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30 Hour Famine

Hsinchu, May 20 (Ian Hsu)

One out of every nine people in the world doesn't get enough food to eat. Many countries and governments can't provide enough resources to feed their own citizens, much less sell to get income for essentials like education and healthcare. World Vision saw the problem and decided to provide aid. They started to partner with these communities by providing some immediate food needs, as well as

providing help to grow food.

They was started in 1971, by a 17-year-old boy, Ruth Roberts, and his 14 friends in Calgary. They began this event in a church basement, and tried to see what it would be like to suffer from hunger, while raising money for those kids. This event quickly spread to the organization known as World Vision.

World Vision

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The 30 Hours Famine is a World Vision event in 21 countries. It is also known as a global movement against hunger and poverty. Over

the past few years, the 30 Hours Famine has become one of the biggest fundraising events in the world. Most money is raised by adolescents.

Without eating any food for 30 hours, you can bring change to the lives of those who suffer from hunger and poverty. You can give them access to improved health care, quality of life, and hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Throughout the event, participants must avoid eating any food, but they are allowed to drink



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water, fruit juices, or other liquids. Participants will have the opportunity to experience the conditions and understand the situation where you don't have food for long periods of time.

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Local & International

Myanmar Passenger Jet lands Without Landing Gear



Photo courtesy of VOANEWS

Hsinchu, May 23 (Dorris Lin)

A Myanmar pilot safely landed a passenger jet without its front wheels on Sunday, after landing gear on the Myanmar National Airlines plane failed to deploy. Myanmar Airlines Flight 103 was headed from Yangon to Mandalay when the pilot discovered the problem. All 82 passengers and seven crew members aboard were declared safe after the airplane touch down on its wheels before the plane's nose tilted down to scrape the runway, sending off sparks as it slowed to a stop.

"The pilot did a great job," said Win Khant, permanent secretary of the transportation and

telecommunication ministry. The pilot informed the airport before landing that he was unable to pull down the nose wheels. The pilot, Captain Myat Moe Aung followed emergency procedures to dump fuel to reduce the landing weight and made a safe landing. Several of the passengers were smiling as they walked away from the plane.

This was the second incident in Myanmar this week. Sunday's emergency landing comes days after another plane in Myanmar skidded off the runway. At least 17 people were injured, including the pilot on May 8. The Biman Bangladesh Airlines jet bounced

during a landing in the heavy winds and half skidded half crashed off the runway, damaging the plane and sending passengers flying about inside. After the incident, larger Boeing and Airbus aircrafts were temporarily not able to use the airport.



Life

Letter To Seniors

Hsinchu, May 21 (Ken Su)
HAS is filled with infinite possibilities, some may say too much. Every year, a group of people graduates from the school and a part of it leaves with them. When looking back it'll mostly just be just yelling and shouting, yelling and shouting ... yelling and shouting ... Or perhaps banging on tables making sick beats, and playing loud music



while singing to it. Now that I'm thinking, there are a few things I'll remember when I look back at the school year. The constant insults made in front of my face and not behind it (grateful for that), the pool of tears and waves of laughter that were shed together and most importantly the number of times we walked back and forth from OK Mart. I still remember walking into my first class at HAS, where I made most of my Senior friends. Chrissie who I thought was quite cold sat beside Niles, Niles, and Kevin (CEO) who I spent most of the holidays and weekends with from 2018 to 19. The memories of Sam, who I thought was a bully at first, and Ni with his constant screaming (I will definitely miss

that), Jeff ... who I rarely saw, Eric, who I thought was just a car freak, and Dana ... the first person that teased me in less than

a way, pick Amy's way, I thought she was bossy at first until she co-created "AfriKen", with me. Lisa and Nung Nung, also changed, not only do they talk to me sometimes, but like the others, they lovingly diss me once or twice a day. Through the year, I've also gotten to know how to tell the difference between Anson and Elvis. Elvis looks a lot like Elvis, and Anson looks a lot like Anson. Out of all these

two months after classes started. My first impression of most of the seniors were "hostile", "passive-aggressive", or "friendly", but after knowing them for one year things changed. As the hours turned to days, the days turned to months, and the months turned to years, I started knowing the rest of the seniors. Over time, a few people ended up changing a lot, for instance, Maggie C. When I first met her; I was basically air to her, or at least until I asked her what each of her make up tools were for. Now, I can hear Maggie giggling in class at things with Amy. Amy was definitely someone I'll remember as "bossy" (Amy if you're reading this no offense) if you can't pick

people, Evan was perhaps the person I spent the least time with (I wish we could have had the chance to know each other better).

I was once asked, "What is a home?", and I think I know now. "Home is not a place, but the people you share memories with". It doesn't matter if it's one year, two years, five years, a decade or even a century, these people are definitely a part of my home. Love you 3000.

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to delete the app right now. Store policy,” she replied.

“Ok, I will delete it after this. Just give me a second, okay?” he said.

“Uh ---”

“Also, what is the point of a display phone if the customer can’t try daily activities on them? How would I know if I want the phone if I don’t even know if it’s good for Snapchat?” he asked.

“Sir, Apple is a leading brand in

smartphones. You can feel free to take a photo, sir, but please do not download extra apps,” she answered calmly.

While Nemesis rambled on how perfect their brand is, Narcissus looked back at the photo of himself. Suddenly, he was blown away by the beauty from the screen. He had never seen something quite this gorgeous in his sixteen years of life. Nemesis’ voice faded away as he continued to immerse himself into his masterpiece. Eventually, Nemsis

left him alone with the phone. He ripped the phone from the display section and walked to the genius at the counter.

“Can I buy this?” he asked.

Narcissus ended up purchasing the display phone so he got a new device to record his beauty once a day. Never again did he answer his Snapchat streaks. From that day on, Narcissus had nothing other than himself, which made him useless to everyone else, but in his eyes, this life was perfect, just like his face.

Sports

NBA Playoffs

Hsinchu, May 21 (Ni Shine)

Hello people, welcome back to the latest Ni’s NBA Niche article. In this article, I am going to talk about the playoffs, especially the conference finals and the finals prediction. As we all know, the Toronto Raptors recently defeat the Milwaukee Bucks 4-2 in the Eastern Conference Finals. As Kawhi Leonard’s epic performances in the series along with Fred Van Vleet’s explosion off the bench. The Raptors were able to close the tough series in Toronto on May 25th, 2019.

However, the Raptors cannot celebrate for much longer, as they will face the defending champions, the Golden State Warriors. My prediction for the finals is the Warriors will win in 6 games, because of the fact that Kevin Durant will not likely return, or else the series would probably finish faster. The



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possible chances for the Raptors to beat the Warriors could include the other Warrior all-star, DeMarcus Cousins’ quad injury which could cause him to miss the entire Finals, the event that Stephen Curry chokes in the finals, and the possibility that Kawhi Leonard plays like Michael

Jordan offensively and defensively in the finals.

In conclusion, let us enjoy the final series of the NBA Playoffs 2019. Personally, I want the Raptors to win the championship simply because the Warriors have already won three of the last four titles.

Local & International

Editorial

Anti Vaxxers movements are endangering our society

Hsinchu, May 24 (Editor)

Anti-Vaxxer are a group of people who are against injecting vaccines and reject being vaccinated. Basically, a group ignorant people who try to spread false claims: fake science to the public and reject real science. Many of them join the “anti-Vaxxers movement”, a worldwide event that demands rights for parents to not vaccinate their children. Those people are listed by WHO as the “Top ten global health threats of 2019”. The most terrifying thing is not the movement of annoying people, but it is the fact that they don’t know how they are putting our lives in jeopardy.

Anti-Vaxxer are like the Flat Earthers, but at least Flat Earthers are not putting our lives in serious danger. One of their biggest beliefs is that they are afraid of the side effects of the vaccine. Yet, working with our immune system, the vaccine is a biological preparation that prevents and reduces the risk of deadly diseases. To understand how the vaccine works, you need to know how your body fights off diseases: when a bacteria or virus invades your body, it attacks your cells and reproduces by multiplying themselves. In response, our body’s white blood cells will create proteins called antibodies, which will locate the infection and counter it. The process could take several hours or days. After the infection, our body has memory cells that can recall the same invader and quickly call

antibodies to fight. Anti Vaxxers movements are endangering our society So, the vaccine works by helping the immune system to mimic any kind of virus or bacteria that will cause no harm to your body, but it does make your body ready to produce memory cells and antibodies to overcome the same diseases that have happened before. Although the vaccine can create some fetal side effects, the odds are so low that one in a million will get the

and a further 1.5 million people could avoid death if global coverage of vaccinations improved.”(WHO). If more and more people are vaccinated, we can prevent and reduce many epidemics and save many people. Numerous anti-vaxxers claim that people should have the right to decide whether they want to be vaccinated or not. I do agree that people should have their own medical rights, however, it’s foolish for them to not take



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side effect. According to the CDC, “anti-vaxxer movement promotes parents to stop vaccinating their kids, and it might seem to end their problems, but it actually will lead to an outbreak of diseases and became everyone’s problem. Women who were vaccinated as children against rubella have decreased the chance of passing the virus to their unborn or newborn children. It currently prevents 2-3 million deaths in a year,

their health seriously, and also have a greater chance of passing their viruses to other generations. The process of getting vaccinated is cheap and fast. I strongly suggest that everyone should get vaccine shots, which prevents future outbreaks of diseases.

School News

End of School Trip

HAS Field Trip to Leofoo Village



Image courtesy of leofoo.com

Hsinchu, May 23 (Alex Tung)

On Monday, May 20, HAS high school students had a fun field trip to Leofoo Village. It was their last field trip before the end of the school year, and so they decided to go and have some fun at the amusement park. Everyone was in high spirits when they arrived at Leofoo Village. However, it started to rain heavily, not so long after they arrived. The rain wasn't expected, and some people had a bit of a hard time enjoying the rides. Despite the heavy rain, most of the people still managed to have a lot of fun at the park.

People rode on different rides at the park, for example, the "Pogoda's Revenge", which is basically a free fall from an extreme height that makes you feel like your heart has stopped beating for a moment. The "Screaming Condor", an inverted shuttle coaster that is known as the

fastest and most stimulating coaster in the whole park. The "Ring of Fire", is also a stimulating coaster that keeps rotating three hundred sixty degrees in the air but with a much lower velocity. "Mighty Mountain Flume Adventure", "Captain Cook's Swinging Ship", "Old Oil Well", and many other rides were also very entertaining.

Most of the HAS students had their lunch in a restaurant called "Curly's Hickory Hamburger Restaurant". This restaurant serves hamburgers, fries, fried chickens, and many drinks. Everyone enjoyed their lunch at the restaurant very much, not only because the food was delectable, but also because it was a warm and pleasant shelter for them to hide from the rain in the middle of the rainstorm. Most people played cards or on their phones in the restaurant to kill time while waiting for the rain to get smaller.

After lunch, the rain finally slowed and some people rode other rides that were more peaceful and calm such as the "Monkey Trail", "Camel Caravan", and "Carnivora Area's Tour Bus". They enjoyed watching diverse animals doing weird stuff in the "African Safari area" along with the placid rides. Although some of the animals hid in their shelters due to the bad weather condition, most of the people were still able to see some animals that weren't afraid of the bad weather. Another location that some people went to was the "Fantasy Theater". It is known as a 5-dimensional theater (5-D contains length, width, height, time, & possible world) that displays many shows. People who preferred to see the show instead of going for other rides usually went there. It was a pretty great theater.

As it was time to head back to the school, everyone felt really satisfied. Most of them were too tired to stay awake after all the thrilling rides. They fell asleep on the way back to the school. It was really an unforgettable trip for everyone.



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Art & Literature

Narcissus Retold

by Chrissie Gross, Nung Nung Huang, and Ethan Murphy

CLICK. The phone snapped a photo, then a gasp. Narcissus had never seen something so beautiful, something so magical in his entire life.

"What is that?" he asked the Apple store genius.

"Umm, that's you, sir" she replied.

He had done it. After what seemed like an eternity of worrying that his friendships would be over, he had solved the issue. He just needed to push the button and send the photo, then the problem would be solved. It took him two hours to find this sanctuary, the Apple store. There was no other place that was going to grant him the power of continuing his streaks. Last night he had dropped his phone into the toilet, and unfortunately, a bag of rice did not salvage it. However, none of that mattered now that he was here in front of the display phone.

Twenty minutes ago, he was in the movie theatre, running around recklessly. Attracted by the smell of popcorn, he cut the line of the ticket booth and was met with a fair lady. She looked at him with a sense

of familiarity, but he knew nothing about her.

"I'm Narcissus, the greatest hunter and most desired man in Arizona, I demand to know, where is the manager?" he declared.

"Manager?" she repeated, smiling. The girl was named Echo. A few days prior, out of annoyance of her

constant talking, her mom, Juno, punished her by putting her on vocal rest for a week. As an act of rebellion towards her mother, she would only repeat the last couple of words of others.

"Hello?" Narcissus said to her, slightly perplexed.

And with that, Echo fell in love. They stared at each other for a while. She moved her mouth, trying to speak, but nothing came out. She did not want to call the manager, her mom, Juno, out to meet the boy of her dreams. It'd be too soon, she thought. But before she could repeat after him, he left without a word. Echo felt humiliated and decided she shall search for him after her shift.

That's just what she did. After her shift, she changed out of her uniform and went looking for Narcissus. It wasn't difficult to spot the boy in the center of the mall demanding responses from random people.

"Answer me, you idiot!" he shouted at a child.

"Idiot," she repeated, quietly to herself. He's so good with children, she thought.

Hiding behind a column, she watched him with admiration. Slowly, she approached him, never breaking eye contact.

"Tell me, where is the Apple store? I swear to God, does no one here speak English? am I not speaking

clearly enough? Or are you all just stupid? Where is the A-P-P-L-E, APPLE, S-T-O-R-E, store?" he roared.

"Store" she echoed.

"That's it, you are all useless," he said, storming off.

Echo had never seen such a driven man with such attitude. At that moment, Echo realized that she would regret it if she did not express her feelings. Scared but trying to mask her nerves, she turned and ran to Narcissus, holding on to his back, trying to express herself without words.

Narcissus pushed her away immediately. He looked her up and down with disgust, turned his head and left. Echo was heartbroken. She stayed in that same spot, motionless. After a while, everyone began to think that she was a decorative statue. Little did she know, there was a blue-shirted girl watching the scene play out. Nemesis, eating her lunch before her shift, saw the entirety of Narcissus' cruelty. A friend of Echo's, she wanted to avenge her friend.

Narcissus was awoken from his trance by the voice of a girl.

"Hello sir, you cannot download extra apps onto the display phones," Nemesis said.

"What? Just let me send this streak, then I'll delete it," he said, angrily.

"Sorry sir, I'm afraid you will have

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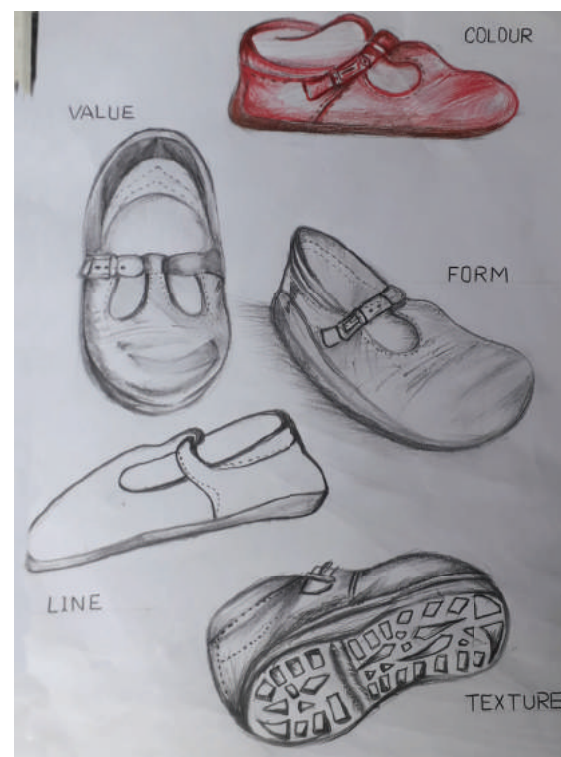
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Tropical Sunset by: Evelyn Kuo



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School News

Spring Fair

HAS SPRING FAIR



Photot by Maggie Gross

Hsinchu, May 23 (Dorris Lin)

Our 10th Hsinchu American School Spring Carnival was a big success. The Spring Fair is an annual event at Hsinchu American School that involves our entire community: students, teachers, parents, and staff. The school provided booths, music, and even a bouncy castle that most students had a great time with it. There were also several performances from our students that were absolutely wonderful.

The day began with students arriving at 9 AM on May, 18. All students from every grade helped set up the whole spring fair by moving

tables, putting out the trash bins, etc... We had many outside community businesses such as La Croqueta Tapas, Samba Pizza, Leo's Tuck Shop, Abhipsa, and Mr. Wey, join us for the day and sell their delicious treats and products.

The Spring Fair would not have been possible without our

event sponsors. We appreciate those sponsors who helped us and we will certainly look forward to working together again in the future. Giving back to the community, all the student-run drink booths had a 10NT discount for those who brought or reused their cups. Community Service also hosted a fundraiser to help the refugees in Zimbabwe and Beira. We are so proud of our students and all of the amazing things that they've done over the year. This event not only unites our community together as a whole, but also allows us to introduce our school to a bigger community. HAS community members had a remarkable time at the 2019 Spring Fair!



Photot by Andrew Chen

The Great Gatsby



Photo Courtesy of stumpsparty.com

Hsinchu, May 21 (Erwin Hsu)

HAS school days are almost coming to an end. On the last day of school, May 6, there will be a prom. It is one of the biggest events throughout the year. During the prom, student council will provide a buffet dinner, a DJ will play music to enhance the atmosphere, and many different activities will be designed for students to interact with each other.

There will also be a time for couples to dance with each other and show off to everyone else who does not have a date. The ticket price for the first 20 high schoolers and middle schoolers will be 550 NTD, the regular price will be 600 NTD, and an outsider or someone showing up at the door to pay will be 750 NTD. The couple price will be 1000 NTD although one must be from HAS.

Movie Review

John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum

Hsinchu, May 23 (Otis Tsou)

John Wick: Chapter 3 was released in movie theaters on May 15th. John Wick is famous for transforming from a suited man to a killing machine because a gangster killed his lovely dog. The movie's content gives an unforgettable impression to the audiences and the fighting

scenes are brilliant. Let's briefly talk about who John Wick is. He is a tough guy who makes criminals rethink their life decisions. His past career as a hitman puts fear into the souls of criminals in his sights. He is also called Boogeyman which is a mythical creature that kills all living things. John Wick 3 contains many

acts of violence, so viewer must be 15 years or older.

John Wick 3 continues from the previous chapter, in which John had only one hour to escape from all the hitmen of the world because his bounty was about \$14 million USD. Moreover, his partner is only a Pit Bull Terrier, so the risks increased even more because he was also trying to protect the dog's life. John had to avoid the crazy chase from all the killers, but could only seek the help of his former comrade Sophia. In the key battle in which he faced life or death, you're left wondering whether the Boogeyman can kill the assassins encircling him and survive successfully...

Keanu Charles Reeves is the actor who plays the main character "John Wick". He confessed that this definitely is the most difficult training he has ever received for the film! The reason is that 98% of the shots are made by himself. May 15th, it was released on screen. Many fans couldn't wait to go straight to the theater. They even took time off to watch the morning screening. Chapter three surpassed the first two episodes. On the first day, the box office broke through 10 million yuan in sales, winning the box office championship with 11.37 million yuan. Keanu Charles Reeves broke his record in Taiwan with John Wick 3.

Personally, after watching John Wick 3, the slaughter in the movie kept repeating in my mind. The fighting scenes are as brilliant as the previous two chapters. However, you can discover one special thing from John in Chapter 3 which is



Image courtesy of The Onion

his loyalty. His personality has truly shown through in this episode. The New Chapter does not lose the fundamentals of John Wick, which still contains bloody carnage.

I recommend this movie if you are bored with your life. John Wick is a great movie to relieve pressure and stress. Also, do not forget to watch the previous chapters.

Teacher Spotlight

Teresa Tsai



Photo by Max Tseng

Hsinchu, May 21 (Erwin Hsu)

Where are you from and where did you grow up?

I was born in Taiwan. Most of my childhood I was in Taiwan. When I was 16, I went to Sydney, Australia.

What are your hobbies?

I like to cook, and I like to travel, but I don't really get too many opportunities. I like to watch a movies.

What kind of superpower do you want?

I would like to have a time machine, so I can go back to the past and I can also visit the future.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

Because I think by helping students to know or be familiar with a new concept, I can get great satisfaction. Of course, getting a job as a teacher is more stable and I like to enjoy winter and summer holidays.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

I hope I would be able to enjoy life and live my life the way I desire, pressure free.

What is the most challenging experience you've faced as a teacher?

Dealing with a group of students that all have different needs, they all have different characteristics that make me feel challenged.

What interested you about our school?

HAS is a school that makes students work hard and play hard. This is a very efficient school; everyone will have to stay in tune to get through school life.

What job would you do if you were not a teacher?

I would become a businesswoman I guess because I like to do business.

What were your majors? Why?

I majored in pure math and statistics, because I guess at the time when I went to Sydney, well, English was not my mother tongue and I focused on the subjects that didn't need English that much, but besides I love math. These are the two reasons.

Red Envelope

by Evelyn Yeh

Pack a red envelope.

Filled with blessings and love.

Sent to you with laughter.

Red is good luck.

When you aren't happy,

It brings you comfort.

Red is passion, luck, and hopeful joy.

When you are happy,

It adds more joy.

Little red envelope,

Gold or silver in its belly doesn't matter,

But rather the love and support out of its heart do.

