

The Tiger Tribune

Letter From The Editor: Welcome to the February issue of the *Tiger Tribune*! We have started off 2021 strong, so let's try to remain active throughout the rest of the year! This month's articles are very diverse, and cover a whole range of topics that our writers have come up with!

As always, we look forward to new ideas, creative writing, and more writers, so do think about joining the *Tiger Tribune* and making change with your writing! We wish you all a happy month and look forward to more writing escapades with you all! Enjoy this issue!

Sincerely,
Sana Basheer
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February Survey/ Staff Question

By Amir Chermat

Have you had enough of Winter yet?

Emily M.	Nope. I like being inside! Warm and cozy with a million blankets on top of you when you go online...
Melody	Yes, because it's cold, and I don't like it being cold. No, because my birthday is in winter!
Amir	I wouldn't mind a little bit more of Winter; I only wore my snow jacket twice so far.
Omar	No. The more rain there is, the better.
Mohammad Khan	Hmm... No, not really.
Anaya	Nope! Winter and Autumn are my favorite seasons because of the cooler weather. Even though I live in California, I will take whatever I can get when it comes to cold sweater weather. Also, Chai Lattes are my life.

Signal Fires

By Melody Moy

Signal Fires
Rockets
Signals shoot up
Sky high
into the air
Smoke implodes
And it explodes
I take a deep breath
Ready, set, GO!

Julius Caesar

By Lucas Jorrick

Julius Caesar was an extraordinary person. Julius Caesar was a man of power and responsibility. In history, he was like none before him. He had a young life of responsibilities. When he became a general of fame and power, he conquered Gaul. In the end, it all led up to when he died shortly after becoming dictator for life.

Gaius Julius Caesar was born in Rome 100 B.C. around July 12. He was born of noble blood that was supposedly traced to the goddess Venus. Luckily, this was a huge boost in Roman politics. His mom's name was Aurelia, his dad's was Gaius Julius Caesar, which was ironically his son's name, and both his sisters' names were Julia. He practiced math and writing with his mother. His dad taught him to fight with the Roman long spear, short sword, and a shield. He learned to swim in the Tiber River. In just a short time, he became as smart as a graduate! With no other choice, he had become the head of the family when his dad died in 85 B.C.

His first step to a leader was a soldier who worked to honor his family. He had multiple jobs as a priest. The most important priest was Pontifex. He was a renowned general who conquered Gaul. In a conquering manner, he marched against the tribes living there. Thankfully, he was very popular with the lower and middle classes. He wiped out all of his remaining foes like a tracker searching for an animal. When he became a dictator, he ended the Roman Republic in 49 B.C. He became dictator for life.

Julius Caesar was murdered on the Ides of March 44 B.C. Slyly, the plot was made by Gaius Cassius Longinus and Marcus Junius Brutus. When Julius was walking to the Senate House with a bunch of scrolls, he was handed another scroll that described how he was going to be murdered. He didn't care. He had a job to do and he wanted to get it done. He finished walking to the Senate House just to arrive to a senator begging for his brother's pardon and citizenship. When Julius wouldn't accept, the senator tugged on his toga, which was what they wore back then. His friends knew this was the cue. He was stabbed 23 times. Only one was believed to be fatal. In a few seconds, he lay on the Senate House's floor bleeding out like a choked out rat.

A young life of responsibilities. A very famous general. And a death of assassination. Greatly, this was Julius Caesar's life.

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Groundhog Day

By Amir Chermat

Is anybody else's favorite meteorologist a rodent? According to Pennsylvania legend, groundhogs have the ability to determine the length of a winter. Each February 2, a ceremony is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to observe the famous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil. According to History.com, the key to determining the weather is how Phil exits his burrow. Should Phil come out of his burrow to see his own shadow, then there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If not, then Spring will come early.

Typically, thousands of people will attend the ceremony for Phil's prediction and three days of festivity. However, in-person visitors will not be allowed at the 2021 ceremony. For more information about the livestream and holiday, visit the [Punxsutawney Groundhog Club](#) website.

Steamroller

By Melody Moy

Steamroller
Knocked one out
Pulled one
Out
Paving the way
for the future
Shaping society
Like a snowball
Rolling
Growing.

Is Growing Up Really That Great?

By Sahar Farooq

A child's biggest dream and greatest desire is to grow up. No matter where they live, children always feel a sense of inferiority, wishing they were as big, strong, tall, and independent as grownups. But is growing up really that great?

As children and teenagers, we have many reasons to want to grow up. We may want to be able to drive, or maybe we have a strong desire to go parachuting or base jumping both of which can be legally performed after one is 18. However, the reality is that no matter how long you spend staring at the clock or ticking days off the calendar, the days won't pass quicker. And even if they do, are you sure you really want to grow up that fast?

First and Foremost, the older you get, the more responsibilities you will have. You might find yourself in charge of earning money to pay the electricity bills or saving up for college. You might be living with your parents, supporting your family as they go through an economic crisis. You wouldn't have had nearly as many responsibilities if you were younger.

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

Additionally, the older you get, the more prone you shall become to diseases. As a

child, you wouldn't think twice before stuffing their mouths with cakes. As an adult, on the other hand, you would refrain from complying to your inner desires and temptation in fear of getting a heart attack.

In conclusion, growing up is overrated. For kids it is a really big thing one they spend hours contemplating on, thinking that their lives shall be fulfilled once they grow up. They fail to realize that every moment of their life ought to be enjoyed. Time shall never stop passing, so enjoy your life when you can, no matter whether you are young or old.

Tomorrow, Today

By Husna Basheer

11:59 pm

23 hours and 59 minutes

1 minute

60 seconds

until

Today will become tomorrow

And tomorrow will become today

The letters next to the time will change

12:00 a.m.

Now the day is over

In just a wink

And it is yesterday

Just think

That day will be remembered as the past

And it will never ever come back

And even if it still feels the same

the clock keeps ticking

Days will keep passing by

Years will fly

And you won't even get the chance to say goodbye

But no matter what

this will replay

And soon tomorrow will be today.

The Ottoman Empire

By Ziyad Shaikh

The Ottoman Empire was a super empire which ruled over most of Europe, Asia Minor, and North Africa at its peak. This led to it being the largest and powerful empire in the Middle East at its time. The Ottomans were known for their religious tolerance, justice, and their magnificent architecture marvels which still stand today. Unfortunately for them, the West did not allow them to survive, leading to their collapse in World War I. Although they may not be alive today, it is important to recognize them and give them the credit they deserve.

The Ottoman Empire was founded in 1299 with a small portion of land in Anatolia. Osman Gazi, or Osman I was the leader of the Kayi Tribe, which later evolved into the Ottoman Empire. Osman used to conduct small raids into Byzantine lands, taking down military units and capturing strategic Byzantine castles. When Osman died, the Ottomans had the city of Bursa, which is where he was buried. Osman's descendants

continued to conquer and took more territory for the growing Ottoman Empire. In 1453, Sultan Mehmed II successfully conquered Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire.

The Ottomans entered their Golden Age during the reign of Sultan Suleyman I, in which they conquered strategic islands in the Mediterranean, as well as more of Europe. Suleyman I was also known as Suleyman the Magnificent or Suleyman the Lawmaker because of his justice and for his famous conquests in Europe. This is one of the reasons why Europeans do not like talking about the Ottoman Empire.

In 1922, after the Ottoman Empire collapsed, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk established the republic of Turkey.

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Claws, Part 4

By Mohammad Khan

Jack's paws tingled. "What? How am I the deputy? There are so many other tigers that are stronger than me. Why me?"

Saber replied calmly, "Jack, I have chosen you for many reasons. First, you are wiser than most of the tigers here. You are in the clan that we are about to attack, which makes it easier for us to infiltrate. Through you, we will defeat Strong and his rogue camp and bring peace to the forest. Haze, you must support your brother with spying in the camp. Any important information should be sent to us immediately. Both of you must gain Strong's trust. Make him think that you are his most valued warriors. With those words, I call this meeting to an end."

Jack and Haze scrambled off the rock. As all the tigers were walking out, Saber called Jack and Haze to a side. "Stay safe Jack. Both of your jobs are difficult. Be careful. Take this deer we hunted earlier to make Strong think that you were out hunting. Goodbye."

Jack and Haze grabbed the deer's carcass and walked slowly out of the cave thinking deeply about all the advice Saber had given to them.

Jack walked into camp, holding the deer in his mouth. He saw Strong watching him outside his den. He walked toward Jack. "Well Jack, you took forever. I was thinking you had been eaten by a bear. But of course, you must have been hunting, like a loyal member of this clan. Good work to you both. Here, you may take half of it. I will eat the other half later." With that, he walked back to his den, dragging half of the carcass with him in his huge jaws. Jack nodded at Haze as they both went to their dens to rest for the rest of the day.

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Jack woke up by hearing loud roars outside his den. He quickly got up and went out. He saw one of the tigers named Smokey fighting with Strong over a fresh young deer. The tiger said, "It's my prey! I caught it myself! I have barely eaten anything at all for the past few days." Strong retorted, "Yeah, but I am the leader of this camp, and I can do whatever I wish!"

Jack looked at Smokey sadly. He suddenly had an idea. He went out and stepped

between the two snarling tigers. "Smokey, drop it. You know the rules. You must give half of it to him. Go to your den now."

Smokey looked at him angrily. He reluctantly turned away and went grudgingly into his den. Jack waited until Strong was looking the other way and swiftly followed him in. Smokey looked up at him.

"Thanks for enforcing the rules, Jack," he said sarcastically.

"No problem." But he had a plan. He watched Strong go to his den with the piece of prey. As soon as Strong was out of sight, he went to Smokey. Smokey was gnawing on a small, week old bone from a deer. "Smokey, I am sorry what I did to you."

"Don't mention it. I don't need your help now."

"Smokey, we can go hunting right now. We can eat whatever we catch there."

"Without giving half to Strong?"

Jack thought about it for a moment. Then he replied, "Yes."

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Jack had gone with Smokey and hunted out a fine, strong, buck with him. They both shared the kill and got back to the camp by evening. Jack jumped up to his favorite perch, where he would see the entire camp at once. Jack looked around the camp. Strong was inside his den napping. Some tigers were practicing their fighting technique on each other. Jack watched them pounce on each other, snarling and growling. On the other side of the camp, the young tiger cubs were busy chatting to each other in high-pitched voices. Jack looked around the camp once more. Then he realized; something was not right. Haze was nowhere to be seen. He checked her den, but it was empty. He checked around all the dens in camp, but there was no trace at all. And then, all of a sudden, Smokey, with blood running down his muzzle, burst out of nowhere and ran panting up to Jack.

"Smokey? What's wrong with your face? Were you attacked?"

"Forget about that! Jack, Strong has taken Haze into the forest!"

"What!? What are you saying?!"

"No time to explain, just come with me!"

"What?"

"COME ON!"

Jack didn't argue, and full of fear of what Strong could possibly do to Haze, followed after Smokey as he bounded into the woods.

To be continued...

National Dark Chocolate Day

By Anaya Cambridge

February 1 is National Dark Chocolate Day, the day where, in my opinion, the best type of chocolate is recognized. Dark chocolate is made with 50-90% cocoa solids, cocoa butter and sugar. What makes dark chocolate different from other chocolates is that it doesn't contain milk or some form of substitute for cocoa. Now that we know what dark chocolate is made out of, we can talk about how it's used. February 1 celebrates the gifting of dark chocolate to a friend or loved ones. Now that doesn't necessarily mean gifting chocolate bars; you can bake almost anything with dark chocolate, especially since it's the preferred chocolate to work with considering its low melting rate and health benefits. A few easy sweets you can make are molten cake, ganache filled chocolates, and muffins. A youtube channel I really enjoy watching is "Chocolate Cacao ." He creates quite extravagant chocolate desserts, and I would one day like to attempt his Opera Chocolate Cakes; they look so tasty and elegant. Finally, I would like to mention some health benefits from consuming dark chocolate. Dark chocolate is high in potassium, zinc, and magnesium, along with antioxidants that promote healthy circulation in the bloodstream. I hope that you guys enjoy the month of February and try adding dark chocolate to your diet, even if it's just a small bit.

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How to Ace High School

By Zahra Shaikh

How to ace high school, or at least part of it, is not hard, but not easy. I know I definitely felt overwhelmed and confused when I was first starting. How are you supposed to finish all the requirements? How do you know what classes to take? How do you know the different pathways? Let's face it: everything becomes so much simpler when you take a deep breath, clean your glasses, and get started one by one. So here are some small but important tips that helped myself, and I hope it can benefit others.

- Have a positive outlook. If you think negatively about issues, or things that don't go your way, that's totally fine! All you have to do is shoot higher.
- Have a strong relationship with your teachers and counselors. They are the only ones, along with your parents of course, that can actually guide you when making decisions and in the long run.
- Research. Nothing else can ease your tensions other than being knowledgeable about high school, its expectations, and outcome. This can be done through online websites, books, and even the CW High School Handbook, and it's also a good idea to take advantage of counselors and teachers for advice. Having done a sufficient amount of research will not only clear your doubts but it will also make you extremely confident.
- Be organized. Organization can help on a daily basis. For instance, a print or online calendar, planner, or notebook might feel unnecessary but they can be very helpful! Try different methods to stay organized and one should suit your needs.
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Most importantly, try your absolute best. Even if this means sacrificing 5 hours of Netflix, you should understand your priorities, figure out the best study strategies, and show your best. Remember that high school is not supposed to be completed in one specific way. Find the path that suits you.

Know that you will succeed; good luck on your endeavors!

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