

The Tiger Tribune

Letter From The Editor:

Welcome to the April issue of the Tiger Tribune! We're already four months into the new year; wow! We hope that your year has been going well, and that you remain safe and successful as we progress forward. Our writers have definitely outdone themselves with the creativity in this month's articles, so we hope you enjoy what they have to offer!

As always, we look forward to new ideas, creative writing, and more writers, so do consider joining the Tiger Tribune and making change with your writing! We wish you all a happy month and look forward to more writing escapades with you all! Enjoy this issue!

Sincerely,
Sana Basheer
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April Survey/ Staff Question

By Amir Chermat

Opinions on months as names?

Abdallah Khan	Every name should have a good meaning. If it has such a meaning, then go for it.
Emily M.	I think months as names are fine, as months are people's names, and they are not different from any other people. There are many names, and they are all different!
Melody Moy	I think they're pretty names, especially April.
Amir	I always thought that April and May were nice names, but one could certainly be more creative.

The Dyson Sphere Program Game Review

By Lucas Jorrick

The Dyson Sphere Program which, according to Pcgames.com, was developed by the five-member team of Youthcat Studio, located in Chongqing, China—per CS, CWCS newsletter editor is probably one of the funnest games in the whole virtual world. I've spent a long time playing it because it's so fun! Your primary objective in the game is, you probably guessed it, to build a Dyson Sphere. You accomplish this task by taking over a whole star cluster's resources to eventually build the parts for a Dyson Sphere. You eventually have a whole factory spread out through the star cluster to manufacture not just one, but multiple Dyson Spheres to consume all of the stars' energy.

Before I start talking about how the game is played, we need to talk about the reason you're building a Dyson Sphere in the first place. In the game, you are in the future and humanity has progressed so far into technology that they are able to literally put their conscience into a computer. To do this, you need a whole lot of energy. Where is this energy going to come from? A star. And how do you harvest a star's energy?! A Dyson Sphere!

At the beginning of the game, you start out from plain scratch. You have just landed on your main planet and need to start gathering basic materials such as iron ore and copper ore. As you get more and more materials, you are able to start automating the resource gathering. Eventually, you are able to smelt the resources automatically and start building different kinds of things for automation.

When you get enough resources, you are able to start creating a Dyson Swarm. A Dyson Swarm isn't a Dyson Sphere and it produces less energy, but it's a miniature version of it. You are able to shoot solar panels into orbit and collect that energy it produces with a special building. Although the solar panels go out after a while, you are able to research a way to keep them in space longer.

After a while of building up more and more things in your soon to be star cluster factory, you are able to start expanding out into the solar system. You use things like an interplanetary logistics station to transport resources across the solar system and start using the planets' resources to fuel your fast growing factory. Soon you are able to go into other solar systems and start taking the resources from them.

When you have a large enough factory, you are able to start creating your Dyson Sphere. You start the necessary things to start making it such as automating the parts and creating the transportation system to put the Dyson Sphere components in space. Once you start creating your Dyson Sphere, you are basically done with the game! But, the game is only in early access. You will start seeing more and more things you can do when you finish your Dyson Sphere as the game progresses. In the end, The Dyson Sphere Program is a great game to play and you will enjoy every second of it.

The Airbus A380

By Zayan Khan

The Airbus A380 is a passenger plane built by Airbus. It is the biggest passenger plane in the world, and it is double deck, meaning that it has two storeys. It is also one of the safest planes in the world, with no major crashes ever since it entered service in 2007. It is used by many international airlines, including Air France, Qantas, Emirates, British Airways, Asiana Airlines, Lufthansa, Korean Air, Etihad Airways, and many, many more.

One reason it is so popular among the general public is that it can carry about 850 passengers in one flight. It can fly for almost 16 hours without having to refuel. The A380 has the world's longest route, from Dubai to New Zealand, provided by Emirates airlines. Emirates also provides the shortest route, from Dubai to Doha, about 50 minutes.

As mentioned before, the A380 is one of the safest and most modern planes up to date. It has had no hull losses ever since it first entered service. However, there were a few minor incidents. A Qantas A380 suffered from engine failure mid-flight, and part of the engine fell off in mid-air, damaging other parts of the plane. The pilot made a safe emergency landing, and no one was hurt. A similar incident happened with an Air France A380.

The Airbus A380 has over 40 worldwide destinations. This is yet another reason that it is popular; most people throughout the world can fly on it. It is also compatible with over 400 small and large airports worldwide, including diversion airports.

In conclusion, I think that the A380 is one of the most modern, advanced, safe, and popular planes of the 21st century. If you ever happen to have a choice between an A380 and another model, choose A380. I can assure you that you won't regret it.



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Unknown

By Husna Basheer

Six years ago

Phoenix hid in the room. Tears were streaming down her face. She was curled up underneath her bed. She was covering her ears, trying to block out her mom's wails. Just a few minutes ago, she was enjoying dinner with her parents, and now she was hiding from some men that had barged into her house. She was more scared than she had ever been in her life. Who they were, she didn't know. She heard one of the men kick open the door. She covered her mouth to stop herself from screaming. Why? Why were they doing this? She heard the person walk around her room, looking for her. Then the man looked under the bed, his green eyes gleaming, "Found you." Phoenix screamed. She kicked the man in his face and crawled out from the other side of the bed. She ran out of the room and stopped in her tracks. She stared in horror at her parents who lay in front of her, unconscious. "Mommy? Daddy?" she cried. "Wake up!" She tried to shake them, but none of them budged. She sat helpless in front of them, crying. Then, she heard the man's footsteps behind her. Just as she was turning around, she felt a sharp pain in her arm. She fell to the ground, wondering what was happening to her as she slowly lost consciousness. The man smiled. He took out his walkie talkie and said, "The job is done".

To be continued...

Drinks Can Wait!

By Amir Chermat

Are you interested in drinking alcohol anytime soon? Although there is nothing wrong with drinking alcohol as an adult, drinking could have awful effects on your body by a teenager. For this year's Alcohol Awareness Month, here are some facts on why drinking can definitely wait.

In her blog post on Harvard Health Publishing, Claire McCarthy, MD, explains that there are three stages in life in which the brain goes through major changes and is left vulnerable. Adolescence is the one of these periods, which means that drinking during your adolescence could seriously stunt your brain's growth. In her article on medicinenet.com, Roxanne Dryden-Edwards, MD, lists some more specific effects. To name a few:

- A decreased ability to pay attention
- Difficulties with memory
- A higher chance of becoming addicted to alcohol

- Emotional issues such as anxiety and depression

Although trying a sip of alcohol may seem like a fun and rebellious idea when you are bored, now would definitely not be the time to do so. Unless you would like to risk danger to your vulnerable brain, you will need to remember that drinking can wait.

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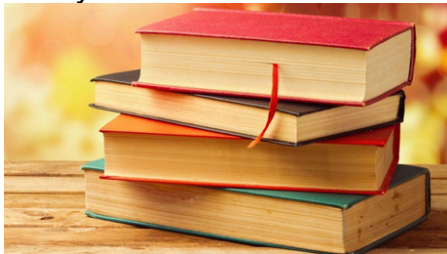
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National Librarian Day

Zahra Shaikh

In this world of technology and owning computers, phones, and so many other devices, the original ways to go about our daily tasks are beginning to fade away. For instance, writing has now become typing, mailing has become e-mailing, and books are transforming into online formats. This is great, but at the same time, our communities are losing the fun and joy behind writing, drawing, and so much more. However, more importantly, most of our society is beginning to purchase more online books, either textbooks or general novels to read. Especially during the current Covid-19 pandemic, it is extremely difficult to head to the library and skim through or check out a few books. In other words, everything has transitioned online. One way we can still pay our respects and honor the libraries, especially those who work in them, is through National Librarian Day, also known as National Library Workers Day!

On April 6, local schools and organizations all over the United States pay their respects to almost all the information and knowledge that is learnt from libraries by donating, and honoring them in award ceremonies and certain events. But if you have some time to spare, drop by the library, if it is open, and thank the library workers. It will be even more worthy if you take the time to buy them cards and flowers or homemade goods. Lastly, it is even more helpful if you ask the workers if you can lend them a helping hand, or if they are in need of donations. Similarly, there are many more ways to partake in this holiday. So on April 6, I hope you take some of your precious time to empower these workers who work day and night to give us the knowledge and information that the library holds.



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Claws: Part 6

By Mohammad Khan

Jack and Smokey had put leaves on their wounds to heal them. Within a few days they were feeling completely better, except for Jack. He was still suffering from the loss of Haze. He told Smokey, "I have to speak to Strong. He hasn't come out of his den ever since we came back. I'll meet you back here."

Jack walked up to Strong's den and went inside. He went through the right pathway to his den, and he saw him lying down, eating a huge chunk of meat. "Hey Jack, what brings you here?"

Jack replied, trying to keep his voice calm. "Strong, I looked everywhere, I couldn't find Haze. Smokey says he saw you going out hunting with her."

"Hm, well you're her brother, right? She should have told you where she was going."

"Yes, but I am asking why she is still not back."

Strong shrugged stupidly, and said, "[Must have got lost. Want to join my breakfast?"

Jack looked at him coldly, "No thank you, Strong."

Jack left with that, and he looked outside. He was feeling completely hopeless. He had no idea where Strong had put Haze. He had to leave and look for her.

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Jack was with Smokey, looking for Haze. Smokey suddenly smelled a strange smell. "Hey, Jack, do you smell that?"

Jack nodded and sniffed. His pupils went large. He whispered, "It's lions, but there's another smell."

"Yep, but I can't make it out."

"Smokey, how are we going to kill the lions?"

"What? We aren't even going to go close to them. We could die."

"What if Haze is in there?"

"Fine, but we aren't going to charge in. We need to take some off without getting close." Jack smiled. "I know what to do."

A few minutes later Jack was getting boulders set up against the cliff next to the place where the lions were. He told Smokey, "Listen, we are both going to push against these boulders, and then they will fall down into the lions. That way, we can take down the guards without letting the ones inside know that we are here."

Smokey nodded, and they both got behind a boulder. They both pushed as hard as they could until the boulder was rolling down extremely fast. Before the lions could yell or run away, they got hit by the boulder and were dead. Jack and Smokey went down to the

head of the cave. Jack sniffed, and he sniffed, and he smelt Haze. “Smokey! I smell Haze! She must be in here!”

“Yes! Let’s go get her.” Smokey and Jack both went forward into the hollow, claws out. Jack saw two lions sitting next to a tigress, which Jack recognized as Haze. Suddenly a fury went through Jack, and he leaped at one of the lions, and he buried his claws deep into it. Jack quickly bit its neck and leaped at the second lion. He slashed its muzzle, and it howled. He stabbed it with his claws right into its heart. He took them out and slashed its neck one last time. It slowly fell down, with its eyes still showing the shock that it had received from the sudden attack.

To be continued....

## **April Fools’ Day**

**By Emily M.**

April Fools’ Day is April First, and it’s the one day where people can prank and fool each other! There are many good ways to trick and prank people, such as the prank where you put a Whoopie cushion under...anything! Or glue a penny to the ground. There are so many tricks and pranks that you could play during April Fools’ Day!

During the coronavirus, there are not a lot of chances to prank anybody in public. You can only do it in your home, and that isn’t that much fun when your family already knows your tricks! But now that everybody is online already...you can just look some up! Find some new tricks that will be sure to work— already perfectly planned out for you.

Sometimes, it’s fun to be pranked! You laugh so much when you are. But how, and why do we laugh? Laughing is so common, sometimes you don’t even think about it. Honestly, it isn’t something most people know. We all have flinch reactions; lots of times when we are happy, that develops into laughing, a painful, yet happy way of reacting to simple tickles. We laugh when we are pranked because we are happy because it’s April Fools’ and we are glad that somebody has thought of you/us enough that they wanted to prank you/us, and it’s painful because somebody tricked and pranked you/us.

That’s all for this article!

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## **Reasons to Bike**

**By Ziyad Shaikh**

When Karl Benz invented the first “car,” everybody began to flock over to the automobile industry. There were news articles about it, and it began to slowly make its way into the mainstream. However, there was another invention similar. It was called the Velocipede, now known as a bicycle. Although the automobile was much easier to drive, the Velocipede did not pollute the environment as much. Therefore today, I would like to persuade you all to use your bicycle which has been sitting around in your home attracting dust and cobwebs.



One of the main reasons you should use your bicycle would be that it pollutes less as mentioned above. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, motor vehicles produce roughly one-half of pollutants like VOCs, nitrogen oxide and particulate matter. Seventy-five percent of carbon monoxide emissions come from automobiles. In urban areas, harmful automotive emissions are responsible for anywhere between 50 and 90 percent of air pollution. That is quite a lot of pollution in the air. Cycling is one terrific way to reduce that pollution. Just think about it. If we all begin cycling, won't that number reduce by a lot?

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## National Poetry Month

By Melody Moy

April is National Poetry Month! I love poetry (everybody knows that already.)

Poetry is a type of writing writers use to describe their emotions. Sometimes poetry may use sensory details, like the sight or sound of the scene. Some poems can be conveyed as songs if you put them to music. Some poems are happy, and some are sad. Here is a list of different types of poems:

- Regular free-write poems
- Epics
- Ballads
- Limericks
- Haikus
- Nursery rhymes (like mother goose)
- Acrostics
- Found poems

Here's a poem I wrote:

Apples are crunchy goodness  
Perfect signs of fall  
Perfect signs of leaves falling  
Leaves falling, turning orange and brown  
Eastern sky, sun is setting westward  
Sweet goodness of those crunchy apples.  
Fall is coming fast  
Maple tree-leaves are orange, brown.  
Swirling leaves, apple pies

Poems are useful because they convey an author's emotion of the outside world. This month, April, is the 25th anniversary of National Poetry month. It started in 1996 to encourage people to keep writing.

Always remember..never stop writing!



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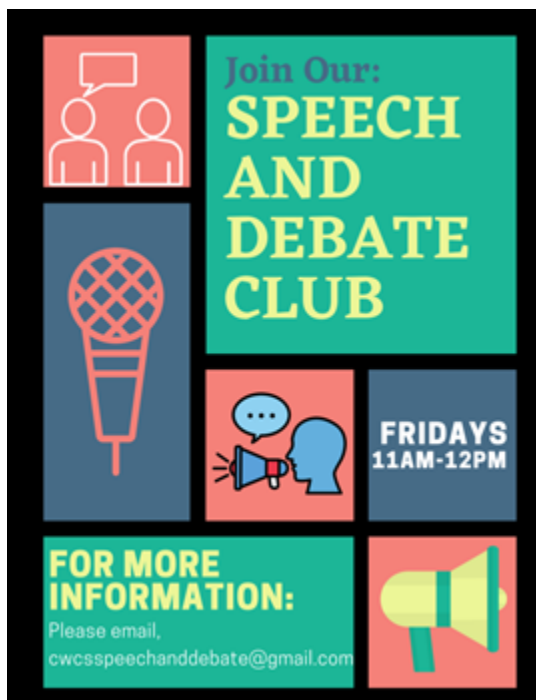
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