 20

Someone will send you an unlabeled mixed tape.



Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21

You'll get a ticket for speeding, and the next day you will meet a famous musician.



Cancer
Jun 21 - Jul 22

You will develop an unhealthy relationship with coffee.



Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19

While you are asleep, someone you trust will dye your hair orange.

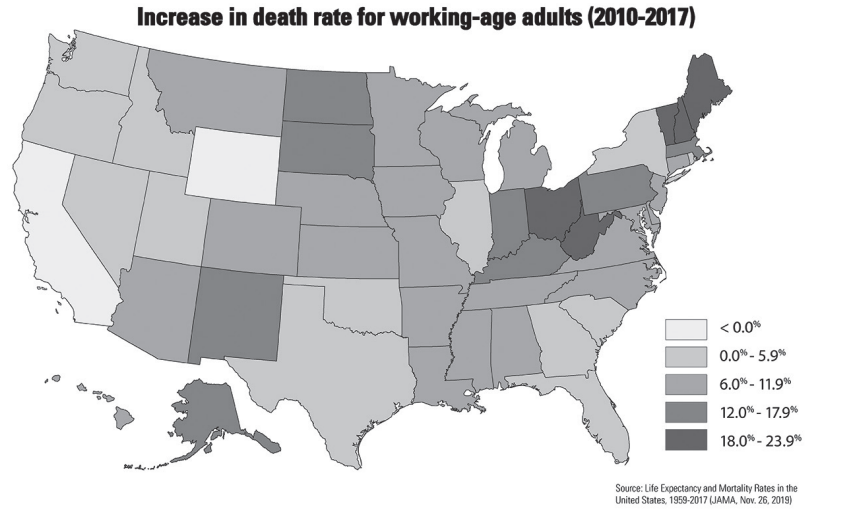
America’s Life Expectancy Plummets

By Isabelle David

Everyone wants a long, happy life. But how long can Americans continue to fulfill that wish? According to a recent article written by Washington Post, Americans are dying drastically younger.

The life expectancy of Americans began to slowly increase, but death rates in America have skyrocketed in the past decade. Joel Achenbach from Washington post says, “...the highest relative jump in death rates from 2010 to 2017 — 29 percent — has been among people age 25 to 34.” During these ages, most people are just starting to kick off their life. Whether it is getting a

increased by 351 percent. Jay Olshansky, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, states, “...kids are acquiring obesity in their early teen years, sometimes under the age of 10. When they get up into their 20s, 30s and 40s, they’re carrying the risk factors of obesity that were acquired when they were children.” Obesity is a rising issue in America, and plays a large role in the growing number of premature deaths. About 76% of young American adults are overweight, and men on average weigh thirty pounds more than a decade ago. Obesity can lead to numerous serious health conditions that are



A study shows more states in the east coast had a drastic increase of excessive deaths

degree, starting a career, starting a family, or getting married, this age range should be just the beginning of a long life, not the end. Recently however, a variety of countless issues have caused a spike of excessive death. According to Tim Marcin from Vice, issues such as “drug overdose, suicide, alcohol, and organ system diseases are a few of the leading causes to premature death.”

Women overall tend to have longer lives than men, however, the number of women that died in the past decade from disease, suicide, and overdose is shocking. Washington Post claims women have a higher risk of suicide and liver disease related to alcohol. The number of women’s death from drug overdoses increased by 486 percent. Men’s death from drug overdoses

life threatening. Currently, America’s average life expectancy is 78.6 years old. This number is extremely low compared to other developed countries: Japan’s average life expectancy is 85.3, Monaco is 89.4, and Canada is 81.9. There are countless possibilities as to why so many citizens are dying midlife. Drugs, obesity, overdose, and accidents are only a handful of causes. The question is what is driving Americans to want to die younger. Maybe dissatisfaction with the quality of life, financial stress, or even the government plays a role. While it isn’t possible to pinpoint a single issue to end the excessive deaths, making good and safe decisions can protect your health and prolong your life.

Juice Wrld tied to Drug Involvement

By Mario Navarro



Rapper Juice Wrld

Chicago rapper and songwriter Jarad Anthony Higgins, known professionally as Juice Wrld, suffered a medical condition known as convulsion, which contracts the bodies muscles due to the actions it makes. He has been on the federal radar since his private jet was searched in this past November and almost all of his movements have been recorded by authorities. Fast forward to December 8 2019, Chicago police and the FBI had been waiting at the Atlantic Aviation hangar early Sunday because they had received word that the private plane carrying the musician was also carrying illegal contraband, sources said. Upon investigating, authorities found 70 pounds of marijuana. According to Law Enforcement, the pilot alerted the police that the rapper

had illegal firearms under his possession as well. Two men were arrested for possession of two of the three handguns that were found onboard the plane. One was released without bail and the other is out after paying a \$1,500 bail. While no one who traveled on board the rapper’s private jet claimed ownership for the luggage that had the money and drugs, it only led to more problems and suspicions. Higgins, however, suffered a seizure while the federal agents were searching the vessel. Higgins was immediately taken to a nearby hospital and was sadly pronounced dead on arrival. According to the authorities, Higgins’ cause of death is still pending to this date. Higgins stated his musical influences as being genre-wide going from rock music to rap music.

What Happened to Net Neutrality?

By Katerina Yakusevich

On December 14, 2017, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission Ajit Pai successfully removed Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is the concept that every piece of information on the internet is equal and free to the public. This rule restricted internet providers from putting costs on access to certain websites. This could have affected well-known sites such as YouTube,

top of their lungs. With Net Neutrality gone, internet providers would completely get rid of websites that they weren’t promoting. People would only have access to large, well-known websites. This can cause these websites to have an extremely high influence in what we see and where we get our news. For instance, since this law is gone, people could be forced to only get their news from BBC or

The controversy seemed to simmer down in around two months after the announcement. Since no changes were in sight, people started to think their concerns were not that big of a deal. The rumors that the internet would not be free and people who did not pay for their provider’s ‘plans’ would have insanely slow internet started to die. And, exactly a year after the riot, nothing



Ajit Pai, chairman of the FCC, removed Net Neutrality a year ago. Now, the public wonders about the changes that have happened to the internet behind the scenes

Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, and even some search engines such as Google and Yahoo. Without Net Neutrality, your internet service provider, such as AT&T or Sprint, could make you pay up to \$50 a month to access said websites. The removal of such an important rule sent the internet into a downward spiral. People from all sorts of social media platforms banded together for months in one unified voice with the words ‘CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES! DON’T LET THEM VOTE YES! SHOW YOUR CONCERN!’ shouting from the

Fox, instead of the smaller, more secluded news websites that some people would prefer to use. Often times, the internet is used as an outlet to get away from the negative situations people have in real life, which could range from household abuse to not wanting to talk to people on the bus. Corporations, when given the chance to gain more money, could care less about these situations. With the internet in a rut over the future of the internet, anxiety was above our heads as to what we could afford to go on in a month from now.

has been changed. Was all that yelling for nothing? Was it misinformation, or just a rising problem that caused the entire internet distress and blew it out of proportion? With Ajit Pai being assigned chairman by Trump, this would be his third year in office. But he has done nothing except get rid of it, and there has been no follow through. In fact, it seems like nothing has changed at all. So, whatever happened to the horrible idea of a life without freedom to online information?

THE WAR OF REALTORS

By Marcela Ceballos

House hunting is really difficult in the Bay Area. It’s even more difficult when you don’t know where to start. For awhile, house realtors have been using signs to advertise the homes they’re selling to people in different locations of Fremont and everywhere in the Bay Area. The re-

face due to their resources of marketing. This will affect their usual way of advertising by having to remove their realtor and open house signs around the city of Fremont.

Timothy Crofton, a realtor who owns his real estate business in Fremont with his wife had a lot to say about the new change of rules. Crofton expressed his disappointment to NBC Bay Area and explained to them how he feels about being fined out of all other realtors the most because of all the signs he places all throughout Fremont for house listings. He also explains how he has been fined more than \$29,000 for his ‘excessive signs’ stating: “It really appears to be targeted directly at me and I just don’t think it’s fair.” Unfortunately, clients from Crofton are also disappointed with this change because they really saw Croftons’ signs and advertisements as a helpful and easier way to find the best price for their future home. On the contrary, someone who sees it as for Fremont’s cleanliness is a councilmember from Fremont named Raj Salwan. He along with other council members

decided to start fining realtors who seemed to “spray” the streets with an abundance of their signs. Salwan saw this purpose of movement to help clean the streets for pedestrians to walk through, and help keep the sidewalks accessible for wheelchairs. He also talked to NBC Bay Area and stated: “Instead of 20 to 30 signs, it will be four signs, and you can only have one sign at an intersection so that will limit the signs. There will be no signs allowed near historic structures.” According to Salwan, this newly enforced rule will help clear out the already-crowded sidewalks and will make it accessible for people to walk through. Additionally, this new rule for the city will be enforced by officers and volunteers who are also realtors themselves.

Having fair rules that benefit the city and businesses in Fremont and other cities will help people get along especially if they help one another with finding other resources to sell and do their job. Cleaning the sidewalks from open house and realtor signs makes it helpful for students like us that have to walk in order to get around and to school. Students that don’t have transportation need to walk and it is helpful to have the sidewalks clean and clear. The Bay Area is really expensive and having people that work to help find homes that include a decent price and location helps society settle in faster and provide shelter for themselves as it is a basic need. Another basic need is to have the sidewalks clean and clear so that many of us can get to where we need to go without having to struggle for an open path.



NBC Bay Area

Realtor signs like these surround the city of Fremont and restrict sidewalk space for pedestrians due to their size.

sult of using signs to advertise new homes has led to a bunch of paper waste in the streets and sidewalks. Leaving open house signs become trash on the sidewalks and can be dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists, they may pile up on the sidewalks and make it difficult for pedestrians to walk through and get around. Recently, however, a lot of controversy has occurred about realtors giving their opinions about the new rules they will

MUSIC ARTISTS WE LOST 2019

By Isaac Sawyer

“What’s the 27 club? We ain’t making it past 21” (Juice Wrld, Legends). Every year it seems the community loses yet another musician or influencer. The younger generation uses music as an escape from reality, with the most recent trend of music being “emo rap.” Sadly, the artists who have popularized this music have passed; even more unfortunately, they were all 21 or younger. These artists are Lil Peep, Xxxtentacion, and Juice Wrld. Ironically, Juice Wrld wrote “Legends” to pay respects to the passing of Lil Peep and Xxxtentacion. In his song, he explained how talented artists with promising futures are dying at a young age, then Juice Wrld himself falling under this curse. These artists have made a huge impact on the world during and after their lives.

Lil Peep: Lil Peep, whose real name is Gustav Elijah Ahr, was born November 1, 1996; he was known for his creativity by his family, ever since he was a young boy. Though he only had a small family due to the absence of his father, Peep took inspiration from his broken childhood to write his lyrics, channeling his pain into art.



He then released his first mixtape, Lil Peep Part One, on SoundCloud in 2015. This attracted the ears of many other victims of depression and loneliness. Within the first two years of the release of his mixtape, Lil Peep was a household name among teens, and later considered a legend by many after his death from overdose in November of 2017. While alive, Lil Peep started the “Emo Rap” trend amongst other SoundCloud artists, earning respect from another popular late rapper, Xxxtentacion.

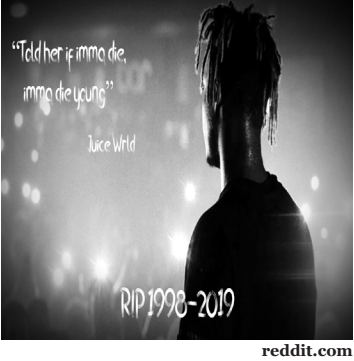
Xxxtentacion: While Peep and Xxxtentacion did not get along, X still respected Peep’s music, since they both combined rock, hip-hop, and rap into their music. At the



start of his career, Xxxtentacion, birth name Jahseh Onfroy, created

his music out of anger and hate. He kept true to his music, making the mistake of breaking laws, including armed robbery and domestic battery. However, one’s past does not define them. After a long conversation with his mother, Cleopatra Bernard, Jahseh decided to turn his life around. He began to write songs about himself, changing from how the world needs to be fixed to how he needs to improve himself. Instead of songs about anger, he wrote songs about heartbreak. While this doesn’t seem like a big improvement, it is still a step in the right direction. When it finally seemed like Jahseh was approaching his path of righteousness, he was shot dead in his car in June of 2018. The death of Lil Peep and Xxxtentacion left the word in heartache, especially an artist who admired both late rappers; Juice Wrld.

Juice Wrld: With two loved rappers gone, fans looked for a new source of similar music. Not a replacement, just someone who could fill that void in these teens. This artist was none other than Juice Wrld, who first proved his talent with his 2018 hit single “All Girls Are The Same.” Fans automati-



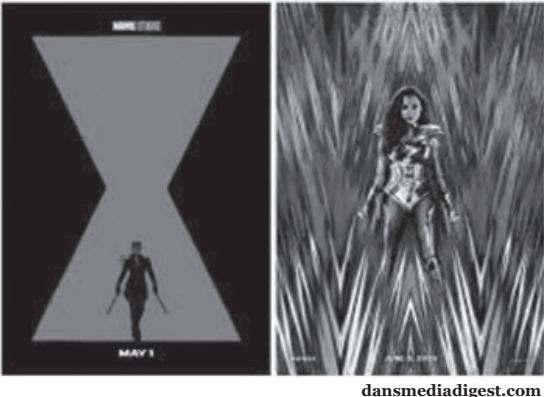
cally fell in love with Juice Wrld, birth name Jarad Higgins, due to his expression of common feelings shared between fans of Lil Peep and Xxxtentacion. Juice Wrld released his #1 album “Goodbye and Good Riddance” in 2018, and then “Death Race for Love” in 2019. Unlike other rappers, Juice Wrld did not praise sex and drugs; instead, he sang about the struggles around heartbreak and drug addiction, letting fans know that they are not alone. On December 8, 2019, Juice Wrld died after suffering a seizure after his private jet landed. His bodyguards claimed that he took Percocets in attempts to hide them from the police, proving his addiction was more serious than fans suspected. For the first time, Juice Wrld left his fans feeling deserted. While these artists are gone, they will never be forgotten. Their spirits live on in their music- their songs playing every day around the world. Teens have relied them to get through the days, so one aching question remains; who will fill this void now?

BLACK WIDOW V WONDER WOMAN

By Noah Macias

On December 2nd, Marvel studios gave the world the first glimpse of the long awaited “Black Widow.” This solo film starring Scarlett Johansson will take place before the events of “Avengers Endgame.” Fans of the Marvel Cinematic Universe were very excited to see their favorite Russian spy “Natasha Romanoff” coming back to the big screen to tell a story many have always wondered about. The movie will go into detail on her background and life before she became an avenger. The trailer for this movie has reached over 30 million views on YouTube. Six days after Marvel released this trailer, we received an-

other superhero movie trailer from a different studio. Warner Brothers Studio released



Who are you rooting for?

the first trailer for their movie “Wonder Woman 1984.” Actress Gal Gadot returns once again except not to our time. This movie takes place in the 80’s, where she will be facing new villains, such as her nemesis Cheetah. The DC Cinematic Universe has not been doing

too well after the release of “Justice League.” However, the first Wonder Woman was one of their best reviewed movies, so audiences expect good things from the sequel. These two movies came out with their first trailer only six days apart. This created a competition in the box office. Black Widow will be in theaters on May 1st, 2020 and just about a month later, we will be seeing Wonder Woman on June 5th, 2020. Superhero fans were very excited to hear both these movies will be coming very soon. Other fans look at this and see a rivalry between the two studios. There has always been a lot of hate towards the DC universe, ever since Marvel created their cinematic universe in 2008. We will just have to wait and see if these two new movies change anything.

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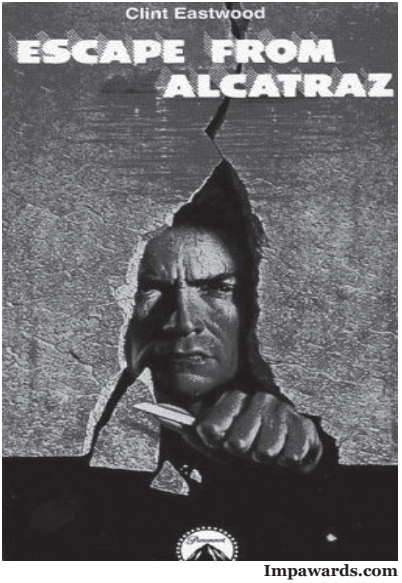
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BEST MOVIES BASED ON TRUE STORIES

By Mario Navarro

Ever just finish watching a movie and then telling yourself “So that’s how the movie ends”? Whether the movie is a horror flick, action based or simply just a comedy, most movies tend to be based on fictional plots, while a decent amount of them are based on true events that have to do with people or unforgettable events. It’s the movies that are based on true stories that get a lot of attention worldwide.

One such movie that was based on a real event is 1979’s *Escape from Alcatraz*. The title of the film primarily tells us the plot of the story without even watching it, which is about convicted criminal Frank Morris who escaped Alcatraz Island, located in the San Francisco Bay Area with two fellow inmates who are brothers. On the night of June 11, 1962, four inmates in total, the fourth being Allen West, planned the escape for months prior to Morris first arriving on the island. After West failed



Escape From Alcatraz, 1979 to rendezvous with the group, the trio surpassed a series of obstacles and challenges undetected as they left the island on a raft made from their coats in the middle of the night. It was not until morning when they were discovered to be missing from their cells.

Another iconic film that tells a true story is 2007’s *Into the Wild*. When a person graduates



Into The Wild, 2007 from college with a high GPA and as a student athlete, most people think they definitely have their life planned for the future to “make it big.” In the film, a son with wealthy parents, Christopher McCandless,

graduates from Emory University as a top student. Instead of embarking on a profitable career, however, he gives his life savings and possessions to charity and makes way for the Alaskan Wilderness and lives out the rest of his life in nature. However, during the film, McCandless slowly realizes that the beauty of nature can also be cruel and harsh. It is not before his death when he realizes that true happiness can only be found if your with family and friends. The film has earned its description as an epic masterpiece.

Have you studied the Holocaust in history class? Most students tend to watch World War II films and documentaries so they can get an idea of what it was like during the war. A story converted into a popular film called *Schindler’s List* is about a Nazi Officer named Oskar Schindler who undergoes a change of heart during the Holocaust. Schindler ends up saving the lives of around 1,200



Schindler’s List, 1993 Jewish men, women and children. The film won many awards in 1994, such as The Academy Award for Best Picture, Cinematography, Best Director, etc.

History can be a fun way to pass the time, afterall. An easy way to access more movies based on historic events is to select this category on Hulu, Netflix or Amazon Prime.

BEST SKIING SPOTS IN THE USA

By Aidan Madonna

Snow is in the air! Time to go skiing! But where's the best place to go skiing? To be a good spot to ski, the area should have a base of more than 20 inches of snow and have beginner-friendly, with some intermediate courses. Ski enthusiasts expect a town with restaurants and entertainment, within 30 minutes of the area. Below are 10 great skiing areas and resorts.

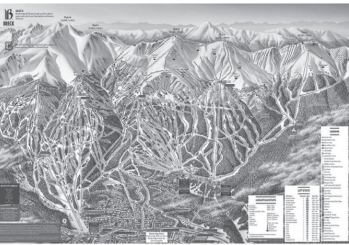
10. Squaw Valley Tahoe Area



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Squaw Valley has a good amount of snowfall year-round. The resort expects a base up to 38 inches of snow daily in the winter, and 450 inches yearly. Squaw Valley is only 20 minutes from Truckee a moderately sized town located northwest of Tahoe. Six peaks are skiable and 4,000 acres of land. The lift system is fast and great for going up the mountain.

9. Breckenridge Colorado



Breckenridge Ski Resort

Breckenridge has around 366 inches of snowfall yearly, and a base of 39 inches daily. Breckenridge looks like an old town with buildings from the 1880s and '90s. Some famous sites, such as the highest lift are at Breckenridge. Diverse terrains and expert courses are here for skiing and snowboarding.

8. Alta Utah



Escape 2 Ski

Alta has about 550 inches of snow yearly, and on a given day, the mountain sees a base of 67 inches of powdery snow. Alta itself is a town with the mountains surrounding it. Alta is a skiing-only resort. There are 2,200 acres of skiable land, which a large amount. It is also close to Salt Lake city allowing there to be a bus route to the capital city.

7. Steamboat Colorado

Steamboat gets around 154 inches of snow yearly, which is surprisingly low. Daily, there may be a



Steamboat Chamber

base of only 44 inches of snow. The resort has 2,950 acres of land to ski on. A special fact about this resort and area is that there are geological hot springs that you can stay warm and swim in. Steamboat is hard to get to, so it is not crowded during the weekdays.

6. Beaver Creek Colorado



Colorado Sun and Snow

Beaver Creek has a very fast ski lift. Beaver Creek also has almost always guaranteed perfect skiing conditions. The runs are more scenic compared to just plunging straight down a hill for speed. The snow is always perfect because of how the resort grooms (flattens) the snow. The base of around 41 inches is a good height for the area.

5. Snow Bird Around Salt Lake City (Utah)



Powder Hounds

Snow Bird has 'The Greatest Snow on Earth.' The resort is not for beginners. Regularly a base of 71 inches of snow is great. Also, the seasons are long compared to Colorado areas because the altitude is about 8,000 feet above sea level for just the base. The slope starts at around 11,000 feet. No towns are close by, but Salt Lake City is only about a 40-minute bus ride away.

4. Aspen Mountain Colorado



Kimpton Hotel

Aspen Mountain has four distinct sections that can be accessed on one ticket. The shuttle system takes skiers to any of the four destinations. The elevation is around 12,000 feet. The snowfall is not

consistent at all, making the area not ideal for planning to go at the start of the winter/skiing season. The town around Aspen has tons of restaurants and entertainment options.

3. Vail Colorado



On The Snow

Vail has one of the best runs with great, wide and amazingly groomed snow. However, Vail is very expensive to stay at. The prices range from \$2,000 to \$8,000 for four days, and three nights. The town near the bottom of the hill is great because of the many entertainment spots and numerous five-star restaurants. Vail is the largest ski area with about 5,300 acres of skiable land.

2. Telluride Colorado



Telluride Ski Resort

Telluride has great powder snow. The resort offers many types of astonishing terrain. The snowfall in the area is around 300 inches a year, with about a base of 30 inches of snow on the summit regularly. The town is a six-hour drive from Denver. Telluride is a very expensive place to stay and ski. The price is about \$150 for just a one-day lift ticket.

1. Jackson Hole Colorado



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Jackson Hole is the best ski resort in the USA because there are some legendary steepes and great back-country. The yearly average of snowfall is 460 inches, and it has a base of 51 inches at its summit. The slopes are not suitable for kids, but are great for adults. The slopes will also be very crowded with tourists from all around the world.

RUSSIAN PLAYER CAN'T FOLLOW RULES

By Katerina Yakusevich

With the 2020 summer Olympics in Tokyo drawing near, the Russian doping scandal is still in the works. This year, Russia will continue to play in the Olympics under a white flag instead of its country's flag, and any medals they may earn will not be received by their country. Russia will also not be walking during the opening ceremony. Only the select few

have been taken away from Russia during this time period. In fact, an excerpt from an Australian studies says that- "There is hardly a medal winner at the Moscow Games, certainly not a gold medal winner, who is not on one sort of drug or another: usually several kinds. The Moscow Games might as well have been called the Chemists' Games." With all this in mind, you would



Russian Athletes ignore the Olympic Ban

Mother Jones

Olympians that were tested for drug usage and passed may play in this summer's games. The Russian Olympic Committee is determined to put an end to Russia's ban from the Olympic games, and will do anything in their power to see that the athletes will be able to play under their own flag and walk alongside their nation. This drug scandal has been going on since the 1980's, during the Moscow Olympics. It was heartbreaking to hear that the athletes that competed in their own home country were not able to receive their medals because they tested positive for using drugs to enhance their performance. Over 40 medals

think that Russia has learned their lesson over cheating after all these years. And yet, several teams have withdrawn this year because they did not pass their doping test. If this continues, Russia will not have acquired a single world-wide medal under their name for 40 years. That's almost the length of an athlete's career. Hundreds of athletes would have never had a chance to compete because of this. The rest of the world is on the edge of their seats to see what the Russian Olympic Committee will come up with to finally see their flag waving while being carried during the opening ceremony.

Inside The Minds Of Kennedy Student Athletes

By: Isabella Corona and Stephanie Kay

Q: What are some issues within your team and how can you improve them?

A:Working together as a team to run our plays is our main problem. We can improve this by working harder everyday in practice. Another way we can improve is by running and going over our plays everyday even if we have them down.

Q: What can each position on your team work on to get better?

A: Personally I have to work on controlling my temper on the court. It is visible that I am complaining and thats how I am and I need to work on it. Our guards need to control the pace of the game more effectively, also protect the ball more and choose smarter passes. The forwards need to slash to the hoop more and our bigs have to box out and rebound better.

Q: Do you think that all sports at Kennedy are equally supported?

A: The majority of the sports are supported equally. The main sports such as basketball, football and baseball are getting the most attention since they are the most popular. Sports such as swimming, wrestling, tennis and more are usually left out because they are not as popular.

Q: Do you think enough people come to the soccer games to support the school, if not what can be done to fix it?

A: Not a lot of people choose to come support our soccer teams. Unfortunately, theres really nothing that can be done except for us to raise awareness that there is a game. We can do this buy, posting on social media when there is a game and putting up posters around the school.

Q : What does your team do to help or what does your team think about when someone gets injured?

A: When someone gets injured we are all worried and concerned about our fellow teammate because we don't want them hurt. But if it happens on the field, we all take a knee and hope that they are okay whether they are a teammate or an opponent.



Isabella Corona '22

Jayden Harper ('22)



Isabella Corona '22

Michael Lucero ('22)



Stephanie Kay '22

Dillon Lee ('22)



Isabella Corona '22

Desmond Yu ('23)



Stephanie Kay '22

Brandon Rice ('22)

SPYGATE 2.0

By Taneesh Kondapally

The New England Patriots have a history of being a team that has done some shady things, like spying on other teams or deflating the footballs to give them an advantage. And the Patriots don't seem to be stopping this behavior. During Week 14 of the NFL season, the Patriots were caught videotaping the Cincinnati Bengals, who they played on Week 15. The Bengals and the Cleveland Browns were practicing in Cleveland. A video crew that works for the Patriots was filming a documentary on an advanced scout. The Browns credentialed the crew, but the Bengals and the NFL were not made aware of their presence. According to a report by Dianna Russini of ESPN, a Bengals staffer saw one of the cameramen taking a direct video of the Bengals' staff. The cameraman continued to point the camera at the Bengals' coaching staff until the staffer called security on him. When they interviewed him, the cameraman asked if he could just delete all the footage. This information raises a major red flag regarding what the cameraman was doing. The Patriots deny using the footage to help them steal the Bengals' coaching



Bill Belichick coach of the Patriots caught for scandels

USA Today

signals. Bill Belichick, the head coach of the Patriots, said on this matter, "I have never seen any of their tapes or anything else. This is something that we 100 percent have zero involvement with. This is something you'd have to talk to



the production people about and what they were doing, or whatever it was."

This scandal relates to the Patriots' 2007 scandal dubbed "Spygate," where the Patriots were caught filming the Jets' sideline from their own sideline, something not allowed as per the NFL rules. This incident cost the Patriots \$250,000 in fines. Belichick himself was fined \$500,000, the max amount of money a coach can be fined for an incident. This fine was the highest amount of mon-

ey ever fined on a coach, which caught the attention of the media and put the Patriots in the spotlight. The Patriots also lost their first-round draft pick.

This scandal also relates to the Patriots' 2014-2015 playoffs scandal dubbed "Deflategate," where the Patriots were caught deflating the football so that they had an unfair advantage over their opposing team in the AFC championship game, the Indianapolis Colts. The Patriots ended up winning Super Bowl XLIX over the Seattle Seahawks, which raised a lot of red flags. The team was fined \$1,000,000, Tom Brady, the quarter-

back of the team, was suspended for 4 games of the start of the next NFL season, and the team lost two draft picks.

Tied for the most Super Bowls of a franchise, the Patriots' six Super Bowl wins are all in question. If Deflategate never happened, could the Super Bowl have ended up differently? If Spygate never happened, would the Patriots have had a perfect 16-0 season? What more have they done? What will they do next?

MIGRANTS STORIES THROUGH PICTURES

By Paige Francis

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and Tom Kiefer’s pictures tell entire stories of migrants coming to our borders. These stories are told through the items that have been confiscated by the Border Patrol. Tom has assembled the items into pictures that look like pop art from far away, but up close they reveal a piece of the lives of the people that come to our border.

Tom Kiefer is a janitor at a U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility near Ajo, Arizona. He has worked there for eleven years and is now displaying items that have been taken from people trying to cross the border. Migrants and asylum- seekers attempting to cross the border have some of their belongings taken because these items have been deemed potentially lethal or nonessential by border officials. Migrants are getting their medications, shoes,

Tom Kiefer has been collecting all of their belongings for six years to create his photography exhibit “El Sueño Americano” (The American Dream).



Los Angeles Times

Keifer’s first experience seeing people’s items being confiscated was when he became a janitor. Migrants would carry canned food that would be taken away. The food used to be donated to a local food bank, but, after being put under new leader-

years, I witnessed all this food being needlessly thrown out,” Kiefer said. The next thing that caught Tom’s eye was 15-20 toothbrushes, which he didn’t think about photographing at the time, but just wanted to remove them from the trash. Kiefer said, “When I started seeing a rosary, or a Bible, or a wallet, I realized that no one



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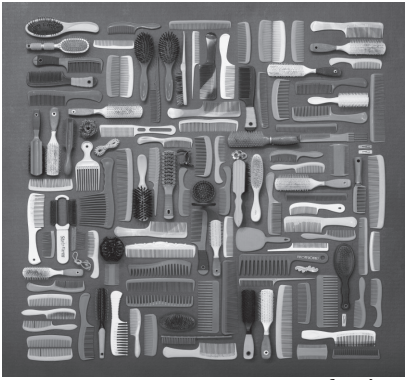
would believe me if I had not collected these items.” He continued to collect piles and piles of stuff that were being seized from migrants. After about six years of collecting, Tom began to photograph items that he had collected, the first being a pile of water bottles. “After I shot it and looked at it, it was like, ‘Oh my God, this is it.’” Tom puts the items on a colorful background as a way to bring humanity to the picture. There is a picture of a single

baby shoe on a pink background, and confiscated medications and first aid items are photographed against a yellow background.



Los Angeles Times

Kiefer plans to keep this project going for as long as he can, but with so many items he fears he will run out of time. “It’s not physically possible,” the photographer, who is 60, said. “And to do it in the manner in which I’m doing, these ob-

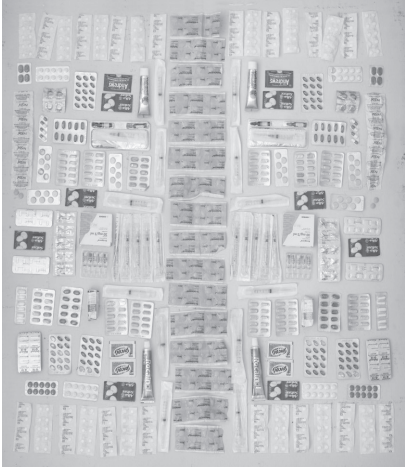


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jects are sacred and I come from a place of deep rever-

ence and respect... I’d have to live to be 100.” Instead, Tom plans to donate the items to an institution or university so they can be historical documents to show how the government has treated migrants. Tom hopes that the exhibition will educate viewers and possibly inspire them to action.

This is just one janitor, at one facility, doing what he can. Imagine this taking place at every border station along the southern border. Laws could be changed to have different rules on what can and cannot cross the border. If there were more thorough checks, people may be able to keep their medications and other harmless belongings. “Our government is actually taking away a Bible or rosary,” he said. “I mean, how twisted is that?”



Los Angeles Times

Pills, ointments, and insulin were confiscated from immigrants and were later arranged this way



Los Angeles Times

Toothbrushes were the first to draw Kiefer’s attention so much that he pulled them out of the trash

water, combs, and many more everyday essentials taken away.

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THE BAY AREA'S MUST-SEE ART

By Dhiraj Bomma

The Bay Area is a melting pot, where people from all regions of the world live and contribute to the culture. This has led to the Bay Area having diverse art, where everyone can find something interesting. San Francisco is home to many museums with different types of art. Many of these places are near to each other, giving you a great opportunity to visit multiple museums in one day.

SF Museum of Modern Art

The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, or SFMOMA, was founded in 1935 as the SF Museum of Art. It is focused on modern and contemporary art, such as dynamic sculptures and abstract art. The art displayed is rotated throughout the year. It currently has over 30,000 works of art on display. Admission for anyone under 18 years of age are free, as long as a ticket is also purchased. Adult tickets will run you \$25 and young adult tickets, which ranges from ages 19 to 24, are \$22. The museum is open every day, except Wednesday, from 10 am to 5 pm on Fridays to Tuesdays, and from 10 am to 9 pm on Thursdays.



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SF Ice Cream Museum

The San Francisco Ice Cream Museum, one of the two Ice Cream Museums in the United States, is focused on ice cream related art exhibits. There you can buy and try out many types of ice cream, as well as take pictures in their many exhibits. As seasons come and go, so do the exhibits at the Ice Cream Museum. The museum’s theme of ice cream is well represented by its diverse offerings of their signature ice cream flavors. Tickets cost \$38 for all ages; however, kids under 2 are free. The timings for the SF Ice Cream Museum are available on their website.



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SF Mission District

There is also a great collection of free artwork in the San Francisco Mission District. The Mission District is famous for the graffiti and murals covering the buildings in the area. In the 70’s, an art scene emerged in the District. This environment filled with creativity became a breeding ground for murals. Along 24th Street Corridor there are many murals. The murals have a wide array of themes, some are edgy, while some focus on paying homage to the people who lived in the District.



Spinlister

The Bay Area is truly a place with diverse artwork. It offers modern art in SFMOMA, as well as tasty, contemporary art in the Ice Cream Museum. Fremont itself contains art everywhere. Even the traffic signal utility boxes are covered in colorful graffiti, livening up the intersections. At the corner of Capitol Avenue and Fremont Boulevard, there has recently been a statue put up. Titled the Solacii, and created by Artist Tigre Bailando, is made of steel pipe, has 3 faces and arms. The Bay Area is an amazing location to view spectacular art.

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FLORIDA MAN EATS \$120,000 ART EXHIBIT

By Bikram Bains

From random shapes to an empty canvas, and even metal sculptures of balloon animals, the world of modern art is weird, to say the least. Modern art is an art that values experimentation over past traditions. This has led to masterpieces such as Guernica by Pablo Picasso which has been praised for its symbolism and anti-war messages. However, many people have criticized the over experimentation in modern art. Excessive experimentation can be clearly illustrated by the artist whose artwork was a banana taped to a wall and the man who ate that banana.

An art showcase in Miami called the Art Basel had many

have created parodies of the artwork by taping bananas to objects such as shirts and cars. It is clear from the internet’s reaction that people find the artwork ridiculous and amusing.

However, not everyone has had that reaction. The couple Billy and Beatrice Cox at first saw the work Comedian as a joke, but later on, they began to appreciate the piece: “We see the piece as a unicorn in the art world, and bought it to ensure that it would be accessible to the public forever, to fuel debate and provoke thoughts and emotions in a public space in perpetuity,” The couple told The Miami Herald in an interview.

The popularity of the art-



ABC7NY

David Dotuna was brave enough to eat the legendary \$120,000 banana art, “Comedian,” taped to the wall

beautiful pieces from sculptures to abstract paintings. However, the piece that stood out the most was a banana duct-taped to a wall. The work titled “Comedian” by the artist Maurizio Cattelan has been sold three times for about \$120,000. According to the artist, the owner can replace the banana and duct tape as needed, without diminishing the artwork’s value.

This banana taped to a wall has gone viral with multiple news outlets writing a story about the banana and the host of The Daily Show, Trevor Noah, cracking a couple jokes about it. Others

work prompted the New York performance artist, David Datuna, to eat the banana. A performance artist is someone who does an act or live performance for a crowd. That performance is their artwork. In this case, his performance was eating someone else’s artwork. David Datuna named his performance Hungry Artist. The director of the gallery quickly rushed to the scene as it was against the rules to touch or destroy the artwork. With some quick thinking and ingenuity, the banana was eventually replaced and taped back to the wall.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

By Britney Nguyen

Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in China. Also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, it is believed to have originated during the Shang Dynasty in 1766 BC. According to



The Chinese calendar has twelve zodiac animals

History Channel, the purpose of this New Year is to honor household, deities, and ancestors for being well and good fortune into the new year.

The Gregorian Calendar is based on the solar calendar, but the Lunar Calendar is based on Chinese lunisolar. Which includes the phase of the moon and the solar year. To line up with the solar calendar, an extra month is inserted every few years. Chinese New Year begins with a new moon, which is around the end of January and February for about 15 days until the full moon. The Chinese calen-

dar consists of zodiac animals. In total, there are twelve animals and one for each year, the cycle would then restart every twelve years. The animals are the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat,

monkey, rooster, dog, and pig. People believe that their zodiac determines who they are and if two people are meant for each other. China Highlights explained that the animals that are chosen are close to Chinese people's daily lives or they had lucky

meanings. The zodiac uses the principles of yin and yang where every other year, each animal would either be yin or yang.

During this time, traditions passed down to where people would clean their house to get rid of whatever is considered bad that is collected over the old year. Also, the cleaning is to please the gods that came down to "inspect." As a tradition, food would be offered to the gods and ancestors, and elders would give the young ones red envelopes, while firecrackers are lit to frighten the evil spirits. This year, the Lunar New Year occurs on January 25th, the year of the rat. Not only is the Chinese New Year for Chinese; a few other countries in Asia also used the Lunar Calendar.



The Year of the Rat will begin on January 25th

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POLICE USE GOOGLE LOCATION DATA TO FIND A BANK ROBBER

By Desmond Yu

Every day, millions of people use google apps such as maps and gmail. Users usually believe that google wouldn't share their private information and it is safe with them. However, on May 20, before 5 p.m, a gunman went inside Call Federal Credit Union in Midlothian, Virginia, and pressured an employee to open a safe and escaped with \$195,000. The bank's surveillance footage showed the man holding a mobile phone to his ear right before the robbery, a helpful detail that proved to be useful that led police to try out an inspection technique that is expanding in recognition among American law enforcement agencies.

Police had arranged for a search warrant to force Google to give the location details from every user that was within the surrounding area of the bank within the hour of the robbery. Results came back with 19 anonymous users, but police were able to lower it down to 9 users. The inspection technique is referred to as the geofence warrant. Virginia policed requested Google for extra data and more time. The police finally lowered it down to 3 users and wanted all 3 users account

information,such as phone numbers, names , email addresses, and subscriber details. On August 13, a month after the third plea, Okello Chartrie was arrested. The search

warrants used are forcing technology companies to give the location of any users using its technology in a specific time and place.

Sadly, geofence warrants

come with a downside; users might get plucked up in the search just by "Merely using an Android phone, conducting an Internet search using Google, running a Google ap-

plications such as Google Maps or YouTube, or even receiving an automatic weather update from an Android service,"as Chatrie's attorney, Michael Price, wrote in an October motion. Individuals that are innocent can sometimes be unconstitutionally searched if they use google in specific times and places. Michael Price states "No valid search warrant would permit the police to search every house in a neighborhood or pat down everyone in sight. Yet, with a Geofence warrant, law enforcement can do just that." Over the years, technology accuracy has improved enormously. For example, the location data saved in Google's Sensor Vault is extremely more accurate than a cell site location data. Google can easily spot a person's location to around 20 meters, compared to the cell site location data is "a couple thousand meters," as court recorded mentioned. Okello Chatrie, 24, pleaded not guilty to the charges, but if convicted, he may face life in prison.

Taking private information from someone without consent is unacceptable, but in some situations, it's necessary. When trying to solve an important case such as this, it is necessary.

PROBLEMS WITH TECHNOLOGY

By Brisa Miranda

Just about everyone in America has a cell phone. Today, more cell phones than there are people. Children in the United States are no difference. When a

have more power than they may think, when it comes to setting rules for their kids to control and regulate how much screen time their children are allowed.

According to Quartz, 23 percent of youths have a harmful relationship with their phones, and this harmful relationship is related to poorer mental health. This study also tells that phone addiction is the basis for some psychological issues. Researchers viewed the different behaviors displayed by young people, and they have noticed many were anxious when unable to have their phones with them. Others disregarded activities and responsibilities because they lacked



Nearly one in four teenagers have a harmful relationship with their phones

child gets their first cell phone is around 11 years to 16 years old according to vouchercloud, seventy-seven percent of children from the ages 12-17 have a cellphone. Phones are the main kind of communication for teenagers; and they deliver more texts in one month than they do phone calls. Society's main focus for security of young people.

Smart phones put the entire internet at a person's fingertips. Children will go to their phones to follow new trends like sports. Although, parents establish limits for internet usage for the well being of their children, scientists and doctors continue to tell parents to spend time telling their kids about the potential addiction that could form with cell phones. Parents



77% of children 12-17 have a cellphone

Comics and Memes

By Lance Flores



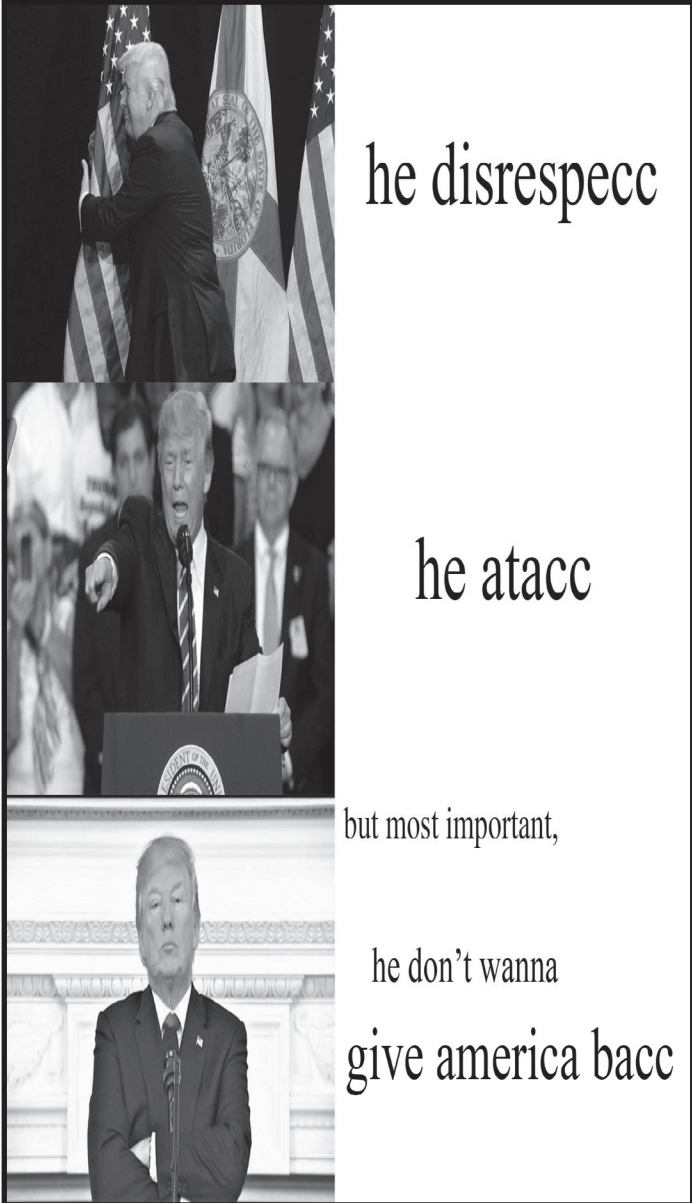
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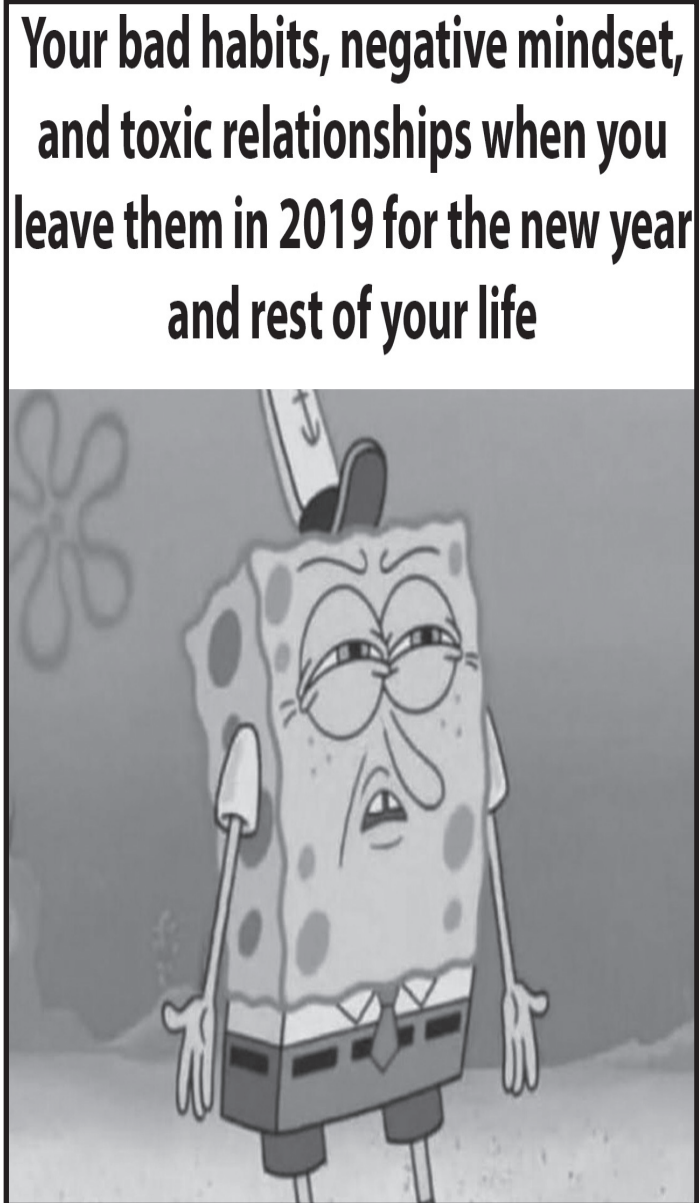
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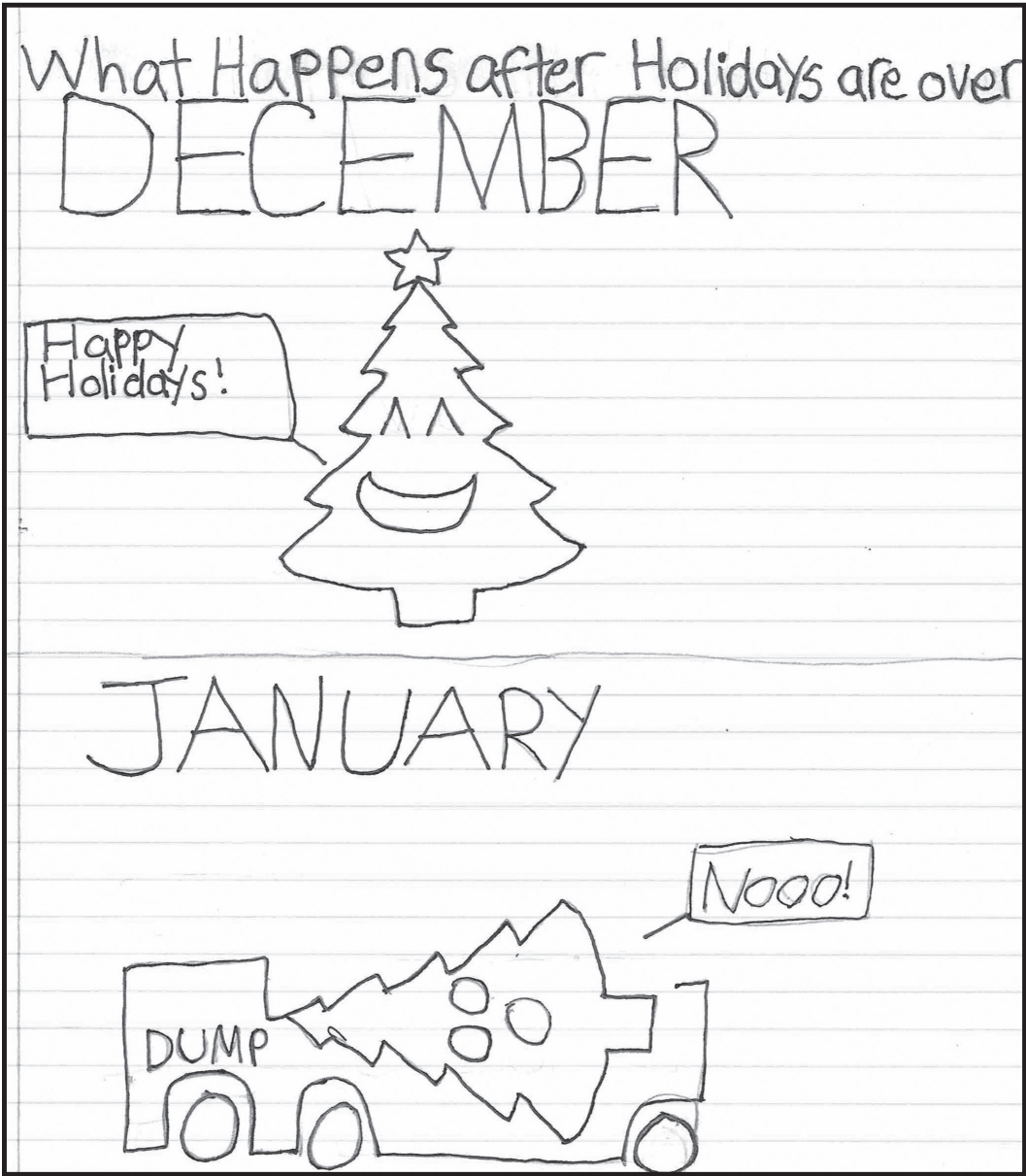
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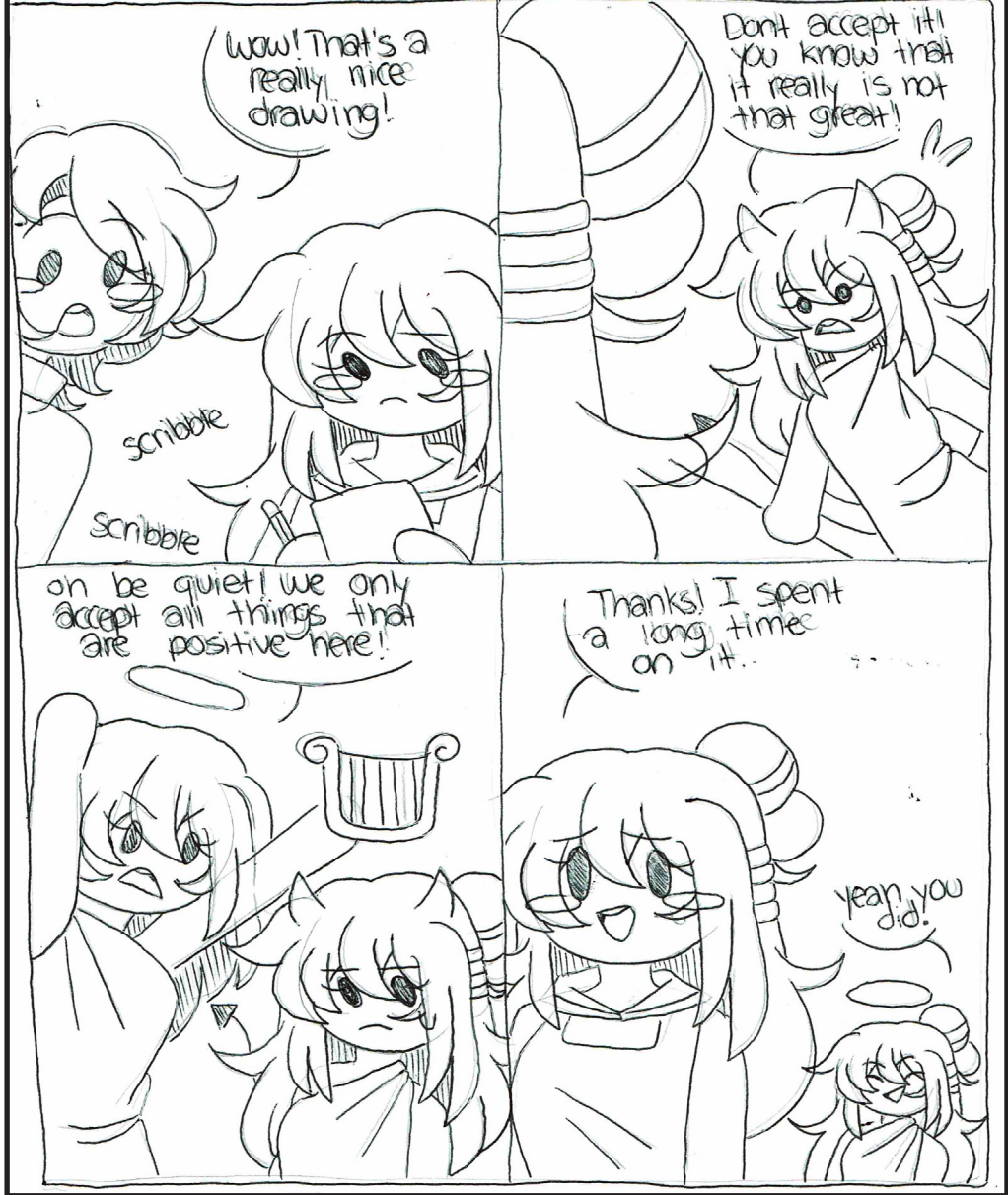
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NEWS IN PHOTOS



Former varsity coach posing with the boys after their game



Diego Ramirez ('20) passing the ball to a teammate



Girls varsity soccer team posing with their Jamba Juice after a bonding



Jasmine Jordan ('20) going for the goal



Kennedy going for the rebound



Ryan Ranger ('22) looking for an opening



Yen Luu ('22) dribbling the ball down the court



Kennedy Titans got their heads in the game



Chantell Nuno ('21) & the Lady Titans warming up before their game



She shoots, she scores!