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Election is still too close to call

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The 2020 election is upon us, and with it comes endless speculation about its possible results. With Biden and Trump running a close race, the results will not be known until every last vote is counted, which hasn't happened yet.

Due to a large number of early decision votes leaning towards him, Biden is the known leader of the race thus far; however, this in no way means his victory is secure.

As the voting period came to an end, both candidates had their attention to the so-called battleground states. The votes from these states — PA, MI, WI, AZ, and NV — decide the election.

Throughout all of American history, there hasn't been a single Republican president who has won without being backed by Ohio, so definitely keep an eye out; Ohio was easily won by Trump in the previous election, and he is poised to do so again.

Florida this election is the most important battleground for our two candidates. As the votes came in, Florida flipped back and forth between the Biden and Trump columns, but as the votes came in from Florida's



Across the nation, women turned out to vote in record numbers.

more Republican panhandle, which borders the deeply Republican states of Alabama

and Mississippi, Trump's lead grew. Florida's votes have alternated between the Republi-

can and Democrat parties quite a few times throughout history. Texas wields a total of 38

electoral votes. Historically, Texas has sided mostly with the Republican candidate; however, this year, there was a great deal of speculation about whether Biden could flip the state. In the end, Trump held on to it.

Regardless of the results on Nov. 3, the popular vote does not decide the election. Though presidential candidate Hillary Clinton had won the popular vote, the Electoral College was in Trump's favor, and the rest is history. So in the same way, neither candidate has yet to officially lose.

Though you would expect that voters of the Electoral College would stay aligned with their state, there are instances where "faithless voters" turn on the expected candidate. Many states have laws binding Electoral College voters to vote according to the state's popular vote, but if they disobey, the "faithless voter" would only be dismissed with a fine.

The polls closed yesterday, but due to COVID-19, the counting of the ballots will take significantly longer due to many states receiving a significantly larger amount of mail-in votes. As of publication time, the races in MI, WI, and NV are too close to call, but if they go Biden's way, he wins the election.

Amy Coney Barrett confirmed for SCOTUS

By Matthew Lim
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On Oct. 26, Amy Coney Barrett was officially confirmed by the Senate for the Supreme Court and sworn in by Justice Clarence Thomas. Her confirmation came just eight days before the election, making it the closest confirmation to an election in United States history and making her just the fifth woman to hold the title of Supreme Court justice. She was confirmed along party lines, receiving no votes from Democrats, the first time since 1869 that a Supreme Court confirmation has been so one-sided.

Supreme Court confirmations are standard for deciding the future of America's judicial system. With the surprisingly unique status of Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation being so one-sided and with increasing scrutiny on her views, how exactly does this process work? And more importantly, why is this vote so different from the rest?

The process of judicial confirmation begins with the nomination, as the president chooses to fill in a missing seat within the Supreme Court. The nomination goes to the Senate, and the Senate Judiciary Committee begins hearings in which they get to ask questions of the nominee. If the nominee is voted out of committee, the nomination goes to the full Senate for a vote. This is the stage where the majority vote is needed, specifically 51 votes. However, members of the Senate can suggest a filibuster, which is normally a speech used to sway opinion in one side or the other. In this special case, 60 votes are needed for the confirmation to pass. Finally, the candidate is sworn into position as Justice, taking oath before officially joining the Supreme Court.

In Amy Coney Barrett's case, the vote was special as it was pushed forward without any Democrat approval; the Republicans wanted to move forward with the vote as quickly as possible. This caused unique cir-

cumstances in which the Republicans within the Senate urged a vote to move forward within a majority-Republican held chamber. Democrats sought to postpone the vote until a concrete date could be settled and agreed upon by both parties, but the Republicans essentially overpowered the Democrats during the vote. The final confirmation vote was a 52-48 majority, with none of the Democrats voting for Barrett. One Republican voted against Barrett — Maine Sen. Susan Collins, whose reasons had to do with the election.

She stated, "I do not think it is fair nor consistent to have a Senate confirmation vote prior to the election."

Barrett's confirmation marks the first time in over 150 years that a justice has been confirmed without bipartisan support. Edwin Stanton was nominated by President Ulysses S. Grant in 1869 and was confirmed without a single Democratic vote. Stanton, however, was ill, and died before he could be sworn in, never hear-



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A pleased Pres. Trump looks on as Barrett takes the oath.

ing a single case as a justice. Barrett's confirmation is certainly a historical moment for the numerous reasons already mentioned, but by giving the court

a now firm conservative leaning with justices serving for life, it could also shape the American legal system for decades, possibly generations, to come.

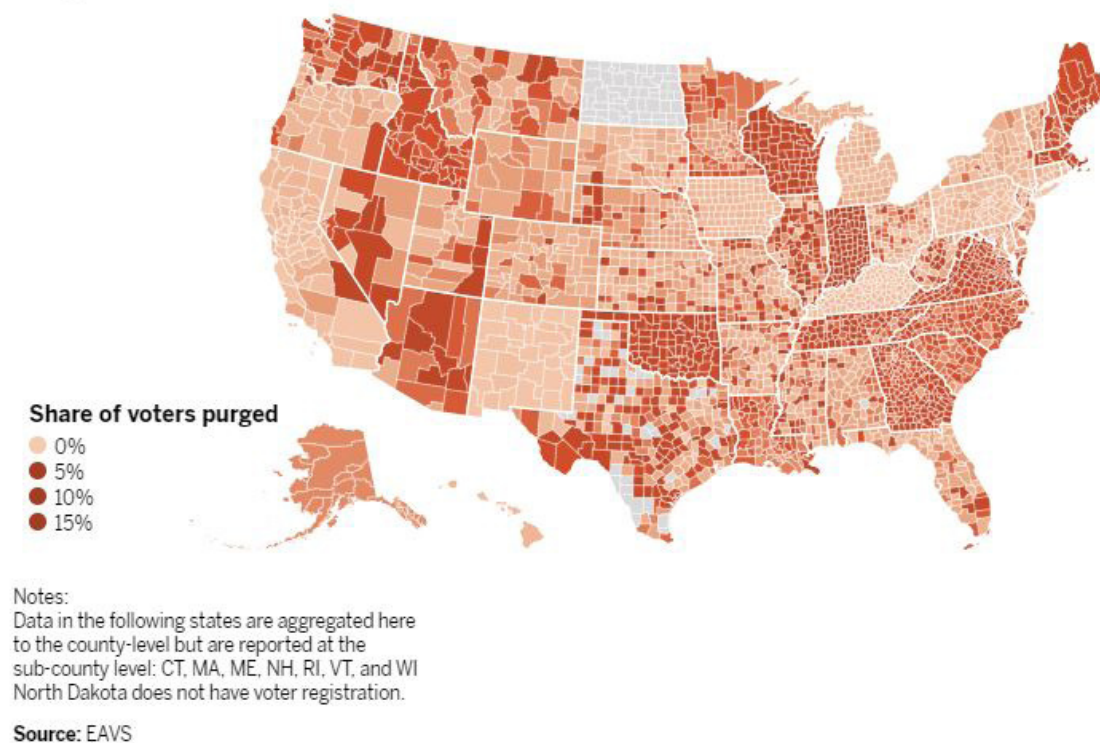
Voter suppression persists in U.S.

By Shayla McCann
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As Americans, we have the constitutional right to vote, but there are constant concerns about voter suppression, a political strategy designed to prevent a group from registering to vote or casting a ballot. Some examples of voter suppression include not mailing voters a ballot, placing drop boxes for ballots in inconvenient locations, and spreading misinformation via social media.

One of the most common forms of voter suppression is purging the voter rolls, which means actually unregistering people to vote for some potentially fabricated reason or based on arbitrary regulations, like removing voters who haven't voted in a certain number of elections. According to Aclu.org, "The most common excuses for purging voter rolls are to filter out voters who have changed their address, died, or have failed to vote in recent elections. States often conduct such purg-

Purge Rate, 2016-18



Go to <https://www.brennancenter.org/> to find this interactive map of voter suppression.

es using inaccurate data, booting voters who don't even fall under the targeted category."

Some voters who are purged don't find out until polls are due on election day. One purge can

stop thousands of people from voting because of inaccurate data. Purging rates have gotten higher, from 2014-2016 purging stopped sixteen million people in the United States

from voting. Aclu.org states, "Sometimes, states use this process as a method of mass disenfranchisement, purging eligible voters from rolls for illegitimate reasons or based on inac-

curate data, and often without adequate notice to the voters."

Voter registration restrictions are another form of voter suppression and involve making laws so strict and time consuming that most voters don't want to go through the process of registering to vote. For example, the state of Texas has very strict rules about exactly which forms of ID are acceptable for voting.

Social media has played a big role in influencing young voters, but also opens the door to the spread of misinformation, with accounts with thousands or even millions of followers reposting things like "why you shouldn't vote." This brainwashes young voters into thinking everyone who liked the photo is not going to vote. According to Heinonline, "Social media accounts and ads did not merely polarize the American electoral in 2016, these tactics also targeted and suppressed votes." Russia has notoriously used social media to suppress voter turnout.

We have the constitutional right to vote, and voter suppression tactics are anti-democratic.

Final presidential debate was reasonable affair

By Eric Ellison
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Tamed, structured, and restrained: a few words to describe the final presidential debate. As we wait for the final votes to be counted, let's look at what happened on this very important day.

COVID-19: Trump's plan consists of finishing a vaccine, claiming that it is nearly done and will be ready within weeks at the soonest. The president says he has a vaccine distribution plan, using the military's resources and mobility to most efficiently distribute the vaccine. Trump believes in protecting the vulnerable, but not hashing out the details of how he would do that, and reopening on a mass scale. He claims that COVID-19 is going away. Trump seems to infer that the effects of the lockdown will be worse than the effects of the actual virus,



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This showdown was a lot more normal than the first presidential debate.

mentioning that depression, substance abuse, and domestic abuse are all on the rise and that even the most strict areas have high amounts of cases, like NYC, and that the businesses there are dying.

Biden bashed Trump for his response

to the virus, citing, "another 200,000 Americans dead in the time between now and the end of the year." This is based on estimates from the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics from early September. He says he wants

to open schools and businesses, mentioning adding glass panes in businesses and schools to protect people, but not saying how he is going to pay for that.

National security: This topic was very interesting, as Trump used it to put Biden on the defensive. He did this by bringing up Hunter Biden's (Joe's son) found laptop, which allegedly contained emails from Hunter regarding shady business deals overseas. Biden denied these claims, and brought up Trump's taxes, saying Trump pays more to China than to America. Trump said he "prepaid millions" in taxes, and he is going to release his tax returns soon, although he has been saying that for literally years.

Immigration: Biden pressed Trump on this issue, saying that the Trump Administration separated kids from their parents at the border of Mexico, hold-

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California courts slowly reopening with COVID precautions in place

By Naomi Sanft
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California state courts' reopening measures continue to be up in the air due to the unwavering presence of COVID-19. As many affected by this pandemic are aware, gatherings of over ten people are a thing of the past. This has created problems in many aspects of our lives and necessities of society, and that unfortunately includes the justice system and prisons.

The Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution protects citizens' rights to a speedy and public trial. On Mar. 23, Chief

Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and the Judicial Council voted to redefine the qualifications for "speedy." This has made drastic changes to the California justice system; for example, a detained felony defendant must be taken before a court in 48 hours, but that deadline has been extended to as long as seven days. Additionally, all jury trials were suspended for sixty days. San Mateo County started jury trials as soon as the freeze ended on May 25, but had to halt for an additional thirty days after a court employee possibly exposed jurors to COVID-19.

Criminal Defense Attorney Lisa K. McCamey said,

"I haven't really wanted to try a case, and fortunately, I haven't been in that difficult position; you got somebody in custody you don't think is guilty, so you want to get them out as soon as possible, so you might pull your time waiver and then normally within sixty days, you would go to court — now it just goes on forever."

For years, California has struggled with overcrowded prisons, many over capacity by tens of thousands. This problem moved from worrisome to dangerous when the pandemic hit; however, the solution was not simple. California Governor Gavin Newsom resisted releasing in-

mates from prisons because it could exacerbate homelessness and crime. However, Newsom signed an executive order to suspend prison intake for thirty days, which would direct people convicted of felonies to be held in local jails instead. On Apr. 6, California stopped charging bail for most misdemeanor and some low-level felony offenses. Trials that have made it to court are under very strict guidelines to prevent spread of COVID-19. McCamey later said, "Normally, you have twelve jurors in the jury box, and now we can't do that, so now they are spread out all around the courtroom — lawyers have to stand [in place], and

everybody has to wear a mask, and even the witnesses have to wear masks, which I have a problem with because 60% of all communication is nonverbal. Reading people's faces when they talk can tell you a lot."

Since the new guidelines, jail populations in Los Angeles County and in Sacramento County have decreased over 30% and Orange County decreased 45%. Many counties such as San Diego, San Mateo, and Stanislaus released hundreds of people held for pretrial. In San Mateo County as of June, judges and staff have returned to work, maintaining social distancing and masking guidelines.

Freshmen elect their new officers

By Kaitlynn Lamb
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Although Terra Nova continues with distance learning, the student body has resumed the normal club fairs and even elections. Recently, an election was held to determine the next freshman class officers. Malika McClain won as president, Hailey Hata as vice president, Katie Bagdon as secretary, and Katelyn Hy as treasurer, and they have committed to continue to spread positivity throughout the school's community.

Hailey Hata, the freshmen vice president, is set to work with Terra Nova's leadership to establish a happy and safe place for everyone. "I wanted to run for class officer because I wanted to be involved with my school community and I love helping out anywhere I can," Hata said. When asked how she plans to contribute to the student body, she said, "With at home learning, I plan on contributing to the student body by joining all the zoom calls and suggesting new ideas." Her message for her peers is, "I understand that starting high school online is really hard, but try not to stress, keep pushing, and remember that everything will be okay no matter what happens."

As secretary, Katie Bagdon takes notes during class meetings and lends a help-



Courtesy of @terrannotapride

The freshman class officers are ready to step into their new roles.

ing hand when planning rallies and spirit weeks. When asked why she wanted to run for secretary, Bagdon said, "I wanted

to run this year because I think I have the skills to help make Terra Nova a better place," and she continued on by saying

"It seemed like a great way to get involved with my school as well, and since it's harder to feel connected to school in these times, I think it'll benefit my relationship with Terra Nova." Bagdon plans on putting her effort into contributing to the school's community by being an open ear and a voice for others. "I plan on contributing by paying attention to the needs of my classmates and voicing opinions during meetings. I think that, with the help of the student body, I can help make school at Terra Nova better during these times," she said. Katie wants her peers to always remember to stay strong, there really is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Katelyn Hy shares her inspiration to run for class treasurer: "I wanted to try something new and also to help spread positivity around our community and just thought that being a part of leadership and being a class officer would help do that." Like the others, Hy plans to be a voice for the student body. "During this time, I feel that it's harder for people to voice out their opinion so I want to help being their voices forward," she explained, adding, "Also, just being a helping hand to the student body and our community would be a way I'm trying to contribute." Hy ended by saying to try your best, no matter what life throws at you.

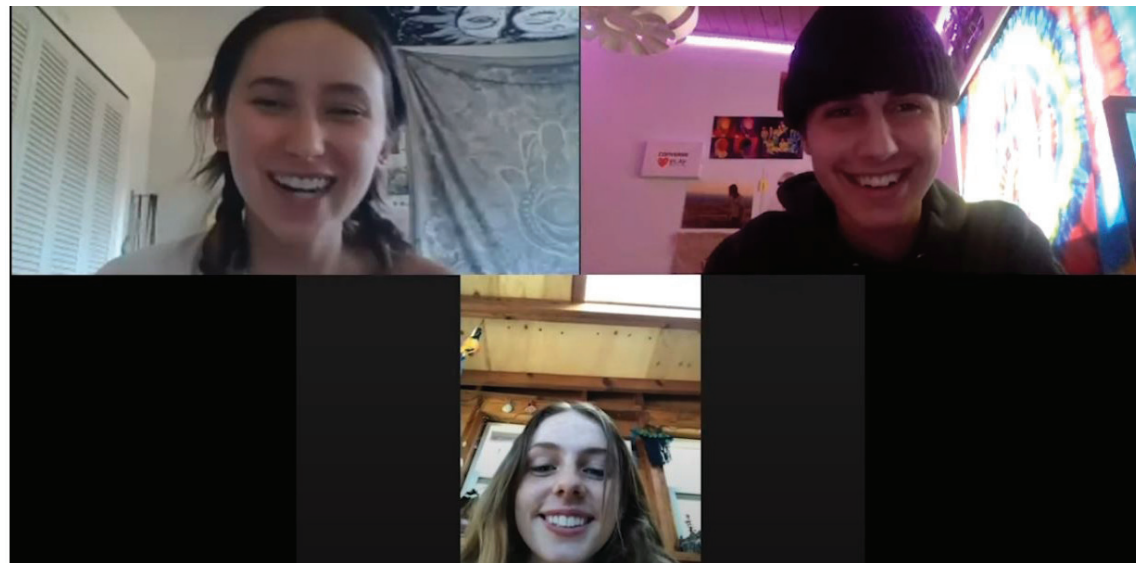
Malika McClain could not be reached for comment by press time.

Despite AHL, school events are still happening

By Justin Arnaudo
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COVID-19 has changed the world many ways since March. Terra Nova is no exception. Despite being forced to be completely online, Terra Nova has still managed to function as a school community, hosting events like a virtual Open House last week. To make this event work, the Terra Nova staff had to come up with a new way to introduce TN to prospective parents and students.

In the past, Terra Nova would have everyone in the theater to watch a video about the school and plans for the year. This year, Terra Nova had everyone in a zoom call and used screen sharing to play a video. Terra Nova principal Megan Carey, said, "We will then have a Q and A through zoom." This



Terra Nova Leadership Youtube

Being at home doesn't mean we can't still have school activities like the online rally.

format is still a very effective way to hold meetings because there can still be communication between staff and parents. Even though the Open House was virtual, it was set up in a

way that made it possible to proceed as normal as possible.

This online format will most likely be used for other online events in the future. Mrs. Carey said, "All other online

events will probably be held using a similar system." Mrs. Carey also made it clear that the district is trying to figure out when school is physically reopening. Even though Open

House went well, Mrs. Carey, like most people, would prefer to hold school events in person. Based on current planning from the district, Terra Nova is hoping to have a limited reopening at the beginning of 2021.

Mrs. Carey also wants sporting events to start back up once it is safe to do so. The current time frame starts sports and other events in person at the end of 2020 or the beginning of 2021, but it is hard to predict when COVID-19 cases will drop, making it safe to meet in large groups.

Many things have to happen for school to continue as usual. As of now, the school is hoping the semester starting in 2021 will be when school returns in person, although it will start very slowly and in a very limited way based on district and public health officials' recommendations. For now, stay home and wear a mask.

Club Fairs kick off with events on Oct. 19 and Nov. 9, so join the fun

By Nicole Garrett
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There are a plethora of clubs at Terra Nova, and they would be so happy to help you find your interests and get more involved in our high school. The first Club Fair already passed, but there is another one on Nov. 9. All you need to do to sign up for a club is go to The Jungle Google classroom and fill out the form for your desired clubs. If more than one club interests you, you may join more than one.

Ella Boldt (11) helped organize the club fair, and will be helping organize the next

one, too. When asked about the requirements to join each club, she said, "The only requirement to join a club is that you fill out the Google form. That's it!"

The club fair on Oct. 19 hosted seven of our clubs with individual Zoom links for each club in The Jungle Google classroom. The clubs that attended the fair were the Gender and Sexuality Alliance, Asian Club, Students in Action, Mock Trial, Beyond the Bomb, LatinX club, and the Tiger News Network, although there was a small complication when the same advisor was trying to host Zoom meetings for two clubs at once. The teachers and club officers

were the hosts of the meetings and were there to provide students with answers to any questions they may have had about the club. Boldt said that the best way to contact club advisors is, "There is a new leadership website, and on that website there is information on each individual Club in the teacher's emails."

Leadership is a zero period class that helps get students involved in school activities and helps organize events like the Club Fair and rallies. Unfortunately, students are no longer able to sign up for Leadership positions during the 2020-2021 school year. However, at the end of this school year, there will

be forms to fill out to apply to join leadership for the 2021-2022 school year.

Club Fair will only happen twice this year, and the last Club Fair is going to be on Nov. 9. The Google form for each club will have only three things: your first and last name, your grade, and your email. Once you submit the form, you will be signed up for that club. Joining clubs is a great way to get involved in the school and create a community. There will be a handful of new clubs opening up during this second fair, so there will be a club for every type of person. Everybody is welcome to go to Club Fair, and we encourage you to sign up for a club.

JUHSD postpones sports training

By Miles Palmer
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On Oct. 22, the Jefferson Union High School District announced in person learning and any form of sports practices will not happen until the second semester due to COVID-19. This decision has left parents, students, teachers, and coaches in a state of confusion and uncertainty about what will happen in the future. A lot of our Tiger athletes, who have not played for a Terra Nova sports team since last March or even longer, have mixed feelings about this decision.

Senior student-athlete Justin Tsang is in his fourth year of playing football for the Tigers and feels it is good that the district hasn't ruled out sports entirely for this school year and is at least giving athletes a chance to play their sport.

"You can't act like [COVID] doesn't exist. I mean, as long as they take the right precautions then it's chill, but that's extremely hard," Tsang said. He also noted how just one positive case can cause everything to crumble. Many professional



Courtesy of Joshua Ababseh

Even reasonably distanced sports have had their seasons postponed.

and college sports teams have shown just how fast things can change if one member of a team tests positive for COVID-19.

Aaliyah Carbajal (11), a member of the cheer team, shares Tsang's mixed feelings.

"I feel it's very unfortunate, but we have to respect the guidelines and don't want to risk the spread of Corona," she said.

Carbajal has been making sure she is staying in shape for her season. "I have

been trying to do as much as possible with what I have been given," she said.

While everyone is missing our beloved Terra Nova sports, there are other ways of seeing athletes perform. Professional and college sports are back, which is a great way to relax and enjoy sports. During this time, sports can provide an escape for both athletes and fans. Even though this isn't anything compared to the excitement and fun of being with your teammates or friends during a high school sports game, it will have to substitute for the foreseeable future.

For those playing these sports, however, it is a different story. Student-athletes across the world have been without organized practices for quite some time, and motivating yourself to even get up and out of your bed can be a struggle sometimes. However, by staying active and going outside, you can make sure you continue to stay in good physical — and mental — health. Without team practices and strength-training/conditioning, many athletes have had to adapt and overcome the challenges that COVID-19 has presented to everyone.

Los Angeles Dodgers win 2020 World Series

By Eric Ellison
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On Oct. 27, the seemingly unbeatable Los Angeles Dodgers faced off against the underdog Tampa Bay Rays in Game 6 of the best-of-7 World Series. The series ended on that night, and despite having the scariest batting lineup possibly ever, it was LA's pitching that sealed the 3-1 victory. But how did they get to that point?

The Rays had a successful run during the shortened season, winning a total of 40-20 games, topping the American League and punching their ticket to the playoffs. After kicking off the playoffs with a Wildcard round sweep 2-0 against the Blue Jays, the Rays were met once again with the Yankees. This series went to the final game, ending poetically with Broussard himself hitting a home run off of Aroldis Chapman, who had thrown at Broussard's head earlier that year, breaking the tie and ultimately winning the game. The Rays' next opponents was the Houston Astros, who had eliminated Tampa from the 2019 playoffs. The Rays started off looking for revenge, burning to a 3-0 series lead, but in a best of 7, it is not over until it's over, and the Astros sent it all the way to a Game 7, winning three straight. Tampa was one game away from becoming the second team (after the 2004 Yankees) to blow a 3-0 lead and lose a playoff series. But these Rays refused to have that as a part of their legacy. They beat Houston 4-2 in the seventh game to move on to the franchise's second World Series in history. This one took place in Arlington, Texas, which would be the first time the Rays played for a crowd all year.

The Los Angeles Dodgers were simply a super team. After trading for possibly the best player in baseball and 2018 AL MVP Mookie Betts, the Dod-

gers now had the former year's MVP and the reigning 2020 NL MVP in Cody Bellinger. On top of these two outfielding stars and batting machines, the Dodgers still had three-time Cy Young award winner Clayton Kershaw. Dodgers fan Kevin Lorencillo (11) summed up the collective enthusiasm: "Going into the season, I felt more confident with the team reaching their goal to win a



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The Dodgers' storied season came to a close last week.

World Series. Just because of the fact that they already had a great team and adding another MVP just boosted my confidence of them winning." With these three stars headlining the team, it almost seemed unfair to the rest of the league. LA started off with a blazing 30-10 start, slowing down to a 13-7 final 20 games, still ending with a league best 43-17. Their playoff run started

with an unsurprising five-game win streak, quickly getting through the first two rounds of the playoffs. They then found themselves, however, down 3-1 to the Atlanta Braves in the NLCS. The Dodgers managed to claw back, however, winning three straight and punching their ticket to the World Series.

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Antonio Brown returns to NFL after many battles with legal trouble

By Jack Gillen
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The drama continues in a new saga with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, as Antonio Brown has signed a 1-year contract worth up to \$2.5 million with a \$1 million base salary. It also includes \$750,000 for a Super Bowl win and bonuses for receptions, yards, and TD thresholds. He started practicing on Oct. 28 but cannot make his debut in week 8, as he is serving an 8-game suspension and will most likely start his season in week 9.

The talent was never the question about signing Brown, as he was no doubt a first-ballot Hall of Famer before his

off-the-field antics. In the past two years, Brown has had a furniture-throwing lawsuit, reckless driving charges, a domestic dispute with the mother of his daughter, was sued by his personal chef, was sued by his personal trainer, was sued by a female trainer over alleged sexual assault, and has turned himself into police in Florida on a warrant on burglary and criminal mischief charges and is currently serving two-year probation.

To add to the legal trouble, Brown has had incidents with owners and coaches from his former teams. Brown missed team meetings and sat out a Week 17 game that was a must-win for the Steelers to make the postseason in 2018. After being traded to the Oakland Raid-

ers, Brown would have had to be quiet for just four more days, but instead, he punted a football at the owner while calling him a "cracker," and they let Brown go just on time to opt-out of his guaranteed \$30 million. He went to the New England Patriots for one game before they let him go due to his legal trouble.

Tampa Bay Head coach Bruce Arians, who was the offensive coordinator for the Steelers when Brown played for them, said, "I just know him, and it's not a fit in our locker room. He's too much of a diva." However, Brown's former teammate Tom Brady, who wanted Brown badly in New England, clearly influenced the decision to sign him now that Brady has moved to Tampa Bay. For

Brown's talents, he was signed for dirt cheap, and if he can keep his head on straight, this signing will be well worth it. Fans like Tyler Parker (11) believe in Brown's potential. "This is Brown's comeback season...he's changed," Parker said. Arians has also come out and said that Brown has "matured."

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The high price of systemic racism

By Maya Orsi
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America's record breaking prison population has been ignored for decades. However, the recent rise of the Black Lives Matter movement has led people to question the racial disparities in our justice system and why the numbers are so disproportional. In order to fully understand our incarceration problem, our country must widen its lens and look at the history of crime and imprisonment.

In late January of 1865, the House of Representatives approved the thirteenth amendment, which states that "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall be duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." While this amendment was crucial to the freedom of Black Americans, it created a loophole that many argue still exists today.

After hundreds of years of slavery, the economy suffered without the free labor of slaves. However, the Thirteenth Amendment contained a loophole meant to punish those who



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are put in prison: it allowed prisoners to be forced into free labor.

Michelle Alexander, award-winning author and opinion column writer for the New York Times states, "So many aspects of the old Jim Crow are suddenly legal again once you've been branded a felon. And so it seems that in America we

haven't so much ended racial caste, but simply redesigned it." Alexander illustrates how this loophole has led to the inflation of imprisonment, especially for Black Americans.

Post civil war, African Americans were often arrested for vague and minor offenses such as "malicious mischief" and

"loitering," crimes that are so vague as to potentially mask the racist arrests. Much later came the War on Drugs. Richard Nixon, our 37th president, inspired a movement against substance abuse across the states. While the intent of this "war" was seemingly positive, it ultimately acted as a catalyst for the

rising black prison population.

John Ehrlichman, Nixon's aid on Domestic Affairs, explained the real motives of this campaign in an interview back in 1994, "We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin. And then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities...we could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did."

Today, Black men make up 34% of the prison population, but only 13% of men in America as a whole, and there is little debate that these numbers we see today are a direct result of the country's long history of systemic oppression towards people of color. Starting with the 13th Amendment loophole to the War on Drugs in the seventies to the infamous 1994 crime bill that disproportionately targeted populations of color by adding more death penalty offenses and three-strikes laws, Black Americans continue to suffer from historical injustices that will take decades to rectify.

Eucalyptus trees pose increasing fire threat

By Katalina Huazano
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In California, it seems to be that every year, we break another record for biggest fire season, but 2020 has proven to be the absolute worst year for fires, and just about everything else. Many factors play into the yearly increase of intense fires, but today, we will be honing in on Eucalyptus trees' impact.

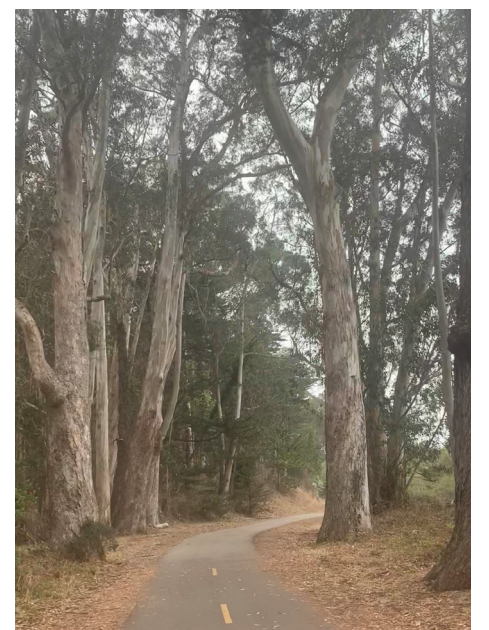
Some background information on how the Australian trees ended up in California according to Jared Farmer, the author of "Trees in Paradise: A California History." In a KQED interview, he explained they were brought over during the Gold Rush. The Tasmania Blue Gum Eucalyptus was sold in nurseries due to high demand of wood for building and fuel. The trees flourished in California since the climate was so similar to the Mediterranean and Chaparral/Shrubland

biome in coastal Australia. When farmers realized that the trees were impractical for building due to splitting when cut down, the plantations were abandoned. Eucalyptus trees are found primarily in the Peninsula and decrease as you move further inland because of the conditions of higher temperatures and scarce moisture (like fog) making it unsuitable for the trees to thrive and reproduce.

California native forests contain a lot of biodiversity that naturally make them resistant to fires, which are a natural part of enabling the forest to regenerate. Quentin Clark, a lecturer at San Francisco State University who specializes in Natural Resource Management and Invasive Species Ecology, said, "The Eucalyptus has been able to dominate and become an invasive species in the Bay Area in particular because of its ability to eliminate all other competition within its ecosystem for resources through the process of shedding leaves, bark, and oil."

He goes on to say, "So it suppresses the growth and eliminates a lot of the understory from other types of trees, shrubs, and plants, creating a monoculture. Eventually creating this build up of flammable material which is great for Eucalyptus... to establish dominance in this... environment that it is not native to. But as a result it makes it more vulnerable to fires because the rest of the ecosystem has been altered, and it is just that tree and woody debris on the forest floor."

In Pacifica and all through the coast the trees are easily identified by the smell that derives from the oil the tree releases. David Melton, a firefighter at San Francisco Fire Department Station 44, said, "Eucalyptus trees can pose a significant threat to fire fighting operations. The tree's oil heats up during the fire and gives off a flammable gas, accelerating the heat and growth of the fire. This can lead to hazardous conditions making any firefighting operation more unsafe."



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A quick walk on the San Pedro trail shows you how easily Eucalyptus crowds out other species.

Only tech firms and drug companies call their customers "users"

By Justin Arnaudo
Times staff writer

On Jan. 26, 2020, Netflix released "The Social Dilemma," a documentary which intends to expose the threat social media poses to everyday life. This documentary includes interviews with Tristan Harris, Jaron Lanier, Aza Raskin, Shoshana Zuboff, Renee DiResta, Justin Rosenstein, Tim Kendall, Rashida Richardson,

and Anna Lembke, all of whom have played a part in creating the media so many use today.

Large social media companies use coded algorithms to find content people might enjoy based on previous watch history, and then find new content that will keep users watching. The documentary makes the point that the only industries that refer to their clientele as "users" are the tech and drug industries. One might ask, "How do social media companies keep

users addicted?" Algorithms track what users watch and then recommend new content that reflects the old content that a user was watching. By doing this, users are constantly being fed new content in accordance to the algorithm based on their interests. As a result, they become engrossed in the app for long periods of time, which increases the revenue of massive social media companies.

"But what's the problem with that?" you might ask. After all,

it's far more convenient to have Google or Amazon or YouTube show you things you're more likely to enjoy than a random list of items or videos. The problem is that, as with most things, a little is good and a lot is disastrous.

The more time you interact with an app or a site, the more money that company makes by way of advertising revenue. When revenue becomes the only factor that companies take into account, other negative side effects come into play. Peo-

ple become less active as their screen time dominates their life, people's social lives suffer, and worse, people are given information that they want to hear, not information that is correct. This was a major topic of the documentary: algorithms constantly refeed similar content, which can lead to massive amounts of false information being spread to millions of people in a short amount of time.

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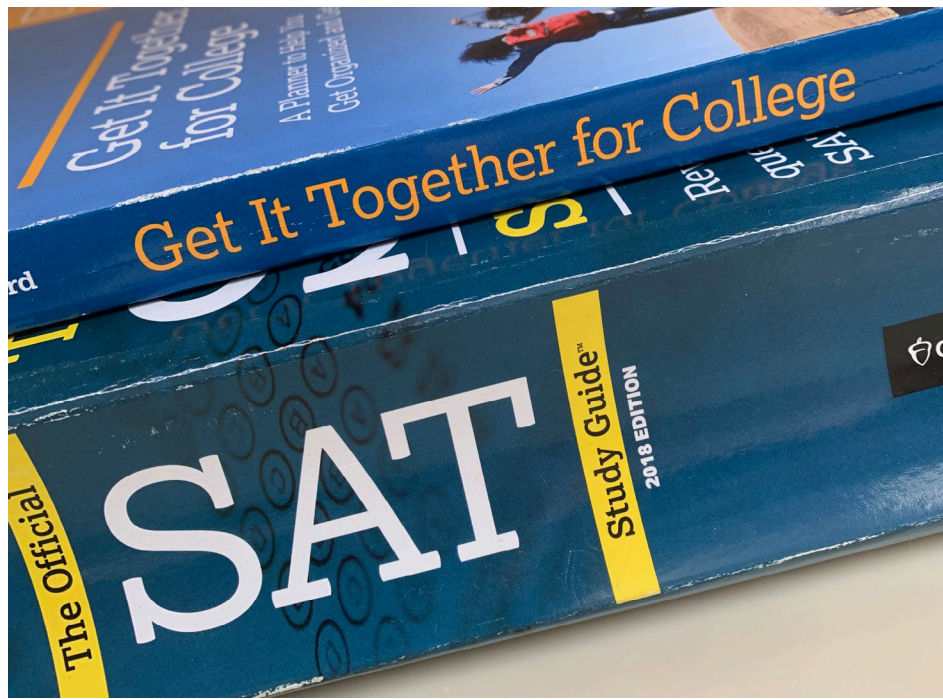
Do you even need the SAT/ACT?

By Naomi Sanft
Times staff writer

Between the cancelled test dates and distant test sites, many students have been unable to take the SAT or ACT, causing both stress and worry about college acceptance. Due to COVID-19, it's gotten very difficult to actually take the SAT/ACT; however, most schools have adapted to this change and made score submission optional. This means students can still send in scores, but are not required to. While this change has relieved some students, it has also generated many questions about how the admissions processes will be affected.

California State University. The CSU system has gone a step further than making the test optional, suspending the use of the SAT/ACT for admission eligibility for both the 2021 and 2022 academic years. Since CSUs do not require personal statements or recommendation letters, acceptance will be most heavily based on A-G GPA, meaning weighted grade point average for college preparatory courses.

Terra Nova senior Isabella Didonato said, "I think that [the test blind policy] has its certain advantages because I'm not



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There may be no need for all those SAT books and prep courses after all.

always a good test taker under pressure, but it is very different from normal. I'll just have to wait and see what happens."

University of California. Many students celebrated the California Supreme Court decision to eliminate use of the

SAT/ACT for UC admission; unfortunately, this decision will not go into effect until 2023. The UC system as a whole has gone test-optional, meaning, if submitted, SAT/ACT scores will be a factor of admission. UC Davis admis-

sions policy states, "Nobody will be required to submit an SAT or ACT score for admission consideration, and applications will not be viewed negatively based on the lack of a score. Testing has always been only one of many factors considered in our review process." However, Santa Cruz, Berkeley, Irvine, and Santa Barbara have announced they will be going test blind. This means, similar to the CSU system, those UC schools will not consider SAT/ACT scores at all. According to UC Berkeley policy, "Other academic indicators will continue to be assessed in the review process, including grades, the rigor of a student's courses, other non-required tests (SAT subject test, AP tests, IB test, etc.), and a student's individual academic context."

Private and Out of State. The vast majority of colleges in the U.S. have only announced a test-optional policy for 2021, including all eight Ivy League schools. Many schools have written formal statements indicating that failure to submit SAT/ACT scores will not disadvantage applicants. CalTech has announced a test-blind policy.

For panicking seniors, remember: many students were unable to take the SAT/ACT this year. You're not alone.

How to set yourself up for collegiate future

By Justin Arnaudo
Times staff writer

College is a big step for most people in the U.S., and although millions of people go from high school to college each year, many actually do not know what steps to take to prepare to go to college. Don't worry: we're here to help.

There are four steps to take during freshman and sophomore year. College counselor Elaine Dessus constructed a list for her clients: "Learn how to be a good student, learn about the world around you, by sophomore year start to research colleges, and keep your grades up and continue to challenge yourself."

Being a successful student can translate to so many things. In the eyes of most universities, part of being a good student translates into taking challenging courses, such as AP or Honors courses. Even just

learning good study habits and how to manage your time can set you up with the right skills to be an outstanding applicant.

To learn about the world, you'll need to experience it for yourself, which can be hard for many busy high school students. This could mean participating in extracurriculars that push your growth and development.

"Something like mock trial can really help you learn not only how to speak and debate in a formal setting, but it also introduces you to how law and the justice system work," said mock trial advisor Mrs. Jenkins.

Using extracurriculars to their advantage, students can figure out what they like and apply to colleges that have good programs in those subjects.

Although many believe junior year is prime for college seeking, sophomore year is actually when to begin researching colleges. Chelsea Mooney, an admissions counselor at Hum-

boldt State University advised, "Some of the most important steps are to do your research, ask questions, and take advantage of the resources that are out there for students."

By starting this process sophomore year, students have more time to learn about a wider variety of schools and pick which ones they want to begin working to apply to.

One of the more basic steps is to keep your grades up. Having exemplary grades not only displays intelligence, it shows dedication and a successful work ethic. Maintaining good grades in a demanding environment tells more about students than their ability to ace tests. Even if you do not have good grades to begin with, colleges also want to see change and improvement. This means it is not the end of the world if students have lower grades as lowerclassmen because colleges see commitment and the ability to improve.



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Lauren Nevin (12) setting herself up for future success.

Save thousands of dollars and apply to a community college instead

By Leila Eliares
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Education comes at a high price, especially when it comes to four-year colleges and universities. However, you can still get a quality, convenient, affordable education at local community colleges. This path of education offers many courses that are similar to those in four-year college. Terra Nova also partners with Skyline Community College. Different workshops, counseling, and help with registration and financial aid are all some benefits to the collaboration. The application process,



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Get education without going broke

like any other, is still several steps.

First, students interested in attending a community college will most likely need to create an account on the California Community Colleges website known as an OpenCCC Account. However, some community colleges have the option of applying through their website.

Ms. Spasic, the head of the College and Career Center, said, "If a student is applying to an out of state program, they will need to apply through that community colleges website."

If you already have taken a dual enrollment course like ASL or Autoshop, then you should already have an account. Next, you simply need to fill out

the application. It only takes around a half hour or less to complete the full application process, which is made up of seven parts. Under "term applying for," select the term you desire, for example Fall 2021. Continue on to fill out the education, citizenship, residency, needs/interests, demographic information, and submissions sections. They are required.

The main difference between community college and a four-year is that community colleges only offer up to a two-year degree, also known as an Associate degree. After completing both years at a community college, students often transfer to a university or other four-year college as an incoming junior.

Kick off the day with a great meal

By Isabella Copeland
Times staff writer

Have you ever heard the phrase, “Breakfast is the most important meal of the day?” With online school being as draining as ever, breakfast has never been so important. Eating a healthy and fulfilling breakfast can make all the difference and impact your level of focus throughout the day. Of course, it is difficult to make time before school to not only prepare a meal, but also have time to eat it. A key part of succeeding in school includes investing in ways to make a time-efficient and healthy breakfast.

Donovan Potter (11) just how hard it is to concentrate when you’re hungry. “When I don’t eat breakfast, my stomach hurts, and it’s all I can think about, and that doesn’t happen when I do eat breakfast,” he said.

But eating breakfast does more than help you avoid a grumbling stomach. According to WebMd, breakfast helps your brain function faster and with the rest of your body better. “Skipping the morning meal can throw off your body’s rhythm of fasting and eating. When you wake up, the blood sugar your body



Zoe Kapp

Zoe Kapp starts the day with a great source of energy: whole-grain toast.

needs to make your muscles and brain work their best is usually low. Breakfast helps replenish it,” the website states.

Breakfast not only feeds the stomach, it feeds the soul. Terra Nova well-

ness Ms. Calpotura believes in the importance of eating a healthy breakfast. “I believe eating a healthy breakfast improves people’s ability to focus and their overall mood. Sometimes if

someone eats an unhealthy breakfast, it can make them lethargic.” When your body feels sluggish, it can be harder to fight off negative thoughts and feelings.

So where to start when figuring out what to have for breakfast? Izzy Morrow (11) lives by her healthy breakfast. “An easy breakfast to make before school is to throw some fruit into a blender and make a smoothie!” she said.

Smoothies give you an opportunity to fill your body with fruits, greens, and grains from the start. Take advantage of the ability to consume such a large amount of healthy products in one cup. Smoothies taste great and can fill you up for your first periods. Morrow continued, “Smoothies are really efficient because they take little time to make and are really good!!” If smoothies aren’t your thing, there are plenty of easy ways to fuel yourself before school. Pinterest, allrecipes.com, and foodnetwork.com all have tons of efficient breakfast recipes.

Short on time? Opt for things you can heat up quickly like breakfast burritos, frozen waffles, toast, or even breakfast sausages. Making the first move and attempting breakfast in the morning can turn around your day in an overall positive way.

A hot dog isn’t a sandwich — it’s a taco

By Luke Avery
Times staff writer

Here at Terra Nova, we like to ask the hard questions in life: does money lead to happiness? What is the meaning of life? And even, is a hotdog a sandwich? Unfortunately, by the end of this article, you won’t know the answer to those first two questions, but things may become more clear about that last ponder. Food classification has been revolutionized after the introduction of the “Grain Theory;” a theory that uses grain layering and sides to classify foods into categories.

Grain theory, bread theory, or, in more scientific lingo, “Starch theory” is the study of grains and how different formations of borders and layering classifies different types of food. There are seven types of grain formations already discovered in grain theory.

Starting off strong, a food that only has starch on the bottom layer of grain is classified as a “toast.” The most notorious toast foods include bread with eggs, apple pie, and Nigiri. The most known starch formation, however, is the sandwich: a food with grain on both top and bottom of a substance. Examples of popular sandwich archetypes are ham gyro, Oreos, and quesadillas. Most people will try to dispute the grain theory by saying a hotdog is a sandwich; as Terra Nova food connoisseur Justin Milch (12) falsely stated, “A hotdog is a sandwich if you cut the third side, if it’s not already before.” According to the grain theory, hotdogs would be considered a three-starch sided grain under the category of a taco. The three-sided grain category also includes hoagies. The fact of the matter is, the grain theory applies to original formations of grain based on what their shape was in creation. This

would mean that even though you can cut the connecting part of a taco, it would still be a taco and not become a sandwich.

Continuing on, a four-sided starch food would be considered a sushi. Other foods classified as sushi include taquitos. A five-sided starch would be considered a quiche, such as a classic quiche, crepes, and even ice cream cones. Finishing off the list of traditional grain archetypes is the calzone, a 6-sided food completely surrounded by starch. Front runners of the calzone category consist of hot pockets, ravioli, and Poptarts. Other unknown calzones are corn dogs, Twinkies, and fried chicken.

Grain theory is a relatively unknown theory, coming out in this very decade. Understandably, very few people understand the intricacies of the topic. Many people will enjoy open-faced grain food and have the audacity to call it a sandwich



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Pardon me while I enjoy my freshly made...calzone.

instead of a toast. I spoke to professional starch handler Erik Coleman from the San Bruno Subway, and his ignorance of bread theory was disheartening. When asked whether he thought

a ravioli was a calzone, he completely disregarded the question, in fear of being called out on his qualifications, and instead asked, “Look man, do you want to order a sandwich or not?”

What is your favorite Fall food?



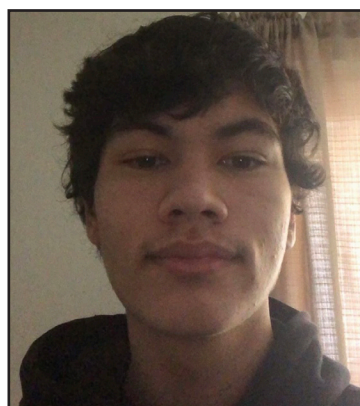
“Pumpkin pie for sure!”
-Savannah Copeland (9)



“Halloween candy, especially Starbursts.”
-Summer Schonemann (10)



“Pumpkin or apple pie.”
-Nicole Tuason (11)



“My favorite fall food is pumpkin pie.”
-Charles Lomas (12)



“My favorite fall food is pecan pie.”
-Mr. Poling



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HELPFUL COMPUTER TIPS



By Danrick Ivan Jamora
Times staff writer

Since the start of At-Home Learning, many people now have new computers. Whether it is a Mac, Chromebook, or a Windows computer, there are things available to make the whole experience streamlined.

First of all, organize your desktop. It's hard to get work done with a cluttered computer screen, so make it easier for yourself in the long run. Organize certain files and programs into folders, and delete things you don't need. It saves you from the headache of trying to

find an app last minute, and it also saves storage space on your device. Experienced digital artist Lance Martin-Holle (11) said, "Having an organized desktop saves me the time of searching for files or programs, and makes it easier to start the school day."

Next, you should memorize some shortcuts on your computer (for Mac users, replace Ctrl with command). If you can't find something, Ctrl+f will bring up a search box to find it. If you want to get a new browser tab, then Ctrl+t will bring up a new tab for you. Have you ever accidentally closed your browser, and had to open every tab you had by yourself? Ctrl+Shift+T will bring up your last

closed tabs. If you accidentally change something in a document or presentation, Ctrl+Z will reverse that change. As an avid computer user, Luka Bulazo (11) says that, "Learning the shortcuts should be something everybody knows. They are easy to learn and just make using the computer easier and faster."

Now, this is a computer tip that can actually benefit your health. According to a study by Professor Gianluca Tosini of the Morehouse School Of Medicine, blue light emitted from computers and cellphones can actually affect your Circadian Rhythm, or your sleep cycle. To limit this, try reducing the brightness at night or before you go to bed. Many

computers have an option to filter out blue light, which has the same effect. Be careful though — in an interview with Mr. Tosini, he said, "Blue light exposure is beneficial during the daytime and not beneficial during the evening. Thus, any devices that cut blue light during (i.e., blue light blocking lens or similar) the daytime is likely to have negative effects on sleep, cognition and alertness. On the other hand, any device that reduces blue light in the evening is going to have a beneficial effect on sleep and circadian rhythm. It's a matter of timing."

Finally, the universal rule for computer troubleshooting, if it doesn't work, turn it off and on again.

APPLE VERSUS FORTNITE



By Danrick Ivan Jamora
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Lawsuits are not uncommon in this world of corporations and massive businesses, yet many people were shocked when Epic Games, the development studio behind the massively popular game Fortnite, filed a lawsuit against Apple for their apparent violation of antitrust laws. Epic Games claims that Apple is trying to start a monopoly by forcing developers to do transactions through the App Store, where Apple takes 30% of the purchases. Fortnite also sued Google's Play Store; however Google chose to settle with Epic.

This all began when Epic updated Fortnite to give players a 20% discount

on the In-Game Currency — "V-Bucks" — if the consumers bought directly from Epic, giving players a reason to not use the App Store. According to Apple, this violates their terms-of-service, and so they removed Fortnite from the store, and also removed Epic Games' developer account, meaning that they could no longer upload applications and games to the App Store. Immediately after this happened, Epic Games proceeded to file a lawsuit against Apple, bringing the situation to where it is today. Since then, Epic Games has released a video titled "Nineteen Eighty-Fortnite" where Epic seemingly mocks Apple's ad "1984," which is a reference to George Orwell's dystopian novel "1984," comparing the totalitarian government in the novel to IBM's massive hold over the home com-

puter market. According to tech expert Alex Kantrowitz, Epic Games published this ad in order to show the public that large studios and small companies both have to deal with Apple's high pricing for purchases on the App Store and that it greatly affected their revenue.

Epic Games' official claim is that Apple is behaving like a monopoly, accusing them of unfair and non-competitive actions because of the non-negotiable 30% revenue cut on the App Store. Apple then released a counterclaim, stating that there was an obvious breach of the Terms and Conditions of the App Store and that Apple had the right to remove Fortnite from the store for this reason. Epic then filed for a preliminary injunction, which would allow Fortnite back on to the App Store, reopen their devel-

oper account, and prohibit Apple from retaliating against the Unreal Engine, a developer platform and game engine which Epic also owns. The judge ruled that Apple could keep Fortnite off of the App Store, but sided with Epic on behalf of reinstating their developer accounts and protecting the Unreal Engine, which many games use.

It goes without saying that if Apple did not charge that 30%, in-app purchases would be cheaper for consumers, and developers would be able to make more of a profit off their apps

The final decision for this case will be made in a bench trial in May 2021 and will decide the fate of Fortnite on Apple devices and will also mark an important step for developers and small game companies around the world.

NEW APPLE PRODUCTS



By Danrick Ivan Jamora
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Since the Apple Developers' conference in June, an exciting array of new software has been revealed. But like every year, most people only seem to care about the iPhone and its software update, but fail to understand what all the new software exactly does.

The first large change in Apple's new software is the announcement of MacOS 11 Big Sur for Macs. This new version of the popular operating system brings a complete overhaul to its visuals. It is described as being softer looking, with rounded and translucent edges to applications and menus. The system sounds have been entirely redesigned and controls for apps now disappear when not in use and return when needed, removing

clutter from the desktop. Widgets have been added, a feature similar to folders, but that take up more real estate on the display due to their ability to display information at a touch. Firmware updates have also been optimized, downloading in the background, and are quicker to install. MacOS 11 Big Sur has been released to developers and Beta testers, but it is not out for official release.

For iPhones, the new IOS 14 update includes the same redesign of apps and introduction of Widgets that Big Sur adds, but also includes more quality of life changes. Phone calls now show up as banners, instead of blocking your entire screen and distracting you. Siri is now capable of reading information on your screen and can give you context-based answers. A new feature to IOS is Picture in Picture, allowing users to watch videos on a small part of the screen, while

doing other activities on the rest of the screen. Siri takes advantage of this new PIP ability and no longer takes up the whole screen when called upon. The general Search section has been optimized, making it easier to access the internet from your homescreen.

The newest product released is the new iPhone 12 line of smartphones. There are four models this time around, with the iPhone 12, 12 Mini, 12 Pro, and 12 Pro Max. The basic model is the iPhone 12 and is the baseline for new features and design. The 12 Pro has a third camera and the addition of a LiDAR sensor to enhance image quality and enable the use of room scanning for augmented reality apps. Building on the 12 Pro, the 12 Pro Max has a larger display and battery, but is the heaviest phone of the group, both in your hands and on your wallet, weighing in at 8 ounces and

\$1099. The 12 and 12 Mini are available in five colors: black, white, blue, green, and (Product)Red. The Pro devices are available in four exclusive colors: graphite, silver, gold, and Pacific Blue. All of the devices have Apple's new processor, the A14 Bionic. It is touted as the most powerful smartphone processor ever, but only time and benchmarks will tell. The displays on the new phones are of Apple's Super Retina XDR type, an OLED display, able to achieve vibrant colors, true blacks, and be power efficient at the same time. Pricing for the new phones are as follows: \$699 for the mini, \$799 for the normal version, \$999 for the 12 Pro, and \$1099 for the Pro Max. Overall, the new suite of Apple products and software is very exciting and should bring some good competition to those on the Android and Windows dominated side of the Market.

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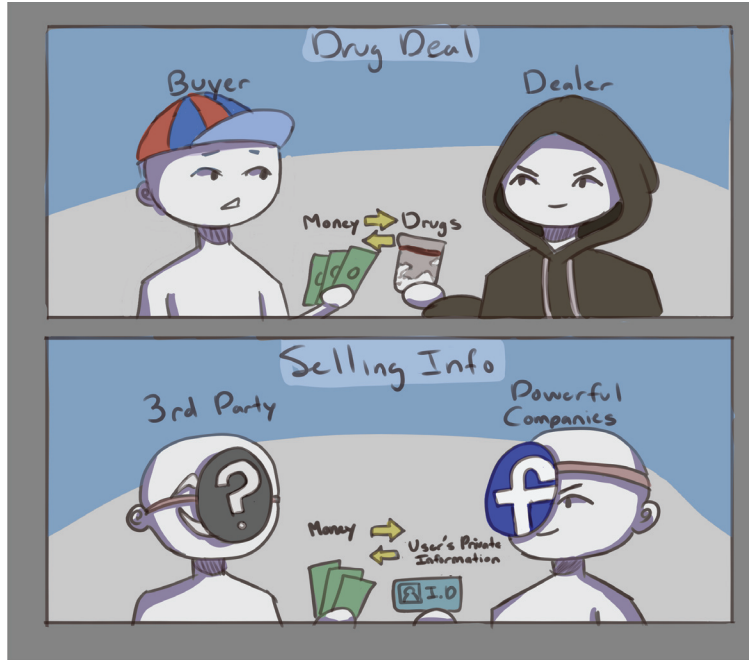
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Tristan Harris, a former “design ethicist” and computer scientist for Google, said, “It’s a disinformation-for-profit business model.” The truth is not always popular, and people do not like to hear information they disagree with, so algorithms give people what they want to hear, not what is accurate or helpful. This documentary made it very clear that social media, and the spread of misinformation, is destroying democracy.

Social media companies make money by selling ad space to other companies. Jaron Lanier, a computer scientist considered a pioneer in VR and author of “Ten Arguments For Deleting Your Social Media Accounts Right Now,” stated, “It’s the gradual, slight, imperceptible, change in your own behavior



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Some internet dealings are just as shady as drug sales.

and perception that is the product.” Essentially, time is money, and social media companies are selling users’ time to other

companies in the form of advertisements, and the longer they can get you to stick around, no matter what content it takes,

the more money they make.

This constant high of being fed things that appeal to you stimulates the subconscious parts of the brain that are connected to addiction, and so you stay on the site because it feels good to do so. As a result, both the social media companies and the advertising companies are making billions of dollars off of the population that uses these platforms.

According to most in the field, in order to become more ethical, social media companies need to be more highly regulated. Almost every single person interviewed in the documentary said in one way or another that these companies need a financial incentive to change. The best way to do this, according to “The Social Dilemma,” is by making people aware of the problem so society can come together and fix the issues everyone faces in modern day society.

Debate

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ing them in cages. Trump said that a lot of those kids came to the border from cartels, gangs, and coyotes (smugglers) and the kids are very well taken care of and in the process of being reunited with their parents, although that has been disputed more than once. He also pushed that the Obama administration (with Biden as vice president) that built the cages.

Race issues: Trump said has done the most for the black community out of any president ever, “besides (maybe) Lincoln.” He cited his efforts on criminal justice reform, prison reform, and opportunity zones, which all benefited African Americans. Biden asserted that there is institutional racism

that has to be fixed, at which point Trump questioned why he did not do anything to fix it in his 47 years in office and eight as vice president. Biden uses a lot of his time to call Trump racist, citing previously reported on Trump quotes.

Climate change: Trump started off saying he loves the environment, going after Biden for previously saying he will end fracking, something Biden disputes. Biden talked about how his new climate plan will create 18.6 million jobs in clean energy, aim to get to net zero carbon emissions by 2050, and will slowly transition away from fossil fuels. Trump seized on that statement, repeatedly saying, “That’s a big statement” and calling on oil-producing states to take notice. After the debate, Biden’s team clarified that Biden was referring to oil subsidies.

