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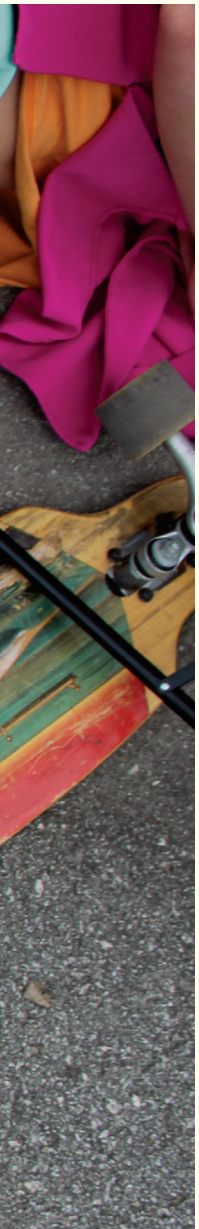
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A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVES

Dear Reader,

For the last time, we executive editors welcome you to the latest issue of the Geneva Quarterly. In this issue, we focused on drawing attention to the uniqueness of the human experience. The beauty and inspiration behind the celebration of different colors can be found woven throughout the content of Issue 3.

In Volume 10, the idea of boldness is the driving force behind the design and creativity of this third issue. As we analyze themes that dare us to learn, explore, live and play, we hope to showcase the unique aspects of each individual journey with pops of color and splashes of creativity. Our staff invites the readers to be inspired by the originality, exposure to the campus' community, opportunities to learn about the world around us and success of on-campus sports that Issue 3 showcases.

As our time spent with the Quarterly draws to a close, we want to extend thanks to our readers for their continued support. We wish the next executives the best of luck and we cannot wait to see what they create in Issue 4 as we pass the baton and resume our staff positions to end our senior year.

Our staff is proud to present Volume 10, Issue 3 of the Geneva Quarterly. We hope that every story, photo and graphic fully encompasses the feelings associated with taking a stand and being bold. We hope the creativity of this issue will inspire you long after you've set it down, as it has inspired us. Please enjoy!

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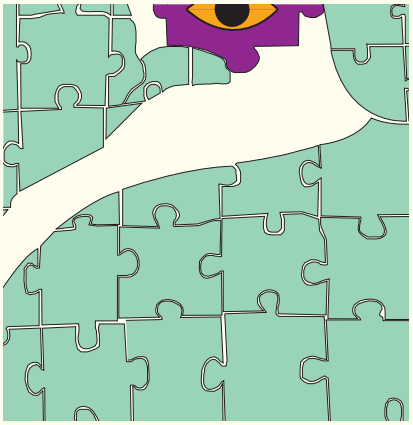
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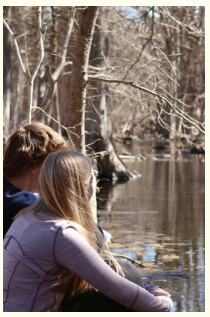




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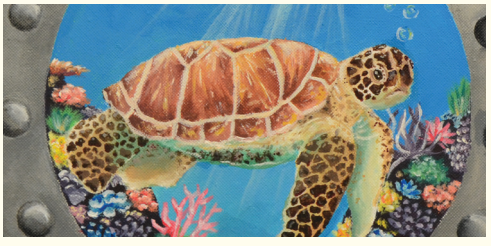






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(Texas Future Music Educators)

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DISCOVERING THE WORLD AROUND US THROUGH CURIOUS MEANS



Avery Eggerss (senior)

***Photo** Lindsay Lee*

WHAT'S YOUR MYSTERIOUS AVERSION?

Exploring unusual fears and odd phobias

Fear. Everyone has encountered this emotion at some point in their life. After all, fear is meant to keep us safe. It is a healthy fear which prevents you from running into the street as a child and helps you stay alert in big cities. However, sometimes we can let our fears get the best of us. Not all fear is founded on logic, and sometimes we react in unexpected ways. Whenever someone is frightened, they will typically get the urge to either flee or stand their ground and fight. This behavior is called the fight or flight response. While this instinctual reaction may have been useful when we lived in a more dangerous world, it can seem a little out of place in day-to-day life. As a result, some people have developed fears of some very strange things. Here is a look into some of the more bizarre phobias.

Globophobia

This is the fear of balloons. People who have this fear usually are frightened by the noise balloons create when popping. This fear is very common among young children, but some adults experience it too. It typically stems from Phonophobia, the fear of certain noises.

Ephebiphobia

This phobia is the fear of young adults and teenagers. Ephebiphobia usually develops from an anxiety disorder. It almost always pertains to older adults and is typically a result of a traumatic event involving teenagers.

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia

Ironically enough, this is the phobia of long words. This fear is a subcategory of social anxiety, and it is usually a result of embarrassment from reading and mispronouncing long words.

Octophobia

This very niche phobia is the fear of the number eight. People who suffer from this phobia go out of their way to avoid the number eight. It is closely linked with Arithmophobia which is the fear of numbers and math.

Trypophobia

Popularized by social media, this phobia is well-known by most. People with this fear are often triggered by patterns of multiple holes. The response is more of disgust than outright fear. Some things that can be disturbing to someone with this phobia include honeycombs, sponges, and certain fruits such as pomegranates and strawberries.

Ornithophobia

While this phobia is a bit more common, it is definitely strange. Ornithophobia is the fear of birds and is often caused by a scary incident someone has with birds. People with this phobia are usually afraid of being attacked by birds.

Phobophobia

It only felt right to end with this fear. Phobophobia is the fear of being afraid. Someone who experiences this phobia can be afraid of the symptoms of fear such as a racing heart and shortness of breath. They can also be frightened by the thought of developing a phobia.

Whether it be the fear of dying or even the fear of bugs, experiencing fear is simply part of being human. We all have things that we are afraid of, but the important thing is how we handle that fear. There are many times that fear can get in the way of living our lives. As scary as it might be, sometimes we need to face our fears to truly thrive.



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THERE'S MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Diving deeper into the difference of televised crime versus real life



"Dahmer," "The Watcher," "Ted Bundy Tapes,"...these are all names that probably ring a bell. With Netflix and other streaming services growing production of allegedly "accurate" crime-centered series, it's important to take a step back and question whether or not these are legitimate.

Many shows claim to sustain the narrative of true crime within the mentioned show, but there are in fact many flaws when one takes a deeper look. For example, the show "The Watcher" on Netflix. In episode one, viewers are informed that it is "based on a true story" so minds are open to accept the many scenes happening within the show as real truth. What in reality was an unsolved case about a house stalker, quickly turned into a show about various murders and the friendly family next door being a secret cult, which is obviously far from the truth.

In smaller, more regulated, unsolved or solved crime cases there seems to be more of a sense of truth pertaining to the actual events of the crime. Why this is, remains hard to say. But with these things mentioned, it's important to know why this issue can be dangerous.

This adds to the seeming glamorization of not only heinous serial killers but murders and crime in general. Big companies begin to profit off of heartbreaking stories for our generation's entertainment, making the terrible acts seem appealing or acceptable. Not only is false information being spread in real life and in the digital world, but it puts the victim's family in tough positions. Many times families of victims have openly expressed their dislike towards these series because they don't honor their loved ones correctly or accurately. Not to mention, filmmakers often don't ask for consent from the victims' families before filming.

So, next time you decide to get into a new crime docu-series, take the information presented with a grain of salt and even do your own research on the authentic story of what really occurred.

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IF YOU ONLY KNEW

Peeking into the life and legacy of actress and humanitarian Audrey Hepburn

Audrey Hepburn was born Audrey Kathleen Ruston on May 4, 1929 in Brussels, Belgium. She is well known as a talented actress and movie star, but less known is her humanitarian work. Hepburn's father was British, and her mother was a Dutch noblewoman; she spent her childhood between Belgium, England, and the Netherlands due to her father's job.

When Audrey was little, her parents joined the British Union of Fascists, and her mother wrote many articles in support of Adolf Hitler after meeting him. When Audrey was six years old her father left their family and moved to London to get more deeply involved in Fascist activity. Audrey would later describe her father's abandonment as the most traumatic event in her life. At age eight, Audrey was sent by her mother to a small school in Kent, England.

When Audrey was ten years old, Britain declared war on Germany in September of 1939. They moved back to the Netherlands in hopes that it would remain neutral like in the first World War, and Audrey was put in ballet lessons where she became very proficient. Germany invaded the next year, and the German occupation had a detrimental impact on Audrey's family. "Had we known that we were going to be occupied for five years, we might have all shot ourselves. We thought it might be over next week, six months, next year... that's how we got through," Hepburn later said. Audrey's uncle was executed, her half-brother was deported to work in a German labor camp, and her other half-brother was forced to go into hiding. Because of these events, Audrey's mother, who had been entertaining the idea of Nazism until this point, completely changed her position.

Barely a teenager, Audrey resolved to help the resistance efforts. She used her skills in ballet and held "underground" concerts to raise money. In addition, young Audrey delivered the underground newspaper, took food and messages to downed Allied pilots hiding in the woods, and volunteered at the hospital at the center of the resistance. Audrey's family hid a British paratrooper in their home for a while. Still a child, Audrey was traumatized to witness the transportation of Dutch Jews to concentration camps.

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After D-Day, life only got worse for Audrey. During the Dutch famine of 1944-45, the Germans limited the already scarce food supply, and Audrey's family had to resort to making flour out of tulip bulbs. By the end of the war, Audrey was suffering with the effects of malnutrition and was gravely ill with jaundice, anemia, dropsy, and a respiratory infection. Out of options, Audrey's mother wrote for help to a British Army officer whom she had met while he was a prisoner of war. He answered by sending back thousands of cigarettes for her to sell on the black market. She was able to use that money to buy the penicillin that saved Audrey's life.

The family moved to Amsterdam after the war and Audrey continued her ballet training. In 1948, she made her film debut playing a stewardess in an educational video. Hepburn moved to London on a ballet scholarship and modeled part-time. Although she was incredibly skilled, because her body was left fragile from the effects of malnutrition, Hepburn had to give up ballet and concentrate on acting. Hepburn appeared as a chorus girl in the West End theatre where she appeared in several productions. Here she was spotted by a casting director who got Hepburn registered as a freelance actress with the Associated British Picture Corporation. Hepburn landed many small roles in 1951 and her first major supporting role was in *Secret People* (1952) as a prodigious ballerina where Hepburn got to perform the dance sequences herself.

Hepburn was playing a small role in *Monte Carlo Baby* (1952) as French novelist Colette happened to be at the same hotel. Colette loved Hepburn and decided to cast her in the title role of the Broadway play *Gigi*, an adaptation of Colette's novel. Hepburn was a huge success. She earned praise from *Life* and *The New York Times* and won a Theatre World Award for the performance. The play ran for 219 performances and then went on tour for eight months.

The director of Hepburn's previous film Secret People sent Hepburn's screen test to director William Wyler who was preparing for *Roman Holiday* (1953). Wyler loved Hepburn so much he casted her over Elizabeth Taylor. Hepburn starred opposite Gregory Peck who pushed for Hepburn to be billed equally with him. *Roman Holiday* was a huge success, and Hepburn won an Academy Award for Best Actress, a BAFTA Award for Best British Actress in a Leading Role, and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actress–Motion Picture Drama in 1953.

Hepburn's most recognizable role was in *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (1961), arguably one of the most iconic characters and films of all time. Hepburn next appeared in *Charade* (1963) opposite Cary Grant. Hepburn's most discussed role was as Eliza Doolittle in the film adaptation of the stage musical *My Fair Lady*. Julie Andrews was the one who originated the role on stage, but the director offered Hepburn the part because he thought she was more marketable. Hepburn initially wanted the part to go to Andrews too. Further upset was caused when Hepburn's vocals were dubbed over against her wishes. That year, 1964, Julie Andrews won the Academy Award for Best Actress for *Mary Poppins*, while Hepburn controversially received no nomination for *My Fair Lady*. Hepburn began to slow down her acting career at this point.

Hepburn had done some radio programs with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) in the 1950's, so at this point in her life she turned her focus back to humanitarian work with UNICEF. Hepburn's first field mission was in 1988 in Ethiopia. She visited an orphanage with 500 starving children and had UNICEF send food for families starving due to civil wars. Next she traveled to Turkey on an immunization campaign where they were able to vaccinate the whole country in ten days. A few months later she went to Venezuela and Ecuador to build schools.

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She toured Central America the next year and met with leaders in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Soon after she visited Sudan as a part of a mission called "Operation Lifeline" to ferry food deliveries blocked by a civil war. She also went to Bangladesh a few months later. In 1989, Hepburn was appointed a Goodwill Ambassador of UNICEF. In October 1990, Hepburn went to Vietnam, in an effort to collaborate with the government for national UNICEF-supported immunization and clean water programs. In 1992, Hepburn's visit to Somalia was the most heartbreaking one yet; she called what she found there "apocalyptic."

When Hepburn returned to Switzerland from Somalia, she had developed abdominal pain. It was found to be a rare form of abdominal cancer.

Hepburn died in her sleep on January 20, 1993. Audrey Hepburn led a remarkable life. Not only is she one of the most celebrated actresses in the world, being one of only 17 EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony Award) winners, but she also had a profound impact on the world around her. From resistance during WWII to serving children in need, Audrey Hepburn demonstrated an incredible compassion for humanity. Hepburn received 16 honors for her humanitarian work alone, one of which was the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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DIGGING THROUGH THE DECADES

Reviewing the big hits and events of 1993



It feels like just yesterday everyone was jamming out to Snoop Dogg and Whitney Houston in their brand new Reebok Pumps ... right? For parents and teachers, it's hard to believe that the 90's were 30 years ago. While we students weren't around just yet, 90s style really isn't that different from today! For the next installment of our decades story, let's take a look at the biggest events and trends from the year 1993:

BIRTHS

Ariana Grande, Keke Palmer, Pete Davidson and Chance the Rapper were born.

POP CULTURE

Prince changes his name to a symbol

90 million tune in to watch Oprah's interview with Michael Jackson, making it the most watched in the history of television

SPORTS

Dallas Cowboys beat the Buffalo Bills 52-17 in Super Bowl XXVII

Michael Jordan retires for the first time

Chicago Bulls win NBA Championship

TOP BRANDS

FUBU, Tommy Hilfiger, Nike, Oakley, Guess and Diesel

FILM & TELEVISION

Highest grossing movie: Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* with $1 billion worldwide

Other top films include *Sleepless in Seattle*, *Groundhog Day*, *The Fugitive*, *Mrs. Doubtfire* and *Free Willy*

The X-Files is released

Other top shows include *Boy Meets World* and *Walker, Texas Ranger*

Marvel Studios is established

MUSIC

Top three Billboard top 100 songs: "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston, "Whoomp! (There It Is)" by Tag Team and "Can't Help Falling in Love" by UB40

Top album: Mariah Carey's *Music Box.*

Grammy Record of the Year: "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston

MTV VMA Video of the Year: "Jeremy" by Pearl Jam

DEATHS

Audrey Hepburn, Andre the Giant, Pablo Escobar and Brandon Lee passed away.

IN THE NEWS

Bill Clinton is inaugurated

NASA launches mission STS-58 from Kennedy Space Center, Florida

Canada elects its first female Prime Minister

Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk are awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

Tuberculosis is declared a global emergency by the World Health Organization

Buckingham Palace is open to the public for the first time

FASHION TRENDS

Hot trends consisted of plaid, Carhartt jackets, Doc Martens, overalls, bandanas, turtlenecks, spiked hair and Reebok Pumps

WHERE WERE THEY THEN?

Mrs. Christina Hammock: Sophomore in high school

Mr. Dirk Russell: Undergrad

Mrs. Debbie Georgelos: First year of law school

Mrs. Shelly Ward: In corporate America

Mrs. Catherine Davis: Fifth grade

Mr. Alex Markos: Not born yet

FUN FACTS

The world population is 5.59 billion

Most popular baby names are Jessica, Ashley, Michael and Christopher

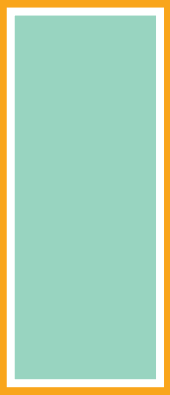
Eggs cost 91 cents a dozen and white bread was 75 cents a loaf

The "Got Milk?" campaign was created

The Giver by Lois Lowry is published

The average gas price was $1.11

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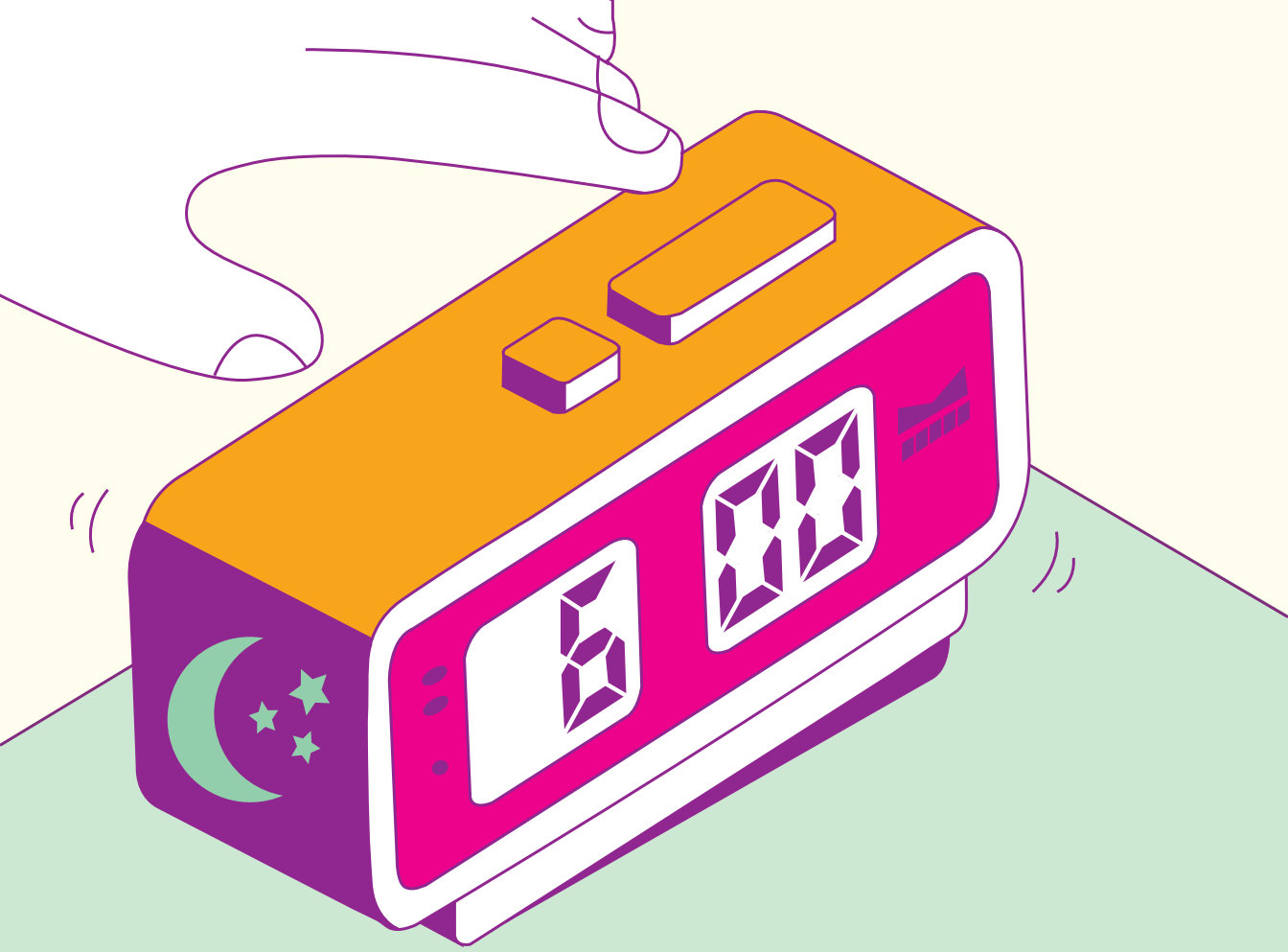
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INSIGHT INTO OUR LIVES ON AND OFF CAMPUS



Gracie Doan (junior)

***Photo** Alexis Livingston*



ONLY TIME WILL TELL

Geneva teachers write what they think would be the day in the life

What do seniors do everyday? What is their schedule like? We are about to find out, but not from them ... Let's see what some teachers think some seniors' days are like.

Luke Pratt's Day in the Life by Mr. Harrild

7:00 AM Luke wakes up and ponders if he is actually going to school today

8:00 AM Chilling in the school parking lot STILL wondering if he actually "needs" to be at school today

8:20 AM Luke sees "the boys" and decides he'll try it out until lunch

8:30 AM Sits in Mr. Russell's humanities class wondering who some of these "new kids" are

9:20 AM Luke follows a large crowd and somehow ends up at Liturgy

9:40 AM Luke goes to thesis for gratitude circle, but he doesn't know what to be grateful for

10:30 AM No class which means Luke goes to George Viña's for an early lunch, then takes a nap

1:15 PM Luke oversleeps and nearly misses all of Apologetics with Dr. Covington

1:55 PM Has an existential crisis about the need for 7th and 8th period classes

2:25 PM Hopeful that Mrs. Greenlees' personal finance will start a unit on stocks and investment

2:30 PM Disheartened to learn there was a quiz that he had no time to study for today...

3:10 PM Luke curses the fact that his favorite class, Cinema, is at the end of the day, but he goes to continue proving his superiority over the other executive producers (i.e. Ally Turgon, Hailey Hubenak and MK Mitchell) and garner Sharrild's respect.

Cole Hodo's Day in the Life by Mr. Russell

7:00 AM Hops out of bed with a smile on his face eager to start the new day–just kidding, he's still asleep.

7:15 AM Crawls out of bed, gets dressed, yells at Austin (Hodo) to get in the car so they won't be late for school.

7:30 AM Slowly walks out the front door and heads to his car, he realizes that he forgot his belt.

7:31 AM Wonders if he owns a belt.

7:32 AM Shrugs and realizes that he probably doesn't own a belt and if he does, he wouldn't wear it to school anyway.

7:33 AM Still wondering about the belt, he begins to contemplate the following: a belt holds up one's pants but the belt loops hold up the belt, who is the real hero?

8:00 AM Walks on to campus and sees Mr. Russell on the boardwalk, having forgotten about the belt/belt loops conundrum he presents another puzzle to Mr. Russell about the dual nature of Christ–yes, Cole Hodo can switch between a belt conundrum to the dual nature of Christ, in a matter of seconds.

8:30 AM-3:50 PM Largely a blur. However, at 2:00 PM in Mr. Russell's humanities class he has an epiphany about *The Great Gatsby* in which he perfectly summarizes where the story is going and provides a comprehensive analysis of the meaning of the story. His classmates are not surprised because they are accustomed to these bursts of genius.

2:03 PM Sits back in his chair and smiles with great satisfaction.

3:52 PM Yells at Austin; he could be telling him to get in the car or he could simply be yelling at him for no reason.

4:36 PM Arrives at Whataburger for a pre-dinner snack.

6:00-9:00 PM Diligently works on completing his homework, making sure to perform an excellence check (something he learned in Grammar School)–just kidding, he's not doing his homework.

10:30 PM Contemplates the Trinity and comes up with what he believes to be the perfect analogy to explain it (I'll give you a hint, it centers around belts and belt loops). He makes a mental note to talk to Mr. Russell about this in the morning.

11:10 PM Goes to Austin's room to tell him that he loves him and is grateful to have him as a brother. I assume you are waiting for a "just kidding," but it won't come since all the yelling at Austin is an act.

11:20 PM As he walks back into his room he trips over ... his belt! Yes, he has a belt but certainly isn't going to wear it to school tomorrow.

11:59 PM Peacefully drifts off to sleep.

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THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN

Let's get to know the officers that keep our campus safe



Officer Jordan Dullnig

Their friendly faces greet us every morning as we pull into school and when we leave. Our police officers make sure we are safe and taken care of while we are at school. Many of us don't even know their names and take for granted what they do for us. I had the opportunity to talk with some of our officers to get to know them a little better.

James Whitt

Officer Whitt graduated high school from Terrell School, after high school he went into the Marine Corps. After serving in the Marine Corps, he decided to go into the police academy and eventually got a job working for the police in Alpine,Texas. His father, who was also a police officer, inspired him to pursue his profession. In his free time, he enjoys hunting and fishing, as well as camping with his wife and son.

Sergeant Tom Allison

Sergeant Allison went to TIVY high school in Kerrville, Texas. After graduating, he went to Austin Community College where his law enforcement class steered him towards becoming an officer. When he is not working, he enjoys camping in his RV with his wife and four sons. They have driven to various destinations, including Canada!

Jordan Dullnig

Officer Dullnig graduated from Alamo Heights High School, and afterwards he went to work on a ranch in West Texas. He had always wanted to be an officer, but wasn't sure he had the guidance. However, with the help of his wife's family, who are all retired or current law enforcement officers, he was able to pursue a job as an officer. When he's not on duty, he enjoys ranching and spending time with his daughter.

Aaron Ramirez

Growing up, it was his dream to become an officer. After graduating from high school, he went to the police academy in San Antonio. In his free time, he likes going to the gym, playing golf and trying new restaurants. He says the kids at Geneva are super awesome and respectful, and he enjoys hanging around campus.

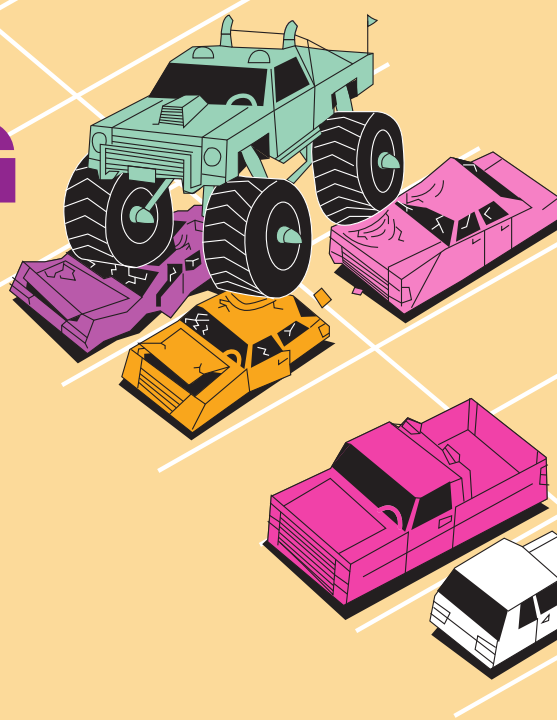
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UNPACKING PARKING

Where you park and what it says about you



At Geneva, you can tell a lot about a person based on where they park in the student parking lot.

Back Row:

Let's start with the most obvious group of people, those who park in the very back row: the truck boys. These young men feel the need to park all in the same row and reverse into park. Real men who drive trucks only reverse into a parking space.

Middle Row:

Now, the middle row of the parking lot is typically the girls who like to be in the middle of everything, and not just in the parking lot. They like to be able to hop out of their car and be right with everyone going to class. Funny enough,they like to be in the middle of all the drama on campus too. If she parks in the very middle ... run.

Far Side:

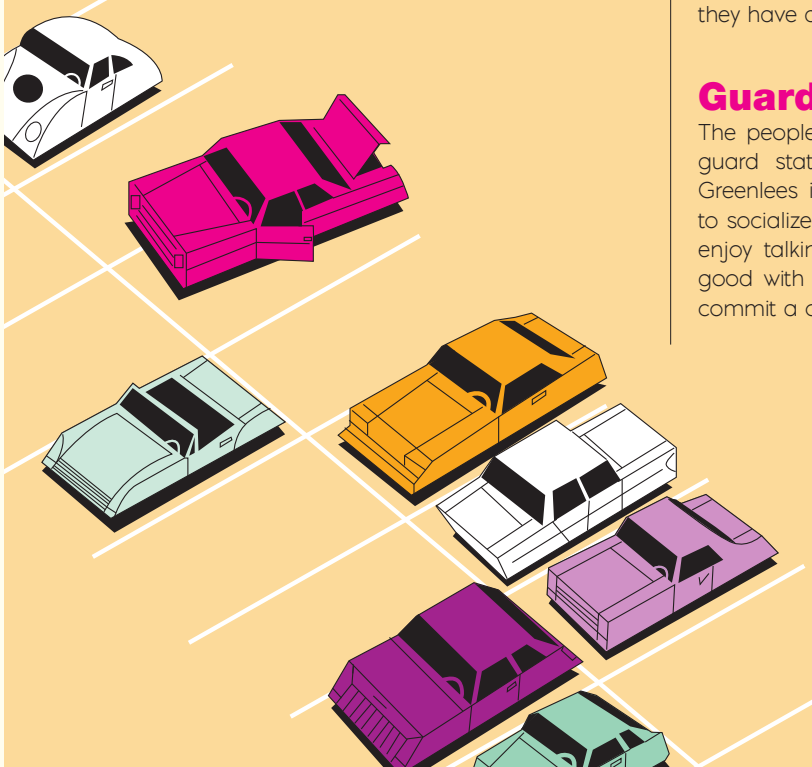
For those people who park on the side of the parking lot, they are either anti-social or just really don't care, and the side is the easiest place for them to park.

Front Row:

The front row people are probably the select few who are beyond excited to get to go to school every single day. If you see a senior's vehicle parked on the front row, they are just late to class and don't really care where they park because they have an off period after that class.

Guard Side:

The people who park on the side closest to the guard station are interesting. It is either Mrs. Greenlees in her truck or the students that love to socialize with the police officers. Do they really enjoy talking to them, or are they trying to get good with the police department for when they commit a crime? The world may never know.



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LISTEN TO THIS

A look into Geneva's newest club and behind the scenes of what they do

This quarter's featured club is the FTME/TMEA club which is run by Mrs. Sarah Gachupin. This club is new to Geneva so Mrs. Gachupin has some information to share on it.

"The club is FTME which stands for Future Texas Music Educators. I am a member of the TMEA, Texas Music Educators Association, and this is the first year Geneva has had this club," Gachupin said.

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The 12 current members meet about once a month and have had three meetings so far this year.

"The first meeting was an informational meeting to let the students know what the club was about. In the second meeting, we talked about how teaching private lessons while in high school could make you a better musician while also making a small income. Our last meeting was about going to the TMEA convention in February," Gachupin said.

You may be wondering what convention she is talking about, but don't worry we have all the information for you. The TMEA Convention is on February 10 and 11 in downtown San Antonio. The students will get to listen to the All-State groups which are made up of students from all around Texas who have gone through the region, area and state auditions. Students will also get to go to look at the different vendors, try out instruments and look at sheet music. They will have an opportunity to talk to universities much like our college fair, but there will be music students from that college and professors, as well.

They will also go to seminars about teaching techniques, as well as demonstrations. The goal for the students in this club is to expose the students to amazing musicians, have students talk to universities that have music specializations and learn more about what it takes to be a music teacher or work in the music industry.

Registration for this club just ended earlier this month, but if you are interested in joining next year you can talk to Mrs. Gachupin beginning in March.

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SHE'S STEPPING UP TO THE PODIUM

An interview with the new Interim Head of School

A few months ago, Debbie Ledoux stepped up to the role of Interim Head of School. She has previously served as the Board of Trustees Chairman and board member for many years. She is also a parent of four and a former teacher. We asked her a few questions to get to know her better.

When did you come to Geneva?

Mrs. Ledoux: We came 19 years ago when our son Sam entered kindergarten.

What is your favorite Geneva memory and why?

Mrs. Ledoux: My favorite Geneva memory is my first impression of our commencement ceremony. I was absolutely blown away by the beauty, pomp and circumstance. From the bagpipes to the faculty choir, it seemed the perfect ending to a classical and Christian education.

Did you ever think you would be the head of a school?

Mrs. Ledoux: I never imagined I would serve as a head of school. My background, training and education is in law. Although I practiced criminal law for a decade, I found that I was drawn to a few related areas of work such as coaching debate, teaching Dialectic and leading an outreach program about teen dating violence. Serving as a Head of School, though, was never expected!

What were you like as a high school student?

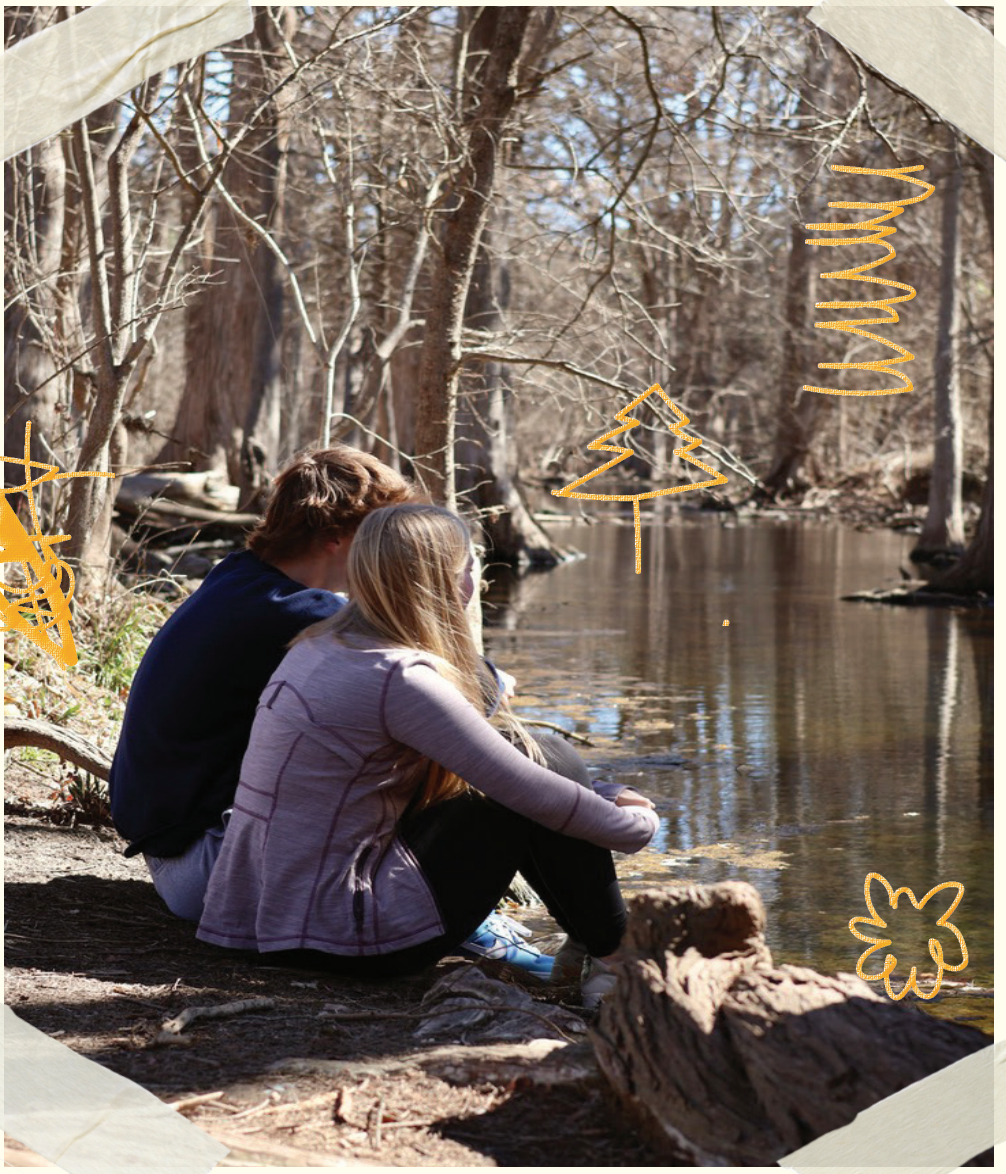
Mrs. Ledoux: I was much too much about my social life. My parents had just reconciled from a long separation, and my freshman year was a wreck! While things at home were fragile, I sought attention through bad choices. I skipped class and made horrible grades. Finally, as I started my senior year, I got serious: serious about my faith, serious about my studies and serious about my future! I made a 4.0 that year to make up for it, and got into college! I am sure my parents were much relieved once I seemed to realize that life was about more than what I was going to do the next weekend! All in all, I would say that I was very much changed during high school growing from a lost and immature young teenager to a determined and focused young woman.



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Griffin Freiling (junior) & Samantha Swipes (junior)

LET'S TAKE A HIKE

Exploring the best hiking trails around Boerne for a breath of fresh air

Do you ever have an itch just to get out in nature? As our world becomes more industrialized with what seems like each passing second, getting away from the hustle and bustle of development can be difficult. However, even in the heart of Boerne, you can find numerous secluded trails that lead away from the traffic of the city and weave through land still untouched. But perhaps you are not looking for such a rugged excursion out in nature. If this is the case, there are even trails that are safe and easy to follow, but you won't have to worry about brushing branches out of your face as you trek along.

If you're a tree hugger, or maybe you just like to be out in nature, these next few trails are for you! The following are privately owned and a good bit removed from the Boerne hub.

1. Cave Without a Name

First up, the Cave Without a Name! This natural attraction lies just 11 miles northeast of Boerne, and there is so much to see. You and your party can go on a guided tour of the cave to see some amazing features within each of the cave's six rooms. The whole experience is about 60 minutes and covers a distance of roughly 1.7 miles. They even host occasional music events in the cave if that is of interest to you. If some quality sightseeing is what you look for in a trail, this is definitely a good option for you. But if you're more of a solo hiker, it may not be ideal.

2. Cascade Caverns

Next on the list is another cave-trail venue...Cascade Caverns! This is a charming little trail, but it doesn't get a lot of traffic so it's a nice quiet and secluded option! Like Cave Without a Name, a guide will take you on a tour of the cavern, however it doesn't get quite as much traffic, so the excursion is peaceful and quiet. Overall, the Cascade Cavern Loop offers both a nice hike, as well as an enriching experience.

3. Kreutzberg Canyon Preserve Center

Our last private trails are located at the Kreutzberg Canyon Preserve Center. The preserve is right around the Guadalupe River and incorporates many amenities apart from just the trails. The trails themselves are similar in length, the Eastern Loop being roughly 1.7 miles, and the Western one being about 1.8. Whichever you choose, a stunning view of the Guadalupe will accompany your hike! Other on-site activities include paddle-boarding and other river recreation, as well as wildlife observation and photography. If you're looking for an all-day adventure out in nature, this contender's got plenty of mileage to hike and lots of fun to be had along with it!

Now onto some public trails, all of which can be found in the center of town!

4. Old No. 9

To begin, the Old No. 9 trail runs parallel to Main Street, but is still tucked away from the main thoroughfare. Though it is not so secluded, the Old No. 9 trail offers a completely paved path that allows one to make their way all throughout Boerne! On another note, the Old No. 9 is a historic trail. From railroad to pathway, this trail preserves the original route trains would utilize when coming into and out of the city.

5. City Park & Cibolo Nature Center

Last up on our list, the City Park and Cibolo Nature Center trails! Boerne City Park is a recreational center offering access to soccer fields, tennis courts, a pool and a playground! But there are also several trails that work their way around the park! Some of these trails meet up with the Cibolo Nature Center trails, the Nature Center itself being seated right behind the park. This makes it incredibly easy to customize your hike to your own liking! If you are in the mood for a longer walk, hop onto a City Park trail that intersects the Cibolo trail. Depending on what sights you're interested in seeing, City Park has several paths that all lead to the Cibolo trail; some running along the creek while others work their way through a field. These combos are personal favorites of mine, as they are all beautiful and tucked away while still being close to home.

Hopefully, this guide has provided some useful info for finding the right trail when you're in the market for an adventure. Happy hiking!

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CHECKING IN WITH OUR GRADS

A look at the lives of former Geneva Eagles

It's time to check in with our grads! We interviewed three Geneva alumni to see what their life was like at Geneva versus where they are now. From practicing law to property investment, our Eagles have left the nest and soared!

Kade Leeder

CLASS OF 2014

Kade Leeder graduated from Geneva in 2014. He participated in band and cross country, as well as playing basketball and baseball. After graduating, Leeder attended Texas A&M and studied construction science. He graduated from A&M in 2018 and went on to work for a construction company out of Dallas for three years. Leeder is now back in Comfort and owns his own construction company and invests in properties.



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Meredith Drukker

CLASS OF 2011

Meredith Drukker graduated in 2011 as part of the first graduating class at Geneva. While at Geneva, Drukker helped found the debate team, played soccer and was on the first Geneva cheerleading squad when she was a senior. Throughout high school, she also participated in various school plays and events and played the piano. Drukker went on to study English and Political Science at Texas Christian University and graduated in 2015. During her time at TCU, Drukker was on the Policy and Standards Board of her sorority, Pi Beta Phi, and was involved with the English Honors Society of Phi Delta Phi.

After TCU, Drukker attended the University of Texas for Law School and graduated from the program in 2018. In law school, she also worked in a Domestic Violence Clinic to help women navigate the legal system in the face of dangerous and abusive relationships and served as an editor for the Review of Litigation. Since 2018, Drukker has worked as a lawyer in Watts Guerra's Austin office and was made a partner in 2022. In addition to representing plaintiffs in mass tort actions, wrongful deaths, commercial cases and personal injury cases, Drukker has recently established their firm's sexual assault practice where she represents survivors against individuals and entities that can be held liable for their damages. Recently her work has brought her back home to Boerne where she is representing a victim of sexual assault against the Boerne Gymnastics Center and their coach, Michael Spiller.

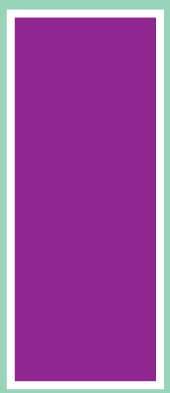
In the future, Drukker intends to grow her firm's sexual assault practice and educate survivors about their options at civil court in Texas and beyond.

Nick Thornton

CLASS OF 2013

Nick Thornton graduated in the class of 2013. While attending Geneva, he participated in band and art for a few years along with a few different sports. Thornton played basketball, golf, baseball and participated in high jump in track and field. He went on to attend Baylor University (sic 'em) and received degrees in Finance and Real Estate. Thornton graduated from Baylor in 2017 and was on the University's men's golf team. He is currently working for the Governor of Virginia in the Transformation Office. He says he hopes to move back into the finance and investment world next year.





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TACKLING THE TOPIC OF THE CURRENT STATE OF SPORTS



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KEEPING UP WITH THE CUP

Exploring the history of soccer's World Cup

The sport of soccer is by far the most popular sport in the world. The game is played in over 200 countries with over 250 million players worldwide, generating a revenue of over 28.9 billion dollars a year. This massive sport has a tournament every four years known as the FIFA World Cup. The first competition for the Cup was organized in 1930 by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). The competition consists of international sectional tournaments leading to a final elimination event made up of 32 national teams.

1930: Uruguay beat Argentina 4-2
Uruguay won the very first World Cup tournament. They had gone 2-1 down to Argentina after Golden Boot winner Guillermo Stabile scored on the 37th minute. But Uruguay came back in the second half to score three unanswered goals.

1934: Italy beat Czechoslovakia 2-1
Four years later, Uruguay declined to participate after many European teams declined to travel to the tournament. Surprisingly, Czechoslovakia went one-nil up after a goal by Antonin Puc in the 71st minute. Italy equalized ten minutes later and extra time as the result. Angelo Schiavo scored the winner in the 95th minute.

1938: Italy beat Hungary 4-2
Italy returned to the final in 1938, and they would play a future European powerhouse team, Hungary. In 1938 though, Italy was too strong for the Eastern-Europeans and came out as 4-2 winners.

1950: Uruguay beat Brazil 2-1
Due to the Second World War, there was a 12 year wait for another World Cup. In front of 200,000 and after going 1-0 down to a Brazil goal, Uruguay scored two second-half goals to win the Cup for the second time.

1954: West Germany beat Hungary 3-2
No one gave Germany a chance, and it appeared it would be a rout after Hungary went 2-0 up in eight minutes. But they do not call this game 'The Miracle of Bern' for nothing, and West Germany quickly got on level terms after 18 minutes. The next goal would not come until the 84th minute, a World Cup winner by Helmut Rahn.

1958: Brazil beat Sweden 5-2
1958 is the beginning of the era of Pele and Brazil. The great man guided Brazil to the final after scoring the winner against Wales, a then a hat-trick against France. He would go on to score two more in the final against Sweden.

1962: Brazil beat Czechoslovakia 3-1
Four years on, Pele got injured against Czechoslovakia preventing him from playing in the rest of this and the future World Cup, but the Brazil team still continued to win. Two goals against England and then two more against Chile set up a rematch with Czechoslovakia. The group stage result had been a 0-0 draw, but Brazil proved too strong in the final, winning 3-1.

1966: England beat West Germany 4-2
Held in England for the first time, the 1966 tournament did not start well. Before a ball was kicked, the trophy got stolen from an exhibit, and was later found by a dog called Pickles. Eventually, after a series of close results for both sides, England met West Germany in the final and beat them 4-2.

1970: Brazil beat Italy 4-1
Brazil emerged back on top in once again led by Pele, including the final where they scored four on a tired Italian side who played a colossal match against West Germany in the semi-final. Winning the Cup for the third time, meant Brazil took sole ownership of it, per FIFA regulations. A new trophy would be designed and made for the 1974 tournament.

"The sport of soccer is by far the most popular sport in the world."



1974: West Germany beat Netherlands 2-1
Things started out well for the Netherlands, but two German goals before half-time put the pressure back on the Dutch. Ultimately they could not find their way through the German defense and the new World Cup was handed for the first time to West Germany.

1978: Argentina beat Netherlands 3-1
The Netherlands again reached the final four years later. This time they were up against host country Argentina. And once again winning the Cup was just one step too far because of two Argentinian goals in extra-time. The Netherlands would not reach the final again until 2010, which they would again lose.

1982: Italy beat West Germany 3-1
The final was a pretty tense affair for 60 minutes, until Paolo Rossi opened the scoring. Italy would score two more before Germany picked up a goal with ten minutes to go.

1986: Argentina beat West Germany 3-2
West Germany would again reach the final in 1986, and would this time they would lose to Diego Maradona and Argentina.

1994: Brazil drew with Italy 0-0 (won 3-2 on penalties)
The 1994 World Cup Final was the first to have no goals in it. with many missed chances. The game was later won by Brazil due to penalties.

1998: France beat Brazil 3-0
Going into the 1998 World Cup Final, there was immense controversy revolving around Brazilian talisman, Ronaldo. There seemed to be issues around his match fitness, so much so that Brazilian coach Mario Zagallo said he would not play. France would go on to win in '98 on their home turf.

2002: Brazil beat Germany 2-0
Ronaldo would be back in the World Cup Final four years later. Held for the first time in Asia- South Korea and Japan-Brazil would face a solid Germany side in the final. Ronaldo scored the two decisive goals.

2006: Italy drew with France 1-1 (won 5-3 on penalties)
Italy's fourth world cup final.

2010: Spain beat Netherlands 1-0
Like 1990, this final will best be remembered as one of the dirtiest finals ever, with 14 yellow cards being shown, along with one red card to John Heitinga.

2014: Germany beat Argentina 1-0
Germany had previously destroyed Brazil 7-1 in one of the most shocking games in World Cup history. Mario Gotze would score the winner with a brilliantly taken goal to give Germany a 1-0 victory and their fourth World Cup victory.

2018: France beat Croatia 4-2
In the second half, Paul Pogba and Kylian Mbappe put the French up 4-1 up and the match was over despite a Hugo Lloris clanger which gave Croatia hope.

2022: Argentina beat France 4-2
Argentina's third title as champions, Lionel Messi was voted the tournament's best player winning the Golden Ball Trophy.

Pelé

Born Edson Arantes do Nascimento, Pelé was Brazil's most famous player and is widely regarded as the greatest soccer player in the world. He led his team from 1958 till he retired in 1974 and was the leading cause for three out of the five world cup wins Brazil has under their belt. He most recently served as the Minister of Sports in Brazil. He was born on October 23,1940 and he recently passed away at age 82 on December 29, 2022.

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LET'S TALK TENNIS

Introducing the new tennis coach, Tina Dube

Taking on the Rhetoric School tennis team last season, coach Tina Dube has made a big impact on the program already.

From working as a math specialist in Grammar School to recently stepping into the role of high school tennis coach, Dube has remained involved in Geneva since her kids were little. Dube currently has two sons in Rhetoric School, senior A.J. and freshman Nick. Dube and her family have always used tennis as a means of spending time together outside of the hustle and bustle of busy schedules. Dube remembers times when she and her husband wouldn't travel anywhere without their two racquets, always looking for an empty court wherever they landed.

"We would grab two racquets, a set of balls and go play. That's what we began doing as a family too. When we are traveling, wherever we end up we find some free courts and go play," Dube said.

Of course, playing tennis whenever and wherever was not a new concept for Dube. Growing up on a farm in Iowa, she recalls the sunny days spent setting up a net in the grass for a game of lawn tennis.

"We would mow the grass, set up the net and we would play lawn tennis. I grew up in a family of four, so we would play all the time, along with lots of other sports," Dube said.

From being surrounded by tennis growing up, incorporating the sport into her own family and coaching other players, Dube has experienced a change in the game and players over the years. After her first year coaching Rhetoric students, Dube embraced the positive differences she noticed when coaching Geneva students as opposed to others she had taught in the past.

"I could integrate God's word and it was the first time I was able to coach boys and girls together. All the players wanted to learn and I could tell that by Rhetoric School they were all at the point where they had developed that life-long love for learning and a desire to work hard," Dube said.



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REINING IN THE WIN

Discovering the ins and outs of the Rodeo Art Competition





Over the last couple of years, we have had multiple winners in the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Western Art Competition. The pieces that some of the students have made are beautiful and inspiring, but I bet you didn't know how much work actually goes into creating and submitting the art.

The process begins in the summer when the students have to pick a photo to recreate. They can do anything that is related to western ranch life or rodeo. They then pick what media they want to use and the size of the painting which has to be between 11" x 14" and 18" x 24". The students then begin their piece at the beginning of school. They work until the deadline, which is after thanksgiving. Each category is judged by composition, artistic skill, creativity, adherence to the western theme and the "wow factor" it gives. In total, there are 12 categories of media in 2D and 3D including drawing, painting and sculpting.

There are a lot of guidelines and steps that have to be taken in order to submit a piece. One interesting thing about rodeo art is that when the artists submit their painting they give up all rights to the painting. This means that after they present their piece, they never see it again and, if they win, their piece gets chosen by one of the donors.

Two of our own students, senior Sophia Baldwin and junior Hailey Kirchner, have competed and won. Sophia Baldwin has won for the past three years in the categories in which she has competed, making her the first person to do so in the competition's history. After entering into the contest, you either get a call telling you you've won the category or you don't get one at all. For both her sophomore and junior year, Baldwin received a call telling her she won her category. But this year was a little different.

Each year they announce the winners on the same weekend as the cheer competition. On that Saturday, they had a cheer showcase for the parents. When it was almost time for Baldwin to give a speech as cheer captain, she had lost hope that she was getting the call. So, she went on stage and gave the speech, but then they asked her dad to come up and say a few words about being a cheer parent.

"He was talking about cheer, but then he said 'and for the past two years Sophia has competed in rodeo art but this year, since the advisor knows that she has cheer competition on this day, we told them to not call her so we could surprise her,'" Baldwin said. Along with Baldwin, Hailey Kirchner also won first place last year and second this year. She says that her favorite piece she has done is her very first one called "Stargazing" which depicts a little girl standing in awe of a barrel racer. And in her words, she did this piece with "acrylic paint, blood, sweat and tears." She put in a lot of effort to create this piece and says it wouldn't have been possible without the support of those around her.

“...we told them to not call her so we could surprise her.”

"Competing has helped me learn some new art skills, time management and persistence," Kirchner said.

There is so much that is put into creating these amazing pieces of art, and we are so incredibly proud of our students who have worked so hard to create them.

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WHAT'S YOUR SUPER FOOD?

Exploring different foods that boost your health



Whether it's a cold-pressed juice, an acai bowl, a smoothie or simply a powdered supplement, we consume little doses of the things we have heard referred to as super foods daily. But, what qualifications do these berries or spices need to pass in order to be considered "super"? In essence, anything that contains high levels of a desirable nutrient and offers health benefits beyond normal nutritional values are considered to be super foods.

Blue Majik

This bright blue powder can be found in juices, smoothies, berry bowls or in supplement form. Derived as a pigment extract from the freshwater algae plant called spirulina, Blue Majik has become famous for its vivid color and accessible health benefits. It helps to fight inflammation, reduce oxidative stress and supports joint health. This cool blue superfood is often found mixed into smoothie bowls and smoothies at almost all coffee shops.

Goji Berries

Goji berries, known for their slightly sour flair and vibrant reddish coloring, are originally native to Asia. Packed full of antioxidants, these small, but mighty berries contain a large amount of beneficial nutrients. These antioxidants are best known for their immune-boosting qualities and their ability to fight off harmful bacterias and inflammation. Goji berries also contain large amounts of vitamins A and C which work to help the body break down heavy foods. Not only do these red berries help to keep the body healthy, they also contain beta-carotene which is an essential plant phytochemical known for its ability to promote healthy and glowy skin.

Chia Seeds

Chia seeds are one of the most common superfoods. You have probably all seen the tiny black or white seeds sprinkled across your plate before. Believed to be native to Central America, chia seeds were commonly used by Aztec and Mayan civilizations for medicinal purposes, religious rituals and even cosmetics. Despite their small size and almost unrecognizable flavor, chia seeds are loaded with healthy substances. They're packed with fiber, protein, omega-3 fatty acids and much more. Chia seeds are predominantly high in calcium and magnesium, both of which help to improve bone mineral density. Whether they are sprinkled on your oatmeal or blended in a smoothie, chia seeds provide the perfect super food addition to any treat.

Turmeric

First used in India as both a spice and medicinal herb, turmeric is known for its deep-yellow color. Turmeric is made up of a substance called curcumin, which is responsible for the bright yellowish color. Like most other super foods, turmeric contains powerful anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. Most studies also conclude that the excess amounts of curcumin found in turmeric contribute to boosting levels of a certain brain hormone which is responsible for helping to combat various degenerative processes in your brain. So, if you can brave the staining pigment found in this popular powder, turmeric is the perfect daily super food.

Don't be fooled by this small list of only four super foods, there are many more that are equally as tasty, colorful and beneficial. Which one will you be choosing to taste today to help make you feel extra super?

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FACE THE COMPETITON

Unpacking more wacky sports



Some sports get all the hype. Why watch athletes go head-to-head instead of toe-to-toe? Why would someone choose to play basketball or football when competitive napping exists? However, if you prefer a more contact sport, why not give face slapping a try? These obscure sports deserve to be in the spotlight.

COMPETITIVE NAPPING

The name (as with the other two sports covered here) describes the sport pretty thoroughly. This odd sport debuted in Spain back in 2010 in a competition that was held to promote naps. Held shortly after lunchtime (naturally), the competition is divided into heats, in which competitors fall asleep on identical couches or beds for 20 minutes in the middle of a shopping mall. They must use the same couch, bed, and/or pillow, but are allowed to choose which pajamas they wear. Medical experts and technology are used to judge how quickly competitors fall asleep and how deeply they sleep. Deductions may be made for sudden movements. Bonus points can come from posture, outfits and snoring. The Spanish 2010 competition was held during Siesta in the middle of a shopping mall, and the competition has taken place annually in Siesta ever since, although it remains mostly obscure.

Spain is not the only place that hosts sleeping competitions, however. The World Sleep Championships (WSC) has 10 divisions with 128 competitors each, with large qualifying rounds just to get in. The top five divisions have different sleep-related nicknames, the highest of which is the Hypnos League, after the Greek god of sleep. The Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre held a sleeping competition in 2015, as well.

FACE SLAPPING

As an article from *The Guardian* says, "Cue the Will Smith jokes." The sport of face slapping began in Russia. At first, athletes used no head protection whatsoever, taking turns slapping each other until one falls down. While helmets or something of that sort would go against the grain of the game, mouth guards and earplugs are (sometimes) standardized. If a competitor is not toppled after five slaps, a judge decides the winner. Face slapping tournaments have drawn criticism because of their unobstructed violence. Fighters have been seriously disfigured and have even died as a result of these combats. As a result, medical professionals must be on-site, prepared to clean up any wounds. There are even regulations about where you can slap your opponent. No slapping on the temple, eye, ear, nose, or larynx.

"Cue the Will Smith jokes."

It's a terrifying sport for athletes and those who know them. Athletes have described the extreme trauma and anxiety going into a tournament.

So, of course it was Nevada that has pushed for face slapping competitions in the United States. They have already hosted tournaments as recently as this year. On January 17, 2023, RXF (Real Extreme Fighting, a Romanian mixed martial arts league), held a slap fighting tournament in Las Vegas. The winner was named Sorin Comsa, but he paid a terrible price. A slap to his face by Alexandru Gorczyca in an eight-person tournament drew blood and horribly disfigured his face. Comsa remained standing and patted the top of his head, letting officials know that the slap had hit the wrong part of his face. This was by no means the end for him, however. The match, the last of the tournament, lasted for 10 rounds until Comsa finally wore down his opponent. The left side of his face was terribly swollen. If you are interested in competing in this sport ... you shouldn't be.

TOE WRESTLING

DISCLAIMER: I cannot be blamed if you look up pictures of toe wrestling and faint out of disgust. It was invented in 1976 in a pub in England (a lot of strange ideas come out of English pubs). The idea was: if England couldn't produce world champions in common games like soccer, perhaps they could in a sport that nobody knew about. Ironically, a Canadian man took the title in toe wrestling's second year. The man with the most titles is Alan "Nasty" Nash, with 17. Mr. Nash retired late last year. He can also hypnotize chickens.

The game is simple: competitors lock toes on a "toedium" and proceed to arm wrestle with their feet. Competitors alternate feet in a best two out of three (right, left, then right again if necessary).

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NO PAY, NO GAIN

Comparing the price and quality of popular gyms

Are you wanting to get in the gym, but you aren't sure which gym gets you the best bang for your buck? Well, here is your ultimate guide on which gym membership is for you! Whether you're looking for an all-inclusive gym experience or just a place to get a quick sweat in, there's something out there for you. Listed below are some local gyms with prices and perks of each individual gym.

PLANET FITNESS

1313 S Main St, Boerne, TX 78006

The great thing about Planet is that it is a 24-hour gym, and it's open every day of the week. So, whether you are an early riser or a night time gym goer, this place has got you covered. The cost for a regular membership is $10 a month. This includes showers and lockers. There is a Black Card Membership which is $25 a month and includes the option to bring a guest for free, use of massage chairs and tanning, and 50% off all drinks.

LIFETIME FITNESS

5639 Worth Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78257

Lifetime has three membership options. The first one is digital. This provides digital workouts such as live-streamed classes. The second option gives you club access, class options (such as yoga and cycling), sports courts and activities, and social events. The last option is the signature option. This includes all the above perks plus early access and unlimited tennis court access. These membership prices vary depending on how many things you would like to add. The prices vary from $79-$269. The memberships are all very customizable.

YMCA

820 Adler Rd, Boerne, TX 78006

This gym's membership depends on age. For a student, the cost is $25 per month. Young adult memberships are $40 per month. Adults are $69 per month. These include full gym access.

CORE FITNESS

1580 River Rd, Boerne, TX 78006

This membership is on the pricey side. For a basic membership, they require three things: the dues payment of $65, enrollment fee of $100 and an annual fee of $30. Paid in full, it comes to a total of $780. Premium membership total is $1,140. These memberships include many kinds of classes and access to a lot of free weights and cardio equipment.

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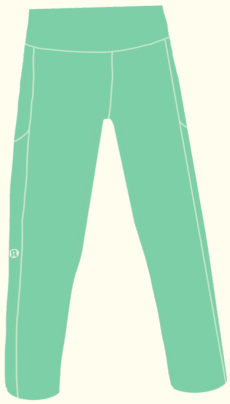


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YOU'VE BEEN DUPED

A guide to the best affordable alternatives for pricey name brand products

We all love our Lululemon and our Ugg Minis, and maybe even some Dior lip oil, but do we all love the price tag? Amazon has some amazing dupes that are more reasonably priced and almost exactly the same visually.



Lululemon

Lululemon is a staple item in many girl's closets, but what if you could save a load of money and just buy from Amazon? The brand CRZ Yoga is the perfect Lululemon dupe brand. They have the hotty hot shorts (which are some of Lulu's best sellers) for only $28, instead of the regular $68. They have align tanks ($32 on Amazon, $68 at Lulu) and align leggings ($38 on Amazon, $98 at Lulu).

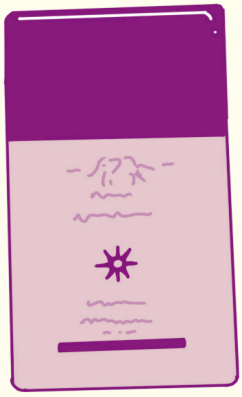
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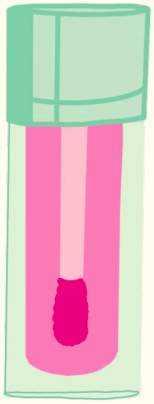
A trending item, as of the end of 2022 and beginning of 2023, are the Ugg Minis. These shoes are so loved, but you know what I'm not loving? The $140 price tag. The Amazon store Zizor has a 4.5 star rated pair of boots that are practically identical to the Uggs. These boots are only $34. That sounds like a big save to me.



Drunk Elephant

Love a good tan? The Drunk Elephant Drops are booming right now, but who wants to pay $62 for a face product? Amazon has a great and well-rated dupe from L'Oréal called Lumi Glotion for $12. It has over 19,000 reviews and over four stars. Get your nice summer look for a fifth of the price.





Dior Lip

Another popular buy is the Dior Lip Oil. This lip oil is a whopping $50. Amazon has a ton of options for a dupe, but the most recommended one is from the brand Sea-Maid. There are multiple color options and it sits at a price of $10.

Marc Jacobs

Looking for a cute purse? Ever thought about the Marc Jacobs snapshot bag? Well, no one wants to pay $325 for a bag. Amazon has a great dupe! While it is not an exact replica, it is pretty darn close. The brand is Durviv, and the price is $36. Pretty big difference, right?

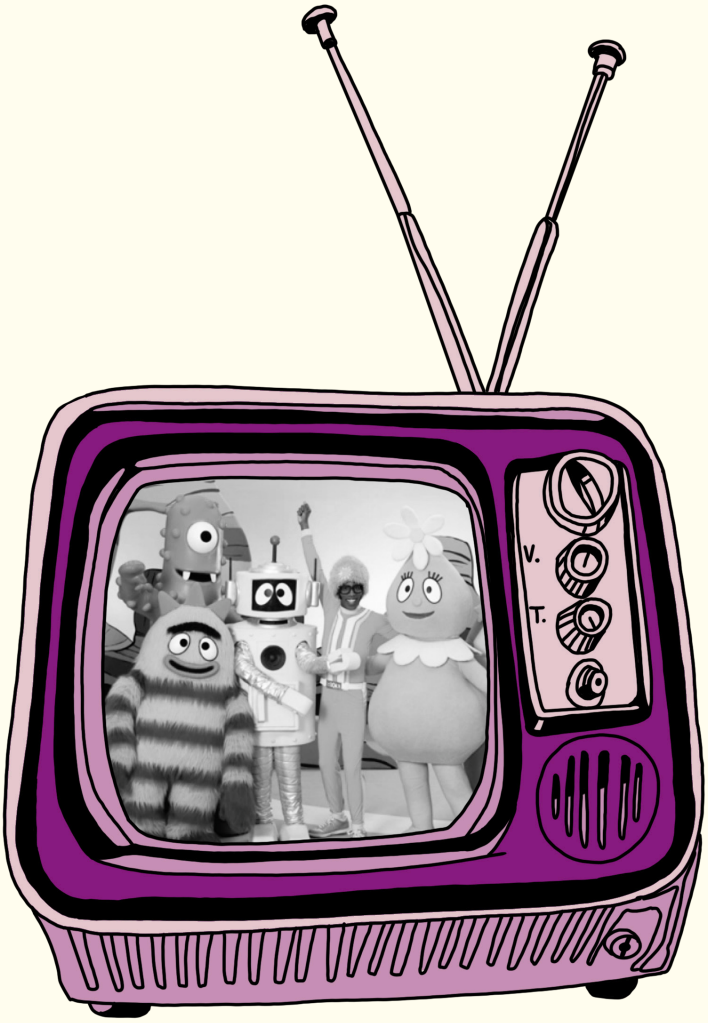


You do not have to pay a large sum of money to have cute clothes and accessories. Check out Amazon for some awesome dupes and save youself some money.

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HOW SHOWS HAVE SHAPED US

The effects favorite TV shows of this generation's childhood had on them

Gen-Z: a generation known for their interaction with technology. We've grown up with phones, computers, social media and streaming, but where did it start? For most of Gen-Z, our first exposure to technology was through childhood TV shows and cartoons. Apparently, this exposure was so riveting that it hooked an entire age group on entertainment. So, who contributed most to this revolutionary awakening?

Some of the most popular Gen Z cartoons are "Curious George," "Dora the Explorer" and "Little Einsteins." The generation's interest in these shows speaks directly to the culture that exists now. A lot can be assumed about your personality now depending on your favorite 2000s cartoon.

To start, we have "Curious George." What was originally a book series by H. A. Rey is now an essential childhood TV show. It follows a monkey named George and his friend only known as the "The Man in the Yellow Hat." While George often finds himself in trouble, I believe that fans of this show can now be identified by their subtle sophistication and class. The Man in the Yellow Hat is constantly helping George tame his curiosity, which points to reason and responsibility. Curious George fans are pleasant, classy and joyful. They have learned from George's mistakes and are not up to any monkey business of their own.

"Little Einsteins'':the parental favorite. Parents tuned their toddlers into this show in the hopes that their child would model after one of the genius characters. The four characters embark on journeys to discover more about new cultures and the arts. Children raised on this show are now extremely talented in one field or the other. Maybe they picked up a musical instrument, or decided to dive head first into academics. No matter what their aspirations were, I have no doubt that they were successful. These fans tend to be a bit more serious, as they are extremely dedicated to the workload for which they are responsible. In the end, I believe these parents were successful, as their kids learned much more than just the infamous theme song.

Dora loves adventure and so do her fans. "Dora the Explorer" is a staple for not only the world of cartoons, but for humanity, as well. Today, there is even a live action version. The show follows Dora and her friends: Boots and Backpack. She and her clan take on new adventures and dangers with each episode as they interact with viewers to ask for help. The show instills a love of both exploration and friendship. I imagine a Dora fan today would still value these things. They would be a loyal friend and aspire to see and experience all that life has to offer.

These three shows are only a few of the generation's favorites. "Blue's Clues," "Backyardigans," "Wonder Pets," "Max and Ruby," "Octonauts," "Yo Gabba Gabba" and many more all contributed to our love of entertainment. Overall, your favorite childhood show probably does not speak volumes about your current character, but it definitely impacted your childhood experience and is responsible for at least a fraction of our generation's media frenzy.

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DON'T MAKE ME COUNT TO THREE

Teachers relay the rules they didn't quite understand as kids

It's safe to say that all of us had rules we didn't understand when we were younger. Some of us might have even thought, "If I have kids, I'll never give them those rules." However, most of these rules were given to us to keep us safe, or to help build practical skills we can use later in life. For example, "Make your bed." Doing this tends to help you feel more productive and teaches you to keep your space clean. Or perhaps you've been told, "No climbing trees." It's not that your parents didn't want you to have fun, they didn't want you to get hurt. I was curious to see if any of the teachers had rules that they didn't understand ... but then proceeded to give to their own children.



"If I have kids, I'll never give them those rules."

Mr. Harrild: No jumping on the furniture
Mr. Poole: Bed time
Mr. Johnson: Not too much TV
Mrs. Davis: Being intentional with your words. No saying "stupid" or "frickin;" remember the root word. Not watching movies that are too personal (family, death, etc).

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IT'S BEEN SWELL

Recent water bottle trends and their significance to today's youth

Reusable water bottles! These are no new notion. Originating with ancient civilizations using animal hides to transport their water, humans have loved to find new, lighter and easier ways to carry their water or drink of choice. But what is fascinating is the eb and flow of water bottle trends.



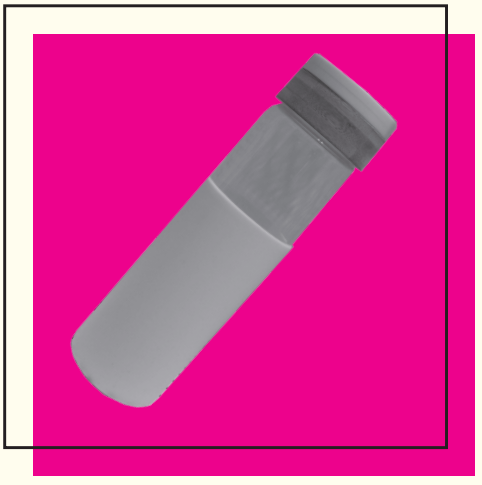
"But, what is fascinating is the eb and flow of water bottle trends."



I remember the Swell craze of middle school. These water bottles had middle school and high school kids fighting for the most unique looking Swell water bottle. Then, came the VSCO Girl Hydro Flask era. This was truly a time to be noted. Girls were ordering hundreds of stickers off of Redbubble to place on their giant, hot pink Hydro Flasks. But let's not forget that getting hit in the head with one of these things was painful. Not only were they heavy, but they kept your water cold all day long. Of course, there were some other popular water bottles that swept buyers off their feet. For example, the Yeti, Ello and Contigo. History repeats itself as another water bottle brand has popped up out of nowhere.

The Stanley Cup. What was truly interesting about this cup was just how quickly this item went out of stock. This was the number one Christmas gift of the 2022 season when, after a restock, the cup sold out in just under five hours. The Stanley Cup phenomenon is merely one example of how hungry Americans are for a good, solid water bottle. But why? What on earth is so good about these water bottles? Can't a regular Gatorade Gatorskin Squeeze Bottle do the job? Apparently, not. I think the reason people are so specific about their water bottles is because, to some extent, it may be seen as a small emotional support buddy. They follow you everywhere, keep you hydrated, hang with you in class, or give you something to do in an awkward situation.





Personally, I am an avid Stanley fan and completely recommend investing in one. It comes with a super cool handle and keeps me hydrated all day long! So, if you are thinking about investing in a durable water bottle to carry with you all day, I would 100 percent recommend getting one.

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THE SECRET IS IN THE STRATEGY

A two sided review of the strategic board game, Scythe



Will: When it comes to hands-on entertainment, video games shouldn't receive all the hype. Perhaps you should turn your attention to something more physical than a virtual world. Board games can be just as exciting, and in this article, we will cover one of my favorites (but not one of Jacob's): the strategy game Scythe.

Players interact with each other less than in most strategy games (e.g. Oath or Twilight Imperium). As in Catan, each player can focus on building up his own territory, but there is also room for sabotage, and certain "nexus points," as one might say, bring the players together. I enjoy the game because it progresses well; there is almost always something interesting or important happening.

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Jacob: Let's start out explaining how the game works. The objective of the game is complete and total annihilation of any and all opposing forces via bankruptcy or straight up war with one of five factions randomly assigned to you. Each faction has unique perks and abilities.

Will: No, it's not. The real goal of the game is to gain the most coins by placing stars, owning territories, and owning resources. Stars are the most important of these by far; whenever someone has placed all six stars, the game ends, and you collect coins in the ways listed above. Your popularity score is also critical; the higher your popularity, the more coins you get. You can place stars by completing all six upgrades, building all four mechs, building all four structures, and enlisting all four recruits (doing any of these requires a specific resource, which you can produce from a matching space on the board or trade for). Any upgrade, mech, structure, or recruit also provides more immediate benefits as well. You can also place stars by placing all eight of your workers, completing an objective, winning battles with other players, or reaching the end of the power or popularity tracker.

Jacob: Bro, that's so many words for such a simple concept: pick faction, upgrade faction, exploit the lower classes for resources, build up popularity and war points ... and win.

Will: Every game is more complicated than it seems at first.

Jacob: I've never seen anyone say that Snakes and Ladders is complicated.

Will: Snakes and Ladders has no strategy whatsoever. The best games are strategy games.

Jacob: Anyways, I digress. Let's get into how our game went.

Will: Ah yes. I was the Polania faction, and you were Saxony. I won 77-28.

Jacob: Anyway ... as Saxony, my unique perk was that with any battle I won, I earned a star, helping me reach the six stars necessary to win the game.

Will: Well, so can any other faction, but they can only place up to two stars from battles. You have no limit to that number.

Jacob: Waging constant war against you didn't help me in the long run, though and I was bored to death waiting for your hour-long turns to end.

Will: Yeah, yeah. Watch any Yahtzee game.

Jacob: I rate this game a solid 7.2 out of 10, completely based on the fact that I didn't win.

Will: I rate it 8.8910239879460134756564633856437838 6573 out of 10.

Jacob: Oddly specific but ok. An average score of about 8.04551199397 out of 10.

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CULTIVATING CREATIVITY ON CAMPUS



The Quarterly's pick for photo and poetry of the quarter.

SUPERMARKET FLOWERS

by sophomore Wimberley Hochart

A work of fiction written in Mrs. Wheeler's Creative Writing class

Dear Mom,

I know that you are gone but it feels like you have not left yet. All of the memories I have of you keep flooding my brain, and it seems that now, all I can remember are the good memories; the bad have vanished through the loss I feel for you. You have always been so kind and gentle, flooding every room you walk into with the light of Christ, forever encompassed in a cloud of joy and contentment. You took the little, overlooked joys in life and you turned them into colorful fireworks of excitement.

You always started off your days with the simplest of joys: you drank tea and read your Bible; setting a good example of Christ to our whole household. I do not think I know a single person who is not going to miss you because you loved everyone and made them feel special. You have always inspired me, especially towards the end of your life, because you went into the unknown depths of sickness and loss of strength without any fear and with a full heart. You always have chosen to dwell on the good, and you never brought anyone down for the bad they may have caused.

You have shown me and my siblings a great example of courage and love and we thrive now in life because of the way you taught us in and through Jesus. As we remember the good times we had, we strive to have the parenting skills you did. Through you, we became close to Jesus, and through Him we strive to parent our kids in a loving way that displays His greatness the way you did. You had the ability to take wildflowers and turn them into supermarket flowers. Now, as I empty the old flowers given to you, I remember the knack you had for pointing out the beautiful quirks in life.

SEA TURTLE

by sophomore Piper Pruitt

Artwork completed in Mrs. Lester's Art class

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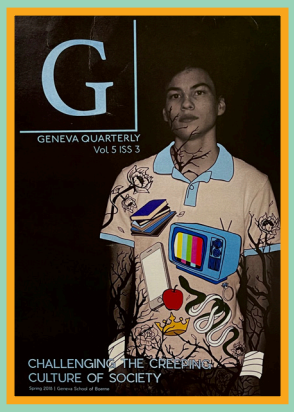
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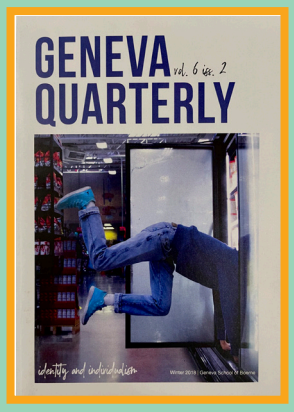
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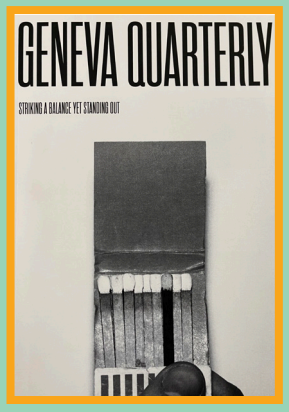
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Origins of Students' Unique Names

SOPRIS

Sopris Oglesby's parents lived in the Roaring Fork Valley, right outside of Aspen, Colorado. The mountain right outside her parents' window was named Mount Sopris and they thought it was beautiful, so they gave the same name to their daughter.

AMANI

No real reason, Amani Rhoad's parents just thought it sounded unique.

NAIYA

Naiya Swientek's parents were with her brother watching Sesame Street and there was a girl named Naiya. Her brother said, "Let's name her Naiya!" and her parents liked it, so they did.

GUY

Guy Kohler's parents simply opted for a unique name.



Let's Taco 'Bout It

Discover what your order from the popular Boerne breakfast spot, Mary's Tacos, says about you.

If your morning go-to is a...

Sean: You know what you like, regardless of whether people say you're "basic" or not. Deemed by students as "for the guys."

Silent Sean: Similar to the Sean lovers, but for those with a palette more sensitive to textures. Deemed by students as "For the Girls."

Bean and Cheese: You have some childlike tendencies and hate flavor.

Bacon, Egg and Cheese: You opt for a reliable, classic breakfast taco, tried and true.

The Bubba: You like to try things outside of the norm. You enjoy a hardy, starchy taco, that makes for a smooth transition into lunch time.

Tidbit From Volume 1

"That Should Be A Word" Coined by Summer Stolle (Class of 2016) in the first-ever volume of the Geneva Quarterly:

"Ubiquijacket" yo-BI-kwa-GA-ket:
When everyone at your school owns a letter jacket.



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