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Banner Fans!



By Madelyn Vetri, researched material courtesy of Lily Glenister

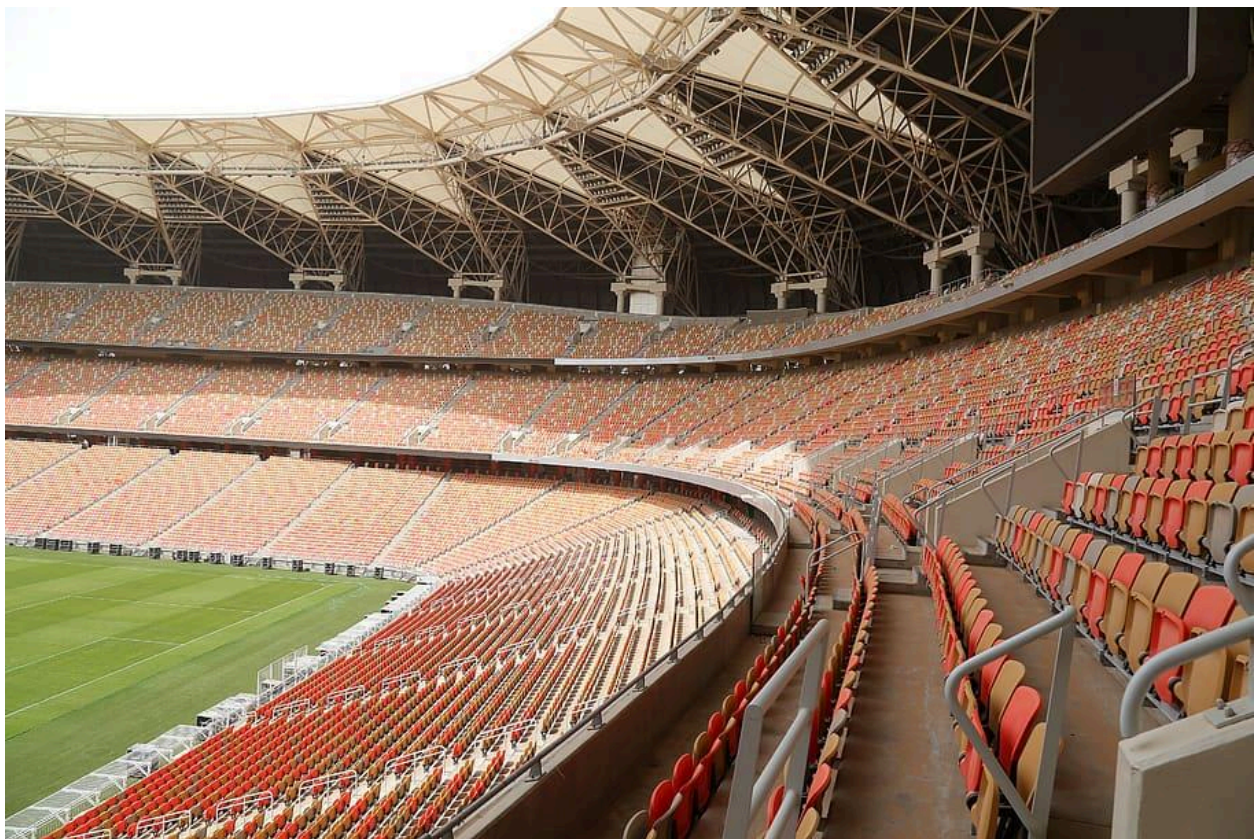
Cases had begun to drop, so on May 5, South Korea's professional baseball players returned to the game. The stadium was empty of course. To get creative the players made, wait for it..... THEIR VERY OWN FANS! Painted onto banners to be precise. People drew fans wearing Wyverns gear, and decked the outfield with these "people".

Baseball in Taiwan was somewhat similar. Instead spectators were made of cardboard and there were multiple mannequins with the complete Rakuten Monkeys gear. They were the first pro-baseball league to reopen in the world.

Cheerleaders were allowed to root for the teams on the sidelines. And real ones at that too. △

There have been many proposals and rumors about possible steps once teams reopen, such as having all games played at a training facility in Arizona, and having expanded rosters. Overall, how do the fans know what to believe?

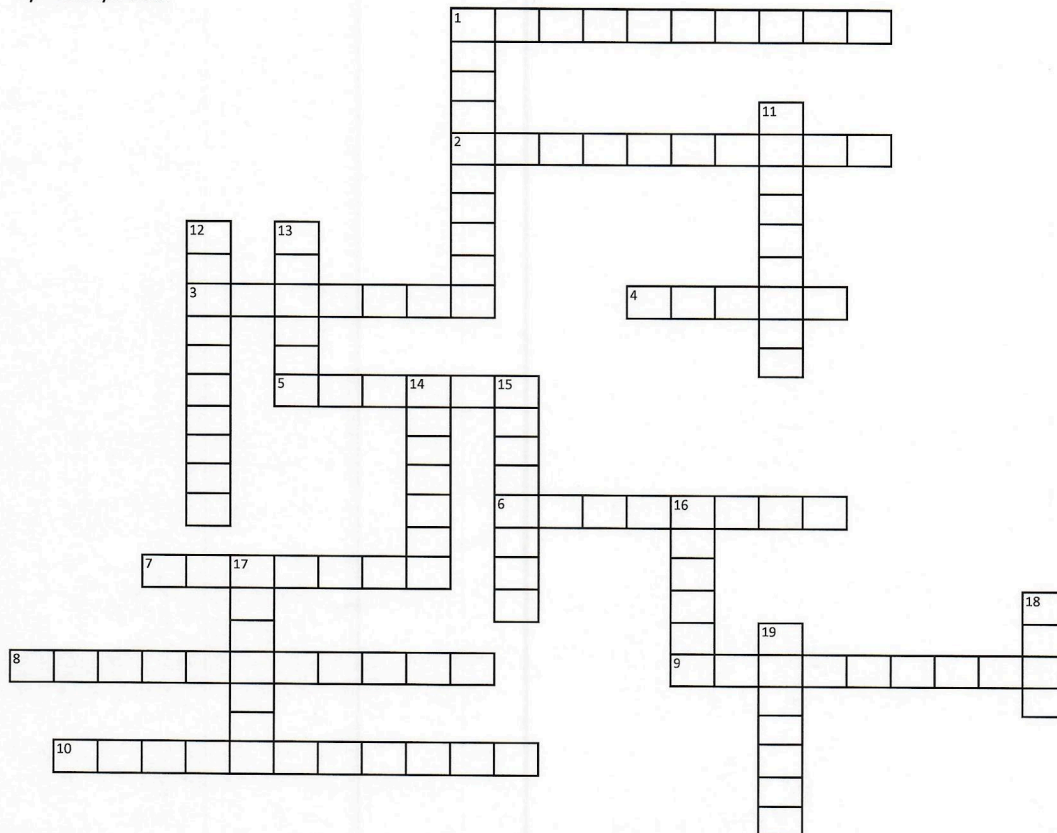
Now that sports teams from around the world are slowly starting to hold games and practices, we can see what it'll look like when the U.S. finally permits sports. There'll certainly be no fans, that's for sure.



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Hobbies Anyone?

By Madelyn Vetri



Across

- 1 A type of screen/device
- 2 A type of sewing
- 3 Don't you share the same passion as Hermione Granger?
- 4 The only subject where we can be loud
- 5 A word that means hockey, basketball, etc. at the same time
- 6 Similar to a talk show except there's nothing to watch
- 7 Whip up a fish filet or even a steak dish!
- 8 This is also a job where people use a device to take images
- 9 Pulling up weeds and growing geraniums..
- 10 An especially artistic style of handwriting

Down

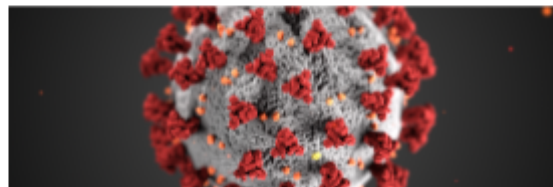
- 1 Seeing the world and vacationing
- 11 These professionals make houses, clothes, and much more
- 12 People who perform this do many stunts such as swinging on a trapeze
- 13 Arts and...
- 14 Not walking
- 15 She comes home her arms full of bags just, after going on a... spree
- 16 Dramatic performer
- 17 Japanese art of folding paper
- 18 This widely practiced for health and relaxation, just roll out your mat!
- 19 Bullseye!

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Are Women Political Leaders Handling COVID-19 Better than Men?



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By Alice Degruison

Have you ever noticed that Germany is handling COVID-19 better than other countries? And have you noticed that Germany has a woman as president? This is not a coincidence! Research shows that out of the 195 countries in the world around 13 have women leading them. (due to the fact that women being leaders is still a new idea to many countries) 90% of those countries have taken the most preventive measures against COVID-19 and have some of the lowest COVID-19 related deaths in the world. Let's take Germany for instance.

Early on Angela Dorothea Merkel, Chancellor of Germany realized that COVID-19 was a big threat to society. She quickly hurried to create a powerful and inspiring speech in front of all Germany to make sure they would listen to her when she started taking preventive measures stating "This is the greatest threat Germany has faced since World

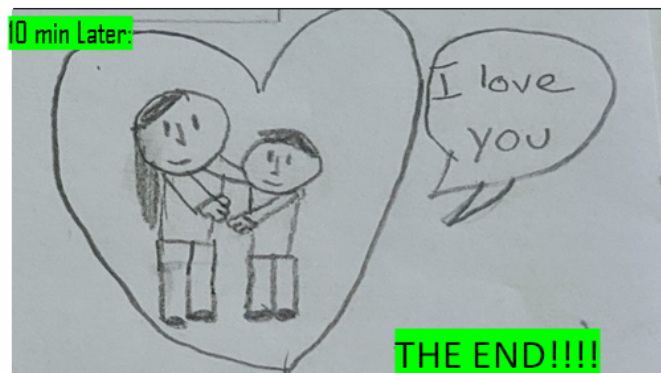
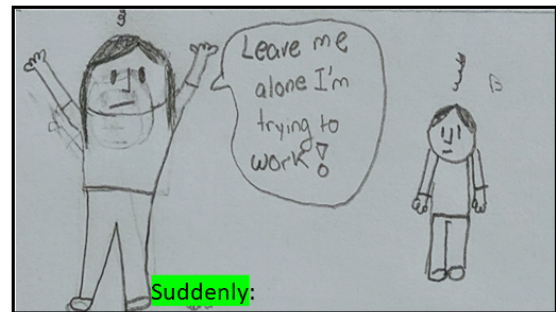
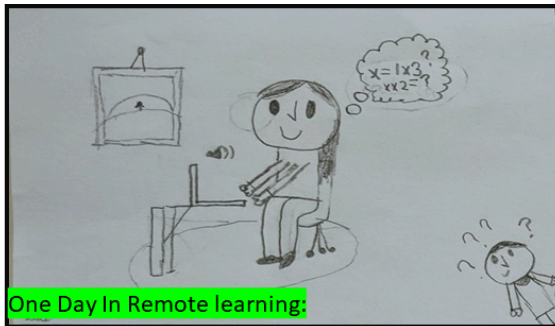
war II." Angela Merkel also doubled her country's medical capacity and number of ventilators. She often asked the scientific council for suggestions in handling the virus and invested millions of dollars in research on COVID-19. Now Germany has one of the lowest death rates in Europe and is one of the first countries to get out of quarantine and reopen schools in the world.

Another woman political leader who has been handling the pandemic amazingly is Jacinda Kate Laurell Arden prime minister of New Zealand. Jacinda Arden was quick and firm in her preventive actions against COVID-19. Even when there were barely any cases in New Zealand Jacinda asked for citizens to self quarantine themselves and shortly after that she closed the international borders of New Zealand so that no stranger could come in and potentially contaminate New Zealanders. People always listened to Jacinda because of her speeches. Jacinda is always empathetic with the citizens of New Zealand which made people listen to her. One person even says : "I don't really understand what the government is doing but I know that Jacinda is doing what's right for all of us." Right now New Zealand has nearly 0 deaths related to COVID-19 and a small number of cases.

Finally another woman who handled COVID-19 well is Tsai Ing-wen, president of Taiwan. Tsai Ing-wen has taken amazing actions against COVID-19. She has made masks mandatory in Taiwan giving them out to people who need them. Possible COVID-19 cases are tracked by a special app that notifies the people that the person met if they got the virus. People are being tested massively. Thanks to this Taiwan has a small death rate and a small number of cases, without being quarantined for more than two weeks.

Many other countries led by women have also done a fantastic job handling the Pandemic like Finland and Denmark. Do you think this is a coincidence? That countries led by women are handling this new virus

better than men? Well whatever you think one thing for sure, people should give women a chance in politics.



Siblings in Remote Learning

by Alice Degruson

A Peek at our Novel

Installation from *The Mystery on Westmoore Islands*

By Alice Degruson & Madelyn Vetri

Chapter 2 Hazel Brown: Written by Madelyn Vetri

I yawned. The bright morning SunShine Shined on me fiercely, blinding me momentarily.

"Hazel!" My mom Shouted up from the kitchen. "Time to get up!"

"Just another five minutes please," I Squeaked.

"No honey, get up now. You're already late as it is," my mom said pulling down the ladder that led to my tiny loft of a bedroom. AS She climbed the staircase, it wheezed at the heaviness of her weight. "Hazel come on," my mom coaxed appearing by my bed. "Get up."

"Fine," I groggily croaked. I threw up my patchwork quilt to the foot of my bed and sat up in bed yawning and rubbing my eyes.

"I'll be downstairs making breakfast if you need me Hazel," my mom continued then turned on her heel and descended back down the stairs.

"Ughhh," I mumbled then continued to efficiently make my bed and get ready for the long day ahead of me.

I crammed my poptart into my mouth, quickly glugged down my glass of milk, and looked at my mom who already had on her McDonalds uniform. Then, taking one glance at the clock, I Slung my old Frozen backpack I still had since first grade (I had been begging my mom to get me a new one) over my Shoulder, and dashed out the door after giving my weary mom a quick peck on the cheek. Looking into the distance I spotted the bus up ahead, so I broke into a run flapping my arms frantically like a chicken. I have to admit it was a little embarrassing, and I did attract a few curious onlookers attention, but hey at least the bus waited for me; so I didn't have to walk the two miles to Pinebrook Middle.

I was in the middle of social studies class, and Ms. Harper was as usual droning on and on about the common era, which to be honest I couldn't care less about.

"Gregorian calendar....blah...blah...blah.....traditional abbreviations. Okay class, please drop off your history biography," She concluded. Then I started to panic. I had left the assignment on my desk in the morning! The class slowly began to file out of the classroom. I was soon left standing there alone. "Yes MS Brown," MS Harper looked up at me over her thick rimmed glasses. "How may I help you?"

"I....I..... forgot to bring in my homework," I stammered.

"Hazel," MS. Harper softly spoke. "I know these past few months have been quite rough. With your loss and with your brother gone missing after an expedition, you and your mother have been very brave. I know money is tight right now. Try to bring it in tomorrow though okay?"

I hated when people reminded me of how hard mom and I had it. Father had died in an airplane crash right a year after I was born, and mom had to take up a couple jobs to pay the bills. Then, my brother, Oliver mysteriously disappeared after embarking on another of his "expeditions". Oliver was an explorer and was always going to unknown places where he would meet scientists. On his most recent one he never returned. We contacted the local police and they searched everywhere, but still couldn't find him. He was a "missing person" as mom all teary-eyed would claim. "You poor thing" people would often say to me. The last thing I needed right now was MS. Harper's sympathy.

"Yeah Sure," I grumbled and started to head out the door.

"And one more thing Hazel," MS Harper said to me.

"Yes," I spun around, "what?"

"You're needed in the main office. Someone came to get you. He said he was your great uncle or something like that."

"Okay I'll head down right now. Bye MS. Harper."

"Bye Hazel, have fun."

I headed down to the main office. Once I got there I saw a mysterious guy dressed in a sharp black tuxedo with a black bowler hat.

"She's here ma'am," the tuxedo guy said to a woman behind the main office desk.

Weirdly enough I didn't recognize either of them.

"Okay," the lady said in a somewhat rather cold tone. "You guys are free to go." She shooed us off with a rather dismissive hand. As soon as we were outside the tuxedo guy grabbed my hand hard pulling me toward the forbidden alley

where the garbage collected. There he tied my hands together behind my back with a sturdy rope.

"Help!" I cried out in protest, but the tuxedo guy quickly put his hand over my mouth which muffled my voice.

"Edward," he called out into the air in a hushed tone, and a black limousine appeared in the alley. The tuxedo guy mercilessly threw me into the trunk. Then he put his handkerchief over my face and I immediately fell into a deep dark slumber.

Your Most Popular Activity to Include was....

Joke/Riddle!

A conversation between two friends.

Friend A: Are you cold in here?

Friend B: Yeah, I sure am. It's freezing.

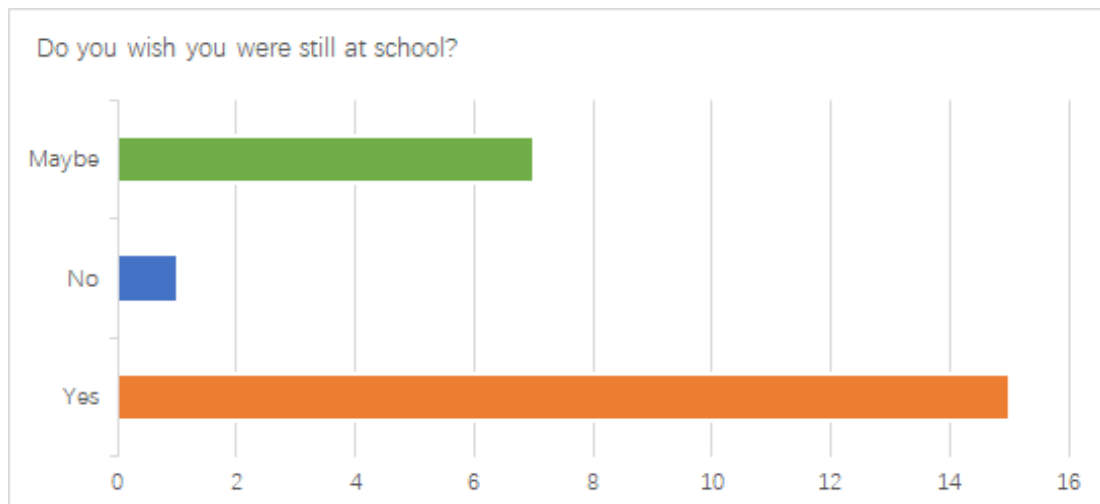
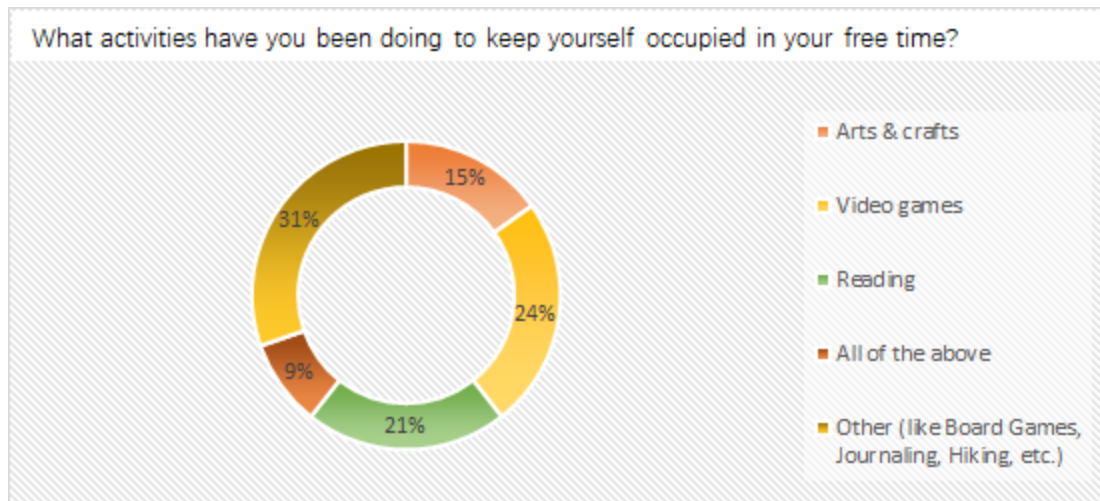
Friend A: Go stand in the corner; it's 90°.

Survey

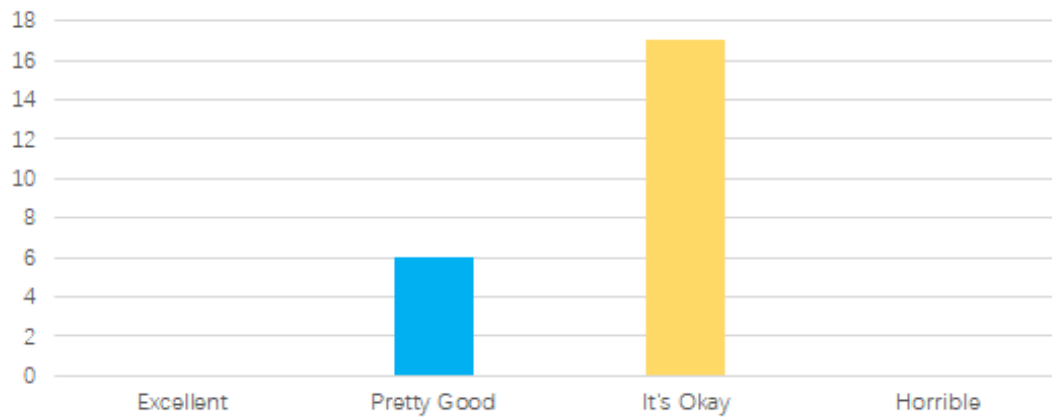
Thank you so much to those of you who filled out last month's survey!
We would really appreciate it if you could fill out this issue's survey!

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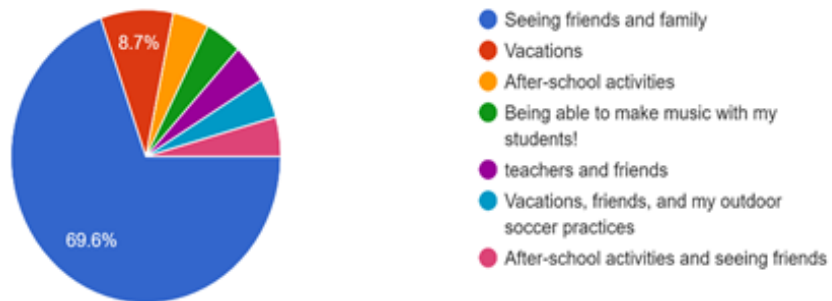
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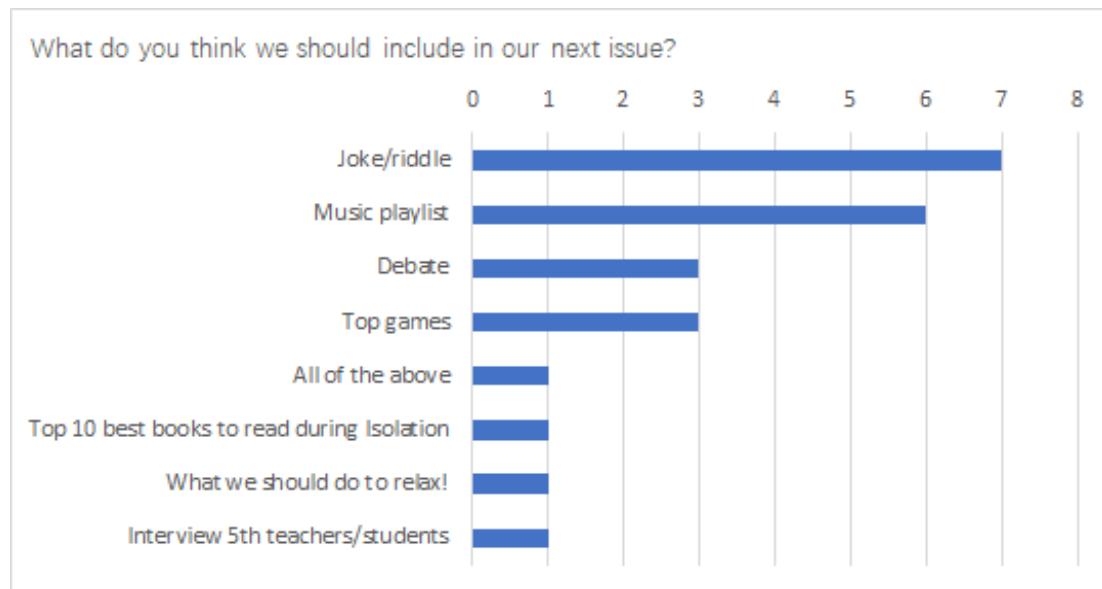


How do you feel about remote learning?



What do you miss the most?





Word of the Issue

Lethologica

Pronunciation: {lee-tho-law-ji-kah}

Part of speech: noun

Definition: the inability to remember a particular word or name.

Sentence: He often apologized for his *lethologica* whenever he met new people.

Life After COVID-19: Flasco or Fabulous?



By Grace Chen Glukhov (Guest Journalist)

Let's face it, COVID-19 dictates our lives right now. In New York, Governor Cuomo wants things to start gradually phasing back to normal on May 15, 2020. What will life be like once we can go outside again? Here's our guess according to statistics and facts.

Firstly, people will still have to wear masks and take hand sanitizer everywhere they go. Vaccines usually take 12-18 months to develop so we won't have a COVID-19 vaccine in 5 days. Secondly, people will try to be the only one in the elevator. Remember rushing to school, in an elevator filled to the brim with people? That's most likely not going to happen for a while. But, this is a key part of New York City! It's known for crowds and rush hours! So what will New York City look like after this? How will it be changed?

According to Governor Cuomo we will not be finishing this school year. What it means is that if you were in 5th grade, you won't go back to in-person school until around early 6th grade. Here's the thing. You still have to learn. But how can we do that when remote learning in the United States doesn't seem to be going too well? According to *The Economist*, an edition published on May 2, 2020, when remote learning in South Korea started on April 9, almost the whole class logged in. 98% went to online class and did

their work. Yet, according to *The New York Times* (an edition updated April 8, 2020) ⅓ of students in Los Angeles did not log in the week before. Many people are saying this about the whole United States now. So if we continue remote learning will it stay the same as now? These are some fiascos of life after quarantine.

Let's look at the fabulous aspect. Well, people will be more clean. They will most likely wash their hands the moment they come back from anyplace. So that will limit the spreading of sicknesses in general. People with longer hair might wear their hair more up often (to avoid having their hair rub against something that potentially is carrying the virus). This might help people stay more focused.

So we have the fabulous cleanliness that will probably happen, but then the fiascos of remote learning. Let's see which turn out to be true! One thing is for sure: life will never be the same again.

Read these Fun Facts and Learn Something New!

BY MADELYN VETRI with help of GRACE GLUKHOV

- A bolt of lightning is about six times hotter than the sun
- If you were using a pen and made a mistake take the outside of a cucumber and erase the writing
- Fish can cough
- You can't work in Antarctica unless your wisdom teeth and appendix have been removed
- Birds need gravity in order to swallow
- Cows have best friends like humans!
- If you put Saturn in water, it would float!

Poetry Corner

Hope is the thing with feathers

Emily Dickinson - 1830-1886

Hope is the thing with feathers

That perches in the soul,

And sings the tune without the words,

And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;

sore must be the storm

That could abash the little bird

That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land,

And on the strangest sea;

Yet, never, in extremity,

It asked a crumb of me.

Of A World Where

By Madelyn Vetri

Gazing out the window,
Lost in thought,
She daydreamed.
Of a world where,
Fear wasn't constantly looming on the horizon,
She could frolic with her friends at school,
Sugar was the main diet.
When a bird flew by,
She was brought back to reality.
Trapped in a world where there was
Fear,
No play,
And certainly no sugar.
She gazed out the window, sighed, and walked away.

Beneath It All

By Alice Degruson

Everything looks peaceful,
The sun is shining,
Cars honking,
But beneath it all,
There is a difference,
Fear is everywhere,
Nothing is what it looks like,
Beneath it all,
Nothing is the same,
and yet life goes on.

Inspiring Quotes

"When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go."

-Carol Burnett

"No matter what you're going through, there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

-Demi Lovato

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

-Albert Einstein

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

-C.S. Lewis

"Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

-Maya Angelou

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory."

-Dr. Seuss

"It isn't where you came from. It's where you're going that counts."

-Ella Fitzgerald

"You get what you give."

-Jennifer Lopez

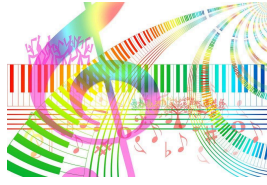
"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow."

-Helen Keller

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

-Mahatma Gandhi

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Resources & Other

Hi everyone,

Thanks for reading the second edition of The Chargers Gazette. Try going back and finding an equilateral triangle that's hidden in our newspaper. Please fill out the google form if you haven't done so yet the link is <https://forms.gle/zKZ5GMQHS9PfJigs>. Have an interesting fact, joke/riddle, poem, or comic you want to share with us? Please fill out this form <https://forms.gle/JwsiNVkPRSPypmZeA>. The deadline to submit the survey and share work with us for this edition is May 25th. Also, if you would like to join our google classroom the code is ijka4te (you must join with a gmail account that's different from your school email for it to work). We'll be posting our newspaper, forms and other exclusive content there. Again, thanks for reading this month's issue. If you have any questions, suggestions, concerns, or comments feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Madelyn Vetri & Alice Degruson (Editors in Chief of The Chargers Gazette)

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Resources

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- <https://nypost.com/2020/04/13/baseball-league-restarts-in-taiwan-with-robot-and-mannequin-fans-in-seats/> (Banner Fans)
- Yahoo Sports Baseball's Plan to Return to the Field (Banner Fans)
- <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2020/04/jacinda-ardern-new-zealand-leadership-coronavirus/610237/> (Are Women Political Leaders Handling COVID-19 Better than Men?)
- Spanish Podcast on the Opinion of Spanish Journalist (Are Women Political Leaders Handling COVID-19 Better than Men?)
- [Word Genius](#) (Word of the Issue)
- <https://poets.org/poem/hope-things-feathers-254> (Emily Dickenson Hope Poem)
- <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/wellness/g2401/inspirational-quotes/?slide=22> (Inspirational Quotes)