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SIX FEET OF SEPARATION

A YOUTH NEWSPAPER FOR BERNAL HEIGHTS AND BEYOND



THIS IS A WEIRD PUBLICATION.

It's a neighborhood newspaper with dispatches from all over the country and, well, Spain, all jumbled together.

- Inside you'll find games, reviews, fiction, advice, comics, art, schedules, recipes, essays, local reporting, editorials, a dog assessment and our first advertisement.
- As you read, please consider contributing to our next issue -- ideas can be found on the last page. In fact *definitely* contribute to our next issue. We insist. Unless you're a grown-up, in which case never mind.
- · Hi. Hope you're well.

Illustration by Hailin Gugelmann, age 9, Berkeley

A New Ramadan

By Shaafiyah Fatima, 13 Pleasanton, CA

Ramadan is a month where Muslims fast and pray. Every year the date of Ramadan goes back 11 days. Last year Ramadan started May 5 and ended June 3rd. This year Ramadan started April 23rd and will probably end by May 23rd.

My favorite part of Ramadan is Taraweeh. Taraweeh is a long prayer. I like Taraweeh because I like staying up late. We always start from (cont. p 2.)

Letters

Dear editor,

Greetings from Brooklyn, New York! I am a long-distance admirer of the paper, but I have one complaint: There's not enough history, and so much of it is relevant to today.* For example, did you know that George Washington, our first president, survived a lot of diseases? He had "the bloody flux," aka dysentery, many, many times. What's dysentery? A very bad case of diarrhea. Like, seriously, the absolute worst. But it didn't stop him. Even when he was really hurting, Washington still rode a horse—he just had to put a pillow

under his butt! And when Washington went to go see a doctor about it, he ended up meeting his future wife. Which is all to say that history has the absolute best stories, and I want to learn some from you, because you're such good writers and artists and poets!

With great admiration, Alexis Coe

*I'm biased. I'm a historian who most recently wrote a book on Washington.

Ramadan, continued.

(from p.1)

the first surah (chapter) of the Quran. On the last day of Ramadan, we reach the last surah of the Quran. So we recite the entire Quran over the whole month. April 23rd was the first Taraweeh of Ramadan and it lasted till 11:30 p.m. and I went to bed at 12:30 a.m. after spending time with my brothers. Because of Covid-19, my brothers are leading the Taraweeh in the home instead of leading it in the Mosque.

Every morning of Ramadan, I wake up at 3:45 a.m. to do suhoor. Suhoor is a meal we eat before dawn before fasting. After doing suhoor we pray the morning prayer which is at 5 a.m. Then we sleep as long as we like and wake up at our convenience. At sunset we break our fast by doing Iftar, a meal we eat when breaking the fast. In my family we usually eat fruits and dates in the Iftar. People now can't go to community Iftars because of Covid. Then we pray Taraweeh again in the night. Islam's holy sites: Mecca, Medina, and Al Aqsa Mosque are locked because of Covid and Muslims are now praying Taraweeh in their homes.

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The Catastrophe

By Enzo Steiger & Shay Buskirk, 9

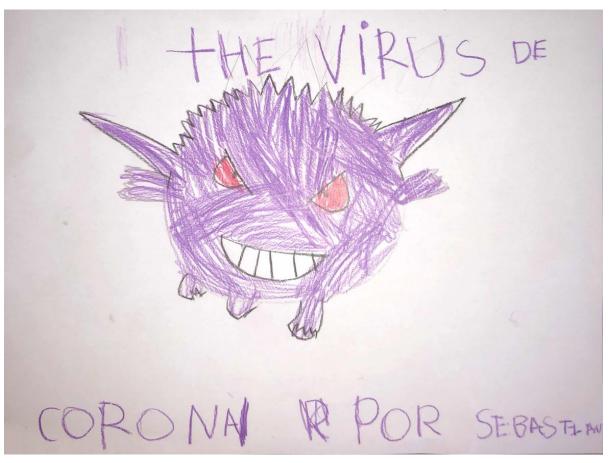
There once was a moving car, in the car there were a bunch of men cramped in the back of the car. One of the men reached for a bottle of Coke. He then accidentally pulled down the undershorts of one of the various men cramped with him. (It was very dark). Realizing his mistake, he remembered (too late) that the Coke™ was on the other side of him. He didn't know what angle the Coke™ was at, and didn't bother to check.

At this point in the story, reader, I must inform you that this choice was not a good one at all. Since he didn't know what angle this wonderful drink was at, he poured it all--all two liters--right up a different man's nose. This man yelled very, very loudly, and a very coincidental thing happened. The very coincidental happening was that the man yelled directly into a man's ears. The man who got "yelled at" screamed even

louder than the first man's yell. This got the attention of the driver (who, at the time was on the highway going 67.23975206486 MPH (80.68770229 KPH)). The driver, not knowing that he had a bunch of men in his Chevy Camaro, stopped. Completely. He went from 67.2397520186 MPH to 0.006 7 MPH in 34 zeptoseconds. (A zeptosecond is a billionth of a trillionth of a second. a.k.a. 0.000000000000001 seconds.)

The many cars behind the certain one we are talking about were not expecting this happening at all. Of course, the many cars behind this particular car couldn't stop as quickly as the car we are mainly talking about, *HONK* so they ran right into that car, and the one behind that ran into the car behind that one, etc.

I am sorry, but this is all the information I have for you about this catastrophe. Dear reader, I urge you to keep your eyes on the road at all times. Thank you.

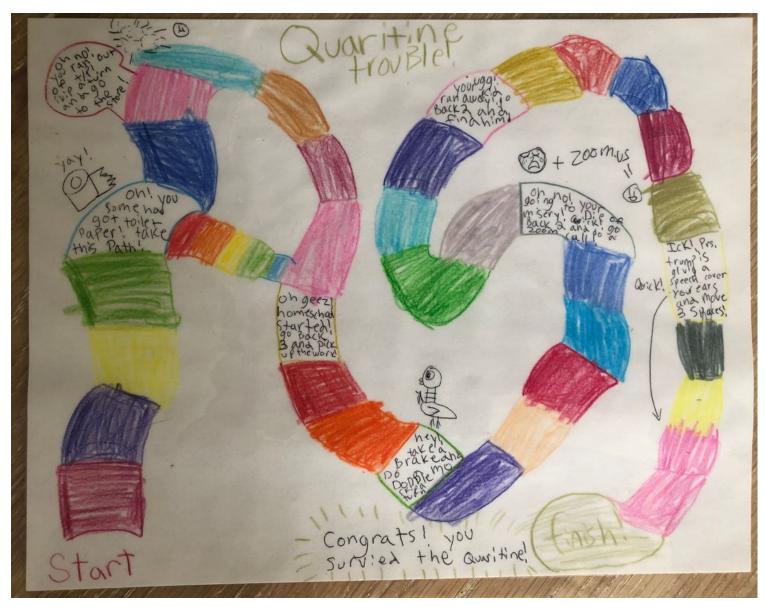


By Sebastian Burg, 5

Bored Games

Quarantine Trouble

By Everly Coleman, 10, Oceanport, NJ



Top Five Video Games to Do on Corona Break

William Rousos, 12, Baltimore

On **Call of Duty**, you can play endless games. The two main options are Teams and Battle Royal. Personally my favorite is Teams because you get to work together with your teammates. Even though it is a shooting game and some parents don't like shooting it has no blood and it's fun to play with friends.

Terraria is a fun game in which your player can battle bosses and get new armor and weapons. One of my personal faves is the meowmere in which the sword flings bouncy cat heads with rainbows behind them and each head does around 200-300 damage depending on the variations. Also, it is non-violent and lots of fun and has easy controls, and you get to create things.

Video Game Review, Cont.

(from p. 4)

Minecraft is a 3D game with two modes: Creative and Survival. You can make buildings, mines, play with friends, fly, play in sky wars etc. You can get the diamond sword and defeat the Ender Dragon. There are so many things to do.

Roblox is a 3D game with games inside of the game: obstacle games, battle games, survival games, building games etc. Some might be too violent for younger people. I recommend it for mature kids, 7-8 plus.

Marvel Contest of Champions is an PvP game where you battle other characters from the Marvel universe. You can collect characters and upgrade the to make them stronger. I recommend 7-8 plus.

DO NOT PLAY: **Fortnite Battle Royal**. If you play you will get addicted and rage, I have seen it happen.

ART CONTEST!

By: Anna Bennetsen, 11

The Rules:

- Make a drawing that is entirely original (no YouTube videos or internet copying!)
- Email a picture of it to the newspaper
 (bernalnewspaper@gmail.com), and I will decide the top 3
 which will be put in next issue of Six Feet of Separation

GOOD LUCK!

A Missing Part of Me

By Jade Green, 19, Gilbert, AZ

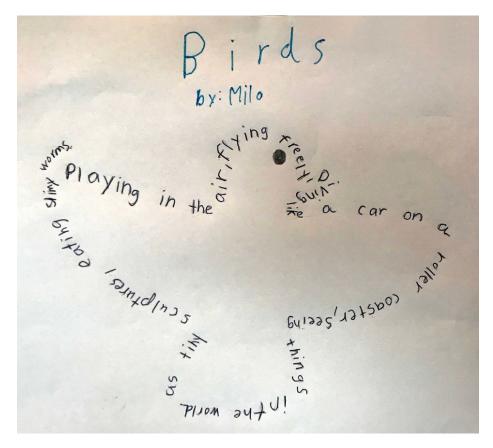
Being a high school senior has been tough through all of this. Before spring break my friends joked about school getting shut down. That is now unfortunately a reality for us — though senior year was already weird for me.

I initially quit high school back in the fall to work full time. After realizing how much getting my diploma would benefit me and how I wanted my mom to see me in my cap in gown, I came back to finish senior year in January.

I'm truly glad to have been able to experience my senior year as much as I did, but I know that closing down the school and cancelling senior prom and all the other activities I looked forward two in my years of schooling was for the best. It's funny how I wanted to get out of school so bad, and now if I could, I would go back in a heartbeat.

All the faces of my peers that I'll likely never see again, spending lunchtime with friends, messing with teachers in class all in good spirit, it's all gone. Taking it all in has been a process. I still fight back tears thinking about it. I'm gonna be in the real world soon with a missing part of me, a part that I waited to see for so long. Things will be better eventually, but I mourn the life and the world that we all lived in before.

Hope is what brings us all together for now. Though all those potential end-of-high-school memories have been destroyed, I will have a diploma and a piece of history that I lived through to be able to tell my kids someday. Till then, I will do my best to stay healthy to be able to tell my story and my experiences. Something bigger and better will happen, and I can't wait.



Milo Owenmark, 7, Glen Park

How to Have a Great Birthday Party in Quarantine

By Ayla Neiman, 10

It might feel like a real bummer to have to have your birthday in quarantine. But believe me it will be ok. Here are some tips and fun activities that I used for my tenth birthday.

ZOOM calls with your friends:

- Create a scavenger hunt of random items like a stuffie or a baby picture etc...Then put 5 minutes on a timer and wait for your friends to find these items. (You can also do this!)
- Ask your friends to write down a word that best describes you and then ask them to hold it up to the camera.
- Play the matching game. Here is how it works: first ask your friends a question. For example: go find something that makes you happy. Then they will go run around to find something that they think matches the question. (You can find this stuff too.)
- SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (It is so funny because no one sings in unison!)
- Organize a call for your family and...
- 1. Go around (in any order) and let your family give you advice or wishes for this new year in life.
- 2. Talk about anything YOU want. It is YOUR party after all.
- 3. SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY! And eat your yummy dessert.
 - 4. Share stories or anything you want.

Decorate your cake (or other dessert)
There are many ways to do this but
toppings are essential! We used sprinkles,
frosting, dried pieces of coconut, and one
jelly bean. This is my first unicorn cutout
cake! It does take some time but it is
REALLY worth it. (I did the frosting myself!
It was super fun!)

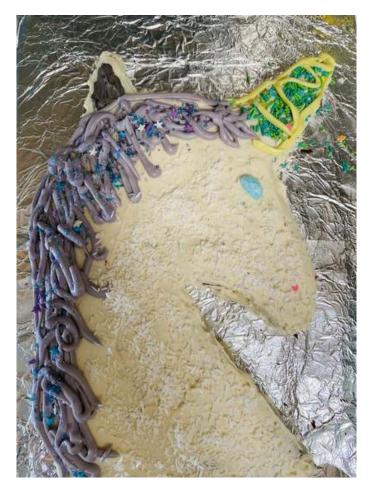




Illustration by Cora Colin, 11

Data Division

Bernal Hill traffic by the numbers

By Griffin Morgan, 14

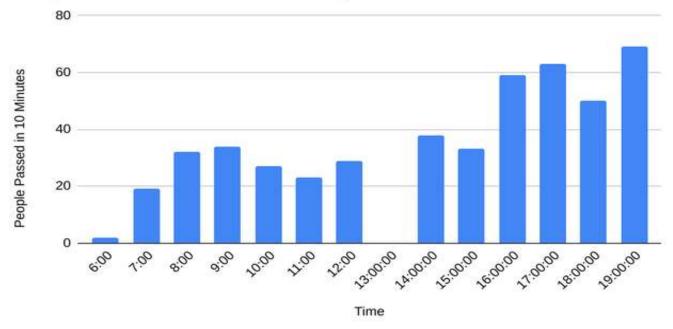
Over the past few weeks, due to the coronavirus, there has been an increase of people on the hill throughout the day. I noticed this, and decided to document how many people were up there at each time of the day so people knew when it was busiest and quietest, and could plan their walks better.

Originally, I just took photos of the hill from my street, since I didn't have the time to go up the hill every hour due to my classes. That didn't work very well, though. I only saw one person up there the whole time! So I made a new plan. I was actually going to get my data from going up the hill. However, like I said, I couldn't go up every hour. So I asked some kids on my street for help.

Each hour, somebody went up the hill. I managed to get up there three times, but the rest were other people. Each time, the person who went up sat at a specific point on the hill and counted the people passing for ten minutes.

Here is the data we got (nobody went up at 1:00):

People on the Hill vs. Time of Day



The number of people goes up throughout the day. A lot of people are probably doing a majority of their work in the morning and going on afternoon walks.

The times with the very most are all after 3:00. I'm guessing this is when everyone is completely done with their work/school day, and are going up. At least, I know that's the case for me.

The quietest times are early in the morning, Which is what I expected. Very few people want to get up at 5:30 to go for walks. We like to sleep in. If you have no school and want to go for a walk, I suggest going in the morning, as there

will be less people. That will also balance out the afternoon.

The hill is great, any time of day. It's no wonder so many people are going up there so much. It's one of the only things we can still do! Hopefully this information will help you better plan your excursions so that you can socially distance yourself from others as much as possible. Who knows? Maybe me sharing this data will change it! Either way, just make sure to find some time to get outside. It's not easy to be cooped up all day. Enjoy your walks!

Editorial Page

Walking Well

By Delilah Kaden, 14

Before Shelter in Place began, I (like most other teenagers) didn't spend a lot of my time walking because I wanted to. All of a sudden, I didn't have the trip home from school everyday to get outside and see the sunshine. Now I spend the time I do spend outside walking just to be outside instead of just to get from point A to point B. A few days ago when I was walking around Bernal Heights I realized now that we are supposed to be inside as much as possible I had explored more of our neighborhood than ever before. I thought this was interesting, so I reached out to some of my friends to see if they had similar experiences. Many of them said that they too had begun walking for fun much more.

In addition to this I know that many people (including myself) have noticed an increase of people on Bernal Hill. Griffin Morgan (with the help of friends and family) even conducted a study (p. 8) to see how many people were on Bernal Hill throughout the day. At 7 p.m. we were all shocked when I counted nearly 70 people passing by me in ten minutes. The full study and an accompanying analysis have also been published in this issue. I have lived here for fourteen years and I cannot recall ever seeing so many people on the hill.

I thought it was interesting that in a time when we are supposed to stay indoors, in some places there are more people than ever. This is yet another reason it is crucial that we all wear masks when we go outdoors and do our best to avoid crowded places. We all need to do our part to keep our community and loved ones safe, even if we don't fear this virus for ourselves.

A Lesson from Ted By Joey Fay, 10, Wayland, MA

This is the longest rain delay ever.

I love baseball, but I hate rain delays. Imagine looking forward to a game all day only to have the clouds open up forcing the game to be cancelled. Disappointing, right? Now, imagine your entire season is cancelled...and the sun is out?

Hundreds of thousands of baseball players like me want to be out on the field with their friends and playing the game they love. The calendar says it's baseball season, the weather says it's baseball season, but empty fields say otherwise. This stinks. But what if I told you, one of the greatest baseball players of all time missed FIVE YEARS of baseball during the prime of his career?

Ted Williams is widely considered the greatest hitter of all-time. He played 17 years for the Boston Red Sox during his Hall of Fame career, but he could have played longer. Williams missed five seasons because he served as a fighter pilot in the Marines during World War II and the Korean War.

Why did he do this? Williams understood that what he was doing was more important than baseball, just like how this Coronavirus is more important than baseball.

If Williams didn't have to miss that time, there is a good chance that he could have broken Hank Aaron's home run record (755 home runs) but instead he ended up with 521 home runs, which is still amazing.

Here's my advice, the next time you complain to your parents or anyone else about not being able to play baseball or play with your friends, think about what Ted had to miss: Five years of baseball. His sacrifice was for our country and for people he didn't even know. The same is asked of us.



By Tobias Watters, 13, Mission District

Everyday LifeBy Elvie Slattery, 8

Everyday Life is an ongoing tunnel, Never resting, Barely changing.

We wish it would change but when change comes,

It's unstoppable,

Ending the old days as we know them.

The change ripples the tunnel,
Turning it inside out
And shaking it over into something
completely new and different Light or dark,
Good or bad

Whether we like it - Or not...

Dispatches from Spain

Really! Spain!

A Dog's Perspective on Ouarantine

By Maya Ament, 9, Madrid

Dear Diary which I will shred up after writing this,

I don't remember when, well I think three weeks ago, or two?

Anyway, recently everyone started to be at home more. I found it weird at first but then I realized that it meant more cuddles and playtime and laying on a human's laps!

Ever since, my days have been pretty much like this:

When I wake up, I start barking. Then someone yawns and comes and gets my leash. But there are no more dogs outside and my humans look free when they take me out as if they are 'stuck at home all day and cannot go outside.'

Lately, it's felt more like I'm the one taking them out.

Anyway, after my walk I go and eat like I always did but all the humans are there instead of going to their walks.

Next, I take my first morning nap, then my second, all the way till the seventh. (Snore)

Wow, I never thought writing in my humans notebook would be so easy!

Love, your hungry and tired friend who really wants a nap, Omari.

P.S. Do not tell my human that I stole her notebook.

The Lonesome Shoe

By Vega Ament, 13, Madrid

It had been days, Possibly weeks, Since the shoe had touched The earthy ground Of the outdoors. Believe me when I say That weeks are quite some For a shoe To be left at the back of The closet.

When the shoe would be worn, Its ragged and used soles Would run all around The streets of Madrid. From the dirt paths in El Retiro Park. To the homey garden Of Abuelo's house. The shoe had been Everywhere. But now. In the depths of the closet, Behind a pair of formal boots, To go running on the trails And a lost soccer jersey, The shoe dearly missed

Oh, how the shoe envied These house slippers. They were able to Run through the hallways, Stroll throughout the kitchen, And be left gently At the foot of the bed Before nighttime.

Nevertheless, At the back of the closet, The shoe dreamed of All the streets, roads, and paths It would be able to walk on When its laces Would be tied once more. The shoe looked forward to Running across the Plaza Mayor, And stepping inside the restaurantes That bordered this square. The shoe couldn't wait Of the Casa de Campo park, Or tiptoe through the floors The streets it used to explore. Of El Prado museum.

It was clear, That the shoe's Biggest competition these days Were the comfortable slippers That wandered through The floors of the house.

Yet. The shoe would wait Very patiently, At the back that crowded closet. Until it could be taken out and worn. On the streets of Madrid.

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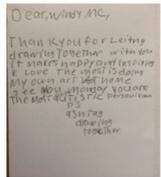


















....but a really cool one by kids for kids.

































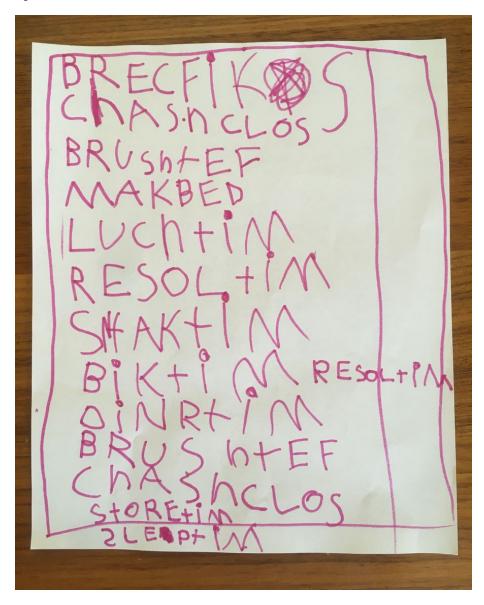


These 37 ads – our first in Six Feet of Separation! – were brought to you by 37 kids all over the world who think other kids might want to check out the #DrawTogether with WendyMac drawing classes. Congratulations to the featured illustrators!

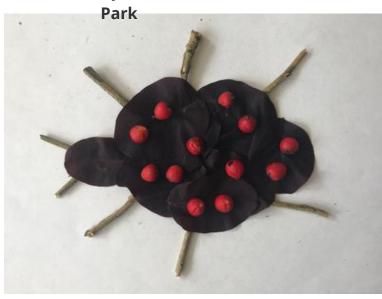
Everything is better when we #DrawTogether.

New Schedule

By Nico Green, 5



Ladybug
By Linnea Owenmark, 12, Glen



Ask A 17-Year-Old

An Informal Advice Column By Hannah W. Duane

Dear Hannah,

Ever since school shut down, I haven't felt motivated to do my work. I don't want to get bad grades, and my parents REALLY don't want me to get bad grades, but everything feels pointless right now, and I've ended up missing a couple of deadlines. I don't know what to do. I used to LIKE school! Do you have any advice for me?

Sincerely, Unmotivated But Otherwise Fine

Dear Unmotivated But Otherwise Fine,

I'm glad you're still making an effort in school, it's really hard right now! We all need to remember how much of a mental strain being freaked out all the time is, and that just is going to make focusing harder. In order to find it within yourself to focus on school again, you need to acknowledge that. I, too, am struggling to keep my assignments organized and find the energy to sit down at my desk again. It is all too easy to give up from the comfort of your room. My main advice is to think about why school is important. The outside pressure has faded a bit, right now is an opportunity to find within yourself the motivation for school. And once it feels like your choice, like something you want

to do, it's going to be so much easier. Remember, there's a reason your parents want you to get good grades! If you spend all of this time not trying to learn anything new, it's going to be way more difficult when you go back. And learning is a way to find small accomplishments every day, to differentiate the days.

Think of school like an opportunity to spend some time in a different headspace. We're all stuck a lot of the time in stress or lethargy mode, spend some time in learning mode! I'm not going to lie, that's really hard, but Unmotivated But Otherwise Fine, I believe in you. Reach out to your teachers if you can, zoom your friends while you do your work, make school feel like an escape from your home. And as someone who just finished the college application process, trust me, you'll thank yourself later.

Also, if you haven't made a schedule yet, or a least a to-do list, try it! I was so surprised by how well some sort of self-organization worked. You can do this!

All the best and keep on keeping on, Hannah W. Duane

P.S. If YOU, yes YOU have a question you would like answered, email me at **aska17yrold@gmail.com** to be featured in "Ask a 17 Year Old."

Cooking

Energy Balls

By Lilly Rose Butterfoss, 7

I love cooking with my Mom and Dad. You can learn a lot from cooking at home. Mommy taught me to flip your pancakes when you see them start to bubble. But don't pat them down when they're still wet. I did that once and Mommy yelled at me. Daddy told me to "keep an eye on the oven, you don't want to burn your food."

Since Covid-19, I can only cook with or for my family. It is good and bad. It is good because I can have a LOT of practice. The bad part is, I miss my friends.

Here are some things I have tried so far: I love making mac and cheese and scrambled eggs. Last night, I made pizza. We got a free kit for kids from Pizza Express on Cortland Avenue. It was so FUN! This morning, I made me and my dad egg sandwiches with avocado. I thought it was going to be a bit gross, but...IT WAS SO GOOD!

Most of all, I love cooking meals myself and my way. One example is when I used food color to make my pancakes rainbow. While I was making these, I had a thought: Can I pour batter into cookie cutters? But they were too hard to flip. Next time, I will make circle pancakes and then use cookie cutters to do different shapes.

One time before Coronavirus, I went to a bookstore and bought a cookbook. It read ENERGY BALLS. I didn't make any until we were stuck at home and looking for something to do. Before we did not have time. But now we do!

The other day, an idea crawled up my head: BANG! A restaurant owned by me. Me! LILLY ROSE BUTTERFOSS!!! I want to do it now but the possibilities are zero. I really want it to be a public restaurant one day. After Covid-19, I will have a snack bar in my garage for my neighborhood, family and friends. It will be a snack bar programmed by kids. All the food will be entirely homemade! I'm going to use this time at home to keep practicing until I have enough skills for my snack bar. I hope you come and stop by after Coronavirus ends!

- 1. Put two bananas, dates, almond meal, peanut butter, cocoa nibs, protein powder and almond flour in a food processor.
- 2. Blend ingredients.
- 3. Add more and more almond flour until it feels like Play-Doh. 4. Roll into balls.
- 5. Roll the balls over some cocoa nibs on a plate.
- 6. Freeze for two hours.
- 7. Enjoy!

Lemon Tarts

By Eliza Luszcz, 9

Ingredients

- 1 stick of butter (softened)
- 1 1/4 cup of sugar
- 1 cup of flour
- I cap of float

- 2 eggs

- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- Optional grated or minced lemon zest
- Optional confessional sugar

(cont.)

Cooking

Quick and Easy Lunches You Can Make Without Your Parents

By Anna Rousos, 14, Baltimore

Peanut Butter and Banana Sandwich

Ingredients

- -bread
- -banana
- -peanut butter
- -honey
- 1. Toast the bread (1 or 2 slices).
- 2. Spread the peanut butter onto the bread (once it is done toasting).
- 3. Wash the banana.
- 4. You might want help with this part. Get a knife (a butter knife works fine) to cut the banana.
- 5. Place the banana slices on the peanut butter toast.
- 6. To make it even better, you can add a little drizzle of honey, and enjoy!

Sandwich

Ingredients

- -bread
- -sandwich meat (chicken, turkey, tofu ...)
- -cheese
- -mayonnaise
- -lettuce

- 1. Get 1-2 slices of bread, and toast it.
- 2. When the bread is done, spread mayonnaise on it, using a butter knife.
- 3. Add 3-4 pieces of lettuce onto the bread, and mayonnaise.
- 4. Add 1-2 slices of cheese.
- 5. Add 1-2 slices of the sandwich meat of your choice.
- 6. Put it all together, and enjoy.

Yogurt Parfait

Ingredients

- -Yogurt (plain preferred)
- -Berries
- -granola
- -nuts (if desired)
- -honey or maple syrup
- 1. Put yogurt in a bowl.
- 2. Wash the berries, and put on top of the yogurt.
- 3. Sprinkle with granola and nuts.
- 4. Drizzle with honey or maple syrup.
- 5. Mix, and enjoy!

Lemon Tarts, cont.

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees fahrenheit. Put cupcake wrappers in a cupcake tray.
- 2. Use an electric mixer to cream the butter with a ¼ cup of sugar. Stir in the cup of flour. The mixture should be quite dry, press into cupcake wrappers and bake for 15 minutes. No more, no less. Remove from the oven and cool slightly.
- 3. Beat together eggs, lemon juice, baking soda, remaining sugar and flour, and if desired lemon zest. Pour over the crust and bake until firm on the edges but still a little soft in the middle, another 10 min. Cool then if wanted sprinkle confectioners sugar over top. Store it in the refrigerator for up to a day or two.
- 4. Enjoy!!!

Cooking

Funnel Cake

By Frances Oakes, 12

Self quarantine is boring, there are plenty of things you can do indoors such as cooking. A couple days ago I made funnel cakes, although cooking may be a lot of work, this one is fun and doesn't take too much. I did this without an adult but i suggest having one near you because if you get any other liquid into the hot oil the oil will explode and spray everywhere, this did happen to me during the process of making funnel cake. When all of my funnel cakes were done I poured some chocolate syrup on it and sprinkled cinnamon over that.

Ingredients

- canola/vegetable oil (for frying)
- · 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 and ½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon of pure vanilla extract

- 1 and ½ cups of milk
- ¼ cups of granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs

Before you get started, get a big pot and fill it halfway with canola or vegetable oil. Heat your stove to medium temperature and let it heat up while you make the mixture.

Mix wet ingredients -- vanilla extract, milk, granulated sugar, eggs -- in a mixing bowl.

Set your wet ingredients aside and in a separate bowl mix dry ingredients: flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt, baking powder.

Add your wet and dry ingredients together.

Drop a ¼ cup into the oil. Once it is golden you can use tongs or a spatula to flip it. I suggest tongs. Once both sides have been fried take it out of the oil. Each side takes one to two minutes.



How to Make a Bow

By Lyla & Lander Shaver, 10

Are you bored at home? If so, make a bow. We know that it is hard to go to a hardware store right now, but DON'T WORRY, this bow is made only of common materials. We're also going to teach you guys how to make arrows for the bow and soon you'll be creating your own arrows!

Materials

• 12 craft sticks

- Pencils and a ruler
- 3 corks (or something like a cork)
- A rubber band
- Hot glue gun + extra glue sticks
- 2 twist ties
- STEP 1: Using a ruler and a pencil, mark the middle of each craft stick.
- STEP 2: Glue two craft sticks together at a 120 degree angle.
- STEP 3 : Glue another craft stick to the second craft stick again at a 120 degree angle as shown. You should see a 2D bow shape.
- STEP 4: Connect the middle of craft stick 1 and craft stick 2 with another stick, glue that in place.
- STEP 5: Repeat step 4, but with craft sticks 2 and 3.
- STEP 6: Glue another craft stick in the middle of the 2 that you just glued on, as shown in the picture.
- STEP 7: Repeat steps 2-6 to make another bow shape.
- STEP 8 : Cut 3 corks in half, you should have 6 smaller corks. Then take 5 of the smaller corks and glue them in between the 2 craft stick bow shapes at the ends, corners and middle.
- STEP 9: Use the twist ties to tie the rubber band on the corks to make a bow string.

After you have finished your bow, you will figure out that it can shoot up to 40ft!!! Well, only if you shoot with a good arrow. See below for 4 different types of arrows. Make sure that there is weight on the tip, if not then it won't fly straight!











Lego in Place

By Emelia, 7

I've been doing Lego a lot more because I'm at home all the time. I ran out of Lego sets to build so I had to scramble up the sets to make new creations. My other work is making magic wands from sticks I found in Holly Park. It didn't work the first time but I'm still trying.

I kinda like [shelter in place] because I get to spend more time with my family but I'm sad I can't see my friends except on the computer. Doing school at home is stressful because I'm at home and I can do whatever I want usually and now I can't.



Picnic Radio
A self driving car that takes you to your picnic
Has shading leaves to keep your food cold
Has radio and cat head attachment



Brittany
Solar powered tiny vehicle
Spinning bicycle wheel engine with lots of speed
First time passengers will get motion sickness 100%



Sally
Honey bee theme vehicle who is a great listener
Very passionate and can sting when annoyed
Can fly but sometimes her pillar comes off



Kevin
Talks like a teen and is full of himself
Has nice flora and is all green
Flies like a jet plane but will buck people off when landing





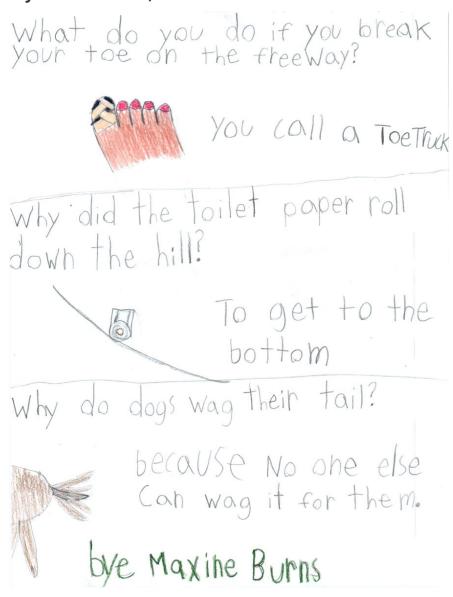


Nova & House

Nova builds all the vehicles and built her house. House is a treehouse way up high hidden with ginormous flowers. Nova has 3 turtles,1 bunny, 1 cat, 1 porcupine and a bug that annoys her. She reads Harry Potter.

Jokes

By Maxine Burns, 10



Tiger vs. Lion

By Alexander Goldstone, 7

Tiger Lion Size: 9ft Size: 11ft Weight: 6001bs Weight: 4301bs Speed: 35mph Speed: 50mph Diet: Gazelle Diet: Zebra Pros: Night Vision Pros: Strength Cons: None Cons: Stiff Predator: Cobra Predator: Humans

As the lion carefully stalks the gazelle he hears a rustling in the bushes. Then he sees an orange and black striped face appear from the underbrush; it's a tiger! Suddenly the tiger launched his muscular body at the gazelle! The lion got very mad and sprang himself at the tiger. Out of all of this commotion the gazelle sprinted away into the distance. That made both animals even madder. Immediately they sprung into full battle mode. As the lion cuffed the tiger on the ear, the tiger clawed the lion's stomach, the lion slowly went limp, as blood trickled from the wound. The tiger got up and carried the lion's body back to his den.

CRITICISM

Review: My Dog

By Baz Sandler, Age 4, Berkeley

Jack gets five stars out of four.
Maizie gets between five and six,
depending. They're my brother and
sister, so it makes sense that I'd rate
them highly, right? Mom and Dad tell
me that they're related to me not by
blood, but by love, whatever that
means.

They're both black with brown eyes, which I think is awesome. Yesterday Maizie took an apple right out of my hand. That's what gave her the extra star for the day. Usually I can't decide who I like better. Both like curling up with me. Both lick peanut butter off my fingers. The only thing I disagree with them about is baths, and they're wrong.

Both have taught me that love is a million stars out of five. Hands down.

Review: Easter

By Jed Cushing, 5, Ingleside

Church on the TV was long. I think it was...good enough!

I like making colorful Easter eggs. The eggs were gold, yellow, pink, and turquoise. My brother Luke was helping Dada put the eggs in colored water. When Lukie smashed the egg, he ran away or something. I felt mad!

I put some stickers on the eggs once we had the eggs dry. Easter stickers.

Luke and I found some other eggs in the family room, and found some coins. Mama and Dada did a pretty good job hiding the eggs in the family room.

For dinner, we had some cauliflower, sweet potatoes, and ham. My favorite was the ham. I didn't like the cauliflower because it's too spicy. The sweet potatoes are good. Then we had cookies and they were soft. If I had to give the dinner a grade, I would give it a C!

Next year, we could have some more party Easter eggs.

Review: Akeelah and the Bee

By Jonah Goldstone, 10

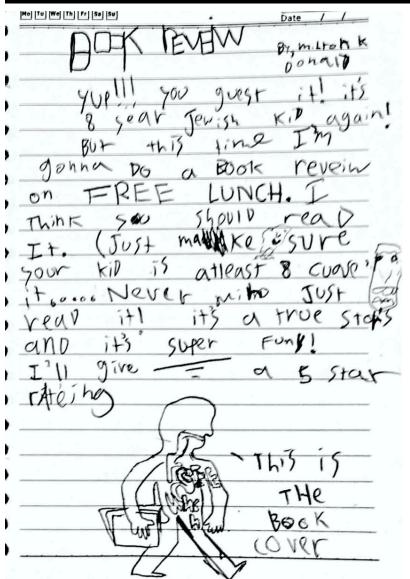
It is really boring, being stuck inside all day. Even though my schoolwork keeps me busy, I still don't have something to do when I'm not working. One day, my mom decided to have movie night. Me and my brother wanted to watch Harry Potter, but my parents didn't. We ended up watching a movie called Akeelah and the Bee.

At first I wanted to watch anything but that, but my mom convinced me to at least watch the trailer. The movie was

about an 11-year-old kid named Akeelah Anderson who knew how to spell more words than her principal. When a first place spelling bee champion asked her to join the district spelling bee she said no. She was afraid that kids would tease her because of her skin color. She got better until she got to the biggest spelling bee in the whole USA.

This movie really inspired me because whenever I feel bored I ask my parents to give me a word and I try to spell it. I think that more people should know about Akeelah and the Bee.

CRITICISM



By Milton Donald, 8

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Literary Things

Book teaser: Daughter of the Sea

By Rosa Luszcz, 11

On the island Talialh, favorite of mother earth. There lives a princess. Posidea was her name. Some said she was the daughter of the sea. She is planning her big 15th birthday, her Arusha. Suddenly, she and her family are captured by her enemy, and as it turns out, her parents' enemy too. Her grandpa though, Du Layn, knows something, and got out before he was captured. What is he hiding? Posidea wakes up to realize she was in the dungeon with her parents. She then finds herself talking to old friends, disguising as a commoner, being found out by the enemy, making a team, learning secrets, performing old magic, and restoring everything to their natural way of life.

Daughter Of The Sea is a mystery filled, magical, story that empowers girls.

About the author: Rosa Luszcz loves creating magical worlds, and sometimes turns her daydreams into books. Rosa lives with her parents, sister, two cats, and frog. She loves all animals, and would like to have many of them as pets. Especially the exotic ones. Growing up, she has been pretty athletic, doing gymnastics, soccer, and ice skating. She also plays piano, violin, and sings.

Book available by June 2020

About the Gooey Hole: A Legend

By Stella Pearl Hayden, 5, the Richmond

The Gooey Hole is gooey. And it's very cold and watery—watery for mermaids, like Phoebe, who is the lullaby singer at the Desert Hotel, and cold for snowmen like Olaf (everybody knows Olaf). So they can live there together. And when someone tries to go down there, they will get stuck. And it will be gooey. The Gooey Hole has lots of walls with spooky shadows. That means it used to be—and still is!—a pirate's cave.

But one day, a child got kidnapped by the evil PumpkinHead and put down there and her brother was lost up on top with PumpkinHead. Inky, an octopus with 8 arms, pulled the child, Chrysta, out! And then she could go back to her family with her little brother. And then PumpkinHead was in jail and she can never get out for her evil deed of kidnapping children.

Woof

By Kayne Belul, 19

Somewhere outside, a dog is barking,

And I think about All the dogs that used to bark at me On my way to school, And also walking home.

They still go out (I imagine), But they've lost that one diversion: Barking at me.

It's too bad.

I always thought about barking back, But I never did, And now it's just a bit late for that.

Can you imagine
Me walking to school
Just to bark at the dogs
Along the way?

My Fan Fiction of Wings of Fire — Part Two

By Aftyn Starzan, 10

"WHAT?!?!?! I- SHE PUSHED IT OFF!!!" Island yelled pointing at Kinkajou who seemed really guilty that she killed her egg and looking to the side like she did not know what was happening.

"WHAT ARE YOU GONNA TELL GECKO!??!
YEA GECKO MY MATE!!! WHAT'S HE GONNA
DO COME WITH ME!?!? WHAT ARE YOU
GONNA TELL HIM. That I died?" She yelled
and then whispered, "what are you going to
tell him?"

"Don't worry, Island, I'll tell him that you are fine and you went off to the ice kingdom and you will be there for a while."

Wow. That was so long ago does Gecko even remember me? Island wondered. Island went to the mouth of the cave and gazed off into the waterfall. Island lived near a waterfall with plants and flowers decorated around it.

Crick crack crrrk the egg was hatching! "OH MOONS!!!!" Island said "MY EGG IS FINALLY HATCHING!!!!!!!!!"

She picked up her egg and raised it into the sun. A tiny snout cracked out of the egg and Island practically squealed. Now the huge cute eyes and now the full head. The little Rainwing shook off the shell on top of her head. Island put the egg back into its nest and the little dragonet climbed out of her egg looking around curiously.

"Hi my little sunshine." Island said.

"EEEEE," she responded. The ground shook fiercely almost knocking Island off her feet.

"WHOA!" Island shouted "WHAT WAS THAT!?!?!?"

"ISLAD POW PELW GEERLY," the little rainwing babbled.

"What are you trying to say?" Island asked. "Islad dow del gory."

"Island dow del gory." Island echoed "Island dow gow go- OH! Island go tell Glory!"

"Wait Glory? How do you know about Queen Glory!?"

The dragonet sat down triumphantly and closed her eyes.

Island laughed, "I need to name you something so I don't have to to keep calling you Little One or my sunshine."

The little Rainwing cooed, "Hmmm maybe-"

That's when Island noticed the little Rainwing had straight horns and tiny silver spots under her wing membrane and on top of her wing membrane, she noticed that there were also the same spots on the end of her tail.

"Wow you are very unique!" Island said. "I think I'm gonna name you- well you look a little like a Nightwing so maybe Moonbeam?"

TO BE CONTINUED IN ISSUE #4

How to Stay Safe from Coronavirus By Cecil Godfrey, 7

1: wash your hands!!

2: stay in side if you can.

3: play video games!!!!

Dep't of Useful Information

Night Sights and What Your Dreams Mean

By Iris Nadler, 9, Twin Peaks

Here are some answers to common dreams. Did you dream about flying? Or falling? What does it mean when I dream about...

Flying?

You are happy and free. Life's going fine!

Falling?

You feel very nervous. Is a loved one ill?

Appearing Naked in Public?
You feel vulnerable.

Finding New Rooms at Home?

New opportunities are coming up. Are you having a shot at class president?

Getting Chased?

You're pushing away a chore or approaching a big deadline.

I read about this in a book. (I had so much time on my hands!) Did you figure out what last night's dream about finding a room made out of candy meant? If so, well, see above. Studies show that dreaming makes your smarter. Forgot to study for your math test? Sleep! There are different stages of sleep, and your dreams occur in the REM (rapid-eye-movement,) about 90 minutes after you go to bed. So, worried about what your dreams mean? Just read this!

How to Make a Skateboard

By Stieg Saugen, 6, Cole Valley

- 1. Plan your skateboard. How to plan your skateboard: well, you draw it on a piece of paper with crayons.
- 2. Make a mold--put curves on a piece of wood, that's your mold and then put glue on thin pieces of wood, put it in the mold, clamp and wait.
- 3. Remove it from the mold.
- 4. Order some grip tape, wheels and trucks. You can have the grip tape say your name if you want.
- 5. Take the wood out of the mold. Glue a template that looks like your plan onto the wood. Cut it out with a jigsaw then sand it and seal it.
- 6. Drill four holes in a square on each side for the trucks.
- 7. Get eight screws and the trucks, screw the trucks onto the skateboard, put on the wheels.
- 8. Put the grip tape on, it's like a sticker.
- 9. Get a screwdriver, scrape the grip tape on the edge, have your parent get a box cutter and trim it. If you're 10 or older you could maybe use a box cutter yourself.
- 10. Have fun playing on your skateboard, the end.

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By River, 9, Larkspur, CA

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By Poppy Allen, 10, Dogpatch

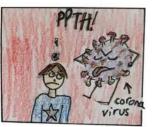




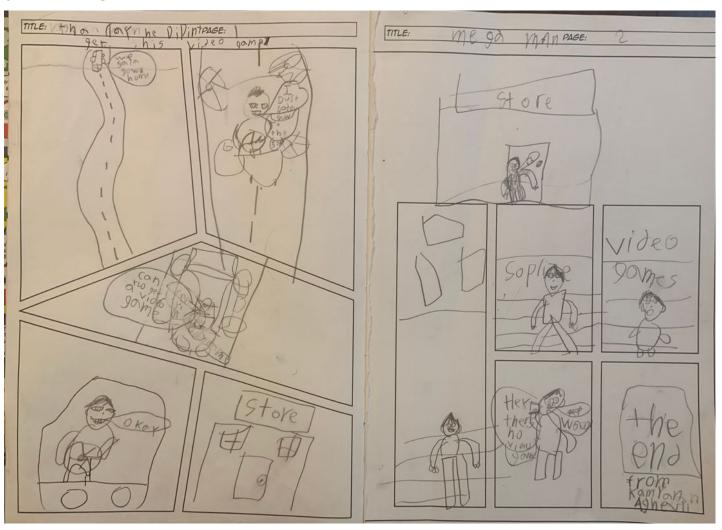








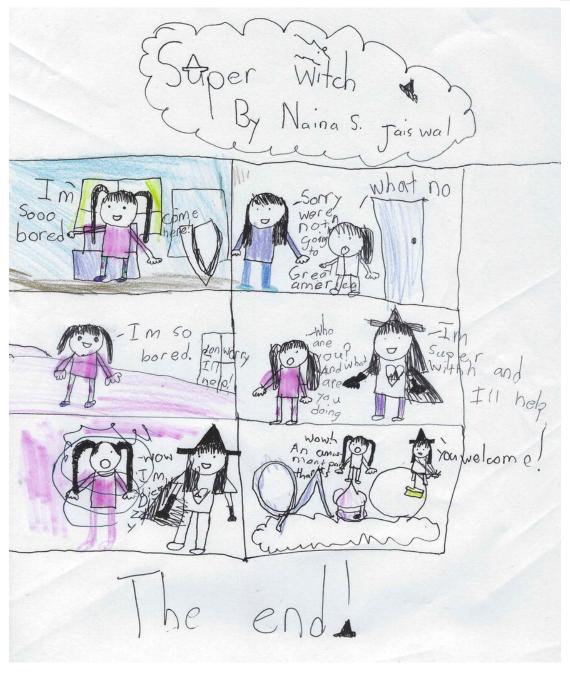
By Kamran Aghevli, 8



COMICS

By Maddy Moon, 9





By Naina Jaiswal, 7, Mountain View

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Come up with your own idea or try on one of these:

- One thing I've learned about my family since sheltering in place is...
- Who's the most interesting person you know? Interview them!
- Describe one thing you'd like to change about your household, and one thing you love about it.
- Describe one thing you'd like to change about the world, and one thing you love about it.
- Write a letter to your younger self. Or to your future self. Or to a kid your age in another country. Or to the coronavirus.
- Write a song about something new in your life.
- Imagine you're writing a movie about coronavirus. How does it end?
- My hardest days of shelter-in-place have been...
- Interview a parent about what they were like at your age. How are you similar, and different?
- What rituals does your family have? Describe one.
- Imagine you're an anthropologist, and the creature you're studying is YOU. What's this person's day like? What are they most interested in? What's unique about them?
- Any of you older writers have a boo? How has coronavirus affected your relationship?
- How have you changed since the coronavirus started?
- What do you miss about life before coronavirus? Is there anything you don't miss?
- What do you think your life will be like in a year?
- Write about the ways people are helping their community now.
- What else could we be doing to be helpful now?

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