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## President Trump has COVID-19

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As chaotic as the year 2020 has been, the most shocking piece of news came this past Friday: President Trump's diagnosis of COVID-19. Trump, via his Twitter account, said that both he and First Lady Melania Trump had tested positive for COVID-19. He then stated that he would be headed to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for examination and treatment. In his recent statements, he claims to be feeling better, but statements from his doctor and aides aren't as clear, creating further confusion.

How President Trump and the First Lady exactly got the virus is still unknown, although the positive test of close presidential aide Hope Hicks, along with several other top aides and senators, offers a few clues. However, his method of treatment has been released to the public. Dr. Sean Conley, the President's physician, disclosed Saturday that Trump had been treated with an antibody cocktail, an experimental treatment developed by Regeneron, an American biotechnology company. According to reports, President Trump is fatigued



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**Trump's diagnosis has implications not only on himself, but on all of American politics.**

but in high spirits. However, considering his position, people have begun discussing and preparing contingency plans for the worst case scenarios.

The whole situation with Trump contracting COVID-19 has made the future of the 2020 election considerably more complicated than it already was. The most simple course of action would be if President Trump recovered quickly,

and the election would go as planned with Trump's diagnosis only being a slight hiccup and delay in his reelection bid. However, if his condition worsens, things get complicated.

To break it down, there are two main outcomes that would happen if Trump does not recover immediately. In case of the President being incapacitated or deceased before the election, power would be trans-

ferred to Vice President Mike Pence, and he would become acting President. In that case, the RNC (Republican National Committee) would be able to nominate a replacement candidate through a simple majority vote. The issue lies with the fact that President Trump's name has already been printed on countless ballots across the nation, not to mention the ballots of million of Americans

who have already cast their ballots. However, when it comes down to it, the Electoral College will decide the vote, and it is likely that the electors will likely stay loyal to their parties and vote for an aforementioned replacement candidate.

The second outcome is if Trump is incapacitated or deceased after the popular vote has been taken. In that case, the election would be in the hands of the Electoral College. Their deciding process would likely continue as always, with Trump's condition being an additional deciding factor. However, in the case of the Electoral College voting to a tie, then the election goes on to the House of Representatives. This vote would be much different, with each state only getting one vote, at which point the decision would be decided by each state's delegation. Keep in mind this outcome is only one possibility out of many.

The biggest issue with President Trump coming down with COVID-19 is the timing of the situation. These circumstances are the first of their kind in U.S. history. No one knows how fast the President will recover, or if he will. With so many unknowns, we can only hope for the best while preparing for something potentially worse.

## Amy Coney Barrett nominated for SCOTUS

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With the recent passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a seat for the Supreme Court is currently vacant. As of now, the candidate that people are most focused on is Trump's nominee, Amy Coney Barrett. Currently, Amy Coney Barrett is a judge on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, having been confirmed for the position in 2017. She has been a professor at Notre Dame Law School for 15 years and still continues to work part-time at the establishment. However, her reputation is not attributed to solely being a professor; before becoming a judge, she was a law clerk under both Laurence Silberman and former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, both known conservatives.

Barrett is also a known Catholic, although she has claimed that her faith has no bearing on her judicial rulings, stating, "My personal church affiliation or my religious be-

lief would not bear on the discharge of my duties as a judge."

Barrett herself is academically and judicially qualified, as she has plenty of valuable experience in the world of law, but her position on certain topics has garnered controversy from the general public. At this time, it's important to understand her positions on certain matters, her legal history, and her qualifications for this position.

Her judicial and political stances have been the subject of controversy, specifically to those on the left who fear her beliefs will shift the opinion of the court far to the right and impact the court's rulings for decades. A notable example would be her views on abortion, which were made clear during a trial in 2018 discussing Indiana abortion regulations. The regulation in question mandated that fetuses resulting from an abortion would be subject to either a cremation or burial. Barrett and her fellow conservative judges referenced an earlier provision in relation to the case, which

detailed that people could not get an abortion because of the race, sex, or possible disability that the fetus has. The judges claimed the regulation was a "eugenics statute," and that "None of the Court's abortion decisions holds that states are powerless to prevent abortions designed to choose the sex, race, and other attributes of children."

In 2006 Barrett also supported and signed an ad calling for an opposition to abortion and, as stated on the ad, an "end to the barbaric legacy of Roe v. Wade and restore laws that protect the rights of unborn children." Barrett has also criticized the Affordable Care Act, enacted by the Obama administration, openly criticizing it in a law review in 2017, specifically focusing on moves to help uphold the act in court.

Although her appointment to the court is anything but finalized, the President's announcements had an impact, as Barrett's voice on the court could change the face of America's Judiciary system for years to come. How-



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**After her nomination, Barrett now awaits confirmation.**

ever, no one is certain about how this situation will play out. Since 1975, it has taken an average of 68 days for a Supreme Court nominee to be confirmed,

yet Ginsburg's death came only 46 days before the election. Hearings are scheduled to start Oct. 12, though they may need to be postponed due to COVID.

# Presidential candidates take stage

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On Sept. 29, 2020, current president Donald Trump and former vice president Joe Biden met for the first debate, with Fox News reporter Chris Wallace as moderator. The two candidates addressed six topics: the coronavirus, the economy, the Supreme Court, race and violence, Trump's and Biden's records, and the integrity of the election. It is important to mention that there were numerous interruptions and controversial statements, but here is a quick recap.

**The Supreme Court.** Before the next election, President Trump wants his nominee, Amy Coney Barrett, confirmed in the seat vacated by the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg. While Trump feels it is his right and duty to appoint another justice, Biden thinks it is an abuse of power. After a minute or two, the conversation quickly switched from the Supreme Court to health care.

**COVID-19.** The first question was why the American people should trust one candidate over the other when handling COVID-19. Biden thought Trump did a horrible job handling COVID and



Screengrab from C-SPAN2 on the night of the debate.

stated what he would improve on. Trump mentioned his contributions in rebuttal. Wallace mentioned the campaign events the two candidates have had in the past few months. He mentioned Trump had bigger outside rallies, while Biden had smaller rallies in general. Sadly, this segment ended in bickering between the candidates about each other's rallies.

**The economy and the impact of COVID-19.** President Trump mentioned that

the economy is in a V shape because the economy had its decline and is now on a very good recovery. Biden, on the other hand, said it is in a K shape because the rich never lost any money while the poor get poorer. Chris Wallace then asked Trump if it is true that he only paid \$750 in federal income tax in 2016 and 2017. In response, Trump said "I paid millions of dollars in taxes." Biden's economic plan for the future was to increase cor-

porate taxes while lowering taxes on the poor, while Trump's plan was not explicitly discussed. In the second half of the segment, there was a digression into Hunter Biden when Chris Wallace stepped in and ended the segment.

**Race and violence in America.** The first question was why should the people trust one candidate over the other to handle race in the next few years. Biden brought up comments Trump had said regarding race in the past, and he also brought up the church controversy, in which the White House had peaceful protesters removed with tear gas so that the President could visit the church across the street. Trump said that Biden was not in support of law and order and is afraid to talk about the topic. Biden began to talk about how he wants bring together the police and civil rights activists to solve the current race issue in America. An important quote throughout this part was when Biden said, "There's nothing we can not do if we do it together. We can take this on and we can defeat racism in America." In the biggest moment of the night, Wallace then asked if Trump would condemn white supremacists and

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## Planned Parenthood under attack again

By Samantha Guerrero  
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The Trump Administration's attack on Title X, the nation's 50-year-old program dedicated to providing affordable reproductive healthcare, officially reached the Supreme Court on Tuesday. A coalition of state attorneys general, along with the American Medical Association, Planned Parenthood Federation of American, and more, filed a petition to review an appeals court decision upholding Trump-Pence's "gag rule," which prohibits healthcare providers from directing patients to abortion providers, or even providing information about abortion.

Planned Parenthood, who serves millions of low-income patients through Title X, has to either comply with the gag rule or lose all federal funds. This is

especially concerning because Planned Parenthood is the only source of care for many women.

In Mar. of 2019, Planned Parenthood sued the Trump Administration to block the Title X gag rule. Three district courts blocked the rule, yet in July, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals allowed the rule to take effect. Once the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the enforcement of the rule, Planned Parenthood stopped accessing federal funds, but did not withdraw from Title X. However, the HHS has recently informed Planned Parenthood that they had to provide them with a plan to follow the gag rule or be forced out of the program.

In response, Planned Parenthood CEO Chris Chabboneau announced their withdrawal, which stated, "We refuse to comply with this unconscionable rule that gags our providers



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### Planned Parenthood's funding is now uncertain.

and withholds information from our patients. We will continue to fight this administration because everyone deserves the fundamental right to healthcare and our government should be focused on expanding healthcare access, not restricting it."

Title X has supported millions of people for decades and has provided cancer screenings,

STD testing and treatment, and annual exams for those without insurance. Planned Parenthood has also played a crucial role in the Title X program, serving up to 40% of the four million patients who get care through it, and it is the only provider that offers specialized care such as IUD services and the birth control shot.

According to Planned Parenthood, "The majority of patients in the Title X program identify as people of color, Hispanic, or Latino. The program is meant to cover gaps in healthcare access and affordability — especially for people living in rural or underserved areas."

The defunding of Planned Parenthood may leave patients who have heavily relied on their services with nowhere to turn or even be forced to go without birth control.

Concern is widespread. Terra Nova student Surrayah Morrow (12) said, "[Planned Parenthood] is much more than an abortion clinic and that has been proven time and time again. I'm really scared for future generations that are going to grow up feeling trapped, more than I already do now, feeling like they can lose their power and

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## With COVID restrictions easing, some theaters are looking to reopen

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Due to the pandemic, movie experiences have been moved from theaters to couches. But as of Aug. 21, 2020, a selection of theaters from AMC, Regal, and Cinemark have opened their doors to the public after five months of closure. With many local theaters opening, such as Century 20 in Daly City and Tanforan, we wanted to get a closer look at what each individual theater was doing. But after contacting multiple theaters that are opening in California, only two responded — Cinemark, in Century Redwood City and Century Napa Val-

ley, and XD. Each responded with, "No comment," when asked about their reopenings. In a CNBC interview, AMC Entertainment President and CEO Adam Aron said, "We need to make sure our theaters are safe and for the public to come into our theaters they'll be safe when they do." With no direct statement from any specific theater, we will be looking towards the general restrictions that were mandated by the state.

The theaters' capacity will be reduced to 40% or less depending on the amount of people per party. To keep social distance, there is a two-seat separation from people outside of your groups, and, in some cases, every other row is occupied. Patrons must wear masks at

all times in the theater, unless eating or drinking food; staff will be monitoring to make sure this is implemented. Theaters are not screening customers, but ask them to not go if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 or are sick.

Extra time has been given in between movies for workers to spray surfaces with electrostatic disinfectant, vacuum floors with HEPA vacuum cleaners, and disinfect handrails, bathrooms, and other hard surfaces. For their air filter systems, they have upgraded to MERV 13 filters. Also, customers are required to throw away their own trash in garbage cans after leaving the theater.

Concession stands have decreased the menu to make ordering fast. There

are no longer refills for self-serve drinks or popcorn, and bulk candy stands are no longer available. Paying with cash has been recommended at AMC and Regal, but at Cinemark, cashless payment is required for food. All theaters have placed plexiglass between customers at paying stations, as well as 6-foot marker reminders on the floor. The option of ordering food through theaters' mobile apps exist. Staff are required to wear masks, gloves, wash hands frequently and are screened every day.

Despite all these protocols, many patrons are unlikely to go. Movie lover Lauryn DelMoral (11) said, "I wouldn't attend movie theaters during COVID-19, just to be on the safe side."

# Pac-12 announces plans to restart

By Jack Gillen  
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After a six-month shutdown, the presidents and chancellors of the Pac 12 have reversed a decision made just two months ago, agreeing that the football season will restart but will be abbreviated to end around the same time that the normal season would. Instead of a 13-game season, there will be a total of seven games, five of which are division games, one inter-division match-up during the regular season, and another inter-division match-up during the weekend of the conference championship. Schedules have yet to be announced because they are still being finalized, but will be announced to the public soon.

Back in March, when the NCAA killed its season, the Pac-12 convened a medical advisory committee, and based on that committee and concerns about players developing heart inflammation due to COVID, the conference decided to cancel the season. However, just six weeks later, the conference announced that a deal had been reached with a COVID testing company, allowing regular testing that would hopefully keep players safe.



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**Like other CFB conferences, the Pac-12 is hopeful for a successful return.**

There was discussion to postpone the season to the winter, much in the same way that Terra Nova has pushed its sports to winter; however, Oregon University president and head of the Pac-12 CEO group Michael Schill, said “The consensus was the benefits of starting in the

fall were much greater than starting in the winter.” After discussion, the board decided that the abbreviated season will begin the first weekend in November.

To state the obvious, the season was postponed because of COVID-19. The concerns around restarting the season are

that college kids are a major source of the spread of the virus with cases popping up everywhere that classroom doors are open. The common belief is that COVID does not affect young people and so lots of students have continued to party, even though they know they have COVID or others around them have COVID.

Even the NFL has not been able to prevent COVID, as the Tennessee Titans have had an outbreak after testing multiple tests a week and closing their facilities to anyone not needed. It will be up to the student-athletes to be responsible and not participate in unneeded activities like frat parties.

The Pac 12 has had many months to prepare for a restart, and they have developed a solid plan to counter COVID-19. No fans will be allowed in any games, similar to most teams in the NFL. To make sure that all student-athletes are safe, the Pac 12 has partnered with Quidel Corp. to provide each school with rapid-response antigen tests. With these tests, the athletic departments will be able to administer tests before games and practices. There is no shortage of how many times players can be tested as the deal with Quidel gives the league 15,000 tests a week.

## Massive injury plague devastates the NFL

By Jack Gillen  
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Over the first few weeks of the 2020 NFL season, many superstar players have been placed on the new injury reserve, which allows for a player to be taken out after three weeks instead of the whole season. However, a good portion of these injuries are season-ending injuries, like those of superstar running back for the New York Giants Saquon Barkley and the San Francisco 49ers defensive end Nick Bosa, who both suffered torn ACLs, ending their 2020 seasons. However, a lot of the injuries that players have sustained in the first two weeks of the NFL will only sideline them for 4-6 weeks. The highest-rated wide receiver Michael

Thomas and highest-rated running back Christian McCaffrey going into the 2020 season both sustained high ankle sprains, which usually take a month to fully recover from.

Lots of the NFL's top talent has been sidelined, and many fans have been speculating that this is due to no preseason. Teams like the 49ers, who sustained the most injuries out of any team throughout the first couple of weeks, believe it's the new turf at MetLife Stadium, but they lost players on two different fields, including the one at Levi Stadium, so it is uncertain but a possibility that the lack of a preseason is a factor. However, similar events occurred in the 2017 season, so these injuries are most likely a stroke of unfortunate events.

The 2017 NFL season was



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**These injuries could change the course of the season.**

something that was never seen before throughout the history of the NFL. Numerous Pro Bowl caliber players had injuries that ended or shorted their season by a drastic amount.

Future Hall of Famer Aaron Rodgers, three-time defensive player of the year JJ Watt, and Odell Beckham Jr., arguably the best wide receiver at the time, are just a few of the many ex-

amples. After all of these injuries, ratings for the 2017 season dropped tremendously, and a similar outcome can be expected for the 2020 season. It could be a combination of bad luck and no preseason, but the existence of an earlier injury plague raises doubts that a preseason would have prevented a significant number of these injuries. It is still very early in the year, and a majority of players that have been placed on injured reserve will come back after a minimum of three weeks.

Tyler Parker (11), a fan that has followed the NFL for years, said, “It's going to be a huge blow for their teams — hopefully, they have a speedy recovery and can come back next season and dominate.”

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## After a successful restart, the NBA now turns to its final matchup

By Eric Ellison  
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On Jul. 23, the 22 best teams in the NBA entered the Disney bubble, and one by one they fell, until Sept. 27 when the Miami Heat defeated the Boston Celtics for the fourth time in the seven game series to punch their ticket to the NBA Finals. The star-studded, LeBron-led Los Angeles Lakers awaited, after knocking off the Denver Nuggets Now six years after his departure from Miami, The King is in the Finals again, only to be on the other side of the black and red with no shortage of bad blood. A championship against his former team is not the only incentive LeBron has to beat Miami, as Kelly Olynyk and Andre Iguodala, two of his biggest rivals,

are now members of the Heat as well.

Players versus their former team in any sport is always sure to be an eye-catcher, but LeBron versus the Heat has a different level of attraction, and for good reason. It was always known that the longtime Heat coach Erik Spoelstra and LeBron had their fair share of disputes, much like his other coaches. But Spoelstra is the one coach that LeBron “Coach Killer” James was never able to push around, and according to Heat minority owner Raanan Katz, that feud was the main reason LeBron left South Beach; as he said, “LeBron James... hinted in every way possible he wanted to dump head coach Erik Spoelstra. At one point, [Heat president] Pat Riley called LeBron into his office and said that no one will tell him how to run the organization. Riley told James that fir-

ing Spoelstra is out of the question. That was the main reason LeBron returned to Cleveland.” Spoelstra was disrespected by the best player of the generation, but is now looking to get even. It is safe to say that Spoelstra wants nothing more than to prove he can win a ring without LeBron, on top of being the Coach-that-refuses-the-King's fourth championship.

Along with feuding with Spoelstra, LeBron has made an enemy out of a few players over the years as well, two of whom he will face off against for a championship. Flashback to the 2014-15 NBA playoffs, in the fourth game of the first round playoffs, where Kelly Olynyk performed tugged all-star Kevin Love's arm while battling for a loose ball, which took Love out for the extent of the playoffs with a dislocated shoulder and torn labrum. Love's injury left the Cavaliers,

and LeBron, in a precarious situation without one of their best players. After being up on the Warriors 2-1 in the NBA Finals later in those playoffs, coach Steve Kerr would implement the “Death Line-up,” heavily relying on seasoned veteran Andre Iguodala to guard LeBron James one-on-one. After winning three consecutive games against the Love-less Cavs, the Golden State Warriors were crowned champions, and Iggy would be awarded the Finals MVP, spoiling LeBron's return to Cleveland. The following year, LeBron got his revenge on Andre, rallying his now healthy teammates to three unanswered wins and acquiring his ring with Cleveland, along with a vengeful chasedown-block on Iguodala himself.

So now the stage is set, as we welcome fierce competition, reignited tensions, and all around great basketball.

# Time to get your wisdom teeth out?

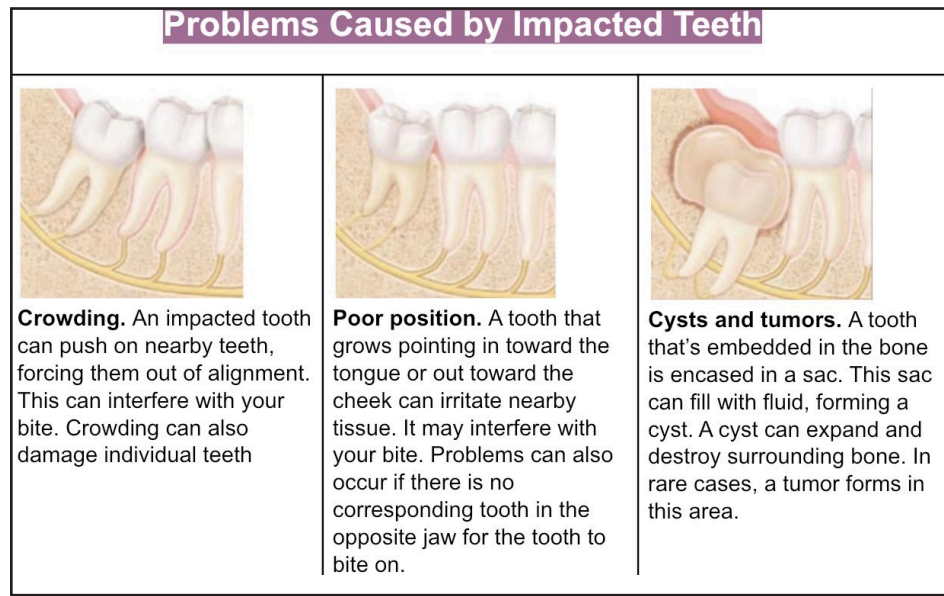
By Samantha Guerrero  
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Wisdom teeth are the final set of molars that emerge in most people's late teens or early twenties. Aside from rare cases where wisdom teeth pose no threat, the consequences from not getting them removed can vary, but how does this affect teens?

In some cases, wisdom teeth do not fully erupt from the gums or at all; however, they still pose a threat. Oral surgeon Dr. Basima said, "Partially erupted wisdom teeth can cause infections which can further develop into cysts. Those cysts can lead to other complications such as jaw fracture. Apart from that, wisdom teeth can move and damage adjacent teeth... it can develop a misalignment in one's bite. It also causes a lot of swelling and pain."

Terra Nova alumna Sierra Pelleriti, who recently got her wisdom teeth extracted, said, "They didn't hurt when I had them in, my teeth were simply very impacted."

Dr. Basima said, "It is always better to get wisdom teeth removed at a younger age. It is preventative for all the damages it can pose." Wisdom teeth removal also



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## A small snapshot of some of the dangers of wisdom teeth.

tends to be easier the younger you are because after the eruption of wisdom teeth, the root system becomes harder, which can lead to a more difficult and painful extraction. As a result, the recovery process for teens tends to be shorter and easier.

According to Joseph P. Schmidt from Green Tree Dental, "The older the patient

gets, the longer their recovery period will be from a wisdom tooth extraction, which is why most patients opt to get their wisdom teeth removed as early as possible."

Now, what does the extraction procedure consist of, and what does the recovery process look like? An injection of anesthetic is given to the tooth and sur-

rounding area and, in particular cases, a sedative is given to patients to help them relax. Pelleriti said, "I went under anesthesia so I didn't feel anything. I woke up a few times but my mouth was numb."

In cases where the tooth hasn't erupted, a small incision is made in the gum, and the dentist or oral surgeon widens the tooth socket before extracting the tooth. The procedure can range from a few minutes to over 20, and the recovery process can take up to two weeks. Throughout this time, people can experience a swollen mouth and cheeks, pain, unpleasant tastes, numbness of the face, and a sore jaw. Oral surgeons typically send patients home with pain medication and the recommendation to use ice packs on the face.

Pelleriti said, "The lower part of my jaw really started hurting a few hours after the procedure. My lips were so numb, and I was very out of it. The second and third days were the worst because my face got extremely swollen. It took about one week until I could exercise and two weeks before I could eat solid foods since I didn't want to infect the gums. Apart from that, I had to take three pills each day and rinse my mouth after every meal."

# Now is a good time to beef up your technology

By Danrick Ivan Jamora  
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With Terra Nova taking on the school year digitally, there is no better time to amp up your technology accessory inventory. Although it is not necessary to purchase all computer peripherals that come your way, certain keyboards, mice, webcams, and headphones can benefit students in this new learning environment.

One of the most crucial aspects of working online is typing documents, and using a comfortable keyboard will make this task much more doable. There are two main categories of keyboards: mechanical and non-mechanical. Mechanical keyboards provide a more engaging feeling when you are typing, and they are very durable. The only downside, other than the cost, is the noise; mechanical



Marcus Benesis

## Benesis uses his webcam, double monitor, and keyboard.

keyboards are loud and can be a distraction to those around you. Non-Mechanical, or rubber dome keyboards, are usually quieter and less pricey, but lack feedback. According to a press release by Cherry, a prominent manufacturer of mechanical key switches, mechanical key

switches can last up to 100 million presses, but rubber keyboards only last around 5 million. Some of the highest-rated brands for these keyboards are Logitech, Corsair, Cherry, and Razer and range in price from approximately \$50 to \$150.

Marcus Benesis (11), a dedi-

cated gamer and mechanical keyboard user, said, "I really like my mechanical keyboard—it does what I need it to and a little more. It has a quick response time for when I play, but has a very solid key feel for when I type. Another plus to having mechanical switches is that I can change what it feels like by changing the type of switches."

Quality headphones or earbuds are also vital for those of us who work in a noisy environment. Sound quality is something to keep in mind when searching for headphones. As you can imagine, it can be hard to pay attention in class if you can't hear what the teacher is saying. With that being said, think about the sounds around your working environment. Headphones with Active Noise Cancellation may be a good investment if you are easily distracted by outside noise. Having a high quality microphone, or maybe even a pair

with a dedicated microphone for near-perfect voice quality, is also key. Highly rated brands include Sony, Apple, Logitech, Sennheiser and AKG and range in price from \$50-60 to \$200+.

Computer mice and trackpads are next on the list of important peripherals depending on your preference. If a mouse is your preferred input device, definitely choose one that is durable and fits your hand comfortably. As for trackpads, one that senses fingers accurately and has a durable surface is ideal. Popular brands are Logitech, Razer, Steelseries, and Corsair, and a good gaming mouse can easily top \$75, although there are choices in the \$50 range.

Emiliano Olsen (11), who owns a Razer mouse, said, "I really like my mouse. It has solid build quality and fits in my hand nicely. It has three cool features: RGB lighting, 12 side buttons, and an interchangeable grip."

# Bizarre news

By Naomi Sanft  
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DIY has adopted a whole new meaning in California, as used fire trucks have begun selling on Bay Area's Craigslist. With recent wildfires causing massive property damage on California residency, some have decided to take matters into their own hands. One seller posted a 1975 GMC fire truck for \$7,000 with the attached tagline, "Save yourself from a disaster."

We have all heard of people faking their own deaths, but what about being told you've died? Oregon resident Judy Cashner received a letter from Wells Fargo claiming she had passed.

What appeared to be a funny accident lost its humor as Cachner and her husband couldn't refinance their home. Her income was inaccessible, seeing as her bank was under the impression that she was dead. The incident did resolve, however, it is still unknown as to how the bank was under this false impression.

Speaking of funny accidents, a British wildfire park recently removed five parrots from public view as they have been engaging in more...let's call it "colorful language." These potty-mouth parrots had been quarantined together, and it seems to only take one bird to corrupt the flock. The Park CEO has had to take the bird away before they curse in front of children visiting the park. They have now been put with different birds in the hops

that they learn to watch their profanity.

Apparently, in Louisa, Virginia, ski masks are out and watermelons are in? On May 6, two men decided to disguise themselves in watermelon rinds to rob a convenience store. This new method must be effective as local police were incapable of identifying the men from the surveillance cameras. Authorities were eventually able to arrest one of the melon heads; however, the other has managed to escape this melon-drama.

If you thought stuffing your head inside a watermelon sounded unpleasant, try being sold used condoms. A Vietnam condom factory was discovered to have recycled over 300,000 used condoms for resale. The owner of the company has confessed to buying these condoms from

a man in the province to then be washed, reshaped and sold as new. It is still unclear just how many condoms have been resold.

Avoiding sugar is no piece of cake... or maybe no piece of bread? Ireland's Supreme Court ruled that Subway sandwich bread isn't legally bread. The Value-Added Tax Act of 1972 says that bread can be tax exempt if its sugar content is under 2% of the weight of flour. The sugar in Subway sandwich bread makes up 10% of the weight of the flour, which far exceeds the exemption rule. The law puts this sugar content into "are, or approach, confectionery or fancy baked goods." Under these standards, the bread falls closer to the classification of cake. As Alina Selyukh of NPR put it, "Maybe let them eat cake - I mean, bread."

## Trends of the Times

# Survival is now a fashion statement

By Isabella Copeland  
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The 2020 fashion trends are focusing on a different section of the body than usual: the face. Earlier this year, face-coverings became a daily tool used for the overall safety of society. Mandatory — and surprisingly trendy — masks have not only become an essential part of everyday life, but influencers around the world have also made them fashion statements. Masks have made their way into the fashion industry, helping both large and small businesses and the health of society during the pandemic.

The younger generation has found fun in fulfilling their responsibilities to wear a mask because of the easy ability to style them with outfits, and big designers have taken notice. High-end retailer Kate Spade recently came out with a special floral mask that any Spade fanatic will recognize. Outfit coordination is seen all the time on social media and in magazines as its own fashion trend; people like to match outfits with accessories with the hope of feeling put together. Even Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi never leaves



Courtesy of Alyssa Kristin and Maya Besedin

### Alyssa and Maya embracing the new trend with their masks

home without a mask to match her outfit.

This trend has been embraced by our society as many Terra Nova students have begun matching their masks with the rest of their outfits. Alyssa Kristin (9) said, “Masks have become a part of fashion these last couple of months because people love matching, especially in outfits.”

Masks can do even more than just

complete an outfit — an especially trendy face covering can make or break an entire outfit. Kristin added, “The mask can be a statement piece or it just helps put an outfit together when you’re going out. [It] all really depends on your style.”

With quarantine bringing everybody down, outfits have started becoming more and more bland, devolving into

pajama bottoms and whatever shirt you can grab; an eye-catching mask can add some extra pizzazz to an outfit with various fun patterns and colors.

Because of the numerous ways they can be customized, masks have become popularized in pop culture. The opportunity to be creative through face coverings allows everyone to appreciate wearing their mask more, which is even better for society as a whole.

The new mask trends have benefited small businesses; the different designs possible have led many people to make and sell their own masks. Lauren Nevin (12) saw the evidence of this on a trip into San Francisco: “There were just tables and tables lined up around the city, especially in the more touristy areas, and they were all selling masks. There were a lot of different designs.” Making masks can be a stressful and hard working job. A woman named Fee Lee and her family have made over 2,000 masks to donate to hospitals. They have also been selling masks of all different patterns for \$7 a piece. Lee said, “The request and demand for masks/face coverings have decreased, but the request for fashionable masks with different patterns have consistently been the same the past several months.”

## Clear your mind by redecorating your space

By Isabella Copeland  
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Quarantine, and all of the new time on our hands, has led so many of us to pick up new projects. One stellar example is redecorating your room, since it is where you will be spending a lot of time.

Reorganizing your room is a great way to make your at-home learning space feel like a personalized work environment. Junior Maya Besedin, who is currently decorating her room, collects her ideas on Pinterest. “I have a Pinterest board of pictures I want to put up and what I want my room to look like. Also just putting stuff I like up — for example, my favorite movies and music artists,” she said.

Redecorating can consist

of painting your room a new color, hanging posters and pictures, using colorful lights, adding new furniture, and/or reorganizing your belongings.

The use of tapestries, posters, and pictures can decorate blank spaces on the walls. Getting creative with art can be a great way to add visuals to the walls. By using original artwork, you can pass the time by practicing creativity. Sydney Seyer (12) said, “I painted a mural on my wall and hung a bunch of posters.” Decorating the walls with art allows you to display creations and embrace personal style, not to mention giving you something cool for your Zoom background during class.

Another way to redecorate your room is to rearrange items you already have within your

room. This process allows you to save money while also switching up your space. Sarah Moeslein (9) said, “I put up a photo wall, and I reorganized my desk area.” Photos are inexpensive and can usually be printed at home or at your local drug store for a low cost. Reorganizing your surfaces or shelves can keep the room organized, especially with our rooms now doubling as our classrooms.

This quarantine has kept us in our house and put our life on pause, leaving us with little control of what happens next. Changing your room is a great way to rebrand a part of yourself. Nicole Tuason (11) said, “It’s fun to be creative with your room, especially when you have nothing to do.”

Keeping your room organized and personalized can



Sarah Moeslein

### Refresh your space with pops of your favorite color.

improve your mental health by inducing satisfaction, the feeling of control, and the feeling of coordination. Wellness counselor Ms. Calpotura, said, “I have talked to people who have said

that after cleaning and organizing their rooms, they have felt a lot better about approaching life and it seemed more manageable once they got their own personal space organized.”

## Fox eye make up: it’s a great look that is covered in controversy

By Nicole Garrett  
Times staff writer

As time passes, there is a constant flux of influential makeup trends, some more controversial than others. The “Fox Eye” look, for example, has recently become a sizable trend in the beauty community. Plastic surgeons have even started doing “Oriental Brow Lifts” to surgically achieve the elongated face shape that the Fox Eye makeup portrays. Sephora employee and makeup artist Madison Williams said, “I absolutely love the [Fox Eye] makeup that people all over the world are doing because it’s really classy and casual, but not too flashy either.”



Callie Banta

### Eyeliner can lengthen eye shapes

The trendy look consists of multiple makeup products embracing different parts of the face. The main steps are contour, highlight, and minimizing the arch and tail of the eyebrows to be

more straight, altogether making the face look more lean. Additionally, many use black or brown eyeliner to elongate the eyes. Sophie Byrne (11) has tried out the look and said, “It looked like a pretty and new way to do makeup and I liked the look of it — it’s very simple to me, yet it pops out in a good way.”

Although the makeup itself may not seem problematic at first, many critics find elongating the eyes to be racially insensitive. The pose often used when flaunting the look comes across to some as racist towards the Asian community. Beauty influencers who wear the look often pose with their hands on their temples, which makes it look like they are pulling their eyes back. This pose is troubling

to the masses because it is similar to the act of physically manipulating the eyes, sometimes used to harass Asian people.

Emily Banta (9) agreed that the fox eye look is problematic. “The pose people are doing, after creating the fox eye makeup look is stereotypical and offensive to people with naturally smaller eyes,” she said.

Many popular Asian creators are not angry at the makeup itself or even the surgery that people are doing; it’s the pose that is found inappropriate and can easily offend someone who has naturally slanted eyes. This is something everyone should keep in mind next time they rock the Fox Eye: using make-up to create a new look is fine. Mocking other races or cultures is an entirely different story.

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**QUARANTINE ADAPTATIONS AND WOES**

**THE RISE OF AMAZON DRONE DELIVERY**



By Eric Ellison  
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You might think that one day we will have automated delivery services, like drones dropping your new shoes at your doorstep. Well, what if I told you that dream is just around the corner?

In 2016, Amazon announced their “Prime Air” division, dedicated to the exploration and implementation of delivery drones, and the world understood this as a step into the future. Only with this being uncharted territory, the program has yet to become widespread due to the need to pass laws and regulations in order to make sure the drones are

safe. However, the information everyone wants to know though is, why do we need this, and how far away is it?

The reasons why you need drone delivery are almost endless. The number one reason, and even most obvious: time management. But how much quicker, really, are drones compared to delivery drivers? Amazon, a pioneer in drone delivery and a long-time titan in E-commerce, states on the official “Prime Air” division of their website that drones “will deliver packages up to five pounds in 30 minutes or less.” Thirty minutes blows the regular four to 14 business days out of the water. On top of that, drone delivery would help the environment by reducing carbon emissions. But the

number one thing the masses would appreciate from drones is cheaper delivery. The cost of package delivery is very high because of gas prices, the cost of cars, and the pay of the delivery personnel. With drone delivery, all of these costs go down, and that is why it is cheaper than any delivery service.

However, there is a case to be made against drones, and people are wary of them. Senior Charles Lomas said, “Honestly, I think we should keep delivery people...The drones could be damaged or shot down by criminals, which would result in an increase in stolen packages.” This is a very good point, as jobs of delivery personnel would be under threat, and it would be easier to sabotage deliv-

ery.

Despite being in the works for years, we still don’t have consistent drone deliveries throughout the world. However, a huge leap for drone delivery was made a reality on Aug. 29, when the F.A.A. (Federal Aviation Administration) approved Amazon’s use of unmanned aerial drones. This decision allows Amazon to begin exploring and solidifying the application of drones widespread.

Although this is a huge step into the usage of drones, Business Insider reported in June that Amazon was gearing up to launch Prime Air in limited trials this month after long delays, internal conflict, and regulatory holdup. Get ready to go aerial, America!

**TEACHERS AND TECHNOLOGY: SCHOOL IN A DIGITAL AGE**



By Sophie Phelps  
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At Home Learning poses many challenges for both students and teachers, with technology being at the center of them all. The newly technology dependent form of teaching has forced many teachers to revamp their technological skills in order to effectively teach and remain organized. Although this summer allowed time for teachers to prepare, unexpected difficulties are inevitable.

With teachers being expected to navigate the complicated process of digital learning, as well as aid students in becoming acquainted with the new format of

learning, it can create a stressful and draining environment for teachers. Despite these obstacles, teachers at Terra Nova have been able to adjust and adapt to ensure students are receiving the best education possible. “I actually think it’s gone by better than expected,” said Spanish teacher Mr. Vilchez

Websites and tools such as Google Classroom, Khan Academy, Padlet, and a plethora of other useful resources have allowed teachers to adjust their lesson plans for a completely digital format. In addition, both students and teachers have had to find new innovative ways to stay organized and focused. For most, staying organized helps boost productivity: “A consist-



Courtesy of Ms. Gutierrez

**Ms. Gutierrez has a set-up even gamers would approve of.**

ent system of work routines have helped me overcome the issues of organizing a virtual classroom,” Mr. Vilchez said.

One of the issues he and many teachers face is the in-

ability to talk to students face to face. It is far more difficult to communicate with one another via email.

“Emails and replying to emails, for example, take much

longer than in-person questions or clarification that is usually handled on the spot,” said Vilchez. Similarly, many teachers find it harder to engage their students and replicate the same energy that is present during in person learning. Math teacher Mr. Napoli said, “It’s more challenging because I cannot use student groups or walk around the room and help students in the same way. Breakout rooms are not really a substitute.”

AHL has introduced many new issues that teachers nationwide have had to resolve, and it is apparent that the teachers at Terra Nova have done their best to make their virtual classrooms engaging and inviting until we are able to return to campus.

**ALL ABOUT AIR QUALITY**

By Naomi Sanft  
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Wildfires are no stranger to California and have sparked before our fire season had officially started, causing dreaded orange skies and smoky air. Now with an increased amount of smoke in the air, checking the air quality index has become second nature. But, what exactly does the air quality index mean?

Air quality index, or AQI, is measured on a scale from 0 to 500, with values being determined based on concentration of pollutants in the air. When the

AQI reads below 100, the air is healthy, while a reading over 100 is considered to be unhealthy for certain groups, like the elderly and auto-immune, and eventually for everyone else with increasing concentrations. The pollutant particles in the air cancel out blue light of the sun, which reduces the clarity of colors, and causes low visibility and the appearance of grey or orange tinted skies.

“People were once exposed once or twice in a lifetime,” said Keith Bein, an atmospheric scientist at the University of California, Davis. “Now it’s happening every summer and for longer.”

California wildfires are only becom-

ing worse; 15 of California’s 20 worst fires have happened in the past 20 years. Although short term effects of bad air quality include coughing, eye irritation, and difficulty breathing, the long term effects could be more severe. The American Heart Association conducted a study in 2018 that linked fire-induced pollutants to respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses. Researchers have found that particulate matter, a very small pollutant, can penetrate the lungs, which causes inflammation, as immune cells cannot break them down. However, there is not enough evidence on how long-term exposure to wildfire smoke affects organs.

To make matters worse, COVID-19 is a respiratory illness. “Even if you have great working lungs, if you breathe in remnants from fires, your lungs may be impaired and ill-prepared to fight off the virus,” said Dr. Panagis Galiatsatos, a pulmonologist at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. The CDC has issued precautions explaining wildfires might make people more prone to contracting COVID-19. Additionally, cloth masks do not provide any protection from smoke. It is more important than ever to stay indoors and check the AQI before planning to spend prolonged time outdoors.

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**Debate**

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militia groups and tell them right then and there to stop adding to the racial violence in America. Trump said, "Sure I'm willing to do that," but instead began to talk about the far left and Antifa. When challenged by both Wallace and Biden to condemn white supremacy, Trump demanded that they give him a name to condemn, to which Biden responded, "The Proud Boys," a group which the Southern Pov-

erty Law Center has labeled a "hate group," founded in 2016 by Gavin McInnes. (McInnes, a Canadian, told the New York Times in 2003, "I love being white and I think it's something to be very proud of.") Trump then told the group to, "Stand back and stand by." After this they moved to the next segment.

**Candidates' records.** This, again, devolved into bickering between the two, with Trump bringing up Hunter Biden again, and jabs at each other's integrity. Trump claims to want to improve the environment, but when Chris Wallace asked him

why he backed out of the Paris Climate Accord and got rid of so many laws placed by Obama to protect the environment, Trump said that the laws were bad from an American standpoint. Biden said that the economy would not tank and that the entire economy could adjust to improving the environment and one day rely on it. They then continued to the next segment.

**Integrity of the election.** Biden encouraged people to vote and that he will accept the outcome of the election no matter what happens. Trump questioned the validity of the

last election and predicted the upcoming one to be worse, saying, "It's a rigged election." At the end of the debate Wallace asked both candidates to urge their supporters to not engage in any civil unrest and not declare victory until all votes are counted. Trump did not give a direct answer but did not oppose the question, and Biden said "Yes." With that, the debate ended as both men left the stage, and given Trump's recent COVID-19 diagnosis, the next debate, scheduled for Oct. 15, remains in limbo. It may be cancelled or held virtually.

**Planned Parenthood**

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options. This is going to cause more unwanted babies in the world, a larger spread of STDs, less awareness of cancer screenings. [Low income families] will be more likely to suffer because if the choice is either food on the table or getting tested, getting tested seems less important. However, getting a check up can make all the difference in the

world. To take away someone's options like that is inhumane."

Ms. Meskin, who runs the Women's Advocacy Club, agreed with Morrow, saying, "I'm a huge advocate for Planned Parenthood. It needs to be funded — it's an organization that protects all women, in particular, women of color, and women living in the poverty line. I think it's ludicrous for people to not support it. I find it atrocious."

**Pac-12**

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With hard work and dedication, these players will most likely return healthy and be able to perform just as well, if players like Frank Gore are any example. Gore had multiple ACL tears in college and is now a

37 year old running back and a definite future Hall of Famer. As for this year, teams are trying to stay positive despite the obstacles, and they believe that they can still have success, like 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan, who said, "You can look in our rooms and know that we still have a lot of guys out there that can play good football."



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