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JUHSD introduces all girls campus

By Big Bird
Times staff writer

Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, Terra Nova and Oceana High Schools will no longer be co-ed. Instead, they will be converting to an all-female student body for Terra Nova and an all-male student body for Oceana, completely disregarding nonbinary students.

This decision, which was made at the last school board meeting, was designed to "...prevent all distractions within the classroom," according to Ms. Monica Carney, Terra Nova's now-less-beloved principal. The plan, though filled with gaping holes, emphasizes providing equal extracurricular opportunities to promote gender equality. Bathrooms will be altered and locker rooms will be separated by grade level, rather than gender.

The board attempted to institute a uniform, which garnered too much outrage to be a successful feat. With lenient dress codes, an attempt to restrain students in such a way is considered unwise by much of the staff. Yellow and black uniforms (TN's school colors) would also be "a hideous arrangement," according to Mike



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New logos will be painted on the sides of each school with their respective gender to clearly differentiate the schools.

Michaelson, PTO president. Many students are outraged at the separation of the sexes. John Donne, a junior at

Terra Nova, is upset by the oncoming change: "Now I have to switch schools for my last year! By the time I adjust, high

school will be over," he said. Switching schools is not the biggest concern over the school board's decision. Many non-bi-

nary and transgender students, as well as their parents, wonder

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Texas declared unpopular and forced to secede

By Gandolf
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On Mar. 2, the United States was hit with shocking news — Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced that the state would reopen at 100 percent, but here's the kicker: masks would no longer be required outside an individual's home starting Mar. 10. In retaliation, President Biden and his cabinet officials began proceedings to force Texas to officially secede. Now, the U.S. will be known as "The 49 States of America".

What does it mean to secede? Essentially, President Biden has kicked Texas out of the country. The former state is no longer a state, but a piece of land that happens to be attached to the U.S. Of course, this news was not easy for Texas government officials. Governor Abbott states, "This is absolutely outrageous, and this 'punishment' is rather harsh." Many Texas officials have also expressed and shared their anger towards the recent decision. "My col-



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Joe Biden and Kamala Harris wave good riddance to Texas and ex-governor Abbott.

leagues and I have concluded that this breaks every law of freedom this country has. What-

ever happened to free agency?" Abbott cried. Senator Ted Cruz shared his own opinion on the

situation. "While in Cancún this past February, I had developed a horrible tan line due

to my mask," Cruz said. "I'm glad Texas had concluded to eliminate the mask mandate, so now I can fix my complexion."

President Biden shared his side of this nation-wide controversy. "Just because vaccines have been distributed, does not mean citizens can run wild without precautions," Biden said. Currently, anyone 50 years or older may receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and Texas is pushing to make the vaccine available to anyone 16 or older. To state the obvious, not everyone has received the vaccine. "I don't regret forcing Texas to secede," Biden said, "They [the former state] have proven to be an embarrassment for this country by instituting such a reckless decision." By seceding Texas, President Biden hopes to make an example of the former state and to teach the world the United States can be better.

Whether or not Biden and his cabinet plan to reverse this order is still unclear. Although, by the looks of it, this decision may be for the best for the country in more ways than one.

Mr. Lewsadder joins the Army

By Toilet Sing
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For those of you who don't know, our school music program has quite the accomplished director. Mr. Lewsadder has led the Terra Nova marching band to great heights in years past and continues to push our band to this day. However, with the onset of COVID-19, and being forced to stay home, Mr. Lewsadder decided he needed a change of pace. In a spur of the moment decision, he decided to audition for the United States Army Band, otherwise known as "Pershing's Own," in hopes of living his life in service to our country.

For those of you who are confused — of which there are likely many — Mr. Lewsadder, along with being our band director, is also a skilled tuba player. The COVID-19 pandemic gave him time to practice at home and allowed him to develop his skills to an even greater level. If not for this, he would have never even been able to join the U.S. Army Band. The prerequisites for auditioning of-



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Give a welcome to the new face of the U.S. Army Band, Mr. Lewsadder.

ten entail at least a Bachelor's degree in music and professional experience, but above all, being able to demonstrate proficiency on your instrument.

Mr. Lewsadder, with all of the hours he had put into practicing his scales, arpeg-

gios, and disciplining his embouchure, submitted his audition tape to the Army Band this past December. After months of waiting in suspense, he got his response letter, on March 5, 2021. In his own words, "I was shaking when I opened the

envelope, I hadn't been that nervous in a while. I peeked into it, and saw a paper folded in half, I unfolded it with my eyes closed. Slowly, I opened my eyes, and I searched the paper for signs of rejection, but I couldn't find any. In huge, dark green font in the center of the paper, was the word ACCEPTED, below it were details including the date I was supposed to report to a MEPS center for processing."

Just because you join the Army as a musician doesn't mean you're strictly no combat. In fact, in wartime there are non musical duties that members of US Military bands are expected to complete. So this means that being physically unfit is a no-go. Mr. Lewsadder still has to pass standard physical exams and tests, but his recent COVID-19 workouts have put him far above the standard he needs to meet.

Sadly, though this means success in Mr. Lewsadder's future, we as a school will have to say goodbye. At the very least, he will be staying until spring break, but following that, the Terra Nova band will be without a director, though rumors are saying that Coach Klein will be trying his hand at leading the band.

Britney Spears's not-so-long-lost cousin

By Gilberto Gibson
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Everyone knows Britney Spears as one of the most iconic singers in history. She made young girls feel empowered and made everyone fall in love with her, but she has an unexpected tie to TN. Many students know Ms. Fil as the fun history teacher but don't know much about her family life. Little do they know, her cousin is the one and only Britney Spears.

For those of you who don't know, Britney Spears is an American singer, dancer and performer. She debuted on the billboard charts at the age of 16, with the song "Hit Me Baby One More Time." This was and still is one of her most iconic songs, and was even featured on Just Dance 3. Along with



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The resemblances between the two are uncanny.

other hits such as "Toxic," and "Oops!...I did it again," Britney Spears has a pretty accomplished and well known discography. However in 2007, she had a breakdown, going so far

as to shave her head. There were rumors going around saying that she was on amphetamines, while other articles claimed she was bipolar. However, this breakdown, instead of ruining

her career, ended up bringing more attention to mental illness.

Ms. Fil was also there to help Britney during her breakdown in 2007. Ms. Fil helped guide her during Britney's fathers bitter fight for financial custody. In the year after the episode, Ms. Fil gave her some space and time to deal with her issues.

After a couple of years, Britney came around and reached out to Ms. Fil. The two have been shopping and hanging out since. She even thanked Ms. Fil by buying her Kim Kardashian's old Bentley! If you have any doubts, look on Britney's Instagram a couple years back, you will see Ms. Fil and Britney posing in front of her Bentley.

Ms. Fil says she gets along great with Britney Spears. "For the most part, she was having a really rough time in 2007, so I gave her some space and

we didn't see much of her at family meet ups. She's doing much better now and I love seeing her on my summers off from work!" she said.

Even though Britney and her father don't get along very well, she's still friendly with the rest of the family. Ms. Fil describes their family as, "Really close, I see her at every major holiday gathering. Can't wait for COVID to end so we can go shopping again!"

According to Ms. Fil, she seems to be very happy in her new life. After her breakup with Justin Timberlake, she entered dark and depressing times. Ms. Fil said she needed someone to vent to, and for Britney, that person was Ms. Fil, who was there to help guide her and listen to what she had to say. Soon enough, thanks to Ms. Fil, Britney was back and better than ever.

Meet TN's one and only TV star: Mr. Vilchez

By Michael Phelps
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Many of you may not know that Terra Nova's Spanish teacher, Mr. Vilchez, starred in the telenovela "Por Amar Sin Ley," or "To love without law." A couple years ago in 2018, Mr. Vilchez was asked to fill in for a role on the show and contribute to a pivotal moment in the series. Mr. Vilchez's cousin, Danna Garcia, was an actress in the telenovela playing the role of Fanny, a widow whose husband was murdered. Garcia talks about how much she enjoyed having Vilchez on the show, "The director was looking for someone who could fill in quickly, so I called Jorge because I knew he had done a few other acting gigs and I thought he would play the role well." Vilchez acted as a relative of the deceased husband and appeared in Season 1 Episode 34 when



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the murder case was beginning to unravel.

In the episode that Mr. Vilchez appeared in, Fanny, the widow, is pursuing her husband's murder case and begins to piece together what happened the night

her husband died. Mr. Vilchez, playing Ricardo, Fanny's brother-in-law, is called upon to come back while his brother's death is investigated. Fanny suspects that her husband is having an affair and begins to think that the murder was related, a plight that causes her much emotional strife. Fanny comes to Ricardo for solace and in hopes that he can help her solve the mystery.

Mr. Vilchez flew down to Mexico City where they were filming the telenovela and stayed for a week where he was able to see behind the scenes of the show. "It was an amazing experience and really fun," Vilchez stated while talking about his acting appearance. Vilchez noted what it was like on set: "It was nice to meet all the actors/actresses, I even had the opportunity to attend a television awards show in Mexico while I was there."

After learning about Vilchez's acting career on the side, Anastasia Vasquez

(11) realized that she actually remembered seeing Vilchez on TV a while ago, but did not know who he was yet. Vasquez recounts where she had seen him: "It was a few years ago and I had randomly seen an advertisement for some sort of chips or something. Looking back I realized that it was Mr. Vilchez." Astonished, Vasquez thought it was amazing that one of her own teachers has been in ads and TV shows.

Mr. Vichez admitted that he had the acting bug while he was living in Los Angeles and going to school to become a language teacher. He was able to do a few Spanish commercials to make money. Vilchez helped advertise Spanish products such as "La Toja," a brand of bar soap, along with "Crujitos," a popular snack. While he did not further pursue his acting career, he is very happy to be a teacher, and should his cousin call on him again, he would be happy to fill the role.

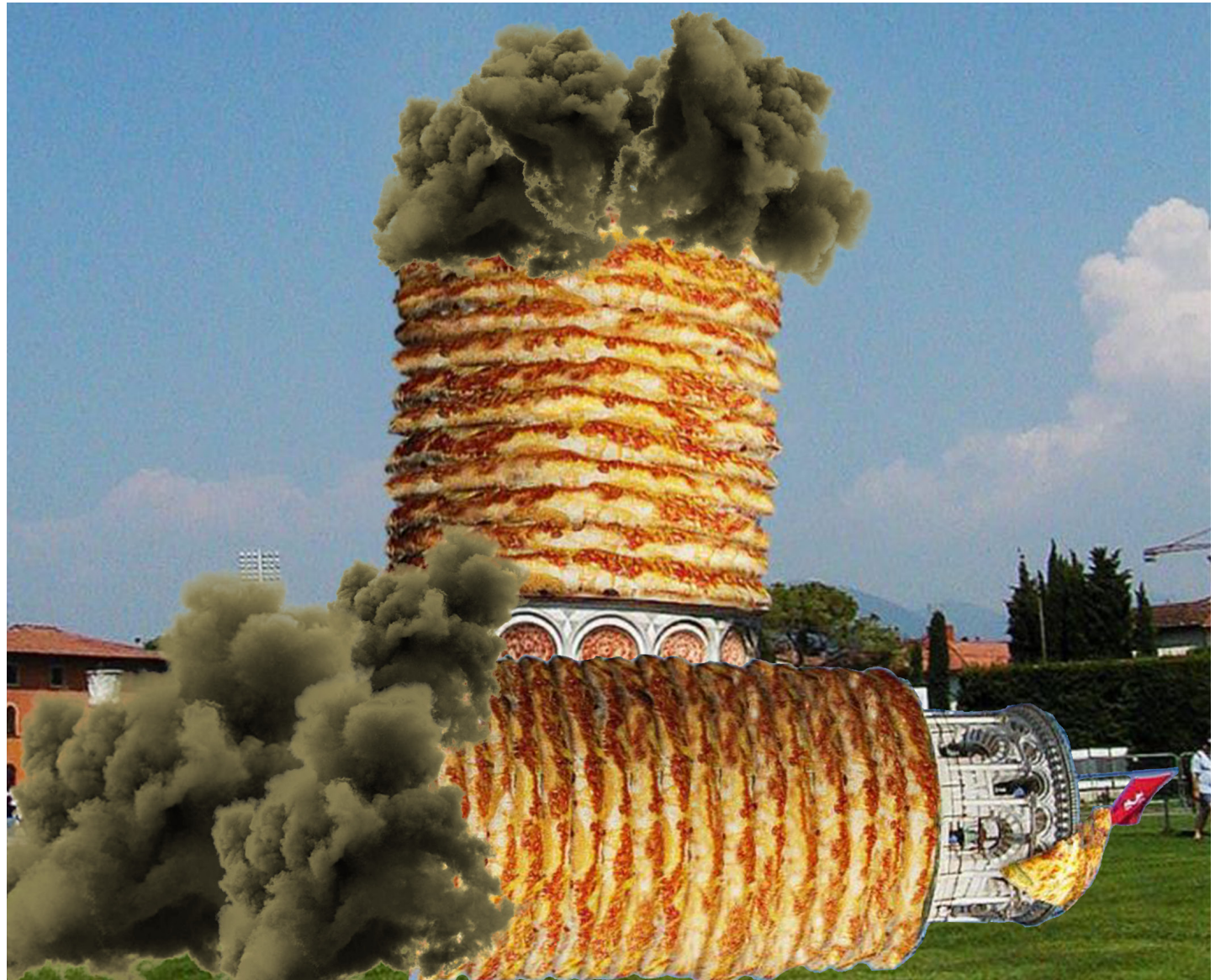
Italy in shambles after Pizza falls

By Niyome Sansdt
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Last Friday night, Mar. 26, the Tower of Pizza, which has been leaning at a 9.6° angle for centuries, collapsed.

The notorious structure was designed in 1169 by architect Bendo Vere. It was completed in record time; however, it had a severe flaw. The building has never stood upright due to lack of structure on the inside of the pizza cylinder and has slowly tilted further centuries after its completion. There have been several restoration projects, starting in the 1600s, to protect the structure from falling, such as melting more cheese onto it to retain rigidity. The last construction project on the tower in 1987 was promising. Architects that worked on the project were confident that the tower would be stable for at least 100 years. “Vere’s initial design, as we know, had many errors that unfortunately were unable to be corrected after [the tower’s] construction; however, this recent restoration has been able to mitigate those errors,” said engineer Fale Yur after the completion of the 1987 restoration.

Despite these attempts, the Tower of Pizza has fallen. The cause of the crash is still under investigation, though many theories have arisen. Some believe high winds may have overwhelmed the structure, causing it to collapse under the pressure. This theory has been met with much skepticism, as the tower has stayed standing through decades of strong winds, storms, and even earthquakes. Additionally, the neighboring cathedral, Notre Dame, experienced no damage. Another theory, developed by the tower’s surrounding neighborhoods, points to possible tampering or vandalism that may have gone awry. “I swear I saw two hooligans dressed in orange jumpsuits fleeing the scene, looking real sus as the



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After years of melting cheese, the Leaning Tower of Pizza finally falls over, causing a cheesy sauce mess.

kids say” claimed Karen Ferrari, who immediately demanded police involvement. The possibly most outlandish of theories was asserted by Congresswoman Marj T. Green, who claims the tower’s demise was related to intergalactic meddling. Green’s Twitter has been full of accounts relating to the “green laser beans pointing toward Pizza” and “small orange

people.” When contacted by Associated Press, Green refused to comment.

Several architectural firms have reached out to the mayor of Pizza with bids to rebuild the tower. Many residents with sentimental connection to the tower have started petitions for the structure to be rebuilt with its original tilt, but with less grease. “Funding for rebuilding the

Tower of Pizza is in the works; however, no concrete plans have been made. As for the tilt, many architects are working on designs that will hold. Likely, the town of Pizza will be able to vote on how the tower will be built, tilt or no tilt,” said Mayor Alex Russo in a public statement. Plans to rebuild have not yet been confirmed as the world mourns this iconic landmark.

Burger King’s switch to veganism

By Bill Nye The Science Guy
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The next time you eat a burger from Burger King, your burger will actually be filled with vegetables. Recently, the fast food chain restaurant has committed to becoming fully vegan. Not only will this save the cows, but it will be healthier for consumers.

During the summer of 2020, Burger King announced their effort to lower their methane emissions. One Tweet said that, “cow farts & burps are no laughing matter. They release methane, contributing to climate change. That’s why we’re working to change our cows’ diet by adding lemongrass to reduce their emissions by approximately 33%.” While this is a great effort to help reduce climate change, it has actually been found that it doesn’t make much of a difference as the cows are fed lemongrass for only a fraction of time in their life. In realizing this, Burger King has decided that committing to full veganism is a better way to save the planet.

In order to switch from meats to vegetables, Burger King is now using ingredients like chickpeas and tofu in their products. While it is a delicate process to change their recipes, the CEO of Burger

King, Daniel Schwartz, told Forbes, “It has been a lot of work to substitute the real meat and other ingredients into a vegan-friendly version, but I think that we can really make this work. It is important to acknowledge the reality of climate change and the transition will have better benefits overall.” The new commitment to becoming a vegan-based fast food restaurant will ultimately help the environment by reducing the amount of energy being used. The need for refrigeration and the energy consumed by meat plants will decrease. Additionally, a decrease in deforestation can be expected from the switch to veganism, because according to the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, “...forests—which absorb greenhouse gases—are cut down in order to supply pastureland and grow crops for farmed animals.” Converting to vegan burgers and other products will allow more trees to grow and continue to soak up carbon emissions.

Burger King isn’t the only one starting to change into a vegan-friendly restaurant. Other chains like Jack in the Box and Wendy’s are adding more options to their menu that involve no harm to animals. It can only be assumed that more restaurants will join in the effort to reduce climate change and still provide their customers with classic foods.



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Eating meat is no longer in, now it’s all about the leafy greens and soy.

Tom Brady cheats yet again

By *Uncle Rico*
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After Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LV to earn Brady his 7th ring, many proclaimed Brady as the GOAT. However, after new evidence has surfaced, Brady may have cheated once again to earn another ring. Some fans and critics that have praised Brady are taking back what they have said about him.

On March 4, the NFL launched an investigation in Tampa Bay to see if their footballs were overinflated. After Kansas City return specialist Byron Pringle returned a kickoff, he noticed the ball felt too heavy and slightly larger normal. He gave the ball to the equipment manager and said it felt overinflated. This is almost the complete opposite of what happened with the infamous “deflategate” scandal back in 2015. Inflating the ball over the 13.5 pounds per square inch limit helps kickers drive the ball farther. When the ball is overinflated, those with smaller hands get affected worse than those with bigger hands when it comes to gripping the ball. Tampa Bay’s Mike Evans and Rob Gronkowski are big players who can catch an overly inflated ball easier than most defenders with smaller hands.

After the number of times Brady has been caught cheating, the question is how the team will be fined for his actions. Inflategate is the Buccaneer’s first time



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Tom Brady is “cheating” once again despite being caught on numerous occasions

involved in a scandal with Brady, so should the team receive a more severe punishment for Brady’s actions, or should it be treated as a first-time offense?

Many football fans are upset at what is happening and are especially mad at Brady. Terra Nova’s Zach Allen is among those who are not tolerating this ongoing behavior of the quarterback. “I

think it was the wrong thing to do,” Allen stated. “This could affect his chances of getting into the hall of fame, and it definitely hurts his reputation.” This is not the first time that Brady has been on a team that has been caught cheating. Numerous scandals before this include deflategate, PEDSgate, and Spycgate. Some may go to the possibility that

Brady has gotten accustomed to cheating since his time as a student at Serra High School. However, Allen disagrees with these claims. “I don’t feel like he has cheated all the way since high school because he probably would’ve been caught if he learned and did it at Serra.” Nonetheless, this cheating is unfair to the other teams that have to face Mr. Brady.

The NFL implements a new left handed football

By *Jaxon Gillhimer*
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If you’re a fan of the NFL or football in general, you may have noticed how few left-handed quarterbacks have entered the game. There have been great left-handed quarterbacks throughout the years such as Steve Young, one of the greatest players of all time. Left-handed quarterbacks have proven to have just as much skill as right-handed quarterbacks, but why are there so few? This is because of the challenge of adapting to using a football made to fit the right hand of the player. Roger Goodell, the commissioner for the league, has approved the implementation of left-handed footballs to make the game just as accessible to left-handed players. When asked about why it matters, Goodell said, “I’ve seen too many young athletes get fizzled out of the league because they cannot compete with right-handed athletes at the next level. Hopefully more left-handed college quarterbacks are now able to start on a team”

The official change to the league rules regarding the use of a left-handed football has yet to be implemented and will take effect next season. With access to a left-handed football at the NFL combine, college players will be able to throw just as well as their right-handed competition and get a fair evaluation by scouts for teams. Hopefully more left handed quarterbacks get drafted after proving their true talents to organizations needing a quarterback.

The 3rd string quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons, Gee Grenouille from South Central Louisiana State University, is left-handed. He barely



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Tagovailoa using new football.

stayed on the team as a practice squad player his rookie year, but has slowly adapted to using a right-handed football. After receiving the news that the NFL has finally decided to add a left-handed football for him and other lefty’s, he said “Finally, I’ve spent countless hours outside of practice to get used to a right-handed football. This came at the perfect time because now I have a real shot to prove my real talent to the coaching staff and potentially replace Matt Ryan when he retires”

The only difference with a left-handed football is that the laces are flipped. Although it might not seem like a major difference, it is crucial for hand placement, especially in the heat of the moment during a game when a player has to place their fingers in a fraction of a second. It is not as easy to tell for the average person, but to someone who has played football their whole lives, it becomes obvious to the athlete at such a high level. The NFL is about to change for the better, and hopefully, more young athletes will be able to follow their dreams of playing professionally.

Deshaun Watson is heading to play for the 49ers

By *Tyronne Jacques Adams Jr*
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Houston is adamant that they did not want to get rid of quarterback Deshaun Watson, but the Texans star has made it clear that he wants out, and several NFL fans are waiting around to see if he will end up on their team or not. The San Francisco 49ers have long been speculated as one of the best potential landing spots for Watson, but San Francisco obviously would have to give up a lot to land the three-time Pro Bowl pick. Until now, according to Adam Schefter, the Houston Texans and San Francisco have agreed to terms on trading Deshaun Watson to the 49ers. The 49ers agreed to trade their 2021 first-round pick 12th overall, 2021 second-round pick 43rd overall, 2022 first-round pick, and quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. In return, the 49ers receive quarterback Dashaun Watson and a 2021 third-round pick 67th overall. With that, the 49ers received a generational quarterback who led the league in passing yards last year.

“He’s a perfect fit in Kyle Shanahan’s offense, which utilizes athletic quarterbacks who can throw on the move and dynamic playmakers who stretch the field from sideline to sideline” Thomas said, a 10-time pro bowler who retired last year after playing for the Cleveland Browns. With Garoppolo going to Houston, and Watson heading to San Francisco, it clears enough cap space for the trade to happen.

“I’m happy this trade finally fell through, I believe Watson can take our team to the Super Bowl again. I even think we will be Super Bowl



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Deshaun Watson in new colors

contenders for years to come now,” football enthusiast Dominic Gordon said of Watson coming to SF.

Hopefully, Gordon is right because the San Francisco 49ers gave up their future for the next two years, but for a quarterback like Watson, it seems unfair to only give up two first-round picks.

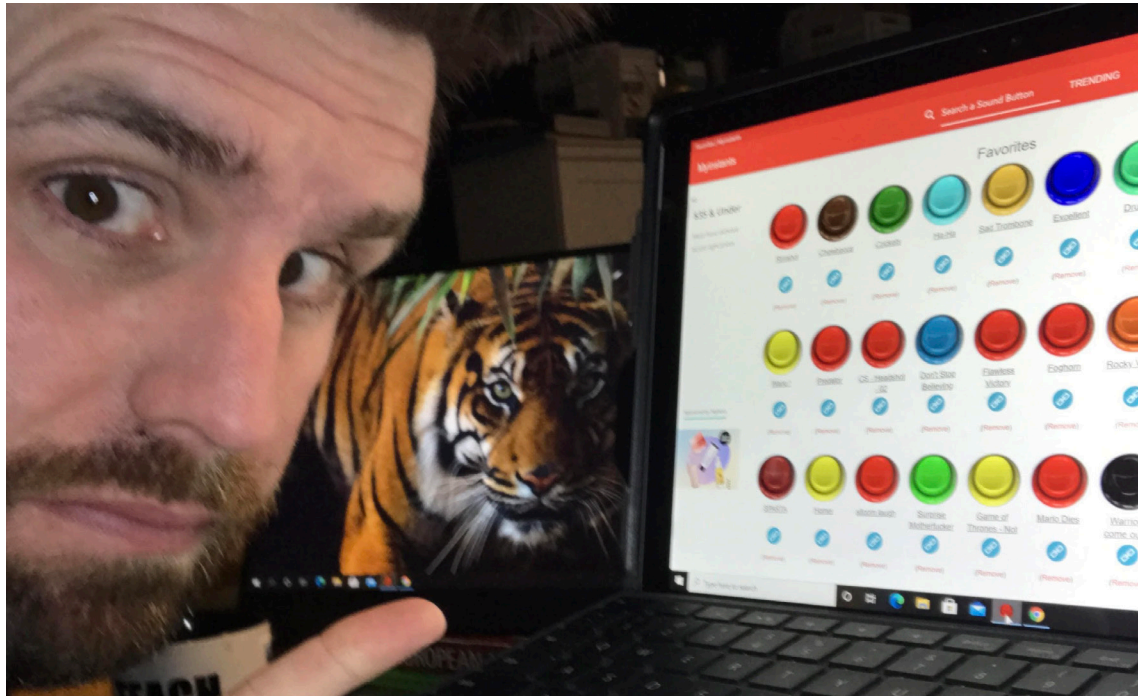
Watson brings the superb decision-making and excellent deep ball that Garoppolo didn’t have to offer; along with his deep ball, Watson adds his sharp and on-point short passes, which is crucial in Kyle Shanahan’s offense. His scrambling ability will fit perfectly in the play-action passes that the 49ers love running as well. With weapons like Deboo Samuel, Brandon Ayiuk, and George Kittle to throw to and a top-level defense when healthy, San Francisco is building a team for their so-called “Revenge Tour.” Anything short of a Super Bowl will be a disappointment to many fans and players. Did the 49ers make the right trade for Watson, Or did they give too much up? We’ll have to wait and see come September, the pressures on for the 49ers.

Teachers can now unmute you

By *Averton Eiye*
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“Come on, everyone does it. I just can’t figure out how he knew,” said TN senior Adrun Villasquez as he tells his story of how he got detention, recalling “I was just ranting about how I got a 68% on the test while I was still cheating, but I know I was muted. Next thing I know, I got a zero for the test and a meeting with the Vice Principal.” This isn’t the first time this has happened, as multiple kids of all grade levels are being apprehended with inappropriate comments and cheating on Zoom during class and are left wondering one thing: how did they get caught?

An apparent epidemic of test cheating and fake Zoom backgrounds have been putting members of Zoom to work over the last year on how to address this monumental problem. According to in-class observational studies by the FLSE, the recorded amount of cheated tests, GPA decreases, and class



Courtesy of Mr. Karkazis

What color button will Mr. K choose for his deadly forced unmute weapon?

skips have increased rapidly. Research shows that roughly 20% of students are missing or not being actively present for a class each day, test cheating is projected to have increased by 25% , and the National GPA average dropped half a letter grade

in the 2020-2021 school year. Zoom Board rolled out new updates recently for teachers to directly address this growing multitude of cheaters and absentees. Specifically, the most important feature is the Featured Acoustic Knowledge Ena-

bler button, that allows teachers to manually interact with suspected student’s mute button to hear just what they are saying in class; moreover, teachers can now forcibly unmute you. This Zoom update has been a godsend for teachers struggling

with testing their students accurately, and reports from WRNG, the PR branch of Zoom’s multifaceted business show signs of success, with numbers up to 237 kids being caught for disciplinary reasons in the third week of March alone.

Beloved history teacher Mr. Karkazis talks about how important this feature was, stating, “This is such an amazing feature that lets me curb the ridiculous amount of dishonest test-taking that’s happening. It might be a little unethical and probably a breach of personal security, but still, I caught two kids cheating this week alone!”

For many teachers, this is the case as more people are caught being absent with just their screen on, as well as cheaters served with 0’s on tests (usually along with a detention.) As there becomes less space to cheat on your tests, some students have resorted to sign language, braille, or taking a vow of silence to not get caught. Whatever method is used, it helps that certain teachers are cracking down with Zoom’s help.

Who even needs inches? Metric all the way!

By *Catalina Eyeland*
Times staff writer

We all know the hassle of having to deal with converting inches into centimeters, feet into meters, and so on. The US is one of the few countries that isn’t using the metric system, but that is changing.

Bear with me for a brief history lesson. It was 1975, Gerald Ford was president, and Congress had just passed The Metric Conversion Act as a way of transitioning into the metric system to be in line with basically the rest of the world. It ultimately failed because it was optional, and people weren’t going to learn something new if it wasn’t required.

Coming back to the present day, year 2021, Joe Biden is president, and changes are being made. Biden made the executive decision on March 31, 2021 to transition from the imperial and U.S. customary system of measurement to metric, and this time it is mandatory. This will allow the US to interact more coherently with other countries and have the ability to communicate effectively with-

out having to Google metric conversions.

Terra Nova student RYANNE REYNOLDS (10), who is a math and science enthusiast, said, “I’m actually really looking forward to the new change. I want to pursue a STEM career and know that the metric system is predominantly used there, so I won’t have to worry about learning it then.. I understand this may be annoying for many, but it’s not a bad thing to learn.”

To enforce the new change, Biden’s administration will be mandating that rulers be sold only in cm, road signs saying “...km away” instead of miles, driving instructions apps will say, “In ... meters turn right” instead of saying feet. By making these minor changes, the Administration hopes to start ingraining the metric system into people’s everyday lives.

The most major change that will be made is the curriculum taught in elementary schools starting next school year. The Pacifica Elementary School District superintendent Mr. Regla Meater said, “Although we acknowledge that this change in the curriculum may be hard for teachers, and students who learned the past system of measurement, faculty,

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The metric system is in and out with the old imperial system.

staff, and teachers came to an agreement that our sole purpose is to prepare our students for the future, and if that means altering the teaching of measurement then so be it.” As for the rest of us, the

Biden administration will be partnering with an app developer to create a free app to help people learn the new system, and if you don’t have technological devices, then pamphlets will be distributed.

Tesla motors steps into the world of gasoline to broaden their prospects

By *Erwin Aders Henschel*
Times staff writer

Tesla, the brand you know for supplying electric cars, may be delivering a gasoline powered car to your driveway. The new vehicle, the Model T, is a full-size SUV, similar in size to the Chevrolet Tahoe, or Cadillac Escalade. You may be wondering why Tesla chose to do this, as many other people are too, but here’s what we know so far. According to Tesla’s official

PR team, the potential market for normal internal combustion vehicles is so high that the chance was too good not to take. Combine this with SpaceX’s successes with their Raptor engine, and it leads to a situation where founder of Tesla, Elon Musk has but one choice.

In an interview with the PR Team leader, John, he said, “The vehicle is planned to have their Autopilot and future self-driving technology, but are implementing new safety features, such as infrared scanners, to

ensure the driver’s attention is where it should be on the road.”

There is also a continuation of the design started by the Model 3, where all the important driving information is displayed on the central tablet. This is quite a strange variation; however, the display is allowed to slide in front of the passenger seat, to allow for the consumption of various media sources.

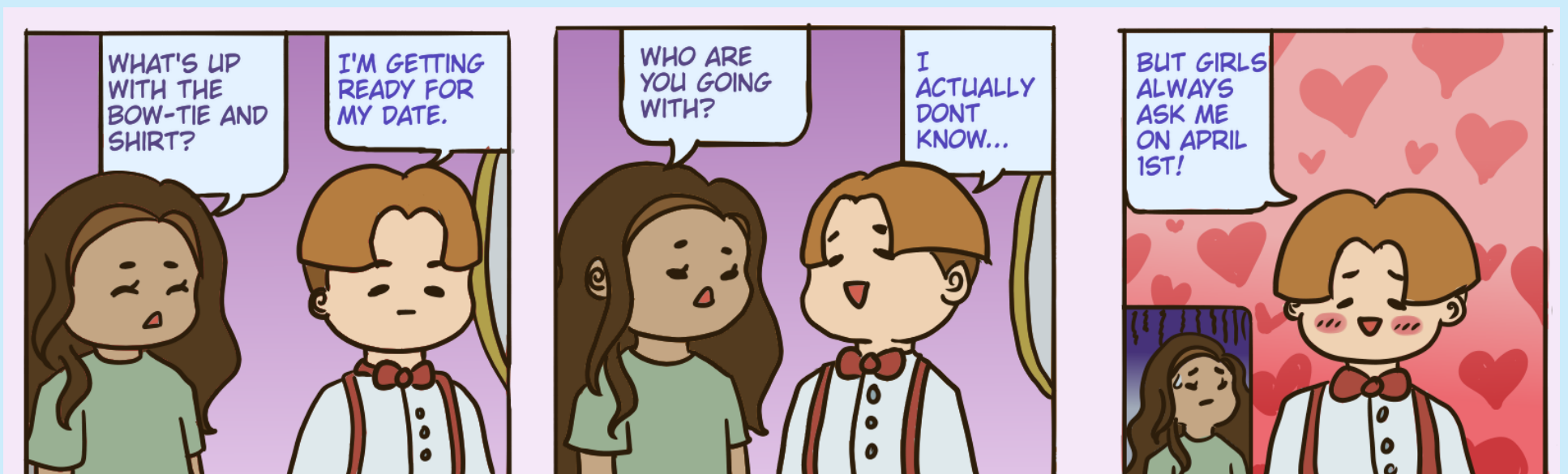
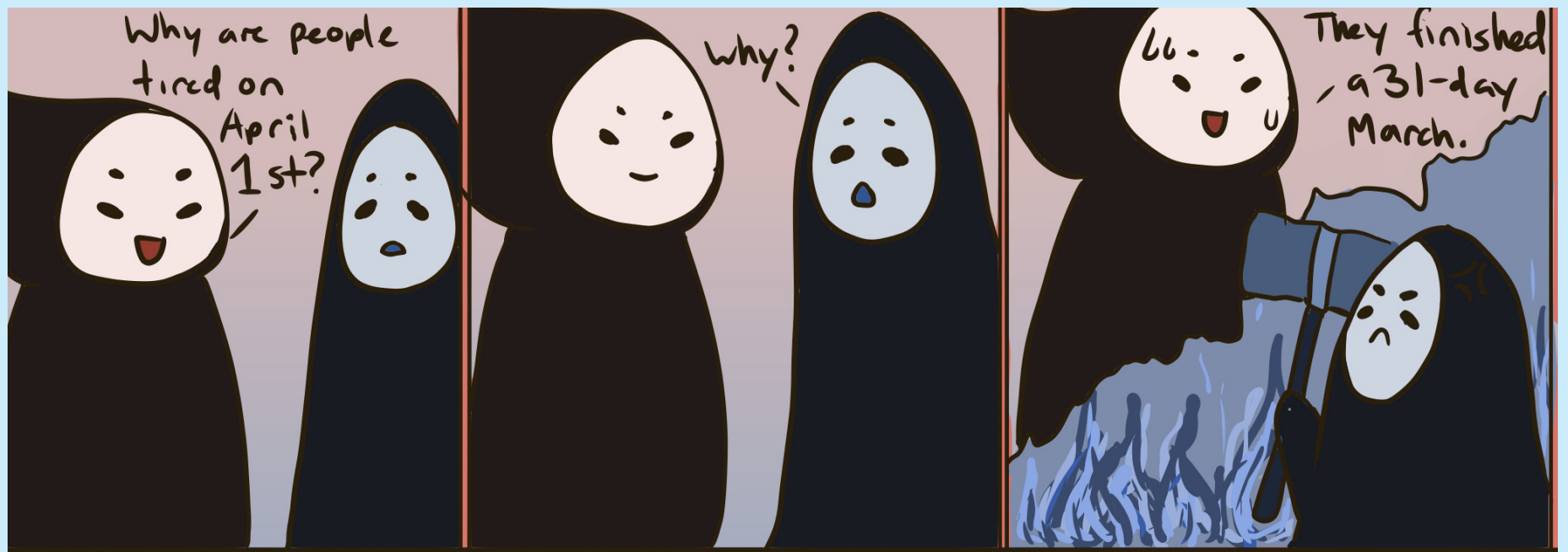
Tesla fan Luka Bulazo (11) said, “I’m actually not sure why they would do that, because the driving information is still only

on that single display.” Many people must be feeling similar to Bulazo — after all, Tesla is synonymous with electric cars. However, information has been released in which it says that another one of Elon Musk’s technologies may come into play, called Neuralink. This would negate the usage of the main screen, as all your driving information would be wirelessly projected to your brain via a Neuralink implant. Time will only see how this works though. The drivetrain is powered

by a 1200hp multi-fuel turbine engine. According to Tesla’s PR team, the technology was pulled directly from SpaceX’s Raptor rocket engine. This is quite an oddity of an engine, and combined with the notoriety of high fuel consumption at idle, it makes many wonder why Tesla chose to use it.

Overall, this looks like an intriguing vehicle, with an interesting use of Musk’s various companies’ tech, and only time will tell how this vehicle will shape the market.

APRIL FOOLS COMICS



Surfers required to wear masks

By Catalina Eyeland
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With summer rolling around the corner, tourists are already making their way down the coast to experience our amazing surf. In response to this, the City of Pacifica has decided to take safety precautions. With the COVID-19 virus continuing to spread through the county, wearing a mask and staying socially distanced has become the norm, but Pacifica has decided to take it a step further.

On April 20, 2021, the City of Pacifica will officially mandate and enforce all surfers wearing masks and staying 6 feet apart while in the water in hopes of stopping the spread of Covid. They have decided to start the new regulation towards the end of spring in hopes of getting locals and visitors used to it so that more people will follow it by the summer. To promote the use of masks in the water, signs and

flyers will be posted all around the beach, and on especially hot days, the Pacifica Police Department will send out officers for additional enforcement.

When asked his opinion on these regulations, Donovan Potter (11), an avid surfer at TN, said, "I think it's kind of unnecessary, because you are already outside which is safer than many other sports, because you're on a board. Which naturally creates space between everyone in the water." San Mateo health department member Dr. Barnaby Focaccio said, "The San Mateo health department has been worried about the spread of Covid from surfers for quite some time. Surfers may think that they are invincible to catching the virus just because they are in the water, but the data has proven otherwise, we are seeing that many cases of Covid are deriving from surfers being too close to one another."

But there is even more reason behind the new regulations



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Bob (11) following the new surf regulations

that are going to be implemented in Pacifica, and it's bigger than just transmission of the virus through human contact.

Dr. Focaccio also said, "Recent studies have found that COVID can be passed along to humans from sea life in the ocean. So by requiring face masks for surfers, we really are doing it for the safety of our community and wish that everyone entering the ocean at all Pacifica beaches will follow the rules."

TN student Corey O'Brien (11), who loves to surf, had a different opinion on the regulations. "About time," he said. "I've been waiting almost a year for them to mandate this. While everyone's concerned about people gathering indoors, nobody's paying attention to the alarming number of people gathering in the water at our beach. Maybe this will help our beach finally get some peace and quiet." Whether you agree or disagree with the new mandate, make sure to spread the word, not the virus. Mask up and stay 6 feet apart while in the water, and if you don't want to do it for yourself, then do it for the fish.

Newsflash: unhealthy is now the new healthy

By Tasha Guerrero
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Pizza, fries, pasta, desserts — all of our favorite foods with one thing in common: seemingly deemed to be "unhealthy." Are they really, though? Here's a wild update: they're actually not harmful to our health. On the contrary: they can help reduce one's risk of heart disease by maintaining blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Here's what you need to know.

A group of Florida scientists got together on Mar. 15 to further evaluate the human body, along with the nutrition, calories, and protein needed for us to function on our day to day, and what they discovered was a bit shocking. Mr. Dankworth, one of the scientists involved, issued a statement in which he said, "We have discovered that foods that were said to increase the risk of obesity and chronic diseases ac-



Courtesy of Mai Ly Noorda

Mai Ly Noorda (11) eating a healthy Philly cheese steak

tually have the perfect amount of calories for all body types." Local nutritionist Ms. Ack-

erman said, "With the new discovery, I have altered my way of helping others with their diets.

Of course, I still encourage people to eat fruits and vegetables; however, I now tell them there is absolutely nothing wrong with eating burgers and pizzas. After all, red meat is a nutrition superstar because of the amounts of vitamins it has such as vitamin A, K, B6, and C." It is safe to assume that the FDA will soon alter rules for nutrition labels.

Here are some other foods that are now safe to eat on a daily basis: "Cake, cookies, potato chips, and candy. They actually have a lot less calories than we thought. So they are very diabetes-friendly, and weight friendly. A healthy diet is essential to our well being! And now there is no such thing as an unhealthy diet, which is great," Ackerman continued. Our TN community is excited to treat themselves to their favorite snacks. Tyler Yumi Wada (10) is one of those thrilled faces — her everyday snack will now change from apples to "hot

Cheetos, because after all, they help you lose weight," she said.

Mr. Napoli did his research and can confirm the scientists' conclusion. "I love glazed doughnuts, and recently discovered that eating doughnuts is linked towards promoting physical activity by normally sedentary people. From a random sample of 200 urban apartment dwellers who stated that they sat on a sofa at least two hours a day, it was found that there was a correlation with a coefficient equal to .99 with walking more than half a mile to the local doughnut shop," he said.

History teacher Ms. Fil, who is also the cheer coach and therefore enjoys exercise, is also excited. A wider variety of food can now give her that energy needed to exercise! "I'm thrilled scientists recently discovered Taco Bell is a natural fat burner! Still don't understand why I gained all that weight in college, though?" she said.

Make your life less exciting with this perfectly normal news

By Averton Eiye
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This week, we have our zaniest article yet with the horrendous euthanasia of Seaworld dolphins, the updates on the desertification of the Sahara, and the Coca-Cola bear's devastating secret of animal abuse during set revealed.

Seaworld, according to GTSG Data, is filing for bankruptcy and can't afford to keep two of their locations due to COVID-19 closures. Tanks were poorly kept, animals were starving, and dolphins were reported to be swimming "in their own feces." Without the funds to transport the dolphins to nearby locations due to out-

standing debt, they reported to a Go-Fund Me page that accumulated a solid \$22.53 from one girl named Emily. They were forced to euthanize these sea mammals and close down a place known to many for fun rides and breathtaking shows.

Another devastating event: the desertification of the Sahara desert is affecting thousands of people in the areas of Chad and Nigeria. The Sahara often seems like a desolate and terrible place filled with sadness and despair, but for many, it's a wonderful home. The desert is a source of culture, tourism, and unlikely resources for citizens in the sub-Saharan region. Due to global warming however, local oases are evaporating, causing soil and sand to be more damp, and this process

has been creating more shrubbery in the desert. From this shrubbery, trees have started to take root, and invasive forests have been destroying the native desert that has been the lifeblood of the community. The people living in these reforested areas are devastated, as the oxygen levels in this area have drastically increased, making it harder for carbon-based lifeforms like humans to live. Efforts to stop what reporters are now calling "Reforestation" is a mass importation of lumberjacks to take down these forests before they destroy the whole desert.

To end off this week of random, unbelievable events that'll have people wondering "what in the world," we have a shocking confession from the Coca

Cola advertising team, as four members of the advertising team admit to animal abuse on set. As if these polar bears weren't already glorified as consumers of their own demise, assistant manager Joe Rogân, speaks of additional cruelty against the bears: "They had the polar bears in cages, feeding them nothing but Coca Cola and pez candy. It was excruciating to watch; they had a vacuum to scare the polar bears, and kept using it until they said 'Nothing goes better with food than a nice ice cold Coca Cola in the right way.' I had to say something." Coca-Cola's CEO, when asked about inhumane treatment, said, "No Comment. But if we did do these terrible things, the polar bears deserved it."

Tired of life? Just stay in bed

By *Gandolf*
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Getting out of bed and ready for the day can be an absolute pain most days. The easiest possible solution? Just don't. Staying in bed can provide so many benefits to your physical health, mental health, and overall well-being. Taking a day to remain in bed might be just what you need to relax.

Maybe you played really hard at practice or tried a new workout the day before, but staying in bed could help heal those sore muscles. Physician Albert McGee M.D., spoke about the benefits of staying in bed: "If you stay in bed, you're less likely to strain those muscles after such a rough day," McGee said.

By refusing to get out of bed, an individual is assured to get a proper amount of sleep each night. "The average teen



Sarah San Jose

Staying in bed can greatly improve your health.

needs at least 8 hours of sleep to get through the day," McGee adds on, "Hence why it's important to stay in bed. Without those 8+ hours of sleep, it would be more difficult to get

through that long workout." Yet another reason to stay in bed, for your mental health. By staying in bed, you can avoid those responsibilities that keep racking your brain. Many can

come to the agreement that work can be very tiresome and stressful, so why not ignore it all? "I'd rather stay in bed all day," Sarah San Jose (11) said, "That way I don't have to deal

with school." Without the pressure of the work you may have to do, staying in bed will surely cure you of all your stress. "Yes, avoiding your problems by staying in bed just might take numerous amounts of pressure off your shoulders," McGee claims.

Overall, staying in bed is just a great way to spend the day. When you're not in bed, how do you usually feel? Tired, stressed, and maybe even a little unmotivated. "Throughout the day, when I'm not in bed, I feel so tired all the time and I just want to sleep," San Jose said. She also states that staying in bed keeps her more relaxed. If you get bored, you can always take a nap. Reading an interesting book can help you feel productive and give a great break from looking at a screen. Of course, if looking at a screen will keep you occupied and stress-free, then do as you please — just do it from the safety of your bed.

Try these new ways to spice up your treats

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When making a new snack for lunch, oftentimes people do not think about alternatives they can add to the snack to make it better. Here are some ways to improve your snacking, and impress your friends with your creativity!

For a calming drink, many people enjoy matcha tea; however, this is very basic. One way to spice it up is to use or add wasabi to boiling water. To add flavor, you can use honey, sugar, or even flavored ice cubes to make it a perfect summer drink.

Apples and peanut butter is an outdated and overused mid-day snack. Instead of this basic combination, a healthy alternative is to use a white onion. This tasty treat is sure to surprise your friends and family. You can also cover them in melted caramel for a sweet

and savory snack, perfect to share with your friends a party.

If you ever plan on baking some cookies, or any snack that contains vanilla extract, an amazing alternative for it is soy sauce. It gives the baked treat pleasant savory flavor and makes it extra special for your guests.

Continuing with more baked goods, biscuits and scones usually need some jam to contrast the dryness of the treat. A healthy and almost sugar-free alternative for jam is ketchup. Still classified as a fruit, it is practically a jam and will bring a whole other level of flavor to your snack. But if your cookies do not need a jam, and rather need a filling, there is a perfect way to create a makeshift Oreo in your home. Just mixed together equal parts of mayonnaise and sugar to create the perfect Oreo cream filling for your cookies.

Callie Banta (11) said, "My



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Why use vanilla extract when you can use soy sauce?

sister and I tried this, and we enjoyed it so much! And it tasted just like an Oreo. We even tried it out with different cookies (store bought and homemade) and both tasted great!"

A classic snack on a char-

cuterie board is salami and cream cheese, although a plethora of people do not have cream cheese in their homes at all times. However, there is no need to worry if you do not have cream cheese on hand to

create this wonderful snack. Whipped cream is a great alternative to using cream cheese, as it is a dairy product as well as a sweet contrast to the saltiness of the salami. This combination is similar to dipping french fries in a milkshake, to create the contrast of salty and sweet.

Katie Bandurski from Taste of Home said, "While I was on vacation, I didn't have cream cheese, and since whipped cream also contains dairy I considered giving it a try. When I tried it it was actually pretty good!"

On a hot summer day, many people just want to have a refreshing iced drink to combat the heat of the Sun. Although you can have regular pineapple juice with ice, adding in some tomatoes adds nutrients along with potassium, and vitamins B and E. This odd but tasty combination will protect you against the Sun, and keep you refreshed all day long.

What is your favorite hobby?



"Ballet class with the other freshmen on the water polo team."
-Dane Potter (9)



"Unicycling"
-Stephanie Beckler (10)



"Painting skyscrapers."
-Anastasia Vasquez (11)



"Only fans."
-Patrick Harmon (12)



"Participating in underground Stanford prison experiment replications."
-Mr. Willemse

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Girls

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where they will fit in. Though transgender students may attend the school that correlates to their gender identity, according to the school board, some students are not out. Students who are not out as transgender in general or to their parents may have to attend the school that does not match their gender

identity, which could worsen gender dysmorphia and make them feel out of place. (Jokes aside, this is a serious issue that often arises out of well-meaning decisions.)

Oceana student Alex Smith writes, "What school am I supposed to go to? This leaves LGBTQ students behind." Alex, who uses they/them pronouns, does not fit into the new gender separation plan. In response to these concerns, Ms. Carney, confronted by unhappy parents and students at the

board meeting, said, "Well... um... we'll figure out how to address these issues," before promptly leaving the Zoom session. However, not all students are unhappy with the change. Jane Sommers, upon hearing the news, said, "A school filled with girls? God, I can't wait!"

Though responses to the board's decision have been mixed, it seems to be final. The Class of 2022 will be the first to graduate under the new regime.

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