

# The Tiger Tribune

Letter From The Editor:

Welcome to the December issue of the Tiger Tribune! This month concludes the interesting year we have had so far and brings us to the brink of the new year! We have had so many wonderful articles shared with us this month; we hope you like them as much as we do!

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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## December Survey/ Staff Question

By Amir Chermat

“Do you believe that the future exists?”

Amir	I believe that the future may exist, but not in our timeline. All of time is actually several timelines running out of sync with each other, each with their own pasts or futures. No future exists in our current timeline, but there may be another timeline similar to ours that has already passed our current position in time.
Emily Moy	Yes, because this is the future...unless you are talking about a thousand years then if humans don't take over the world and actually listen, then yes I guess.
Melody Moy	Yes, because it is coronavirus times, and it seems like yesterday was a million years ago, and yet it is still going.
Sahar Farooq	Of course it doesn't. The future is not a reality. It never exists now. It is simply an illusion at the back of our minds that just never, ever comes.
Omar Farooq	No.
Mohammad Khan	No, because If the future exists, then the future is right now, thus meaning that everything that will happen, is happening right at this moment.
Zahra Shaikh	Yes, because there are certain things people do today such as working hard or building a safe environment only for those who will come after them. In other words, they believe that the future does exist.
Ziyad	Yes.



## Biking Places

By Ziyad Shaikh

During quarantine, many people are just sitting around at home doing nothing. However, there is one cool activity which you could do to keep fit and active, even when it seems like there is nothing to do. That activity is biking. In the Silicon Valley, there are plenty of options for cycling. For instance, you could go down the San Tomas Aquino Creek trail, which starts in Santa Clara and ends near Baylands Park. This trail is incredibly famous for bikers as well as pedestrians as it goes through major residential areas in Santa Clara and has easy access to offices in the area. Another trail is the Stevens Creek Trail. This one runs from Sunnyvale to Shoreline Park. Another major biking attraction is San Francisco. Most people take the boat from the South Bay up to the Embarcadero in San Francisco. From there, there are several places to go to. For example, you could ride up to Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito, and many other places. These are just a few ways to bike in the Bay Area, and I hope to see you on the trail!

## National Brownie Day

By Zahra Shaikh

As we come into the holidays, there are certain delicious foods and desserts that are always made in warm, cozy homes. When we talk about desserts, there's one that we mention, and that is brownies! It's warm chocolatey goodness and gooey texture leaves its spectators to have no choice but to indulge and enjoy its taste. On December 8, lovers of chocolate join from all across the world for National Brownie Day to eat brownies and be amazed by its energetic flavor. Some activities that you can participate in is to firstly eat as many brownies as you can. It is the only day where you are allowed to consume all you want. Try to eat different types of brownies and don't forget milk! Another idea is to share the brownies. A good dessert tastes even better if it is shared among a group of people. However, brownies can also be shared through social media. Pictures of your best brownies can encourage your followers to go out and try their own new and different brownies. Third, open your own brownie bar and invite a group of pals over. Serve different flavors of brownies such as double fudge, Oreo, mint, walnut, or caramel. Lastly, make sure to have fun because, let's be honest, when else do you get such a day to eat one of the most favorite desserts of all time? So, on December 8, give yourself and your family a day to make and eat brownies and, in return, create a happy and joyful environment during the holidays!



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# Legend of Khabib Nurmagomedov

By Abdallah Khan

Khabib “The Eagle” Nurmagomedov shocked the world nearly two weeks ago when he announced his retirement from MMA with an undefeated winning streak of 29-0. The news was met with much support and encouragement for him, as well as grief and sadness from many fans around the world. Now is the perfect time to analyze the career of this man and see what made him so special at what he did.

Khabib was born on 20 September 1988, in the village of Sildi located in Tsumadinsky District of Dagestan, Russia. He began wrestling when he was a mere lad of eight under the mentorship of his father, Abdulmanap Nurmagomedov. A viral video shows a young Khabib Nurmagomedov wrestling with a bear when he was around nine years old. One can immediately notice that the tactics Khabib was using on the bear were the same tactics he employed during his MMA career. Khabib trained in wrestling, Judo, and sambo throughout his youth and up until his late teens.

Khabib’s wrestling style is unique. Instead of the traditional method of punching and knocking opponents out, Khabib literally mauls and grapples with them. He tackles them to the ground, locks up their legs with his own, and tires them out by forcing them to carry his weight, all while they remain helplessly on the ground. No fighter who has faced him has ever been able to overcome his tactics, which are unorthodox to most MMA fighters. In my opinion, Khabib’s style has been so successful because opponents don’t expect what’s coming. They underestimate what it’s like to be pinned helplessly to the ground by Khabib, and when they are placed in that situation during fights, they have no counter to it, no way to overcome it except for trying to escape, and tiring themselves out in the process. Once his opponents are tired out, Khabib goes in for the kill, usually winning by submission.

In September 2008, Khabib debuted professionally in MMA and achieved 4 victories in less than a month. He went on to defeat 12 more opponents over the next three years while still remaining undefeated himself. In 2011, he began competing in the UFC’s lightweight division; this marked a turning point in his career, in which he began to attain national recognition and fame. During the next few years, Khabib destroyed opponent after opponent and secured many wins. In 2018, he made the first defense of his title against Conor McGregor. This fight was especially heated due to the pre-fight interviews where Conor had insulted Khabib for being a Muslim and had mocked his country and culture as well. Khabib’s reply to this was mauling McGregor in the fight and gaining victory by submission in the fourth round. This fight gained controversy as well, because a brawl broke out nearly right after the fight ended. Conor McGregor’s teammate Dillon Danis allegedly shouted insults at Khabib, which caused him to scale the fence and jump into the crowd. Chaos broke out, and McGregor joined the fight as well. In the aftermath, both Khabib and McGregor were given fines and temporary suspensions from fighting.



Khabib's last fight was against Justin Gaethje in October 2020 in which he dominated and won by submission in the second round. Immediately after the fight, Khabib announced his retirement from MMA, stating that he did not wish to fight after the death of his father, who had died in July 2020. Many were saddened by this decision, but people have speculated that he may make a return to MMA in later years. Even UFC President Dana White believes that Khabib will return to make his final career score 30-0. But for now, all we can do is wait and see what happens, and hopefully we may see a comeback from one of the greatest wrestlers of all time.

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## **The 13th Amendment and the Fight Against Racism**

By Maryam Masood

On December 6, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified. The 13th Amendment ended the long debate on slavery by banning the institution less than a year after the American Civil War. The amendment was passed by the U.S. Senate in April 1864, then in the House of Representatives on January 31, 1865, after which it was sent to the states for ratification.

The 13th Amendment states that "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." This was not the first time slavery was mentioned by name in the Constitution. Slavery had been mentioned in the Constitution before, but the words "slaves" and "slavery" were always avoided.

Slavery was a practice in America even before it was America, when it was still a group of British colonies. The 13th Amendment finally ended the practice and freed, at least officially, the many black slaves in the United States. However, the African Americans' struggle for rights would continue well after the end of slavery and still is a problem today.

After the 13th Amendment ended slavery officially, many African Americans were still living in conditions similar to those under slavery. Now that slavery was illegal, the former slaves were held in economic bondage. With little money, many had to work for their former masters as agricultural laborers. They were paid very little and had small hope of paying their debts and working their way out of this new form of legal slavery.

After slavery was ended, African Americans had to begin a long struggle to gain their rights as Americans. The blacks were no longer slaves (at least legally), but they were still victims to racism, violence, segregation, and oppression. The Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed legal segregation, was passed around a century after the 13th Amendment. The Voting Rights Act, which aimed to stop discriminatory laws designed to stop African Americans from voting, was also passed around a century after the passage of the 13th Amendment. Even now,

around a hundred and fifty years after the passage of the 13th Amendment, racism and inequality are still a big problem in our society.

While the 13th Amendment did not give full freedom or rights to the African Americans, it was an important change. It finally outlawed slavery throughout the United States after centuries. It was also a major step in the long battle against racism and hate in the United States.

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## **Claws: Part 2**

By Mohammad Khan

Jack opened his eyes slowly. His head was hurting so bad he thought it might burst with pain. He managed to open one eye and saw a tiger leaning over him and checking his wounds. He got up but fell down almost as soon as he got up.

The tiger said, " Lie down. You need to rest."

But Jack retorted, "I will only rest once you are dead!"

He leaped at the tiger, but the tiger only moved away, making Jack fall to the ground, which made his wounds hurt even more.

The tiger said firmly, "Now lie down before you get hurt even more."

Jack reluctantly went back to the bed of soft leaves and lay down. The tiger resumed looking at his wounds and began to treat them with some cool leaves.

Jack asked the tiger a bit timidly, "Who are you? "

The tiger was about to say something when a tiger cub jumped into the den. "Hey! Aren't you the one who we saw really beaten up at the camp entrance? I saw your little claws, and I thought that you were a cub too!" Now Jack was really irritated and felt like clawing his way out of the den, then running as fast as he could to his own camp.

But the other tiger said, "Now, Haze. Go back to your mother before she starts getting worried where you are." Haze went with one last look at Jack and disappeared after she went through the entrance.

Jack asked the tiger another question. " What is this camp called?"

The tiger replied, "Trecour Wood." Jack was confused. He had never heard that name before, and his camp leader said that they knew all the camp names.

It was as if the tiger had read Jack's thoughts, because he said now, " This is a secret camp."

Jack said, "But all the camps are known by now!"

The tiger replied, "But not this one. This one is hidden. It is underground. Any tiger that tries to explore this camp never returns back to their own "

Jack was stunned. He asked, "Then how am I alive?"

The tiger replied grimly, " We have orders from Strong to keep you alive."

Something clicked in Jack's brain. "But he was the one who did this to me!" he said angrily.

The tiger replied, "Strong is our deputy. And I am your father." To be continued...

## **National Read a New Book Month**

By Emily Moy

I love books! People might call me a bookworm, but I know it's true. I will say it again. I love books! And many people around the world agree with me. There are book clubs, libraries, book shops, bookbinders, writers, and readers all over the world. Some people don't like books. There are even bad banned books! There are great books, some in different languages, and in different genres, too. Here are some great books about books that you might want to read!

- The Bookwanderers
- The Edge of Everywhen
- Book Scavenger
- Mr. Lemoncello's
- The Lending Library
- The Bookshop on the Shore
- The Book of Lost Names
- The Library Book
- The Lost and Found Bookshop

And those are just some amazing books! There are many genres and mixed ones as well.

- Adventure
- Fantasy
- Horror/Thriller
- Comedy
- Mystery
- Religious
- Non-fiction

- Crafts/Arts
- Poems
- Traveling

And many, many, many more! And did you know, November is the time to write a novel! September or October is when all the new books come out, so keep your eyes peeled for some new and wonderful books!



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## **Cookie Fever**

### Poem By Sahar Farooq

Out in the desert behind the dark woods,  
There was a small town called Melodyhood,  
And in that small town there lived a little girl,  
Her name was Mary Garbana LaTwirl,

One day that girl was out in the shops,  
Buying some cookies with sprinkles on top,  
For it was the fourth of December that day,  
The fourth of December- national cookie day!

For breakfast, four cookies went into her tummy,  
But Mary LaTwirl was still very hungry,  
She gulped down six traditional shortbreads,  
And when she was done, she went straight to bed,

An early morning nap was wonderful, you see,  
A terrific routine, fit for the queen,  
At twelve O'clock sharp, her alarm woke her up,  
She woke with a start and broke her teacup



But she didn't care, for today was the day,  
A day where she could eat all the cookies she may,  
She hobbled downstairs and took out her lunch,  
Ten sugar cookies, all dipped in fruit punch,

Now, don't for a second be repulsed, my friend,  
Cookies and fruit punch are a wonderful blend,  
A terrific treat, so tangy, so sweet,  
And it tastes even better if you add whipped cream,

But enough of that now, let's get back to the story,  
Mary LaTwirl was not feeling the glory,  
She had eaten ten cookies, all crunchy and coarse,  
And all of them dipped in fruit punch, of course,

But now as she stood, she started to feel,  
A terrible feeling down to her left heel,  
Her tummy was hurting so badly, you see,  
And nothing was helping, not even green tea.

The next day Mary lay sick in her bed,  
Wishing she didn't eat all that shortbread,  
And this is a lesson for you, my dear friend,  
Those who eat cookies get sick in the end.

## **Human Rights Month and the Colonization of the Congo**

By Amir Chermat

What do you think of when you hear "human rights"? Is it your right to own property? Your right to freely express your opinion? The United Nations webpage, [un.org](http://un.org), describes human rights as "the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status." Our human rights are protected by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. This document has been translated into over five hundred languages, which makes it the most translated document in the world.

Although it was not until 1948 that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted, there have been calls for such a declaration for centuries. What is considered the first human rights movement in history took place in the 1890s. Great Britain had begun a colonizing spree, capturing foreign states in order to exploit them and their citizens for raw materials. Other European countries quickly got in on the action, but the most notable was Belgium led by King Leopold II. The Human Record states that King Leopold had taken control of the Congo River basin in Africa, where he had expected to find valuable rubber. Under King Leopold, numerous local villages were taken over and converted into military-like labor camps



in order to acquire rubber. Meanwhile, in other parts of the world, these crimes were virtually unknown. According to biographics.org, King Leopold II claimed that he needed troops for a “Christian mission” overseas. Biographics.org continues to state that when the young men who signed up for this “Christian mission” arrived in Africa, they were taught that the black locals were mere animals and not fully human.

The Human Record states that there were numerous opponents of colonialism who attempted to bring this atrocity to light by publishing several books. When the Belgium International Commission finally visited the Congo, there were enough testaments of torture and enslavement that, according to Biographics.org, they created a fifty-page report of human right violations that they had discovered. King Leopold ordered for all evidence of his involvement with the Congo to be burned. Even after King Leopold sold his colony to the Belgium government in 1908, a year before his death, the Belgium government had refused to acknowledge the king’s crimes. Similarly, the human zoo in his summer estate and the positive attention it had received by the Belgians was ignored. Even to this day, you will find differing reports of what happened in the Congo depending on whom you ask. However, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights makes it certain that nothing like the Congo will ever happen again.



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## **Under the Christmas Tree**

By Melody Moy

It was Christmas morning, and my brother and I couldn’t wait to open our presents! It was the end of a difficult year. The pandemic, also known as COVID-19, had struck, and now we were quarantined. I giggled in my pajamas as I ran down the stairs.

“Beat you there!” I shrieked.

“No way!” Kian giggled along with me, and we tumbled down the stairs.

“Watch where you’re going!” My mother yelled frantically as she tried to corral us and stir the

hot chocolate she was making at the same time.

We slid across the hardwood floor.

I gasped, "Best finish ever, Kian."

He smiled mischievously. "But I beat you that time, Danielle!"

"Breakfast is ready!" Our dad was calling us over for Christmas dinner. We clamored to the dining room, and I inhaled deeply. All the wonderful scents of Christmas joy were there. Pancakes, waffles, cookies, and hot chocolate. We laughed for the entire breakfast.

"Please pass the maple syrup," I kindly asked my mom. She did, and I spread it all over. I smacked my lips. "Ahh." I wiped my mouth with a napkin and didn't notice that Kian had snuck out of the room.

Kian, the mischievous one, always had pranks up his sleeve. He never failed to embarrass me or get me in trouble. Of course, I always took the blame! I glanced around the room, suddenly noting that he was gone.

Danielle is a nice sister, but she can sometimes get on my nerves. Like the time she was trying to win that competition today. Or the time she ordered me to go to sleep, when actually all I wanted to do was stay up and read. I'm a night owl! Just let me stay up! Yeah, she's a real rule-follower, and always tells the truth, which is sometimes bad and sometimes good. I sighed as I looked out the window. I just needed a break! A break from all that noise! The heater was running in the background and talking could be heard indistinctly. The snow was falling lightly outside the window.

Danielle walked in. "I was getting worried!"

I smiled. "No, I just came here to get a little quiet."

She smiled in mass relief. "That's good. I thought you were going to play another prank on me."

I smirked. "No, that Secret Santa prank the other day was FUNNY!"

Danielle shook her head. "Not when you put rotten milk in it, it wasn't. Now let's go downstairs. They must be getting worried."

The Christmas tree was up and glittered brightly with sparkly ornaments with all kinds of colors on it. Cheerful Christmas music was playing. I'd been waiting for so long to open my presents. But of course, I was patient. (Kian, on the other hand, might have sneaked a peek on his presents! He even shook some presents the other day to see what would be inside!) My parents opened their gifts first. It was a sock with a necklace. They smiled and moved onto me.

Actually, I didn't really want anything for Christmas. I had been hoping to donate to a local homeless shelter since so many people seemed to be unemployed nowadays. However, I forced a smile and delicately opened my presents. It was actually money! I was so surprised and happy that I grinned deep inside. This was amazing! I got my Christmas wish!

Kian was next, and he got what he asked for, a model car that he could put in his bedroom.

"Zoom!" He yelled and raced off to his bedroom to go play with it.

I sat down in front of the Christmas tree.

"Well, honey, what do you think?"

"It's really nice!" I exclaimed.

"Let me clean up those pine needles," my dad fretted. They were all over the floor, and so he used the vacuum to sweep them up.

Later that day, Kian and I were in the same room as earlier this morning. We were silent for a while, and then Kian spoke.

"Danielle, earlier this month I was looking under the Christmas tree. Christmas isn't the gifts or the presents. It's the love and sheer hope we experience with our families during Christmas."

I stared at him, open-mouthed. That was very observant, coming from a nine-year-old, but maybe he was right. I needed to see more than just under the Christmas tree.

## **The Earth**

By Lucas Jorrick

The Earth is an amazing place. The Earth is where life flourishes in the whole solar system. There is no other planet in the solar system that can house as much life as the Earth. It is the third planet from the sun and is 93 million miles away from the sun. This planet is the only one in the solar system with liquid water on the surface of it.

The Earth has an atmosphere made of nitrogen and oxygen. It is 60-120 miles thick. Earth has an amazing magnetic field that stretches out 37,000 miles into space! This magnetic field acts as a shield that blocks the Sun's radiation from hitting the Earth. The Earth's gravity is what keeps us on the ground instead of flying into space. The Earth's gravity is also what keeps the land, water, people, and the moon close to it.

The Earth's crust is what we live on. It is 29% land and 71% water. The land is what makes up the whole place that we live on. The land is what makes up the canyons, the hills, the mountains, and the caves. The water is the ocean, lakes, rivers, and any other form of water. The water is probably the most mysterious part of the Earth. With its great depths, we have only explored a small amount of it. It is said that over 80% of the ocean is left to explore. The Earth's crust is a thriving part of our planet.

The deeper we go down, the hotter it gets. The mantle is the second layer of the Earth. It is also the thickest. It is made of iron, magnesium, and silicon. It is about 18 miles under the crust and is where a lot of diamonds can be found. Deep diamonds can be taken to the surface in a volcanic rock called kimberlite.

Now we are at the hottest part of the Earth. The outer and inner core are near 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The outer core is 1,790 to 3,220 miles beneath the surface and the inner core is about 3,220 to 4,000 miles below the surface. Some scientists suggest that there might also be a core in the middle of the inner core! The cores are what generate the magnetic fields using electrical currents from the heat. The pressure is also the greatest near the cores. It is way over 3 million times greater than the Earth's surface.

The Earth is an amazing place. With the many different parts of it, it sustains life and everything on it. Whenever you think of a dazzling place on this Earth, just remember what it's made of and how the Earth is just that much more amazing.

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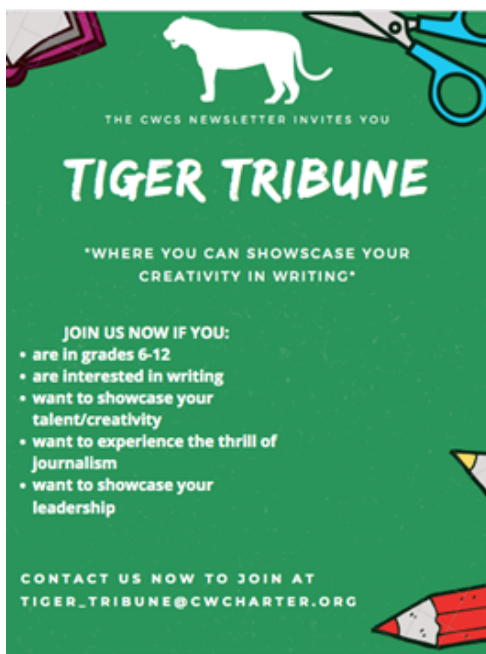
By Omar Farooq

Harry Williams was in the store,  
A few steps away from the door.  
He looked around at the wonderful sights,  
A few hundred birds and a flying kite.  
Five spiders hung on a horrible wall,  
Grasping a brownie as if it would fall.  
Brownies, That's what caught Harry's green eyes,  
It was the day of something better than pies.  
It was the lovely day of the eighth of December,  
A Month after the eighth of November.  
It was National Brownie Day today,  
Harry could eat something other than hay.  
He ran out of the door in a flash,  
Forgetting to pay the entry cash.

He ran to the best Duncan Hines bakery,  
He ordered something not too savory.  
He ordered ninety-nine brownie trays,  
And ate it up, without praise.  
Harry Williams staggered back home, with a bit of stomach pain,  
Definitely exaggerating. WITH A LOT OF PAIN.

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