

The Tiger Tribune

Letter From The Editor:

Welcome to the March issue of the Tiger Tribune! We're already three 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 think about 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
Editor-in-Chief
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March Survey/ Staff Question

By Amir Chermat

How well can you do an Irish accent?

Zahra	Hmm, I am not very sure because I've never tried! :)
Omar	As I keep forgetting how an Irish accent sounds like, I cannot do it well. If I listen to it, then, boom, I would have the best Irish accent. It might even sound like an Indian accent.
Abdallah Khan	Not well at all. Why do you ask?
Anaya	TOP OF THE MORNIN' TO YA LADDIES! That's all I can do unfortunately haha.
Emily M.	Out of ten? 6/10, then.
Mohammad Khan	Hmm.. I can't really.
Melody	Not very well, but I can do a British accent and an Australian accent.
Amir	I can do a fairly good one, but it comes out randomly when I'm speaking. I can't force it or text in one. Which is probably a good thing, since this is a kid friendly newspaper.



well hello,
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Do Pineapples Belong on Pizza?

By Abdallah Khan

Any mention of the word “controversial” is bound to bring an image of pineapples, the king of fruit, placed on top of pizza, the flag-bearer of modern fast-food, into people’s minds. What caused this unusual crossover? Why does it exist? And most importantly, why do people like it? Let’s dive straight into this unusual and rather spicy topic.

I’m not going to dwell too much on the history of this unusual topping choice, so here’s a quick recap: Sotirios “Sam” Panopoulos, a Greek immigrant to the U.S, is credited with inventing the topping. To cut a long story short, he basically started selling pizzas at one point in his life and experimented with different toppings. And as you can probably guess, pineapple happened to be the subject of one of those experiments. He started selling pineapple pizzas, and people started buying and liking them.

But not everyone liked them. From the beginning, there were haters of this new innovation. They said that it was a desecration of the pure, innocent pizzas. They cried out in protest against it, saying that the watery juiciness of a pineapple could never be mixed with the crisp, doughy-ness of a pizza. But the pro-pineapple-on-pizza gang struck back, saying that the pineapple lent a juiciness to the usual dryness of a pizza. Plus, they argued, the blend of salt and sweet mixed together created a whole new world of flavor that was unlike anything ever tasted before.

I personally think that putting pineapples of pizza is a very strange idea since I firmly believe that sweet and salty flavors belong in their respective locations within the vast world of food items. But at the same time, I find the taste of pineapple pizza intriguing and not unlikeable at all. It really does lend a completely new flavor that tastes nothing like the original pizza, and if anything, might even taste slightly better. Yet at the same time, good ol’ pizza with the orthodox meat-and-cheese topping can’t be beat, even if it’s against the mighty contender named pineapple. But again, that’s just my personal opinion. What’s yours?



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Best Hiking Places in California

By Ziyad Shaikh

Have you ever felt the need to go out and explore the wild instead of just sitting around at home? If so, hiking is a great way to come out of your comfort zone and explore the wild. California is full of national parks and mountains, so finding a trail should not be hard. Let's take a look at some of the trails. Henry Coe Park is a great place to just spend some time in nature. Along the way you should spot beautiful trees, hills, wildlife, and much more.

However, it is vital to bring water as well as some trail snacks. Another great hiking place is Mission Peak. This is for several reasons. First, you can see the entire Silicon Valley from up there, making it beautiful. It is also a tough climb, making it a challenge many people would want to try. Along the way, you may run into some cows (like my family did), so bringing a few sticks would be good. There are many other trails throughout California. It is up to us to go and explore them.

Stars

By Husna Basheer

High in the sky,
They only come out at night
From far away,
Only specks of light
Come close enough
You'll lose your sight
From far away,
They are something you would admire
But if you come close enough
They are balls of fire
From far away,
In the night sky they appear
But in reality they may have disappeared
Even though they aren't the same
Bits of them will always remain

Women's History Month

By Melody Moy

Women's History Month is a widely known holiday all across the U.S. Many brave women during this time fought for women's rights and also the women's right to vote.

Some of these women were:

- Harriet Tubman, known for her bravery in leading anti-slavery work and the Underground Railroad.
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton, known for founding the National American Woman Suffrage Association that would help women get the vote.
- Susan B. Anthony, another woman that spoke out at many events such as the Seneca Falls Convention.
- Amelia Earhart, who disappeared in an unlocated place.

- Hatshepsut is the ONLY woman pharaoh ever recorded in history.

These women suffragettes were strong, brave, and fearless. Some of them even risked their lives and died! March 8 is the day we celebrate these women for their courage and bravery. The U.S. has been celebrating Women's History Month ever since Jimmy Carter ratified the bill in 1980.

It used to be Women's History Week, but It is now official, and they changed it to a month-long; it is widespread across the U.S.

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Pi Day by Emily M.

Pi Day is March 14, also known as 3/14, with the digits being 314, the first 3 numbers of pi (π). Pi is most commonly used to say the circumference of a circle or to estimate the area of a circle.

On Pi Day, people eat pie (with an e) as a joke, and they also try to say as many numbers of pi as they can! Some even go so far as to mark the first 6 numbers of pi- on Pi Day, which is 1:59 on 3/14. This is named Pi Minute. There are great things to do on Pi Day, mostly consisting of measuring the circumference of circular objects. They even have math contests to see who can get the circumference of a circle the fastest!

Nobody really knows how pi started or how it ends. We believe it was tried to be found about 4,000 years ago by the Babylonians. Archimedes also tried to find many of the digits of pi as well!

Pi actually never ends--it just goes on forever, with millions and billions of digits. Lots of people try to memorize the first 100 digits of pi:

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You can too! At the end of this newsletter, you can test your memory and try to say the first 10 digits of pi.

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National Craft Month

By Zahra Shaikh

Our hectic lives today have become almost normal. When we are not busy, we begin to feel anxious and strange. Why? Because the stress, tension, and the act of being has become a norm in modern society. However, it is not at all healthy for our mindsets and physical capacity. There must be a way to fight and get rid of our habitual stress and tension.

National Craft Month, observed in March every year, gives everyone nationwide this opportunity. Now this is not to say that it is only for those who have done crafts or know how to do them. In fact, even if you have no idea what they are or how to get started, do not fret!

Take the chance of this month to get inspired with all kinds of mediums from paper and wood to fabrics and paint to metals and clay. Invoke your creativity and inspiration by grabbing your scissors and learning a new craft. This is a great way to spend your time at home, especially during quarantine. And always remember that when creativity becomes stress-relieving, it fills the soul.



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Claws Part 5

By Mohammad Khan

Jack and Smokey bounded through the woods, tearing through trees and bushes.

“Smokey, how did you get injured?”

Smokey’s muzzle was dripping with blood, and he was bleeding.

“Strong had told me that we should both go hunting, so I went with him. After we walked a while, then we came to a hollow. I had just glimpsed inside and saw Haze knocked out and bleeding from her paw and surrounded by guards. Then Strong hit me on the head. He left me outside the hollow. After a while I woke up, with my head hurting like someone had hit it with a boulder. I slowly got up and looked around. There was nobody in sight. I ran as fast as I could, and here I am.”

Jack replied slowly, “How many tigers do you think were guarding her?”

Smokey said, “I couldn't tell. Strong knocked me out as soon as I got there.”

Jack said frustratedly, "How badly was Haze hurt?"

He replied, "She was hurt a bit bad, as I said before. Her paw was bleeding, and she was knocked out too, and she had a bit of a cut on her head."

Suddenly Smokey raised his paw to tell Jack to stop. Jack looked around, and he saw blood on his paws. He sniffed, and he smelled Smokey's blood and asked him, "Is this where you got knocked out?"

Smokey nodded, "But from the place where I got knocked out I could see Haze clearly."

Jack's eyes suddenly went scared. He whispered, "Smokey, I think it's a trap."

As soon as Jack finished his sentence, five tigers leaped out of the trees and circled them. Jack growled and took out his claws, and Smokey did the same. One of the tigers leaped at Jack, and he quickly swiped at the tiger's muzzle, and his sharp claws hit it straight on its head, and he quickly killed it by biting the tiger. There were only three left because Smokey had killed one tiger too. The other tigers were scared too now, but they all charged at them at once. Smokey was taking on one tiger, and Jack had to take on two. He swiped at one of their paws, and that tiger yelled in pain. The other tiger leaped at Jack, and while he was distracted, the wounded tiger leaped at Jack's back. It buried its claws deep into him, and Jack growled in anger and pain. He quickly flipped onto his back, and the one on his back started suffocating, and Jack quickly slashed the tiger in front of him. Smokey had killed his tiger, and he quickly came to Jack and helped him up and killed the tiger that was on his back.

"Jack, are you okay?"

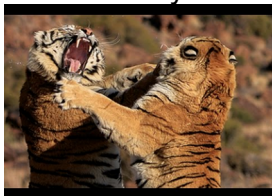
Jack nodded briefly, and then said, "Strong must have known when he saw you gone. He must have left these tigers to ambush us when you came back. He knew you would come back with someone."

Smokey nodded and said, "We have to return to camp Jack; you are wounded."

"We can't return without Haze! She's my sister! Who knows what Strong could have done to her?"

"Listen Jack, we have to think about this. We can't just go without planning anything, Strong must be planning something. We have to think about this for a few days, then go and take our revenge."

Jack reluctantly agreed, and started walking back to camp. They walked across the tall trees and the green grass. Jack looked at all of it sadly. He had lost his sister from his worst enemy.



Read Across America Day

By Amir Chermat

“The more that you read, the more that you’ll know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” That was a quote by Dr. Seuss in his book *I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!* On March 2, Theodor Seuss “Ted” Geisel would have turned 117 years old. To celebrate the birthday of this beloved children’s author, readers and schools in America recognize Read Across America Day.

As Dr. Seuss had devoted his life to making reading more fun and interesting to children, Read Across America Day continues this mission by sharing his famous stories with the newer generations. Although there are many more children reading today than during Dr. Seuss’s day, the genius of his humor, rhymes, and positive messages are still very important and very relevant.

As you read this article, I am certain that you are also thinking of a Dr. Seuss quote which you hold dear to you. I remember one Reading Across America Day in which my school’s principal had read my 5th grade class *Oh, the Places You’ll Go*. To this day, I still remember one particular quote from the book: “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you’ll choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go...” I hold this inspiring quote dear not only because of its incredible message, but also because it is a prime example of why Dr. Seuss and reading are so magical.

Valorant Review

By Lucas Jorrick

Today I will be doing a review on the new and exciting game Valorant. Valorant was released on June 2, 2020. It is a game where two teams of five are in a face-off to either defend an objective or plant a bomb, which is called a spike, on the objective. You use a variety of weapons and operators, who have a variety of powers and abilities, to accomplish this objective. It also has a feature the same idea as Counter Strike to use money to buy the weapons and abilities. The game is basically Counter Strike having a huge revamp 200 years in the future with way more features.

The game has 14 different operators. The operators are unique because of the different strategies you have to use with each of them. They have three different abilities and one ultimate ability, which is just called their ultimate. They can have abilities such as healing your teammates or shooting a whole laser out of the sky! Today I will only be listing three. The three I will be listing are Phoenix, Omen, and Jett.

Phoenix is an operator that is good for rushing at the opponents. He has abilities such as creating a wall of flames, which heal him and hurt the opponents. He has a glowing ball of fire that, when he throws it, bursts into a blinding light that blinds opponents for a few seconds. He also has an ability that lets him create a fire on the floor that heals himself and his teammates and damages enemies. His ultimate lets him run into the gunfire, and if he gets eliminated, he's teleported back to the place where he activated his ultimate like nothing ever happened.



Omen is an operator that allows you to rush into the battle or plant the spike quickly. His abilities mainly focus on teleportation and blinding his enemies. His first ability allows him to teleport at short distance where he is aiming. His next ability allows him to throw a small, dark cloud that can go through walls and blind the opponents for a short period of time. His next ability allows him to create a sphere of dark smoke acting as a smoke grenade. His ultimate ability lets him teleport anywhere he wants to on the map so he could do things such as run away if he's overwhelmed, or get behind the opponents to sneak attack them.

Jett is an operator that is good at getting to many different places quickly and quietly on the map. Her first ability allows her to instantly propel herself forward or up a short distance. Her next ability allows her to throw basically a small cloud that acts as a smoke grenade. Her third ability allows her to slowly fall down something if you don't want to take fall damage. Finally, her ultimate allows her to throw small blades quickly at the opponents.

There are a lot of different weapons in the game. Some of them are good weapons and some are bad. At the beginning of the game, you have a small amount of money. With this problem you have to be careful about the way you use it. It includes decisions such as which abilities you want to buy but to make sure you don't take away too much money, so you could buy a decent weapon. At the beginning of the match, you will have to rely primarily on your given abilities for your respective class. As you progress through the match and make more money, you purchase higher power weapons to bolster your already powerful character.

One strategy I like to use when I play is first using the default weapon in the beginning. As I progress to the second round, if I won the first one, I purchase the Spectre. This bolsters my firepower significantly and complements the abilities my character possesses. By the third round, if I won the previous two, I like to buy either the Vandal or the Phantom. Once I have those guns, I have completed my loadout and will be set for the rest of the game.

All in all, I really enjoy Valorant and recommend it to anybody who is considering playing. Valorant has proven itself to be a fun game requiring high amounts of teamwork and strategy from everyone on the team. Finally, just be careful of the voice chat!

The World of the Dead

By Omar Farooq

I crept towards the creepy cellar in my house. The floorboards creaked under my feet. I reached the steps and started to climb down. There was no light. I didn't see the orange juice on the floor. My foot slipped, and I fell headfirst towards the floor. I opened my mouth to scream, but no sound came out. I groaned and stood up. My torch had gone out. The only light was coming from the open cellar door. I stumbled to the side of the room. From behind a pile of rocks, I pulled my secret stash of cookies. I opened the jar and put my hand in. I grabbed a cookie and stuffed it in my mouth. My hand reached for the next. I put my hand in and screamed as my whole body was pulled. Pulled inside the cookie jar. I passed out cold.



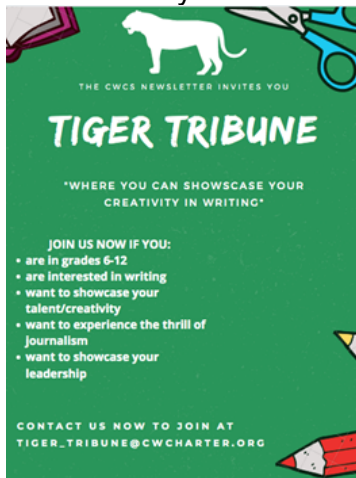
I woke up in a different room. My bedroom! Had someone moved me here? I got out of the room and walked to the front door. I pulled it opened. The sunlight blinded my face. When my eyes adjusted, I saw... a grey sky? What was going on? The houses were in black and white. The cars were all black and white, including my own car, which used to be a brilliant shade of blue. I gasped, then closed the door, knowing that my eyes were playing tricks on me. I opened the door again. A few people floated up to me, grinning. They looked like... ghosts? No that was impossible. But they really were ghosts. They surrounded me, going into my own house! I did something really smart. I screamed and ran off into the street, the ghosts chasing me. I ran around the whole street, then dived back into my house, locking the door behind me. Then awesome news floated in my mind. Ghosts can float through things. I screamed and ran into the cellar. Fortunately, my house still had its color so I could still see the light. I jumped over all the stairs, then backed up against the wall, tripping over my secret stash of cookies, that was now empty. I picked it up. A stupid weapon to die with. Then something jumped into my mind. I had been sucked inside by the cookie jar. Could I leave it? I touched the end of the jar. The bottom. I touched the glass. My body was sucked inside, and I passed out, again. I woke up, once again in my room. Sunlight came through my open window. Real sunlight. Not grey. I started celebrating, then saw... a ghost next to my feet.

Wow! You made it to the end! Before you complete the newsletter, be sure to memorize the first 10 letters of P.!! **3.1415926535**

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