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Trump's Indictment

By Emerson M.G.

Donald Trump's mugshot hit the internet last week and quickly went viral. Although many people have seen the shot, some may not know the context behind it. This is a quick update on what has been



going on with former President Donald Trump and what his mugshot and the indictments mean for history.

Trump was ordered to go to Ful-

ton County Jail on August 24th to take his mugshot and post bond for charges related to his attempt to overturn the 2020 election in Georgia, which he lost. This was a historic and unprecedented event in United States history, as Trump is the first president to ever take a mugshot and be indicted. The last president to even be remanded to a jailhouse was in 1872, when President Ulysses S. Grant was taken to a local police station in Washington DC for speeding in his horse drawn carriage.

Although this is the fourth time Trump has faced criminal indictments in the past six months, this is the first time he has had to surrender, go to a jailhouse, and get his mugshot and fingerprints taken. Later, Trump was released from jail on a \$200,000 bond, meaning that if he hadn't been able to pay he would have been ordered to remain behind bars. In just the Georgia case alone, he has been charged with thirteen counts including racketeering,

criminal conspiracy, and filing false documents. With the numerous trials Trump will be facing in the coming months, he will have plenty more charges to answer to, which could end in possible jail time. Trial dates have been set for the indictments of the Georgia election fraud case (October 23, 2023), January 6th and the 2020 federal election case (March 4, 2024), the Manhattan criminal "hush money" case (March 25, 2024), and the Mar-a-Lago classified documents case (May 20, 2024). Despite these court dates and felony charges that loom over him, the Super Tuesday presidential primaries are on March 5, 2024.

Despite his many legal woes and his mugshot becoming a ubiquitous image all over the media, Trump continues to be the Republican front runner and has declared that he will carry on with his presidential bid. Next year will certainly be another historic year in American politics, which could result in a first-ever criminally indic-

Grauer Football Returns

By Adele F.

The Grauer football season is back! With three new Grauer students ready to play, the team took their skill to Los Angeles last week, where they played the Southland Christian Eagles for their season opener. Starting quarterback and Grauer student Gavin P. scored two running touchdowns and two 2-point conversions. While the team gave a tremendous

effort, the game unfortunately ended in a loss. After the game, when asked about the team's chemistry and possible future success, Gavin P. expressed, "The football team is great. We're throwing dimes, and we've got insane potential." Despite the outcome, the game was strongly supported by the Grauer Community, with many students and teachers showing their su-

pport. Since 2020, Grauer students have not shown much interest in football, making this year's team a remarkable shift in the Grauer sports community. Attending one of the future Friday night games is an excellent way for students to demonstrate school spirit and create lasting bonds with their peers. Here's to an electrifying football season ahead!



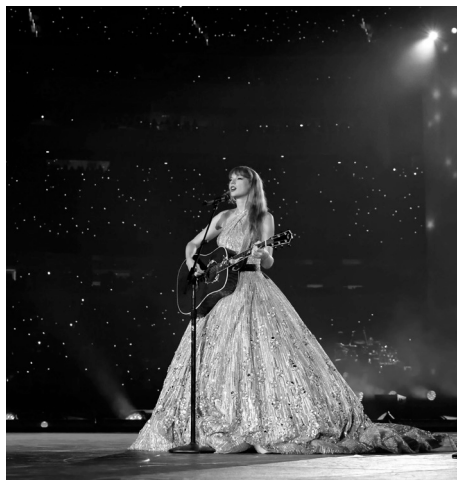
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The Blondes are Back

Op-Ed by Emerson M.G.

The surprise announcement of Taylor Swift's tour documentary has made Swifties ecstatic all around the world. The movie, filmed over two days of the last stop on her U.S. tour, is going to show Swift's whole three hour concert for those who weathe concert again. The release of this movie comes months after the record-breaking *Barbie*, which made 160 million dollars and was called the movie of the year. Although this movie was supposed to be the highest-selling movie of the year, Swift's film might be a close competition. Swift's movie is supposed to make 100 million dollars in the opening weekend. For a documentary, if this is accurate it would crush the previous record set by the Justin Bieber documentary, which made only 29 million dollars opening weekend.

Although Swift is going to bring enough money for a lifetime just from her movie alone, she is currently on the second leg of her tour, which is projected to make one billion dollars. The tour is predicted to have around 8.76 million attendees,



and on average each of these fans spends \$1,300 each on tickets, outfits, merch, and transportation. She is bringing in so much money that her own economic gains not only affect her, but also the cities she visits. When Taylor Swift visited Chicago, the all-time record was set for occupied hotel rooms in the city. When she visited Las Vegas, the influx of her fans led to the most tourism spending post-pandemic. Altogether, Swifties in the US generated around four billion dollars for the US economy. Even though Swift is making so much money no one can ever call her selfish. Recently, it was reported that the singer gave everyone working on the tour a bonus that totaled up to 55 million dollars. At every stop on her tour, Swift donates to local food and animal shelters. One thing is for certain: her impact will be seen for decades both in the economy and the charities and lives she has helped.

Lizzo's Harassment Lawsuit 2023

By Gabby C.

Melissa Vivianne Jefferson, better known as the singer/songwriter Lizzo, was recently accused of verbal and sexual harassment by two of her backup dancers. Lizzo is known for empowering women in their bodies and spreading body positivity, but according to the most recent news updates, she has done quite the opposite behind the scenes. The three women who have come forward as victims of sexual and verbal harassment by Lizzo are Noelle Rodriguez, Crystal Williams, and Arianna Davis. The lawsuit filed by these three women was confirmed on August 1st, 2023, at the Los Angeles County Superior Court. One of the women, Arianna Davis, mentioned that Lizzo body shamed her on multiple occasions about gaining weight. Davis made it clear to everyone that Lizzo was aware of her gaining weight due to anxiety and de-

pression, yet she still shamed and humiliated Davis on multiple occasions. Even after the victims gained the courage to speak out on their awful experience, Lizzo has yet to plead guilty. In a recent post, Lizzo said, "There is nothing I take more seriously



than the respect we deserve as women in the world. I know what it feels like to be body shamed on a daily basis and would absolutely never criticize or terminate an employee because of their weight." (Sanchez). The dancers mentioned that Lizzo's response to their sexual and verbal harassment claims have caused "more harm than good" (Sanchez). Lizzo has always been seen as the type of woman that society thought was needed for body positivity, but after these accusations, it is difficult for people to have hope for another type of influence to this level. All women are beautiful no matter where they come from, or what their appearance may be, which is a statement that all human beings should stay true to regardless of who delivers the message.

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Maui Fires

By Ezri R.

The deadliest national disaster in Hawaii's history began with a brush fire reported on August 8th, 2023, just after midnight. Within days, the town of Lahaina was reduced to ashes, with 115 people dead and more still missing. 2,300 buildings were destroyed in the fire's rampage, along with billions of dollars worth of infrastructure. There continue to be unknown variables on how the fire will influence Maui's environment, with its toxins possibly contaminating water and wildlife. Citizens of Maui are left with numerous environmental and housing issues, along with the internal struggles they face from the loss of such a precious historical community.

toppled power lines. The rising number of non-native grasses in Maui fueled the fires, allowing them to advance dangerously fast. The intersection between extreme weather and human activity marks this event as a compound disaster. This phenomenon is observed in wildfires across the globe as the climate change situation worsens. The height of the heatwave in Europe saw the breakout of multiple fires spanning the south side of the continent, and since March of this year, Canada has lost several towns and at least 16.5 million hectares of land to the blazes.

Maui will be slowly recovering from these wildfires over the next few

well, is staying away from Maui at this delicate time. Overtourism on the Hawaiian Islands led to depleted natural resources, inflated housing, and food prices that much of the native population can't afford. These resources, like water and shelter, need to be funneled towards those displaced or at risk from the fire, which can't happen with rampant tourism. Other argue that in an economy like Maui's, eighty percent of the island's money is earned from tourism, sometimes at the hazard of native communities who can't pay as much as these large hotel chains. There is an ever-widening financial gap between tourists and locals, and while the island urges people to allow



Federal investigators tentatively concluded that the cause of the fire was power lines downed by heavy winds. The utility company, Hawaiian Electric, has been sued multiple times in the past few weeks over not providing strong enough equipment and failing to disable the power when high wind warnings were advertised. They responded to the second accusation by saying that turning off the power would have done more harm than good to the emergency workers' access to water from the pumps. As more research is being done about the origin and aggravating factors of the fire, it appears that climate change has had a large role to play in the severity of this natural disaster. Indirectly, climate change has contributed to stronger hurricanes and winds that likely led to the

years, but that doesn't mean you can't assist with the heavy restoration projects. Donating is one of the easiest ways to help rebuilding efforts. Organizations like Hawaii Community Fund, Maui Humane Society, the Maui Food Bank, and Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund are reputable non-profits that target one specific endeavor or cover wildlife relief in general. Existing businesses up the West Coast have pledged to donate some profits to relief funds, and if any family members are interested, there are blood banks where you can donate specifically for those in need in Maui currently. The American Red Cross' website maintains an updated list of supplies needed and provides more recent information on the situation. One thing everyone can avoid, and encourage others to avoid as

it time to recover, many businesses plead the opposite. Tourist-centered organizations see an extreme drop in bookings, and won't be able to stay afloat for much longer with so many cancellations. Complex arguments on Hawaii's tourism situation have been going on for years and will continue long past the wildfires. The current joint consensus is to respect the space of the community and help from afar as much as possible.

This recent wildfire has devastated the environment and infrastructure on the island of Maui, and led to growing concern on the changing climate and the magnitude of future disasters.

AI's Use in Creative Writing: What Makes Writing Special?

Op-Ed by Gavin M.

Writing is something that has always been distinctly human. Using only words and compelling imagination, humans have told epic tales of heroes, villains, great cities, and everlasting love. Each time we read, we recognize and empathize with these human connections and feel drawn to and emotionally attached to stories. However, in the last year, AI's emergence has provided new complexities to this inherently human capability.

While at first it seemed AI could not replicate any creative writing seriously, it was reported that Meta had begun training its AI with work from some of the world's most talented writers. Despite already being sued by several authors, such as Christopher Golden and Richard Kadrey, it is difficult to pinpoint anything strictly illegal from this process. Current United States laws about intellectual property are severely under-equipped to handle a machine breaking down hundreds of lines of text and sentence structure to predict and replicate patterns.

AI's increasing involvement in creative writing has raised many questions, one of the most significant being if a ma-

chine can mirror an author's style, cadence, and sentence structure, can it have the same impact on an audience as the writer? The answer to this question is veiled behind another important one; what makes writing special?

Anyone can be a writer. However, great writers use the words available to everyone and string them together until they become a beautiful mosaic of language. In stories, readers connect to characters made from thousands of individual letters that, once together, become real, breathing people who live and experience the world around them. With each story, writers blend their lives and memories to craft tales that they are compelled to share with the world. So, the answer to whether a machine can replicate impactful literature, is in short, no.

AI will soon produce some excellent technical writing, but it will always be short of the most essential part of written communication: human connection. AI has no life experiences to build upon, share, or relive. It has no greater message or issue that it serves to fix through connection. Its ability starts and ends with a reflection of our in-

formation.

In these times, our reliance emphasis on the importance of writing must remain strong. Communication is our most ancient and genuine form of connection. Since human ancestors interacted with each other through cave paintings over 64,000 years ago, our human bond has been forged through writing. Therefore, if we choose to let AI define our ideas, emotions, and stories, this ancient bond will soon break. Writing allows us to think clearly and communicate effectively. It provides us with the chance to learn from our history. It gives us a place to make our ideas permanent. As Margaret Atwood once said, "A word after a word after a word is power."

Creative thought and writing are the beginning and end of our connection to each other. Therefore, we shouldn't waste it to pass a class, finish work, or speed up the time needed to get something done. AI is a tool, not a replacement for human connection.

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GOP Debate - Climate Change

By Ezri R.

August 23 marked the first GOP presidential debate for the 2024 election, and what many consider an unofficial start to election season. The two-hour-long debate spanned a variety of topics, from abortion to former President Donald Trump's indictment, and shined a light on some predicted front runners. Climate change received its own few minutes in the spotlight, and the candidates' deviating responses on the topic caught viewers' attention. The argument was addressed through cryptic comments from multiple

to the question of whether human behavior is causing climate change by saying, "...the reality is more people are dying of bad climate change policies than they are of actual climate change." The soundbite was taken approximately 40 minutes into the debate and followed Ramaswamy's claims that the climate change agenda is a hoax. This statement is false. It is posed as a fact when no verified data supports the argument. The National Center of Atmospheric Research has stated that no climate change-related policies have increased the

According to the annual report published by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) greenhouse gas emissions have declined 4.9% since 1996.

Nikki Haley, a former South Carolina governor, also weighed in on the climate change argument, as one of the few candidates acknowledging its existence. She claimed that we need to, "...take on the international world and say, okay, India and China, you've got to stop polluting. And that's when we'll start to deal with climate." Haley isn't stating a fact or saying anything false, but this excerpt is misleading. The former governor is expressing that the US does not need to act in the fight against climate change until other countries act. Based on that you might presume India and China were the countries with the highest CO2 emissions, when, in reality, the US is the second-highest polluting country, with 5.01 billion tons of CO2 emissions yearly. Following the US is China, with 11.47 billion tons a year, India is third, with 2.71 billion tons, and the US ranks higher than both countries when measuring CO2 emissions per capita. Urging other countries to take action on something this country should also be accomplishing comes off as hypocritical, even more so when you take into account that it is American money funding many of the factories in countries like India and China that create those emissions.

Many of the arguments in the first GOP debate have similar themes of either falsifying information or leaving out key details, which just emphasizes the criticality of corroborating your sources when dealing with politics.



candidates, and none managed to acknowledge the original question posed. The question came from Alexander Diaz from Young America's Foundation, who addressed all the candidates on how they would, "...calm their [young peoples] fears that the Republican Party doesn't care about climate change?" Many of the arguments made on the issue lacked evidence or contained misrepresented data. Through this article, in disproving and clarifying remarks posed in the debate, some clarity may hopefully be shed on the reality of the climate change crisis in the US.

Vivek Ramaswamy, an American businessman and entrepreneur, responded

risk of death, and there have been no recorded deaths correlated to these policies. It is unclear if Ramaswamy was referring to the decline in death by weather disasters since the 1900s, but that data is credited to our advancements in natural disaster warning and preventative systems in the 20th and 21st centuries. Nonetheless, the claim that more people are dying of bad climate change policies than they are of actual climate change is baseless and undermines the severity of the climate crisis.

Tim Scott, the junior senator from South Carolina, said, "America has cut our carbon footprint in half in the last 25 years." This statement is an exaggeration.

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New Teacher Spotlight: Sahina J.

By Sarai S.

This year, Grauer welcomes a new English teacher, Sahina J. Growing up in New York and commuting to Long Island for school, Sahina fell in love with the English language. As a first-generation daughter of parents who moved to the United States from Haiti, Sahina always knew she wanted to be a teacher, saying she was excited to offer kids the same stability she found through school and literature.

Sahina attended Dowling College, where she earned her Bachelor of the Arts in English. Following Dowling, she completed her graduate studies at Fordham University. She then went on to teach primarily at charter and private schools in New York City before moving to California. Though Sahina misses aspects of her city life, she is excited to bring her fast-paced work ethic to the Grauer community. When she is not teaching, Sahina enjoys spending time with

her cats (Louie and Boobie), reading, or bingeing a good TV show. Her current obsessions are *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jenette McCurdy and *The White Lotus*.

On campus, Sahina is continuing to explore the Grauer community "There is a lot more connecting with nature," she noticed, after stumbling across the treehouse for the first time. She has much more nature to come, as she will be accompanying high school students on their fall camping expedition to Cachuma Lake. Inspired by the Russian food in New York and her passion for learning history, Sahina hopes to one day be able to explore Russia (especially its unique architecture) with Grauer students. Sahina is perfect for a good show recommendation, restaurant review or book debrief, and can often be found working next to the garden, taking in all the California nature. Welcome to Grauer, Sahina!



New Teacher Spotlight: Paloma C.

By Sarai S.

Growing up in Los Angeles and attending a small college preparatory school, the new eighth-grade history teacher, Paloma, is the perfect fit for Grauer. Paloma attended the University of California Santa Cruz, where she earned her undergraduate degree in Feminist Studies, with a minor in History of Consciousness. After graduating, Paloma moved back to Los Angeles, where she taught ballet. During her time as a dance teacher, Paloma said she "really hit it off with the middle and high school age kids... and developed a mentor relationship with them," which led her to pursue a career in education.

Prior to teaching at Grauer, Paloma taught seventh and tenth grade at a public school in L.A., which lacked the personal connections fostered by a smaller school. When asked if she has been enjoying the smaller class sizes, Paloma

was quick to respond. "Yes, on the first day of school, I knew all of my students' names and something interesting about them... There is a lot more community building you can do [at Grauer]."

While talking about expeditions, Paloma shared how excited she would be to lead an expedition to Columbia one day. Paloma's family is from Columbia, and she often takes trips similar to what she imagines an expedition to be, nature-focused and authentic. She looks forward to hearing the many musical talents displayed during lunch concerts, cafe nights, and Grauerpalooza this year. Paloma has a bright and warm presence which is felt by both her students and anyone she passes on campus. Welcome to Grauer, Paloma!



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BLACKPINK

By Lily T.

On August 26, Blackpink finished their Born Pink tour at Dodgers Stadium, before flying back to Seoul for their finale show. At the stadium, tens of thousands of fans were dressed in shades of black and pink. Throughout the concert, the audience was lit up thanks to the lightsticks of the fans, making an ocean of pink around the stage. Thanks

ple across the world, as evidenced by the Born Pink tour itself- the members have played in thirty-eight locations over two years, traveling across Europe, Asia, Canada, and the United States. The over-the-top visuals, high fashion styling, intense choreography, and intense parasocial relationships between the idol and the fans give a clue as to

genres and concepts underneath the 'K-pop' umbrella also appeals to many. Songs by popular groups can span from disco, house, and R&B to pop punk, ballads, and synthpop. The different aesthetics under the label provide many different options for anyone interested in music.

However, the main reason for



to the striking choreography and charisma of members Lisa, Jennie, Rosé, and Jisoo, the concert was an energizing and hype-filled experience.

Another striking aspect of the concert was the diversity of those present- people from all different countries, ethnicities, and genders were gathered to see Blackpink members Lisa, Jennie, Rose, and Jisoo perform. Korean pop has become beloved by peo-

ple across the world, as evidenced by the Born Pink tour itself- the members have played in thirty-eight locations over two years, traveling across Europe, Asia, Canada, and the United States. The over-the-top visuals, high fashion styling, intense choreography, and intense parasocial relationships between the idol and the fans give a clue as to why kpop has become such a global phenomenon. "At first, it was just recommended to me by friends. Later, though, I truly fell in love with its catchy and melodious tunes. Then, I grew to admire the hard work and dedication of K-pop idols. I believe this is why many people believe the K-pop era will never come to an end," dancer Amber J. explains.

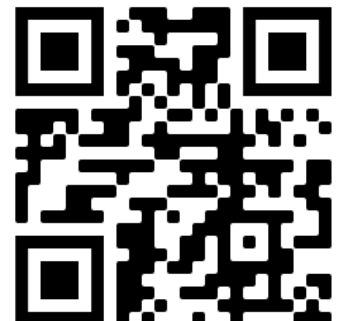
The many different musical

the success of K-pop groups may be deceptively simple. The universal language of music overcomes the cultural barrier, creating new experiences for fans all over the world. Blackpink's YouTube channel contains many vlogs from the members documenting their experiences on tour. If the cheers in multiple languages and the sea of adoring fans are any indication, K-pop's universal appeal is not going away anytime soon.

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Three Steps to De-Stress

By Sarai S.

Q: I'm really stressed about my classes this year and I have way more work than last year. I'm so overwhelmed I can't get anything done and I don't know what to do.

Most people seem to be more naturally anxious or relaxed. Being a naturally anxious person, college application season has been anything but fun. However, I have been able to find some ways to ease my stress and find a good work-life balance. Here are my three best tips for de-stressing.

Number one: cry it out. If I am having a particularly bad week, day, or hour, one of the best ways to move forward is to really let myself feel whatever I am feeling. The longer I try to ignore the loop of stressful thoughts, the more anxious I become. Instead, I let myself feel it. The best way to do this is to seek out your "container person." Find someone you can cry or complain to, and have them be the container for all your overflowing emotions. It is important to note, that this should be so-

meone you are comfortable supporting as well. After you have done this, it is highly likely that you'll realize whatever you were worked up about is probably not that deep. However, if tip number one doesn't work, I advise you to move on to tip number two.

Number two: Do something else. Disclaimer: This doesn't work if you have something you need to complete within twenty-four hours. So as a good rule of thumb, don't procrastinate. Now, assuming you haven't procrastinated, you should have more time than you think to write the essay, read the pages, or finish the worksheet. If you find yourself locked to your desk, thinking you shouldn't get up until you finish what you are working on, you have most likely passed the point of needing a break. In order to counter this, I find it helpful to actively decide that I am done working for the entire day. Telling myself that I have the rest of the day to do other activities, allows me to get up from my desk and take a break. Most of the time, after an hour of walking, talking to a friend,

or watching TV, I am ready to work again and will have forgotten all about the fact that I told myself I needed the whole day to reset.

Number three: Find a study buddy.. At school, almost everyone complains about stress and having too much schoolwork. This just proves that you aren't alone in feeling overwhelmed. Finding a study buddy will provide you with two things. One, you'll be able to keep track of everything that you have going on, because if you forget something they might have remembered, and vice versa. Two, you'll be more motivated to work if you can think of it as "hanging out." My best ways of doing this include going somewhere fun to work (such as a cafe), finding fun activities to do as breaks, and listening to music.

Combined, these three tips should allow for a much better work balance, and overall make school work feel like less of a task.

The Solo Sibling: The Younger Child's Perspective on College Separation

By Adele F.

Being the only child left behind when an older sibling goes off to college can be a challenging experience filled with a mixture of emotions. For the youngest sibling, facing the absence of their older brother or sister is undeniably one of the most daunting challenges life can throw at them. Siblings are more than just family members; they're companions, confidants, and lifelong friends. The emptiness of missing a beloved sibling, adjusting to changing family dynamics, dealing with boredom, and coping with feelings of inadequacy are all part of this transitional phase. However, it's essential to remember that this period also presents opportunities for personal growth and new experiences.

Imagine a household where siblings have grown up side by side, sharing

the rollercoaster of life's experiences. They had someone to share their triumphs and tribulations with, someone who understood them like no one else. From their earliest memories of playing together in the backyard to navigating the treacherous waters of becoming teenagers, these shared experiences weave an unbreakable bond. But then, one day, everything changes. The older sibling ventures off to college. The once lively household now feels a little quieter, and the absence of that familiar presence is strongly felt. Suddenly, someone they counted on for unconditional guidance and compassion is not in the room next door but possibly on the other side of the country. They now find themselves navigating the maze of life solo.

Parents may also unconsciously

shift their focus more toward the youngest child. While this increased attention can be reassuring, it can also be overwhelming. The youngest sibling may find themselves navigating a strange new parenting dynamic, which can lead to either independence or a sense of being overprotected. When asked about her overall feeling regarding her brother's absence Elsa C. stated, "It's definitely a bittersweet feeling. I'm sad to have lost my partner in crime, but happy for new beginnings with my parents." Coping with this change requires resilience and the ability to adapt to a new chapter in a sibling story, one where they continue to grow, learn, and create new bonds, while cherishing the memories of the past.

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The Best Bubble Tea in San Diego

By Lily T.

Although originating in Taiwan in the 1980s, boba tea quickly became a worldwide delicacy, beloved by young and old alike. San Diego has its fair share of boba tea shops, so I decided to highlight some of my personal favorites.

Wushiland Boba



Located in UTC, this shop is also right next to one of my favorite empanada stands. Although lacking in terms of atmosphere (there is usually a long line and the space is really cramped and small), the drinks all taste fantastic and the boba pearls are always made really well. Although my go-to drink is their orange green tea, they also have an ice cream milk tea that combines the nostalgia of a root beer float with the deliciousness of boba that is very popular. All in all, it is a fun place to grab a drink while you shop!

Teaspoon



This shop also embraces a more simple aesthetic, with light-colored furniture and large windows giving it a bright quality even on gloomy days. With pastry items as well as assorted merchandise, leaving this place empty handed would be a challenge! The drinks are delicious as well, with the Lady Bug (a passionfruit green tea with kumquat juice) being my personal favorite.

Omomo Tea Shoppe



This is a relatively new location compared to others on this list, having just opened in Del Mar Highlands this summer. However, it has already generated plenty of buzz- when my friend and I went to check it out, the line stretched all the way down the block. The layout of the store was very simple yet cute, with all the drinks looking aesthetically pleasing as well. My friend got the Fruit Tornado Strawberry, which had a unique texture and exquisite flavor that I have not tasted at any other tea shop.

The Korean Rose



Located right next to Zion Market in Convoy, this location has a heavy Korean pop theme, with several drinks named after famous songs or bands such as Map of the Soul or Loonade. They also host many fan events for different groups, which are advertised on their official Instagram. The staff are very friendly, and the atmosphere definitely makes it a fun place to hang out with friends.

Kung Fu Tea



Although technically being a chain, I decided to include this one simply because the boba I had there was so good I could not stop thinking about it for two days after. The atmosphere is also super cute- it has tons of board games and places to relax with friends, as well as tables you can study at if you want a more serious vibe

Writer's Block

Come Home

By Cooper B.

It was hard for her to watch her daughter go... she was off to her first day of school in a white world. But, just moments before she sat the young girl down, a small comb in hand ready to tame the kinky curls on the girl's head. Her hand brushed through her daughter's hair and said "You have to be careful today. Just get your education and come back home." She placed some balm in her hands to weave in her daughter's hair. "Please come back home." she whispered under her breath.

"Am I going to get hurt momma?"

"No, no. Don't worry bout' that girl." she said, grabbing two small rubber bands. However, she didn't know. The white man's world was unknown to her, but she couldn't let her daughter fear it so that her new education would go in vain. She pulled her daughter's hair into two tight buns, and there she sat, ready for the day ahead, a day her momma couldn't protect her from.

"Go on and grab your bag girl, you don't want to be late on your first day." And with that she grabbed her belongings, exiting the home and her momma not knowing if she was ever going to come home.

A Childhood Dream

By Cooper B.

I don't care for the feeling

The fast thump in my chest

The old childhood song that comes to my

Head

"...sitting in a tree, K-I-S-S-I-N-G...:

But,'

When we sit at the wooden picnic tables

Despite the young children's joyful screams

I can't help

But stare

Into the breathtaking green

Of the one

Before me

Noticing the stupid smirk lingering

From a long gone joke

"Why are you looking at me like that?"

"Wait, what?... uhh, like what?"

And I bury my head between my hands

Simply to look at the food in my stead

Wishing I wasn't

There

But perhaps in the hills instead

tumbling with the grass tickling my back

To meet you at the bottom

For I know, I'd fall from that tree before the song

Could end

"F-A-L-L-I-N-G"

Maybe,

That could be our new end?

Short Poems

By Kate Z.

i. you know something,

i think the persistence of children is remarkable
the way they get up, scraped knees, bruised el

bows

and somehow find a way back.

a shame i no longer feel like one in this body

the way i stumble, bloody nose, aching head

and somehow find my way back.

ii. okay, i admit it (to: no one)

when i said i was sorry all i could think of was
him

and how i am not very sorry at all

for the way i felt when i was brave

and told someone "i love you"

without choking on the words

iii. come again(?)

in the months following my escape

i would pray every night to see you in my dreams

so we could talk one last time

say that we misunderstood and make amends

in the years after my escape

i would pray every night to not have another ni

ghtmare about you

Summer '23

By Gabby C.

The summer of 2023

Everything feels so free

Filled with days of fun in the sun

It's almost over, but feels like it has just begun

Boba and tanning on the sand

It's the best feeling in the land

One day it will come back soon

It feels like we only have it once in a blue moon

Friendships growing stronger day by day

Now school is only a couple days away

Tanlines and sunburns

Let me know when the sun returns

Fall, Winter, and then Spring

Then after comes our favorite thing



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