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TRI-VALLEY'S ENL ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

An ENL program in public schools is a statemandated program that helps support students whose families speak a different language. These students become part of this program to learn English so they can be socially and academically successful.

KEY TERMS:

ELL English Language Learner	A student who speaks a different language at home and needs support learning English.
ENL English as a New Language	A required program that gives students with limited English skills the support they need to become proficient in English.

Tri-Valley Central
School district has
an ENL elementary
program. This
newspaper is only
reporting on
students in grades
4-6 coming from



different countries. The nations our students come from are: Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Russia, China, Kashmir, and Kazakhstan. Mrs. Katherine Makowski is our elementary ENL teacher. Tri-Valley Elementary School's ENL program began in 2017. Overall, the district has 27 students with 19 in the elementary school (K-6) and 8 students (7-12) in the secondary school.

On the next page is basic information about the countries our students came from.

BY NAVEAH MORTON

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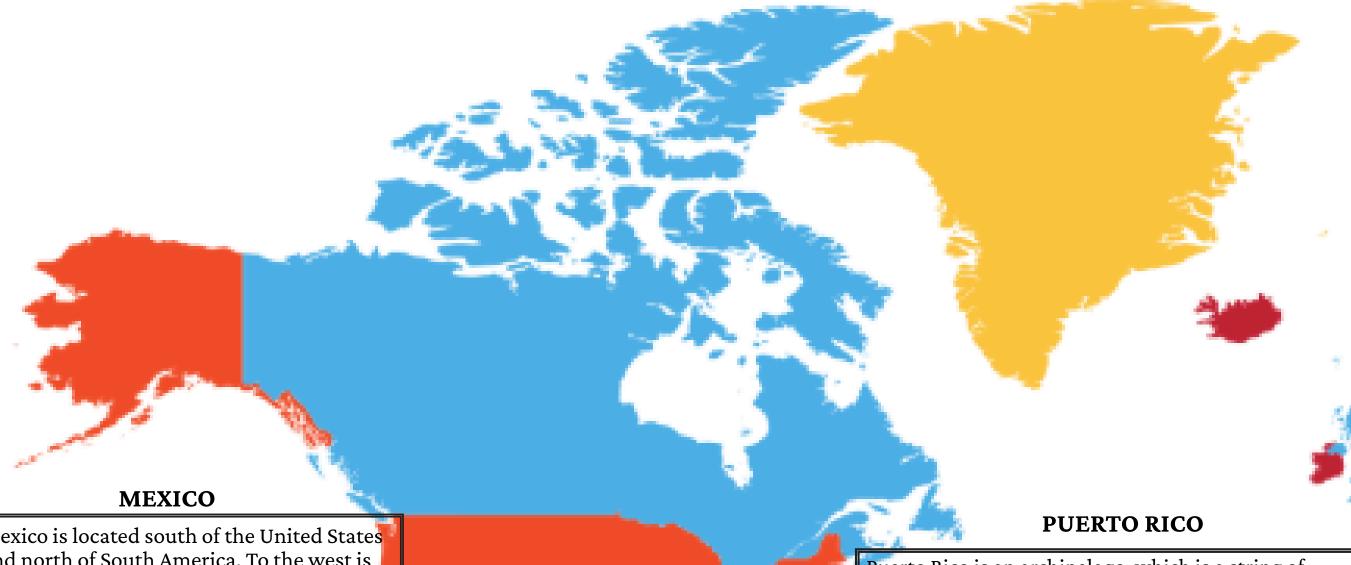


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WORLD



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mexico is located south of the United States and north of South America. To the west is the Pacific Ocean and to the east is the Gulf of Mexico. The official language is Spanish. Mexico's nature is beautiful. Plant and animal species in the country of Mexico are beautiful and there is a lot of variety. In Mexico, their deserts are full of plants and animal species. Mexico would be easy to visit because it is connected to the United States.

BY NAVEAH MORTON

EL SALVADOR

The location of El Salvador, the smallest Central American country, borders the Pacific Ocean to the southwest and is known as "The Land of Volcanoes." It has over 100 volcanoes. Some other important facts are that they speak Spanish and they have many coffee plantations. The weather is warm and humid. Iguana, armadillos, and snakes enjoy this climate. In the forest they grow tropical fruits like mangos and coconuts. Animals in the forest are spiders, monkeys, jaguars, and birds. El Salvador is another country that makes up Central America and has beautiful landscape and weather to enjoy.

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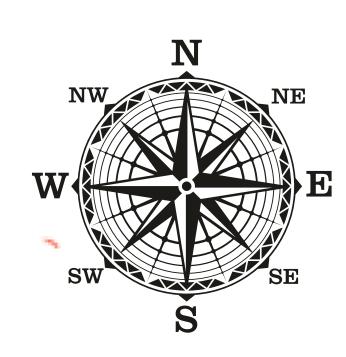
HONDURAS

The country of Honduras is located in Central America between North and South Americas. If you go north in the country, you will end up in the Caribbean Sea. But if you go south, you will end up in Nicaragua. Also if you go Northwest, you would end up in the countries of Guatemala and El Salavador. All these places are the borders to Honduras. Some important facts are that the people of Honduras speak Spanish. It is the second largest country in Central America. Thirdly, the most popular food is chili peppers. Lastly, the most popular sport for men is soccer and for girls is dance. There is a lot to see and experience in Honduras.

BY NAVEAH MORTON

Puerto Rico is an archipelago, which is a string of islands. Puerto Rico was created by a volcano in the ocean. It is located near the continent of North America between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean. People in Puerto Rico speak Spanish. Puerto Rico has warm weather all year round and has a wonderful tropical rainforest. Famous wildlife in this area are: the coqui, a dime size frog whose name comes from the sound it makes. The beautiful emerald humming bird can only be found naturally i<mark>n</mark> Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is close and would be a wonderful land to visit.

BY SANYA LAWRENCE





MAP

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Russia is the biggest country in the world and consequently it is on two continents. The two continents are the largest continent, Asia, and the second smallest continent, Europe. Russia is bordered by three different oceans: The Arctic Ocean, The Pacific Ocean, and The Atlantic Ocean. Since it borders three different oceans, it has 100,000 different rivers. Russia has its own official language, called Russian. Russia has a lot more animals than the USA does like polar bears, snow leopards, rabbits called pika, and siberian tigers. In the end, Russia is a phenomenal place. One downside is that it is very cold. Still a great place to visit.

BY JAMES CARMAN

CHINA

China is found on the continent of Asia. China borders one ocean, the Pacific Ocean. China is the third largest country. The border is special because the highest peak in the world, Mount Everest, sits on this border in the Himalaya Mountain Range between China and Nepal. China's major rivers are the Yellow and the Yangtze Rivers. China has its own language called Chinese. China has an animal called the panda. Pandas live in China's mountains in bamboo forests. China's population is 1.3 billion people. This makes it the most populated country in the world. One of China's most valuable natural resources is silk. China also invented calligraphy, an artistic writing. In the end, China sounds like a wonderful place to visit and possibly live. If you have the time to learn a new culture, China would be fun to learn about.

BY JAMES CARMAN

KAZAKHSTAN

gem to try to go and visit.

Kazakhstan is a country that borders two countries discussed, China and Russia.
Kazakhstan is east of the Caspian Sea. Russia is to its north and China sits on its eastern border. Kazakhstan has hot summers and cold winters. Kazakhstan people speak Kazakh and Russian. Kazakhstan has few wooded areas. Other land features are grasses and shrubs that grow on plains. Kazakhstan also has a desert, the Greater Barsuki Desert. Kazakhstan has a lot of animals. For example Kazakhstan has antelopes, elks, wolves, snow leopards, saiga, jerboa-long tailed leaping rodents, birds of prey like eagles, falcons, and hawks. Kazakhstan sounds like a good place to live if you like animals, hot summers and cold winters. So if you like all of the things I just said Kazakhstan is the place for you.

BY JAMES CARMAN

KASHMIR

located in the northern part of India in the

A South Asian country called Kashnir is

beautiful mountains, valleys, lakes, and

Earth." Kashmir is known for its cashmere

Himalayan and Pir Ranjal mountain

ranges. This country is known for its

gardens. It is also called "Paradise on

wool, beautiful shawls, and carpets.

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People in Kashmir speak the language

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BY SANYA LAWRENCE



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Animals Matter

CHICKENS ARE SPECIAL

Billions of chickens need our help. They are being put in small cages and are forced into laying eggs for their whole life. Imagine you, being in a small cage, never seeing the light of day. The only thing you know is to eat, sleep and drink. Imagine that. Well millions of hens do not have to imagine it, they live it. Roosters are put in a long house with thousands upon thousands of roosters there for one thing, their meat, and like hens never seeing the light of day. Like you did for the hens, imagine thousands of people in one house never seeing the sun.

Good now you know what it is like for a lot of chickens. Now I can tell you about their feelings. Yes, you heard me right, chickens have feelings. Chickens have four main feelings like humans: Happy, sad, calm, and mad. Once I had a fox attack in my chicken coop. My rooster lost his sister (they were outside of the coop) and would wait by the door for her to return. I could tell he was sad. They would sit together at night, eat together and run with each other (it was so cute). Gregory, the rooster, was sad for months.

These are some of the ways you can help chickens roam free and cage free. Before you buy eggs, ask someone who works at the store if the hens that produced these eggs are free range. If so, keep on shopping.

Another thing is if you see a store that has baby chicks for sale you should get a couple. If you do, you just saved a couple lives. If a chick is not adopted the store might kill them and make Chick-fil-a.

As you can see, chickens are very special. So if you could, please help our chickens



BY JULIANNA CALVELLO

PUZZLES (S)

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ALL ABOUT **GIRAFFES**

Have you ever been to the zoo and seen a super tall giraffe?

Giraffes are the tallest living animal in Africa. They live in the grasslands in Africa. A giraffe lives in a herd of up to 20 animals! Giraffes can live 20-25 years. Giraffes are native to the African continent. The home of giraffes are quite small in wet areas. Most giraffe populations can be found in east Africa. They can reach a height of more than 18 feet (5.5 meters). A giraffe has a short body but they have a super long neck! Their coat is a light brown with reddish brown spots. A female giraffe gives birth to one calf at a time. The newborn can usually follow its mother around within hours. Giraffes are herbivores, so this means they don't eat meat but they eat plants. A lion is a giraffe's predator. Many young giraffes, called calves, die from lion attacks during their first year of life. Once a giraffe reaches adulthood its height is often enough to protect it from lions. Also this animal however, must still be careful of lions when they are bending down to drink water or rest.

When a giraffe wants water it has to bend down to drink the water. The scientific name for a giraffe is "Giraffas Camelopardalis" Camelopardalis is derived from the name camels (Greek Kamelos). Some

people are wondering if giraffes are endangered and the answer is yes! Actually giraffes have been classified with

a decreasing population by the IUCN since 2016. Before 2016, they were classified as 'least concern' which means they have become more endangered in the past decade. Giraffe populations across Africa face a number of threats, from habitat loss and ecological changes to illegal poaching and civil unrest.

This all shows a Giraffe's habitat, what they look like, if they are endangered, and their diet.

BY SANYA LAWRENCE

INLAND TAIPAN

What's in a Name?

The Inland Tapian (Oxyuranus microlepidotus) is a species of snake and its habitat is in Australia. It is also known as the Western Taipan, smaller-scaled snake, or 'Fierce Snake'. This snake is well known for its powerful venom. It lives in the dry, central part of Australia.

Even though its venom is super strong, the Inland Taipan is usually a sheepish serpent. It prefers to hide or escape from people. It only bites if it is threatened, is handled roughly, or can't get away. Because it lives in remote areas, it rarely meets humans.

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This means it's not considered the most dangerous snakes overall, especially compared to other snakes that are most aggressive. The name 'Fierce Snake' describes its venom.

Where does the Inland Taipan Live?

The habitat of the Inland Taipan is in the arid and semi-arid regions of Australia, specifically in the Channel Country of southwest Queensland and northeast South America. These snakes prefer the cracking-clay soils of flood plains and gibber plains, where they seek refuge in deep cracks and crevices to escape extreme temperatures.



BY SEBASTIAN KOZACHUK

PHOTO FEATURES!

THE BABCOCK FAMILY!





THE SHEELEY FAMILY!

The next issue will feature YOUR wild animal sightings!

Have a picture of that bear in your yard or a bald eagle?

Email it to:

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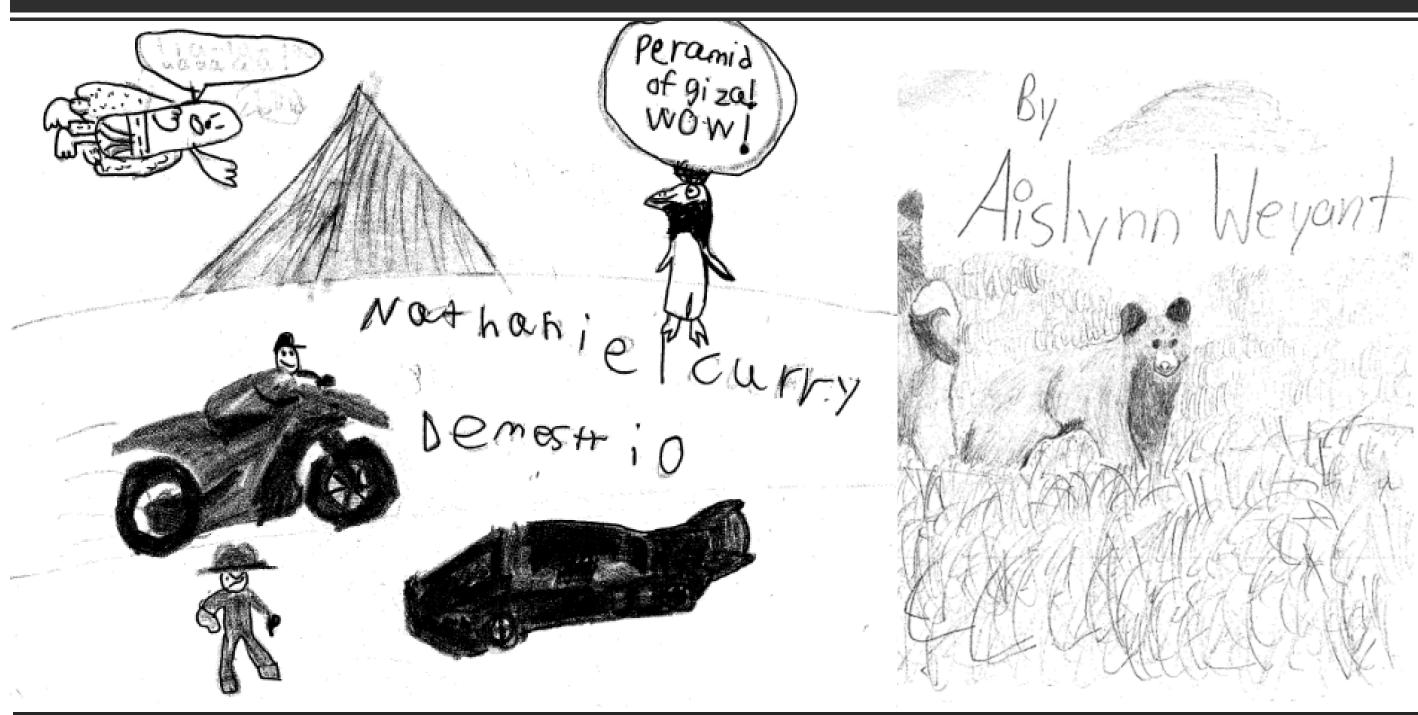
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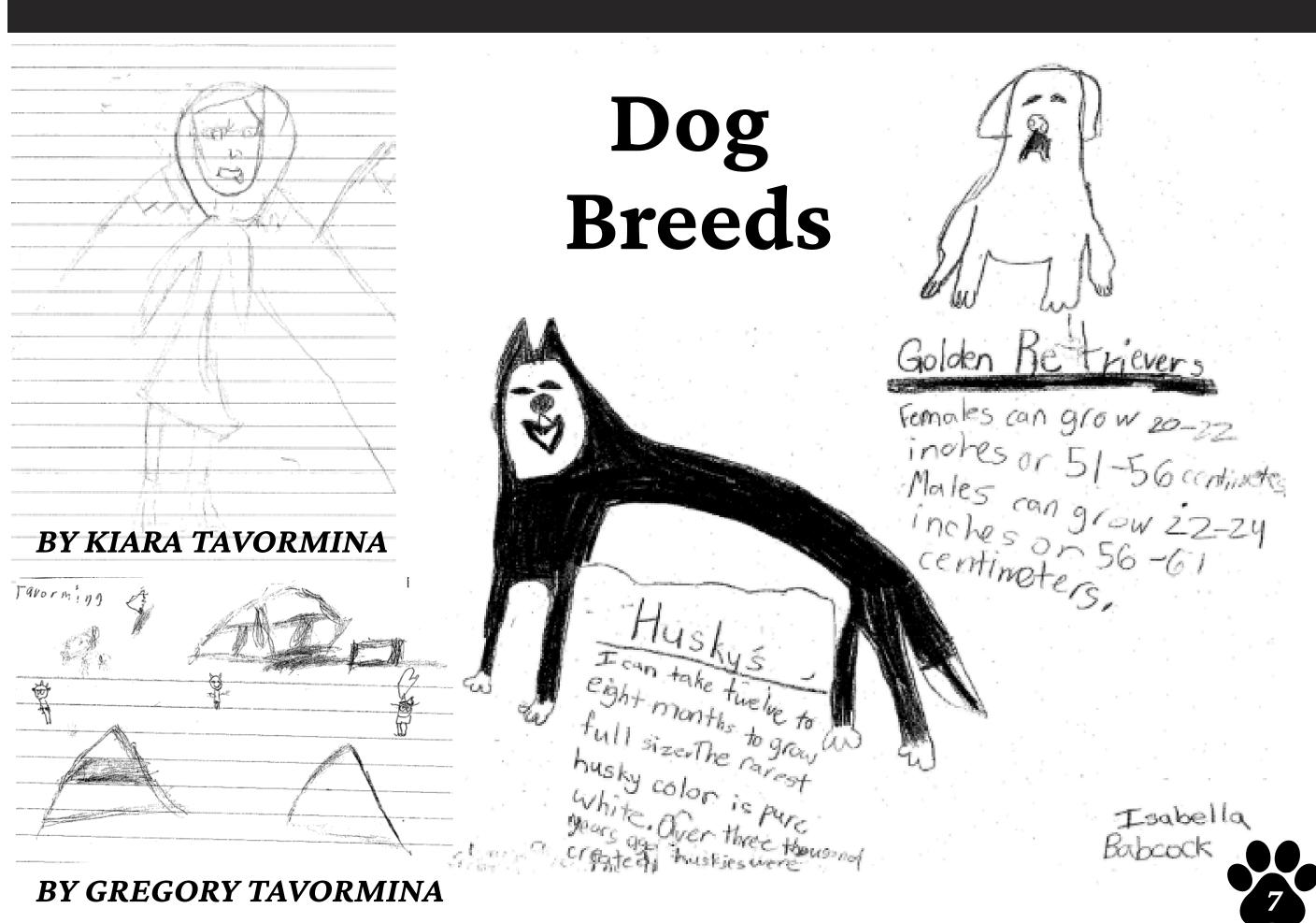


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THE ATHLETIC BEARS

ANGEL REESE-AN ATHLETE TO WATCH

Angel Reese, an American WNBA player, was born on May 6, 2002 and raised in Randallstown, Maryland. Reese is a high power forward for the Chicago Sky, a professional women's basketball team. Reese is one of the league's top rebounders. She holds the record for having double digit rebounds. In her collegiate career, Reese led the LSU Tigers to a national championship in 2023 against the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Angel Reese was born to Angel Webb Reese and Michael Reese. Both of Reese's parents played basketball in college and overseas. As a child, Angel and Julian, her brother, played basketball at their home court that helped improve her skills. Reese was highly recruited and in 2020 she enrolled at the University of Maryland on a basketball scholarship. After a difficult freshman season with a foot injury, the 6-foot-3 inches Reese quickly showed her talent at LSU. In the 2023 NCAA tournament, LSU reached the championship game and defeated the University of Iowa. After graduating, she was the seventh overall selection by the Chicago Sky team in the WNBA draft. Her rookie season was amazing. Today, Angel is selling out arenas and getting more people interested in women's basketball with her talent. So watch the WNBA and see this young African American athlete dazzle you with her basketball talent.



TERREL BERNARD

Middle linebacker, Terrel Bernard, plays for the Buffalo Bills. Terrel played college football at Baylor University and in 2022 he got drafted into the NFL or National Football League. Bernard's number is 43.

Bernard gets paid 10.54 million dollars. That's crazy money!! Bernard was going to retire this year but the Bills got him to play 4 more years. That's good because he is the defensive captain, the leader of the defense. In 2027, he is going to be paid 15.94 million dollars! He earned his degree in health, kinesiology, and leisure studies.

All in all, Terrel is a great player for the Bills.



BY MATTHEW CONJURA

THE WINNING GAMES

Did you know that Alex Morgan was born on July 2, 1989? She was born in San Dimas, California, and raised in nearby Diamond Bar. Although she played many sports as a child, she never concentrated on soccer until she was a teenager. She used all of her soccer skills to win her games!

After high school Morgan went to University of California at Berkeley, where she led the Golden Bears to the NCAA Tournament all four years. In college, she met her future husband, Servando Carrasco, also a soccer



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POWERFUL, PRECISE, POISED

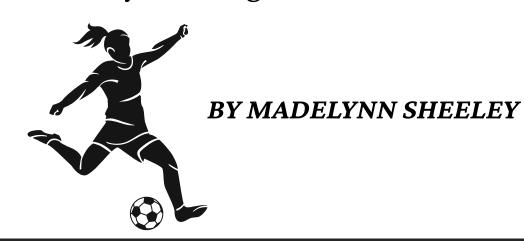
player who would go on to play nine years in major league soccer.

She won so many games for the women's World Cup team. In 2012 she earned a gold medal as part of the winning U.S. women's soccer team at the Olympics in London, England. She participated in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where the U.S. team was eliminated by Sweden in the quarter finals.

Morgan appeared on the cover of numerous major magazines during her career, including Time, Adweek, Sports Illustrated, SI for kids and Glamour, to name a few. She is the best-selling author of a children's book series and co-starred in a film "Alex and Me" in 2018. In 2023, she launched the Alex Morgan Foundation to create equity and opportunity for girls and women on and off the field while focusing on sports equity and support for moms. It was another step in a long career of charity work, service and advocacy.

Morgan retired last year after nearly a 15 year career. She announced that she was pregnant with her second child. She made books like, The Kicks series, And the Breakaway Team: Beyond the Goal.

In conclusion, Alex Morgan is one of the greatest players because she won a lot of games and she has some good soccer skills. Alex had a great team, they all stuck together like a family in college.





Did you hear about the kidnapping in the park?

Don't worty he woke up.

What does the calendar do on Friday nights?

They go on dates.

What did Benjamin Franklin say when he discovered electricity?

Nothing. He was shocked!

What did the picture do to end up in jail? 'Poursi sem ou 'Buinton

Why did the motorcycle not want to go hiking?

He was two-tired.

What's a lawyer's favorite outfit?

A lawsuit.

BY SEBASTIAN KOZACHUK



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OLDER THAN TIME ITSELF

"Put your foot over there," I said, staring up at Jonathan in the tree.

"Shut up, I can do it myself, Sag," he answered, not even looking down as he hugged the colossal trunk. Sag was my brother's twisted creation of a nick-name. My real one was Sage.

"Get down yourself then," I said as I walked away. To get up there, I'd given him a boost. My face was still a little red, from when he accidentally stepped on my face.

"Watch it, dufus," I had said, but I had been too anxious to have cared.

Now there was nothing left to help him. We had been trying to see where that wagon had been going. That wagon. The wagon hadn't been here until a week ago, but ever since it has been carrying around a door. It would drive around town all day, but no one except me seemed to notice it. The person driving it seemed to make sure that it got to every single street, and dead end, always carrying the same door.

I had seen it so many times, I knew just what the door looked like. Red with a weird square of metal bolted in tightly at the top, and a whole bunch of little dots that I couldn't make out. Whenever I tried to look closer at the little holes punched in everywhere, the wagon would suddenly speed up.

I had brought it up at dinner, but no one else had seen it circling around town for the past two weeks. Jonathan hadn't seen it either, but he wanted to. This was why he was so angry for getting stuck in the tree.

"You made that whole thing up, just to get me stuck up here, liar!" He called, but I wasn't

listening. I was walking to the steps of our house. Sitting on the steps, I waited for the wagon to come rolling by.

Maybe if I sat in our car, I could sneak up to it, so that it won't speed up before I get the chance to look, I thought to myself.

"Wait...car," I said. When I first saw it, it was drawn by horses. Then, it was pulled by a tractor, but it was old and rotten. But every single day, it seemed to get new things that a car would have. I had even seen a windshield on it yesterday. Before that, it had gotten a bumper on both sides. It was getting more like a car every day. I thought that I even saw a child in the window of the tractor.

I laid under our car, waiting for the wagon to come. And there it was. It was traveling slower than usual, and the wagon itself seemed relaxed that no one was watching it. Or that's what it thought.

I looked through the annoyingly tinted windows. The first few days there was no driver, then there was a child, and this time... there was a teenager. I could see the back of their head as they looked side to side. They seemed to be trying to find something hidden. As I watched, I noticed the tractor itself. The back wheels of tractors are usually bigger than the front, and they had been, but now they were the same size as each other. I thought back to all those times I saw it. It was definitely the same tractor, but it was different then before.

Then the driver swiveled around to look at me. Underneath the car, I couldn't exactly see their eyes, but I felt them on me.

Suddenly, the wagon sped up. I rolled out from under the car, and sprinted after the wagon. As

you might know, tractors are very slow. I gripped onto a piece of wood, and pulled myself up.

I got a quick glance of the red door before everything suddenly gave a lurch. Everything suddenly jerked, and rocked beneath me. Was there a weight limit on this?

I closed my eyes, and when I opened them, everything was different. There was no wagon. It had turned into a car. What was happening? Sliding on my stomach, I leaned over the roof to see inside. Was the driver taller than before? Suddenly the car gave another lurch. By the time I had opened my eyes again, the car had turned into a cyber truck. Then that too shuddered and I almost slipped off. The wind whipped around my hair. I hesitantly opened my eyes again. Were the clouds closer than before? Then I noticed the ground at least a hundred feet below me. I shrieked and hugged the ever-present door. Was I on the roof of an airplane? No. It had the wings of an airplane, but the machine itself was the shape of a car. Inside the car was the driver, but he was an adult now, judging by his height. Was this some kind of invention of the future I was riding on?

The world seemed to drop horribly before me. I squeezed the door harder, and buried my face in the wood. It wasn't until then that I actually noticed the door. The holes I had already seen turned out to be keyholes. Thousands of them. The door was huge. The doorknob was a clock, and high up on the door I saw the metal piece had a handle. Desperate for anything that might help, or another hand-hold, I slid it to the side to reveal a screen. It was blank at first, but then it flashed blue. On it was a dial with numerous years and three words.

Past, Present, and Future.

Above it, it said:

"You are traveling in the year 2046. The present year is 2025. Where would you like to go?"

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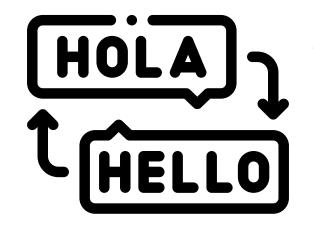
BY AISLYNN WEYANT

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book	libro
red	rojo
blue	azul
cat	gato
dog	perro
Can I go to the bathroom?	¿Puedo ir al baño?
May I get a drink?	Puedo ir pro agua?
I need help.	Necesito ayuda.
Can I go play?	¿Puedo ir a jugar?

Learn Spanish with Cesar!

Learning Spanish is important if you want to go to Mexico, Argentina, or other countries.
Learning Spanish can help kids make friends at Tri-Valley.



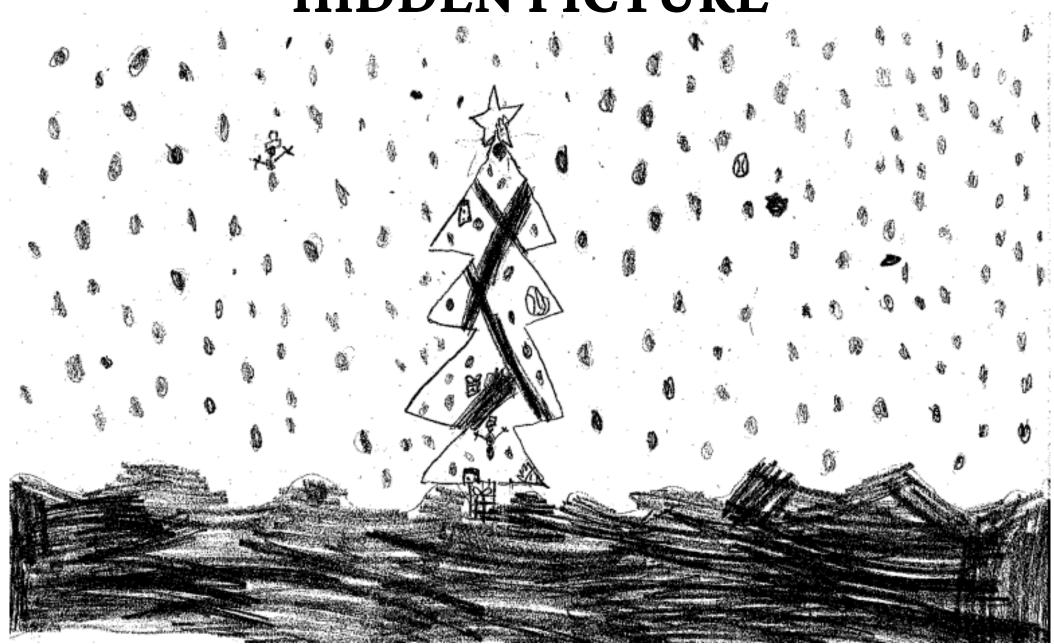
BY CESAR ACA HERNANDEZ



PAW-SOME PUZZLES

HIDDEN PICTURE

BY ARIEL BARASA



DIRECTIONS: Find each object in the picture.

OBJECTS TO FIND:









ALL THE SEASONS

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WORDS TO FIND:

HOT CHOCOLATE
WINTER
SNOW
PIES
FALL
LEAVES
SPRING
FLOWERS
SUNRISE
SUMMER
ICE CREAM
POOL



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COSMIC CONNECTIONS

GALAXIES IN SPACE

In space there are a lot of galaxies, but there are four main types of galaxies.

The first type of galaxy is a **spiral** galaxy. A spiral galaxy is mostly made of gases, stars, and dust. Spiral galaxies are in the shape of an 1888 old fashion wind mill. 60% of galaxies near us are spiral galaxies and we ourselves are a spiral galaxy.

Following the first paragraph, the next galaxy is an **elliptical** galaxy. Elliptical galaxies are like stretched out circles and some can be more stretched out than others. It contains old stars, so that means it is not that bright. Elliptical galaxies do not have nearly as much gas and dust as spiral galaxies. The largest among the most common galaxies, elliptical galaxies take up 20% of galaxies near us.

After the last paragraph it is an **irregular** galaxy. Irregular galaxies are just that-irregular. Irregular are like you throw a bucket of paint at a canvas and it won't look the same. Irregular galaxies are among the smallest galaxies but most of the time it is very, very bright because it mostly contains dust, gas and new stars and 20% of galaxies near us are irregular galaxies.

In the end, galaxies are one of the most beautiful things in the universe and I am happy to tell you all about them. Thank you for reading.

Do YOU know the 4th type of galaxy? Submit your answer to the folder outside room 65. Winners will be announced in the next issue!

BY JAMES CARMAN

PLUTO

First things first, is Pluto a planet? In 2006, Pluto was reclassified from a planet to a dwarf planet. Why is Pluto a dwarf planet you might ask? The reason Pluto was reclassified is because Pluto doesn't meet all 3 criterias of being a planet. Pluto does orbit the sun, which planets do. The distance Pluto is from the sun is approximately 3.6 million miles and it makes its journey around the sun. Second, a planet, which Pluto does, has its own gravity to pull it into a nearly round shape. The one test Pluto doesn't meet is Pluto is a dwarf planet that lies in the Kuiper [kl-per] belt. This belt contains many

other objects and it doesn't "clear the neighborhood" around its orbit due to these many objects.

Now moving onto fun facts! The first one to start off is if you weigh 100 pounds on Earth then you only weigh 7 pounds on Pluto. The last one is Pluto is only half the size of the USA in terms of width! Thank you for reading my part of the newspaper.

BY CHLOE LAZDAUSKAS











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REVIEWS: READ OUR REACTIONS!

Movie Title: How The Grinch Stole Christmas (1966)

Director: Ron Howard

Star Rating for this Movie: $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$



The Grinch hated Christmas. He would blabber about how much he hated Christmas. The Whovilles did not know why. Also he hates the Whovilles. The Grinch hates them because they do all these things to celebrate Christmas. Like they put up all of these Christmas decorations. Also they gather around the tree, hold hands and sing carols. Then on Christmas Eve he decided to be Santa. Also he made Max his dog be the reindeer. He did that so he could steal all of their stuff. He stole all of it and tried to go back up the mountain. Then he noticed it was wrong and that he was making the wrong choice and wrong decision. He gave all the things he took back to the Whovilles. Then they invited the Grinch for dinner and even asked the Grinch to slice the roast beast for everybody. That happened because his heart grew and grew.

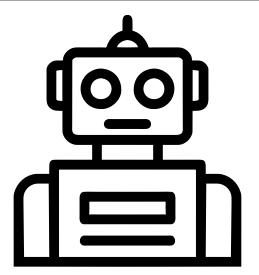
Everybody lived happily ever after. But Cindy Lu Who and Grinch meet at her house every now and then. The theme is don't take other people's stuff without asking even if you want to do it and think it is the only choice. I recommend you watch The Grinch.

BY ISABELLA BABCOCK

Book Title: The Wild Robot

Author: Peter Brown

Star Rating for this Book: $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$



I read "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown. It is a fiction book. As some may know fiction means not real like fantasies and cartoons. My rating on this book is a 5 star because it has a lot of detail and for me it just made me engaged in reading. I recommend this book to 4-5 graders because it's harder and not much of a picture book.

The main character is Roz. Roz is a robot programmed to survive in the wild or protect things and herself. She landed on an island\forest. She adapted to the island pretty quickly. She learned how to talk to the animals and in the third and final book of the series there is a poison tide but I'm not going to spoil the book.

BY ARIEL BARASA

